

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris



Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will lead the way in restoring critical environmental and public health protections to safeguard our water and communities. A Biden/Harris administration would use the power of the federal government to fight environmental injustice. They have committed to holding polluters accountable for the damage they do to communities.

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will restore our country's global role in addressing climate change and have committed to significant investments in clean energy and to aggressive reductions in climate change emissions. They are committed to critical democracy reforms to ensure that people and community voices are not drowned out by money in politics, lack of ballot access, and ethics problems.

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will defend and strengthen clean water and clean air protections

- Reverse Trump administration rollbacks of environmental and health protections
- Hold polluters accountable through strengthened enforcement of environmental laws
- Ensure all communities have clean and safe water
- Make decisions driven by data and science
- Promote broad infrastructure investment that supports safe healthy communities and resilience to climate change

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will make environmental justice a priority

- Use an All-of-Government Approach to coordinate federal government activities to fight environmental racism
- Revise and re-invigorate the 1994 Executive Order on Environmental Justice
- Establish an Environmental and Climate Justice division within the Department of Justice

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will lead on climate change and a clean energy economy

- Ensure the US achieves a 100% clean energy economy and net zero emissions no later than 2050
- Reach a carbon free power sector by 2035
- End fossil fuel subsidies and ban new oil and gas permits on public lands
- Rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement and restore leadership in the global effort to reduce emissions

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris support reforms to make our democracy stronger and more fair

- Require disclosure of “dark money” and establish a small dollar public financing program for federal elections
- Introduce a constitutional amendment to eliminate private money from federal elections
- Strengthen rules and enforcement of campaign finance laws
- End discrimination at the ballot box, making voting safer and accessible, ending gerrymandering, and giving states and localities the funding they need to maintain the integrity of elections
- Ensure accountability in Washington by strengthening ethics rules for federal officials, reducing the power of lobbyists, and giving ethics watchdogs more power to hold violators accountable



Donald Trump: A Disaster for Our Environment

Donald Trump and his Administration have prioritized gutting environmental protections and have tried to roll back more than 100 clean water, health and environmental safeguards

- The Trump administration's "Dirty Water Rule" eliminates protections for half our nation's remaining wetlands and millions of stream miles
- The Trump Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed to weaken Clean Water Act limits on toxic pollution from coal-fired power plants and to make it easier for them to dump toxic coal waste into local water bodies.
- The Trump EPA has limited states' ability to challenge federal projects that threaten rivers, lakes, and other water resources in their state
- The Trump EPA proposal for revision of Safe Drinking Water Act regulations falls short of what is needed to get lead out of drinking water
- The Trump administration has weakened the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), limiting review of large projects.
- In every federal budget proposal, the Trump White House has cut EPA's budget by nearly a third and cut funds for the Great Lakes, the Chesapeake Bay and other iconic waters

Donald Trump has reversed progress on climate change and put corporate fossil fuel interests first

- Donald Trump has directed his Administration to pull the United States out of the Paris Climate Agreement
- The Trump EPA rolled back limits on methane pollution from oil and gas development
- The Trump administration gutted the Clean Power Plan, a 2009 program to reduce carbon emissions from the power sector by 32% below 2005 levels by 2030
- The Trump administration reversed increased fuel efficiency standards for cars and trucks — the biggest source of climate emissions in the United States.



Donald Trump has shown a lack of concern about ethics and the undue influence of money in politics and is working against safe and fair elections

- Donald Trump makes false statements about voting by mail, despite years of successful state programs and reliance on absentee voting by both major political parties.
- The Trump administration opposed the For the People Act (HR1), a comprehensive package of democracy reforms addressing voting, money in politics, and ethics reforms, passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in March 2019
- Donald Trump does not support eliminating "dark money" in politics. Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) has documented 3,274 conflicts of interest through July 2020 resulting from Donald Trump's decision not to divest from his businesses

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