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THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

ALL MEETINGS ARE AT 9:00 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

No Board of Supervisors Meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 (Not Scheduled)

Other Agencies are also without meetings - (light week this week and next week)

LAST WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

No Board of Supervisors Meeting on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 (Not Scheduled)

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting of Thursday, July 25, 2024 (Cancelled)

EMERGENT ISSUES

ITEM 1 - Plans to industrialize Port San Luis in rural Avila Beach moving forward

July 23, 2024



Port San Luis

By KAREN VELIE

Plans to transform Port San Luis in rural Avila Beach into an industrial port to support proposed offshore wind farms in Morro Bay are moving forward with the assistance of the Port San Luis Harbor District, though most of the discussions have been held in closed session out of public view.

For years, harbor district staff has discussed plans to industrialize the port, though most negotiations have been in closed session with little information available to the public. On Tuesday evening, the harbor district board will meet in closed session to discuss leasing 10 acres of the tidelands to a company associated with off shore wind energy.

Even though several members of the public have argued the district is violating requirements to provide the address, assessor's parcel number or property description in order to discuss lease agreements in closed session, the district has failed to provide a property description other than it is in the tidelands.

The tidelands refers to the approximately 8,400 areas of the coastline that is under the control of the harbor district.

The harbor district is considering an up to 75-year contract for Clean Energy Terminals to lease 10 acres of the tidelands. The company plans to pay \$25,000 for the first six months as it evaluates the area for support for off-shore wind energy planned off Morro Bay.

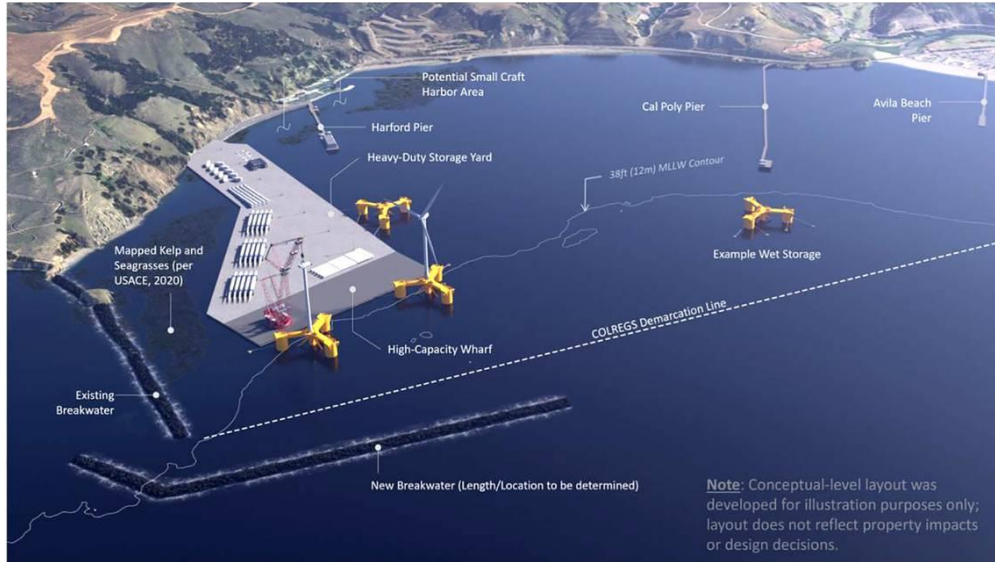
The proposed project evaluation agreement includes the following provisions:

- The parties will collaborate in good faith to evaluate the feasibility of a potential operations and maintenance port project anticipated to require up to 10 acres of tidelands.
- The parties will negotiate in good faith on a lease option agreement for consideration if a project is determined to be mutually feasible.
- Any decision on whether to proceed with a project and whether to enter into a lease option agreement with Clean Energy Terminals would be subject to separate approval by the Harbor District's Board.
- As consideration for the project evaluation agreement, Clean Energy Terminals proposes an initial payment of \$25,000 for the first six months, and then \$4,100 for each additional month. Clean Energy Terminals also proposes a one-time administrative support payment of \$9,000 to assist with district staffing of the evaluation project.

In Dec. 2022, an auction for three offshore wind energy sites located off the coast near Morro Bay netted over \$400 million. The wind turbines will float in the ocean more than 20 miles off the coast, with the electricity sent ashore via cables along the ocean floor.

The goal is to have the windmills in the water by 2030.

Industrialization of the proposed Central Coast ports will have significant impacts on the local economy and its ocean-dependent ecosystems. The support systems on land will include massive piers, and could require new breakwaters and dredging.



Site rendering of example of integration at Port San Luis. Breakwater may or may not be required.

The offshore windmills themselves are 1,000 feet tall, taller than the Golden Gate Bridge, and their platforms are the size of a baseball field.

While the report discusses providing funding to help mitigate the environment and economic issues these ports could create, locals involved in the tourism industry have grave concerns regarding transforming Morro Bay or Port San Luis into industrial ports.

This article first appeared in the Cal Coast News of July 23, 2024. Karen Velie is an investigative reporter who has exposed many of the scams and corruption infecting governments on the Central Coast.

- Vandenberg Space Force Base’s Future Threatened by a ‘Black Hole’ of Red Tape
Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District & CA Coastal Commission: stifling progress, delaying schedules, and escalating project costs

By [Andy Caldwell](#), July 25, 2024

Decades ago, Motorola was trying to launch satellites from Vandenberg Air Force Base and the company was about to give up doing business here because of the risks associated with what they called “the black hole of environmental review that exists in Santa Barbara County.” While cooler heads eventually prevailed, I regret to inform you, the black hole is back!

Today, Vandenberg Space Force Base and launch service providers like ULA and SpaceX would like to provide new launch capabilities and technologies, while agencies at Vandenberg aim to achieve a new launch enterprise designation of a Spaceport that will deliver innovative launch programs that demand higher launch rates. Unfortunately, however, the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) is standing in the way of contractors by stifling progress,

delaying schedules, and escalating project costs while exerting unfortunate regulatory overreach. Moreover, the California Coastal Commission is also seeking to assert jurisdictional authority and control.

All such delays and costs can certainly discourage new and existing launch providers from bringing their programs to Vandenberg and it wouldn't be the first time!

The most recent example is one where the APCD refused to flexibly accommodate delivery, transportation, and installation of some very large, expensive, and mission critical fuel holding tanks for the new Vulcan launch program. These tanks are one-of-a-kind vessels that will be used to propel launch vehicles into the atmosphere. They are essential to both the private sector and National Security Space Launches.

Two of the largest tanks can hold 250K gallons each and they weigh nearly 1,000,000 lbs. a piece! The logistics involved in trying to get them delivered and installed is a huge task involving teams of contractors, agencies and specialized equipment costing millions of dollars. The tanks can only be delivered by barge after having passed through the Panama Canal on their way to the South Vandenberg boat dock, a popular delivery point for large rocket segments and other heavy equipment that has been in use for decades.

The APCD is tying up the project in red tape as it pertains to the emissions from the barge while it is off our coast! Never mind the fact that it has already traveled thousands of miles in the meantime. One restraint imposed by the APCD would require the barge to return to the harbor in Ventura in the event they are unable to dock at Vandenberg on the scheduled day due to bad seas or uncooperative tides. The argument is that exhaust from the boat adds to the emissions by idling offshore. In past situations like these, boats have been allowed to wait offshore near Vandenberg until weather and tides were more cooperative saving the cost of fuel.

The APCD is also trying to make a big deal about the emissions from heavy-duty equipment used in the delivery and installation process like trucks and cranes. The submittal and approval process for permits are arduous and lengthy, and they can take months to receive approval, meaning time and opportunity costs are mounting. These delays ripple throughout the entire program by bumping and shifting priorities while putting the entire program at risk.

It is hard to believe the emissions' tradeoff between idling offshore or the back-and-forth to Ventura is worth the added effort and cost! This is only one example of the unreasonable regulatory overreach exerted by the APCD. The insult to injury? Local governments, including the County of Santa Barbara, are paying a local organization, REACH, to promote the launch industry at Vandenberg. Instead, our county supervisors, who, along with other elected govern the APCD, could save taxpayers money by simply directing the APCD staff to stop the overreach which threatens progress, our economy and national security.

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COLAB IN DEPTH

IN FIGHTING THE TROUBLESOME LOCAL DAY-TO-DAY ASSAULTS ON OUR FREEDOM AND PROPERTY, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THE LARGER UNDERLYING IDEOLOGICAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC CAUSES

THE DEGROWTH MOVEMENT IS ANTIHUMAN, AND ITS ADVOCATES ARE FINE WITH THAT *POLITICIANS MUST OUTLINE A ROAD MAP FOR GROWTH INSTEAD OF ENTERTAINING THE INANITIES OF DELUSIONAL ACTIVISTS* BY LIPTON MATTHEWS

The assimilation of degrowth ideas into the mainstream portends dire consequences for economic well-being. [Degrowth](#) is trumpeted as the solution to averting a climate catastrophe, but it will reverse the economic fortunes of practitioners. Sustained [economic](#) growth became the norm recently in history, and surely most people don't want a return to a preindustrial era with episodic growth and lower living standards. The typical person today would be reluctant to trade the luxuries of economic growth for the trinkets that a less dynamic society affords.

Despite the effusive praise for degrowth, it is difficult to take proponents seriously because they lack a frame of reference. Upper-class intellectuals in rich countries shouldn't be recommending degrowth because they have never been confronted with poverty. The track record of economic [growth](#) in reducing poverty and ameliorating living standards is exceptional, so automatically measures to curb economic growth will worsen the plight of humanity.

Proponents are forgetting that economic growth improves the [environment](#) over the long term, especially in richer [countries](#) possessing better institutions and high human capital levels. Rising incomes raise environmental consciousness because prosperity affords people time to invest in the environment. Growing affluence also leads to safer service jobs that don't entail plundering the physical environment. Degrowth advocates are unaware that their recommendations revert society to an agriculturally based economic system that requires greater land use. Increasing reliance on agriculture hampers the goal of curtailing pollution since [agricultural](#) production is a primary contributor to atmospheric pollution.

Furthermore, degrowth advocates are unaware that the present trend is for carbon emissions to be divorced from economic growth. Economic growth is being decoupled from carbon emissions in rich and developing countries. During 2007-19, [emissions](#) decreased by 15% despite rising gross domestic product per person. Like America, Australia and Israel recorded lower emissions, notwithstanding higher growth rates. Moreover, rather than a reliance on green energy, the transition to a lower carbon economy has been expedited by the shift from manufacturing to

services. Less energy-intensive jobs in the service sector now account for a larger share of jobs in rich countries. Germany, America, and Mexico all observed a decline in manufacturing from 2007-19.

Even more contradictory is the assumption that degrowth is the path to environmental sustainability. However, the irony is that innovations generated by the free-market economy will limit dependence on fossil fuels and coal. Without market-based innovations, there can be no alternative to energy sources condemned by degrowth activists. Another problem is that lower growth strips countries of the ability to invest in climate adaptation technologies. Diminished growth indicates that entrepreneurs and other actors won't have sufficient resources to build the technologies to cut the emission of harmful gases.

[Degrowth](#) makes societies more vulnerable to pollution and poverty. Further, some theorize that degrowth could worsen environmental deterioration by compelling companies to substitute expensive though cleaner production technologies for cheaper but more polluting [technologies](#). Although the degrowth movement is gaining momentum, its claims are disavowed by empirical evidence. Indeed, the proposals of degrowth advocates are likely to injure the well-being of society. For example, renewable energy technologies are promoted as eco-friendly; however, the evidence shows that the material footprint of these [sources](#) is greater than fossil fuels.

Scientist Mark P. Mills argues that building solar and wind systems necessitates approximately a tenfold [increase](#) in the total tonnage of common materials to produce an equivalent quantity of energy compared to constructing a natural gas or a hydrocarbon-charged power plant. More significantly, the minerals to build renewable technologies are acquired by the environmentally contentious process of mining. Not only do renewables entail [pollution](#), but they are also [expensive](#), intermittent, and struggle to compete without [subsidies](#).

Policies advocated by the degrowth movement to decarbonize are so ruinous that Christopher Marquis in an [essay](#) defending degrowth conceded that these proposals are impractical:

“‘Green hydrogen’ is produced using renewable electricity, but the process is expensive and an inefficient use of renewable resources. Carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies are complex, expensive, and technically difficult to implement; many early schemes have been abandoned.”

Meanwhile, critics argue that the degrowth movement is irrelevant because we already live in an era of [degrowth](#), and we don't like it. Professor Wim Naudé suggests economic decline is a feature rather than a bug of civilization, and we are entering a period of economic stagnation. Economic growth is slowing in Western [countries](#) to the chagrin of societies, so serious politicians must outline a road map for growth instead of entertaining the inanities of delusional activists. Obviously, chasing degrowth is not a laudable goal because slow growth is becoming the norm, and it has not benefited the globe.

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KAMALA HARRIS SUPPORTS MANY POLICIES HARMFUL TO SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY AND THE CENTRAL COAST

BY MIKE BROWN

These include but are not limited to:

1. Limiting launches at Vandenberg.
2. Establishment of the so-called Chumash Heritage Marine Sanctuary.
3. Numerous anti-oil statements and endorsements.
4. Establishment of national health care.
5. Destruction of the cattle industry.
6. She is anti-2nd Amendment.
7. Allowing California Law Enforcement Agencies to Ignore ICE Detainers for Deportation of Criminal Aliens.
8. In 2014, Attorney General Harris refused to take a position either for or against [Proposition 47](#), a ballot measure that would reduce several felony offenses to misdemeanors, and would thereby result in thousands of prisoners being released. Though Prop 47 was opposed by every professional law-enforcement organization in California, and by 55 of the state's 58 county district attorneys, the measure was passed by voters.
9. Labeled requiring voter ID as a voter suppression law.
10. In [2016](#), Harris was one of [seventeen](#) Attorneys General (16 Democrats and 1 Independent) who [joined](#) "AGs United for Clean Power" (AGUCP), a group launched by former Vice President [Al Gore](#).
11. Claims that illegal immigration is not a crime.
12. Supports the Green New Deal that would strive to [eliminate](#) all fossil fuels from the U.S. electric grid by 2030, thereby forcing Americans to use much more expensive and much less reliable energy sources, such as wind and solar, neither of which is capable of fulfilling more than a tiny fraction of America's energy needs.

Please read the in depth article below, which contains her history, policy record, and apparent beliefs. We have highlighted some items with particular local impact in **yellow** within the report.

WHO IS KAMALA HARRIS?

A disturbing and haunting record.

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***Editor's note:** This past Sunday, Joe Biden, whose polling numbers and political donations were dropping ever-more precipitously with each passing day, announced that he was terminating his reelection campaign and endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris to replace him at the top of the Democratic Party ticket. In a social media post which he released on Sunday afternoon, Biden [wrote](#):*

“My fellow Democrats, I have decided not to accept the nomination and to focus all my energies on my duties as President for the remainder of my term. My very first decision as the party nominee in 2020 was to pick Kamala Harris as my Vice President. And it’s been the best decision I’ve made. Today I want to offer my full support and endorsement for Kamala to be the nominee of our party this year. Democrats — it’s time to come together and beat Trump. Let’s do this.”

In light of this important development, let us take a close look at who Kamala Harris is, and exactly what she stands for.

Kamala Harris.

- * Served as San Francisco District Attorney from 2004-2011
- * Served as Attorney General of California from 2011-2017
- * Was elected U.S. Senator from California in 2016

- * Was elected U.S. Vice President in 2020
- * Views America as a nation thoroughly infested with racism

Radical Roots & Communist Ties

Kamala Devi Harris was born to an Indian mother and a Jamaican father in Oakland, California on October 20, 1964. She is, in part, a descendant of a Jamaican slave owner, as Harris' father, Donald J. Harris, [explained](#) in a January 2019 essay which he wrote about his family's heritage:

“My roots go back, within my lifetime, to my paternal grandmother Miss Chrishy (née Christiana Brown, descendant of Hamilton Brown who is on record as plantation and slave owner and founder of Brown's Town) and to my maternal grandmother Miss Iris (née Iris Finegan, farmer and educator, from Aenon Town and Inverness, ancestry unknown to me). The Harris name comes from my paternal grandfather Joseph Alexander Harris, land-owner and agricultural ‘produce’ exporter (mostly pimento or all-spice), who died in 1939 one year after I was born and is buried in the church yard of the magnificent Anglican Church which Hamilton Brown built in Brown's Town (and where, as a child, I learned the catechism, was baptized and confirmed, and served as an acolyte).”

Harris' [mother](#), Shyamala Gopalan Harris, was an internationally famous cancer researcher and the daughter of P.V. Gopalan, a high-ranking Indian diplomat from the Brahmin caste. As a *Los Angeles Times* article described Shyamala, she was the “privileged child of foreign grad students.” She taught at universities in France, Italy and Canada, and she once told *Modern Luxury* magazine: “When Kamala was in first grade one of her teachers said to me, ‘You know, your child has a great imagination. Every time we talk about someplace in the world she says, Oh, I’ve been there. So I told her [the teacher], ‘Well, she has been there!’ India, England, the Caribbean, Africa—she had been there.” *Modern Luxury* also [quoted](#) “one of Harris's Nob Hill friends” as saying that “her Brahmin background accounts for her ease around wealthy, powerful people.”

Both sides of Harris' family were upper-class political figures in their respective countries, with money and power. Harris' [father](#) was a professor of economics at Stanford University who served as an adviser to multiple Jamaican prime ministers.

Both of Harris' [parents](#) were far leftists who, in the early 1960s, were active in the Berkeley-based Afro-American Association (AAA), which, according to one former [member](#), consisted of many people who looked to “[Fidel Castro](#) and [Che Guevara](#)” as their “heroes.” “We would talk about Black Muslims, the liberation movements going on in Africa, everything,” this member recalls. AAA leader Donald Warden mentored two of the group's members, [Huey Newton](#) and [Bobby Seale](#), who in 1966 would collaborate to establish the [Black Panther Party](#). Years thereafter, Warden — who by then had changed his name to [Khalid al-Mansour](#) — would use his [influence](#) to help [Barack Obama](#) gain admission to Harvard Law School.

