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## September 2019 Democratic Debate Candidate Profiles

An in-depth look at the candidates participating in the September 2019  
Democratic Debate.

### Joe Biden

Previous positions:

- Vice President 2009-2017
- Delaware Senator 1973-2009
- New Castle County Councilmember 1970-1972

Years in Public Office: 47 years

Notable Moments:

- Passage of the Affordable Care Act
- Served as Chair of Senate Judiciary Committee during Anita Hill hearings/Clarence Thomas confirmation

Stance:

- Abortion
  - Voted in favor of the Hyde Amendment, but has recently announced that he no longer supports a ban on government funding for abortion.
- Paid Family Leave
  - In 2016 Biden joined Mr. Cuomo at a Manhattan YMCA to lend his support to the governor's push to mandate three months of paid family leave, funded by employee contributions, in that year's state budget. The paid leave would allow employees to care for a newborn infant or a sick loved one.
- Supports ERA
- Equal Pay



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- Supports equal pay, calling it "common sense". He most recently called out for equal pay for the US women's soccer team
- #MeToo
  - Received attention during the #MeToo movement for a history of making women uncomfortable with excessive touching, photos circulated through the media of him grabbing women's shoulders.
  - Also instrumental in passing the Violence Against Women Act.
- Criminal Justice Reform
  - Revert offenders with only drug charges from prison to rehab and "drug courts", end for-profit prisons
  - Refocus on redemption and rehabilitation,
  - End race, gender, and income-based disparities within the system
  - Focus on solving issues that lead to incarceration like substance abuse, lack of support for youth leaving foster care, etc.
- Gun Control
  - In 1994 Biden helped author a crime bill that outlawed the manufacture, transfer, and possession of 19 types of military-style assault weapons and expired in 2004 in accordance with its 10-year sunset provision.
  - Supports an assault weapons ban, as well as a voluntary federal buyback program.
- Health Care
  - Wants to expand on the Affordable Care Act by creating a public option
- Immigration Reform
  - End border detention centers and focus on solving the issues which are forcing people to illegally cross the US border in order to escape violence, economic turmoil, and political corruption.



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**Elizabeth Warren**

Previous positions:

Massachusetts Senator 2013-2024

Years in Public Office: 6 years

Notable Moments:

- Started the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- When the GOP blocked her nomination to run it, she ran for the Senate instead

Stance:

- Abortion
  - Has called on Congress to pass legislation aimed at guaranteeing abortion and other reproductive rights, even if Roe v. Wade falls, to pass laws banning targeted regulations on abortion providers, and a guarantee of insurance coverage for abortion and birth control. She also calls for a repeal of the Trump administration's domestic gag rule.
- Paid Family Leave
  - In 2016 Warren advocated for paid family leave saying that workers need more financial support when taking time off to care for a newborn or loved one.
- Supports ratifying the ERA
- Equal Pay
  - Has said that an equal-pay law is necessary for closing the gender wage gap. Warren pledged that if elected president, she will require federal contractors to disclose pay data broken down by race and direct federal agencies to not do business with contractors that pay women of color less their white/ and/or male counterparts.
- #MeToo
  - Supports the #MeToo movement and survivors.



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- Criminal Justice Reform
  - Wants to end racial disparities in the justice system
  - End for-profit prisons
  - Embrace community policing and demilitarize our police, comprehensive sentencing reform, decriminalize marijuana, ensure everyone is equal under the law despite their financial status.
- Gun Control
  - Has a goal to reduce gun deaths by 80% through executive action and legislation. This includes background checks, investigating the NRA, and revoking licenses to gun dealers who break the law.
  - Calls for a federal licensing system, limiting the number of firearms someone could buy, raising the minimum age to 21 for purchasing a gun, holding gun manufacturers liable, and raising taxes for gun manufacturers.
  - Warren's plan calls for \$100 million annual investment into gun violence research.
- Health Care
  - Medicare for All
- Immigration Reform
  - Calls for eliminating criminal penalties for people entering the country without authorization, but would leave in place civil penalties for illegal border crossings.
  - Calls to separate law enforcement from immigration enforcement responsibilities, as combining the two "sows distrust and harms public safety".
  - She wants ICE to focus their efforts on preventing smuggling and trafficking.
  - Warren also proposes to reinstate and expand DACA and create an achievable path to citizenship for people to fall under TPS and DED.

