

THE FACTS BEHIND KAMALA HARRIS' TOP 10 FAILURES

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Harris has repeatedly voted in favor of policies that would **raise taxes for middle-class Americans**. In 2019, Harris vowed to **repeal the doubling of the standard deduction and higher child tax credit** and strengthen the Death Tax to fund her teacher pay plan.

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Under Harris’ leadership as VP, her aides are “thrown under the bus” and working for her is an **“abusive environment”** where **“people often feel mistreated.”** During Harris’ tenure as California’s Attorney General, the Department of Justice paid over **\$1.1 million** in sexual harassment and retaliation settlement claims by employees of her office. **Harris claims she did not know about the cases settled by the Department of Justice until brought to her attention by *The Times*,** said her spokesman, Chris Harris.

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In 2020, presidential candidate Harris vowed to implement a deferred action immigration program and use executive actions to **remove the threat of deportation of millions of undocumented people in the United States.**

Aside from being unable to stem the flow of migrants at the southern border as Vice President, Kamala Harris previously said that her Medicare for All Plan would cover illegal immigrants, **paid for ultimately by taxpayers.**

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KAMALA HARRIS TOP 10 FAILURES

FAILURE #1: Failed “Border Czar”

Harris Has Failed To Solve The Border Crisis That She Was Tapped To Confront In The Early Days Of The Biden Administration

The Border Crisis Has Only Deepened After Harris Was Tapped By Biden In The Early Days Of His Administration To Fix The Immigration Crisis. “President Biden, facing a political crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border in the early days of his administration, tapped Vice President Kamala Harris to lead a high-profile response that would bet heavily on improving conditions in three Central American countries. It was known as the ‘root causes’ strategy. The border, administration officials argued, was only a symptom. If the United States could improve economic, security and political conditions in Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala, fewer people would risk the perilous journey and much of the problem could be solved, they reasoned. Three years later, the border crisis has only deepened, with record numbers of migrants from all over the hemisphere overwhelming the border, and a president on the defense as Republicans make immigration a key issue in his reelection campaign.” (Noah Bierman, “Kamala Harris Was Tapped To Fix The Immigration Crisis. Then The Problem Shifted,” [Los Angeles Times](#), 2/5/24)

As A 2020 Democratic Presidential Candidate, Harris’ Immigration Plan Called For Expanding DACA Programs To Remove The Threat Of Deportation To Millions Of Illegal Immigrants

In June 2019, While Campaigning For The Presidency, Harris Announced An Immigration Plan That “Would Instead Expand The Use Of Deferred Action Immigration Programs And Use Executive Actions.” “Sen. Kamala Harris on Wednesday announced a plan to expand the use of deferred action immigration programs as president and use executive actions to remove the threat of deportation of millions of undocumented people in the United States. The plan, which the California Democrat is rolling out ahead of a trip to Nevada on Friday, would work within the current confines of immigration law and assumes Congress would be unable to pass immigration reform, something the body has failed to do for years. Her plan, should she be elected in 2020, would instead expand the use of deferred action immigration programs and use executive actions.” (Dan Merica, “Kamala Harris Unveils Immigration Plan To Expand Deferred Action, Use Executive Action To Provide Pathway To Citizenship,” [CNN](#), 6/12/19)

Harris’ Plan Would “Expand The Use Of Deferred Action Programs To Cover Parents Of US Citizens And Legal Permanent Residents, Veterans And Undocumented Immigrants Who Have Been In The United States For Years.” “Harris would look to remove barriers that prevent many so-called Dreamers -- undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States as children -- from receiving legal status by applying for a green card. The plan would also expand the use of deferred action programs to cover parents of US citizens and legal permanent residents, veterans and undocumented immigrants who have been in the United States for years.” (Dan Merica, “Kamala Harris Unveils Immigration Plan To Expand Deferred Action, Use Executive Action To Provide Pathway To Citizenship,” [CNN](#), 6/12/19)

The Plan Also Prevents Infractions Committed By DREAMers From Impacting Their Immigration Proceedings, As Long As The DREAMERS Have A Family Connection In The United States Or A Job Requiring A Change Of Their Immigration Status. “The plan would also make it easier for deferred action recipients to adjust their immigration status by clarifying that a number of infractions usually committed by Dreamers -- like entering the country unlawfully, having lapses in their immigration status and performing unauthorized work -- do not impact immigration proceedings as long as those recipients have a family connection in the United States or a job that requires them to adjust their status.” (Dan Merica, “Kamala Harris Unveils Immigration Plan To Expand Deferred Action, Use Executive Action To Provide Pathway To Citizenship,” [CNN](#), 6/12/19)