The blogger/author/documentarian [Trevor Loudon](#) also lays out the facts about the radical ties of Harris' sister, Maya:

“Harris' sister Maya Harris was a student activist at Stanford University. She was a friend of Steve Phillips, one of the leading [Marxist-Leninists](#) on campus and a longtime affiliate of a pro-China group League of Revolutionary Struggle. According to Phillips' blog, [Political Intelligence](#): ‘First, let me make clear that I come out of the Left. I've studied Marx, [Mao](#), and Lenin. In college, I organized solidarity efforts for freedom struggles in South Africa and Nicaragua, and I palled around with folks who considered themselves communists and revolutionaries ..., and I did my research paper on the [Black Panther Party](#).’”

“After leaving Stanford in the early 1990s, Phillips led many of his comrades into the Democratic Party. He also married into the multi-billion Sandler family Golden West savings and loan fortune, which enabled the young revolutionary to buy himself considerable political influence.... In 2008, Phillips spent \$10 million through his PowerPAC-plus on voter registration drives in Southern and South Western states that got his friend [Barack Obama](#) ahead of [Hillary Clinton](#) in the Democratic primary. In 2013, Phillips helped elect his old Stanford friend [Cory Booker](#) to the U.S. Senate from New Jersey. In 2018, he almost made his proteges [Stacey Abrams](#) and [Andrew Gillum](#) the governors of Georgia and Florida, respectively.

“Phillips is a friend of the Harris family and helped Maya Harris' husband [Tony West](#) become associate attorney general in the Obama administration. He has also been a major sponsor of Kamala Harris' political career. In 2003, Phillips helped elect Harris as San Francisco district attorney.... Phillips' PowerPAC-plus [helped elect](#) Harris as California attorney general in 2010 and then to the U.S. Senate in 2016.”

Harris [moved](#) to Montreal in [1976](#) after her parents separated; her mother was hired to teach at McGill University and to conduct research at the Jewish General Hospital. Kamala returned to the United States after graduating from the exclusive Westmount High School, located in one of Montreal's wealthiest suburbs.

Harris' husband, Doug Emhoff, is an attorney with the law firm DLA Piper, which, [according](#) to Natalie Winters in the *National Pulse*, “boasts nearly 30 years of experience in China and over 140 lawyers dedicated to its ‘China Investment Services’ branch.” Adds Winters:

“To facilitate DLA Piper's China practice—which has received countless prestigious awards from the *China Business Law Journal* and *China Law and Practice*—the company employs a host of former Chinese Communist Party officials.

“Ernest Yang, who serves as the firm's Head of Litigation & Regulatory department and Co-Head of International Arbitration, was appointed to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) in 2013. The CPPCC serves as the top advisory board for the Chinese Communist Party, and Yang was promoted to the body's Standing Committee in 2019.

“Jessica Zhao, a Senior Advisor, served as the Deputy Secretary-General of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), a government-owned body established by the Chinese Communist Party in 1956. It was developed under the auspices of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, ‘a governmental body for the furtherance of Chinese trade promotion.’”

Several other high-level employees of DLA Piper have [served](#) the Chinese regime in various capacities.

Kamala Harris earned a B.A. from Howard University in 1986 and a JD from the UC Hastings College of Law in 1989. During her student years, she [organized](#) mentor programs for nonwhite minorities, demonstrated against South African apartheid, and pledged a black sorority named Alpha Kappa Alpha, which was engaged in social activism.

After graduating from law school, Harris spent the next quarter-century serving variously as: Deputy District Attorney for Alameda County from 1990-98; Managing Attorney of the Career Criminal Unit of the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office from 1998-2000; head of the San Francisco City Attorney’s Division on Families and Children from 2000-03; San Francisco’s District Attorney from 2004-11; and Attorney General of California from 2011-17.

COLAB NOTE: These were career civil service positions. The 2 counties should release her performance reviews in the public interest.

California State Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, Who Had Deep Communist Ties, Appoints Harris to Key Positions

In 1994 the 30-year-old Harris was [dating](#) 60-year-old Willie Brown, who at that time was the [Democratic](#) speaker of the California State Assembly, making him one of the most powerful politicians in the state. Brown had been separated but not divorced from his wife since the 1980s. In June of ’94, Harris took a leave of absence from her job as a deputy prosecutor in Alameda County and was appointed by Brown to a \$97,000-per-year position with the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board (CUIAB).

Harris then resigned from that board five months later and was immediately appointed by Brown to a \$70,000-per-year job with the California Medical Assistance Commission (CMAC), a post she would hold until 1998. Harris had no medical background whatsoever when she joined the CMAC, which was noteworthy in light of the fact that Commission members were technically required to have experience in health-and-medical-related fields. Moreover, all the other CMAC members were former state officials who were either nearing retirement or already semi-retired, thus Harris was approximately three decades younger than anyone else on the Commission. According to former California Republican state assemblyman Brett Granlund: “Both boards [CUIAB and CMAC] are reserved for political payback or occasionally for personal rewards for personal service. The boards are considered plumb appointments as they require no work, no policy credentials, and are paid the equivalent of a full-time [state] senator for arriving at a one-to-two-hour meeting each month.”

In October 2020, Trevor Loudon provided the following vital background information about Willie Brown's [communist ties](#): "Brown was a long-time communist sympathizer. He was first elected to public office with the [help](#) of the [Communist Party USA](#) youth wing. He was funded by Dr. Carlton Goodlett, a communist newspaper [owner](#) who was once awarded the [Lenin Prize](#) by the government of the former Soviet Union. Several years after his affair with Harris, Brown was still openly sponsoring Communist Party [fundraisers](#) in the Bay Area while serving as San Francisco mayor. Today, Brown is widely regarded as one of the Chinese Communist Party's best [friends](#) in the Bay Area."

Soft on Crime

During her tenure as San Francisco district attorney (2004-11), the number of [prison terms](#) per arrest in San Francisco were California's lowest — ten times lower than the corresponding rate in San Diego County.

Opposing the Death Penalty for a Gang Member Who Murdered a Police Officer

A few days after a San Francisco police officer named Isaac Espinoza was shot and killed by a gang member with an AK-47 assault rifle during a routine traffic stop in 2004, District Attorney Harris – who had [campaigned](#) for that office on a pledge that she would never pursue capital punishment for any criminal, because she considered it unjust and immoral – announced that she would not seek a death sentence for Officer Espinoza's killer. When Espinoza's family subsequently pleaded that she reconsider her position for this particular case, Harris [said](#): "I approach the work of being a prosecutor as the responsibility to do justice. It's not about the responsibility to lock people up for the maximum amount of time. It is the responsibility to make sure the criminal justice system has integrity."

Ties to the Marxist-Leninist "Workers World Party" & ACORN

In the early 2000s, Harris' Chief of Staff, Karine Jean-Pierre, was [active](#) with the New York-based Haiti Support Network, which worked closely with the Marxist-Leninist [Workers World Party](#) and supported Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the far-left former president of Haiti. Jean-Pierre also worked on the re-election campaign of China-friendly New York City Council member James Sanders. In that role, Jean-Pierre collaborated with the notoriously corrupt community organization [ACORN](#).

Rejecting the Individual's Right to Gun Ownership

As San Francisco District Attorney in 2008, Harris [filed](#) an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller*. She argued that the Second Amendment does not protect an individual's right to own a gun.

Ties to Far-Leftist Lateefah Simon

During her tenure as San Francisco District Attorney, Harris [mentored](#) a young local activist named [Lateefah Simon](#), who at that time was a board-of-directors member of the Oakland-based [Youth Empowerment Center](#), whose other board members — Harmony Goldberg, Adam Gold, Cindy Wiesner, and [Van Jones](#) — were all, without exception, members of the [Maoist organization Standing Together to Organize a Revolutionary Movement](#) (STORM). Harris soon hired Simon, helped her get through college, and introduced her to many influential people in the Bay Area. Simon later went on to become: (a) president of the leftist Akonadi Foundation, and (b) a member of LeftRoots, an affiliate of America’s leading pro-China communist party, [Liberation Road](#). Simon also became best friends with another LeftRoots member, [Black Lives Matter](#) co-founder [Alicia Garza](#).

Refusing to Defend Proposition 8, a California State Amendment Supporting Traditional Marriage

In 2008, Harris was [disturbed](#) when California voters approved Proposition 8, a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage in that state. In December 2010, as she prepared to commence her tenure as California Attorney General, Harris [announced](#) that her AG office – in a departure from the custom whereby AGs traditionally [defend](#) state laws – would not defend Proposition 8 before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The reason for Harris’ refusal to defend Prop. 8, was that she [personally](#) disagreed with it. “It’s well within the authority vested in me as the elected attorney general to use the discretion of my office to make decisions about how we will use our resources and what issue we will weigh in on or not,” she [said](#). When Proposition 8 eventually went before the U.S. Supreme Court in 2013, Harris [stated](#): “I declined to defend Proposition 8 because it violates the Constitution. The Supreme Court has described marriage as a fundamental right 14 times since 1888. The time has come for this right to be afforded to every citizen.”

When the Supreme Court decided in June 2015 to legalize same-sex marriage nationwide, Harris [called](#) it an “incredible day in history.” “California is validated. We are validated,” she said during a news conference in Sacramento. “Each day that one of those couples have to go without being able to have their marriage and their love legally recognized,” Harris added, “... is one day too long.” Harris also directed a message to Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who dissented from the decision and depicted California as a cultural outlier. “Don’t hate the playa, hate the game,” said Harris.

Refusal to Seek the Death Penalty for Illegal-Alien MS-13 Member & Triple Murderer

In 2009, Harris [announced](#) that she would seek life imprisonment, rather than capital punishment, against El Salvadoran illegal alien Edwin Ramos, an [MS-13](#) gang member who in 2008 had murdered a father and two of his sons (while critically wounding a third son) in a drive-by shooting. Ramos, mistaking the victims for gang rivals, killed them when they were returning home from a family picnic.

Narrow Victory in Election for California Attorney General in 2010

In 2010, Harris narrowly defeated Los Angeles County district attorney Steve Cooley, a moderate Republican, in a race for California Attorney General. Her [margin](#) of victory was just 74,000 out of 8.8 million votes, or a margin of 0.8 percent. Cooley had been leading in her in most pre-election polls, and he actually declared victory on election night. But Harris eventually prevailed after all provisional and mail-in ballots were counted. She went on to serve as A.G. from 2011-2017.

Refusing to Sue a Professor Who Used Public University Website to Promote the Anti-Semitic BDS Movement

In [2011](#), pro-Israel legal experts affiliated with the [AMCHA Initiative](#), the [Israel Law Center](#), and the [Global Frontier Justice Center](#) petitioned then-Attorney General Harris to sue David Klein, a California State University at Northridge (CSUN) mathematics professor who was a member of the [U.S. Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel](#), and who served as the faculty adviser to CSUN's chapter of [Students for Justice in Palestine](#). Specifically, the three pro-Israel groups charged that Klein was using his publicly funded, university-provided [website](#) to promote the [Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions](#) (BDS) movement, a pro-[Hamas](#) initiative, in violation of laws prohibiting taxpayer dollars from being used to finance non-business-related endeavors. But Harris rejected all efforts to persuade her to bring charges against Klein. When the pro-Israel groups tried again, in [2012](#), to push Harris to take action against the professor, Harris said there was insufficient evidence upon which to base a lawsuit. AMCHA co-founder and director Tammi Benjamin described Harris' response to AMCHA's overtures as "very curt and short."

Allowing California Law-Enforcement Agencies to Ignore ICE Detainers for Deportation of Criminal Aliens

On December 4, 2012, Attorney General Harris issued a [memo](#) informing all the executives of California's state and local law-enforcement agencies that they could "make their own decisions about whether to fulfill" [Immigration & Customs Enforcement](#) detainers – i.e., temporary holds that federal immigration authorities may place on municipal prisoners who are suspected of being eligible for deportation.

Supporter of Fred Ross Sr., an Alinsky-Trained Radical

In early 2013, Harris was one of dozens of prominent leftists who [urged](#) President [Barack Obama](#) to award, posthumously, the Presidential Medal of Freedom to the late Fred Ross Sr., a [Saul Alinsky](#)-trained radical who mentored both Cesar Chavez and [Dolores Huerta](#). Among those who also exhorted Obama to honor Ross were: [Karen Bass](#), [Xavier Becerra](#), [Kim Bobo](#), [Heather Booth](#), [Barbara Boxer](#), [Michael Capuano](#), [William Lacy Clay](#), [Rosa Delauro](#), [Maria Echaveste](#), [Sam Farr](#), [Diane Feinstein](#), [Raúl Grijalva](#), [Roger Hickey](#), [Mike Honda](#), [Mazie Hirono](#), [Dolores Huerta](#), [Benjamin Jealous](#), [Barbara Lee](#), [Alan Lowenthal](#), [Ben Ray Lujan](#), [Michelle Lujan-Grisham](#), [Jim McGovern](#), [Grace Napolitano](#), [Nancy Pelosi](#), [Frances Fox Piven](#), [Charles Rangel](#), [Robert Reich](#), [Lucille Roybal-Allard](#), [Jan Schakowsky](#), [Martin Sheen](#), [Albio Sires](#), [Hilda Solis](#), [Mark Takano](#), [Juan Vargas](#), [Antonio Villaraigosa](#), and [Maxine Waters](#).

Refusal to Oppose Ballot Measure That Would Result in the Release of Thousands of Prisoners

In 2014, Attorney General Harris refused to take a position either for or against [Proposition 47](#), a ballot measure that would reduce several felony offenses to misdemeanors, and would thereby result in thousands of prisoners being released. Though Prop 47 was opposed by every professional law-enforcement organization in California, and by 55 of the state's 58 county district attorneys, the measure was passed by voters.

Supporting Taxpayer-Funded Sex-Change Operations for Prison Inmates

In 2014 as well, Harris [agreed](#) to a settlement with Rodney Quine, a transgender prisoner who was serving a life sentence for murder without possibility of parole. The settlement — which came after Quine's attorneys had argued that a denial of their client's desire to change his genitalia would violate the Eighth Amendment's ban on "cruel and unusual punishment" — permitted the prisoner to undergo a costly sex-change operation at taxpayer expense. Harris called the settlement "an important step forward in the ongoing effort to protect transgender rights in California."

Refusal to Enforce Provision Barring Paroled Sex Offenders from Living Near Schools & Parks

In 2015 Harris chose not to enforce a provision of [Proposition 83](#), a measure that California voters had passed overwhelmingly nine years earlier to prevent the state's 6,000 paroled sex offenders from being allowed to live within 2,000 feet of schools and parks. After the passage of Prop 83, the California Supreme Court ruled that those residency restrictions — because of a shortage of "compliant housing" in San Diego County specifically — violated the constitutional rights of sex offenders who lived in that county. But the Court issued no ruling whatsoever on the legality of the restrictions in California's 57 other counties. Nevertheless, Harris concluded that the restrictions were invalid in those counties as well —and then refused to explain her legal reasoning.

Supporting a Decision to Release a Violent Illegal Alien Who Already Had Been Deported 5 Times

Harris again demonstrated her low regard for immigration law after an [illegal alien](#) named Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez — a convicted felon who had been previously deported from the United States on five separate occasions — was [released](#) from a San Francisco [prison](#) in April 2015 and subsequently murdered an innocent young woman named Kathryn Steinle. Harris said she [supported](#) Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi's decision — which was made in accordance with the city's sanctuary policies — to [set](#) Lopez-Sanchez free rather than turn him over to immigration authorities. "I trust and believe in the ability of local sheriffs to make a decision about what's in the best interest of his or her community in terms of local safety," [said](#) Harris to the *San Francisco Chronicle*. "What needs to be looked at is comprehensive immigration reform.... Immigration policy in our country has to be reformed, and it has to be based on the fact that we have 11 million undocumented in this country—and California has the largest numbers of undocumented, in excess of 2 million people. In California, one in two Californians was born outside the United States, or has a parent born outside the U.S.—including myself."

Supporting the Iran Nuclear Deal

On July 14, 2015, the [Obama–Biden](#) administration — along with the leaders of Britain, France, Russia, China, and Germany — together finalized a nuclear agreement with Iran. Its official name was the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The key elements of the deal were the following:

- Iran was permitted to keep and operate more than 5,000 nuclear [centrifuges](#), machines necessary for enriching uranium to the degree necessary for the production of nuclear weapons.
- Iran received [\\$150 billion](#) in revenue from sanctions relief, even though Obama-Biden acknowledged that Iran would likely use some portion of that money to fund its military and terrorist activities.
- Iran was [prohibited](#) from purchasing weapons from other countries for five years, and from buying missile technology for eight years. But there were two enormously significant exceptions: Russia and China could continue to make weapons deals with Iran.
- Iran was given the discretion to [block](#) international inspectors from its military installations.
- Only [inspectors](#) from countries that had diplomatic relations with Iran would be given access to Iranian nuclear sites. Thus, there would be no American inspectors.
- Sanctions were [lifted](#) on critical parts of Iran’s military, including a previously existing travel ban against [Qasem Suleimani](#), leader of the terrorist Quds force of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.
- Iran would not be [required](#) to renounce terrorism against the United States, as the Obama-Biden administration deemed such an expectation “[unrealistic](#).”
- Iran would not be required to [affirm](#) its “clear and unambiguous ... recognition of Israel’s right to exist” — a [requirement](#) that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had pleaded for.
- Whatever restrictions were placed on Iran’s nuclear program, would expire — due to so-called “[sunset clauses](#)” — at various times over the ensuing 5 to 11 years.

Joe Biden took on the role of being the Obama administration’s leading public [promoter](#) of the Iran deal. He casually [dismissed](#) the concerns of critics who warned that the sunset clauses for key parts of the agreement would “pave Iran’s path to a bomb.” Those people, Biden said, simply “don’t get it, they’re wrong.”

Senator Harris characterized the deal as “the [best](#) available option for blocking Iran from developing nuclear weapons capability and to avoid potentially disastrous military conflict in the Middle East.”

