

	<u>Joe Biden</u>	<u>Mike ter Maat</u>	<u>Donald Trump</u>
White House Experience	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
Entrepreneurial Success	No.	Yes.	Yes.
Economics	<p>Bidenomics</p> <p>Advocate for Keynesian-style government spending. Combines populist payments to consumers with increased corporate regulation.</p>	<p>Austrian School</p> <p>University professor and professional advocate for free markets, increased competition and deregulation.</p>	<p>America First</p> <p>Advocate for protectionism, industrial interventionism and deregulation in support of 20th-Century industries.</p>
Trade	Supports trade war with China.	Free trade. Opposes trade war with China.	Advocates 18th-Century-style mercantilism. Supports trade war with China.
Spending	Increased spending without precedent.	Former budget control economist. Cap spending at current nominal levels.	Increased spending without precedent.
Money	Goal is 2% inflation. Inflation is transitory phenomenon. Silent on Fed CBDC.	Articulated plan to end the Fed and replace it with rules-based system. Advocates competition among currencies including crypto.	Goal is 2% inflation. Inflation is transitory phenomenon. Silent on Fed CBDC.
Energy Policy	Choked production, ended pipeline, delayed approvals, subsidizes inefficient renewables.	Free markets to encourage pro-growth drilling, piping, fracking and nuclear.	Advocates energy independence but failed to support nuclear.
Entitlement Reform	Opposes.	Requiring young people to enroll in Social Security is evil. Healthcare programs are socialism that fosters higher prices and worse outcomes.	Opposes.
Criminal Justice Experience	Supported 1986 bill creating disparate penalties for crack. Wrote 1994 bill exacerbating imprisonment for victimless behavior.	Served eleven years as pro-reform police officer. Campaigned for Congress on police reform and ending the war on drugs.	Indicted four times.
Police Reform	"Defund the Police"	Bring market forces to bear on individuals by ending qualified immunity and requiring liability insurance, creating competition among agencies to include private-sector contractors.	"Back the Blue"
Drug Prohibition	Supports continuation.	Opposes on both empirical/experiential and ethical grounds.	Supports continuation.
Revolutionizing Government	Expanded the swamp.	End unconstitutional departments Education, Energy, Transportation, Labor, HHS, HUD, Commerce, Agriculture, Interior as well as FBI, EPA and SBA.	Reduced regulation but left the swamp intact.
Decentralization	Actively suppresses states' rights and undermines SCOTUS.	Allow states to nullify federal supremacy. Replace the IRS with state funding of federal government.	Appointed originalist judges but abandoned states' rights issues.
Military Policy	Expanded military spending. Maintained world military footprint. Entered Ukraine war. Expanding NATO. Further muddled "strategic ambiguity" toward Taiwan.	Close foreign bases. Bring the troops home. Reduce military spending. Exit Ukraine war. Exit NATO. End "strategic ambiguity" and implicit protection of Taiwan.	Expanded military spending. Maintained world military footprint. Supports Ukraine war. Did nothing about NATO. Did nothing to clarify "strategic ambiguity" toward Taiwan.
Immigration Reform	Refuses to resolve border crisis, claiming security concerns to be GOP xenophobia.	Accelerate legal vetting. Expand both economic and asylum immigration. Secure the border to shut-down human trafficking.	Refused to resolve border crisis, using xenophobic anti-immigrant arguments.
Peaceful Transfer of Power	Embraced Hillary Clinton's claim of Trump's election being "illegitimate" and Stacy Abrams' claim of having been the true winner in Georgia.	Committed to the Constitution, term limits and combatting authoritarianism.	Big lie.