

The Economy and Housing	
Biden	Trump
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biden asserted that Trump mismanaged the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to an economic crisis and continued inflation. He highlighted the spike in the unemployment rate during the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and emphasized the growing labor market during his presidency.</li> <li>• Biden detailed that his administration is working to build 2 million new housing units and highlighted his proposed \$10,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers. He also said his administration would seek to cap rents, citing the need to crack down on corporate greed.</li> <li>• Biden acknowledged inflation as a major strain on families and said his administration is continuing efforts to reduce the price of housing, food and gas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trump said he oversaw a historically strong economy during his presidency and that the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic necessitated government spending to rescue the economy.</li> <li>• Trump claimed that the job gains under the Biden administration were due to a natural bounce back following the COVID-19 pandemic and any additional jobs created only benefitted illegal immigrants.</li> <li>• Trump attributed the rise in inflation in recent years to the Biden administration's spending policies.</li> <li>• Trump highlighted the stock market gains achieved during his presidency.</li> </ul>

Health Care	
Biden	Trump
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biden reiterated his commitment to reproductive rights by supporting the original framework of <i>Roe v. Wade</i> and promising to restore it. He denounced the <i>Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization</i> decision.</li> <li>• Biden emphasized his efforts to lower prescription drug costs, including negotiating prices with pharmaceutical companies and capping insulin prices at \$35 per month for Medicare recipients, with plans to extend these benefits to all Americans.</li> <li>• Biden said he intends to use tax policy to bolster seniors' access to care and strengthen the health care system. He criticized Trump for wanting to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and cut Medicare. Biden said more Americans have health care coverage than ever before.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trump said he agrees with the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to uphold access to abortion medication and would not block it. He highlighted that because of the three Supreme Court justices he put on the court, abortion is back in the hands of the states, which he claimed is what everyone wanted. Trump noted that he believes in exceptions for rape, incest and the life of the mother. He said late-term abortion policies are radical.</li> <li>• Trump said he was the one who brought insulin prices down for seniors. He touted the success of the Right to Try Act, which allows terminally ill patients to access advanced treatment options.</li> <li>• Trump claimed that Biden is destroying health programs by allowing millions of migrants to cross the border and putting</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biden discussed using fentanyl detection tools at the border to combat the opioid crisis in the United States.</li> <li>• Biden highlighted his intentions to improve health care for Black Americans and praised the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act for bolstering veterans' health.</li> </ul>	<p>them on Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security. He added that migrants are taking over hospitals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trump said the United States was doing well regarding addiction until COVID-19 happened and more drugs started to come in across the border. He highlighted that his administration invested in more resources to try to slow down fentanyl and other opioids entering the United States.</li> <li>• Trump said Biden created COVID-19 mandates that were detrimental to the United States and more people died under Biden's administration. Trump said he worked hard to develop COVID-19 therapeutics.</li> </ul>
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Trade	
Biden	Trump
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biden criticized Trump's proposed 10% tariff on all imports. He said economists calculated every American would pay an additional \$2,500 a year on basic goods. He added Trump's tariff would force Americans to pay more taxes.</li> <li>• Biden said the United States has the lowest trade deficit since 2010 due to his policies.</li> <li>• Biden explained the United States used to control 40% of the computer chip market. He criticized Trump for losing control of the chip market by importing products from cheap labor overseas.</li> <li>• Biden said he was working with Mexico to put advanced scanners at the border to detect fentanyl on all imports until Trump told Republicans to defeat the legislation.</li> <li>• Biden mentioned that he convinced Samsung to invest billions of dollars into the United States, which is creating high-paying jobs for Americans.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trump said a 10% tariff on all imported goods will not increase inflation. He added the revenue will balance trade, decrease the national debt and provide the U.S. power.</li> <li>• Trump claimed the United States has the largest trade deficit in history because President Biden is not tough on China.</li> <li>• Trump highlighted that Biden did not end his tariffs on China. He said the China tariffs dramatically increase revenue. Trump added that his tariffs saved the U.S. steel industry.</li> <li>• Trump stated he made great trade deals with European nations, but he did not provide examples. He criticized current trade policy in which the United States imports more than it exports to Europe.</li> <li>• Trump did not mention using revenue from tariffs to lower the federal income tax. He also did not mention implementing a 60% tariff on products imported from China.</li> </ul>