Investigating an Anti-Abortion Activist Who Exposed Planned Parenthood’s Sale of Fetal Tissue and Body Parts

In [2015](#) as well, Harris launched an investigation of journalist/anti-abortion activist David Daleiden, who had recently made headlines by releasing undercover videos demonstrating that [Planned Parenthood](#) routinely violated federal law by collecting and selling fetal tissue and body parts. As *National Review* [reports](#): “The basis for investigating Daleiden was his appearing to have used a fake California driver’s license to hide his identity from Planned Parenthood, and

the suspicion that he violated Planned Parenthood’s privacy. Those trivial allegations were enough for Harris to have eleven police officers raid Daleiden’s house, confiscate his computers and hard drives, some private documents, and all the yet-unreleased Planned Parenthood footage Daleiden had shot over two years. When Daleiden called his lawyer, Harris’ raiders tried to confiscate his phone too.”

Lamenting & Condemning “Islamophobia”

In December 2015, a husband-and-wife pair of Islamic terrorists shot up a Christmas party in San Bernardino, California, killing 14 and wounding 22. About three weeks earlier in France, another Islamic terror attack had killed 137 and wounded more than 400. Soon after the San Bernardino atrocity, Harris, who was then the Attorney General of California, [convened](#) a session on “[Islamophobia](#)” that included the [Council on American-Islamic Relations](#), the [Muslim Public Affairs Council](#), and the [Muslim Students Association](#) — all of which had previously defended Islamic terrorists. Even after “the recent attacks in Paris and San Bernardino,” she explained, it was wrong “to stoke fear and cast aspersions against an entire faith and the millions of law-abiding American Muslims.”

In June 2016, an Islamic terrorist gunman killed 49 people at a nightclub in Florida. Harris, who was running for the U.S. Senate at the time, mentioned this attack among others, including those in San Bernardino and Paris, and [blamed](#) them on “mental illness and violent extremism.” She also lamented that Muslims were suffering from a rash of “[Islamophobia](#)” caused by hate.

In July 2016, Harris [appeared](#) at a Ramadan event at the Islamic Center of Southern California (ICSC), which spun off the Muslim Public Affairs Council, and whose founders had expressed support for Islamic terrorism. At this ICSC event, Harris passionately denounced “[Islamophobia](#).”

After Rep. [Ihlan Omar](#)’s widely publicized, anti-Semitic “[Benjamins](#)” comment in February 2019, Harris, who was then a senator, [defended](#) Omar, touting the threat of “[Islamophobia](#)” and expressing concern that “the spotlight being put on Congresswoman Omar may put her at risk.”

Harris’ Disdain for, and Manipulation of, California’s Initiative Process

In the winter of 2016, when Harris was still the attorney general of California, Mark Pulliam [wrote](#) in *City Journal*:

“One of the attorney general’s responsibilities is assigning a short name and description for proposed ballot initiatives, ahead of the signature-gathering process. The name and description are supposed to be accurate and unbiased. When citizen-driven initiatives have run counter to certain Democratic special interests, however, Harris has been willing to cast them in a negative light, to hamper their chances—as she did for a recent pension-reform initiative, sponsored by former San Jose mayor Chuck Reed and former San Diego city councilman Carl DeMaio. The measure would have required voter approval for defined-benefit pension plans for future public

employees, which drive up public costs by guaranteeing pension returns, regardless of market conditions. Harris issued a misleading description suggesting that the measure ‘eliminates constitutional protections’ for *current* employees, among them ‘those working in K–12 schools, higher education, hospitals, and police protection.’ Reed and DeMaio withdrew the measure rather than promote it under such a misleading description.

“Harris has used her authority over the initiative process to put her thumb on the scale in favor of Democratic Party interests, as well. In 2014, she sanitized the trial-lawyer-backed Proposition 46, a transparent attempt to remove the cap on noneconomic damages in medical malpractice cases put into place by the landmark Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act of 1975. Harris’ deceptive ballot description characterized the measure as requiring ‘drug and alcohol testing of doctors,’ but voters overwhelmingly rejected the ploy. Even liberal newspapers such as the *San Francisco Chronicle* criticized Harris’ manipulation of Prop. 46. ‘Voters should not be fooled by the title and summary put together by Attorney General Kamala Harris’ office that focuses on the testing as if it were the centerpiece of the measure,’ the paper editorialized. ‘It is not.’ [...] The more conservative *San Diego Union-Tribune* accused Harris of ‘intentionally deceiving’ voters ‘by highlighting one of the fig leaves that trial lawyers attached to the measure to hide their real intent. It’s in keeping with her long history of using misleading ballot titles and summaries to help measures her allies like and hurt measures they don’t.’”
Sacrificing Fiscal Sanity, in Exchange for Union Support

In the winter of 2016 as well, Mark Pulliam [wrote](#) in *City Journal*:

“Harris enthusiastically curries favor with labor unions. For example, her position [as attorney general] grants Harris broad authority to review and approve transactions involving nonprofit hospitals, and she has used that power to protect unionized employees at the expense of fiscal sanity. The nonprofit Daughters of Charity in Los Angeles County run six hospitals in low-income urban areas, including a well-trafficked trauma unit that handles the highest rate of gunshot and stab wounds in the county. With a largely uninsured clientele and high labor costs, the hospitals lose about \$10 million a month and are headed for bankruptcy. The Daughters of Charity found a buyer for the hospitals: for-profit operator Prime Healthcare, which specializes in pulling troubled hospitals into the black. But hospital employees, represented by the powerful [Service Employees International Union](#)—which has endorsed Harris for the Senate—were unwilling to make concessions to Prime Healthcare. At SEIU’s behest, Harris imposed more than 300 conditions on the sale, requiring Prime Healthcare to continue *all* existing services for ten years, in order to protect union jobs. Prime officials complained that ‘the attorney general is telling Prime Healthcare to operate the hospitals exactly as [Daughters of Charity] has and expect different results.’ Prime Healthcare abandoned its \$834 million bid but has filed suit against Harris, alleging that the conditions she imposed were a quid pro quo for SEIU’s financial support. [...] On December 3, Harris put similar conditions on the proposed investment by Blue Mountain, which chose to proceed with a three-year option to purchase despite the conditions.

“In 2014, Harris and her union allies supported legislation (SB 1094) that would have made the A.G.’s authority over such transactions essentially unlimited, final, and unreviewable. The state

legislature—beholden to organized labor—obligingly passed the law. Governor Brown vetoed the bill, explaining that the existing regulatory scheme—in place for “nearly two decades” and subject to judicial review—was working fine.”

2016 Senate Campaign & Platform

In 2016, Harris ran for the U.S. Senate seat that was being vacated by the retiring [Barbara Boxer](#).

On her [campaign website](#), Harris pledged to “make the minimum wage a living wage and tie it to inflation”; support [President Obama](#)’s “plan for making community [colleges](#) free”; support “[expanding](#) access to [Head Start](#) [and] Early Head Start, and creating national universal pre-kindergarten”; “make it a [priority](#) to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act,” legislation rooted in the premise that “women [earn](#) about 21 percent less than men”; strive to “en[d] [mass incarceration]” by “roll[ing] back draconian [sentencing](#) laws for nonviolent drug offenses”; “fight to end federal bans on student loans, food stamps, housing, and voting rights for ex-offenders”; “[stop voter suppression](#)” measures like [Voter ID laws](#); and “[expand](#) early voting so everyone has ample opportunity to vote.” The website further [stated](#) that “everyone should have [access](#) to public education, public health, and public safety regardless of their immigration status”; that Harris would “fight for comprehensive immigration reform that creates a fair pathway to citizenship” for America’s “11 million undocumented immigrants”;¹¹ that she would “protect President Obama’s immigration executive actions,” which shielded several million illegals from deportation; and that the U.S. had a duty to “responsibly resettle [refugees](#)” from war-torn, terrorism-infested nations around the world.

Demanding That Conservative Groups Provide California’s State Government with Lists of Their Donors

Around the time that California Attorney General Harris decided to run for the U.S. Senate in 2016, she declared that the paperwork which conservative organizations like the Americans for Prosperity Foundation (AFP) had been filing for years in California was insufficient, and she demanded that those groups provide the state’s government with lists of their major donors. But her initiative failed, as *National Review Online* reports: “AFP [convinced](#) the federal district court that Harris’ request served no legitimate purpose and was part of a political campaign by Democrats against conservative organizations. It demonstrated, among other things, that government agencies had ‘systematically failed to maintain the confidentiality of Schedule B forms’ containing donor information and other financial data.”

Close Ties to Planned Parenthood

Harris’ campaign website featured a petition to “protect” Planned Parenthood and “the important work it does.” Over the course of the 2016 election cycle, Planned Parenthood and its affiliates and employees [contributed](#) at least \$30,000 to the Harris campaign. Other pro-abortion groups and their affiliates donated at least \$50,000 more to Harris.

Climate-Change Activism Against Fossil-Fuel Companies

In 2016 as well, Harris was one of [seventeen](#) Attorneys General (16 Democrats and 1 Independent) who [joined](#) “AGs United for Clean Power” (AGUCP), a group launched by former Vice President [Al Gore](#). AGUCP’s objective was to file criminal fraud charges against fossil-fuel companies (and their [supporters](#)) that failed to explicitly endorse the notion that greenhouse-gas emissions associated with human industrial activity are chiefly responsible for potentially catastrophic “climate change.” Harris and New York AG Eric Schneiderman, for instance, [initiated](#) separate [investigations](#) into ExxonMobil for allegedly funding research that questioned the veracity of anthropogenic climate-change orthodoxy — and for purportedly concealing the truth about climate change from their shareholders and the general public.^[21] That same year, Harris’ Senate campaign website vowed that Harris, if elected, would “[stand](#) up to the climate-change deniers and fight to pass national climate-change legislation that promotes innovation like establishing a carbon tax or creating a cap-and-trade market for carbon pollution.”

Claiming That Illegal Immigration Is Not a Crime

In response to presidential candidate Donald Trump’s criticism of illegal immigration, Harris in August 2016 [tweeted](#) that “an undocumented immigrant is not a criminal.”

Victory in 2016 Senate Race

Harris [defeated](#) Orange County Rep. Loretta Sanchez by a margin of 23 percentage points in a June 2016 Democratic primary race, and subsequently became a U.S. Senator when she ran unopposed by any Republican in the November general election.

Close Ties to Maxine Waters

Over the years, Harris has cultivated a close political and ideological kinship with California Congresswoman [Maxine Waters](#), whose federal campaign committee, Citizens for Waters (CfW), since 2006 has accepted fees from political candidates wishing to be featured in CfW mailers and to gain Waters’ endorsement. In 2010, Harris paid [\\$28,000](#) to Waters’ campaign [committee](#) in order to appear on the CfW mailers during her bid for the post of California Attorney General. And when Harris ran for the U.S. Senate in 2016, she gave CfW another [\\$30,000](#) in order to appear on the mailers.

Sexual Harassment Ignored by Harris’ California Attorney General Office

After Donald Trump’s election as president in 2016, Harris became an outspoken supporter of the #MeToo movement against workplace sexual harassment. But on December 30, 2016, as Harris was preparing to transition from California Attorney General to U.S. Senator, Danielle Hartley — who since 2011 had served as executive assistant to Larry Wallace, director of the Division of Law Enforcement at Harris’ California Department of Justice — filed a lawsuit [alleging](#) that she (Hartley) had long been “harassed and demeaned” by Wallace “due to her gender.” The suit claimed that: (a) Wallace kept his printer on the floor beneath his desk and ordered Hartley, on a daily basis, to crawl there to replace the paper or ink, frequently in full

view of other male executives from the division; (b) Wallace had taken away Hartley’s “meaningful tasks” and instead placed her in charge of running his personal errands; (c) after Hartley eventually informed her supervisor, Shannon Patterson, of the harassment, she began to experience various forms of retaliation by Wallace; and (d) Hartley suffered from panic attacks and depression as a result of the mistreatment to which she was subjected.

Hartley’s harassment and retaliation lawsuit was settled for \$400,000 on May 16, 2017 by [Xavier Becerra](#), who was appointed to replace Kamala Harris as California’s Attorney General. By that time, Wallace was working as a senior advisor to Harris in the senator’s Sacramento office.

When the *Sacramento Bee* asked Harris in December 2018 about the \$400,000 settlement, she [claimed](#) not to have known anything about the harassment while it was occurring.

Comparing Modern-Day Muslim Refugees to Jews Who Fled the Third Reich, & Condemning President Trump’s “Muslim Ban”

In a series of tweets which she posted on January 27, 2017 — International Holocaust Memorial Day — Harris compared Jews escaping Nazi genocide during the Third Reich, to modern-day Muslims from terrorism-connected countries in the Middle East seeking refuge in the United States. She also used the occasion to condemn President Donald Trump’s then-recent executive order declaring a temporary moratorium on travel to the U.S. by people from a small handful of such terror-tied nations. (NOTE: Harris chose not to mention the fact that the residents of those same countries had likewise been subjected to travel [restrictions](#) by Trump’s predecessor, [Barack Obama](#).) Tweeted Harris:

- “On #HolocaustMemorialDay, Trump [restricted](#) refugees from Muslim-majority countries. Make no mistake — this is a Muslim ban.”
- “We can’t turn our backs on the [millions](#) of refugees who are contributing to our country and our economy.”
- “During the Holocaust, we failed to let [refugees](#) like Anne Frank into our country. We can’t let history repeat itself.”

Condoning Favoritism in the Courts, Rather Than Strict Adherence to the Law

When President Donald Trump nominated Judge Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court in March 2017, Harris tweet: “Judge Gorsuch has consistently valued legalisms over real lives. I won’t support his nomination.” As the [American Thinker](#) pointed out: “[L]egalisms’ (a.k.a. what the law actually says) are the very basis of the rule of law. When [Harris] touts ‘real lives,’ [and] not the law, as the proper basis for SCOTUS rulings, she openly endorses a political system based on favoritism, not the rule of law.”

Condemning President Trump’s Withdrawal from Paris Climate Accord

When President Trump in June 2017 announced his intention to withdraw the U.S. from the [Paris Climate Agreement](#), Harris [said](#) that Trump’s “disastrous decision” would have “catastrophic

repercussions for our planet’s future,” and would “threate[n] the world our children and children’s children will live in.”

Support for the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)

In October 2017, Harris [said](#) the following about the [Council on American-Islamic Relations](#) (CAIR): “The council has strived to improve understanding about Islam, and move toward a future in which we welcome people of all faiths and nationalities into our neighborhoods and our schools, as well as our hearts and our minds.”

In September 2018, Harris wrote a [letter](#) of support to CAIR on the occasion of the organization’s 24th anniversary. Said the letter: “As you celebrate this milestone, please accept my gratitude and admiration for your tireless work to promote peace, justice, and mutual understanding. For nearly a quarter century, CAIR has worked diligently to dismantle Islamophobic rhetoric, mobilize the American Muslim community, and encourage civic engagement.... In the face of intolerant and exclusionary policies, CAIR has steadfastly defended the Constitutional rights of American Muslims ... Today, as we continue to promote tolerance and eliminate hate in our society, CAIR’s work remains as important as it was the day of its founding in 1994.”

Ties to the Democracy Alliance

In the fall of 2017, Harris [delivered](#) an address, via teleconference, to the [Democracy Alliance](#), a network of ultra-wealthy donors who support Democrat and leftist causes.

Harris Brings an Illegal Alien to the 2018 State of the Union Address

On January 30, 2018, Harris was one of several Democrats who [brought](#) illegal aliens as their guests to President Trump’s State of the Union address. Harris’ guest was Denea Joseph, communications coordinator for the UndocuBlack Network, an advocacy group for black illegal aliens. “Dreamers like Denea represent the best of who we are as a nation,” said Harris. “Her commitment to the representation and empowerment of black immigrant communities is inspiring. We must continue to fight to give her and the hundreds of thousands of other young people like her who are living in fear, the security they need to live up to their full potential.”

Advocating Identity Politics

At a [Netroots Nation](#) conference in August 2018, Harris [charged](#) that critics of “identity politics” were employing that term to disparage the notion that issues of race, gender and sexual orientation were worthy of public concern. “I have a problem, guys, with that phrase, ‘identity politics,’” said the senator. “Because let’s be clear, when people say that, it’s a pejorative. That phrase is used to divide, and it is used to distract. Its purpose is to minimize and marginalize issues that impact all of us. It is used to try and shut us up.... These issues that they’re trying to diminish and demean are the very issues that will define our identity as Americans.” “We’ve all heard how critical black women were to [Doug Jones](#)’ victory,” Harris said of the Democrat who

had won a 2017 special election to determine who would fill the U.S. Senate seat recently vacated by Jeff Sessions (R-Alabama). “But that didn’t just magically happen. It happened because black women have been putting in the work, going door to door, organizing even when the cameras were focused elsewhere.”

During the February 24, 2019 airing of MSNBC’s *AM Joy*, host [Joy Reid](#) asked Harris if, during her presidential campaign, it “would it be difficult for you to advocate race-based policy.” In her response, Harris [said](#):

“I want to talk about the issue of identity politics, Joy. This term identity politics, people will use that term — it’s like people used to talk about the race card. They bring this term up when you talk about issues that are about race, about sexual orientation, about religion. They’ll bring it up when we are talking about civil rights issues as a way to marginalize the issue, as a way to frankly try to silence you or shut you up. We need to call it what it is, which is to try and divert away from a conversation that needs to happen in America. Why? One, because we must speak truth. Racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, anti-Semitism are all real in this country, so we need to have that conversation and address it. Two, and this is equally important, how America deals with the issues and the disparities, and also the hate that can be — that causes these issues to become lethal in proportion — how America deals with these issues is a matter of American identity. This is not about identity politics, and if it is, it’s about the identity of the United States of America. How we handle the issues will be about our collective identity.”