CNN’s Dan Merica: “Taken Together, The Harris Campaign Estimates That More Than 2 Million Dreamers Could Gain A Pathway To Citizenship By Expanding The Deferred

Action Programs And Removing Barriers To Getting A Green Card.” (Dan Merica, “Kamala Harris Unveils Immigration Plan To Expand Deferred Action, Use Executive Action To Provide Pathway To Citizenship,” [CNN](#), 6/12/19)

Harris Said Her Medicare For All Plan Would Cover Illegal Immigrants

VIDEO: In May 2019, Harris Said She Supported Giving Medicare For All To People Who Are In This Country Illegally. CNN’s JAKE TAPPER: “The bill also says, ‘Every individual who’s a resident of the United States is entitled to benefits for health care services under the Senate,’ not every individual who’s a citizen, but every individual who’s a resident. So you support giving universal health care and Medicare For All to people who are in this country illegally?” HARRIS: “Let me just be very clear about this. I’m opposed to any policy that would deny in our country any human being from access to public safety, public education, or public health, period.” (CNN’s “[State Of The Union With Jake Tapper](#),” 5/12/19) Minute 0:00 – 0:34

VIDEO: At A June 2019 Debate, Harris Raised Her Hand When Asked If Her Plan Would Provide Health Care Coverage For Undocumented Immigrants. NBC’s SAVANNAH GUTHRIE: “Raise your hand if your government plan would provide coverage for undocumented immigrants.” ([NBC’s Democratic Presidential Debate](#), 6/27/19) Minute 0:00 – 0:10



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VIDEO: In October 2019, Harris Said “Yes,” Her Medicare For All Plan Would Cover Illegal Immigrants. QUESTIONER: “My question is, when it comes to universal health care (Medicare For All), you mentioned that there’s 30 million people whos’ uninsured right now. So where are you going to get the funds to insure them – to give them Medicare For All? And will it also cover illegal immigrants?” HARRIS: “So yes to the second answer, because I’m never going to be in favor of a policy that denies people access to public health, public safety, or public education based on their immigrant status. I’ve received a lot of criticism for it. I’ll take it.” (Sen. Kamala Harris, [Remarks To 1 October First Responders And SEIU Local 1107 Nurses](#), Las Vegas, NV, 10/2/19) Minute 0:09 – 0:45

During The First 2020 Democratic Presidential Debate, Harris Agreed That Illegal Border Crossings Should Be Changed From A Crime To A Civil Offense

During The First 2020 Presidential Debate, Harris Raised Her Hand, Giving A “Yes” Answer To The Question Of Whether To Decriminalize Illegal Border Crossings. “South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, Sen. Kamala Harris, Sen. Bernie Sanders, author Marianne Williamson and entrepreneur Andrew Yang raised their hands when asked at the first Democratic debate whether they believe crossing the border illegally should be a civil offense rather than a crime.” (Ted Hesson and Quint Forgey, “2020 Candidates Views On Illegal Entry: A Voter’s Guide,” [Politico](#), 11/22/19)

FAILURE #2: Choosing Cop Killer Over Law-Enforcement

In 2004, Harris Declined To Pursue The Death Penalty For A Man Who Murdered A Police Officer

In 2004, As District Attorney Of Sacramento, Harris Declined To Pursue The Death Penalty For A Man Who Shot And Killed A Police Officer. "In April 2004, four months after she took office in San Francisco, a 29-year-old police officer, Isaac Espinoza, was shot and killed on patrol. The city's police union urged Harris to seek the death penalty for the suspect. Three days after Espinoza's death, Harris announced that she would not." (Emily Balezon, "Kamala Harris, A 'Top Cop' In The Era Of Black Lives Matter," [The New York Times](#), 5/25/16)