**Bernie Sanders**



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Previous positions:

- Vermont Senator 2007-2024
- Vermont Representative 1991-2007
- Mayor of Burlington, VT 1981-1989

Years in Public Office: 38 years

Notable Moments:

- Unwaveringly opposed to Hillary's candidacy in 2016
- Was one of few senators not to vote for the Iraq War
- Sponsoring Green New Deal with Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

Stance:

- Abortion
  - Pro-Choice
  - Intends to fully fund Planned Parenthood and Title X, along with protecting Roe and electing judges who will champion reproductive rights for all
- Paid Family Leave
  - Wants to implement paid family and medical leave for all working Americans
- In favor of passing the ERA
- Equal Pay
  - Supports house bill known as the Paycheck Fairness Act which would ensure equal pay for women
- #MeToo
- Criminal Justice Reform
  - Legalize marijuana and end War on Drugs, eliminate private prisons and detention centers, end cash bail, abolish the death penalty, end mandatory minimum sentences, reinstate the federal system of parole, major police dept. reform, prevent employers from discriminating against employees by "banning the box"



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- Gun Control
  - Wants to take on the NRA, expand background checks, end gun show loophole, ban the sale of assault weapons, prohibit high-ammunition magazine sales
- Health Care
  - Medicare for All
- Immigration Reform
  - Expand DACA
  - Reshape and reform immigration enforcement system-- ICE
  - End family separation and border detention centers, inhumane and cruel detention and deportation programs
  - Establish an oversight committee for immigration enforcement within the Dept. of Homeland Security

**Kamala Harris**

Previous positions:

- California Senator 2017-2022
- Attorney General of California 2011-2017
- District Attorney of San Francisco 2004-2011

Years in Public Office: 15 years

Notable Moments:

- First woman and POC to serve as California Attorney General
- Second black woman to serve in US Senate
- Role on Judiciary committee during Christine Ford/Brett Kavanaugh hearings.

Stance:

- Abortion
  - Pro-Choice



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- Will protect Planned Parenthood from GOP efforts to defund, nominate judges who respect and support Roe, and roll back Trump admin limits on access to contraception
- Address racial disparities in maternal health by passing the Maternal CARE Act she introduced to Senate in 2018
- Wants to implement a system similar to the one used by the Voting Rights Act, which would require states with a history of trying to limit access to reproductive healthcare to get federal approval from the DOJ before implementing any law regarding abortion
- Paid Family Leave
  - Will fight to pass the FAMILY Act which would provide all workers with up to 12 weeks paid family or medical leave
- Supports ERA
  - Harris has said that she plans to make the Equal Rights Amendment a top priority if elected president (within the first 100 days).
- Equal Pay
  - Wants to mandate equal pay by requiring companies to earn an "Equal Pay Certification" by proving they do not pay men more than women for equal work and provide statistics about women in leadership roles
- #MeToo
  - She has been a prominent supporter of the #MeToo movement against sexual harassment in the workplace.
  - She was one of the first to call for the resignation of Sen. Al Franken and protested the Supreme Court nomination of Kavanaugh.
- Criminal Justice Reform
  - Her reforms include: double Civil Rights division of DOJ, support legislation to end racial profiling, legalize marijuana, reform federal sentencing laws, end private prisons, push states to prioritize treatment and rehabilitation for drug offenses, seek a federal moratorium on the death penalty, expunge records of marijuana offenses, increase investments



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in re-entry and job training programs for recent parolees, and "ban the box"