Ethics Violation of Fundraising Rules

On October 29, 2018, the Foundation for Accountability and Civic Trust (FACT), a non-partisan ethics watchdog group, [filed a complaint](#) with the Senate Select Committee on Ethics against Senator Harris and Senator [Elizabeth Warren](#). Said the FACT complaint: “Senators Warren and Harris both sent campaign fundraising emails before the Senate vote on Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. Specifically, the campaign emails both stated Senators Warren and Harris’ official role and positions on the ongoing confirmation hearing and then made direct requests for campaign donations with ‘DONATE NOW’ and ‘CONTRIBUTE’ buttons. Senate ethics laws prohibit candidates from using the promise of official action or legislative work in a direct ask for campaign cash.” “This is a clear violation of the Senate Ethics rules which safeguard against the appearance or actuality of elected officials ‘cashing in’ on their official position for political purposes,” said FACT executive director Kendra Arnold.

Likening ICE to the Ku Klux Klan

In November 2018, Harris asked Ronald Vitiello, whom President Trump had nominated to head the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency, if he believed that the public’s perception of ICE was creating fear and distrust in a manner similar to how the KKK had done in the 20th century. “Are you [aware](#) of the perception of many about how the power and the discretion at ICE is being used to enforce the laws and do you see any parallels ...?” asked Harris. At that point, Vitiello interjected: “I do not see any parallels. That puts ICE in the same category as the KKK....” A moment later, Harris asked: “Are you aware that there is a perception that ICE is administering its power in a way that is causing fear and intimidation,

particularly among immigrants and specifically among immigrants coming from Mexico and Central America?”

Viewing Devout Catholics As Unqualified to Serve As Federal Judges

In December 2018, Harris joined fellow senator [Mazie Hirono](#) in [challenging](#) President Trump’s nomination of Brian Buescher to the U.S. District Court for Nebraska — because the judge belonged to the Knights Of Columbus (KOC), the world’s largest Catholic fraternal organization, which the two lawmakers characterized as an “extreme” entity. The senators’ bone of contention was the fact that KOC affirms traditional Catholic teaching on issues such as marriage, sexuality, and abortion. Both senators pressured Buescher to resign from KOC. In a Senate hearing, Harris asked the nominee: “Were you aware that the Knights of Columbus opposed a woman’s right to choose when you joined the organization?”

As columnist Kevin D. Williamson noted in the *New York Post*: “[T]he Constitution explicitly forbids imposing any religious test for public office, which is what Sens. Harris and Hirono here propose to do for the federal judiciary. The second and related issue is that it is not the Knights of Columbus that opposes abortion and same-sex marriage, but the Catholic Church. If a KOC member is ineligible to serve on the federal bench because of the beliefs of that organization, then every Catholic in the United States — and the world, for that matter, all 1.2 billion of them — is ineligible for similar office, since they belong to a much larger and much more prominent organization that is the source of those ‘extreme positions’.”

Harris Launches Presidential Campaign With a Speech Depicting America As a Nation Replete with “Racism, Sexism, Anti-Semitism, Homophobia, Transphobia”

On January 21, 2019, Harris announced that she was launching a campaign for the presidential election of 2020. Six days later, she kicked off her campaign with a [speech](#) before thousands of supporters in Oakland, California. Early in her talk, Harris asserted that: (a) “our criminal justice system [is] deeply flawed” and needs to become “more fair”; (b) “middle class families” had been “defrauded” by “wealthy bankers” whose “arrogance of power” enabled them to “accus[e] innocent homeowners of fault, as if Wall Street’s mess was of the people’s making”; (c) President Trump’s proposed border wall was nothing more than a “medieval vanity project” that would do nothing to protect Americans; and (d) “our Dreamers [illegal aliens who first arrived in the U.S. as minors] ... came by the thousands ... because they believe in our democracy and the only country they’ve ever known as home.”

As she continued her speech, Harris recited a series of declarations purporting to describe how the policies of the Trump administration were ruining the United States. Some excerpts:

- “When we have leaders who lie and bully and attack a free press and undermine our democratic institutions, that’s not our America.”
- “When white supremacists march and murder in Charlottesville or massacre innocent worshipers at a Pittsburgh synagogue, that’s not our America.”

- “When we have children in cages crying for their mothers and fathers, don’t you dare call it border security, that’s a human rights abuse and that’s not our America.”
- “When we have leaders who attack public schools and vilify public school teachers, that’s not our America.”
- “When bankers who crashed our economy get bonuses but workers who brought our country back can’t even get a raise, that’s not our America.”
- “And when American families are barely living paycheck to paycheck, what is this administration’s response? Their response is to try to take away health care from millions of families. Their response is to give away a trillion dollars to the biggest corporations in this country. And their response is to blame immigrants as the source of all our problems.”

Harris subsequently enumerated a series of unflattering “truths” about American life. Among them were the following:

- “Women are paid on average 80 cents on the dollar. Black women, 63 cents. Latinas, 53 cents.”
- “Big pharmaceutical companies have unleashed an opioid crisis from the California coast to the mountains of West Virginia.”
- “Climate change is real and it is happening now. From wildfires in the west to hurricanes in the east, to floods and droughts in the heartland, we’re not gonna buy the lie. We’re gonna act, based on science fact, not science fiction.”
- “Racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, transphobia are real in this country. They are age-old forms of hate with new fuel. And we need to speak that truth so we can deal with it.”
- “[T]oo many unarmed black men and women are killed in America. Too many black and brown Americans are locked up. From mass incarceration to cash bail to policing, our criminal justice system needs drastic repair.”

After laying out her description of a nation where racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, and all manner of hatred and intolerance were ubiquitous, Harris proceeded to condemn the “powerful forces trying to sow hate and division among us.” After that, she laid out the top agenda items of her campaign. Among the most noteworthy:

- “I am running to declare, once and for all, that health care is a fundamental right, and we will deliver that right with Medicare for All!”
- “I am running to declare education is a fundamental right, and we will guarantee that right with universal pre-k and debt free college!”
- “I’m running to fight for an America where no mother or father has to teach their young son that people may stop him, arrest him, chase him, or kill him, because of his race.”
- “An America where we welcome refugees and bring people out of the shadows, and provide a pathway to citizenship.”
- “An America where ... reproductive rights are not just protected by the Constitution of the United States but guaranteed in every state.”

Harris’ 2020 Presidential Campaign Platform

Immigration

Harris' campaign website [said](#):

“As president, Kamala will fight to pass immigration reform with a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million people living in our communities and contributing to our economy. While she wages that fight, she will immediately reinstate [DACA](#) and implement [DAPA](#) to protect [DREAMers](#) and their parents from deportation. She will also restore and expand Temporary Protected Status for hundreds of thousands of immigrants who would face war or catastrophe if forced to return home.”

“Kamala also believes we must fundamentally overhaul our immigration enforcement policies and practices—they are cruel and out of control. As president, she'll close private immigrant detention centers, increase oversight of agencies like Customs and Border Protection, and focus enforcement on increasing public safety, not on tearing apart immigrant families.... It's why she'll reverse President Trump's Muslim Ban on Day One and fix the family visa backlog.... She understands that for many immigrant families, leaving home and arriving at our Southern border is not a choice. That's why she will ensure those fleeing persecution have a full and fair opportunity to make their claim, aggressively pursue a foreign policy focused on stabilizing Central America where conditions have forced families to flee, and increase funding for processing centers and child welfare workers.”

Vowing to expand the number of people covered by DACA from about 700,000 to approximately 6 million, Harris [said](#): “These young people are just as American as I am, and they deserve a president who will fight for them from day one.”

Regarding the construction of a wall along the southern U.S. border, Harris [said](#): “Let's get this straight: Billions of dollars for a border wall is a waste of money. American taxpayers shouldn't foot the bill for the President's vanity project. We simply don't need it.”

Harris [opposed](#) the [No Sanctuary for Criminals Act](#), which called for the withholding of federal grants to [sanctuary cities](#).

Healthcare & Abortion

In every year which she served as a senator, Harris had a [100%](#) voting record with [NARAL Pro-Choice America's Congressional Record on Choice](#).

During her campaign, Harris [announced](#) a Medicare for All plan that promised to cover comprehensive abortion services for all women, and to establish a list of politically conservative states that would be required to get [approval](#) from the Department of Justice before they would be permitted to pass any pro-life legislation into law. As [Vox.com](#) explains: “Under Harris's proposal, states whose abortion-related laws have recently been struck down by courts for violating *Roe v. Wade* would have to obtain federal approval from the Justice Department before they're able to implement any new abortion laws. It's similar to a key provision of the landmark 1965 Voting Rights Act, which required states that had implemented discriminatory voting practices in the past to get Justice Department clearance to enforce additional laws....”

Harris’s plan ... would establish a list of states that aren’t able to impose abortion-related laws without Justice Department approval. Any state that’s demonstrated a pattern of violating *Roe* in the past 25 years would be on this list.... In states like South Carolina, Iowa, Georgia, and Mississippi, federal judges have already ruled that laws approved by state legislatures contradict *Roe*. Such decisions would land these states on a ‘preclearance’ list.”

Advocating the [repeal](#) of the Hyde Amendment, which since 1976 had barred the use of public money to fund abortions, Harris said that “no woman’s access to reproductive health care should be [based](#) on how much money she has.”

When CNN’s Jake Tapper [asked](#) Harris whether she supported granting taxpayer-funded benefits “to people who are in this country illegally,” she responded: “Let me just be very clear about this. I am opposed to any policy that would deny in our country any human being from access to public safety, public education or public health, period.”

In a June 2019 Democratic presidential primary debate, co-moderator Savannah Guthrie [asked](#) the candidates to raise their hand if their healthcare plan would cover “undocumented immigrants.” Kamala Harris, Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Andrew Yang, Pete Buttigieg, Kirsten Gillibrand, Michael Bennet, Marianne Williamson, John Hickenlooper, and Eric Swalwell all raised their hands.

Energy and Environmental Issues

Harris’ campaign website [said](#):

“My plan sets out a bold target to exceed the Paris Agreement climate goals and achieve a clean economy by 2045, investing \$10 trillion in public and private funding to meet the initial 10-year mobilization necessary to stave off the worst climate impacts. It modernizes our transportation, energy, and water infrastructure. It accelerates the spread of electric vehicles, solar panels, and wind turbines. And it makes big investments in battery storage, climate-smart agriculture, advanced manufacturing, and the innovative technologies that will build our carbon-free future. By 2030, we will run on 100 percent carbon-neutral electricity, all new buses, heavy-duty vehicles, and vehicle fleets will be zero-emission. All new buildings will be carbon-neutral.... We will transition our public lands from producing the fossil fuels that represent 24 percent of national emissions to carbon sinks.”

In September 2019, Harris [stated](#) that she would absolutely commit to a federal ban on hydraulic fracturing — i.e., [fracking](#). Said Harris: “There’s no question I’m in favor of banning fracking.”

Green New Deal

In an October 2018 campaign appearance, Democrat congressional candidate [Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez](#) made reference to a “[Green New Deal](#)” that would aim to make the U.S. 100 percent reliant on renewable energy sources (wind, water, solar) by the year 2035. Joe

Biden [appointed](#) Ocasio-Cortez to co-chair his presidential campaign task force on climate change along with [John Kerry](#).

The Green New Deal would strive to [eliminate](#) all fossil fuels from the U.S. electric grid by 2030, thereby forcing Americans to use much more expensive and much less reliable energy sources such as wind and solar, neither of which is capable of fulfilling more than a tiny fraction of America's energy needs. The plan would also mandate trillions of dollars in public [expenditures](#) on government-approved “upgrades” and “retrofits” to make existing homes and businesses more “energy efficient” — and would impose zero-carbon standards for all new building construction.

In addition to environmental and energy matters, the Green New Deal would “build on FDR’s second bill of rights by guaranteeing” a number of major [benefits](#):

- “economic security for all who are unable or unwilling to work”
- “a [federal] job with a family-sustaining wage” for those who are in fact able and willing to work
- “family and medical leave, vacations, and retirement security” for all workers
- “high-quality education, including higher education and trade schools,” with all tuition costs covered by the government
- “high-quality health care” administered by the federal government
- “safe, affordable, adequate housing”

Noting that “none of these [proposals](#) has anything at all to do with climate change,” Heartland Institute president Tim Huelskamp describes the Green New Deal as “the most radical socialist proposal in modern congressional history.” In a *Washington Post* interview in July 2019, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s chief-of-staff, Saikat Chakrabarti, candidly [acknowledged](#) that the Green New Deal had not been devised to protect the environment, but rather to implement [socialism](#). “The interesting thing about the Green New Deal,” he said, “is it wasn’t originally a climate thing at all. Do you guys [reporters] think of it as a climate thing? Because we really think of it as a how-do-you-change-the-entire-economy thing.”

While Ocasio-Cortez introduced the Green New Deal in the U.S. House, Democrat Senator [Ed Markey](#) introduced a [Senate](#) version of the bill. By March 14, 2019, eleven U.S. Senators and ninety U.S. House Members — all Democrats (except “Independent” Bernie Sanders) — had officially signed on as [co-sponsors](#) of the Green New Deal. Among those 101 individuals were 2020 presidential candidates Kamala Harris, [Elizabeth Warren](#), [Cory Booker](#), [Kirsten Gillibrand](#), Amy Klobuchar, and [Bernie Sanders](#). In March 2019, Harris said: “I’m a [proud](#) co-sponsor of Senator Markey’s Green New Deal resolution.”

Economy & Taxes

Harris’ campaign website [said](#):

“When the bankers who crashed our economy get bonuses but the workers who brought our country back are barely getting by, it’s clear: Our economy isn’t working for working people. Kamala believes we need to fight for working families — to increase paychecks, decrease the cost of living, and combat sexism, racism, and corporate favoritism in our economy to ensure every American gets a fair shot.

“That’s why Kamala’s first priority as president will be to give working and middle class families an overdue income boost. Under her plan, she’ll reverse President Trump’s trillion-dollar tax cut for big corporations and the top 1% and use that money to give a tax credit of up to \$6,000 to working families each year. That’s just the start. To raise wages, Kamala will fight to empower unions, make a \$15 minimum wage the national floor, and create stricter penalties for companies that cheat their workers.... She’ll pass her Rent Relief Act to provide a tax credit for people spending 30 percent or more of their income on rent and utilities. She’ll increase the federal government’s investment in child care to ensure working families don’t pay more than 7 percent of their income on care. And she’ll crack down on pharmaceutical companies that price-gouge while empowering the government to negotiate down the price of prescription drugs. As president, she’ll mandate equal pay for women, promote policies that build wealth in communities of color, and crack down on corporations that exploit vulnerable Americans for profit.”

Condemning President Trump for enacting “[irresponsible](#), sugar-high tax cuts,” Joe Biden called it “pure [selfishness](#)” for anyone to object to paying higher taxes that would help pay for government programs benefiting low-income minorities. “When I’m president,” said Biden, “... we’re going to [reverse](#) those Trump tax cuts.” “Eliminating just a few of the [Trump] tax cuts” would be inadequate, he claimed. “I’m going to [eliminate](#) most all of them.” During the 2020 vice presidential debate, Kamala Harris [said](#): “On day one, Joe Biden will repeal that [Trump] tax bill. He’ll get rid of it.” Similarly, at an October 30, 2020 campaign stop in Texas, Harris [said](#) to a cheering audience: “I promise you this — as a first order of business, Joe Biden and I are about to work to get rid of that tax cut.”

Education

[Charter schools](#) often serve as outstanding alternatives to failing, substandard public schools — particularly in poor urban areas. They operate as schools of choice and are exempt from many state or local regulations related to operation and management. School [voucher](#) programs allow low-income, mostly-minority parents to take the taxpayer money that is normally allocated for their child’s education in a failing, substandard public school, and to use it instead to cover the cost of tuition at a private school of their choice. Harris — in [accord](#) with the official Democrat Party position, opposes both charter schools and voucher programs. For example, she said she was “particularly [concerned](#) with [opposed to] expansions of for-profit charter schools,” and she criticized President Trump’s campaign promise to, as Harris put it, “[divert](#) public school funding to private school vouchers.”

Harris [promised](#) that if she and Biden were elected, they would make both a two- and four-year college education tuition-free for students from families earning less than \$125,000 per year. She

also pledged that “for those students who come out [of college] and have jobs that pay less than \$125,000, student-loan debt will also be forgiven.”

Gun Regulation

Harris’ campaign website [said](#): “If Congress fails to send comprehensive gun safety legislation to Harris’ desk within her first 100 days as president – including universal background checks, an assault weapons ban, and the repeal of the NRA’s corporate gun manufacturer and dealer immunity bill – she will take executive action to keep our kids and communities safe.”

Her website also included the following policy proposals: “Mandate near-universal background checks by requiring anyone who sells five or more guns per year to run a background check on all gun sales. Revoke the licenses of gun manufacturers and dealers that break the law and take the most egregious offenders to court—regardless of whether they’re protected by the Protection of Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA)... Ban AR-15-style assault weapons from being imported into the United States. In addition to enacting universal background checks, renewing the assault weapons ban, and repealing the PLCAA, Harris will fight to make gun trafficking a federal crime, ban high capacity magazines, and prohibit those convicted of a federal hate crime from buying guns.”

Harris [supports](#) forced, government-mandated buybacks of semiautomatic rifles. As she [said](#) in September 2019, “I think it’s a good idea.... We have to take those guns off the streets.”

As a district attorney in 2008, Harris [filed](#) an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in *District of Columbia v. Heller*. She argued that the Second Amendment does not protect an individual’s right to own a gun.

Criminal justice

Harris’ campaign website [said](#) that Harris would: “End mass incarceration and invest resources into ... community-based programs that reduce crime.”

When Republican Attorney General Bill Barr [stated](#) in 2020 that “I don’t agree that there is systemic racism in police departments generally in this country,” Harris said: “I think that Donald Trump and Bill Barr are spending full time in a different reality. The reality of America today is, what we have seen over generations and frankly since our inception, which is we do have two systems of justice in America.”

