

Meet the Candidates: President Donald Trump

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Image 1. President Donald Trump smiles at his desk in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, D.C., August 27, 2018. Photo: Mandel Ngan/AFP/Getty Images.

President Donald Trump begins the 2020 election with an advantage: he is already president. Sitting presidents are hard to beat. Only five sitting presidents lost reelection votes in the 1900s. President Trump has just completed a bruising impeachment hearing, though. Voters are more divided than ever in opinion polling about the president. His supporters hope that the economic successes of his first term will carry him to reelection.

First Term

In President Trump's first 100 days in office, his administration focused on immigration and border rules. Trump used his powers as president to stop people from certain countries from entering the U.S. The countries were Iran, Libya, North Korea, Syria and Yemen.

In January 2017, Trump focused on building a wall along the Mexico border. He forced a near-shutdown of the government. He moved money from other government departments to pay for the wall. Only a few miles of new wall have been built so far. Most of the money has been used to repair the 650-mile fence built during George W. Bush's presidency.

President Trump took the U.S. out of the Paris Climate Accord in June 2017. The Climate Accord was made to fight the effects of climate change.

It was signed by nearly 200 countries. Trump claimed it would harm U.S. businesses.

In December of 2017, Trump signed into law new tax cuts. The cuts lowered business taxes permanently. They lowered taxes for the richest people in the country. Trump argued that the cuts would help the economy to grow and encourage businesses to hire more workers. Critics argued that the tax cuts unfairly benefited the rich. They said the cuts would only help the economy for a short time.

Key Policy Initiatives

President Trump promises more of the same in a second term. He promises tough action on undocumented migrants and building the border wall.

Trump promised to deport "millions" of undocumented immigrants. He trails President Barack Obama, though. During his time in office, Obama averaged 383,000 deportations a year. Trump's highest year total by comparison was 267,258 in 2019. He blames this in part on cities that will not help him with his deportation efforts. These are called "sanctuary cities."

Trump has a plan to plant 1 trillion trees to fight climate change. He promises that "we will always protect your Medicare and always protect your social security, always." Trump also wants to spend money on roads, bridges and buildings. It has a lot of support.

Why Trump Could Win

Trump benefits from a strong economy. Unemployment dropped to 3.5 percent in December 2019. It has not been that low since December 1969. The stock market has gone up over 50 percent since election day.

The Electoral College also benefits Trump. Republican voters tend to live in states with fewer people but more power in the Electoral College. There is a good chance that a Democratic challenger will get more votes than Trump but still lose. That's what happened in 2016.

Trump has raised a lot of money for his campaign. He has roughly \$100 million on hand. He brought in \$46 million in the final quarter of 2019.

Why Trump Could Lose

The economy is strong, but many people have been left out of its growth. Income inequality has continued to increase. The rich are getting richer. The national minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour hasn't moved in a decade. Younger Americans face heavy student debts. They have a hard time



buying homes. They may see the American Dream as being farther out of their reach.

In the 2018 midterm elections,



some Republican voters instead voted for Democratic lawmakers. If a Democratic candidate can appeal to those voters, then they may have success. There are also millions of people who do not vote. Democratic efforts to motivate those people could pay off. Only 56 percent of voting-age Americans voted in 2016.

Quiz

1 Read the section "Key Policy Initiatives."

Select the sentence from the section that shows WHY Trump broke one of his campaign promises.

- (A) He promises tough action on undocumented migrants and building the border wall.
- (B) He promises tough action on undocumented migrants and building the border wall.
- (C) He trails President Barack Obama, though. During his time in office, Obama averaged 383,000 deportations a year.
- (D) He blames this in part on cities that will not help him with his deportation efforts.

2 Read the paragraph below from the introduction [paragraph 1].

President Donald Trump begins the 2020 election with a simple advantage: he is already president. Sitting presidents are hard to beat. Only five sitting presidents lost reelection votes in the 1900s. President Trump has just completed a bruising impeachment hearing, though. Voters are more divided than ever in opinion polling about the president. His supporters hope that the economic successes of his first term will carry him to reelection.

Which detail from this paragraph supports the conclusion that Trump is different from other sitting presidents running for reelection?