- Gun Control
  - Demands universal background checks, ban of assault weapons, and ending the NRA immunity shield from Congress in her first 100 days
  - If not she will mandate the most comprehensive background checks in history, revoke manufacturer licenses of gun providers who break the law, close the "boyfriend loophole", reverse Trump's decision to allow fugitives to purchase guns, and ban assault weapons
- Health Care
  - Medicare for All
- Immigration Reform
  - Will fight for reform which creates a path to citizenship for 11 million people, reinstate DACA and implement DAPA, restore and expand Temporary Protected Status for those fleeing violence and war in their home countries, close private detention centers, increase oversight of agencies like Customs and Border Protection, end family separation, reverse the Muslim Ban, fix family visa backlog, allow those arriving at the Southern border to stake their claim for asylum, pursue foreign policy to stabilize Central America, increasing funding for processing centers and child welfare workers

**Pete Buttigieg**

Previous positions:

- Mayor of South Bend, IN 2012-2020
- Lieutenant in US Navy 2009-2017

Years in Public Office: 7 years

Notable Moments:





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- The youngest mayor of a US city of 100,000 or more people at 29
- Becomes the first elected executive in Indiana to come out as gay, accomplishes a "1,000 properties in 1,000 days" initiative (rehab or demolishes dilapidated homes)
- Creates "smart streets" in downtown that would convert one-way thoroughfares into two-way streets which have more sidewalks and bike lanes.

**Stance:**

- **Abortion**
  - Pro-Choice
  - Will repeal the Hyde Amendment
  - Believes the government's role should be to ensure women have access to comprehensive affordable care which includes birth control and abortion
- **Paid Family Leave**
  - Implemented full-salary, 6-week paid parental leave policy for city employees as mayor in 2018. This applies to both mothers and fathers, as well as parents of adopted children.
- **Supports ERA**
  - Will remove the deadline and support the amendment
- **Equal Pay**
  - Will promote transparency for companies to ensure they do right by their female employees and achieve equal pay
  - He will propose legislation to immediately make public the total pay gap at every large company
- **#MeToo**
  - Said he would not have "applied that pressure" to Al Franken to resign from the Senate after allegations of sexual misconduct in December 2017.
  - Said that "...we basically held him to a higher standard than the GOP does their people has been used against us."
- **Criminal Justice Reform**
  - Wants to reduce the number of people incarcerated in the US by 50%, invest in social services and diversion programs, and



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allow people to rehabilitate, double funding for federal grants for states that commit to criminal justice reform, eliminate incarceration for drug possession, reduce sentences for other drug offenses, legalize marijuana, expunge past marijuana convictions, eliminate mandatory minimums, establish an independent clemency commission outside the DOJ, fight the profit motive in the criminal justice system, reduce the criminalization of poverty and its link to incarceration, appoint US sentencing commissioners and an AG and deputy AG committed to criminal justice reform, nominate under-represented judges

- Gun Control
  - Wants to institute universal background checks, ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, enact red flag laws that disarm at-risk individuals, close the "boyfriend loophole", close the "Charleston loophole" to allow FBI additional time to complete every background check, prohibit people convicted of hate crimes from acquiring or possessing firearms, hold the gun industry accountable by repealing the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, resume federal funding for gun violence research, invest in evidence-based urban gun violence intervention programs proven to work
- Health Care
  - "Medicare for All Who Want It" providing a public option and leaving private insurance in place for those who wish to keep it, as a pathway towards Medicare for All
- Immigration Reform
  - Wants to modernize our immigration laws to reflect today's humanitarian and economic needs, restore our global leadership in humanitarian relief for refugees, end the family separation crisis, evaluate ICE and CBP practices to ensure similar humanitarian crises never happen again, reinstate enforcement priorities and prevent arbitrary targeting of immigrant communities by enforcement officials



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**Beto O'Rourke**

Previous positions:

- Texas Representative 2013-2019
- El Paso City Councilmember 2005-2011

Years in Public Office: 6 years

Notable Moments:

- Led campaign with a historic turnout and fundraising and narrowly missed beating out Ted Cruz for Senate

Stance:

- Abortion
  - Pro-Choice
  - Will appoint Supreme Court Justices and federal court judges who respect Roe, work with Congress to pass legislation that protects the full spectrum of reproductive health care through insurance coverage, repeal the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits the spending of federal funds on abortion services
  - Prevent states from mandating purposeless medical procedures and protocols, including unnecessary waiting periods or ultrasound requirements that are designed to prevent women from accessing abortion
- Paid Family Leave
  - Will enact paid family leave policy
- ERA
- Equal Pay
  - Will close the pay gap by passing the Paycheck Fairness Act
  - Ensure robust support for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
  - Appoint a Federal Reserve chair and governors who will prioritize full employment, which has been shown to especially benefit black workers' wages



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- #MeToo
- Criminal Justice Reform
  - Will end the prohibition of marijuana and expunge the arrest records of those incarcerated for possessing it; end cash bail; end mandatory minimums; eliminate private and for-profit prisons; ensure police are accountable for civil rights violations; provide more funding for public defenders; ensure the formerly incarcerated have a path to re-enter our communities.
- Gun Control
  - Will start ending the epidemic of gun violence in America by implementing universal background checks, which have been proven to reduce violence; closing loopholes, like the Boyfriend Loophole and Charleston Loophole, so domestic abusers can't possess deadly weapons and the FBI has the time it needs to conduct background checks; keeping weapons of war on the battlefield, so they're not trained against our communities; passing red flag laws, so people who have a tendency to harm themselves or others don't have access to firearms; and addressing existing suffering, by increasing trauma support.
- Health Care
  - Supports a public option in addition to private insurance companies.
- Immigration Reform
  - Will rewrite our immigration laws in our own image.
  - On day one, he will end child detention; reunite families; ensure separation never happens again; remove the fear of deportation for Dreamers and their parents, also expedite the naturalization process for the 9 million immigrants already eligible for citizenship; create a pathway to earned citizenship for America's 11 million undocumented residents; and partner with our neighbors to restore regional security—all while ensuring we remain a nation of laws.



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**Cory Booker**

Previous positions:

- New Jersey Senator 2013-2020
- Mayor of Newark 2006-2013
- Newark Municipal Councilmember 1998-2002

Years in Public Office: 17 years

Notable Moments:

- Played a leading role in the push to pass the First Step Act (a bipartisan criminal justice reform bill), was the first sitting senator to ever testify against a fellow sitting senator at a confirmation hearing for a cabinet position (against Jeff Sessions), introduced the "Marijuana Justice Act", cosponsored Act to shield Mueller from actions taken by the executive branch to interfere with probe of Russian interference.

Stance:

- Abortion
  - Pro-Choice
  - Will nominate judges who are committed to upholding reproductive rights, pass legislation to codify protections guaranteed by Roe, create a White House Office of Reproductive Freedom charged with coordinating and affirmatively advancing abortion rights and access to reproductive health care, guarantee access to employer-provided contraceptive care, repeal the Hyde amendment, end domestic and global gag rules.
- Paid Family Leave
  - Tweeted earlier this year: "Paid family leave is an investment in the strength of our families. I'm proud to see New Jersey leading on this issue, and will continue to fight for federal



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legislation guaranteeing paid family leave for all American families".

- **Supports ERA**
  - In 2017, Booker co-sponsored the ERA.
- **Equal Pay**
  - Has historically voted to pass legislation fighting for equal pay and closing the income gender gap.
- **#MeToo**
- **Criminal Justice Reform**
  - Will fight to end the War on Drugs, decriminalize marijuana, expunge marijuana records, and restore justice to individuals and communities that have been devastated by the War on Drugs, extend clemency to individuals serving excessive sentences for nonviolent drug offenses, eliminate the racially-targeted sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine, end harsh mandatory minimums for nonviolent drug offenses, improve the ability of those behind bars to stay in touch with their loved ones, reinvest in the communities most impacted by the failed War on Drugs, remove barriers to employment for people with criminal convictions, reinstate the right to vote in federal elections for formerly incarcerated individuals, provide better training for law enforcement officers on implicit racial bias, de-escalation and use-of-force, prohibit racial and religious profiling and improve the reporting of police use-of-force incidents.
- **Gun Control**
  - Will take on the NRA and corporate gun lobby, keep guns out of the wrong hands with gun licensing, pass universal background checks, ban assault weapons, and close the loopholes that allow people who should never have a gun to get one, Bring real regulation and oversight to gun manufacturers, End legal immunity that prevents victims of gun violence from seeking justice, Require handgun microstamping. Close the "Charleston Loophole" and the "Boyfriend Loophole", ban high-capacity magazines and bump



