

VOTING GUIDE: 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

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Economics

President Donald Trump

- Tends to be more of a free market person.
- Has used tariffs as a political weapon in the past
- Record of cutting taxes and regulations

Former Vice President Joe Biden

- More regulation of businesses.
- May or may not be opposed to fracking.
- Wants to “transition away from fossil fuels” and move to renewable energy.
- Higher taxes
- Will get rid of the Trump tax cuts
- Will raise the corporate income tax.

Healthcare

President Donald Trump

- Very opposed to Obamacare from the beginning.
- Hoping the Supreme Court will finally call it unconstitutional.
- Wants to get rid of Obamacare and replace it with “something better.”
- Has promised to protect pre-existing conditions.

Former Vice President Joe Biden

- In favor of Obamacare
- Wants to “make it better.”
- How he will do that isn’t real clear
- Can expect Obamacare will be here to stay.
- Whether he will reinstate the mandate eliminated under the Trump tax cuts, isn’t clear.

Foreign Policy

President Donald Trump

- “We must put America’s interests first.”
- Has not been much of a multilateralist [team player]
- “Goes it alone.”

Former Vice President Joe Biden

- Much more likely to reach out to and work with, other foreign leaders, especially our allies in Europe and the Americas.

Pandemic

President Donald Trump

- Unlikely to call for any kind of shut down anywhere again.

Former Vice President Joe Biden

- More likely to support temporary shutdowns of portions of the economy where there are COVID hotspots.
- Once said he wants a national mask mandate, but has since retreated from that.

Expert's Note: Although much of the rhetoric of the election has been around the pandemic, I really don't see a lot of difference, policy wise, between the two.

Voter Resources

Indiana

- <https://www.in.gov/idr/hoosiers-vote/vote-early/>
- <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/2020%20Indiana%20Voter%20Information%20Guide.pdf>
- <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2020-elections/indiana-results>

Kentucky

- <https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb/govoteky>
- <https://www.sos.ky.gov/elections/Pages/2020-General-Updates.aspx>
- <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2020-elections/kentucky-results>

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