

## Vice President Kamala Harris

### **About Vice President Harris:**

Vice President Harris has dedicated her career to pursuing justice and safeguarding civil rights for all. Born in Oakland, California, Vice President Harris was elected District Attorney of San Francisco in 2004, where she became a leading advocate in the movement for LGBTQ+ rights, tenant rights, and more. She then served as California Attorney General, holding polluters accountable, protecting homeowners and tenants, prosecuting sex offenders, and reducing recidivism in California's prisons. She was elected to the Senate in November 2016, where she worked to combat climate change, secure voting rights, and protect minority communities from hate and consistently supported aid to Israel and opposed antisemitism. In 2020, she broke barriers as the first woman, the first Black American, and the first Asian American to be elected Vice President of the United States. As Vice President, she has played key roles in fighting antisemitism and calling out sexual violence perpetrated by Hamas, as well as protecting fundamental rights and securing historic investments in environmental protections, infrastructure development, and healthcare access. [Click here for additional information about Vice President Harris.](#)

### **Key Issues:**

- **Protecting Abortion Rights:** Since the overturn of *Roe v Wade*, Vice President Harris has led the fight to protect access to reproductive care. She became the highest-ranking official to ever [visit an abortion clinic](#) and conducted a nationwide [reproductive freedoms tour](#) to advocate for the importance of abortion access.
- **Defending Democracy:** Vice President Harris has promoted voting access and combatted voter suppression. She has [outlined a strategy](#) to safeguard voting rights, protect poll workers, and fight discriminatory laws in court. As president, Harris will continue pushing for comprehensive democracy reform packages such as the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the Freedom to Vote Act.
- **Advancing Gun Safety Reform:** Vice President Harris helped pass and implement the [Bipartisan Safer Communities Act](#), the first major piece of gun control legislation in three decades, which protects women from domestic violence, provides funding to implement red flag laws, expands background checks, and increases funding for mental health in schools. She also oversees the first-ever [White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention](#).
- **Protecting our Planet:** Vice President Harris cast the tie-breaking vote to pass the [Inflation Reduction Act](#), which is the most comprehensive legislative package to address our changing climate by investing in new, good-paying clean jobs and significantly reducing carbon emissions. It also made sure that corporations began to pay their fair share of taxes.

### **Supporting the Jewish Community:**

- **Combating Antisemitism and Hate:** Vice President Harris is a friend and ally to the Jewish community. She played a key role in drafting the first-ever [National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism](#) in U.S. history. As Vice President, she also supported increased funding for the [Nonprofit Security Grant Program](#), bolstering funding to help secure synagogues and other Jewish institutions from antisemitic hate crimes. Throughout her career, she has condemned acts of violence and antisemitism against Jewish Americans, visited Yad Vashem, and led a Senate resolution to combat antisemitism.
- **Supporting the U.S.-Israel Relationship:** Throughout her career, Vice President Harris has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to Israel's security. Prior to and since October 7, Vice President Harris made it abundantly clear that Israel has a right to defend itself. She has prioritized engaging with Israeli government officials, supported full funding for U.S. security assistance to Israel, and repeatedly called for eliminating the threat Hamas poses to Israel.

## **FAQs on Vice President Harris:**

### ***Where does Kamala Harris stand on Israel?***

- Throughout her career, Vice President Kamala Harris has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to Israeli security. Before and after October 7, the Vice President made it abundantly clear that Israel has a right to defend itself. The Biden-Harris administration has worked tirelessly to support Israel diplomatically and militarily and bring the hostages held by Hamas home. She went out of her way to draw attention to Hamas' use of sexual violence on Oct. 7 and convened the first-ever White House meeting on conflict-related sexual violence in June 2024, shining a light on Hamas's horrific acts of sexual violence. She reiterated her strong support for Israel on July 25 after meeting with Prime Minister Netanyahu.
- Harris played a critical role in the passage of the National Security Supplemental package, which provided Israel with \$15 billion in aid. She held [calls with congressional leadership to ensure its passage](#).
- Harris has met and worked with Israeli leaders, including Prime Ministers Netanyahu and Lapid, War Cabinet member Gantz, President Herzog, and more, to support Israel's security. Since October 7, The Vice President has joined more than 20 calls with PM Netanyahu and 6 with President Herzog.

### ***What has she done to combat antisemitism, and how will she support the Jewish community?***

- Vice President Harris and Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff played a key role in drafting the first-ever National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism. The strategy mobilizes over two dozen federal agencies and contains over 100 specific, actionable steps to end this scourge of hate and prevent antisemitic attacks.
- In the Senate, Harris was the lead sponsor of [S.Res.118](#), a resolution condemning hate crimes and any other forms of racism and discrimination. The resolution highlighted the threat posed by antisemitism and its dangerous rise and called on the Trump administration to devote additional resources to combating hate crimes, including those targeting Jews.
- When then-Senator Harris visited Yad Vashem in 2017, she wrote: "As we bear witness to the horrors of the Holocaust, let us always strive to remember that we as human beings have so much more in common than what separates us. And by embracing this truth, let us live up to that solemn promise — never again!"