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stocks, limit gun buyers to one handgun per month, ramp up funding for community-based violence intervention programs and gun violence research, take executive action to build on ongoing efforts to take concrete steps forward.

- Health Care
  - Medicare for All
- Immigration Reform
  - Will end family separation and ensure our immigration system is humane, fair, and respects immigrants' rights by ending private detention facilities and not treating immigrants who cross our border seeking safety as criminals, create an asylum process that recognizes the dignity of those who have taken extraordinary risks to seek safe haven in our country, expand protections for DREAMers and people with Temporary Protected Status and Deferred Enforced Departure, fight for a pathway to citizenship for millions of undocumented immigrants living in the US.

**Andrew Yang**

Previous positions:

- Founder of Venture for America 2011-2017
- CEO of Manhattan Prep, 2006-2012

Years in Public Office: 0 years

Notable Moments:

- Created Venture for America, a nonprofit fellowship program

Stance:

- Abortion



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- Supports access to safe and affordable abortion services, as well as access to contraceptives, and financial, emotional, and structural support to individuals who are financially struggling and become pregnant.
- Paid Family Leave
  - Wants to institute a mandatory leave policy-- all full-time workers should be guaranteed a minimum of four weeks, and contractors should also be given paid time off if they work for the same company consistently and reliably.
- ERA
- Equal Pay
  - Supports and advocates for equal pay
- #MeToo
- Criminal Justice Reform
  - Reduce mass incarceration, decrease pre-trial cash bail, legalize marijuana, every cop gets a camera, decriminalize opioids
- Gun Control
  - Need more common-sense gun safety measures, ban most dangerous guns, allow the right to bear arms (subject to licensing and education requirements).
- Health Care
  - Medicare for all
  - Implement "the Freedom Dividend" which is a UBI
- Immigration Reform
  - Support DREAM Act, provide a pathway to citizenship for those who are here illegally, enforce the border.

**Tulsi Gabbard**

Previous positions:

- Honolulu City Council 2011-2012
- Senate Legislative Aid 2007-2009





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- US Representative for Hawaii 2002-2004
- Major in the Hawaii Army National Guard

Years in Public Office: 8 years

Notable Moments:

- She was elected to the Hawaii State House to represent West Oahu at the age of 21, which made her the youngest woman ever elected to the state legislature.
- In 2013 Gabbard was elected vice-chair of the Democratic National Committee.

Stance:

- Abortion
  - Early on in her political career, Gabbard opposed abortion. Has since said she's "committed to preserving a woman's right to choose," and has acknowledged shifting her position on this issue.
  - In early 2019, Gabbard accused Democratic colleagues of religious bigotry over questions aimed at a Trump judicial nominee on his ability to remain impartial on issues like abortion due to his membership of the Catholic organization Knights of Columbus.
- Paid Family Leave
- ERA
- Equal Pay
  - Supports a guarantee for equal pay for equal work
- #MeToo
- Criminal Justice Reform
  - "Criminal justice reform must include strategies for dismantling the systemic racism that causes black men to disproportionately receive harsher sentences compared to other races and ethnicities for the same types of crime," Gabbard said in February 2019.



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- She's co-sponsored legislation to reduce mass incarceration and lower recidivism and has introduced legislation to decriminalize marijuana at the federal level.
- Gun Control
  - Supports universal background checks, closing the gun show loophole and reinstating a federal ban on military-style assault weapons.
- Health Care
  - Medicare for All
- Immigration Reform
  - Gabbard faced backlash from Democrats and progressives for voting in line with Republicans in 2015 for a bill to impose "extreme vetting" measures on Iraqi and Syrian refugees.
  - Supported the "Keep Families Together Act" in defiance of the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" policy at the border.
  - Supports comprehensive immigration reform and the Obama-era "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals" (DACA) program, which protects from deportation young undocumented people who came to the US as children.