- (A) President Donald Trump begins the 2020 election with a simple advantage: he is already president.
- (B) Sitting presidents are hard to beat.
- (C) Only five sitting presidents lost reelection votes in the 1900s.
- (D) President Trump has just completed a bruising impeachment hearing, though.

3 Read the article's introduction [paragraph 1] and the final section "Why Trump Could Lose."

What is one connection between these two sections?

- (A) Both explain how the strong economy could help Trump get reelected.
- (B) Both describe the student debt crisis and its effects on the election.
- (C) Both suggest voters are very divided on Trump's presidency.
- (D) Both detail how many Americans choose not to vote.

4 How is the structure of the section "Why Trump Could Win" similar to the structure of the section "Why Trump Could Lose"?

- (A) They detail how much money Trump has raised for reelection.
- (B) They describe the varying thoughts of young voters.
- (C) They show differing opinions about Trump as president.
- (D) They compare Trump's popularity among Democrats and Republicans.

Play it safe: What kids should know about the coronavirus outbreak

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Image 1. Children draw a rainbow and the slogan of hope being shared in Italy, "Andrà tutto bene" (Everything will be alright), during quarantine measures amid the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic on March 13, 2020, in Milan, Italy. Photo: Pietro D'Aprano/Getty Images

With schools closing across the nation in response to coronavirus concerns, many students may be jumping for joy. Others are worried, scared or confused. But as the American essayist Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "Knowledge is the antidote to fear."

With that in mind, let's answer a few common questions about coronavirus. Let's start with its name.

Everybody keeps talking about "coronavirus" and "covid-19." Which is it?

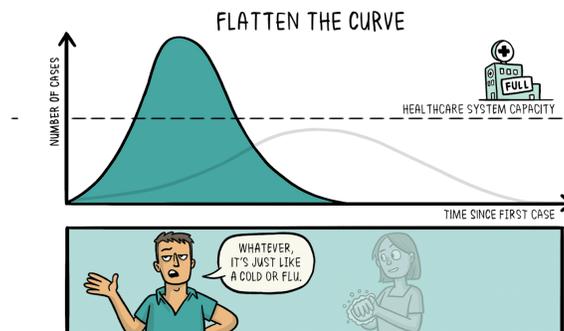
Technically, either of these terms could be correct, depending on how they are used. The actual virus that appeared in China at the end of 2019 and has since hopped across the world is called "SARS-CoV-2." This is short for "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome" and "coronavirus." Once the virus gets into a person, it can cause an illness known as "Coronavirus Disease 2019," or covid-19. Also, you might hear it referred to as a "novel coronavirus." This means that scientists already

knew about other coronaviruses, such as the one that caused an outbreak of SARS in Asia in 2003, but that this one is new.

How does covid-19 affect people?

The most common symptoms of covid-19 include fever, cough and/or shortness of breath. A person might develop one or more of these symptoms in as few as two days after being exposed to the virus. But they may also not feel sick for up to two weeks after contact.

Scientists say most people who get the virus will be able to fight it as they might a bad case of the flu. However, some people will have a harder time than others. Elderly people seem to be especially vulnerable. So are those with other conditions such as heart disease, lung disease or diabetes. Some people who have the virus won't even realize it but in the worst cases, covid-19 can result in death. Fortunately, death is extremely unlikely to happen in infected children and teenagers.



Can pets get covid-19?

So far, one dog in Hong Kong has tested positive for the coronavirus. However, it isn't showing any symptoms. So it's unclear whether the virus can have a negative effect on pets. According to the World Health Organization, there is no evidence yet that dog owners can catch the virus from their pets. Of course, if you keep your animals inside and avoid walking them in public places, they will be even more unlikely to come into contact with the virus.

Why are schools, stores and restaurants closing?

Because SARS-CoV-2 is new, our immune systems haven't had a chance to learn how to fight it off. This allows the virus to move around quickly, infecting many new people for each group it comes into contact with. This makes schools, stores, restaurants and other public gatherings the perfect places for the virus to spread.

The biggest concern now is that if enough people get sick at the same time, hospitals might not be able to keep up with the demand for treatment. This concern comes from what happened in Italy. This is a problem for those who need treatment because of covid-19. This is also a problem for anyone else who might need medical services for everything from a twisted ankle or a cut requiring stitches to more serious conditions.