Religious Liberty

Harris [believes](#) that practicing Catholics who take seriously the doctrines of their faith are fundamentally unfit for office. Consider, for example, how she treated Nebraska District Judge

nominee Brian Buescher during his November 2018 Senate confirmation hearing. Harris emphasized the significance of Buescher’s 25-year association with the Knights of Columbus (KOC), a charity organization that embraces Catholic doctrines stipulating that [abortion](#) is “a crime against human life,” and that [marriage](#) is a sacred union that should only involve one man and one woman. In a written question to Buescher, Harris asked: “In 2016, Carl Anderson, leader of the Knights of Columbus, described abortion as ‘a legal regime that has resulted in more than 40 million deaths.’ Mr. Anderson later said ‘abortion is the killing of the innocent on a massive scale.’ Were you aware that the Knights of Columbus opposed a woman’s right to choose when you joined the organization?” Harris also questioned whether Buescher was “aware that the Knights of Columbus opposed marriage equality when [he] joined the organization” and whether he had “ever, in any way, assisted with or contributed to advocacy against women’s reproductive rights.”

During her tenure as California’s attorney general (2011-16), Harris [refused](#) to defend the California state law — which Californians themselves had voted for in 2008 — defining marriage strictly as a relationship between one man and one woman. “Adding insult to injury,” notes Tyler O’Neil in *PJ Media*, “Harris rushed to officiate the first same-sex marriage after a court struck down the will of the people.”

Harris favored the reinstatement of an Obama-era healthcare regulation that dated back to August 1, 2011 – nearly 17 months after the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) had been signed into law – when then-Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Kathleen Sebelius](#) announced a new mandate that [required](#) all Obamacare-compliant insurance plans to cover at least one form of female birth control, including sterilization. This mandate was unacceptable to many individuals and businesses whose moral and religious beliefs did not permit them to fund or participate in such insurance plans. Such was the case with Hobby Lobby, an arts-and-crafts store chain owned by devout Christians who are openly dedicated to “[honoring](#) the Lord in all we do by operating the company in a manner consistent with Biblical principles.” Thus, Hobby Lobby asked HHS if, because of its religious convictions, it could be exempt from the Obamacare mandate.

As the attorney general of California, Harris in 2014 filed an [amicus brief](#) exhorting the Supreme Court to [refuse](#) a request in which Hobby Lobby asked if, because of its religious convictions, it could be exempt from the aforementioned Obamacare mandate. Asserting that “every American deserves access to quality, comprehensive healthcare,” Harris argued that “a woman’s access to essential services, including contraception, should not be restricted because of the religious views of her employer—particularly when the right to these services is protected under federal law.” The Supreme Court eventually sided with Hobby Lobby and [struck down](#) the Obamacare mandate in 2014.

Religious Liberty & The Equality Act

In January 2019, Harris [tweeted](#): “Passing the Equality Act won’t only end discrimination against sexual orientation and gender identity, it’s a pivotal part in ending homophobia and transphobia and moving our culture forward to be more inclusive and respectful.”

The Equality Act was designed to [force](#) employers and workers to either accept and abide by leftwing dogma regarding marriage, sexuality, and gender, or lose their businesses and jobs. The most widely publicized example of what the Equality Act sought to achieve involved Colorado baker [Jack Phillips](#), who declined to create a custom cake for a same-sex wedding and was subsequently sued by the Colorado Civil Rights Commission for discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation. As the Alliance Defending Freedom [explains](#): “In an exchange lasting about 30 seconds, Phillips politely declined, explaining that he would gladly make them any other type of baked item they wanted, but that he could not design a cake promoting a same-sex ceremony because of his faith.” Phillips’ case eventually went all the way to the Supreme Court.

When the Trump Justice Department in September 2017 sided with Jack Phillips, Harris tweeted: “[Shame](#) on the Justice Department for siding with discrimination. It has no place in our society.”

In June 2018, the Supreme Court issued a 7-2 [ruling](#) which held that although a baker is a business person who serves the general public and thus “might have his [right](#) to the free exercise of his religion limited by generally applicable laws,” the Colorado Civil Rights Commission’s complaint was objectionable because the Commission itself had exhibited hostility towards Mr. Phillips’ religious views.

As the [Heritage Foundation](#) points out: “Other cases involving disagreement over the meaning of marriage feature [florists](#), [bakers](#), [photographers](#), [wedding venue owners](#), [videographers](#), [web designers](#), [calligraphers](#), and [public servants](#).”

The Equality Act would also politicize the medical profession by [forcing](#) hospitals and insurers to provide, and pay for, various gender-reassignment surgeries and therapies against any moral or medical objections they might have. Such abominations are already occurring. Catholic hospitals in [California](#) and [New Jersey](#) have been sued for refusing to perform hysterectomies on physically healthy women who said that they wished to transition themselves to male. Similarly, a Catholic hospital in [Washington](#) was sued by the ACLU for refusing to perform a double mastectomy on a sixteen-year-old girl with gender dysphoria.

The Equality Act also calls for the [banning](#) of all sex-specific sports teams and sex-specific facilities such as bathrooms and locker rooms. Neither schools nor charities would be exempt from this mandate.

The Equality Act would cause grievous harm to faith-based charities and the populations they serve. Indeed, state and local laws regulating sexual-orientation and gender-identity issues have forced faith-based adoption and foster care agencies in [Pennsylvania](#), [New York](#), [Illinois](#), [California](#), [Massachusetts](#), and [the District of Columbia](#) to permanently close their doors – all for

the purported transgression of promoting the “discriminatory” belief that wherever possible, children should be placed in a home with both a female mother and a male father.

Religious Liberty & The “Do No Harm” Act

In February 2019, Harris introduced the [Do No Harm Act](#) in the U.S. Senate, to counter the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) of 1993 and similar legislation in approximately 20 U.S. states. As [Kenneth Craycraft](#) writes in *First Things*: “The purpose of RFRA was to ... carve out exemptions from generally applicable laws for some religious practices that are fundamental to religious belief. For example, a RFRA law might protect a church from another law that prohibits consideration of sexual orientation for employment, promotion, or retention. Or it might protect a physician who participates in public health reimbursement programs from a law requiring such physicians to perform a broad scope of so-called healthcare services, such as abortion.”

On the website introducing the Do No Harm Act to the American public, Harris [explained](#) that the bill’s overriding objective was to prevent RFRA laws from “being used to deny” such things as “healthcare access,... coverage or services to which persons are otherwise legally entitled,” or “services that the government has contracted to be beneficiaries through a government . . . grant.”

In making her case for the Do No Harm Act, Harris [defined](#) “religious freedom” very narrowly as “the freedom to worship,” as guaranteed by the First Amendment. But as Craycraft points out:

“‘The freedom to worship’ is not a ‘First Amendment guarantee.’ The First Amendment guarantees the ‘free exercise’ of religion, which has a much more expansive scope than mere ‘worship.’ The free exercise clause of the First Amendment provides that ‘Congress shall make no law . . . prohibiting the free exercise of’ religion. Harris misquotes the clause, changing ‘free exercise’ to ‘freedom to worship,’ betraying a definition of religious practice that would remove it from any meaningful legislative or political protection. In doing so, she turns the free exercise clause on its head, driving religious faith to the margins of public life and religious exercise out of public life altogether. In Harris’s tendentious reading, ‘free exercise’ of religion means ‘freedom to worship,’ and nothing more. If the doors of the church are not locked and guarded, or if you are not prevented from praying in your home, you have the full range of ‘the First Amendment guarantee,’ and you are guaranteed nothing more.... Free exercise of religion equals private prayer or conviction, and nothing else.”

Foreign Policy

Harris’ campaign website [said](#):

“As president, Kamala will invest in new technology to fortify America’s critical infrastructure, including by passing her Secure Elections Act to protect against foreign interference in our

democracy. She'll immediately re-enter the Paris Agreement and make climate cooperation a key diplomatic priority for the United States. And she'll confront white supremacy by re-establishing the Domestic Terror Intelligence Unit and reversing President Trump's cuts to programs designed to combat white nationalism. As president, she'll end the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and protracted military engagements in places like Syria.... She'll continue her unshakable support for Israel and work towards a two-State solution so that Palestinians and Israelis can govern themselves in security, dignity, and peace. She'll stop Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon, but without isolating the United States diplomatically and risking an unnecessary war."

Racial Matters

According to Harris: "The [reality](#) is that the life of a black person in America has never been treated as fully human... It's no wonder people are taking to the streets [to protest]. And I support them."

At a February 2019 campaign stop in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Harris [said](#) she was in favor of doing away with Columbus Day and replacing it with Indigenous People's Day. She told the crowd that "we are the scene of a crime when it comes to what we did with slavery and Jim Crow and institutionalized racism in this country, and we have to be honest about that."

In January 2019, Democrat Congresswoman [Sheila Jackson Lee](#) introduced [legislation](#) designed to address, by means of reparations payments, the "lingering negative effects of slavery on living African Americans and society." The bill had [125 co-sponsors](#), all Democrats. Harris, for her part, [said](#) "we need to study the effects of generations of discrimination and institutional racism and determine what can be done, in terms of intervention, to correct course."

Notwithstanding activist [Al Sharpton](#)'s long history as a highly prominent racist, black supremacist, and Jew-hater, Harris in July 2019 [lauded](#) him as a "[friend](#)" who "has spent his life fighting for what's right."

For details about Harris's support for [Black Lives Matter](#), scroll down to the section titled "Supporting Black Lives Matter & the George Floyd Riots."

Electoral College

Harris stated that she is "[open](#) to the discussion" of abolishing the Electoral College. "There's no question that the popular vote has been diminished in terms of making the final decision about who's the president of the United States and we need to deal with that," she said, "so I'm open to the discussion."

Supreme Court

During an October 2018 public forum, Democrat Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez said that if Democrats could gain control of Congress and the White House, they should "[pack](#) the Supreme

Court of the United States of America.” “Packing” the Court would entail increasing the number of Justices — from 9 to perhaps 13 or 15 — with all the additions being activists who could be counted upon to rule in favor of Democrat agenda items. The issue gained additional traction in October 2020, when Trump nominated Amy Coney Barrett for a seat on the Supreme Court.

During the 2020 presidential campaign, Joe Biden repeatedly [refused](#) to give his [opinion](#) on Court-packing: “You’ll know my opinion on Court-packing when the election is over,” he told reporters in October 2020.

During an [interview](#) on MSNBC, Senator Kamala Harris stated that she supported Biden’s position “1,000 percent” in refusing to say whether he supported expanding the Supreme Court. Said Harris: “Joe’s been very clear that he is going to pay attention to the fact — and I’m with him on this 1,000 percent — pay attention to the fact that right now ... people are voting. They’re voting.... People will be voting up until Election Day, and they have a right, in an election, to elect their next president, who then will make the decision about who will be the nominee.”

But in 2019, Harris had [said](#) the following about the possibility of packing the Court: “We are on the verge of a crisis of confidence in the Supreme Court. We have to take this challenge head on, and everything is on the table to do that.”

Harris Believes Actor Jussie Smollett’s False Tale of Having Been Assaulted by White Trump Supporters

On January 29, 2019, Harris [reacted](#) with instant, horrified outrage when media outlets nationwide reported that *Empire* television actor Jussie Smollett, an openly gay African American, was claiming that he had just been victimized by a hate crime perpetrated by two white men who had assaulted him, poured bleach on him, draped a rope around his neck, and shouted “This is [MAGA](#) country,” along with a variety of anti-black and anti-gay slurs. Upon hearing this story, Harris [tweeted](#): “@JussieSmollett is one of the kindest, most gentle human beings I know. I’m praying for his quick recovery. This was an attempted modern day lynching. No one should have to fear for their life because of their sexuality or color of their skin. We must confront this hate.”

On February 14, 2019, Harris and fellow Senators [Cory Booker](#) and Tim Scott (a black Republican) [asked](#) for unanimous consent on the Senate floor to pass the *Justice for Victims of Lynching Act*, legislation that would criminalize lynching for the first time in U.S. history. The motion was passed.

Less than three weeks after Smollett had first reported the alleged attack against him, it was clear that the actor’s tale was a fabrication, and that he himself had orchestrated the entire incident in order to gain publicity and to discredit President Trump and his supporters. When a reporter asked Harris to comment on the matter on February 18, she [replied](#): “Okay, so I will say this about that case. I think the facts are still unfolding and I’m very concerned about obviously, the

initial, um, allegation that he made about what might have happened. And it's something we should all take seriously whenever anyone, um, alleges that kind of behavior, but there should be an investigation. And I think that once the investigation has concluded then we can all comment, but I'm not going to comment until I know the outcome of the investigation."

On February 21, Smollett was [charged](#) with a felony for having filed a false police report. That day, Harris [tweeted](#): "Like most of you, I've seen the reports about Jussie Smollett, and I'm sad, frustrated and disappointed. When anyone makes false claims to police, it not only diverts resources away from serious investigations but it makes it more difficult for other victims of crime to come forward. At the same time, hate crimes are on the rise in America.... Part of the tragedy of this situation is that it distracts from that truth, and has been seized by some who would like to dismiss and downplay the very real problems that we must address. We should not allow that. I will always condemn racism and homophobia. We must always confront hate directly, and we must always seek justice. That is what I will keep fighting for."

Harris Jokes About Marijuana Legalization & Lies About the Circumstances Surrounding Her Own Use of the Drug

In a February 11, 2019 [interview](#) on *The Breakfast Club*, a New York City-based radio program, Harris was asked to comment on rumors that she opposed the legalization of marijuana. "That's not true, she [replied, laughing](#). "Look, I joke about it, I have joked about it. Half my family is from Jamaica, are you kidding me?" Harris, who acknowledged having smoked marijuana in college, was also asked whether she would smoke it again if the federal government were to legalize the drug's recreational use. She laughed and replied: "Listen, I think it gives a lot of people joy. And we need more joy." Harris was also asked, "What [music] was you listening to when you was high? What was on? What song was on? Snoop [Dogg]?" The senator quickly responded, "Oh yeah, definitely Snoop. Uh, Tupac for sure." Fox News subsequently reported that Harris was either not accurately identifying: (a) what music she had been listening to, or (b) what year she had smoked marijuana:

"Harris graduated from Howard University in 1986 and was finished with law school by 1989. She was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1990. Snoop Dogg's debut album 'Doggystyle' was released in 1993. Snoop made music prior to his first album ... [in 1992, but that was] ... years after Harris finished school. As for Tupac, his first album '2Pacalypse Now' was released in 1991. The rap legend also recorded music as part of the group Digital Underground, but it was also released in the early 1990s after Harris finished school." In the aftermath of Harris' interview, her father, Stanford University economics professor Donald Harris, [said](#) in a statement to *Jamaica Global Online*: "My dear departed grandmothers ... as well as my deceased parents, must be turning in their grave right now to see their family's name, reputation and proud Jamaican identity being connected, in any way, jokingly or not with the fraudulent stereotype of a pot-smoking joy seeker and in the pursuit of identity politics. Speaking for myself and my immediate Jamaican family, we wish to categorically dissociate ourselves from this travesty."

Naming Barbara Lee as Co-Chair of Presidential Campaign

On February 14, 2019, Harris' presidential campaign announced that Rep. [Barbara Lee](#) would be its California [co-chair](#).

Calling for the Impeachment of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh

In September 2019, Harris reacted vocally after *The New York Times* [printed](#) an article about a newly published book about Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump's 2018 Supreme Court nominee. The *Times* piece – written by the book's authors, Robin Pogrebin and Kate Kelly – noted that the book – titled *The Education of Brett Kavanaugh* – discussed allegations in which a woman named Deborah Ramirez, who had been a Yale University classmate of Kavanaugh more than 30 years earlier, claimed that a drunken Kavanaugh had once exposed his penis to her during a campus party. The article further reported that another “former classmate,” Max Stier, claimed to have personally witnessed the incident in question. But the article never mentioned Stier's deep ties to the Democratic Party – most notably, he had worked for President [Bill Clinton](#) in the 1990s, while Kavanaugh was a member of special prosecutor Kenneth Starr's investigative team which looked into Clinton's misconduct in office. Nor did the article mention that Ramirez had [refused](#) to be interviewed about the alleged incident; that all three of the friends whom she had identified as witnesses steadfastly maintained that it never occurred; and that all three friends had stated that not even Ramirez herself could recall the incident. Despite the paucity of evidence against Kavanaugh, Harris [said](#): “He was put on the Court through a sham process and his place on the Court is an insult to the pursuit of truth and justice. He must be impeached.”

Ending Her Presidential Campaign

On December 3, 2019, Harris [ended](#) her bid for the presidency amid declining poll numbers and reports of turmoil within her campaign. Characterizing her departure from the race as “one of the hardest decisions of my life,” she lamented that her campaign “simply doesn't have the financial resources we need to continue.” “I'm not a billionaire,” Harris added. “I can't fund my own campaign.”

Supporting Black Lives Matter & the George Floyd Riots

During a February 21, 2019 [Comedy Central interview](#),^[3] Harris [praised](#) the [Black Lives Matter](#) movement for its “incredible” and “smart” activism in demanding change to an American criminal-justice system replete with “bias” and “systemic racism.” “One of the benefits that I believe the system received and that helped me do the work that I was able to accomplish [as a former prosecutor] was because of the incredible activism and smart activism of folks, like the folks who were Black Lives Matter. The folks who were involved on the outside who were saying and demanding that the system would change, demanding and marching and advocating.”

A number of U.S. cities were overrun by violent riots following the May 25, 2020 death of [George Floyd](#), a black man who, shortly after having ingested more than triple a fatal dose of fentanyl, died in the aftermath of physical abuse by a white police officer in Minneapolis. On June 2, Harris delivered a [speech](#) in which she emphasized her belief that America always has been, and still is, a racist nation. Some excerpts:

“In the last couple of days, I’ve been saying America is raw right now. Her wounds are exposed. The reality of it is that the life of a Black person in America historically, and even recently with Mr. Floyd, has never been treated as fully human. And it is time that we come to terms with the fact that America has never fully addressed the systemic racism that has existed in our country. That’s just a fact. And so, the people protesting on the street are protesting understanding that we have yet to fulfill that promise of equal justice under the law. And there is a pain that is present that is being expressed in their constitutional right to march and to shout. [...]

“And I can say, with full certainty that it is time that the leaders in this United States Senate, in this United States Congress, take action to reform a criminal justice system that for far too long, has been informed by systemic racism and by racial bias. It is time that we say that bad cops are bad for good cops. It is time that we say that one should not be subjected to the indignity of being told to get on your knees and put your hands behind your head, simply because you are walking while Black. And it happens every day in America. There’s not a black man I know, be he a relative, a friend, or a coworker, or colleague, who has not been the subject of some form of racial discrimination at the hands of law enforcement, not one I know.

