

DVC Talking Points

About Vice President Kamala Harris

Vice President Harris is fighting for a New Way Forward that protects our fundamental freedoms, strengthens our democracy, and ensures every person has the opportunity to not just get by, but to get ahead. As a prosecutor, Attorney General, Senator, and now Vice President of the United States, Kamala Harris always stood up for the people against predators, scammers, and powerful interests. She promises to be a president for all Americans, a president who unites us around our highest aspirations, and a president who always fights for the American people. From the courthouse to the White House, that has been her life's work.

About Governor Tim Walz

Governor Walz is a lifelong Midwesterner who has delivered for the middle class: he signed the largest tax cut in state history, lowered the cost of prescription drugs, and has stood up for reproductive freedoms. Just like Vice President Harris, he will never stop fighting for working families.

Issue	Vice President Harris	Contrast with Trump's Project 2025
Core Values	Vice President Harris and Governor Walz are fighting for a new way forward that protects our fundamental freedoms, strengthens our democracy, and ensures every person has the opportunity to not just get by, but to get ahead. Harris grew up in a middle-class home as the daughter of a working mom. She believes that when the middle class is strong, America is strong. As President, she will create an Opportunity Economy where everyone has a chance to compete and a chance to succeed with hard work and ambition.	Donald Trump is a convicted criminal running to enact his extreme and dangerous Project 2025 agenda that would roll back Americans' rights and freedoms, hurt the middle class, and threaten our democracy. He will purge the government of anyone not sufficiently loyal and replace them with MAGA loyalists who will empower him to rule as a dictator on "day one." Those who worked closest with Trump warn he should not be president again.
Abortion	Vice President Harris trusts women to make decisions about their own bodies, and not have the government tell them what to do. Since Roe was overturned, Harris has driven the Administration's strategy to protect reproductive freedom and safeguard the privacy of patients and providers. As president, she will never allow a national abortion ban to become law. And when Congress passes a bill to restore reproductive freedom nationwide, she will sign it.	Donald Trump Trump brags that he is "proudly the person responsible" for overturning Roe and has said that women who get an abortion should be punished. He will use his Project 2025 agenda to ban abortion nationwide, restrict access to contraception and IVF, and force states to report on women's miscarriages and abortions.
Social Security and Medicare	Vice President Harris will protect Social Security and Medicare against relentless attacks from Donald Trump and his extreme allies. She will strengthen Social Security and Medicare for the long haul by making millionaires and billionaires pay their fair share in taxes and will always fight to ensure that Americans who have paid into these programs their entire lives can count on getting the benefits they earned.	Donald Trump proposed cuts to Social Security and Medicare in every one of his budgets as President. Now, he wants to gut the programs if he wins while giving tax handouts to his super-rich friends. He's called for privatizing Social Security, which he once called a "Ponzi scheme."

Economy

Vice President Harris grew up in a middle-class home as the daughter of a working mom. She believes that when the middle class is strong, America is strong. That's why as president, **she will create an Opportunity Economy where everyone with hard work and ambition has a chance to compete and a chance to succeed.** And she has made clear that **building up the middle class will be a defining goal of her presidency** – that's why she will make it a **top priority to bring down costs of everyday needs like health care, housing, and groceries** and increase economic security for all Americans. She will bring together organized labor and workers, small business owners, entrepreneurs, and American companies to create good-paying jobs, grow the economy, and ensure that America continues to lead the world.

Trump's first presidency cost the country millions of jobs, left us on the brink of a recession, and gave massive handouts to billionaires and big corporations. A second term would be worse. **His Project 2025 agenda will jack up prices and weaken the middle class.** He wants to give tax breaks to billionaires and big corporations, **raise taxes on working families by \$3,900 a year** through tariffs, **cut Social Security and Medicare, end the Affordable Care Act,** and **repeal limits on drug prices.** Independent experts agree: Trump's plan would trigger a recession by mid-2025, cost America over 3 million jobs, increase the debt by \$4 trillion, send inflation skyrocketing, and hurt everyone but the richest Americans.

Tax
Fairness

Vice President Harris believes that working families deserve a break. That's why under her plan more than 100 million working and middle-class Americans will get a tax cut. She will ensure no family earning under \$400,000 per year pays a penny more in taxes. She will make sure the wealthiest Americans and the largest corporations pay their fair share, so we can take action to build up the middle class while reducing the deficit.

Donald Trump believes the tax code should work for himself and his billionaire donors. He's promising another Billionaire Tax Break that would give a yearly \$3.5 million handout per billionaire, a \$1.5 trillion windfall for big corporations, and make it easier for wealthy tax cheats to avoid paying what they owe at the expense of working families. And experts agree: his Project 2025 Agenda would raise taxes on middle-class families by more than \$3,900 a year.

Healthcare

Vice President Harris will make affordable health care a right, not a privilege by expanding and strengthening the ACA and making the tax credits that are lowering premiums by about \$800/year for millions of Americans permanent. She'll extend the \$35 cap on insulin and \$2,000 cap on out-of-pocket spending for seniors to all Americans. And she'll accelerate Medicare negotiations to cover more drugs and lower prices for Americans. As vice president, she helped cancel \$7 billion of medical debt for 3 million Americans and as president, she'll work with states to cancel medical debt for even more Americans.

Donald Trump Trump was one vote away from repealing the ACA in his first term. Now, he has promised to "terminate" the ACA if reelected, ending protections for millions of Americans with pre-existing conditions. He will gut Medicare and repeal limits on drug prices to enrich his friends in Big Pharma.