International Affairs	
Biden	Trump
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biden criticized Trump for failing to end conflicts that American forces were involved in, including in Afghanistan.</li> <li>• Biden said that Trump told Putin to “do whatever you want,” and encouraged him to accomplish his ambition of reconstituting the “Soviet empire.” He argued that if Putin succeeds now he is not going to stop just with Ukraine.</li> <li>• Biden stated that Trump was uninformed when it comes to foreign policy. He argued that if elected, Trump would push the United States to leave NATO and abandon Ukraine.</li> <li>• Biden applauded the work his administration has done in supporting Israel and said that his peace plan for Palestine has widespread approval. He laid out this plan, stating that it would involve a hostage swap and a long-term ceasefire.</li> <li>• Biden argued that the United States is the most admired country in the world and disagreed with Trump’s claims that other countries think America is weak.</li> <li>• Biden alleged that Trump has been permissive of authoritarian governments, and if elected would let dictators get away with outright conquest.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trump called the Biden administration’s withdrawal from Afghanistan a disaster, highlighting the deaths, equipment losses and operational failures that occurred.</li> <li>• Trump said that Putin respects and fears him much more than Biden. He argued that narratives about collusion between his campaign and Russia are lies and promised that he would end the war before he even takes office.</li> <li>• Trump stated that China’s economic policies have been harming the United States, and that in his second presidency he would get tougher on unfair practices.</li> <li>• Trump highlighted the work he did to encourage NATO countries to meet their obligations, asking why Biden has not done the same in asking allies to commit more to support Israel.</li> <li>• Trump said that Hamas would never have invaded Israel if he were president because he would have bankrupted Hamas sponsors like Iran.</li> <li>• Trump called the Paris Agreement a bad deal, arguing that it would have been unsustainably expensive for the United States.</li> <li>• Trump alleged that other countries consider the United States a “third world nation,” stating that no other countries respect American leadership anymore because of Biden.</li> <li>• Trump claimed there was no terror during his administration and that Iran was “broke” during his presidency. He further highlighted the successful operations to kill Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and Qasem Soleimani that occurred during his term.</li> </ul>

Immigration	
Biden	Trump
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biden claimed that the undocumented migrants who have killed U.S. citizens illegally crossed the border under Trump's watch.</li> <li>• When asked why voters should trust him to solve the border crisis, Biden spoke to his effort securing the bipartisan border agreement in Congress, noting that it bolstered border enforcement and was endorsed by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP).</li> <li>• Biden noted that, since implementing his Executive Order (EO) to limit asylum, apprehensions along the border have dropped by 40%.</li> <li>• Biden claimed that there is no data to support Trump's claims that the border situation has worsened under Biden's watch.</li> <li>• Biden declared that the U.S. economy has thrived because of contributions of immigrants.</li> <li>• Biden said his administration has worked to implement additional fentanyl detection systems along the border, adding that the bipartisan border deal would have further aided efforts to address the fentanyl crisis, but Trump killed that effort. Biden flagged that additional technology is needed to detect fentanyl at the border, which would have been included in the bipartisan border deal.</li> <li>• Biden raised how Trump and his immigration policies entailed separating families—including children from their mothers—at the border.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trump claimed that Biden's policies had enabled terrorists and criminals to cross the border, enabling them to, among other actions, kill U.S. citizens. Trump labeled the alleged trend as "Biden migrant crime." Trump claimed that illegal immigrants have killed U.S. citizens in every state, adding that Biden's policies are enabling this to occur.</li> <li>• Trump emphasized that Biden has allowed millions of people who were previously incarcerated in jails and mental institutions to enter the United States via the southern border. Trump claimed that the United States had the safest border in history during his administration.</li> <li>• In response to Biden blaming Trump for the failure of the bipartisan border deal, Trump declared that Biden could have used executive actions to address the border at any point, rather than wait for Congress to act.</li> <li>• Trump mentioned that he was previously endorsed by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP).</li> <li>• Trump said he recently spoke with the mother of a 12-year-old who was killed by an illegal immigrant.</li> <li>• Trump declared that Biden permitted open borders that are having drastically detrimental implications on the country.</li> <li>• Trump claimed that the Biden administration has been housing migrants in top-tier hotels.</li> <li>• Trump claimed that Biden abandoned his immigration policies out of spite, adding that under his watch the border had never been safer. Trump added that Biden had ended several of his immigration policies, including "Remain in Mexico," replacing it with "catch and release."</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trump claimed that Biden’s policies have enabled millions of migrants to illegally cross the border and take jobs previously held by African American and Hispanic American citizens of the United States.</li> <li>• Trump declared that Biden has only created jobs that have been filled by illegal immigrants and alleged that illegal immigrants are taking hospital beds meant to be used by U.S. citizens and veterans.</li> <li>• Trump questioned why Biden had not fired any officials over their handling of the border situation, alleging that their failure to properly address the issue has allowed 18 million migrants to cross the border. Trump added that this number does not include “gotaways”—migrants who have successfully evaded border officials.</li> <li>• In response to questioning on the opioid crisis, Trump claimed that the rates of illicit fentanyl and human trafficking across the southern border has drastically increased under Biden.</li> </ul>
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Defense and Competition with China	
Biden	Trump
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biden said he successfully airlifted over 100,000 Afghans out of Afghanistan during the U.S. military withdrawal from the country.</li> <li>• Biden said Putin intends to take over all of Ukraine and is likely to invade NATO countries as part of an effort to rebuild the former Soviet Union’s sphere of influence. He said the amount of assistance to Ukraine provided by U.S. allies in NATO has been comparable to the amount provided by the United States.</li> <li>• Biden said his proposal for a ceasefire in Gaza was endorsed by Israel’s government, the UN Security Council and the G7 and would be implemented if not for opposition by Hamas. He said the only type of weaponry his administration has denied Israel is 2,000 pound bombs, which he said have a high potential to kill innocent bystanders. He said his administration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trump said imposing a 10% tariff on all imported goods would improve U.S. economic competitiveness with China.</li> <li>• Trump claimed the casualties incurred by Ukrainian and Russian armed forces in Ukraine are higher than officially reported and that Putin would not have invaded Ukraine if he had been president.</li> <li>• Trump claimed due to his administration’s tougher policy on Iran, Hamas would not have had the resources necessary to attack Israel if he had been reelected.</li> <li>• Trump said he would not accept Russian President Vladimir Putin’s conditions for a ceasefire in Ukraine, including the reversal of Ukraine’s NATO bid and Russia gaining all territory it currently holds in Ukraine. He said he would settle the</li> </ul>