- **Shortly After Harris Became San Francisco's District Attorney In 2004, Police Officer Isaac Espinoza Was Murdered By A Gang Member Using An Assault Rifle, And Harris Chose To Stick To A Campaign Pledge And Not Pursue The Death Penalty For The Killer.** "Shortly after Harris became San Francisco's district attorney in 2004, a police officer was murdered by a gang member using an assault rifle. Harris, sticking to a campaign pledge, said she wouldn't pursue the death penalty for the killer. At officer Isaac Espinoza's funeral a few days later, California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, used her eulogy to attack Harris." (Emily Balezon, "Kamala Harris, A 'Top Cop' In The Era Of Black Lives Matter," [The New York Times](#), 5/25/16)
- **Harris Had Made A Campaign Promise Not To Pursue The Death Penalty.** "Indeed, murder of a police officer was one of the special circumstances for which voters approved the death penalty in 1977, according to experts, and it is a circumstance that most states with a death penalty recognize as eligible for capital punishment. But San Francisco is not most states, and Harris campaigned and won, in part, with her pledge not to seek capital punishment. 'I have been very clear about not seeking the death penalty,' she said." (Matthew B. Stannard, "D.A. Won't Pursue Death In Cop Slaying," [The San Francisco Chronicle](#), 4/14/04)

In 2004, The San Francisco Chronicle Noted That It Was "Extremely Rare – And Possibly Unprecedented – For A District Attorney To Decide Against Pursuing That [Death] Penalty For Killing A Cop." "The charges Hill will be arraigned on today -- including murder of a peace officer -- would make him eligible for the death penalty. It is extremely rare -- and possibly unprecedented -- for a district attorney to decide against pursuing that penalty for killing a cop. The Chronicle reviewed hundreds of cases of peace officers slain in the line of duty posted online at the California Peace Officers Memorial Web site. The death penalty was restored in California in 1978, but The Chronicle's review found only limited documentation about the outcome of cases before 1987. Focusing on 90 cases since 1987, the newspaper found that prosecutors sought the death penalty in nearly every case in which a suspect was arrested. The few exceptions were cases with unusual circumstances, such as one in which a man's weapon discharged accidentally, the bullet striking a police officer on the other side of a door." (Matthew B. Stannard, "D.A. Won't Pursue Death In Cop Slaying," [The San Francisco Chronicle](#), 4/14/04)

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) Called For The Death Penalty In The Case, Earning Applause From Police Officers. "More than 2,000 uniformed police officers packed St. Mary's Cathedral for the funeral. With Harris in the front row, Senator Dianne Feinstein, one of the state's most powerful Democrats, took the pulpit and called for the death penalty. Waves of cops rose to their feet and applauded." (Emily Balezon, "Kamala Harris, A 'Top Cop' In The Era Of Black Lives Matter," [The New York Times](#), 5/25/16)

- **Sen. Feinstein Used Her Eulogy At Officer Isaac Espinoza's Funeral To Attack Harris, Saying "This Is Not Only The Definition Of Tragedy; It's The Special Circumstance Called For By The Death Penalty Law."** "A few months into her political career, Kamala Harris made a decision that would follow her for more than a decade — and will likely come up again now that she's Joe Biden's running mate. Shortly after Harris became San Francisco's district attorney in 2004, a police officer was murdered by a gang member using an

assault rifle. Harris, sticking to a campaign pledge, said she wouldn't pursue the death penalty for the killer. At officer Isaac Espinoza's funeral a few days later, California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, used her eulogy to attack Harris. 'This is not only the definition of tragedy; it's the special circumstance called for by the death penalty law,' Feinstein said. The thousands of cops in attendance at St. Mary's Cathedral roared to their feet as Harris sat staring ahead stone-faced." (Cameron Joseph, "Progressives Think 'Kamala Is A Cop.' But Cops Hated Harris For Years," [Vice](#), 8/13/20)