**Amy Klobuchar**

Previous positions:

- Minnesota Senator 2006-2020
- Partner at Minnesota law firms Dorsey & Whitney and Gray Plant Moody, Hennepin County Attorney 1999-2006

Years in Public Office: 12 years

Notable Moments:

- Passed 100+ bills as lead Democrat



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- In 2016, Klobuchar sponsored or co-sponsored 27 bills that were signed into law, more than any other senator that year. First female elected to the Senate in Minnesota.

Stance:

- Abortion
  - Klobuchar has consistently supported abortion rights in her voting record, earning a 100% alignment rating from Planned Parenthood.
- Paid Family Leave
  - Her office had, but recently scrapped, a policy that required employees who took 12 weeks of paid maternity/paternity leave to stay at the office for three times that time off once they returned.
  - Klobuchar said that was not enforced and only an oversight in the handbook written previously, and that it is more notable that her office has 12 weeks paid leave (one of the highest in the Senate). She publicly is a strong advocate for paid family leave.
- Supports ERA
  - Co-sponsored the recent reintroduction of the ERA in the Senate.
- Equal Pay
  - Has been pushing for equal pay in the Senate since 2009, recently partnered with Senator Feinstein to introduce new legislation called *Even Playing Field Act* which would require equal pay, investment, and working conditions for amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, and other personnel.
- #MeToo
  - Supported the movement. Klobuchar also helped to lead the charge against Kavanaugh.
- Criminal Justice Reform
  - Recently came out in support of marijuana legalization, saying she believes that "states should have the right to determine the best approach to marijuana within their borders."



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- Previously supported the STATES Act, which would have prohibited the Department of Justice from cracking down on marijuana in states that have legalized the drug.
- Gun Control
  - Wants to immediately close "boyfriend loophole". She supports instituting universal background checks, banning assault rifles, and Extreme Risk Orders— also known as "red flag" laws — which allow law enforcement to remove guns from people they determine to be a threat.
- Health Care
  - Wants to provide universal healthcare by creating a public option, she does not support Medicare for All, calling it an "aspiration." She supports lowering the Medicare eligibility age to 55.
- Immigration Reform
  - Wants to pass reform which includes the DREAM Act, border security, and creating pathways to citizenship, also wants to end family separation. She does not support abolishing Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) but believes the agency should be reformed.

**Julian Castro**

Previous positions:

- United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development 2014–2017
- Mayor of San Antonio 2009–2014

Years in Public Office: 10 years

Notable Moments:



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- The youngest member of President Obama's Cabinet, serving as the 16th United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from 2014 to 2017.

Stance:

- Abortion
  - Believes abortion should be legal, including after 20 weeks. Supports few, if any, restrictions.
- Paid Family Leave
  - Has a plan to boost taxes on the wealthy and expand paid family leave along with universal childcare and a \$15-per-hour minimum wage.
- Supports ERA
  - Pledged to pass the ERA
- Equal Pay
  - Pledged to close the gender pay gap
- #MeToo
- Criminal Justice Reform
  - "People First Policing Plan" by ending over-aggressive policing and combat racially discriminatory policing, increasing accountability and transparency, mending the relationship between community members and law enforcement.
- Gun Control
  - Plan to "disarm hate" which calls for required federal gun licenses, universal background checks, stricter licensing requirements for gun sellers.
- Health Care
  - Medicare for all, but allow private insurance. Would pay for this system by raising taxes on corporations and the wealthiest .05, .5, or 1% of Americans.
- Immigration Reform
  - Reform the immigration system including establishing a pathway to citizenship for undocumented individuals, Dreamers, and TPS and DED.