“And I’m talking about people at every level of life, including people who graduated, Harvard and Stanford and you name it. And the only thing that is common among them is that the color of their skin is black. That’s why the people are marching in the streets. [...]

“This is happening at a moment in time, where we have a so called commander in chief, who also has the title of President of the United States, who I promise you will never speak the words Black Lives Matter. Well, they do.”

On June 4, *Cosmopolitan* magazine published an opinion piece written by Harris, in which she again discussed what she views as the intransigent scourge of American racism. Some [excerpts](#):

“This week, something historic happened. Thousands of people from every walk of life, every state across the country, came together. Many felt feelings of anger, sadness, fear, and hopelessness following George Floyd’s killing. But we all felt the urgency for change. Change in the name of George Floyd. Change in the name of [Ahmaud Arbery](#). Change in the name of [Breonna Taylor](#). And change in the name of the countless other Black Americans who have died at the hands of hatred and racism.

“This past weekend, I joined thousands of protesters in Washington, D.C. as we marched through the streets to demand justice for George Floyd. As I stood among the sea of people gathered outside the White House, I was overcome with emotion. I reflected on the fact that from the moment a Black woman gives birth to a child and holds her baby’s fragile body in her hand, she fears that that body could be viewed as a threat and that someone may try to do harm to her child....

“Let’s speak the truth: People are protesting because Black people have been treated as less than human in America. Because our country has never fully addressed the systemic racism that has plagued our country since its earliest days. It is the duty of *every* American to fix. No longer can

some wait on the sidelines, hoping for incremental change. In times like this, silence is complicity. It will take each of us to confront the injustices that continue to perpetuate a broken system that has taken countless Black Americans' lives. It will take people of every race, creed, and gender identity to speak up and to act. Now is the time to have those uncomfortable conversations about racism with family, friends, and neighbors. It's time to have honest discussions about our country's dark history of discrimination and confront the fact that structural racism lives on in our policies and everyday life. And it's time for all of us—not just some—to speak out against racism.”

On June 5, Harris was [angered](#) when President Trump said the following about George Floyd: “Equal justice under the law must mean that every American receives equal treatment in every encounter with law enforcement, regardless of race, color, gender, or creed. They have to receive fair treatment from law enforcement. We all saw what happened last week. We can't let that happen.” In response to Trump, Harris tweeted: “@realDonaldTrump, keep George Floyd's name out of your mouth until you can say Black Lives Matter.”

In a June 17, 2020 appearance on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, Harris [stated](#) that the nationwide [Black Lives Matter](#) (BLM) protests that had erupted following the death of George Floyd would, and should, continue indefinitely. Said Harris:

“They're not going to stop. This is a movement, I'm telling you. They're not going to stop and everyone beware, because they're not going to stop. They're not going to stop before Election Day in November, and they're not going to stop after Election Day. Everyone should take note of that on both levels. They're not going to let up and they should not and we should not.... The only way we are going to truly achieve change is when there are people in the system who are willing or pushing to do it and when there are those of us who are outside the system demanding it. I am very clear that some of the success we have been able to achieve around criminal justice reform would not have happened in recent years without Black Lives Matter.”

In August 2020, Senator Harris, who had just been named as [Joe Biden](#)'s vice presidential running mate, said, in a reference to the influence that BLM and its allies were having on America: “[W]e're [experiencing](#) a moral reckoning with racism and systemic injustice that has brought a new coalition of conscience to the streets of our country, demanding change.”

During an August 2020 interview with *The 19th*, a Texas-based news organization, Harris [said](#): “Black women pay attention to the issue issues. Black women are motivated to vote for the people who represent their priorities and their needs. And so when you look at everything that relates to what we've discussed in terms of childcare when you look at what we're talking about in terms of jobs, health care when you look at what we need to do to address racial and not only disparities in terms of the healthcare system and in terms of the economy and education system, we need to speak about systemic racism, and when you have one ticket that can say the phrase 'Black Lives Matter' and another who has been full-time sowing hate and division in our country, those are the things that are going to motivate black women to vote. a point in pride about a black woman being on the ticket, it takes more than just that to motivate black women to vote.”

With regard to the ongoing protests against alleged police brutality and “systemic racism,” Harris [said](#) on August 27, 2020: “The reality is that the life of a black person in America has never been treated as fully human. We have yet to fulfill that promise of equal justice under the law. It’s no wonder people are taking to the streets. And I support them. We must always defend peaceful protests and peaceful protesters. We should not confuse them with those looting and committing acts of violence, including the shooter who was arrested for murder.”

In a September 2020 interview during the [NAACP](#)’s national convention (which was held virtually because of the coronavirus pandemic), Harris [praised](#) the “brilliance” and “impact” of what she characterized as BLM’s very “necessary” protests. Said the senator: “Nothing that we have achieved that has been about progress, in particular around civil rights, has come without a fight, and so I always am going to interpret these protests as an essential component of evolution in our country — as an essential component or mark of a real democracy.... I actually believe that ‘Black Lives Matter’ has been the most significant agent for change within the criminal justice system.”

Harris Supports Bail Fund to Keep Black Lives Matter Rioters out of Prison

Harris publicly [supported](#) the Minnesota Freedom Fund (MFF), which made bail payments on behalf of people who were arrested for their participation in the George Floyd riots in Minneapolis and were awaiting trial — just as it had been making bail payments for all manner of misdemeanants and felons since 2016. In June 2020, the senator tweeted: “If you’re able to, chip in now to the @MNFreedomFund to help post bail for those protesting on the ground in Minnesota.” Thanks in part to Harris’ endorsement, MFF received more than \$35 million in donations.

Moreover, at least 13 staff members of Joe Biden’s presidential campaign made personal donations to the fund.

One of MFF’s many noteworthy beneficiaries was 29-year-old [Thomas Moseley](#), on whose behalf the organization posted \$5,000 in August 2020 after he had been arrested for gun possession and property damage (to a police precinct). When Moseley was subsequently arrested and charged with Riot in the Second Degree on December 31, 2020, MFF again secured his release, this time posting \$60,000 bail. Moseley was arrested again on January 27, 2021 — for fifth-degree possession of controlled substances — marijuana, cocaine and psilocyn mushrooms — while also in possession of a firearm.

Another MFF beneficiary was 36-year-old Timothy Wayne Columbus, who was [arrested](#) in the summer of 2020 for a crime unrelated to the rioting in Minneapolis. Specifically, he was charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct for having vaginally penetrated an 8-year-old girl in 2015. MFF covered Columbus’ \$75,000 bail.

Accusing President Trump of Racism

On June 11, 2020, Harris joined other Democrats as well as a number of media outlets in [declaring](#) that President Trump’s plans for future campaign rallies in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Jacksonville, Florida, were racist — simply because of the locations chosen, and the dates for which the rallies were scheduled. For example, Harris was vexed by the Trump campaign’s announcement that it would hold its first rally in Tulsa on June 19 — occasionally known as “Juneteenth,” the anniversary of the day when freed slaves in Texas were first read the Emancipation Proclamation. In the senator’s calculus, Trump’s choice of that date was a deliberate provocation: “This isn’t just a wink to white supremacists—he’s throwing them a welcome home party,” she tweeted. Democrats and journalists also claimed that the choice of Tulsa as the site of the rally was racist, because in 1921 that city had been the scene of deadly race riots by local whites. Critics likewise objected to a Trump rally scheduled for Jacksonville on August 27, noting that it would coincide with the 60th anniversary of a Ku Klux Klan attack against black activists in that city.

Harris’ Senate Voting Record

Harris’ voting record made her the [farthest-left](#) member of the U.S. Senate in 2019.

For an overview of Harris’ voting record on a variety of key issues, [click here](#).

Nominated by Joe Biden As Vice Presidential Running Mate

On August 11, 2020, Harris was announced as former Vice President Joe Biden’s running mate for the 2020 U.S. presidential election.

Advocating Equality of Outcomes — i.e., Communism

On November 1, 2020 — two days before election day — Harris posted (on Twitter) a [video](#) animation that she narrated, and in which she said: explaining the difference between “equality” and “equity” and concluding that “equitable treatment means we all end up at the same place.” The video showed illustrations of a white man and a black man each preparing to climb a mountain; the white man had access to a rope that helped him get started, while his black counterpart did not. Meanwhile, Harris recited her narration: “So there’s a big difference between equality and equity. Equality suggests, ‘Oh everyone should get the same amount.’ The problem with that, not everybody [sic] startin’ out from the same place. So if we’re all gettin’ the same amount, but you started out back there and I started out over here — we could get the same amount, but you [you are] still going to be that far back behind me. It’s about giving people the resources and the support they need so that everyone can be on equal footing and then compete on equal footing. Equitable treatment means we all end up at the same place.”

Plagiarizing a Martin Luther King Story

In October 2020, *Elle* magazine [published](#) an interview with Harris that said: “[Harris] remembers being wheeled through an Oakland, California, civil rights march in a stroller with no straps with her parents and her uncle. At some point, she fell from the stroller (few safety

regulations existed for children's equipment back then), and the adults, caught up in the rapture of protest, just kept on marching. By the time they noticed little Kamala was gone and doubled back, she was understandably upset. 'My mother tells the story about how I'm fussing,' Harris says, 'and she's like, *Baby, what do you want? What do you need? And I just looked at her and I said, Fweedom.*'" Harris also told this same story in a [televised](#) C-SPAN-2 interview.

As Breitbart News noted, Harris't story bore a striking resemblance to a January 1965 *Playboy* interview with Martin Luther King, Jr., in which he [recalled](#), "I never will forget a moment in Birmingham when a white policeman accosted a little Negro girl, seven or eight years old, who was walking in a demonstration with her mother. 'What do you want?' the policeman asked her gruffly, and the little girl looked him straight in the eye and answered, 'Fee-dom.'"

Election Victory

In a presidential election that was marred by [enormous amounts of fraud and a host of unconstitutional changes to state election laws](#), the Biden-Harris ticket won the election of November 2020. Kamala Harris was now Vice President of the United States.

Harris's Kwanzaa Memories

In December 2020, Harris made a [video](#) in which she wished Americans a happy [Kwanzaa](#) holiday and shared, in particular, her personal memories of celebrating Kwanzaa with her family as a child. Said Harris: "Happy holidays, everyone. I wanted to take a moment to send my warmest wishes to everyone celebrating Kwanzaa. Like so many other holidays, we [the Harris family] will be celebrating Kwanzaa a little differently this season, in our home. We'll be doing it over Zoom [because of the coronavirus pandemic that was still actively infecting many people]. You know, my sister and I, we grew up celebrating Kwanzaa. Every year, our family, and our extended family, we would gather around, across multiple generations, and we'd tell stories [...] and we would light the candles, and of course afterwards we would have a beautiful meal. And of course there was always a discussion of the seven principles [of Kwanzaa]. [...]"

Harris did not mention that the seven principles of Kwanzaa mirrored precisely the principles that were embraced by the [Symbionese Liberation Army](#), a pro-[Marxist](#), revolutionary terrorist organization of the 1970s. Nor did she mention that the founder of Kwanzaa was [Maulana Karenga](#), a Marxist activist, black nationalist, and Black Power militant who in 1971 was arrested for brutally assaulting and torturing two women.

Vis-a-vis Harris' claim that she had celebrated Kwanzaa from her youngest days as a child, podcaster [Michael Knowles](#), in response to the video, pointed out that during Harris' youth: "[Kwanzaa] was only celebrated, or even recognized, in Black Power circles ... like the Black Power movement, the [Black Panthers](#). Something tells me that Kamala Harris was not running in those circles, with her Indian mother and her Jamaican father, a Jamaican father who has called his daughter a liar before."

Harris Condemns America’s “Racism,” “Sexism,” & “Xenophobia”

On March 19, 2021, Harris and President Biden traveled to Atlanta to show solidarity with the city’s Asian American community, in the aftermath of an incident where a white man had shot and killed six local Asian women as well as two white people. Though there was no evidence that the shootings had been racially motivated, Harris said in a [speech](#) at Emory University: said: “Racism is real in America and it has always been. Xenophobia is real in America and always has been. Sexism, too.” She also suggested that former President Trump was to blame for an alleged spike in anti-Asian crimes that had occurred in the U.S. during 2020: “For the last year, we’ve had people in positions of incredible power scapegoating Asian Americans, people with the biggest pulpits, spreading this kind of hate.”

Harris revisited these themes in a May 17, 2022 speech at the White House Rose Garden, where she [said](#): “Racism is real in America. It has always been. Xenophobia is real in America. It has always been. Sexism too.”

Biden appoints Harris to Oversee the Administration’s Border Efforts

On March 24, 2021, President Biden announced that he was [appointing](#) Vice President Harris to lead the government’s efforts to stem the massive flow of illegal migrants who had been crossing the U.S.-Mexico border since the very start of the Biden presidency. A senior administration official said that Harris’ duties would focus on “two tracks”: (a) slowing the current flow of migrants, and (b) devising a long-term strategy to address the “root causes” of the migration.

But Harris subsequently did nothing to indicate that she was serious about the border duties she ostensibly had been assigned. She did not [visit](#) the southern border even once until June 25, 2021 — ninety-three days after her March 24 appointment by Biden. That visit came after more than 50 House Republicans [demanded](#) on June 20 that Biden replace Harris because she had done nothing to secure the wide-open border. Also on June 20 — before Harris had made any plans to go to the border — former President Donald Trump [announced](#) that he himself would be making an official visit to the border on June 30 along with Republican Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

Claiming That Violence Against LGBTQ People and Afro-Descendants Is a “Root Cause” of the Migration Crisis

In an April 27, 2021 video conference call with Guatemalan President Alejandro Giammattei, Harris stated that violence against minority groups in Central America was a “root cause” of the migration flood that was overwhelming the U.S. southern border. She [said](#):

“There are also longstanding issues that are often called the ‘root causes’ of immigration. We are looking at the issue of poverty and the lack, therefore, of economic opportunities; the issue of extreme weather conditions and the lack of climate adaptation; as well as corruption and the lack of good governance; and violence against women, Indigenous people, LGBTQ people, and Afro-descendants.”

Harris then explained that in order to address these problems as well as the border crisis, the U.S. would work to improve living conditions for Guatemala: “We want to work with you to address both the acute causes as well as the root causes in a way that will bring hope to the people of Guatemala that there will be an opportunity for them if they stay at home.”

Harris Attributes Border/Migrant Crisis, in Large Part, to Climate Change

Speaking at the Washington Conference on the Americas in early May 2021, Vice President Harris said that while people in Central America were leaving their countries “at an alarming rate” and trying to come to the U.S., “people in the region do not want to leave their homes,” and that they were leaving “only when they feel they must.” Such migrants, added Harris, were motivated mainly by a loss of hope in the possibility that living conditions would improve in their homelands. “So we want to help,” she said. “Our administration wants to help. We want to pick back up the kind of work President Joe Biden started when he was vice president. We want to help people find hope at home. And so we are focused on addressing both the acute factors and the root causes of migration. And I believe this is an important distinction. We must focus on both. First: the acute factors. The catastrophes, that are causing people to leave right now. The hurricanes, the drought, and the extreme food insecurity. And then there are the long standing issues. The root causes: And I’m thinking of corruption, violence, and poverty, the lack of economic opportunity, the lack of climate adaptation and climate resilience, the lack of good governance.”

Among the key problems in the region, Harris elaborated, were: “violence in the Northern Triangle, violence against Afro-descendants, violence against indigenous people, violence against LGBTQ people, violence against young people, violence against women.” She pledged that the U.S. would: (a) seek to provide “alternatives to gang recruitment”; (b) “deliver food, shelter, water and sanitation;” and (c) “work with [women farmers especially] to plant drought resilient crops” as a means of combating the effects of droughts.

Harris Praises Texas Democrats Who Fled Their State to Derail Republican Election-Integrity Legislation

On July 12, 2021, at least 51 of the 67 Democrats in the Texas House of Representatives [fled](#) their state and flew to Washington, D.C., so as to deny Republicans the quorum needed to pass new voter-integrity laws to which the Democrats objected. Harris [praised](#) those Democrats, [saying](#): “I applaud them standing for the rights of all Americans and all Texans to express their voice through their vote, unencumbered.” “I will say that they are leaders who are marching in the path that so many others before did when they fought and many died for our right to vote,” the vice president added.

False Claims That Border Patrol Agents Are Whipping Illegal Haitian Migrants

[During](#) the [week](#) of September 19, 2021 – by which time more than 14,000 Haitians had recently gathered under a bridge on the banks of the Rio Grande in hopes of gaining approval for asylum in the U.S. — the [media](#) were abuzz with accusations claiming that Border Patrol agents were

using whips to prevent those Haitians from illegally entering the United States. Specifically, the controversy was sparked by photographs of agents mounted on horseback attempting to corral incoming migrants. Some photos showed the agents twirling their reins to coax the horses in certain directions. Many critics misidentified the reins as whips that were being used to harm and degrade the migrants.

Paul Ratje, the photographer responsible for the images in question, said that neither he nor any of his colleagues had [seen](#) Border Patrol agents whipping anyone. “Some of the Haitian men started running, trying to go around the horses, and that’s when the whole thing happened,” Ratje [explained](#). “I never saw them whip anyone. The agent was swinging the reins that to some can be misconstrued when you’re looking at the pictures.”

Rowdy Ballard — who, prior to retiring, had spent 17 years on horseback for the Border Patrol and had served 6 years as the horse coordinator for Del Rio, Texas — told Fox News: “We all have the same message: we don’t carry whips.” Explaining that the Border Patrol does not train its agents to whip illegal migrants, and that those agents hardly ever place their hands on people “unless they’re not compliant,” Ballard said on *America’s Newsroom*: “It was a tense situation. The horses were a little reluctant to do the job that the agents were asking... twirling the reins was just another tool they used to get the horses to do what they’re asking.”