Can this coronavirus be stopped?

There are many scientists around the world working to develop a vaccine. This could be used to halt the spread of this coronavirus for good. However, it will take time to develop that vaccine. There are measures communities and families can adopt in the meantime to help slow the virus' spread.

Why do we have to wash our hands so often?

First, washing your hands after going to the restroom or before handling food is a great practice in general. It can help you avoid catching all sorts of nasty illnesses. But hand-washing has become even more important as this coronavirus spreads. This is the easiest way to ensure you're washing your hands well enough: Use warm or cold water and soap and keep scrubbing every inch of your fingers, thumbs, palms and wrists. Scrub for the time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday to You" twice. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has more tips at [cdc.gov/handwashing](https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing). (Also, remember to cover your cough with a tissue or at least your inner elbow.)

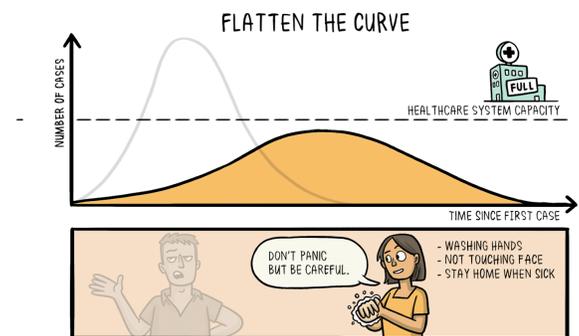
What is "social distancing"?

Your parents might not want you to play basketball with your neighbors. Or they might not want you to go to a party that was scheduled for next weekend. This is because of something called "social distancing." And while it seems like a bummer, experts say it's another way everyone can work together to limit the impact of this coronavirus.

The idea behind social distancing is simple. The fewer people we have close contact with each day, the fewer opportunities the virus has to spread. (The CDC says "close" is six feet or less.) And that means not only will you and your family have better chances of avoiding covid-19, but so will your grandparents, your Scout group and the person you sit next to in a bus. Any of these people might be at a higher risk to have a more serious reaction from the virus.

How long will this last?

Unfortunately, no one can answer that question yet. The CDC recommends that large events be canceled or postponed for at least the next eight weeks. Your parents, teachers and KidsPost will be coming up with creative ways to pass the time.



Meet the Candidates: Joe Biden

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Image 1. Former Vice President and Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden speaks to reporters after eating at a taco restaurant on May 8, 2019, in Los Angeles, California. Photo: Mario Tama/Getty Images

Creating shared interests and compromise between Democrats and Republicans has been a trend throughout Joe Biden's career.

That began in his days as a Delaware senator and continued in his becoming the vice president of the United States. Biden's life has been full of trial, tragedy and triumph. He hopes to triumph over President Donald Trump in 2020's election.

Early Life

Joe Biden was born on November 20, 1942, in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and moved to Delaware when he was 13. Biden went to the University of Delaware. Then he went to Syracuse University in New York to earn his degree in law.

Senate Career

At age 29, Biden was elected to serve as a U.S. senator in the state of Delaware. Two weeks later Biden's wife and daughter were killed in a car accident. His two sons, Hunter and Beau, survived.

Despite the tragedy, Biden continued his career as a senator and became Delaware's longest-serving senator after winning reelection six times. As a senator, Biden became known for getting policies passed by cooperating and compromising across party lines.

Key Policy Initiatives

In the 1990s, crime rates were rising across the country. Biden, along with a handful of other Senate Democrats and Republicans, was inspired to write a bill. It would impose tougher prison sentences for federal prisoners. It also encouraged states to follow suit by offering them money. The bill was signed into law by then-President Bill Clinton.

Today, some critics of this 1994 crime law say the law contributed to problems with mass incarceration, particularly the jailing of people of color. Biden has argued that these criticisms are incorrect. He points out that the bill affected federal incarceration, and that mass incarceration is a state problem. Data shows that 88 percent of people incarcerated are in state prisons or local jails. Also, most states didn't take the government money. States and cities had started their own plans to increase punishments for crime. Parts of the bill also became the Violence Against Women Act, which continues to be supported by most Democrats today.

