

# What are Harris and Trump's policies?

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American voters will face a clear choice for president on election day, between Democratic Vice-President Kamala Harris and Republican Donald Trump.

Here's a look at what they stand for and how their policies compare on different issues.



## Economy

Harris has said her day-one priority would be trying to reduce food and housing costs for working families.

She promises to ban price-gouging on groceries, help first-time home buyers and provide incentives to increase housing supply.

Trump has promised to “end inflation and make America affordable again”.

He has promised to deliver lower interest rates, something the president does not control, and he says deporting undocumented immigrants will ease pressure on housing.

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## Abortion

**Harris** has made **abortion rights** central to her **campaign**, and she continues to **advocate** for **legislation** that **would** enshrine reproductive rights nationwide.

**Trump** **has struggled** to find a **consistent** message in recent weeks.

The three judges he appointed to the Supreme Court while president were pivotal in overturning the constitutional right to an abortion, a 1973 ruling known as Roe v Wade.



## Immigration

**Harris** was tasked with tackling the root causes of the southern border crisis and helped raise **billions** of dollars of private money to make regional investments **aimed at** stemming the flow north.

Record numbers of people crossed from Mexico at the end of 2023 but the numbers **have fallen since**. In this **campaign**, she has **toughened** her stance and emphasised her experience as a **prosecutor** in California taking on **human traffickers**.

**Trump** **has vowed** to seal the border by completing the construction of a wall and increasing enforcement. But he **urged** Republicans to ditch a hardline, cross-party border bill, **backed by** Harris.

He **has also promised the biggest** mass deportation of undocumented migrants in US history. Experts told **the BBC** this **would** face **legal challenges**.

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## Taxes

**Harris** wants **to raise taxes on big businesses** and Americans making **\$400,000 (£305,000)** a year.

But she **has also unveiled** a number of **measures** that **would** **ease the tax burden** on families, **including** an expansion of **child tax credits**.

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**Trump** proposes a number of tax cuts worth billions, including an extension of his 2017 cuts which mostly helped **the wealthy**. He says he will pay for them **through higher growth** and tariffs on **imports**.

Analysts say **both tax plans** will add to **the ballooning deficit**, but Trump's by more.

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## Foreign policy

**Harris** has vowed to support Ukraine "for as long as it takes". She has pledged, if



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**Trump** has an isolationist foreign policy and wants the US to disentangle itself from conflicts elsewhere in the world.

He has said he would end the war in Ukraine in 24 **hours through a negotiated settlement** with Russia, a move that Democrats say would embolden Vladimir Putin.

Trump has positioned himself as **a staunch supporter** of Israel but **said little** on how he would end the war in Gaza.



## Trade

**Harris** **has criticised** Trump's sweeping plan **to put tariffs on imports**, calling it a national tax on working families which will cost each **household \$4,000** a year. She **is expected to have a more targeted approach** to taxing imports.

**Trump** has made tariffs a central **pledge** in this campaign. He has proposed new 10-20% tariffs on **most foreign goods**, and **much higher** ones on those from China.



## Climate

**Harris**, as vice-president, helped pass the Inflation Reduction Act, which **has funnelled** hundreds of **billions** of dollars to **renewable energy**, and **electric vehicle tax credit** and **rebate programmes**.

But she has dropped her opposition to fracking, a **technique** for recovering gas and oil opposed by environmentalists.

**Trump**, while in the White House, rolled back hundreds of **environmental protections**,

including limits on carbon dioxide emissions from **power plants and vehicles**.

In this campaign he has vowed to expand Arctic drilling and attacked electric cars.



## Healthcare

**Harris** has been part of a White House administration which has reduced **prescription drug costs** and **capped** insulin prices at \$35.

**Trump** has said he will not renew his attempts while president to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, which extended **insurance** to millions more people.

He has called for **taxpayer-funded** fertility treatment, but that could be opposed by Republicans in Congress.



## Crime

**Harris** has tried to contrast her experience as a **prosecutor** with the fact Trump **has been convicted of a crime**.

**Trump** has vowed **to demolish drugs cartels**, crush gang violence and rebuild **Democratic-run cities** that he says are **overrun with crime**.

- [Trump's legal cases, explained](#)



## Guns

**Harris** has made preventing gun violence a key **pledge**, and she and Tim Walz - both gun owners - often advocate for tighter laws. But they will find that moves like **expanding background checks** or **banning assault weapons** will need the help of Congress.

**Trump** has positioned himself as **a staunch defender** of the Second Amendment, the constitutional right **to bear arms**. Addressing the National Rifle Association in May, he said he was their best friend.



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