<p>would continue to supply Israel's government with the weapons necessary for its war with Hamas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biden said Trump's policy of conditioning U.S. adherence to NATO's mutual defense obligations on member countries' defense spending would encourage foreign adversaries, including Russia, to attack NATO and spur a global conflict.</li> </ul>	<p>Russia-Ukraine conflict before his inauguration if elected president.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trump said President Biden has authorized over \$200 billion in combined assistance to Ukraine, significantly more than the amount provided by European countries. He said he would pressure European countries to significantly increase assistance to Ukraine if elected president.</li> <li>Trump said President Biden's policies following the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan are creating increased military tension with China, Russia and North Korea, which he claimed could lead to a global conflict.</li> </ul>
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Consumers and Workforce	
Biden	Trump
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biden emphasized his administration created 15 million new jobs, which includes 800,000 new manufacturing jobs, for working families. He blasted Trump for losing more jobs than any other administration.</li> <li>Biden said there were no available jobs when he took over as president, with the unemployment rate at 15%. He emphasized his administration provided millions of jobs for numerous individuals, particularly minority communities.</li> <li>Biden emphasized there are now a record number of small Black businesses, and he said Black unemployment is also at a record low.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trump said Biden only created jobs for illegal immigrants and that those immigrants are taking Black and Hispanic jobs.</li> <li>Trump said under his administration, jobs bounced back from the COVID-19 pandemic, and he accused Biden of taking credit for that job creation. Trump said due to his dismantling of harmful regulations, more jobs were available. He emphasized Biden is working to reinstate many of these regulations.</li> </ul>

Education	
Biden	Trump
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biden said if America's billionaires pay taxes up to 25%, there would be more funding to put towards child care, among other priorities. Biden emphasized Trump is doing nothing for child care. He noted the importance of increasing the Child Tax</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trump stated during his presidency, he funded Historically Black Colleges and Universities, which he said was one of the most successful economic developments in this country.</li> </ul>

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<p>Credit and stated the need to increase a credit for child care. Biden also emphasized the importance of single parents being able to go back to work and encouraged businesses to have child care on-site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biden emphasized he has reduced child care costs by half for Black families. He reiterated the need to provide sufficient child care due to the correlating economic growth, resulting in more jobs for families.</li> <li>• Biden noted he has ensured Black families' student loan debt is forgiven after 10 years. He emphasized the importance of his \$15 million investment in Historically Black Colleges and Universities since these types of universities do not attract generous contributors. Biden stated Black students' capabilities are not different than those of any other type of student.</li> <li>• Biden highlighted his administration's increase of the maximum Pell Grant award and noted anyone who makes under \$75,000 is eligible for \$15,000 towards tuition.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trump avoided the question as to how he would make child care more affordable.</li> </ul>
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Climate and Energy	
Biden	Trump
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biden stated that he passed the most extensive climate change legislation in history.</li> <li>• Biden contended that Trump has done nothing for the environment. He noted that the United States has a responsibility to lead global efforts to deal with climate change through deals like the Paris Climate Agreement, mentioning Trump's withdrawal from that accord.</li> <li>• Biden said he rejoined the accord immediately upon taking office because climate change is the biggest threat to humanity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trump referred to Biden's climate policies as a driver of inflation, labeling climate investments as the "green new scam."</li> <li>• Trump said the Paris Climate Accord was a rip-off that would cost the United States \$1 trillion while allowing countries like India and China to keep polluting without paying their fair share.</li> <li>• Trump said his administration had clean air and clean water throughout the United States with strong environmental numbers.</li> </ul>

