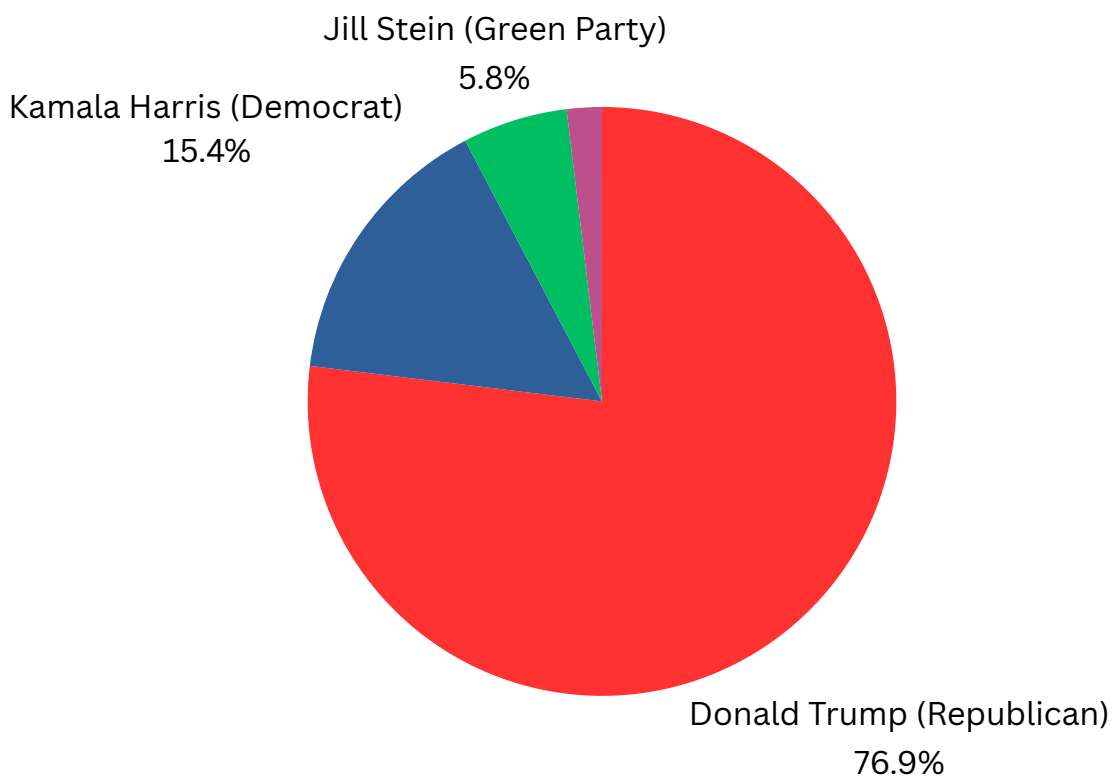


# 2024 Presidential Election



Tomorrow on Tuesday, Nov. 5, the 2024 Presidential election will be held. The two main candidates that will appear on the ballot this November are Donald Trump (Republican) and Kamala Harris (Democrat).

## ***Mason students weigh in on who should be president***



When students at Mason were asked who they would prefer as the next President of the United States, Donald Trump (Republican) came out on top, beating Kamala Harris (Democrat) by nearly five times.

# Republican



(Former President Donald Trump)

## Abortion:

Donald Trump opposes abortion and believes that it is up to the state government to ultimately decide. He says, "The states will determine by vote or by legislation, or perhaps both, and whatever they decide must be the law of the land. In this case, the law of the state" (Campaign Statement - Associated Press).

## Border and Immigration Control:

Trump doesn't support an increase in CBP agents; instead, he pledges to finish the border wall. Trump would like to take on a mass deportation approach to the border crisis (2024 Presidential Debate - PBS News).

## Gun Control:

Trump takes a different approach to handling gun violence. In an NRA meeting, he said, "Democrat....safety measures....would do nothing to prevent attacks by demented and disturbed individuals" (USNews). Trump believes that policies that Harris has, would do nothing for the situation. Instead, he says that..."This is a mental health problem, this is a social problem, this is a cultural problem, this is a spiritual problem"

# Democrat



(Vice President Kamala Harris)

## Abortion:

Kamala Harris strongly believes in a woman's right to choose and woman's right to health care. She says, "...when congress passes a bill to put back the protections of Roe V. Wade, as President of the United States, I will proudly sign it into law" (2024 Presidential Debate - ABC News).