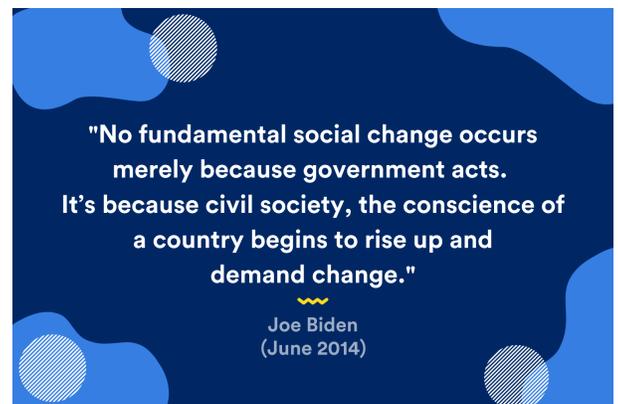


Biden also twice served as the Chairman for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 2001 to 2003, then again in 2007 to 2009. In 2002, he voted to authorize military presence in Iraq. Later, he became critical of the U.S. involvement there.

Presidential Bid

In August of 2008, Barack Obama officially selected Joe Biden to be his running mate in the race against opponent John McCain and his running mate, Sarah Palin. On November 4, 2008, Obama won. As vice president, Biden became a vocal supporter of President Obama and fared well in approval polls. President Obama and Biden won two elections. Both served two terms as president and vice president.

In 2015, during Biden's last term as vice president, his son Beau died of brain cancer. Devastated from the tragedy, Biden announced he would not run for president himself in 2016. Instead, he supported Hillary Clinton who was running as the Democratic nominee.



An active critic of Donald Trump, Biden announced in April 2019 that he would be running in 2020. He joined an already crowded Democratic field.

Why Biden Could Win

In a country where party lines have never seemed more divisive, supporters of Biden were excited for a candidate that seemed a bit more moderate in his views. Current candidates like Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren are pushing for dramatic shifts in American policy and government expansion. So, Biden's policies can seem more familiar. Much of his campaign is based around continuing the work he had already been doing alongside President Obama.



Some voters have also been drawn to Biden's ability to reach across the aisle and build relationships with Republican lawmakers. They hope a moderate candidate like Biden could unite moderate voters with Democrats in the general election. He could take the race from the divisive President Donald Trump, his supporters believe.

Why Biden Could Lose

Biden was the front-runner in the polls from the beginning. Partly because of this he has gotten the most criticism of any Democratic candidate. He's been accused by multiple women of inappropriate behavior, and his son serving on the board of a Ukrainian company has raised questions about corruption.

Several women claimed that Biden hugged or kissed them without consent and made them feel uncomfortable. Biden initially denied the allegations. He then issued a mild apology, saying, "I'm sorry I didn't understand more ... I'm not sorry for anything that I have ever done. I've never been disrespectful intentionally to a man or a woman."

Biden is also being examined for his son Hunter Biden's role as a board member at a Ukrainian natural gas company called Burisma Holdings, Ltd. Hunter Biden told ABC in an interview that he now realizes that it was unwise to join the board of a foreign company during his father's time as vice president. Still, the younger Biden denied that he did anything unethical. Joe Biden echoed his son's denials. He argued that while his son served on Burisma's board, he had also helped fight corruption in the country. Many Republicans, including President Donald Trump, have called for a formal investigation into the Bidens's relationship with Ukraine.

Beyond any media controversy, Biden may lose the election based on his moderate policy proposals. He also could have trouble getting young people to turn out the way they did when he ran with President Barack Obama. Polls show young voters backing progressive candidates like Sanders and Warren, who want more change. There is some fear that a moderate candidate like Biden will lose to President Trump in the general election just as Hillary Clinton did in 2016.

Quiz

1 Read the following statement.

Joe Biden is known for passing laws through cooperation and compromise with people from different political parties.

Which sentence from the article provides the BEST support for the above statement?

- (A) Current candidates like Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren are pushing for dramatic shifts in American policy and government expansion.
- (B) Much of his campaign is based around continuing the work he had already been doing alongside President Obama.
- (C) Some voters have also been drawn to Biden's ability to reach across the aisle and build relationships with Republican lawmakers.
- (D) They hope a moderate candidate like Biden could unite moderate voters with Democrats in the general election.

