2020 Presidential Candidate Tracker

Joe Biden

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Background: Former Vice

President

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Positions & Quotes

Second Amendment Does Not Say You're 'Entitled' to Own a Gun	<u>Breitbart</u>
"For example, one of the things we worked on early on, and I worked on with folks out in Silicon Valley, we should be able to make a weapon that, in fact, you can only, if you can buy it, can only be fired with James Bond kind of stuff, if it has your print on it. You're the only one that can pull the trigger, That's within our capacity to do that."	Washington Examiner
"The one thing that's clear: We should not have let the assault weapons ban lapse."	Onthelssues.org
Voted NO on banning lawsuits against gun manufacturers for gun violence.	Onthelssues.org
Voted NO on more penalties for gun & drug violations.	Onthelssues.org

"Well, first of all, the kind of gun being carried he (Stephen Willeford, NRA instructor who shot Texas church shooter)shouldn't be carrying," I wrote the last serious gun control law that was written and was law for 10 years, and it outlawed assault weapons and it outlawed weapons with magazines that had a whole lot of bullets and so you can kill a whole lot of people a lot more quickly."	<u>Washington Times</u>
In 1986, he voted for a bill that allowed the sale of firearms through the U.S. Postal Service and which restricted the ability of federal inspectors to scrutinize sales of firearms at gun shows. [40] At the time, the NRA described the legislation as "the law that saved gun rights" in the United States.	NBC News
"As President, he will secure passage of gun legislation to make our students safer, and he knows he can do it because he's defeated the National Rifle Association twice before."	Bearing Arms
"11 innocent lives cut down. 11 more futures denied. When will we finally say enough is enough? It's long past time to hold our leaders accountable"	Washington Examiner
"Mr. Biden knows that arming teachers is not the solution to school shootings"	Washington Times
"I'm the only person that's beaten the NRA nationally. I'm the guy that got the Brady Bill passed, the background checks, number one."	6/27 Debates

"I'm also the only guy that got assault weapons banned, banned, and the number of clips in a gun banned. And so, folks, look, and I would buy back those weapons. We already started talking about that."	6/27 Debates
"we should have smart guns. No gun should be able to be sold unless your biometric measure could pull that trigger. It's within our right to do that. We can do that. Our enemy is the gun manufacturers, not the NRA, the gun manufacturers."	<u>6/27 Debates</u>
"I got it done before. I'm the only one up here that's ever beat the NRA —only one ever to beat the NRA nationally. I'm the guy that brought the Brady bill into — into focus and became law"	<u>9/12 Debate</u>
"Those proposals I put forward for the president (Obama) had over 50 percent of gun — of gun — of members of the NRA supporting them, and overwhelmingly the rest of the people supporting them. Now the numbers are much higher, because they realize what I've been saying and we've all been saying is correct. Over 90% of the American people think we have to get assault weapons off the street — period"	<u>9/12 Debate</u>
"We have to get buy-backs and get them out of their basements."	9/12 Debate
"This idea that we don't have elimination of assault-type weapons, magazines that can have — hold multiple bullets in them, is absolutely mindless, It is no violation of the Second Amendment, it's just a bow to the special interests, the gun manufacturers and the NRA. It's gotta stop."	<u>The Blaze</u>

"If you need weapons to protect yourself from the government, you'd better go get an F-15. You'd better buy yourself a fighter jet or a bazooka rocket launcher The idea that an AR-15 is going to protect you from your government come on!"	Associated Press
"In 1994, Senator Feinstein and I led the fight to ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. We took on the @NRA and got it done As president, I'll ban these weapons of war once again. We will get them off our streets."	<u>Twitter</u>
"I'm about to take the stage at the #2020GunSafety Forum in Las Vegas to discuss my track record of taking on the @NRA and my new plan to end our gun violence epidemic.	<u>Twitter</u>
"Weapons of war have no place on our streets. We must take on the @NRA and ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. I've done it before, and I'll do it again in the White House."	<u>Twitter</u>
"President Trump works for the @NRA. I'll work for the American people."	<u>Twitter</u>
We will beat the @NRA and end our gun violence epidemic."	<u>Twitter</u>

"I want to talk about guns and what this guy (President Trump) has done with regard to lack of doing anything rational relating to guns. I know he did have time for one meeting, [National Rifle Association head] Wayne LaPierre spent some time with him in return, I suspect, for help in his impeachment proceeding, but as my mother would say, good luck, Mr. President."	MSNBC Gun Safety Forum 2020
Defended state-based plan for gun licenses that would provide grants to states to set up a license requirement for residents to obtain a license before they buy a gun.	MSNBC Gun Safety Forum 2020
"I want that for all assault weapons, I want that for [high-capacity] magazines because what happens is if we know you have one, the likelihood that it ever is used in the commission of a crime, after a voluntary buyback, is highly unlikely."	MSNBC Gun Safety Forum 2020
If elected president, Biden plans to combat urban gun violence with an eight-year \$900 million program that would go towards efforts to combat shootings in 40 cities with the highest rates of gun violence, which would include investments in education, psychiatric care and social workers.	MSNBC Gun Safety Forum 2020
"I'm the only one on this stage who has taken on the NRA and beat them twice."	<u>10/15 Debate</u>