

Biden defeats Trump in an election he made about character of the nation and the President

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Former Vice President Joe Biden and with Democratic running mate Sen. Kamala Harris raise their arms up as fireworks go off in the background during the fourth day of the Democratic National Convention, Thursday, August 20, 2020.

Hear Joe Biden's message to Trump supporters

(CNN)America has chosen Democrat [Joe Biden](#) as its 46th president, CNN projects, turning at a time of national crisis to a man whose character was forged by aching personal tragedy and who is pledging to restore calm and truth after [Donald Trump's](#) exhausting and manic single term.

In a [victory speech](#) Saturday night in his hometown of Wilmington, Delaware, Biden said he was humbled by the trust America had placed in him and reached out to those Americans who did not vote for him.

"I understand the disappointment tonight. I've lost a couple of times myself. But now, let's give each other a chance," Biden said. "This is the time to heal in America."

California Sen. Kamala Harris, his running mate, who [will make history](#) as the first woman, the first Black person and the first person of South Asian descent to become vice president, [noted the significance](#) of her place on the stage Saturday night.

"While I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the last, because every little girl watching tonight sees that this is a country of possibilities," Harris said.

Earlier in the day, the vice president-elect posted a video on Twitter of her victory call with Biden: "We did it, we did it Joe. You're going to be the next President of the United States."

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Trump, who was on the golf course when CNN and other networks called the race for the former vice president, has shown no indication that he intends to concede. While en route to his course in Virginia, he tweeted: "I WON THIS ELECTION, BY A LOT!"

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