2 Which section from the article BEST explains why some people disagree with laws Joe Biden worked on as a senator?

- (A) Introduction [paragraph 1]
- (B) "Senate Career"
- (C) "Key Policy Initiatives"
- (D) "Presidential Bid"

3 The author includes information about Joe Biden having moderate views first.

WHY does the author choose to provide information about Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren next?

- (A) to compare Biden's ideas on government with Democratic candidates who have similar beliefs
- (B) to contrast Biden's approach to policies with Democratic candidates who have a very different approach
- (C) to highlight the fact that all the Democratic candidates agree with Biden's desire to beat Trump
- (D) to illustrate that Biden has worked closely with other lawmakers throughout his career

4 What is the MAIN reason the author includes the section "Why Biden Could Lose"?

- (A) It illustrates the advantages and disadvantages of voting for Biden.
- (B) It explains the reason why Biden chose not to run for president in 2016.
- (C) It highlights the tragedies Biden has suffered throughout his life.
- (D) It lists concerns people have about Biden running for president.

Meet the Candidates: Bernie Sanders

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Image 1. Senator Bernie Sanders walking in the Independence Day parade with supporters in Ames, Iowa, in 2019. Photo: Gage Skidmore/Flickr.

Bernie Sanders is the longest-serving member of Congress. On February 19, 2019, Sanders announced that he wants to be the Democrats' choice as their candidate for president in the 2020 election.

Early Life And Education

Sanders was born on September 8, 1941, in Brooklyn, New York. He was born into a Jewish immigrant family from Poland. They weren't poor, but not rich either. Later, Sanders got a degree in political science from the University of Chicago. While in Chicago, he became involved in the civil rights movement.

Career As Mayor Of Burlington And Congressman

Later, Sanders moved to Vermont, where he got interested in government. He ran for governor of Vermont and the U.S. Senate several times, but was never elected. He was eventually elected

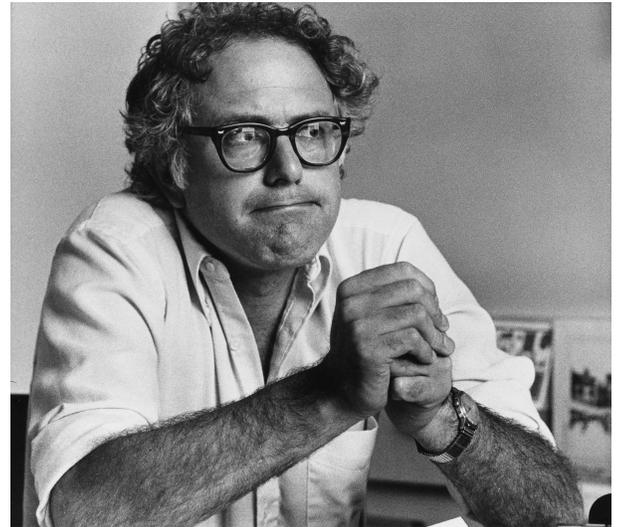
mayor of Burlington, Vermont, and was re-elected three times. After his time as mayor, Sanders was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1991. He served 16 years in the House.

Senate Career

In 2006, Sanders won a seat in the Senate. In 2010, Sanders made the news. He spoke for over eight hours on the floor of the Senate. He was attempting to block a law that he did not agree with. The law continued low taxes for the wealthy.

During his time in Congress, Sanders has worked on issues like health, education and military veterans.

Sanders is currently serving his third term in the U.S. Senate, after being reelected in 2018.



Key Policy Initiatives

Sanders has focused on issues related to social equality. Sanders supports public health care for all and wants to make public universities free. He believes in increasing the minimum wage and raising taxes for the rich. In 2019, Sanders also announced his plan for fighting climate change called the Green New Deal.

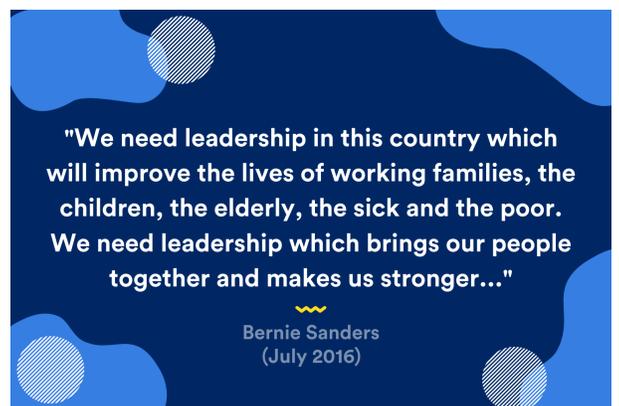
Sanders has been outspoken about other issues, too. These include women's rights, racial injustice, LGBTQIA+ rights and gun safety.

