

# 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

## VOTER GUIDE AND PREDICTIONS



### JOE BIDEN - D

Former vice president Joe Biden threw his hat in the race later than most people thought he would. This is not Biden's first run at the presidency. He ran for the Democratic nomination in 1988 and 2008. He was one of Delaware's senators from 1973 to 2008.

Biden has received the endorsements from most of the other Democratic candidates who dropped out (Bernie Sanders, Pete Buttigieg, Kamala Harris, Robert "Beto" O'Rourke, Amy Kloubackar, Mike Bloomberg and Elizabeth Warren).

The Biden campaign got off to a slow start. However, Super Tuesday turned it all around. Biden surged past the leading Sanders campaign to become the favorite to win the Democratic nomination. Biden took ten out of the 14 states and racked up 513 delegates to Sanders' 435. Biden finally went on to clinch the nomination after Sanders suspended his campaign on April 13 and endorsed him. Biden also finally received the endorsement of his former boss, President Barack Obama, on April 14, 2016. Democratic nominee, Hillary Clinton, has also publicly endorsed Biden.

### PLATFORM

Once again, Biden is looked at as the moderate. He doesn't pronounce himself a socialist, just a Democrat. However, his platform is much like Sanders, just not to the same extent. It is very reminiscent of his former boss's platform in 2008 (President Obama). Here are his biggest points:

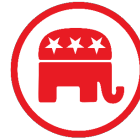
- Raise the federal minimum wage
- Offer two years of free college
- Fix student debt relief programs
- Expand gun laws
- Loosen immigration policy
- Place some restrictions on abortion
- Allow states to decide on marijuana legalization
- Boost defense budget
- Increase capital gains tax
- Relax Chinese trade restrictions



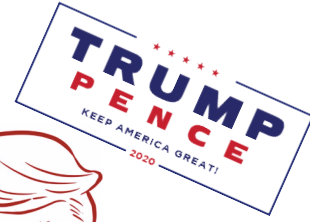
### BIGGEST CHALLENGES AMONG VOTERS



**BIDEN**  
Mental Sharpness  
Progressiveness



**TRUMP**  
Divisiveness



### DONALD TRUMP - R

The incumbent, Donald Trump, has rallied all of the Republican party around him in the past three years. In the 2016 presidential election, Trump received almost all electoral votes that were Republican, leaned Republican, or were conservative, according to a Pew Reserach Center study.

This real estate mogul has redefined the political landscape. He has no challengers for the Republican ticket.

President Trump continues to be very popular among his supporters.

Despite the current conditions of the economy resulting from coronavirus, President Trump continues to gain support from his fellow Republicans and conservatives. He believes that even though unemployment levels have shot up higher than seen in the financial crisis of 2008, that he will be able to re-vamp the economy. Trump believes the struggling economy will not, ultimately, be his Achilles heel. His confidence in himself and his administration is shown in a statement he made on April 14th: "We built the greatest economy in the world. I'll do it a second time."

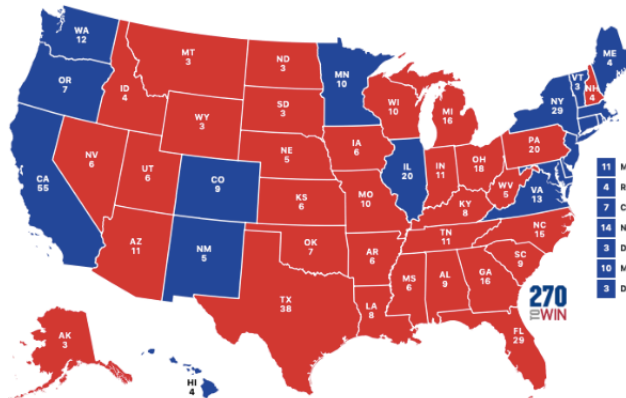
### PLATFORM

Love him or hate him, President Trump has delivered on more campaign promises than any other modern president. His platform, for the most part, is identical to what it was in 2016. Here are the main points for 2020:

