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2024 ELECTION

Trump & Harris

A Policy Comparison

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Here is an overview of the platforms of the Republican and Democratic nominees in the 2024 election.

TRUMP	Economy	HARRIS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planes to reduce inflation by increasing American energy production, cutting waste in government spending, and promoting deregulation. Seeks to lower energy prices by ending global trade. Freedom to raise the Social Security and Medicare, including no changes to the retirement age. "Strongly" backs President "freedom from a crisis" in the Federal Reserve's monetary policy decisions. Wants to reinstate the U.S. dollar's status as the world's reserve currency. Supports the use of cryptocurrencies and opposes the creation of a central bank digital currency. Opposes to bring several crypto assets back to the crypto status and sign for and trade in the U.S. Planes to reinstate "the doctrine which maintains" hydrocarbon fuels administration's role in automobile emissions. Opposes both of at least 80 percent on Chinese imports and a 15 percent annual tariff on all imported goods. Opposes cutting "temporary cap on credit card interest rates" at roughly 20 percent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calls for an "openly economy" focused on the middle class. Proposes a federal ban on corporate and progressive fuel and gas taxes to benefit workers. Planes to lower prescription drug costs by "ending the pharmacy monopolies" and supporting higher consumer costs. Supports strengthening Social Security and Medicare by increasing taxes on the rich. Calls for raising the minimum wage. Wants to reinstate the Federal Reserve's monetary policy decisions. Calls for increasing the deductions on small-business owners from \$5,000 to \$20,000 to boost new business applications and investments. Opposes to abolish the Biden administration's efforts to raise American manufacturing wages. 	

TRUMP	Taxes	HARRIS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planes to make permanent the provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). Seeks to make permanent the required 401(k) tax credit introduced in the TCJA, which raised the maximum benefit from \$1,000 to \$3,000 for each employee 17. Supports to fund the infrastructure funds from 2.5 to 3.5 percent. Planes to allocate more tax cuts to service and defense workers. Wants to end taxes on overtime pay for workers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planes to cut taxes for middle class Americans by restoring the earned income tax credit. Restore and expand the child tax credit, which raised the maximum benefit from \$1,000 to \$3,000 for each dependent less than 4,000,000 years. Planes to cap the tax rate for households with less than 240,000 years. Planes to cap the tax rate for households with more than 240,000 years. Planes to raise the top rate from 21 to 23 percent. Planes to raise the top rate from 21 to 23 percent. Planes to raise the top rate from 21 to 23 percent. Planes to raise the top rate from 21 to 23 percent. 	

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TRUMP

Economy

HARRIS

- Pledges to reduce inflation by increasing American energy production, cutting wasteful government spending, and preventing illegal immigration.
- Seeks to lower commodity prices by ending global wars.
- Promises no cuts to Social Security and Medicare, including no changes to the retirement age.
- “Strongly” feels presidents “should have at least a say” in the Federal Reserve’s monetary policy decisions.
- Wants to maintain the U.S. dollar’s status as the world’s reserve currency.
- Supports the use of cryptocurrencies and opposes the creation of a central bank digital currency.
- Promises to bring crucial supply chains back to the United States and sign fair and reciprocal trade deals.
- Pledges to reverse “the electric vehicle mandate” by canceling the Biden administration’s rule on automobile emissions.
- Proposes tariffs of at least 60 percent on Chinese imports and a 10 percent universal tariff on all imported goods.
- Proposes setting a “temporary cap on credit-card interest rates” at roughly 10 percent.

- Calls for an “opportunity economy” focused on the middle class.
- Proposes a federal ban on corporate price gouging on food and groceries to tackle inflation.
- Pledges to lower prescription drug costs by “taking on pharmacy middlemen” who profit from higher consumer costs.
- Suggests strengthening Social Security and Medicare by increasing taxes on the rich.
- Calls for raising the minimum wage.
- Vows not to interfere with the Federal Reserve’s monetary policy decisions.
- Calls for increasing tax deductions on small-business startups from \$5,000 to \$50,000 to boost new business applications and innovation.
- Promises to build on the Biden administration’s efforts to revive American manufacturing and jobs.

TRUMP**Taxes****HARRIS**

- Promises to make permanent the provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA).
- Seeks to make permanent the expanded child tax credit introduced in the TCJA, which raised the maximum benefit from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for each child under 17.
- Says he wants to cut the corporate tax rate from 21 to 15 percent.
- Pledges to eliminate taxes on tips for service and hospitality workers.
- Vows to end taxes on overtime pay for workers.

