

# United States Vice President

## THE ISSUES



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<b>ABORTION</b> Ban or legal?	<b>Ban.</b> In 2022 said should be “ <a href="#">illegal nationally.</a> ” <a href="#">No exceptions</a> for rape or incest. “Two wrongs don’t make a right.” <a href="#">Now says</a> leave to the states. <a href="#">Opposed</a> Biden’s reproductive care privacy rule.	<b>Legal.</b> <a href="#">Enshrined</a> the right to abortion and reproductive health care into state law. <a href="#">Signed</a> a bill to protect MN abortion access for out-of-state patients. “Freedom is <a href="#">on the march</a> in Minnesota.”
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Should climate change be a top priority?	<b>No.</b> There is no “ <a href="#">climate crisis.</a> ” “I’m <a href="#">skeptical</a> of the idea that climate change is caused purely by man.” Called Biden climate policies the “Green New <a href="#">Scam.</a> ” <a href="#">Sponsored bill</a> to repeal a program to <a href="#">curb leaks of methane</a> , a greenhouse gas.	<b>Yes.</b> <a href="#">Signed</a> a bill that mandates Minnesota utilities to transition to carbon-free energy by 2040, with at least 55% of their energy sales from renewable sources by 2035. <a href="#">Adopted</a> California’s car-emissions standards.
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b> How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	“Let’s <a href="#">declare war</a> on the violent crime on our streets.” “ <a href="#">Hire</a> 100,000 additional cops.” <a href="#">Keep</a> “qualified immunity,” restricting lawsuits against police officers. They’re “ <a href="#">afraid</a> to do their jobs.”	<a href="#">Funded</a> \$43 million toward combating violent crime and limited the use of no-knock warrants. <a href="#">Allocated</a> \$300 million for public safety aid to local governments. <a href="#">Banned chokeholds.</a>
<b>ECONOMY</b> Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	<b>Mixed.</b> <a href="#">Opposed</a> the \$1.3 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill. <a href="#">Supports</a> Trump protectionist trade policies, including broad import tariffs. <a href="#">Supports</a> Biden FTC chair’s antitrust actions. To roll back regulation, <a href="#">would fire</a> “every civil servant... replace them with our people.”	<b>Increase.</b> <a href="#">Invested</a> \$1.9 billion in construction and renovation projects. <a href="#">Signed</a> \$2.6 billion on <a href="#">infrastructure.</a> <a href="#">Created</a> a program to move “Minnesotans into high-growth employment opportunities.”
<b>EDUCATION</b> Limit teaching about racism and gender identity?	<b>Yes.</b> “ <a href="#">Force</a> our schools to give an honest, patriotic account of American history.” Universities <a href="#">are dedicated to</a> “deceit and lies.” “ <a href="#">Aggressively attack</a> ” them. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion “is <a href="#">racism</a> ... outlaw it nationwide.”	<b>No.</b> “If you’re <a href="#">banning books</a> , you’re always on the wrong side of history.” Mandated that middle and high schools teach about the <a href="#">Holocaust</a> and other genocides. Helped start his high school’s first <a href="#">gay-straight alliance.</a>
<b>ELECTIONS</b> Did Joe Biden win the 2020 Presidential election?	<b>No.</b> “The <a href="#">election was stolen</a> ” with “ <a href="#">a massive effort</a> to shift” it “by very powerful people.” Had he been VP, would <a href="#">not have certified</a> election results on January 6. <a href="#">Promoted</a> a fund for people convicted in the US Capitol attack.	<b>Yes.</b> <a href="#">Congratulated Biden.</a> Biden’s victory “ <a href="#">puts us on the path</a> towards restoring civility and decency in this country.” “Minnesota <a href="#">will</a> continue to stand as a firewall against any and all attempts to undermine our democracy.”
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	<b>Loosen.</b> “ <a href="#">Environmental justice</a> ” policies are making jobs be shipped to China. <a href="#">Opposed</a> EPA <a href="#">restrictions</a> on steel-making emissions. <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">limit</a> Fisheries Service establishing critical habitat for endangered species.	<b>Tighten.</b> <a href="#">Signed</a> a ban on toxic “forever chemicals,” one of the world’s strictest. Gave Pollution Control <a href="#">more power</a> to hold severe polluters accountable. <a href="#">Increased</a> protection for historically polluted neighborhoods.
<b>GUN LAWS</b> Loosen or tighten gun regulations?	<b>Loosen.</b> “ <a href="#">I will fight</a> the gun grabbers.” Would “ <a href="#">ABOLISH</a> the ATF [Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.]” Expanded background checks <a href="#">won’t solve</a> mass shootings.	<b>Tighten.</b> “ <a href="#">I’m a veteran</a> , a hunter, and a gun owner... But it’s about keeping our kids safe.” <a href="#">Signed</a> universal background checks for gun sales and a red flag law. <a href="#">Increased</a> the penalty for straw gun purchases from a gross misdemeanor to a felony.

