

# 2020 Presidential Candidate Tracker

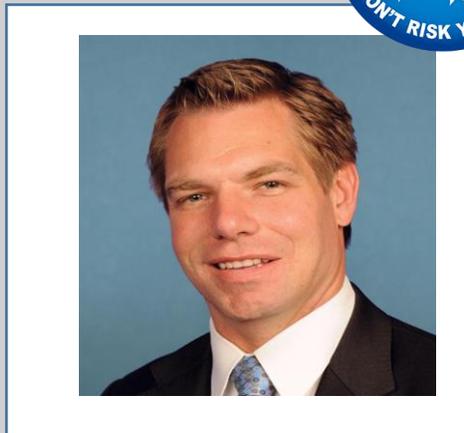


## Eric Swalwell

State Affiliation: California

Background: Congressman (D-CA-15)

Announcement: 4/8/2019



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## Positions & Quotes

"I'm the only candidate calling for a mandatory national ban and buyback of military-style semiautomatic assault weapons. It's bold and will cost money, but it is constitutional"

[SF Chronicle](#)

"I will work to enact universal background checks for all gun and ammunition purchases, take guns away from domestic abusers, invest in gang-prevention programs, push states to adopt gun violence restraining order laws, and remove weapons of war from our communities completely."

[SF Chronicle](#)

In responding to a Tweet saying that Swalwell wanted to "go to war over the Second Amendment, he said "And it would be a short war my friend...the government has nukes. Too many of them"

[Washington Times](#)

<p>"Instead, we should ban possession of military-style semiautomatic assault weapons, we should buy back such weapons from all who choose to abide by the law, and we should criminally prosecute any who choose to defy it by keeping their weapons"</p>	<p><a href="#">USA Today</a></p>
<p>Swalwell, unlike any other candidate in the 2020 field, is explicitly focusing his campaign on reducing gun violence and presenting more detailed gun restrictions than many of the other candidates.</p>	<p><a href="#">Business Insider</a></p>
<p>"So we should put some limits in place," Swalwell said. "And I think the American people are with me. I'm no longer intimidated by the NRA. The moms and the kids, they're behind us on this issue. And I think it just takes leadership in Washington."</p>	<p><a href="#">Politico</a></p>
<p>"There's no inventory that the government has like a car registration to compare it to and say, 'Well actually you're not accounting for the AR-15, you're not accounting for the Tech 9,' whatever other weapon you have. So it shouldn't be the honor system,"</p>	<p><a href="#">Court House News</a></p>

<p>“I’ve come to figure out, going across the country helping 28 members of Congress in their 40s and under win this last election in Texas, in Iowa, in Oklahoma, in Kansas, that you can run on background checks and you’re not going to be punished ... It was always used as a tactic to keep us from doing anything on it, but also we’ve got to get rid of the dirty money... So many Republicans tell me, ‘I know I want to do the right thing on this issue. I’m just afraid I’ll get primaried.’ They’re more worried about their job than doing the right thing,”</p>	<p><a href="#">Bearing Arms</a></p>
<p>“But for the NRA, the gig is up,</p>	<p><a href="#">The Guardian</a></p>
<p>“[Most people] believe you can keep your pistols, keep your shotguns, keep your rifles, but get dangerous weapons out of the hands of dangerous people,”</p>	<p><a href="#">The Guardian</a></p>
<p>"Other candidates have called for an “assault weapons” ban, but they only want to ban future manufacturing, and future sales. And I think if you recognize that an “assault weapon” shouldn’t be made any more in America, why don’t you just get to the point where you say ‘Those that are here, shouldn’t be here.’ That’s where I”m at.”</p>	<p><a href="#">Breitbart</a></p>
<p>“(Gun violence) is a top-tier issue and a health care crisis”</p>	<p><a href="#">Politico</a></p>

<p>"It is time to ban and buy back every single assault weapon... with the plan that no assault weapons will be manufactured in the future"</p>	<p><a href="#">Facebook</a></p>
<p>"Just like you get a permit to hunt, and in every state to drive, we think you need a license to buy a firearm"</p>	<p><a href="#">Facebook</a></p>
<p>"We also put in place additional restrictions... on ammunition as well as requiring insurance"</p>	<p><a href="#">Facebook</a></p>