- Plans to cut taxes for middle-class Americans by restoring the earned income tax credit.
- Restore and expand the child tax credit to provide a \$6,000 tax cut to families with newborn children.
- Pledges no tax hikes for people earning less than \$400,000 a year.
- Proposes raising top individual income tax rate to 39.6 percent on income above \$400,000 for single filers and \$450,000 for joint filers.
- States she wants to roll back the Trump administration's corporate tax cuts, increasing the top rate from 21 to 28 percent.
- Plans to tax long-term capital gains at 28 percent for those earning more than \$1 million a year.
- Proposes a 25 percent unrealized capital gains tax for individuals with a net worth greater than \$100 million.
- Pledges to eliminate taxes on tips for service and hospitality workers.

TRUMP

Governance

HARRIS

- Vows to end the “weaponization” of the government.
- Calls for a Government Efficiency Commission to audit the entire federal government.
- Promises to cut 10 government regulations for every new regulation implemented.
- Wants widespread slashes to government bureaucracy, including abolishing the Department of Education.
- Calls for an equal application of law to all, regardless of political affiliation or personal beliefs.
- Says he would organize a national celebration to mark the 250th anniversary of the country’s founding.
- Wants to create a federal task force to fight anti-Christian bias, such as discrimination, harassment, and persecution.
- Supports mandatory voter ID, paper ballots, proof of citizenship, and same-day voting in elections.

- Says she wants to pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would require certain jurisdictions to gain federal approval before making certain changes to their voting laws.
- Supports passing the Freedom to Vote Act, which would create automatic and same-day voting registration, increase vote-by-mail and early voting, and limit the removal of voters from voter rolls.
- Supports “diversity, equity, and inclusion” goals and quotas for government agencies.

TRUMP

Health Care

HARRIS

- Says he wants to reform the Affordable Care Act and that he has “concepts of a plan” to replace it.
- Promises to protect Medicare and ensure seniors receive the treatment they need without being burdened by high prices.
- Seeks to increase transparency and expand access to prescription drug options.
- Pledges to increase focus on chronic disease prevention and management, long-term care, and benefits flexibility.
- Seeks to expand on his previous administration’s efforts to expand veterans’ choices in health care.
- Vows to support unpaid family caregivers through tax credits and reduced regulations.
- Pledges to allow states to make their own decisions on abortion.
- Calls for universal coverage of IVF treatments.
- Wants to grant new parents a tax deduction for major newborn expenses.

- Says she wants to build on the Biden–Harris administration’s efforts to lower prescription drug costs and make the \$35 cap on insulin for Medicare patients and \$2,000 cap on out-of-pocket spending for seniors available to all Americans.
- Suggests expanding and strengthening the Affordable Care Act.
- Calls for canceling medical debt for millions of Americans and removing medical debt from credit reports.
- Seeks to expand home care services for seniors and those with disabilities.
- Vows to sign congressional legislation to legalize abortion nationwide.
- Says she wants federal protections and insurance coverage for in vitro fertilization (IVF) treatments.

TRUMP

Education

HARRIS

- States he supports abolishing the Department of Education.
- Seeks to cut federal funding for schools that teach critical race theory and “gender ideology” while supporting institutions that prioritize “project-based learning.”
- Promotes affordable alternatives to traditional four-year college degrees.
- Vows to support schools that focus on parental rights while ending teacher tenure and adopting teacher merit pay.
- Seeks to adopt “universal school choice” nationwide, offering vouchers for students to attend private schools.
- Advocates for the immediate suspension of violent students.
- Would reinstate the “1776 Commission, promote Fair and Patriotic Civics Education, and veto efforts to nationalize Civics Education.”
- Seeks to reduce the separation of church and state to allow the “Right to Pray and Read the Bible in school.”
- Pledges to pursue lawsuits against schools accused of discriminatory practices.
- Pledges to allow homeschool parents to use 529 education savings accounts to spend up to \$10,000 a year per child.
- Seeks to ensure homeschooling families have full access to benefits available to non-homeschooled students.

- Vows to expand child care and preschool access for parents.
- Pledges to strengthen and augment public education.
- Would continue Biden administration efforts to cancel student loan debt for certain borrowers.
- Seeks to lower the costs of college education with increased Pell Grant funding.
- Pledges to provide further investments to historically black colleges and universities.
- Suggests amplifying Biden administration programs for college opportunities, including a Pell Grant award increase of \$900.
- Says she supports increases to Title I, which sends money to schools with a higher share of students from low-income families.
- Supports the Biden administration’s expansion of Title IX.