Presidential Bids

In April 2015, Sanders announced that he wanted to represent the Democrats in the presidential election. Sanders actually identifies as a Democratic Socialist. However, he decided to run as a Democrat because it was easier to get added to state ballots and less expensive.

Sanders was competing against Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination. Many viewed him as the underdog. However, he made history when he raised over \$182 million from individual donations, not donations from big businesses.

Hillary Clinton ended up winning the nomination. However, many people believed Sanders would run for president again in 2020, and in 2019 he announced that he would.



In October 2019, Sanders was hospitalized for a few days. After he was released, he said he was feeling better and "ready to get back to work."

Why Sanders Could Win

Primary elections began this February. In these elections, voters cast votes for the Democratic candidate they like the best. At first, former Vice President Joe Biden was the most popular Democratic candidate in polls. Polls are telephone interviews done with thousands of Americans to find out how they plan to vote.

Sanders is the second-most popular in polls. However, Sanders' popularity is growing, especially in states like Iowa and New Hampshire, where primaries are held early. These early polls are important because they can give an idea of how the rest of Americans will vote. The first primary was held in Iowa in February. Sanders and Pete Buttigieg nearly tied for the highest number of votes. But, there were problems with the count. There may be a recount.

Sanders has been very popular with young voters. One estimate shows that in 2020, 39 percent of voters between ages 18 and 44 support Sanders. Sanders has also used social media to gain supporters.

Sanders is also leading candidates in raising money. He received \$25 million in donations just in January. Only billionaire Michael Bloomberg, who is paying for his campaign and not accepting donations, has more money to spend right now.

Why Sanders Could Lose

Many young people support Sanders, but people over age 45 do not support him as much. Additionally, Sanders' views are different from many Democrats. Voters may choose Biden over Sanders because they are more familiar with his views.

In addition, Sanders faced some criticism after his 2016 presidential campaign. Women who worked for him said they experienced inappropriate sexual behavior. They said they were also paid less than the men. Sanders promised to do better in his 2020 campaign. However, some say the criticism takes away from the work Sanders has done in the past to help women and increase the minimum wage.

Quiz

- 1 When did Bernie Sanders begin serving as a member of Congress? How do you know?
- (A) 2019; "On February 19, 2019, Sanders announced that he wants to be the Democrats' choice as their candidate for president in the 2020 election."
 - (B) 1991; "After his time as mayor, Sanders was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1991."
 - (C) 2010; "In 2010, Sanders made the news. He spoke for over eight hours on the floor of the Senate."
 - (D) 2015; "In April 2015, Sanders announced that he wanted to represent the Democrats in the presidential election."

- 2 Read the following paragraph from the section "Why Sanders Could Win."

Sanders is also leading candidates in raising money. He received \$25 million in donations just in January. Only billionaire Michael Bloomberg, who is paying for his campaign and not accepting donations, has more money to spend right now.

Which of the following is an accurate explanation of what this paragraph means?

- (A) Bloomberg has raised much more money than Sanders because he is a billionaire.
 - (B) Sanders and Bloomberg are the Democrats who are most likely to be elected.
 - (C) Bloomberg raised almost as much money as Sanders did in donations in January.
 - (D) Sanders has raised the most donations out of all of the Democratic candidates.
- 3 Read the article's introduction [paragraph 1] and the final section, "Why Sanders Could Lose."
- What is one connection between these two sections?
- (A) The introduction states that Sanders is running to be the Democratic candidate, and the final section explains why some people might not support him.
 - (B) The introduction states that Sanders is running to be the Democratic candidate, and the final section explains why many young people support him.
 - (C) The introduction states that Sanders has been a member of Congress for many years, and the final section explains how that is hurting his popularity.
 - (D) The introduction states that Sanders has been a member of Congress for many years, and the final section explains what he did before he was in Congress.

