

# TRUMP/HARRIS RECORD COMPARISON

This document compares actions taken by former President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris on faith-related issues



**DONALD J. TRUMP**  
AND HIS ADMINISTRATION



**KAMALA HARRIS**  
AND THE BIDEN/HARRIS  
ADMINISTRATION

## JUDGES

**Appointed Gorsuch, Kavanaugh, and Barrett** to the Supreme Court.<sup>1</sup>

**Voted "no" on Gorsuch, Kavanaugh, and Barrett's** appointments.<sup>2</sup>

## COURT PACKING

**Opposed court packing** (adding justices to the U.S. Supreme Court to change the Court's ideological balance).<sup>3</sup>

Said she was **"absolutely open" to court packing**.<sup>4</sup>

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Created a **Religious Liberty Taskforce** at the DOJ; installed faith advisors/liaisons in every federal department and agency; advocated for the **repeal of the Johnson Amendment**.<sup>5</sup>

Introduced a bill to **weaken the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA)**; opposed religious exemptions from the **contraceptive mandate**.<sup>6</sup>

## LIFE

Celebrated the **overturning of Roe v. Wade**; allowed pro-life pregnancy resource centers to receive federal funds; was the first American President to **speak at the March for Life**.<sup>7</sup>

Supported **codifying Roe v. Wade**; voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act; was the first American Vice President to **visit a Planned Parenthood facility**.<sup>8</sup>

## FREE SPEECH

**Supported free speech** for a wedding cake baker and faith-based foster care providers **in U.S. Supreme Court cases**; issued an executive order to promote and protect free speech.<sup>9</sup>

**Opposed free speech** for a wedding website designer and pro-life demonstrators **in U.S. Supreme Court cases**; co-sponsored a bill to require pro-life clinics to give women information about obtaining abortions.<sup>10</sup>

## FAMILY ISSUES

**Opposed gender transition surgeries for children**; supported keeping **men out of women's sports**; opposed the Equality Act; supported traditional marriage.<sup>11</sup>

**Supported gender transitions for children**; supported the Equality Act (which could allow **men in womens sports**); said she would install a **Chief Advocate for LGBTQ+ Affairs in the White House** in 2020.<sup>12</sup>

## MILITARY

Strengthened military religious liberty; **disallowed service by military personnel with gender dysphoria**.<sup>13</sup>

Supported VA health facilities providing abortion services; **supported service by military personnel with gender dysphoria**.<sup>14</sup>

## ISRAEL

Recognized **Jerusalem as Israel's capital**; moved the **U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem**; negotiated **the Abraham Accords**; **withdrew from the Iran deal**; said he would give Israel "the support that it needs to win."<sup>15</sup>

Expressed an "unwavering commitment" to Israel; called for an **"immediate cease-fire"** in Gaza; described the situation in **Gaza as a "humanitarian catastrophe"**; skipped Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's address to Congress in July 2024.<sup>16</sup>

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