- Continue the "Great American Comeback"
- Reduce illegal immigration, reform the immigration system
- Cut taxes across the board, end trade deficits
- Reform Medicaid, end Obamacare
- Reinforce "America First" international policy
- Limit abortion access
- Allow state decision on marijuana legality
- Continue wall along the southern border
- Ignite more trade deals, especially with China

By Anthony Santa Maria

### 2020 PREDICTION



Trump will win the 2020 Election. His support continues to grow even during the current coronavirus pandemic. He will retain all of the states he won in 2016 and flip a few states that voted blue in 2016.

# Kobe: Celebrating the life and legacy of one of the greatest

By Brooklyn Weber

**Father. Husband. Legend.** He set a prime example for each of these roles. One of the greatest basketball players of all time, Kobe Bryant, represented more than basketball — he will always be a symbol of the Los Angeles Lakers and the city’s culture. Bryant was one of the game’s best and transcended his 20-year career on the court. And when it was all said and done, he left his heart on that floor.

**Heartbroken.** Following the shocking reports on Jan. 27, 2020, the world learned that Bryant, his daughter and seven others passed away in a helicopter crash that landed in Calabasas, CA. The media was shocked, the sports world mourned and families affected were left with an unfillable hole with the loss of their loved ones. Every person in America, and likely around the world, can recall the exact moment when they heard the unfortunate news of the “Black Mamba.” He was 41.

“It was very shocking,” sophomore Nithin Thumma said. “At first I didn’t think it was even real. Kobe was one of my favorite players of all time and his death makes me really sad, even to this day.”

**Heart.** Bryant’s “Mamba Mentality” — working harder than anybody and everybody — endured in every aspect of his life. Five-time NBA champion, two-time NBA Finals MVP, 18-time All-Star, two-time Olympic Gold-Medal Champion and an Oscar winner are among many of his career accomplishments. He was a champion, who gave his all each time he went out on the court. He inspired citizens worldwide to implement his “Mamba Mentality” daily.

**Hope.** To those who were fortunate enough to witness Bryant play, his greatness showed us something within ourselves. He was relentless in being his best self and encouraged others to mirror his character. Bryant brought excitement to thousands who aspired to emulate his work ethic.

“He inspired me to work harder,” sophomore Keniston Ytell said. “He reminded us that the only person holding you back from greatness is yourself.”

**Culture.** Los Angeles is known for its sunny beaches and thrill of the entertainment industry. Perhaps the most recognizable is the Los Angeles Lakers, a team that, throughout basketball history, has been a hot spot for superstars. Bryant stood out as the most famous in the early 2000s when he brought the City of Angels championships. He led the talented legacy of the team he encouraged and the people he influenced.



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The late Kobe Bryant represents his country during the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Bryant’s legacy will continue to be represented through his family and in the basketball community forever.



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Kobe Bryant and the world champion Lakers celebrate a game seven victory over the Boston Celtics. This would be Kobe’s fifth and final championship.

“Kobe was a direct representation of the Los Angeles culture and he thrived in that environment,” Ytell said. “He was that role model to those that never had one.”

**Hustle.** Former teammates and NBA competition agree that Bryant proved to be the most tenacious. He was the first one in the gym and the last one out. Bryant pushed to overcome tough challenges. He limped to the line to shoot free throws, even after tearing his Achilles tendon — and made both, of course. He never gave up and showed the world that they shouldn’t either.

“The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do,” Bryant said.

**Family.** Off the court, Bryant was a father to four daughters, Gianna, Bianka, Natalia and Capri, and husband to Vanessa. While he was best known for his performance on the court, he excelled in supporting his family, which came first and foremost.

**Legacy.** Through the ups and downs, Bryant rose above and prospered. Bryant’s life will be revered in the basketball community, and his accomplishments and perseverance will be commemorated globally by millions.

“He will be remembered as a great basketball player, but more importantly as a great person,” Thumma said.

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