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<i>CANDIDATE</i>	JOSEPH “JOE” BIDEN	DONALD TRUMP
		
<i>PARTY</i>	Democrat	Republican
<i>BACKGROUND</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 76 • Former U.S. Vice President • Former U.S. Senator, Delaware • Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom • University of Delaware, BA • Syracuse University, JD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 72 • 45th U.S. President • Real Estate Developer • Reality TV Star • University of Pennsylvania, BA
<i>WEBSITE</i>	www.joe Biden.com	www.donaldjtrump.com
<i>CLIMATE CHANGE</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports creating a new treaty on climate change requiring emissions reductions • Supports Green New Deal • \$1.7 trillion “Clean Energy Revolution” plan to achieve net-zero U.S. greenhouse gas emissions no later than 2050 • Make significant investments in making the U.S. rail system the best in the world • Will focus on rebuilding the nation to ensure our infrastructure can withstand the impact of climate change • Oversaw the Recovery Act, the largest single investment in clean energy in U.S. history for renewable clean energy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not believe in climate change • Established panel devoted to challenging climate science • Withdrew from Paris Climate Accord • Increase fossil fuel developments • Rolled back regulations that resulted in the reversal of three consecutive years of declining U.S. carbon emissions
<i>CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports Criminal Justice Reform • Supports criminal rehabilitation • Eliminate racial disparities and ensure fair sentences • Supports survivors of violence • Supports capital punishment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports stop and frisk • Signed First Step Act in 2019 (federal prison reform and seeks to reduce recidivism) • Little to no emphasis on regulating police departments

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GUN CONTROL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ban assault-style weapons and high capacity magazines Time to sue gun manufacturers Supports universal background checks Regulate possession of existing assault weapons under the National Firearms Act Supports “smart guns”: requires manufacturers to block firearms from being used by those whose fingerprints are not registered for that specific gun 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% NRA approval rating Outspoken opponent of gun control Banned bump stocks Supports increase in mental health facilities versus background checks
HEALTH CARE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will protect Obamacare (Affordable Care Act) Supports universal healthcare Offer premium free access to public option for people who would otherwise qualify for Medicaid Increase value of tax credits to lower premiums and extend coverage to more working Americans End “surprise billing” where consumers are not aware that a provider used “out-of-network” pricing instead of “in network” pricing, resulting in higher costs Use the administration’s antitrust authority to address lack of competition (only a few drug corporations have market power; and are therefore, driving up consumer pricing) Lower prescription drug costs Repeal exception allowing drug corporations to avoid negotiating drug prices with Medicare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sued to end pre-existing condition protection Supports universal healthcare; no proposal to date Reform Medicaid: allow states to cap Medicaid spending and require adults on Medicaid to work or train for a job Campaigned to cut drug prices. No success to date Abolish the Affordable Health Care Act Supports reducing billions of dollars in federal support for Medicaid, food stamps and other safety net programs for the poor, while largely sparing the Medicare program that benefits seniors
IMMIGRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supported Secure Fence Act in 2006 Supports Comprehensive Immigration Reform Supports guest-worker visas and path to citizenship Reverse Trump Administration’s policies that separate parents from children End asylum mismanagement that limits number of asylum applications accepted each day (forces people seeking asylum to wait outside in often dangerous areas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significantly restrict immigration Build a wall at U.S./Mexico border Vetoed Congressional vote against building wall Increased number of immigration officers (ICE - <i>Immigration and Customs Enforcement</i>) authorized to perform law enforcement functions ICE has set records for arrest of undocumented immigrants with no criminal record Reduce the number of asylum seekers Restrict immigrants’ access to U.S. benefits Does not support DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) Restrict travel and visas from certain countries Reduce the number of refugees Adjusted H-1B visa program guidelines making it more difficult for U.S. employers to temporarily employ foreign workers in specialty occupations

