

# 2020 Presidential Candidate Tracker



## Beto O'Rourke

State Affiliation: Texas

Background: Former U.S. Rep (D-TX-16)

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## Positions & Quotes

Cosponsored H.R 3999 (2017) to prohibit the manufacture, sale, and possession of bump stocks and similar attachments

[Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov)

"I don't listen to the NRA or the gun lobby or the PACs. I listen to people. And they've made it clear — universal background checks without exception, no more selling weapons of war into our communities, implement red flag laws, and fully fund research on ending gun violence."

[Twitter](https://twitter.com)

Participated in House floor sit-in supporting stricter gun laws

[New York Times](https://www.nytimes.com)

<p>Opposes conceal carry reciprocity</p>	<p><a href="#">New York Times</a></p>
<p>"...the lives cut short by gun violence and the inaction in this country to prevent it. I want to work with you to meet this crisis with the urgency it demands and finally end this epidemic."</p>	<p><a href="#">Twitter.com</a></p>
<p>"We talked about ending the sales of assault weapons into our communities. Those weapons of war were designed to kill people as effectively and as efficiently as possible. They should belong on the battlefield and not in our communities."</p>	<p><a href="#">6/26 Debates</a></p>
<p>[We talked about] "Red flag laws, so if someone poses a danger to themselves or to someone else, they're stopped before it's too late."</p>	<p><a href="#">6/26 Debates</a></p>
<p>"How else can we explain that we lose nearly 40,000 people in this country to gun violence... that we know what all the solutions are, and yet nothing has changed? It is because, in this country, money buys influence, access, and, increasingly, outcomes."</p>	<p><a href="#">7/30 Debate</a></p>
<p>"Hell, yes, we're going to take your AR-15, your AK-47"</p>	<p><a href="#">9/12 Debate</a></p>
<p>"Credit cards have enabled many of America's mass shootings in the last decade—and with Washington unwilling to act, they need to cut off the sales of weapons of war today."</p>	<p><a href="#">Twitter</a></p>
<p>"What the president of the United States is doing cannot be more dangerous. He has the blood of those 22 people in El Paso on his hands."</p>	<p><a href="#">Fox News</a></p>

<p>"To those who need a weatherman, let me tell you that in this country, mandatory buybacks are supported by a majority of Americans."</p>	<p><a href="#">MSNBC Gun Safety Forum 2020</a></p>
<p>"When the Second Amendment was ratified, it took 3 minutes to reload a musket."</p>	<p><a href="#">MSNBC Gun Safety Forum 2020</a></p>
<p>Criticizes those who do not support a mandatory buyback of assault weapons.</p>	<p><a href="#">MSNBC Gun Safety Forum 2020</a></p>
<p>"So if the logic begins with those weapons being too dangerous to sell, then it must continue by acknowledging, with 16 million AR-15s and AK-47s out there, they are also too dangerous to own. Every single one of them is a potential instrument of terror."</p>	<p><a href="#">10/15 Debate</a></p>
<p>"We don't go door to door to do anything in this country to enforce the law. I expect Republicans, Democrats, gun-owners, non-gun-owners alike to respect and follow the law."</p>	<p><a href="#">10/15 Debate</a></p>
<p>"This is a country that loses 40,000 of our fellow Americans every year to gun violence. This is a crisis. We've got to do something about it."</p>	<p><a href="#">10/15 Debate</a></p>
<p>"I want to make sure we have universal background checks and red flag laws and that we end the sale of these weapons of war" (referring to AR-15 and AK-47)</p>	<p><a href="#">10/15 Debate</a></p>
<p>"If someone does not turn in an AR-15 or an AK-47, one of these weapons of war, or brings it out in public and brandishes it in an attempt to intimidate, as we saw when we were at Kent State recently, then that weapon will be taken from them. If they persist, they will be other consequences from law enforcement."</p>	<p><a href="#">10/15 Debate</a></p>
<p>"We must buy them back" (referring to modern sporting rifles)</p>	<p><a href="#">10/15 Debate</a></p>