



DONALD J. TRUMP
AND HIS ADMINISTRATION

TRUMP/HARRIS RECORD COMPARISON

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



KAMALA HARRIS
AND THE BIDEN/HARRIS
ADMINISTRATION

JUDGES

Appointed Gorsuch, Kavanaugh, and Barrett to the Supreme Court.¹

Voted "no" on Gorsuch, Kavanaugh, and Barrett's appointments.²

COURT PACKING

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

Said she was **"absolutely open" to court packing**.⁴

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Created a **Religious Liberty Taskforce** at the DOJ; provided religious exemptions from the contraceptive mandate; advocated for the **repeal of the Johnson Amendment**.⁵

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

LIFE

Celebrated the **overturning of Roe v. Wade**; promised to veto any legislation that would weaken pro-life laws; was the first American President to **speak at the March for Life**.⁷

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**.⁸

FREE SPEECH

Supported free speech for wedding vendors and faith-based foster care providers **in U.S. Supreme Court cases**; issued an executive order to promote and protect free speech.⁹

Opposed free speech for wedding vendors 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.¹⁰

FAMILY ISSUES

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

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 2020.¹²

MILITARY

Strengthened military religious liberty; **disallowed service by military personnel with gender dysphoria**.¹³

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

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."¹⁵

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 2024.¹⁶

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