

# Joe Biden



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■ **Jan 12, 2017:** Obama awards Biden **Presidential Medal of Freedom**, with distinction, just days before they leave office

■ **Apr 2019:** After months of speculation, Biden announces he will run for president in 2020

■ **2020:** Biden performs poorly in early primaries but makes solid comeback. Builds sizeable lead in polls over **Donald Trump**, due partly to criticism of President's response to coronavirus pandemic

■ **Aug:** Biden and running mate Senator **Kamala Harris** – first Black woman and first person of Indian descent nominated for national office – accept Democratic nomination

■ **Jan 20, 2021:** Joe Biden inaugurated as 46th President of the United States



■ **2008:** Abandons second presidential bid after failing to gain momentum. **Barack Obama** later selects Biden as his running mate



■ **Nov 4:** Obama-Biden ticket defeats **John McCain** and running mate **Sarah Palin**

■ **Jan 20, 2009:** Sworn in as vice president. Biden plays key role in administration, helping to avert several budget crises and shaping U.S. policy in Iraq

■ **1977:** Marries school teacher **Jill Jacobs**. They have one daughter, **Ashley**



■ **1988:** Biden runs for president but withdraws after admitting he plagiarised speech by UK Labour Party leader **Neil Kinnock**

■ **1990s:** Rises through Senate ranks, becoming chairman of judiciary and foreign relations committees

Advocates strongly for NATO and then U.S. action against Serbian forces during wars in Bosnia and Kosovo

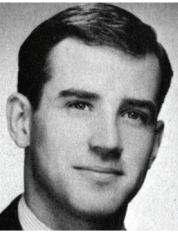
■ **2002:** Votes for Iraq War but later calls this "a mistake" and opposes U.S. troop surge in 2007



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■ **1970-72:** Serves as attorney on New Castle County Council

■ **1972:** Elected to U.S. Senate at age 29 – fifth youngest senator in U.S. history

Six weeks later Neilia and 13-month old daughter **Naomi** are killed in car crash. Sons **Beau**, 3, and **Hunter**, 2, are seriously injured

Biden almost resigns Senate post but is persuaded to take oath – he goes on to win reelection six times, becoming Delaware's longest-serving senator



Biden sworn in as senator by hospital bed of son Beau