

2020 Presidential Candidate Tracker



Pete Buttigieg

State Affiliation: Indiana

Background: Mayor of South Bend, IN

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Positions & Quotes

"(Buttigieg) understands that solving the gun violence epidemic requires a comprehensive approach, and that begins with universal background checks as the foundation for reducing gun violence."	Pete For America
Supports Red Flag Laws	Washington Examiner
Close the "boyfriend loophole" and disarm domestic abusers	Pete For America
Support legislation allowing gun manufacturers to be sued for crimes committed with their firearms	Pete For America
Ban military-style assault weapons	Pete For America
Establish a nationwide gun licensing system	Pete For America

<p>"Invest in evidence-based urban gun violence intervention programs proven to work"</p>	<p>Pete For America</p>
<p>"...If more guns made us safer, we be the safest country on earth. It doesn't work that way."</p>	<p>6/27 Debate</p>
<p>"The gun manufacturers. That's the problem."</p>	<p>6/27 Debate</p>
<p>"Eighty, 90 percent of Republicans want universal background checks, not to mention the common sense solutions like red flag laws that disarmed domestic abusers and flag mental health risks and an end to assault weapons, things like what I carried overseas in uniform, that have no business in American neighbors in peace time, let alone anywhere near a school."</p>	<p>7/30 Debate</p>
<p>"A question of how we handle responsible gun ownership. Here is something to think about this Sunday morning. Is a gun a tool or an idol?... if the gun corporation lobby, which is what the NRA is, now has people viewing guns as a thing to be loved, a thing to be protected, a thing that is a source of our freedom and power and a thing to which we are willing to sacrifice human life, isn't that the definition of a false God?"</p>	<p>Daily Caller</p>
<p>"The @NRA is not speaking for gun owners. They're speaking for gun company executives."</p>	<p>Twitter</p>
<p>"If you've been convicted of a hate crime, in my view, that means you don't get to own a gun."</p>	<p>MSNBC Gun Safety Forum 2020</p>
<p>When asked what he would do to combat urban gun violence, Buttigieg said the government must ensure there are fewer guns on the street.</p>	<p>MSNBC Gun Safety Forum 2020</p>
<p>If elected President, Buttigieg pledges to spend \$1 billion to further fund combating online extremism</p>	<p>MSNBC Gun Safety Forum 2020</p>

Buttigieg is skeptical about gun buybacks, claiming voluntary buyback programs for firearms have "had mixed results"

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