ISSUES	VANCE (R)	WALZ (D)
<b>HEALTHCARE</b> Repeal or expand the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obamacare?	<b>Repeal.</b> “Obamacare... just <a href="#">doesn’t provide</a> high-quality health care,” and “ <a href="#">has failed</a> to take care of” high health care costs. <a href="#">Supports</a> work requirements for obtaining Medicaid.	<b>Expand.</b> <a href="#">Would</a> let all Minnesotans <a href="#">buy into</a> the state’s low-income health insurance program. <a href="#">Banned</a> medical providers from withholding care from patients with unpaid medical bills.
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?	“ <a href="#">Oppose</a> every attempt by the Democrats to grant amnesty.” Biden’s “open border policies” have “ <a href="#">led to</a> rising crime, lower wages... and a drug epidemic.” <a href="#">Voted</a> against the 2024 bipartisan border security bill. <a href="#">Introduced</a> a bill to “exclude <a href="#">DACA recipients</a> ” from Obamacare.	<a href="#">Expanded access</a> to low-income public health insurance for undocumented people in Minnesota. <a href="#">Supports</a> paths to citizenship for DACA Dreamers and Temporary Protected Status holders. In Congress, cosponsored a bill to keep immigrant families <a href="#">together</a> .
<b>ISRAEL/GAZA</b> Response to Israel’s invasion of Gaza following October Hamas attack?	“Israel has a <a href="#">right</a> ” to strike back “with overwhelming force.” Biden has “ <a href="#">surrendered the war</a> on terrorism” by failing in support of Israel. Americans care because their “ <a href="#">savior... was born, died, and resurrected</a> ” in Israel.	Calls for “ <a href="#">a cease-fire</a> .” “ <a href="#">We cannot let</a> terrorists like Hamas win.” “But... the situation in <a href="#">Gaza is intolerable</a> . The humanitarian crisis must be brought to an end.” “We need a <a href="#">two-state solution</a> ,” “ <a href="#">a permanent solution</a> .”
<b>LABOR</b> Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	<b>Mostly harder.</b> <a href="#">Opposes</a> the PRO Act, which boosts the right to organize: It empowers the “current union leadership model” that’s “in bed with” Democrats. <a href="#">Joined</a> United Auto Workers picket line, but <a href="#">said</a> UAW president Shawn Fain should “shut your mouth” about Trump.	<b>Easier.</b> <a href="#">Banned employers</a> from requiring workers to attend anti-union presentations. <a href="#">Required</a> Amazon workers to disclose work quotas and large meatpacking plants to create injury prevention plans. Protected construction workers against wage theft.
<b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b> Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	<b>Limit.</b> <a href="#">Wouldn’t</a> have voted to legalize same sex marriage. Introduced a bill to <a href="#">ban</a> “gender-affirming” care for minors.	<b>Expand.</b> <a href="#">Banned</a> LGBTQ conversion therapy and protected MN access to gender affirming care for out-of-state patients. The “ <a href="#">march of bigotry</a> and hate stops at Minnesota’s borders.”
