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Summary: Biden's re-election roadmap shares much, in both contour and tone, with Trump's brand of economic nationalism. First, he advocated "buy American" policies for government contracts, championed domestic manufacturing workers, and criticized previous administrations for not doing enough on this front. Second, Biden championed the "record number of personnel working to secure the border, arresting 8,000 human smugglers and seizing over 23,000 pounds of fentanyl in just the last several months." Third, he took a hawkish tone on China, arguing that the US is now "in the strongest position in decades to compete with" the Chinese. Lastly, Biden criticized Republicans for allegedly wanting to cut spending on Medicare and Social Security, thus positioning himself as the protector of those programs.

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