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WOMEN’S RIGHT TO CHOOSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reaffirmed his support for <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, would “push” legislation to keep it legal Previously supported Hyde Amendment (prohibiting federal funds for abortion except in cases of rape and incest) -- as of June 6, 2019, no longer supports Hyde Amendment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pro Life Supports eliminating abortion funding
PANDEMIC RESPONSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A decisive public health response is required to ensure the wide availability of free testing; the elimination of all cost barriers to preventive care and treatment for COVID-19; the development of a vaccine; and the full deployment and operation of necessary supplies, personnel, and facilities A decisive economic response is required that starts with emergency paid leave for all those affected by the outbreak and gives all necessary help to workers, families, and small businesses that are hit hard by the crisis. Requires an immediate set of ambitious and progressive economic measures, and further decisive action to address the larger macro-economic shock from this outbreak 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stated that COVID-19 began in China; therefore, ended flights from China in January Established guidelines beginning mid-March via daily press briefings. Directed states to create their own implementation plans Varying state implementation plans diminished national uniformity, causing a high-level of confusion and inconsistency Moving to open businesses and schools as of April 2020, deviating from national guidelines. Guidelines were established with input from medical experts and scientists on his national COVID-19 task force Disbanded Pandemic Response Team addressing pandemic preparedness (established in 2015) after taking office
OTHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports Campaign Finance Reform Tax credits for students Increased taxation of the wealthy 91% voting record with the NEA (<i>National Education Association</i>) Will ensure teachers receive a competitive wage and benefits Supports gay rights Supports voting rights Committed to a diverse administration starting with the selection of a woman as his vice president 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renegotiating or canceling some international trade deals Withdrawing American troops from overseas (except Yemen: vetoed withdrawal of support in the Saudi led war on Yemen) Implemented 2019 Tax Reform Bill U.S., Mexico and Canada signed revised trade deal (USMCA) to replace NAFTA after successful negotiation with these countries and with Democrats Impeached by the House of Representatives on two counts: (1) abuse of power; and (2) obstruction of Congress The Senate voted in favor of President Trump; therefore, he was not removed from office Banned transgender troops from serving in the military Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Rush Limbaugh Does not support vote by mail

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**DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

<p align="center">Comprehensive Immigration Reform</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enact comprehensive immigration reform that treats immigrants fairly and preserves families • Enact federal policy that recognizes the extensive contributions that immigrants make to the American culture and economy
<p align="center">Criminal Justice Reform</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reform sentencing to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities • Enact comprehensive reintegration strategies to interrupt the costly cycle of recidivism • Enact incentives to promote fair policing and end excessive use of force • De-criminalize possession of cannabis
<p align="center">Economic Justice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Medicaid and resist efforts to use block grants to strip health care from disabled and/or low-income children, elderly and disabled Americans. By capping spending on Medicaid and enabling states to weaken the reach of the program, the block grant plan will jeopardize medical access for millions, including those who gained coverage in states that chose Medicaid expansion. The Administration's block grant program puts countless families at risk and also contradicts Congressional intent for Medicaid. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Protect the powers of the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau ○ Raise the Federal minimum wage to \$15/hour ○ Encourage innovation by bringing high-speed Internet to every corner of America • Support gender pay equity and require federal contractors to eliminate gender disparities in compensation; assure a minimum level of paid family leave, without pre-empting state/local protections
<p align="center">Health Care</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resist attacks on reproductive rights • Bring down the cost of prescription drugs • Eliminate health disparities
<p align="center">Sensible Gun Violence Prevention Measures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate funding to study the causes and cures of gun violence, including economic deprivation, suicide, gun safety education and entertainment that glorifies gratuitous violence • Raise the age of gun purchase to twenty-one
<p align="center">Student Loan Debt Crisis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student loan debt has reached astronomical levels in the U.S., with 44.2 million Americans carrying an estimated \$1.48 trillion in education debt. The average class of 2017 graduate left school with \$39,400 in student loans. The financial burden of student loan debt falls heaviest on women and people of color. According to an analysis by the American Association of University Women (AAUW), women own nearly two-thirds of student loan debt in the U.S., totaling almost \$900 billion. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, 86.8 percent of black students borrow federal loans to pay for attendance at four-year colleges and are more likely to graduate with higher levels of debt than white students, and they're also more likely to default on their loans.
<p align="center">Voting Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentivize nonpartisan redistricting • Enforce laws against racial gerrymandering and other practices and procedures that inhibit the right to vote • Restore and expand the protections of the Voting Rights Act

Federal Legislative Priorities as identified during Delta Days in the Nation's Capital (February 22-25, 2020).