

2020 U.S. Presidential Candidates (Party Nominees)



Democratic Party: Joe Biden



Republican Party: Donald Trump
(Incumbent)



Green
Party:
Howie
Hawkins



Libertarian Party: Jo Jorgensen

Policy Proposal Sections

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Economic Policy Proposals

Raise taxes on incomes >\$400k

Tax credits for elder care, child care, 1st-time home ownership. Raise corp. taxes. Encourage citizens

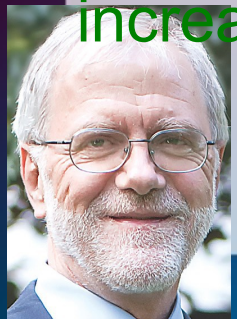
& gov't to "Buy American", punish outsourcing companies. Support manufacturing tax credit

Socialize the economy: public ownership of big banks & industries. Job guarantee. \$20 minimum wage. Increase taxes on the wealthy to pay for increased social spending. Estate tax. Wealth tax. Land tax. Financial transactions tax. Reparations for slavery.

Extend tax cuts & generally reduce spending other than military. Let states choose whether to raise minimum wage. More open to stimulus than many Republicans. Strong focus on the U.S. stock market. Try to reduce trade deficit & revive manufacturing industry.

Greatly reduce gov't agencies and regulations. End federal licensing, end permit and zoning requirements on land. Let the private sector and the free market make decisions.

Reduce all taxes. Balance the federal budget. Don't borrow money. Free trade & increase immigration



Social Policy Proposals

Make preschool free. Train workers to prevent drug abuse. Increase funds for Native Health Service. More & stronger worker unions.

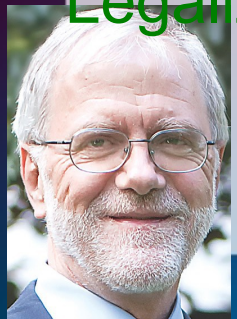
Support ERA for women, fight workplace harassment. Public colleges free for incomes <\$125k

Affirmative action for minorities. Honor Native American treaties. Open borders, legalize undocumented immigrants. Student & medical debt relief. Legalize sexwork, marijuana.

Pardon whistle-blowers & non-violent prisoners. & much more!

Reduce spending on education, student financial aid. Cut Medicaid & Medicare budgets and HHS Dept. by 10%. Reduce drug prices. Restrict late-term abortions. Protect gun rights/oppose regulations & restrictions. Supports "law & order" measures to clear streets of protests & riots. Repeal Obamacare.

Greatly reduce social spending. Keep health insurance private, but make the industry more competitive to reduce prices. End the War on Drugs. Defund federal police. Legalize medical marijuana and other drugs. Eliminate Dept. of Education.



Environmental Policy Proposals

Increase public transit funding.

Be “carbon pollution-free” by 2035. Upgrade buildings.

Clean up old mines & wells.

Make agriculture more

sustainable. More electric cars.

Increase fuel standards.

Strengthen EPA law enforcement

Strongly supports Green New Deal.

100% clean energy by 2030. Zero-

to-negative carbon emissions by

2030. No nukes. More trains.

Stop oil & gas exploration.

Conservation of forests, etc.

Public ownership & planning

In energy, manufacturing, &

Transportation.

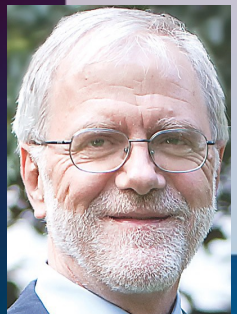
Continue rollback of regulations, end renewable energy tax credits. May believe in climate change but doubts humans (can) influence it.

Strong supporter of fossil fuel industries. Increase oil drilling on public lands.

Opposes Green New Deal

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No statements on global Climate change.



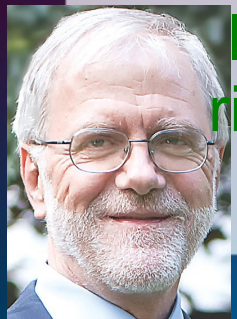
Foreign Policy Proposals

Address Central American migration crisis. End support for Saudi war in Yemen. Rejoin Iran nuclear deal & Paris Accord. Be friendlier to allies and less friendly to NK, Russia, etc.

No first use of nuclear weapons
Cut military budget by 75%
End foreign wars & disarm.
Invest savings from military reduction into a "Global Green New Deal." Promote diplomacy, Int'l law for peace, human rights, and democracy.
Prohibit nuclear weapons

Continue "America First" foreign policy. Build U.S. Space Force. Continue to fight "radical Islamic terrorism" (continue War on Terror). Heavily sanction Iran. Left TPP, renegotiated NAFTA. Aims to reduce U.S. "reliance" on China (decoupling of bilateral economic relationship?). Tariffs on EU, others. Leave WHO. Reach out to adversaries (NK, Russia) Help normalize Israel's relations. Reduce U.S. troop levels globally. Build the wall.

Neutrality & Isolationism/Non-interventionism: end involvement in foreign wars, close foreign military bases, end military aid & foreign aid. Free trade. Stop Trump's wall. Be "a giant Switzerland (armed and neutral)."



Positions Related to China



Likely to criticize China on human rights issues, having become more hawkish since primaries.

May return USA to Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and reduce or remove tariffs on Chinese goods. Xi Jinping called him an “old friend.”

Likely to criticize China on human rights issues & pressure it to accelerate environmental programs, oppose reform (privatization) of Chinese economy.



Privately approves of PRC policies in HK, Xinjiang, etc. Expresses great admiration of Xi Jinping. Campaign promise to put tariffs on Chinese goods and start a trade war largely fulfilled. Blames China for Covid-19. Supported by Taiwan but no other areas of Asia in recent survey. Red MAGA hats are made in China. 川建国？



Admires how fast China can build nuclear power plants. Notes a Chinese-American doctor who went against gov't regulations and China's isolationist past.





Endorsed by many Republicans. End border separation of kids from parents, welcome asylum seekers, increase immigration.

Reverse

“Muslim bans”

Other Points

Supports campaign finance reform, gun control. Lost a wife and a daughter to a car accident, a son to cancer. Long legislative history of bipartisanship. Supported invasion of Iraq in 2003. Sons served in U.S. military, one had drug problems.

African-American VP (like Kamala Harris). Endorsed by socialist orgs, Summarizes platform as “ecosocialist”. Lots and lots of detailed policy papers and articles on his website.



Pro-union. Co-founded Green Party. Former construction worker & truck worker. U.S. Marine Corps.

The only ticket with two white men (no women or minorities). Deep in personal debt. Employs family in gov't. Claims v.



large business losses to avoid taxes. Impeached by the House. Opposed by many usually apolitical organizations (i.e. Scientific American Magazine). Several admin/campaign officials now serving prison sentences. Website shows achievements > policy proposals.

College psychology prof. with a PhD
Mother & businesswoman (computer software)