- 4 How is the structure of the section "Early Life And Education" similar to the structure of the section "Career As Mayor Of Burlington And Congressman"?
- (A) Both sections mainly use comparison.
 - (B) Both sections mainly use chronology.
 - (C) Both sections mainly use cause and effect.
 - (D) Both sections mainly use problem and solution.

Why the U.S. census tries to count everyone

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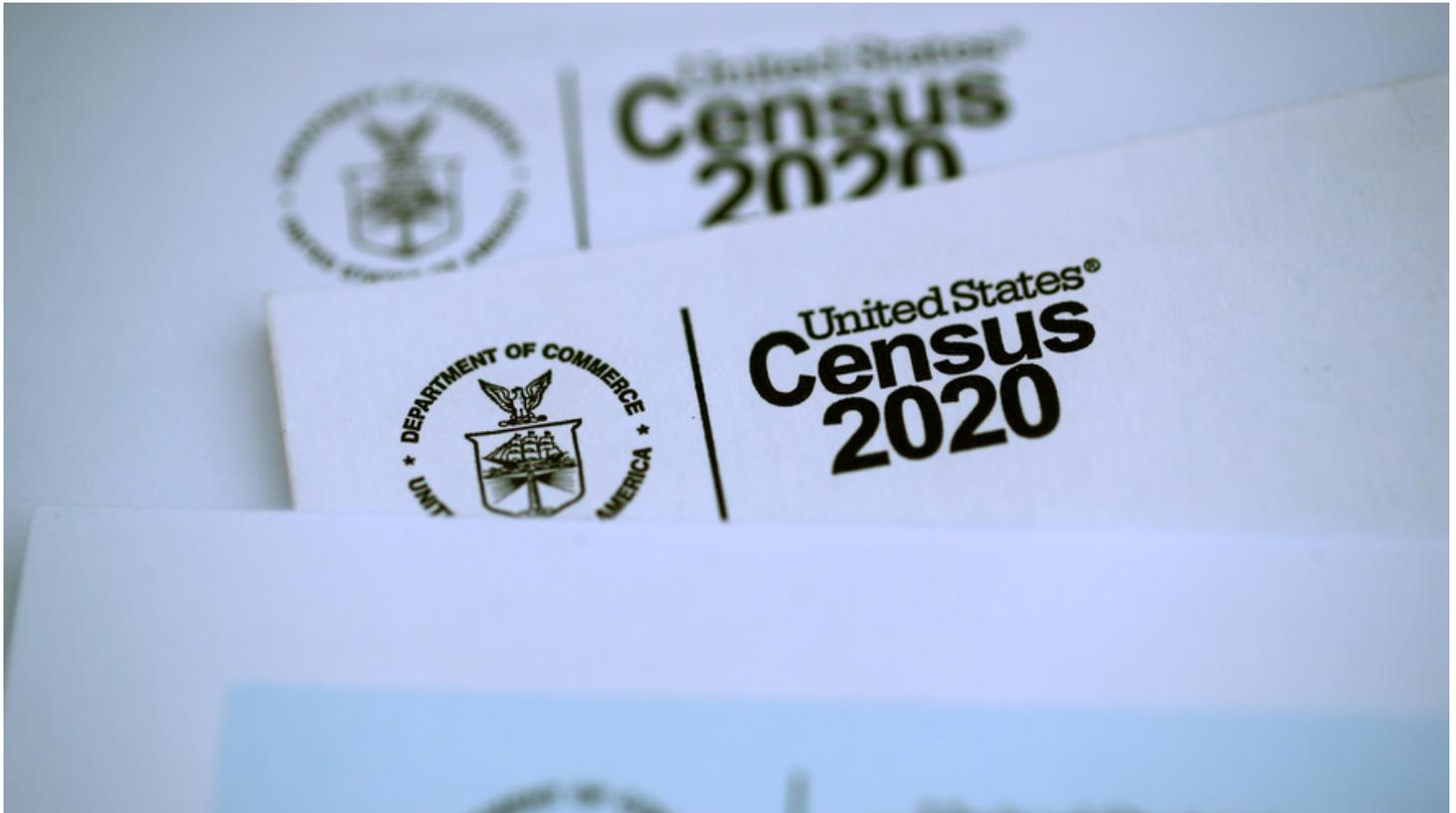


Image 1. The U.S. Census logo on paper gotten in the mail with an invitation to fill out census information online on March 19, 2020, in San Anselmo, California. Photo Illustration: Justin Sullivan/Getty Images

America, it is time to stand up and be counted.