### ***What is Kamala Harris's record as a prosecutor?***

- As State Attorney General, Harris secured a \$26 billion settlement from major banks to help California homeowners. The average homeowner received \$20,000 in mortgage aid.
- Harris went after oil companies and polluters, securing billions of dollars from Chevron and BP for violating hazardous waste laws. She defended legislation and executive orders in court when oil companies tried to overturn them.
- Harris launched numerous initiatives designed to curb recidivism as both a District attorney and Attorney General. The California Department of Justice became the first statewide agency to adopt a body camera program, which required all special agents to wear the devices. Harris launched a first-of-its-kind law enforcement training on implicit bias and procedural justice in an effort to allow for more neutral policing.
- Harris protected student borrowers from for-profit colleges that misrepresented their programs, obtaining a \$1.1 billion judgment against a California-based for-profit college system.

### ***What did Kamala Harris accomplish as Vice President?***

- Voting rights: Kamala Harris is a leading advocate for voting rights and safeguarding our democracy. She worked within the administration to promote access to voter registration and fight against voter suppression. Because of her efforts, the federal government is taking historic action to protect poll workers, ensure all eligible citizens are registered to vote, and make election information easily accessible for all.
- Abortion access: Since the overturn of *Roe v Wade*, the Vice President has led the fight to restore and protect reproductive care. She became the highest-ranking official to ever visit an abortion clinic and conducted a nationwide reproductive rights tour to advocate for the importance of abortion access.
- Inflation Reduction Act: Kamala Harris cast the tie-breaking vote for the Inflation Reduction Act, the largest climate investment in history. The Inflation Reduction Act is projected to create over 1.5 million jobs, save families hundreds of dollars on health insurance, and reduce carbon emissions by 40% by 2030.

### About her GOP opponent: Donald Trump

- **Donald Trump is a convicted felon.** On May 30, 2024, Donald Trump was found guilty of all 34 felony charges of falsifying business records. In order to hide his affair with Stormy Daniels from American voters ahead of the 2016 election, he paid her off, lied about it, and falsified business records to cover it up.
- **Donald Trump threatens our democracy.** Trump is a self-proclaimed aspiring “dictator on day one” who has repeatedly assaulted America’s democracy and democratic institutions, including by inciting a deadly insurrection on January 6, for which he was impeached, and committing fraud and attempting to overturn the 2020 election.
- **Donald Trump threatens our freedoms.** Trump [affirmed](#) that, if reelected, he would deploy the military against civilians for mass deportations, enact extreme anti-abortion laws nationwide, and refused to rule out weaponizing the Justice Department to target his political opponents.
- **Donald Trump would institute a national abortion ban.** Trump brags that he was able to “kill Roe v. Wade” and said that he would let Republican-controlled states monitor women’s pregnancies and prosecute those who violate abortion bans. He would outlaw prescriptions for medication abortion being delivered to patients through the mail and has previously indicated support for a national abortion ban.
- **Donald Trump has a [long history of antisemitic rhetoric](#).** He repeats antisemitic tropes and stereotypes and disparages the vast majority of Jewish Americans, accusing us of [hating Israel and our religion](#) because we will not support his extremism. [Republicans have echoed](#) Trump’s antisemitic canards.
- **Donald Trump aligns with and emboldens dangerous right-wing extremists.** In 2017, Trump infamously equated neo-Nazis with peaceful protestors, proclaiming there were “very fine people on both sides.” In the 2020 presidential debate, he blatantly refused to condemn white supremacy and instead incited right-wing extremists, the Proud Boys, to “stand back and stand by,” which they did on January 6. Trump hosted neo-Nazi Nick Fuentes and put extremists like Steve Bannon in positions of power.
- **Donald Trump is bad for Israel’s safety and security.** Trump [mocked Israel and praised terrorists](#) after October 7, [called on Israel to “finish up” the war in Gaza](#) without recognizing the more than 100 hostages, and has [said he supports transforming U.S. foreign aid](#), including to Israel, into loans. His former national security advisor, John Bolton, [said](#), “Trump’s support for Israel in the first term is not guaranteed in the second term because Trump’s positions are made on the basis of what’s good for Donald Trump, not on some coherent theory of national security.”
- **Donald Trump’s moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel hasn’t won him Jewish support, but it has led to increased antisemitism from Trump.** Three years after moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, Trump [declared](#) he took such action “for the Evangelicals.” Since then, he [said](#) that Jewish Americans who vote for [Democrats](#) demonstrate a “total lack of knowledge or disloyalty,” invoking an [antisemitic](#) dual loyalty accusation. He repeated this earlier this year when he [accused](#) the vast majority of Jewish voters of hating Israel and hating their religion because they vote for Democrats, [concluding](#) they should be “ashamed of themselves.”
- **Donald Trump’s rhetoric mirrors that of Adolf Hitler.** Trump has embraced a campaign of [fascist rhetoric unlike any we have seen before in the United States](#). Most recently, his campaign posted a video referencing a “unified reich” if he wins the 2024 election. The language he is using in this campaign mirrors the words of Hitler and Mussolini, attacking and dehumanizing immigrants and his political opponents. Former aides claim he [repeatedly praised](#) Hitler.