

VOICE FOR REFUGE

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ON THE ISSUES: HARRIS VS. TRUMP

Record on:	Kamala Harris	Donald Trump
Refugee Resettlement	As Vice President Harris has joined Biden in restoring refugee admissions and improving refugee processing. As Senator, she led a letter urging more refugees to be resettled.	Cut refugee admissions by 80% in his first term, decimated refugee processing infrastructure, and is likely to further dismantle refugee resettlement. Wants to instate an “ideological screening” for all applicants.
Muslim Bans, African Bans, Refugee Bans, Immigration Bans, Asylum Bans	Opposed the bans, co-sponsored legislation to repeal them as Senator.	Has promised to reinstate and expand travel and Muslim bans; “bigger than before and much stronger than before”.
Family unity and re-unification	As a Senator, Harris criticized family separation, noting it’s “irreparable harm” and joined other Senators to introduce the REUNITE act to expedite family reunification.	Turned families away, separated children and parents exercising their legal right to seek asylum, and promised “mass deportation” and raids.
Unaccompanied Children	Terminated a Trump-era program that extended wait times under the guise of additional “vetting of sponsors” that resulted in children languishing in detention centers.	Under the Trump Administration, unaccompanied children spent twice as long in government shelters as they do today.
Temporary Protective Status (TPS)	President Biden and Vice President Harris restored TPS protections that Trump attempted to terminate, and has expanded TPS to cover nationals from 16 countries	Revoked protection for over 300,000 TPS holders from many nationalities, in an attempt to force them to return to unsafe situations (stopped by legal injunction).
State and Local Refugee Resettlement Ban	Supports continued resettlement support offered by on-the-ground partner organizations in various states.	Signed an executive order to allow states and localities to reject refugees (which, the court halted).
Talking about refugees, asylum seekers, and other immigrants	Has and will continue to actively listen to the voices and concerns of refugees and asylum seekers, as she did as California’s AG and in the U.S. Senate.	Uses incendiary rhetoric and racist lies for his own political gain, claiming immigrants are “poisoning the blood of our country.”
RESULT:	PRO-REFUGEE PARTNER WE CAN WORK WITH	ANTI-REFUGEE EXTREMIST

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