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- Biden said the United States must remain in the Paris Climate Accord because it is one of the largest polluters in the world.
- Biden stated that under his administration the United States will cut pollution in half by 2035, adding that his administration created the climate corps.
- Biden said there is no indication that former President Trump cares about the environment.

- Trump said that the United States was energy independent under his administration.
- Trump said there was an all-of-the-above energy approach when he was president.

Taxation	
Biden	Trump
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biden alluded to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA) as the “largest tax cut in American history,” which he said overwhelmingly benefited wealthy taxpayers and raised the deficit more than any other first-term president.</li> <li>• Biden added that one reason that the national debt has increased dramatically is due to taxpayers with a net worth of at least \$1 billion having an average effective tax rate of 8.2%. He suggested that if the effective tax rate on billionaires was 24%–25%, this could raise \$500 billion in revenue, which could be used to reduce the federal deficit and fund entitlement programs including child care and elder care programs.</li> <li>• Biden revisited a tax policy proposal from his State of the Union address in March in which he called for instituting a \$10,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers, which he stated would especially benefit Black families.</li> <li>• Biden touted the Inflation Reduction Act as the most ambitious investment in climate in history.</li> <li>• Tapper asked about how Social Security can be kept solvent. Biden said that Social Security can be kept solvent by “making the very wealthy pay their fair share” in taxes. He called for raising the payroll tax rate for taxpayers earning more than \$400,000 per year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tapper asked how Trump’s proposal to impose a 10% tariff on imported goods, which may be used to offset tax rate reductions. Trump said that his proposed policy on tariffs would force countries that are “ripping off” the United States on trade policy to pay more in tariffs, helping to reduce the federal deficit.</li> <li>• Trump expressed agreement with Biden’s comment that the TCJA was the largest tax cut in history, and also mentioned that the cuts on both taxes and regulations led to job creation under his administration.</li> <li>• Tapper asked about the expiration of multiple tax provisions in the TCJA and whether the extension of these provisions would result in a larger deficit and a lower tax rate for wealthy earners. Trump responded that the TCJA spurred “the greatest economy we’ve ever seen” prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. He added that the lowering of the corporate tax rate from 39% to 21% resulted in higher revenues due to the relocation of companies, revenue and jobs back to the United States.</li> <li>• Trump alluded to the energy-tax policies in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act as a “Green New Scam” that worsened inflation.</li> <li>• Trump claimed that a second Biden term would result in an increase in all Americans’ tax liabilities by four times due to the</li> </ul>



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- In response to a question about child care, Biden called for significantly increasing the “child care tax credit.” [Note: it is likely that Biden is referring to the child and dependent care tax credit, though it could also be a reference to the Child Tax Credit.]
- Biden claimed that Trump administration policies would result in tax increases for middle-class Americans and that he has not and will not raise taxes on Americans earning less than \$400,000 per year.
- Biden said that Trump’s proposed tariff policies would result in Americans paying roughly \$2,500 per year more on average.
- Biden claimed that Trump’s tax policies would amount to a \$5 trillion tax cut over the next 10 years, which would “bankrupt the country.”
- In his closing statement, Biden called for a “fairer tax system.”

blanket expiration of TCJA provisions.

- In his closing statement, Trump said that Biden has neglected to enact his tax policy agenda as promised, and again touted Trump administration policies as entailing the largest tax cut and regulation cut in history.

Tech, Telecom and AI	
Biden	Trump
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biden mentioned the importance of funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to ensure that students have the resources needed to enter high-tech jobs.</li> <li>• Biden said he has spurred billions of dollars in private investment for growing enterprises, including chips. He argued the Trump administration hurt American semiconductor innovation and manufacturing.</li> <li>• Biden said he convinced Samsung to invest billions of dollars in semiconductor fabs in the United States that have good-paying jobs. He said there are around \$40 billion being invested in semiconductor manufacturing currently.</li> </ul>	<p>Trump did not make any statements related to tech, telecom or AI.</p>