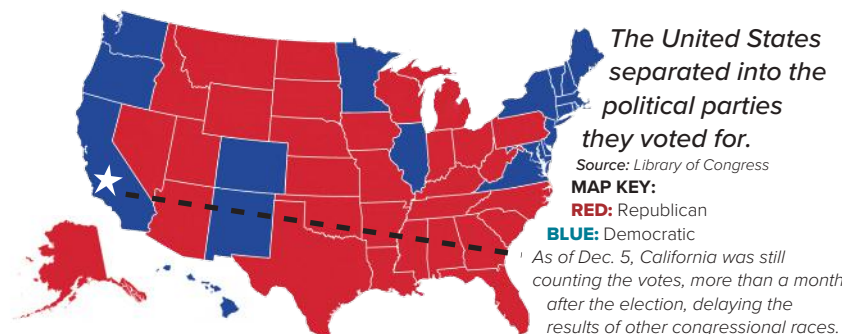


# battle out the ballot

"It [was] important [to hear] the voices of the general people because they [were] the ones affected by the laws, [and] we all [needed] a voice [in the election]."

- ISABELLE HYDE '28

ON THE ROAD TO 270 ELECTORAL VOTES, PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP SECURED THE SPOT AS THE 47TH U.S. PRESIDENT, BECOMING THE FIRST TO SERVE A SECOND NON-CONSECUTIVE TERM ON NOV. 5.



## path to the polls

THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE ELECTION. \*July 21 Photos Courtesy of whitehouse.gov



NOV. 22, 2022

At Mar-A-Lago, Florida—where his campaign took place—Trump announced to a crowd he will be running for a second term.  
Photo Courtesy of CNN



JUNE 27, 2024

In the swing state of Georgia, Trump and Biden had their second debate. It was the first debate that was held in Georgia.  
Photo Courtesy of CNN



JULY 13, 2024

At Trump's open-air campaign event in Butler, Pennsylvania, he was shot by Thomas Matthew Crooks in attempted assassination.  
Photo Courtesy of AP News



JULY 21, 2024

46th President Biden, who was set to run for the democratic party, dropped out because of health concerns. He was the first to drop out in an election since 1968.



JULY 21, 2024

Vice President Kamala Harris took Biden's place through the delegate votes at the DNC. She was the first African American and South Asian female candidate.

## democratic candidate

**NAME:** KAMALA HARRIS  
**BIRTH DATE:** OCT. 20, 1964  
**HOMETOWN:** OAKLAND, CA  
**PREVIOUS JOBS:** 27TH DISTRICT ATTORNEY (2004-2011), 32ND ATTORNEY GENERAL (2011-2017), U.S. SENATE (2017-2021), U.S. VICE PRESIDENT (2021-2025)  
**VICE PRESIDENT**  
**RUNNING MATE:** TIM WALZ

**226**  
ELECTORAL VOTES

**112**  
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION  
by : Connor Hsiao '26 and Sahasra Gujjula '28



### CAMPAIGN SLOGAN:

WE ARE NOT GOING BACK

#### POLITICAL STANCES:

- Cut taxes for middle class families
- Make rent for affordable and home ownership more attainable
- Grow small businesses and invest in entrepreneurs
- Take on bad actors and bring down costs
- Strengthen and lower the cost of health care
- Protect social security and medicare
- Support american innovation and workers
- Provide a pathway to the middle class through quality and affordable education
- Invest in affordable child care
- Lower energy costs and tackle the climate crisis

**HARRIS**  
WALZ  
2024

### CAMPAIGN SLOGAN:

MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN

#### POLITICAL PROMISES:

- Keep the U.S. dollar as the world's reserve currency
- Seal the border and stop the migrant invasion
- Carry out the largest deportation operation
- End inflation and make America affordable again
- Make America the dominant energy producer
- Stop outsourcing and turn the United States into a manufacturing superpower
- Implement large tax cuts for workers and eliminate taxes on tips
- Keep men out of women's sports
- Cancel the electric vehicle mandate and cut costly and burdensome regulations
- Deport pro-hamas radicals and make our college campuses safe and patriotic again

**TRUMP**  
VANCE  
2024



## republican candidate

**NAME:** DONALD TRUMP  
**BIRTH DATE:** JUNE 14, 1946  
**HOMETOWN:** NEW YORK, NY  
**PREVIOUS JOBS:** TRUMP HOTEL (1995-2009), TRUMP UNIVERSITY (2005-2011), 45TH U.S. PRESIDENT (2017-2021)  
**VICE PRESIDENT**  
**RUNNING MATE:** JD VANCE

\*Photos courtesy of Balfour Yearbook.  
Source: ballotpedia.org

**312**  
ELECTORAL VOTES

\*\*\*All of the political stances and promises came directly from the Trump and Kamala official websites.

**113**

## more behind THE RESULTS

What factors did you think impacted the election?

### RACE AND GENDER

"People vote[d] based [on] who they like[d] more, depending on where they came from. I [thought] [Kamala] chose to focus her campaign on gender equality, and she took [the fact that] she was [a] female to help persuade people [to support] more rights. This [campaign] helped her gain more support from people who benefited from [gender equality]. I was surprised at how much Trump won over Kamala, as I thought she would be able to gain more supporters from the female side."

- SOPHIE LAI '27

### VOTER READINESS

"I [thought] a lot of people were not ready for change—such as having our first [female] president. Trump ended up with a lot more support from billionaires. I was hoping for Kamala to win this time, and it seemed as though she had a fair chance. Unfortunately, it did not take long before it became obvious Trump would win. It wasn't a surprise, as it was probably inevitable, but it was still a disappointment."

- FRANCESCA "FRANKIE" HOLLAND '27

### TIME CONSTRAINTS ON CAMPAIGN

"[Kamala's] inability to have the time needed to effectively campaign [in the way she would have] if she had more time, boxed her in from a campaigning perspective, which greatly impacted the results. If she had had more time to campaign, I believe[d] it would have helped greatly [for her] to campaign in the swing states of Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin."

- ALEENA ADVANI '26

I [saw] a lot of Republican posts on Instagram. [I thought a lot of people on] social media [disapproved of] Biden's presiden[cy], so they voted for Trump instead. [It was important to have swing states because] the election was not always going to be a Democratic or Republican [candidate]. [Parties needed to shift] year-to-year."

- MAXWELL "MAX" GEE '26



first time for everything

SENIORS VOTED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR LIFE.

"Voting felt uplifting in a way. You were able to finally exercise your voice in what you believe[d] matter[ed] and the candidates you believe[d] [were] the best fit for [y]our values."

- BRANDEN NINH '25



"I just turned 18 the month before [the election, so I thought it was] a good experience and it was really fun. I wanted to experience the whole thing. I voted the entire ballot and all of the propositions."

- MAXWELL "MAX" MINASIAN '25

