

# Trump, Biden on the issues

## ECONOMY, TAXES

**Donald Trump:** Wants states to reopen as quickly as possible. Predicts U.S. economy will rebound and take off like a "rocket ship" in 2021. Advocates payroll tax cut.

**Encourage multinationals to stop offshoring U.S. jobs to China**

**Joe Biden:** Address wealth inequality. Reverse Trump's 2017 tax cuts. Increase corporate income tax rate by 7% to 28%, payroll tax hikes for highest earners to 39.6%. Boost spending on infrastructure. **Raise national minimum wage to \$15/hour**



## FOREIGN POLICY

**Trump:** Has built 320km of his promised wall along U.S.-Mexico border and reduced military footprint in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Counts talks with North Korea's **Kim Jong-un** as monumental. Pulled U.S. out of Iran nuclear deal

**Biden:** Will work with NATO allies to counter Russia's expansionist aims. Pledges to rebuild decimated U.S. diplomatic corps and rejoin **Paris Climate Accord**. Hard line on China's alleged intellectual property theft

## HEALTHCARE

**Trump:** Proposed replacing **Obamacare** with his plan to provide better, less-costly healthcare "for everybody." Cut prescription drug costs by basing price of some drugs on cheaper cost in foreign countries. Impose limitations on Medicaid coverage to low-income people

**Biden:** Lower Medicare eligibility age from 65 to 60 – extending scheme to 20 million more Americans. Allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices



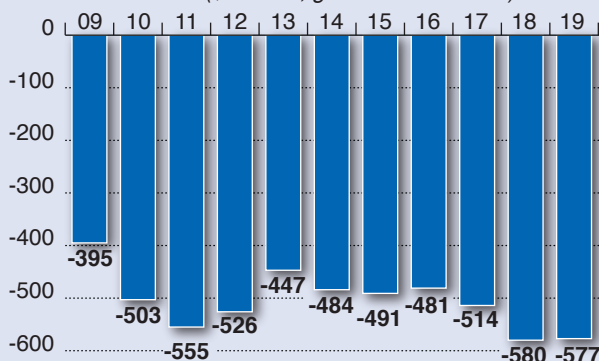
## INTERNATIONAL TRADE

**Trump:** Views signing of two major trade deals – **United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement** and **Phase 1 China agreement** – as signature achievements of presidency. As part of Phase 1, signed in January 2020,

China agreed to boost purchases of U.S. farm goods by at least \$32 billion in 2020-21. To date, China's buying bonanza has failed to materialise

**Biden:** New domestic spending must come before any new international trade deals. Plans to direct \$400 billion of federal government purchases to American firms over four-year term, plus \$300 billion to support U.S. technology firms' research and development. Criticizes Trump's tariff war with China as bad for American consumers and farmers

**U.S. trade deficit (\$ billions, goods and services)**



## RACE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE



**Trump:** Has very few black Americans among his advisers and White House staff. Responded to nationwide protests over death of **George Floyd** in Minneapolis police custody by focusing on "law and order" and urging aggressive response by federal agents (*above*).

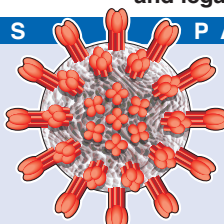
**Supports "tough-on-crime" policies, including seeking to restart executions of death row inmates**

**Biden:** Has pledged that his Cabinet, judicial appointments and running mate will reflect country's diversity. Has resisted activist calls to "defund the police." He has pledged \$20 billion in grants in exchange for scaling back mandatory-minimum sentences.

**Wants to eliminate death penalty, solitary confinement and legalize marijuana use**

## CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

**Trump:** Acknowledges that pandemic may "get worse before it gets better" as many states see surge in infections. Says key to economic recovery from epidemic is to reopen schools. **Maintains that vaccines and therapeutic treatments for infection are coming in not-so-distant future**



**Biden:** Argues that presidency and government should handle pandemic slowdown with generous federal spending. Spend "whatever it takes" to expand testing, contact tracing, treatment, and other health services. **Return U.S. to position of global leadership and rejoin World Health Organization**