

# Who is Trump's running mate, JD Vance?

The first-term senator from Ohio, once a critic of Donald Trump, is now at the former president's side for the upcoming election



■ **Aug 2, 1984:** Born **James Donald Bowman** in Middletown, Ohio.

Primarily raised by his grandparents, as his parents divorced when he was a toddler

■ During teenage years, adopts name of his stepfather, becoming **James David Hamel**



■ **2003:** Enlists in U.S. Marines – serves for four years, including deployment to Iraq as combat correspondent for six months in 2005

■ **2009/2013:** Earns degrees from Ohio State University and Yale Law School

■ **2014:** Adopts name of Vance – his grandparents' surname – when he marries his wife, **Usha** (inset). Couple have three children



■ **2015-2016** Works as venture capitalist in San Francisco

■ **2016:** Rises to prominence with bestselling book "Hillbilly Elegy"

■ **2016 election:** Emerges as vocal critic of Donald Trump, calling him an "idiot" and "America's Hitler"

■ **2019:** Converts to Catholicism

■ **2021:** Meets Trump, two grow closer during his Senate campaign

■ **2022:** Wins Senate seat



■ **Jul 15, 2024:** Named as Trump's pick for Vice President

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