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- Create a humane border policy which includes repealing section 1325 of Immigration and Nationality Act, reconstituting and investigating ICE, focus border protection on activities on drug and human trafficking, end the Wall construction, and more.
- Establish a 21st Century "Marshall Plan" for Central America--high-level diplomacy with Latin America, etc.

**Kirsten Gillibrand**

Previous positions:

- New York Senator 2009-2024
- New York Representative 2007-2009
- Corporate lawyer 1991-2005

Years in Public Office: 12 years

Notable Moments:

- Led Democratic senators in pressuring then-Minnesota Sen. Al Franken to resign from office amid several sexual misconduct allegations.

Stance:

- Abortion
  - Supports the right to an abortion and advocates for expanding access to abortion. She was an outspoken opponent of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation.
  - Voted against a bill in the Senate that would ban abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. She has a 100% lifetime rating from Planned Parenthood.
- Paid Family Leave



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- Her FAMILY Act—a national paid leave program that she’s introduced in every Congress since 2013—would give workers 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave to care for a new child, a sick family member, or their own health issues, all for about the cost of a cup of coffee a week
- Supports ERA
  - Was one of the Senators that recently reintroduced the ERA.
- Equal Pay
  - Strong proponent. Cosponsored the Paycheck Fairness Act, Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, and more.
- #MeToo
  - Introduced bills to fight sexual assault and harassment in the military and on college campuses.
- Criminal Justice Reform
  - Supports legalizing marijuana at the federal level and expunge past records; reform our sentencing laws so that judges can have more flexibility when dealing with low-level, nonviolent drug offenses; change federal rules for our prisons; end cash bail; invest resources in communities harmed by the racist war on drugs.
- Gun Control
  - Supports a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. As a senator, she's earned an "F" rating from the NRA, but when she was elected to Congress in 2006, she had an "A" rating from the group.
- Health Care
  - Co-sponsored Sen. Bernie Sanders' Medicare for All bill.
  - Introduced legislation to reduce maternal mortality rates, and a bill to penalize pharmaceutical companies for dramatically increasing drug prices.
- Immigration Reform
  - Called to eliminate the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE) in 2018.



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- Supports the Obama administration's "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals" (DACA) program, which protects young people who come to the US illegally as children.
- At July's Democratic primary debate, Gillibrand called to repeal the law criminalizing illegal border crossings and said it should be a civil violation.

**Tom Steyer**

Previous positions:

- Farallon Capital, One California Bank, Hellman & Friedman

Years in Public Office: 0 years

Notable Moments:

- He spent over \$100 million to support Democratic candidates in the 2018 midterms, helping the party recapture the House.
- Steyer has also been forcefully advocating for Trump's impeachment, further thrusting the debate onto the national stage.

Stance:

- Abortion
  - Will protect a woman's right to abortion, vowing in 2017 that his NextGen group wouldn't "work for a single candidate who is not pro-choice."
- Paid Family Leave
  - Supports paid family leave
- ERA
- Equal Pay
  - In 2017 tweeted: "Equal pay, equal rights and equal respect for women everywhere" on International Women's Day.
- #MeToo





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- Supported the movement on twitter.
- Criminal Justice Reform
  - Steyer has criticized the cost of bail as being needlessly high for people of color. He said in a tweet: "Bail in this country is injustice perpetuated by greed and motivated by oppression. Black, brown, and poor people are being held because they do not have the resources to be free. There is no justice in our justice system."
- Gun Control
  - Steyer is supportive of pushing for more gun control laws, has called on young voters after the 2018 Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooting in FL to push "for gun reform now" in a Facebook video.
- Health Care
  - Steyer favors expanding healthcare coverage to more Americans, saying in 2018 he would like to see "Medicare for all who want it." He's also said that "healthcare is a right."
- Immigration Reform
  - Believes that not offering a path to citizenship for immigrants is unjust, wants to allow non-English languages in public schools. In 2018 Steyer invested \$1 million to help immigrant legal aid groups fight deportation cases. In 2017 he donated \$2.3 million to the University of California Immigrant Legal Services Center and seven other organizations in order to train more advocates for immigrants.