

TEN QUESTIONS THAT SHOULD BE ASKED AT TUESDAY'S PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE AND THE CANDIDATES' TRACK RECORD ON THEM

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TOP TEN

10. Do you think fracking, coal, natural gas, oil, and fossil fuels are important to America's economic future?

- **Harris:** In 2019, she supported a [complete ban](#) on fossil fuels by 2040.
- **Trump:** In 2024, he emphasized that restoring America's [energy dominance](#), particularly through expanding domestic fossil fuel production, would be his top priority to ensure economic growth and national security.

9. Do you think armed police officers should be assigned to protect public schools?

- **Harris:** In 2019, she advocated for removing armed police officers from schools, citing concerns over ["inequities"](#) and their effect on students.
- **Trump:** Consistently supported law enforcement and calls for ["hardening schools,"](#) which includes allowing teachers to carry concealed weapons and supporting federal funding to hire retired police officers and veterans as armed guards to protect students.

8. Do you think illegal immigrants should have the right to vote? Do you support the SAVE Act, which is now being debated in Congress and requires proof of citizenship to vote?

- **Harris:** Consistently [opposed](#) voter ID laws, arguing they disproportionately burden certain communities. As Border Czar, her policies have allowed millions of illegal aliens into our country, and in some areas, undocumented individuals have obtained driver's licenses, potentially opening pathways to voting.

- **Trump:** Urged Congress to pass the [SAVE Act](#), warning that the integrity of the voting system is being compromised without proof of citizenship requirements.

7. Many women voters have said abortion is a priority issue in this election. What is your stance?

- **Harris:** Consistently said she supports abortion-on-demand, [24/7, at any point, without requiring in-person care](#) to ensure the health of the mother and baby.
- **Trump:** Been clear he supports life, and always with [exceptions](#) for rape, incest, and the life of the mother. He believes this is largely [a state's issue](#), and has also said he would help women in need through offering financial assistance, including adoption and childcare resources.

6. Would you support funding and constructing the remainder of the border wall?

- **Harris:** She claimed the wall is “un-American” and a “[vanity project](#)” that misused taxpayer money. The Biden-Harris Administration has allowed millions of dollars of wall panels to lay unused along the border instead of installing them, as Border Patrol agents have requested.
- **Trump:** He said he would address the current immigration crisis by “[finishing the wall](#),” most of which he has “already built.”

5. Do you think illegal immigrants who commit crimes should be removed from the United States?

- **Harris:** Repeatedly sided with illegal immigrants over the rule of law. During her first presidential run, Harris said she would make illegal crossings a “civil enforcement issue, [not a criminal enforcement issue](#).” As San Francisco District Attorney, Kamala Harris [ran a](#) program that allowed illegal immigrants arrested for drug crimes to get job training and have their records expunged.
- **Trump:** Official 2024 platform [states](#) that “The Republican Party is committed to sending Illegal Aliens back home and removing those who have violated our Laws.”

4. Do you think America's NATO allies should honor their commitment to pay 2% of their GDP on defense?

- **Harris:** The Biden-Harris Administration has repeatedly claimed that [NATO is stronger than ever](#) before under their leadership. However, as of 2024, [19 of the 32 NATO members](#) have not met their commitment to spend 2% of their GDP on defense, a target set by the alliance in 2014.

- **Trump:** He has called for NATO members to pay their fair share into the alliance long before Russia invaded Ukraine.

3. Do you support school choice so parents and students, especially low-income students, have the same opportunity for a great education that middle and upper-class students receive?

- **Harris:** She has increased funding for schools that continue to fail to help children meet benchmark standards. Reading and math scores are at a 30-year low, and instead of allowing for children to find alternative schooling options, Harris has just rewarded those failing schools with more funding, keeping kids trapped.
- **Trump:** He has long been a champion for the freedom of students and families to choose the form of schooling that best fits their needs. He has advocated student outcomes that best uplift all children, especially low-income and minority children.

2. Do you think the key to addressing inflation is lowering energy costs and regulations on business?

- **Harris:** Under the Biden-Harris Administration, their push for “net-zero” policies has significantly hindered domestic energy production, which would otherwise help reduce costs for goods and services by lowering energy and transportation expenses.
- **Trump:** For years, he has championed the expansion of American energy, arguing it would create jobs and lower costs. He attributes part of the inflation spike to Harris’ aggressive policies against American energy production.

1. Goldman Sachs has indicated that significant government spending contributes to inflation. In your view, should the government reduce spending to help restore economic stability and bring prosperity back to the Nation?

- **Harris:** She was the deciding vote for two major spending bills in the past three years that added trillions to the national debt, contributing to the highest inflation in 40 years.
- **Trump:** Has pledged to boost the economy by cutting federal spending and has proposed establishing a “government efficiency commission” to oversee these reductions. This commission would aim to streamline government operations, reduce waste, and ensure that taxpayer dollars are used more effectively, with the goal of fostering economic growth and reducing the national debt.

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