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The candidates featured on this page are the presumptive and confirmed presidential nominees from the Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, and Green parties. Candidates are listed in alphabetical order by last name.

-  **Joe Biden**
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## Taxes

### Democratic candidates

#### Joe Biden

Joe Biden's campaign website says that, "Economic inequality is pulling this country apart. We need stronger labor laws and a tax code that rewards a middle class that's been cut out of decades of economic growth—not just the wealthy, who have gotten too many tax breaks for too long."

Biden's website also says, "His first step will be reversing President Trump's tax cuts for the super-wealthy and corporations. Joe will also eliminate special tax breaks that reward special interests and get rid of the capital gains loophole for multi-millionaires." <sup>[source]</sup>

### Green candidates

#### Howie Hawkins

Howie Hawkins' campaign website says, "First, we need to end the regressive payroll tax by lifting the \$128,400 cap on Social Security taxes. Second, put in place more a progressive income tax, especially on the wealthiest. Third, institute a wealth tax. Fourth, increase the inheritance tax, reversing the trend of reducing such taxes. Fifth, tax wealth at the same rates we tax work. Capital gains — profits from the sale of stocks, bonds, and other assets — are taxed at much lower rates than income from work is taxed. Sixth, put in place a progressive carbon tax as a tool to combat the climate crisis." <sup>[source]</sup>

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## Libertarian candidates

### Jo Jorgensen

Jo Jorgensen's campaign website says, "Taxes are never voluntary – they are always paid under threat of punishment. If you fail to pay what government says you owe, you can be fined, have your wages garnished, assets seized, even go to prison. Voting for more government spending inevitably leads to higher taxes to pay for it – now, or in the future. As President, I will work tirelessly to slash federal spending, make government much, much smaller, and let you keep what you earn." [source]

## Republican candidates

### Donald Trump

Donald Trump's campaign website says, "Under President Trump's leadership, Congress passed historic tax cuts and relief for hard-working Americans. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act: Is the first major tax reform signed in 30 years. Provided tax relief for 82% of middle-class families. Doubled the Child Tax Credit providing an additional \$1,000 per child in tax relief for working parents. Nearly doubled the standard deduction, a change that simplified the tax filing process for millions of Americans. Cut taxes for small business by 20%, providing \$415 billion in tax relief for small business owners. Alleviated the tax burden on over 500 companies. who used those savings to fund bonuses, wage increases for 4.8 million workers." [source]

## Withdrawn candidates

### Michael Bloomberg

Mike Bloomberg's campaign website says, "Mike's proposals to reform the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) focus on the need for effective programs to raise the incomes of low-wage workers, encourage economic participation, share the gains of growth more broadly, and do as much as possible to end poverty in work. The proposals call for reforming the EITC to make it much more generous, especially for single childless workers, as well as simplifying the rules so that the credit is easier to administer. He also proposed a pilot program to expand the EITC benefit to cover family caregiving and other forms of unpaid or ineligible employment, with the goal of making this an integral part of his EITC reform. The proposal will also increase the Child Tax Credit to make it fully refundable, and phase it in faster, starting with the first dollar of earnings."

His website also says, "Mike's housing proposals address the nation's severe shortage of affordable housing, including an expansion of funding for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) that would add hundreds of thousands of units of affordable housing over ten years." [source]

### Cory Booker