Notwithstanding the fact that the “whipping” claims were entirely false, the Biden Administration quickly announced that: (a) horse patrols at the border would be immediately suspended pending further investigation of the charges, and (b) the specific agents in the aforementioned photos would remain on administrative duty while the probe was being conducted. Biden’s announcement prompted Rowdy Ballard to say: “The horse is a great [tool](#) we’ve used [at the Border Patrol] for almost 100 years now. And with that going, it’s going to be harder to patrol that area.”

Vice President Harris said she was “[outraged](#)” by the “horrible and deeply troubling” images shown in the photos. “Human beings should not be treated that way,” she elaborated, “and as we all know, it also evoked images of some of the worst moments of our history where that kind of behavior has been used against the indigenous people of our country, has been used against African Americans during times of slavery.”

Harris Condemns America’s “Shameful Past” vis-a-vis Native Tribes

At the National Congress of American Indians’ 78th Annual Convention on October 12, 2021 — the day after Columbus Day — Harris delivered a virtual address in which she [said](#): “Since 1934, every October, the United States has recognized the voyage of the European explorers who first landed on the shores of the Americas. But that is not the whole story. That has never been the whole story. Those explorers ushered in a wave of devastation for Tribal nations — perpetrating violence, stealing land, and spreading disease. We must not shy away from this shameful past, and we must shed light on it and do everything we can to address the impact of the past on Native communities today.” Lamenting that “Native Americans are more likely to live in poverty, to be unemployed, and often struggle to get quality healthcare and to find affordable

housing,” Harris claimed that President Biden’s multi-trillion-dollar “Build Back Better” [agenda](#), if passed into law, would have “a significant [positive] impact on Indian Country.”

Harris Appears in Video Illegally Injecting Politics into Black Church Services

In October 2021, Harris appeared in a [video](#) clearly endorsing Democrat [Terry McAuliffe](#) to be elected as Virginia’s next governor in the upcoming November 2 gubernatorial race. The video was played in [hundreds](#) of black churches, in violation of the Johnson Amendment — a 1954 statute named for its principal sponsor, then-Senator Lyndon Johnson — which explicitly [prohibits](#) tax-exempt churches from engaging in the direct or indirect promotion of any political candidate’s bid for election to public office.

DHS Secretary Mayorkas Cannot Explain What Harris Does in Her Immigration Role

On November 16, 2020, Republican Senator Josh Hawley questioned Homeland Security Secretary [Alejandro Mayorkas](#) about what Vice President Harris had been doing during her [nearly eight months](#) as the purported leader of the Biden administration’s response to mass illegal migration across America’s southern border. The following [New York Post](#) report provides details of how a portion of their exchange went:

“Do you report to her?” Hawley asked Mayorkas.

“Senator, I report to the vice president and the president, and your question misstates the facts,” the DHS secretary responded. “The president did not appoint the vice president to be the border czar. He asked her to lead the effort in addressing the root causes of irregular migration. Those are two very different things.”

“Ah, I see,” Hawley answered. “So is she working closely with you on that important endeavor? How often do you meet with her?”

“I am certainly in close touch with the vice president,” Mayorkas said.

“How often do you meet on this subject?” Hawley pressed.

“I’ve met with the vice president more than a handful of times,” answered Mayorkas, who was confirmed as DHS secretary in February.

”More than a handful? Well, so what’s that, six or seven times in the last year?” Hawley said.

“Well, no, first of all, I have not been in office for a year, senator,” said Mayorkas before repeating that he was in “close touch” with Harris.

When Hawley asked Mayorkas if the vice president had traveled to the border with him, the DHS chief recalled a late [June visit](#) by Harris to El Paso, Texas. The vice president received criticism for the trip from Republicans like [Sen. Ted Cruz](#) (R-Texas), who pointed out at the time that Harris was going nowhere near the epicenter of the ongoing crisis.

“And has she been part of your policies, your decision to end the ‘[Remain in Mexico](#)’ policy, to end [the public charge rule](#), to [change the ICE guidance](#), has she been part of those decisions?” asked Hawley.

“I have not consulted with the vice president directly about those policies,” Mayorkas admitted.

“So what is she doing, exactly?” the Missourian asked. “You said she’s not the borders czar. That’s not her role. We’re wrong about that. She’s not doing anything like that. She’s doing something very different, is what your testimony is, but you’re not actually consulting with her on any policy. So what is it that she’s doing, exactly?”

“Senator, as I have repeatedly testified, she is focused on addressing the root causes of irregular migration in the context of the migration channels,” Mayorkas responded.

“How’s that been going?” snarked Hawley.

“That is a — We are advancing considerably, and in fact, I am contributing to that effort,” said Mayorkas, who cited trips he had made to meet with officials in Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and other countries.

“And those efforts are working? That’s been successful?” Hawley asked.

“This is a process that takes time and delivers an enduring solution,” Mayorkas insisted. Harris Condemns the Kyle Rittenhouse Jury Verdict

On August 25, 2020 — during a violent [Black Lives Matter/Antifa](#) riot which followed an incident where a white Kenosha, Wisconsin police officer had shot and permanently disabled a knife-wielding black criminal named [Jacob Blake](#) — [Kyle Rittenhouse](#), a 17-year-old white youth from Antioch, Illinois, drove to Kenosha, where his father resided, with the intent of: (a) helping to prevent further vandalism in that city, and (b) providing medical aid to people injured in the melee. At the scene of the unrest, Rittenhouse was armed with a semi-automatic rifle that had been purchased (with [his money](#)) and held for him by his friend Dominick Black, a resident of Kenosha. When white rioter and Kenosha resident Joseph Rosenbaum — who had spent 15 years in [prison](#) for multiple child molestation convictions that included [anal rape](#) — chased Rittenhouse, threatened to kill him, and tried to take away his rifle, Rittenhouse fatally shot Rosenbaum. While subsequently being chased by a crowd of approximately a dozen rioters, Rittenhouse ran down a street toward police vehicles, in hopes that the officers might protect him from his pursuers. But the fleeing Rittenhouse tripped and fell to the ground, at which point he

was struck on the head by a 39-year-old white man who jump-kicked him. Then, while Rittenhouse was still on the ground, white [Silver Lake](#) resident Anthony Huber — a domestic abuse repeater and an ex-convict who in 2013 had pleaded [guilty](#) to multiple [felony](#) counts of strangulation, suffocation, and false imprisonment — struck him on the [head and neck](#) with a skateboard and attempted to pull away his rifle, at which point Rittenhouse killed Huber with a single gunshot to the chest. And when white [West Allis](#) resident Gaige Grosskreutz — who had a long [arrest history](#) that included multiple misdemeanors and felonies — then approached the fallen Rittenhouse and pointed a handgun directly at him, Rittenhouse shot him once in the right arm, wounding but not killing the man. Rittenhouse was subsequently tried on six criminal charges which included homicide, reckless endangerment, and possession of a dangerous weapon by a person under the age of 18. A large number of leftists portrayed him as a racist, Trump-supporting white vigilante who had recklessly fired his gun at “social justice” and “racial justice” demonstrators in Kenosha.

After a jury found Rittenhouse not guilty on all counts on November 19, 2021, Harris [said](#): “The verdict really speaks for itself. As many of you know, I’ve spent the majority of my career working to make the criminal justice system more equitable, and clearly there’s a lot more to do.”

Expressing Respect for the View That Israel’s “Iron Dome” System Is a Tool of “Ethnic Genocide”

During a 2021 [appearance](#) at George Mason University, Vice President Harris nodded along as a student ranted that American funding for Israel’s anti-missile defense system, the Iron Dome, “hurts my heart because it’s an ethnic genocide.” Harris then assured the student that “your voice, your perspective, your experience, your truth, should not be suppressed.”

Harris’ Remarks on the First Anniversary of the January 6, 2021 Occupation of the U.S. Capitol

In a January 6, 2022 speech on Capitol Hill, Vice President Harris spoke at length in an event commemorating the first anniversary of the temporary occupation of the U.S. Capitol by several hundred Trump supporters one year earlier. Below is a partial transcript of Harris’ [remarks](#), which were clearly aimed at setting the stage for an already-announced Democrat plan to pass legislation — particularly [The For The People Act](#) — that would radically change how elections in the United States would be run:

“Certain dates echo throughout history, including dates that instantly remind all who have lived through them, where they were and what they were doing when our democracy came under assault. Dates that occupy not only a place on our calendars but a place in our collective memory: Dec. 7, 1941, Sept. 11, 2001, and Jan. 6, 2021.

“On that day, I was not only vice president-elect, I was also a U.S. senator. And I was here at the Capitol that morning, at a classified hearing with fellow members of the Senate Intelligence Committee. Hours later, the gates of the Capitol were breached. I had left, but my thoughts

immediately turned, not only to my colleagues but to my staff, who had been forced to seek refuge in our office, converting filing cabinets into barricades.

“What the extremists who roamed these halls targeted was not only the lives of elected leaders. What they sought to degrade and destroy was not only a building, hallowed as it is. What they were assaulting were the institutions, the values, the ideals that generations of Americans have marched, picketed and shed blood to establish and defend.

“On Jan. 6, we all saw what our nation would look like if the forces who seek to dismantle our democracy are successful. The lawlessness, the violence, the chaos. What was at stake then and now is the right to have our future decided, the way the Constitution describes it, by we the people, all the people.

“We cannot let our future be decided by those bent on silencing our voices, overturning our votes and peddling lies and misinformation, by some radical faction that may be newly resurgent, but whose roots run old and deep.

“When I meet with young people, they often ask about the state of our democracy, about Jan. 6. And what I tell them is Jan. 6 reflects the dual nature of democracy, its fragility and its strength.

“You see, the strength of democracy is the rule of law. The strength of democracy is the principle that everyone should be treated equally. That elections should be free and fair. That corruption should be given no quarter.

“The strength of democracy is that it empowers the people. And the fragility of democracy is this, that if we are not vigilant if we do not defend it, democracy simply will not stand. It will falter and fail.

“The violent assault that took place here, the very fact of how close we came to an election overturned, that reflects the fragility of democracy. [...]

“You know, I wonder, how will Jan. 6 come to be remembered in the years ahead? Will it be remembered as a moment that accelerated the unraveling of the oldest, greatest democracy in the world? Or a moment when we decided to secure and strengthen our democracy for generations to come?

“The American spirit is being tested. The answer to whether we will meet that test resides where it always has resided in our country, with you, the people. And the work ahead will not be easy. Here in this very building, a decision will be made about whether we uphold the right to vote, and ensure free and fair elections. Let’s be clear. We must pass voting rights bills that are now before the Senate, and the American people must also do something more. We cannot sit on the sidelines, we must unite in defense of our democracy.

[Quoting the Constitution:] “In order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and to our prosperity [sic], and posterity.”

Harris Gives Simplistic Explanation of Russia’s Recent Invasion of Ukraine

During a March 1, 2022 [appearance](#) on the syndicated “[Morning Hustle](#)” radio program, Harris was asked by co-host Headkrack to explain the conflict “in layman’s terms for people who don’t understand what’s going on and how can this directly affect the people of the United States.” Speaking slowly, Harris replied: “So, Ukraine is a country in Europe. It exists next to another country called Russia. Russia is a bigger country. Russia is a powerful country. Russia decided to invade a smaller country called Ukraine. So, basically, that’s wrong, and it goes against everything that we stand for.”

Harris’ Remarks at “Clean Transit” Event

At a March 7, 2022 “Clean Transit” [event](#), Harris told those in attendance:

“And again ... all over our country, communities that have been left out and left behind, and where pollution from heavy-duty trucks and buses has made the air poisonous to breathe. And this pollution is also, of course, accelerating the climate crisis, threatening the future not just of our communities but of the entire world. And this is not how it has to be.

“Imagine a future: The freight trucks that deliver bread and milk to our grocery store shelves and the buses that take children to school and parents to work; imagine all the heavy-duty vehicles that keep our supply lines strong and allow our economy to grow — imagine that they produced zero emissions. Well, you all imagined it. That’s why we’re here today — because we have the ability to see what can be, unburdened by what has been, and then to make the possible actually happen.”

Ban on Anti-Satellite Missile Tests

Speaking at the Vandenberg Space Force Base in California on April 18, 2022, Harris [announced](#) that the Biden administration — in an effort to make demilitarization an “international norm for responsible behavior in space” — had decided to unilaterally terminate America’s testing of anti-satellite missiles, a practice known to generate debris in outer space. Said Harris in her remarks:

- “Space is [exciting](#). It spurs our imaginations, and it forces us to ask big questions. Space — it affects us all, and it connects us all.”
- “Simply put, these tests are [dangerous](#), and we will not conduct them. This debris presents a risk to the safety of our astronauts, our satellites and our growing commercial presence. A piece of space debris the size of a basketball, which travels at thousands of miles per hour, would destroy a satellite. Even a piece of debris as small as a grain of sand could cause serious damage.”

- “These weapons are [intended](#) to deny the United States our ability to use our space capabilities by destructing, destroying our satellites, satellites which are critical to our national security. These tests, to be sure, are reckless, and they are irresponsible. These tests also put in danger so much of what we do in space.”

Harris also [explained](#) that the Biden administration wanted America’s Space Force to “protect our interests in space,” but not in a way that violates “international norms and rules.” Those norms and rules, she added, give people a “sense of order and stability,” whether “it is the way we interact with our colleagues at work or the way nations interact with each other.” However, as conservative columnist [Daniel Greenfield](#) noted shortly after Harris’ remarks: “ASAT [anti-satellite] weapons don’t actually violate any international laws. That’s why protests against China and Russia’s weapons tests have previously fallen on deaf ears. The two totalitarian countries aren’t breaking any rules or norms by testing and deploying ASAT weapons from the ground that target orbital objects. We could legally develop and deploy ASAT weapons ourselves.”

While the Biden-Harris administration was declaring the end of America’s ASAT testing, the [counterpart](#) ASAT-testing programs of China, India, and [Russia](#) would continue unabated.

Outraged by Supreme Court Decision to Overturn *Roe v. Wade*

On May 2, 2022, *Politico* [reported](#) that an unidentified individual had leaked an [initial draft majority opinion](#), written by Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito, in which the Court had decided to strike down the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision. “No draft decision in the modern history of the court has been disclosed publicly while a case was still pending,” said *Politico*. Whereas *Roe* had guaranteed federal constitutional protections for abortion rights, the new ruling would return responsibility for those rights to each individual state. “*Roe* was egregiously wrong from the start,” Alito wrote in his opinion, adding: “We hold that *Roe* and *Casey* [a 1992 decision that largely reaffirmed the rights set forth in *Roe*] must be overruled. It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people’s elected representatives.” In response to the Court’s decision, an outraged Harris issued the following remarks:

- “We have been on the front lines of this [fight](#) for many years, all of us in this together, and now we enter a new phase. There is nothing hypothetical about this moment. Women’s issues are America’s issues, and democracies cannot be strong if the rights of women are under attack. So to all here I say, let us fight for our country and for the principles upon which it was founded, and let us fight with everything we have got.”
- “When the right to [privacy](#) is attacked, anyone in our country may face a future where the government can interfere with their personal decisions. Not just women. Anyone. And it has never been more clear which party wants to expand our rights and which party wants to restrict them.”
- “What is [clear](#) is that opponents of *Roe* want to punish women and take away their rights to make decisions about their own bodies. If the right to privacy is weakened, every person could face a future in which the government can potentially interfere in the personal decisions you make about your life.”

Harris Has No Idea How to Lower Gas Prices in the U.S.

During a June 28, 2022 [interview](#), CNN Chief Political Correspondent Dana Bash asked Harris: “There is a lot of anxiety about the economy. People’s wallets are really being hurt right now. Gas prices, as you well know, they’re still near about \$5 a gallon. The president said he wanted a gas tax holiday. It doesn’t seem like it’s going anywhere in Congress. What else is in your toolbox? Is there anything else you can do to help bring down the cost of gas?”

Harris responded, “Well, first of all, let’s just say that this is a very real issue, and we have to do something about it and it’s one of our highest priorities as an administration. So, there is the piece that is about gas and bringing down the cost of gas, which, in large part, has exploded because of Putin’s war on Ukraine. The president [Biden] is in Europe right now, talking, as he has been, to bring our allies and partners together so we can have a common defense around what we believe to be democratic principles, around sovereignty and territorial integrity. But there are other things we need to do. And so, for example, bringing down the cost of prescription drugs. One of — we are fighting to say something like insulin should cost no more than \$35 a month. We are fighting to say that we should have affordable child care so that families — working families shouldn’t pay more than 7% of their income in child care.”

Harris Defends Abortion Rights As a Fundamentally American Way to Protect “the Needs of a Child”

During a July 2, 2022 [interview](#) in New Orleans, Harris spoke extensively about the topic of abortion rights. Exhorting abortion supporters to avoid becoming disillusioned by the Supreme Court’s recent decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, she said: “Don’t hear, ‘It can’t be done.’ Don’t hear, ‘Nobody like you has done this before. I like to say, ‘I eat no for breakfast.’” Characterizing the Court’s decision as one that was “outrageous on every level,” Harris warned: “What essentially has happened is the statement has been made that the government has a right to come in your home and tell you, as a woman and as a family, what you should do with your body.” She further claimed that the right to abortion was fundamental to America’s founding as a nation: “We have to recognize we’re a nation that was founded on certain principles that are — that are grounded in the concept of freedom and liberty.” Drawing a parallel between modern-day governmental efforts to limit abortion rights, and past government attempts to “claim ownership over human bodies” during the epoch of slavery, Harris added: “We had supposedly evolved from that time and that way of thinking. So this is very problematic on so many levels.” Lamenting that low-income pregnant women would miss work if they had to travel to another state in order to get an abortion, she said: “We’re looking at the fact that if she works, which she probably does, she’s going to lose time from work, potentially without leave — without paid leave.” Finally, Harris classified her commitment to abortion rights as a reflection of her deep desire to protect the well-being of children: “For me and for the president, one of the biggest issues that has been treated as maybe a small issue is — is anything that affects children. I think, you know, sometimes in public policy, I think folks think because they’re small people, it’s a small issue. No. If you impact in a positive way the needs of a child, the entire community benefits for generations.”

