

2020 Presidential Candidate Tracker



Kamala Harris

State Affiliation: California

Background: Senator (D-CA)

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Positions & Quotes

<p>"We need reasonable gun safety laws in this country, starting with universal background checks and a renewal of the assault weapon ban,"</p>	<p>New York Times</p>
<p>Supports banning imports of all rifles that are not ""suitable for or readily adaptable to sporting purposes."</p>	<p>Politico</p>
<p>"Upon being elected, I will give the United States Congress 100 days to get their act together and have the courage to pass reasonable gun safety laws. And if they fail to do it, then I will take executive action,"</p>	<p>USA Today</p>
<p>"Specifically, for anyone who sells more than five guns a year, they would be required to perform background checks on the people they sell them to.. And they would be the "most comprehensive" that "has ever been had in our country thus far."</p>	<p>Newsweek</p>

<p>"90 percent of the guns that are associated with crime have been sold by 5 percent of the gun dealers. We need to take their licenses away."</p>	<p>Newsweek</p>
<p>"I like the idea" when asked about a federal gun license program</p>	<p>Breitbart</p>
<p>You can be in favor of the Second Amendment and also understand that there is no reason in a civil society that we have assault weapons around communities that can kill babies and police officers."</p>	<p>Pacific Standard</p>
<p>Co-sponsored S.66- The Assault Weapons Ban of 2019</p>	<p>Dianne Feinstein Press Releases</p>
<p>"And if they do not, I will take executive action and I will put in place The most comprehensive background check policy we've had. I will require the ATF to take the licenses of gun dealers who violate the law. And I will banned by executive order the importation of assault weapons."</p>	<p>6/27 Debate</p>
<p>"And the idea that we would wait for this Congress, which has just done nothing, to act, is just — it is overlooking the fact that every day in America, our babies are going to school to have drills"</p>	<p>9/12 Debate</p>
<p>"They said, 'Well, do you think Trump is responsible for what happened?' And I said, 'Well, look, I mean, obviously, he didn't pull the trigger, but he's certainly been tweeting out the ammunition.'"</p>	<p>9/12 Debate</p>

<p>"I do believe that we need to do (mandatory) buybacks"</p>	<p>Fox News</p>
<p>"We have to have a buyback program, and I support a mandatory gun buyback program,"</p>	<p>MSNBC Gun Safety Forum</p>
<p>"It's got to be smart, we got to do it the right way. But there are 5 million [assault weapons] at least, some estimate as many as 10 million, and we're going to have to have smart public policy that's about taking those off the streets, but doing it the right way."</p>	<p>MSNBC Gun Safety Forum</p>
<p>Wants to strengthen gun safety laws while increasing access to mental health services at the same time</p>	<p>MSNBC Gun Safety Forum</p>
<p>"When we talk about gun violence and what we need to do around smart gun safety laws and what we need to do and smart attempts to create gun safety..."</p>	<p>MSNBC Gun Safety Forum</p>
<p>The NRA wants you to believe that addressing the country's mental health crisis means we don't need gun safety laws. We need to do both."</p>	<p>Twitter</p>
<p>"We need more books and pencils in our classrooms — not guns. Period."</p>	<p>Twitter</p>
<p>"She's [Betsy DeVos] trying to put guns in the hands of teachers... You know what those teachers want? They want a raise."</p>	<p>MSNBC Gun Safety Forum</p>
<p>"You can respect the Second Amendment, and still understand that, let's be really clear about this, that an assault weapon was designed to kill a lot of human beings quickly ... There is no legitimate reason or purpose for them to be on the streets of civil society. It's a weapon of war. This is not in conflict with the Second Amendment."</p>	<p>MSNBC Gun Safety Forum</p>
<p>"...no question that we need to demilitarize the police department."</p>	<p>MSNBC Gun Safety Forum</p>

<p>Promises to give Congress 100 days to pass stronger laws, including assault weapon bans, universal background checks and the end of special legal protections that exist to protect gun companies.</p>	<p>Daily Kos</p>
<p>In favor of gun licensing</p>	<p>Daily Kos</p>
<p>Wants to ban the import of certain weapons in the country in order to make it harder for people with criminal records to access weapons.</p>	<p>Daily Kos</p>
<p>"During the course of this debate, eight people will die from gun violence. "</p>	<p>10/15 Debate</p>
<p>"When I'm elected, I'll give [Congress] 100 days to pull their act together, put a bill on my desk for signature, and if they don't, I will take executive action and put in place a comprehensive background check requirement and ban the importation of assault weapons into our country because it is time to act."</p>	<p>10/15 Debate</p>