## Border and Immigration Control:

Harris claims to support a Senate bill proposal that would help with border security. If signed into law, this bill would send out 1,500 more CBP agents, and support new technology to detect fentanyl. Harris is opposed to mass deportations (2024 Presidential Debate - PBS News).

## Gun Control:

Harris is opposed to gun violence and promises, "She'll ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, require universal background checks, and support red flag laws that keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people. She will also continue to invest in funding law enforcement, including the hiring and training of officers and people to support them, and will build upon proven gun violence prevention programs that

(USNews). At NRA's Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, he said, "[I'm the] best friend gun owners have ever had in the White House" (USNews).

## Economy Crisis:

Former President Donald Trump claimed if President he would, "...cut taxes very substantially, and create a great economy like I did before. We had the greatest economy" (2024 Presidential Debate - ABC News).

While Trump doesn't propose a lengthy policy, he does take on an "Ethos" approach when promising voters a stronger economy.

## Healthcare:

Though Trump hasn't made many statements about how he will approach healthcare, he has had a reputable past while in office. "At the end of his tenure in 2020, Trump passed a flurry of measures to lower health care costs. He signed the No Surprises Act, protecting people with private insurance from some unexpected bills from out-of-network providers. (Medicare and Medicaid plans already offered similar protections.) The act also requires health care providers and facilities to give uninsured people a good faith estimate of costs before delivering services" (sph.emory.edu).

## Foreign Policy:

We can see how Trump has had a reputable past surrounding foreign affairs, some include, "Trump makes his first trip abroad as president, traveling to Saudi Arabia, Israel, the West Bank, Italy, Vatican City, Belgium, and Italy. He attends a summit in Riyadh with leaders from more than fifty Arab- and Muslim-majority nations, where he delivers a speech calling on the Muslim world to unite against terrorism" (<https://www.cfr.org/timeline/trumps-foreign-policy-moments>)

have helped reduce violent crime throughout the country" (kamalaharris.com/issues/).

## Economy Crisis:

Harris and her Vice President Elect, Tim Walz, "...believe that working families should have the economic stability and security they need to not just get by but to get ahead." (Harris' Policy Book, kamalaharris.com). She plans on doing this by implementing policies such as "[Restoring] Expanded Child Tax Credit", and "\$6,000 Tax Cut."

## Healthcare:

When it comes to healthcare in America, Harris promises to , "make affordable healthcare a right, not a privilege by expanding and strengthening the Affordable Care Act and making permanent the Biden-Harris tax credit enhancements that are lowering health care premiums by an average of about \$800 a year for millions of Americans" (kamalaharris.com/issues/).

## Foreign Policy:

Harris promises to stand her ground when it comes to protecting our allies and standing up to dictators. According to her website: "She has met with China's Xi Jinping, making clear she will always stand up for American interests in the face of China's threats, traveled to the Indo-Pacific four times to advance our economic and security partnerships, and met with President Zelenskyy to warn him about Russia's plan to invade and helped mobilize a global response of more than 50 countries to help Ukraine defend itself against Vladimir Putin's brutal aggression. And she has worked with our allies to ensure NATO is stronger than ever " (kamalaharris.com/issues/).

# ***Mason students go into depth about who they support in the 2024 Election***

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I admire everything Trump has done for our country.”  
— Kate Otting, Freshman

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I think Kamala Harris is funny, and I admire how she supports LGBTQ+ rights.”  
— Mason Guinn, Freshman

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I admire Trump’s confidence and how he is respected within his relationships with other world leaders.”  
— David Sweeney, Sophomore

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I admire Kamala’s passion for our country and that she is pro-choice.”  
— Drea Hochleitner, Sophomore

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I admire that Trump is very intelligent and has a lot of money.”  
— Maddix Wise, Junior

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I admire that Kamala was a prosecutor, so she’s been trying to make America safe. I also admire that she is a leadership model for girls to look up to. I myself am passionate about women's equality, and I believe that Kamala will pave the way towards a brighter future where women have equal opportunity that men do.”  
— Molly Supulveda, Junior

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I think that Trump is respected by other world leaders and that will play a big part in keeping us safe. I also admire how Trump plans to finish the wall to fix our border crisis.”  
— Karter Stubleski, Senior

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I admire that Kamala is looking out for the working class people; I also admire that she will work relentlessly to stop climate change, and to win back women's right to choose what they do with their bodies.”  
— Clara Whalen, Senior