Harris Hails America’s “Strong and Enduring” Alliance with “North Korea”

During a visit to the Korean Demilitarized Zone on September 29, 2022, Harris [said](#): “The United States shares a very important relationship, which is an alliance with the Republic of North Korea. And it is an alliance that is strong and enduring.”

Promoting Government Collusion with Social Media Companies

During a December 19, 2022 [appearance](#) on [NPR](#)’s *All Things Considered*, Harris stated that social media companies needed to work with the government to minimize the incidence of misinformation and disinformation, and that they should “work with us who are concerned about national security” in order to “ensure there is not a manipulation that is allowed or overlooked.” “So, what I would say about any social media site,” added Harris, “is this: I fully expect and would require that leaders in that sector cooperate and work with us who are concerned about national security and concerned about upholding and protecting our democracy to do everything in their power to ensure that there is not a manipulation that is allowed or overlooked that is done with the intention of upending the security of our democracy and our nation.”

In Pro-Abortion Speech, Harris Omits the Declaration of Independence’s Guarantee of “Right to Life”

Harris delivered a pro-abortion [speech](#) in Tallahassee, Florida on January 22, 2023 – the 50th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, and also the day of the annual (anti-abortion) [March for Life](#) rally in Washington, D.C. In her address, the vice president referenced the Declaration of Independence but omitted any mention of that document’s explicit guarantee of the “unalienable right” to the “Life” that the “Creator” had gifted as a birthright to all human beings. Harris’ key omissions were in the following remarks that she made:

“America is a promise. It is a promise of freedom and liberty—not for some, but for all. A promise we made in the Declaration of Independence that we are each endowed with the right to liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Be clear. These rights were not bestowed upon us. They belong to us as Americans.”

Below is a longer excerpt from Harris’ [speech](#):

“So we are here together because we collectively believe and know America is a promise. America is a promise. It is a promise of freedom and liberty — not for some, but for all. A promise we made in the Declaration of Independence that we are each endowed with the right to liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Be clear. These rights were not bestowed upon us. They belong to us as Americans. [...]

“And since our founding, we have then been on a march forward to fully realize our promise to complete the unfinished work to secure freedom and liberty for all.

“Now, these outcomes will not be inevitable. They will not just happen. It takes steadfast determination and dedication. The kind of determination and dedication possessed by some of our greatest patriots: those Americans who fought a Civil War to end the sin of slavery — who organized at Seneca Falls to secure a woman’s right to vote — — who launched the Freedom Rides to advance civil rights — and spoke out at the Stonewall Inn to defend human rights. In each of these movements, those leaders expanded rights which then advanced the cause of freedom and liberty.

“And 50 years ago today, so did those who won a fight in the United States Supreme Court to recognize the fundamental constitutional right of a woman to make decisions about her own body — not the government. For nearly 50 years, Americans relied on the rights that *Roe* protected. Today, however, on what would have been its 50th anniversary, we speak of the *Roe* decision in the past tense — because, last June, the United States Supreme Court took away that constitutional right — a fundamental right, a basic freedom — from the people of America — from the women of America.

“The Court’s action has meant already that many dedicated doctors and nurses now lose their ability to care for their patients, that providers risk going to jail just for doing their job, and that patients are denied critical care and even fear that they will be punished simply for seeking care.

“It has meant that a 10-year-old child in Ohio who was sexually assaulted and became pregnant had to leave her home — had to leave her home state and travel to another to receive care. It has meant that the doctor who treated her faced death threats and efforts to take away her medical license.

“And for Amanda, a 35-year-old woman in Texas, it meant, in the midst of a miscarriage, she was denied treatment three times in three days at an emergency room because of that state’s abortion ban. And only after she developed sepsis, an infection that almost killed her, did the hospital finally admit her. [...]

“The consequences of the Supreme Court’s ruling are not only limited to those who need reproductive care. Other basic healthcare is at risk.

“Consider Emma, a 14-year-old who lives in Arizona. So Emma manages her chronic arthritis with medication that allows her to go to school and live without constant pain. But the medication that helps her can also cause pregnancy loss. So within weeks of the *Dobbs* decision, her pharmacy initially refused to fill her prescription, afraid that they could be prosecuted under the state’s radical law. [...]

“So know this: President Biden and I agree, and we will never back down. We will not back down. And we know — we know this fight will not be won until we secure this right for every American. Congress must pass a bill that protects freedom and liberty. A bill that protects reproductive rights. And President Biden will sign it.”

Opposing the Supreme Court Decision Allowing Creative Businesses to Refuse Service Based on Moral Objections

On June 30, 2023, the Supreme Court [ruled](#) on *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis*, a case that centered around the question of whether creative businesses had a right to refuse to serve LGBTQ+ customers because of a business owner's First Amendment free-speech rights. In its 6-3 decision, the Court concluded that an evangelical Christian businesswoman had a right to post a notice that said, "no [wedding websites] will be sold if they will be used for gay marriages."

In response to the Court ruling, Harris issued a statement that [said](#):

"All people deserve to live free from discrimination. When you walk into a restaurant, a hotel, or any business open to the public, you are entitled to be served free from discrimination. For years, our nation's civil rights laws have helped to make that ideal more real. The Supreme Court's ruling in *303 Creative v. Elenis* departs from decades of jurisprudence by creating an exception to protections against discrimination in public accommodations. On the last day of Pride Month, the Supreme Court has paved the way for businesses across our nation to discriminate in the name of 'free expression'—against the LGBTQI+ community, racial and religious minorities, the disability community, and women.

"At a time when we celebrate hard-won advancements in LGBTQI+ rights, this decision threatens future progress. President Biden and I will continue to rigorously enforce federal anti-discrimination protections and fight for the right of all people to participate equally in our society. And as a crucial part of that fight, we continue to call on Congress to pass the [Equality Act](#)."

"National Strategy to Counter Islamophobia" after Deadly Hamas Attack Against Israel Sparks Military Conflict

At daybreak on Saturday, October 7, 2023 — which was the major Jewish holiday of [Simchat Torah](#) — the Islamic terror group [Hamas](#) carried out a massive, multi-front, surprise [attack](#) against Israel, firing thousands of rockets from Gaza into the Jewish state, while dozens of Hamas fighters infiltrated the Israeli border in a number of locations by air, land and sea. The attack had been [planned](#) in conjunction with officers from Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, along with agents of three other Iran-sponsored terrorist [groups](#). "In an assault of startling breadth," [reported](#) CBS News, "Hamas gunmen rolled into as many as 22 locations outside the Gaza Strip, including towns and other communities as far as 15 miles from the Gaza border. In some places they gunned down civilians and soldiers as Israel's military scrambled to muster a response." By [Sunday](#), October 8, at least 600 Israelis had been killed and 1,800 wounded, making it the deadliest day Israel had seen in decades. Moreover, Hamas took hundreds of Israelis [hostage](#), including dozens who were American citizens, and moved them to the Gaza Strip. The terrorists also [paraded](#) Israelis' mutilated bodies in Gaza, to cheering crowds of Palestinians. By October 19, the official [casualty toll](#) in Israel had reached more than 1,400 dead (including at least 32 American) and 4,500 injured.

On November 1, 2023 — after a poll commissioned by the Arab American Institute showed that President Biden’s support among Arab Americans had dropped to 17% since he had voiced support for Israel’s retaliatory war on Hamas — Vice President Harris [announced](#) the unveiling of the Biden administration’s new “National Strategy to Counter Islamophobia.” Among her remarks were the following:

“For years, Muslims in America and those perceived to be Muslim have endured a disproportionate number of hate-fueled attacks. As a result of the Hamas terrorist attack in Israel and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, we have seen an uptick in anti-Palestinian, anti-Arab, antisemitic and Islamophobic incidents across America, including the brutal attack of a Palestinian-American woman, who is Muslim, and the killing of her 6-year-old son.” Harris also [said](#) that the Biden plan sought to “protect Muslims and those perceived to be Muslim from hate, bigotry and violence. And to address the concern that some government policies may discriminate against Muslims.”

Republican Senator Tom Cotton [criticized](#) the Biden-Harris initiative in a tweet that said: “After the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust and a breakout of pro-Hamas activism on campus, the White House is claiming *Islamophobia* is our top concern.” And Concordia University Professor Gad Saad [stated](#) wryly: “According to the [FBI] director, Jews make up 2.4% of the US population but are the targets of 60% of hate crimes. This is why it is apparently important to fight Islamophobia according to the White House.”

Harris’ Stepdaughter Raises Money for “Gaza’s Children”

On November 4, 2023, the *New York Post* [reported](#) that Harris’ stepdaughter, 24-year-old Ella Emhoff — whose father, Harris’ husband [Doug Emhoff](#), is Jewish — used her personal Instagram account to help promote a fundraising drive “supporting urgent relief for Gaza’s children.” The fundraiser, which made no mention of the many Israeli children killed in Hamas’ October 7 attack against the Jewish state, was administered by the [Palestine Children’s Relief Fund](#).

Scolding Israel for Creating a “Humanitarian Catastrophe” in Gaza

[Speaking](#) at a March 3, 2024 commemoration ceremony for the historically significant [Edmund Pettus Bridge](#) in Selma, Alabama, Harris, as she stepped to the microphone, [stated](#):

“[B]efore I begin today, I must address the humanitarian crisis in Gaza [in the aftermath of the October 7, 2023 Hamas terrorist attacks against Israel]. What we are seeing every day in Gaza is devastating. We have seen reports of families eating leaves or animal feed, women giving birth to malnourished babies with little or no medical care, and children dying from malnutrition and dehydration.

“As I have said many times, too many innocent Palestinians have been killed. And just a few days ago, we saw hungry, desperate people approach aid trucks, simply trying to secure food for

their families after weeks of nearly no aid reaching Northern Gaza. And they were met with gunfire and chaos.

“Our hearts break for the victims of that horrific tragedy and for all the innocent people in Gaza who are suffering from what is clearly a humanitarian catastrophe. People in Gaza are starving. The conditions are inhumane. And our common humanity compels us to act.

“As President Joe Biden said on Friday, the United States is committed to urgently get more lifesaving assistance to innocent Palestinians in need. Yesterday, the Department of Defense carried out its first airdrop of humanitarian assistance, and the United States will continue these airdrops. And we will work on a new route by sea to deliver aid.

“And the Israeli government must do more to significantly increase the flow of aid. No excuses. They must open new border crossings. They must not impose any unnecessary restrictions on the delivery of aid. They must ensure humanitarian personnel, sites, and convoys are not targeted. And they must work to restore basic services and promote order in Gaza so more food, water, and fuel can reach those in need.”

Harris then delivered a few formal [remarks](#) about Israel’s right to defend itself against Hamas, which were quickly contradicted by her call for “an immediate ceasefire — for at least the next six weeks”:

“As I have said repeatedly since October 7th, Israel has a right to defend itself. And President Joe Biden and I are unwavering in our commitment to Israel’s security. Hamas cannot control Gaza, and the threat Hamas poses to the people of Israel must be eliminated. Hamas is a brutal terrorist organization that has vowed to repeat October 7th again and again until Israel is annihilated. Hamas has shown no regard for innocent life, including for the people of Gaza, who have suffered under its rule for almost two decades. And Hamas still holds dozens of hostages, for nearly 150 days now — innocent men and women, including American citizens, who were brutally taken from their homes and from a concert. I will repeat: The threat of — Hamas poses to the people of Israel must be eliminated.

“And given the immense scale of suffering in Gaza, there must be an immediate ceasefire — for at least the next six weeks, which is what is currently on the table. This will get the hostages out and get a significant amount of aid in. This would allow us to build something more enduring to ensure Israel is more secure and to respect the right of the Palestinian people to dignity, freedom, and self-determination.

“Hamas claims it wants a ceasefire. Well, there is a deal on the table. And as we have said, Hamas needs to agree to that deal. Let’s get a ceasefire. Let’s reunite the hostages with their families. And let’s provide immediate relief to the people of Gaza.”
Praising “Progressive Prosecutors”

In February 2024, Harris voiced her strong [support](#) for “[progressive prosecutors](#) ... who can show what is possible and then show that it works, and show that frankly, it’s not contrary at all

to public safety, [but that] in fact, it is a better way.” She was referring, specifically, to [prosecutors who had been supported and funded](#) by the leftist billionaire [George Soros](#).

Harris Issues Ramadan Message Lamenting the “Pain” & “Suffering” of Palestinians in Gaza

On March 10, 2024, Harris issued the following [statement](#) to mark the beginning of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, a statement focusing heavily on the “pain” and “suffering” that Palestinians in Gaza were experiencing as a result of Israel’s military operations against Hamas in that region:

“I know that there is great pain in the community. What we are seeing every day in Gaza is devastating. We pray that the blessings, reflections, and community of this month offer some solace. President Biden and I will continue to work to ease the suffering in Gaza and support the right of the Palestinian people to dignity, freedom, and self-determination.”
“You Need to Kick That Fucking Door Down”

In a moderated [conversation](#) at the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies Legislative Leadership Summit on May 13, 2024, Harris spoke about how racial minorities could overcome societal barriers that, in her view, had the potential to thwart their ambitions in various walks of life:

“[H]ere’s the thing about breaking barriers. Breaking barriers does not mean you start on one side of the barrier and you end up on the other side. There’s breaking involved. And when you break things, you get cut and you may bleed. And it is worth it every time. Every time.

“And so, to especially the young people here, I say to you: When you walk in those rooms being the only one that looks like you, the only one with your background, you walk in those rooms chin up, shoulders back. Be it a meeting room, a boardroom, a courtroom, a hearing room, you walk in those rooms knowing that we are all in that room with you, applauding you on and expecting certain things from you, including that you will not be silent in those rooms and that we expect that from you because we also expect that you will internalize and know we’re there with you. And so, your voice can be strong.

“It is — as ... my mother would say to me, ‘Don’t you ever let anybody tell you who you are. You tell them who you are.’ Don’t ever carry as a personal burden your capacity to do whatever you dream and aspire to do based on other people’s limited ability to see who can do what.

“This is part of what’s involved, is that we have to know that sometimes people will open the door for you and leave it open. Sometimes they won’t. And then you need to kick that fucking door down.”

Harris Mourns the Palestinians Who Were Killed During IDF Mission to Rescue Israeli Captives Taken by Hamas

During a June 8, 2024 [speech](#) to the Michigan Democratic Party in Detroit, Harris [addressed](#) an incident that had taken place earlier that day, in which the [Israel Defense Forces](#) (IDF), Israel Police, and Israel Security Agency (ISA) had rescued four of the 250+ hostages whom Hamas terrorists had taken captive on October 7, 2023. Mourning the numerous Palestinians who had died as collateral damage during the course of the June 8 rescue mission, Harris said: “Before I begin, I just [want to] say a few words about the morning which I know weighs heavily on all of our hearts. On Oct. 7, Hamas committed a brutal massacre of 1,200 innocent people and abducted 250 hostages. Thankfully, four of those hostages were reunited with their families tonight. And we mourn all of the innocent lives that have been lost in Gaza, including those tragically killed today. We have been working every day to bring an end to this conflict in a way that ensures Israel is secure, brings home all hostages, ends ongoing suffering for Palestinian people, and ensures that Palestinians can enjoy their right to self-determination, dignity, and freedom. As President Biden said last week, it is time for this war to end.” (Hamas [authorities](#) in Gaza, making no distinction between terrorists and innocent civilians, claimed that more than 270 Palestinians had been killed in the Israeli operation. Israeli forces, by contrast, placed the number at fewer than 100.)

Probable Elevation to the Top of the 2024 Democratic Presidential Ticket

On July 21, 2024, Joe Biden, whose polling numbers and political donations were dropping ever-more precipitously with each passing day, announced that he was terminating his reelection campaign and endorsed Vice President Harris to replace him at the top of the Democratic Party ticket. In a social media post which he released that afternoon, Biden [wrote](#):

“My fellow Democrats, I have decided not to accept the nomination and to focus all my energies on my duties as President for the remainder of my term. My very first decision as the party nominee in 2020 was to pick Kamala Harris as my Vice President. And it’s been the best decision I’ve made. Today I want to offer my full support and endorsement for Kamala to be the nominee of our party this year. Democrats — it’s time to come together and beat Trump. Let’s do this.”

Footnotes:

1. In April 2017, Harris [tweeted](#) that “an undocumented immigrant is not a criminal.”
2. As the [Heritage Foundation](#) explains: “Government prosecutors and the other participants in the crusade against ExxonMobil and the think tanks, researchers, scientists, and policy makers in the climate change debate argue the First Amendment does not protect the supposedly fraudulent conduct of those who ‘deny’ that catastrophic climate change is occurring and that man is the chief culprit for this problem.”

To view the relevant portion of this interview, go to the 8:35 mark in the video.

Additional Resources:

[Kamala Harris' Voting Record](#)

[The Next Obama: Meet Kamala Harris](#)

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[Why Is No One \(Except the President\) Calling Out Kamala Harris' Communist Ties?](#)

By Trevor Loudon
October 14, 2020

[Biden & Harris' War on Religious Freedom](#)

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"Your Property - Your Taxes - Our Future"
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

General Member: \$100 - \$249 \$ _____ Voting Member: \$250 - \$5,000 \$ _____

Sustaining Member: \$5,000 + \$ _____

(Sustaining Membership includes a table of 10 at the Annual Fundraiser Dinner)

General members will receive all COLAB updates and newsletters. Voting privileges are limited to Voting Members and Sustainable Members with one vote per membership.

MEMBER INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

How Did You Hear About COLAB?

Radio Internet Public Hearing Friend

COLAB Member(s) / Sponsor(s): _____

NON MEMBER DONATION/CONTRIBUTION OPTION:

For those who choose not to join as a member but would like to support COLAB via a contribution/donation.

I would like to contribute \$ _____ to COLAB and my check or credit card information is enclosed/provided.

Donations/Contributions do not require membership though it is encouraged in order to provide updates and information.

Memberships and donation will be kept confidential if that is your preference.

Confidential Donation/Contribution/Membership

PAYMENT METHOD:

Check Visa MasterCard Discover Amex NOT accepted.

Cardholder Name: _____ Signature: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp Date: ____/____ Billing Zip Code: _____ CVV: _____

TODAY'S DATE: _____