Around March 23, a letter should have arrived where you live. The letter asks the adult in charge to complete a form called the 2020 Census. It is pronounced SEN-suss. The census is a count that is done every 10 years of everyone living in the United States. It asks who lives in a home and how they are related. It also asks their age, race and other information.

The Information Collected By The Census Is Important

This is a huge job. It is important that everyone be counted. That is because the national government uses that information to see how many seats in Congress each state should have. If a state loses population, it might lose a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. If its population is growing, it might gain a seat.

The House and the Senate are the country's two law-making bodies. Each state only gets two senators regardless of how big or small it is. However, states are given seats in the House of

Representatives based on how many people live in each state.

Census numbers also help decide how to divide up money from the government. This money is shared each year. It helps states and communities build roads, schools, hospitals and fire departments. More than 100 government programs also depend on the census. The programs use the census to send money to where the need is greatest.

Among the programs are Head Start and food assistance for poor people. Head Start is a program for children from birth to 5 years old. It focuses on getting kids ready for school through early learning and other help.

George Washington Took The First Census

The 2020 census marks the 24th national count, which the U.S. Constitution requires to be held every 10 years. The first census was in 1790. It was soon after George Washington became president. About 650 men set out on foot or horseback to count everyone living in their areas.



Washington and Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson both thought the final number was low. That first census counted nearly 3.9 million people. Fighting has come with just about every census since then.

After all, it is not easy getting a snapshot of the entire country for a single day. Census Day is April 1. The U.S. population grows by one person every 23 seconds. The growth is from births and people coming from other countries.

Not Everyone Was Counted In 2010

Some people are more difficult to count. People living far from cities, the homeless and children who split their time between two homes present challenges to getting a good count. The U.S. Census Bureau says that about 1 million kids younger than age 5 were not counted in 2010. That was the highest number for any age group.

Leaders have tried to simplify the 2020 count. For the first time, responses can be made online. They can also be done by phone and mail. To help people who speak little or no English, there are guides in 60 languages. Braille is offered for people who are blind.

Each head of a home, even someone living alone, must fill out a census form. They face a fine if they don't. There are no questions about whether someone is an American citizen. This has helped with the worries of some people. They said asking about citizenship would reduce the response from immigrants. Immigrants are people who have come from another country.

The Census Bureau has to protect people's information. It is the law. No one will be identified by name as the numbers in the census are studied.

However, for anyone tempted not to respond, keep this in mind. The people who are census takers are like a dog looking for that tasty bone he buried. They don't give up easily. Ignore their letter, and more will follow. They really want everyone to be counted.

Quiz

- 1 Why did George Washington and Thomas Jefferson feel disappointed about the first census?
- (A) because the results of the census affected their elections
 - (B) because the count was done using men on foot or horseback
 - (C) because they wanted the census to be held every 10 years
 - (D) because they thought that the final count was too low

- 2 What happened as a result of children splitting their time between two homes?
- (A) The census counted most children younger than age 5 twice.
 - (B) The census missed counting 1 million children younger than age 5.
 - (C) The census now has guides in 60 different languages.
 - (D) The census skipped many parents in the 2010 census.

- 3 According to the article, it is very important for everyone to be counted in the census. How does the author support this statement?
- (A) by explaining how the census affects government and money for programs
 - (B) by describing what happened when people skipped the last census
 - (C) by explaining that the population grows by one person every 23 seconds
 - (D) by describing the ways people can fill out the census by phone or mail

- 4 Read the following selection from the section "Not Everyone Was Counted In 2010."

Each head of a home, even someone living alone, must fill out a census form. They face a fine if they don't. There are no questions about whether someone is an American citizen. This has helped with the worries of some people.

How does this selection support the author's MAIN idea?

- (A) It shows that many people argue over the questions on the census.
- (B) It gives reasons why people should make sure to complete the census.
- (C) It explains how the census is different for people who are living alone.
- (D) It argues that the fine for skipping the census costs too much for people.