

2024 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE COMPARISON

CLIMATE POLICY

Aligned with our mission to advance immigrant equity and inclusion and to promote full civic, social and economic justice in immigrant communities, the National Partnership for New Americans compiled the following analysis of the 2024 presidential candidates to educate and inform newly naturalized citizens/new American voters ahead of the November election.

The issues listed on this document do not represent a comprehensive list of issues important to immigrant communities.



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CLIMATE CHANGE

The Biden-Harris administration acknowledges climate science and views climate change as one of the biggest threats the world is facing today. Through Executive Order *Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad* and the creation of the National Climate Task Force, the administration has established climate change as an essential element of foreign policy and national security.

One of the first actions of the Biden-Harris administration was rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement.

The Trump administration denied climate science, often calling climate change a “hoax”. The administration prioritized policy to promote the fossil fuel industry over renewable and clean energy. The Trump administration focused on systematically reversing policy that would have positioned the United States as a leader combating climate change globally.

One of his first actions as president was withdrawing the U.S. from the Paris Climate Agreement.

The Paris Climate Agreement is an international treaty that was adopted in 2015 to combat climate change. The United States’ participation saves over half a trillion dollars annually, and is expected to create 24 million clean energy jobs globally by 2030.

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FEDERAL AGENCY FUNDING

The Biden-Harris administration worked with Congress to pass the *Inflation Reduction Act* and the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*. These laws authorized the largest investment in U.S. history to tackle the climate crisis and funded federal agencies and programs that are helping families save money on bills with clean energy, creating jobs and investing in job training, making the country resilient to extreme weather, and protecting our air, water and lands for future generations.

The Trump administration's budget proposals included significant cuts in funding for over 70 federal programs across several agencies, including the Department of Energy (DOE), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the Department of the Interior (DOI) among other agencies. The Trump administration deliberately removed references to climate change from agency websites, weakening public access to information and government research.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Via executive action, the Biden-Harris administration has restored hundreds of rules and regulations that protect the environment and public health. These regulations are aimed at strengthening pollution standards, advancing environmental justice, and protecting our public lands and waters.

Over four years, the Trump administration reversed nearly 100 environmental rules and regulations aimed at protecting clean air, water, wildlife and regulating toxic chemicals. Other rollbacks were in progress but were not completed by the end of Trump's term in office.

ENERGY MANUFACTURING INFRASTRUCTURE

The Biden-Harris administration has made investments in U.S. clean energy manufacturing, electric vehicles and batteries, and clean power projects. Clean energy jobs have grown in all 50 states. Companies continue to announce investments for new clean energy manufacturing facilities across the country.

The Trump administration dismantled the country's ability to address climate change and galvanize the potential of a clean economy by imposing tariffs on solar, attempting to eliminate the electric vehicle tax credit and slowing down the process for clean energy projects.

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