TRUMP

Border & Immigration

HARRIS

- Pledges to restore the border policies of the first Trump administration.
- Calls for completing the border wall and using technology to monitor the border.
- Promises to “carry out the largest deportation operation in American history.”
- Supports increasing the number of Border Patrol agents.
- Calls for deploying the U.S. Navy to combat fentanyl smuggling.
- Seeks to increase penalties for crossing the border illegally and overstaying visas.
- Says he wants to reinstate the “remain in Mexico” and travel ban policies.
- Promises to invoke the Alien Enemies Act to “remove all known or suspected gang members, drug dealers, or cartel members from the United States.”
- Says he wants to use Title 42 to end child trafficking.
- Promises to cut federal funding to sanctuary cities and jurisdictions that refuse to cooperate with federal immigration authorities.
- Says he wants to advance a “merit-based immigration” system.
- Pledges to revoke visas for foreign nationals who support terrorism and jihadism.
- Says he wants to automatically award permanent resident cards

- Pledges to support the border bill that failed twice in the Senate in 2024 and vows to sign it into law when elected, if Congress passes it.
- Calls for increasing the number of Border Patrol agents.
- Vows to support providing nearly \$20 billion in funding to hire 4,300 new asylum officers, increasing illegal-drug screenings, expanding ICE detention capacity, and guaranteeing legal counsel for children who crossed the border illegally.
- Says she suggests investing in new technology to block the flow of fentanyl entering the country.
- Calls the immigration system “broken” and suggests reforms including “earned pathways to citizenship.”
- Supports providing Immigration and Customs Enforcement with \$8 billion in emergency funding, including funding to expand the capacity of detention facilities.
- Says she wants to grant conditional permanent resident status to Afghans who fled to the United States following the withdrawal of the U.S. military in 2021.
- Supports providing up to 10,000 special immigrant visas to family members of Afghan allies.
- Says she wants to increase employment-based visas by 13 percent and family-based visas by 7 percent through 2030.

TRUMP

Manufacturing & Workers

HARRIS

- Pledges to turn the United States into a “manufacturing superpower.”
- Seeks to strengthen “buy American and hire American” policies.
- Pledges to ensure national independence in essential goods and services by boosting domestic production.
- Seeks to revive the U.S. auto industry by cutting red tape, canceling “the electric vehicle mandate,” and preventing Chinese imports.
- Supports AI innovation and development.
- Says he would establish a strong manufacturing industry in Near Earth Orbit, send American astronauts to the Moon and Mars, and boost ties with the commercial space sector.
- Would protect the nation’s critical infrastructure and industrial base from cyberattacks.
- Would protect American workers and farmers from unfair trade practices.
- Seeks to ensure immigration system puts American workers first.

- Seeks to build on Biden’s Infrastructure Law and the CHIPS and Science Act to support American manufacturers and workers.
- Says she supports American leadership in semiconductors, clean energy, AI, and other cutting-edge industries.
- Pledges to “fight for unions” and sign pro-union legislation, including the PRO Act and the Public Service Freedom to Negotiate Act.
- Calls for increasing the federal minimum wage and ending subminimum wages for both tipped workers and people with disabilities.
- Would expand paid family and medical leave.
- Says she will not tolerate “unfair trade practices from China or any competitor that undermines American workers.”

TRUMP

Housing

HARRIS

- Promises to lower mortgage rates by bringing inflation down.
- Supports opening limited portions of federal land for new home construction.
- Would increase homeownership through tax incentives and support for first-time homebuyers.
- Would cut any unnecessary regulations that increase housing costs.

- Promises to build 3 million new homes in four years to address the national housing shortage.
- Suggests cutting regulatory red tape to increase the speed of home construction.
- Calls on Congress to pass legislation to outlaw price-fixing by corporate landlords.
- Would provide first-time homebuyers with a \$25,000 subsidy on their down payments.
- Pledges to offer tax incentives for home builders who construct affordable homes for first-time buyers.

TRUMP

Energy & Environment

HARRIS

- Promises to lift restrictions on American energy production and make energy more abundant and affordable.
- Calls for making the United States “the dominant energy producer in the world.”
- Would increase oil drilling on public lands and offer tax breaks to oil, gas, and coal producers.
- Says he wants to roll back Biden incentives and regulations that promote electric vehicles over traditional automobiles.
- Pledges to re-exit the Paris Agreement on climate action.
- Promises to boost energy production from all sources, including nuclear.

- Promises to lower household energy costs and create millions of energy jobs.
- Would promote “environmental justice.”
- Would continue infrastructure investments into renewable energy projects.
- Vows to hold environmental polluters of both air and water accountable.
- Vows to protect public lands and public health and increase resilience to climate disasters.
- Says climate change is an existential threat.
- Reversed her stance on fracking, saying she has supported it since 2020.
- Touts the Biden administration’s increase in domestic oil production and says the country cannot be overly reliant on foreign oil.