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Ban or legal?	<b>Ban.</b> <a href="#">Opposed protecting</a> banks that serve legal marijuana business; it can “ <a href="#">promote</a> illicit activity.” “ <a href="#">Not a fan</a> of recreational marijuana.” Leave the issue to <a href="#">the states</a> . <a href="#">Opposed</a> Ohio’s 2023 legalization <a href="#">initiative</a> .	<b>Legal.</b> <a href="#">Legalized</a> recreational marijuana in Minnesota and <a href="#">expunged</a> low-level marijuana offenses from criminal records. “A lot of the things <a href="#">learned in other states</a> are incorporated into how we do this.”
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Raise federal minimum from \$7.25 an hour?	<b>Mixed.</b> <a href="#">Would</a> gradually raise to \$11 by 2028. In 2016 <a href="#">called</a> a \$15 minimum “a medicine worse than the disease.”	<b>Yes.</b> “ <a href="#">\$15 is an important place</a> to start, but... isn’t enough for families.” <a href="#">Eliminated</a> a lower minimum wage for small business employees.
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b> Cut Social Security or raise retirement age to stabilize program?	<b>No.</b> To <a href="#">support</a> Social Security, get more people “in the labor force” and “ <a href="#">stop</a> spending so much on welfare benefits.”	<b>No.</b> <a href="#">Exempted</a> Social Security income from state taxes for most seniors. In Congress <a href="#">sponsored</a> a bill <a href="#">taxing</a> the wealthy to fund Social Security.
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	<b>No.</b> “ <a href="#">Forgiving</a> student debt is a massive windfall to the rich,” and it’s “ <a href="#">unfair</a> and illegal.” <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">end</a> the student loan payment pause.	<b>Yes.</b> <a href="#">Supported</a> loan repayment help for eligible teachers and <a href="#">nurses</a> and <a href="#">tuition assistance</a> for lower income families. In 2009, <a href="#">supported lowering</a> student loan interest rates.
<b>TAXES</b> Raise or lower taxes on the wealthy and corporations?	<b>Mixed.</b> <a href="#">Would’ve</a> voted for the 2017 Trump <a href="#">tax cut</a> . But “ <a href="#">cutting the top</a> marginal rate” would not have been a priority. <a href="#">Would</a> remove tax exemptions for large corporate mergers.	<b>Raise.</b> <a href="#">Raised</a> taxes on the wealthy and corporations. <a href="#">Opposed</a> the 2017 Trump tax bill that <a href="#">cut taxes</a> for corporations and the wealthy. <a href="#">Gave</a> tax credits to lower income families.
<b>UKRAINE/RUSSIA</b> Support defending Ukraine against Russian invasion?	<b>No.</b> “ <a href="#">I don’t really care</a> what happens to Ukraine” and “ <a href="#">won’t even take</a> ” their calls. <a href="#">Individual</a> nations are responsible for their own security. <a href="#">Opposes</a> Biden’s \$60 billion aid.	<b>Yes.</b> “Russian invasion” is “ <a href="#">unlawful</a> ” and “unprovoked.” “Minnesota <a href="#">will continue to support</a> Ukraine.” <a href="#">Ended</a> state contracts with Russian entities.
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Make voting harder or easier?	<b>Harder.</b> <a href="#">Supports</a> voter ID and <a href="#">ending</a> early and “mass mail-in voting.” <a href="#">Proposed</a> giving parents an extra vote per child, with parents deserving more voting power than the childless.	<b>Easier.</b> <a href="#">Approved</a> automatic voter registration, pre-registration for 16- & 17-year-olds, and permanent absentee voting. <a href="#">Restored</a> voting rights for ex-cons.

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