TRUMP

Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice

HARRIS

- Says he will “quickly restore law and order” and public safety in the United States, and he “stands with the heroes of law enforcement.”
- Pledges to deliver “record funding” to police departments, hire new officers, and protect them from “frivolous lawsuits.”
- Pledges to strengthen penalties for assaults on law enforcement and “surge federal prosecutors and the National Guard into high-crime communities.”
- Supports decriminalizing marijuana and Florida’s Amendment 3, which would legalize recreational marijuana for adult use.

- Highlights her “smart on crime” progressive approach to the justice system during her tenure as San Francisco district attorney, which included opposing the death penalty and reducing recidivism for nonviolent offenders.
- Highlights her support of a minimum 90-day jail sentence for possession of a concealed or loaded weapon for gun violence offenders.
- Briefly defended the “defund the police” movement in 2020 before speaking against it months later after joining the Biden campaign.
- Supports starting a national registry to keep track of police misconduct, called the National Law Enforcement Accountability Database.
- Supports decriminalizing marijuana.

TRUMP**2nd Amendment****HARRIS**

- Says he will “always defend your Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.”
- Previously banned bump stocks, in late 2018; the ban was overturned in January 2023 by a federal appeals court.
- Repealed a law that required the Social Security Administration to send mental health information to the national background check system.
- Expressed support in 2018 for “red flag” gun laws, stating, “Take the guns first, go through due process second.”
- Criticized Republicans who supported in 2022 a gun control bill that included red flag laws.
- Vows to undo regulations on pistol braces and roll back Biden’s “zero tolerance” policy that revokes federal licenses from firearm dealers who violate gun laws.
- Vows to repeal all Biden administration executive orders on gun owners and manufacturers during his first week of office.

- Says she is “in favor of the Second Amendment” and “in favor of reasonable gun safety laws.”
- Has called for a total ban on “assault weapons,” a term used to describe some types of semiautomatic rifles, via executive action if Congress does not pass legislation.
- Vows to implement universal background checks for firearm purchases.
- Supports red flag laws.
- Blames existing gun laws for the rise in school shootings.

TRUMP

Military

HARRIS

- Says he supports achieving “peace through strength” in Europe and the Middle East.
- Calls for building an iron dome missile defense system over the United States.
- Wants to strengthen and modernize the military to make it the “strongest and most powerful in the world.”

- Has said the United States’ air and space supremacy is essential to ensuring global peace and security.
- Supports the U.S. drone and missile defense system in Israel’s defense against Iranian attacks.
- Has defended the Biden administration’s decision to leave Afghanistan.

TRUMP

Foreign Affairs & Ukraine, Israel Wars

HARRIS

- Has called for a quick end to the Russia–Ukraine war but has not explicitly endorsed either side in the conflict.
- Calls for using military strength sparingly, and only in clear instances where the United States’ national interests are threatened.
- Pledges to support Israel and to seek peace in the Middle East.
- Plans to “rebuild our alliance network in the region to ensure a future of peace, stability, and prosperity.”
- Met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at Mar-a-Lago on July 26.
- Would ensure NATO allies meet their financial obligations to the organization.
- Would champion the sovereignty and independence of nations in the Indo-Pacific.

- Has said Ukraine losing its war with Russia would mean “all of Europe would be threatened.”
- Believes Israel should always be able to defend itself, but “how it does so matters.”
- Has said she would “not be silent” about the “tragedies” Palestinians in Gaza have faced during the Israel– Hamas war.
- Supports negotiating a cease-fire deal between Israel and Hamas.
- Endorses a two-state solution between Israel and Palestine.

TRUMP

CHINA

HARRIS

- Pledges to secure strategic independence from China.
- Promises to phase out imports of essential goods from the country.
- Promises to revoke the “most favored nation” status of China.
- Pledges to ban Chinese nationals from buying up American real estate and Industries.
- Proposes tariffs of at least 60 percent on Chinese imports, with potentially higher tariffs on EVs.
- Vows to break up China and Russia’s growing alliance.
- Promises to return peace through strength, rebuilding U.S. military and alliances and countering China.

- Vows to prevent unfair trade practices that allow the CCP to undermine American jobs and manufacturing.
- Promises to ensure “America, not China,” wins the technology race.
- Agrees with Biden in “responsibly managing” bilateral relations with Beijing, including maintaining open channels of communication.
- Said in 2020 that China’s “abysmal human rights record” must be prominently featured in U.S. policy toward the country.
- Opposes Trump’s plan to raise tariffs on China and has refrained from commenting on the current administration’s continuation of Trump-era tariffs on Chinese goods.
- Supports Taiwan’s self-defense against China, in line with the current policy.