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- **Chris Cunnie, A Former Head Of The Local Police Union Who Later Went On To Work For Harris, Said "It Was Like A Bomb," And That He'd "Never Been In A Church Where The Whole Church Was Up Clapping."** "It was like a bomb," said Chris Cunnie, a former head of the local police union who later went on to work for Harris and was sitting in a pew across the aisle from Harris when Feinstein delivered her rebuke. "I've never been in a church where the whole church was up clapping. The only person who didn't stand up was the archbishop." (Cameron Joseph, "Progressives Think 'Kamala Is A Cop.' But Cops Hated Harris For Years," [Vice](#), 8/13/20)
- **Tim Silard, A Longtime Harris Staffer, Said Harris Was "Shaken By The Experience."** "At the time, Harris was stunned by the vitriol. Feinstein had endorsed her. The police union had backed her as well in her runoff election, and its new head had stood by her side just days earlier as she'd announced her decision, before turning on her at the funeral. 'That experience of going to a funeral for a slain comrade in arms and [taking] this frontal attack was pretty shocking,' said Tim Silard, a longtime Harris staffer who was in the office when she returned from the service. 'She was shaken by the experience.'" (Cameron Joseph, "Progressives Think 'Kamala Is A Cop.' But Cops Hated Harris For Years," [Vice](#), 8/13/20)

Many San Francisco Cops Hated Harris From Then On, And Her Longtime Staffer, Tom Silard Noted That When Cops Spotted Harris In San Francisco Pride Parades, "Year After Year, As The Car Drove Down The Parade Route They'd Turn Their Backs To Her." "Harris's office charged the killer with first-degree murder, but while the jury returned with a conviction of second-degree murder — a conviction that isn't eligible for the death penalty — many San Francisco cops hated her from then on, and made sure she knew it. Silard said he saw it in a visceral way as he rode with Harris during the city's Pride Parade. 'Every year, year after year, as the car drove down the parade route they'd turn their backs to her.' 'Every block or two there are cops for crowd control, and every year, year after year, as the car drove down the parade route they'd turn their backs to her,' he told VICE News." (Cameron Joseph, "Progressives Think 'Kamala Is A Cop.' But Cops Hated Harris For Years," [Vice](#), 8/13/20)

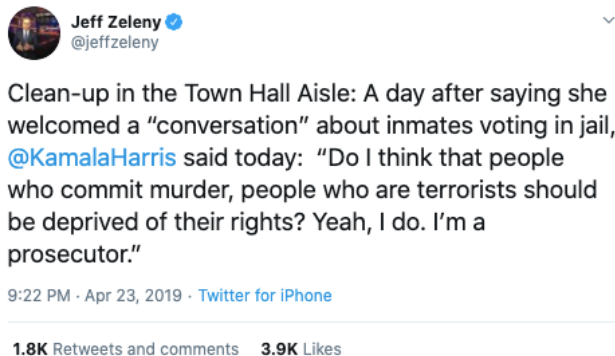
Gary Delagnes, President Of The Police Officers Union Said That The Union Members "Never Forgave Harris" For Not Pursuing The Death Penalty. "Shyamala sent white roses to her daughter's office with a card that read 'Courage!' Harris held firm, and Espinoza's killer received a sentence of life in prison. 'Our members never forgave Harris,' says Gary Delagnes, then the president of the union." (Emily Balezon, "Kamala Harris, A 'Top Cop' In The Era Of Black Lives Matter," [The New York Times](#), 5/25/16)

FAILURE #3: Voting Rights For Violent Felons & Terrorists

In April 2019, Harris Said There Should Be A “Conversation” About Voting Rights For Violent Felons Like The Boston Marathon Bomber, Before Backtracking The Next Day

VIDEO: In April 2019, Asked If Convicted Felons Like The Boston Marathon Bomber Or People Convicted Of Sexual Assault Should Be Able To Vote, Harris Said, “I Think We Should Have That Conversation.” CNN’s DON LEMON: Another issue that I want to talk to you about -- this is really important -- I’m not sure if you were watching earlier, but Senator Bernie Sanders said that he is in favor of felons being able to vote while serving in prison. He was asked specifically about people like the Boston Marathon bomber, also people who are convicted of sexual assault. And he said, this is a quote, ‘The right to vote is inherent to our democracy, yes, even for terrible people.’ Do you agree with that, Senator?” HARRIS: “I agree that the right to vote is one of the very important components of citizenship and it is something that people should not be stripped of needlessly, which is why I have been long an advocate of making sure that the formerly incarcerated are not denied a right to vote, which is the case in so many states in our country, in some states permanently deprived of the right to vote. And these are policies that go back to Jim Crow. These are policies that go back to the heart of policies that have been about disenfranchisement, policies that continue until today, and we need to take it seriously.” LEMON: “But people who are in -- convicted, in prison, like the Boston Marathon bomber, on death row, people who are convicted of sexual assault, they should be able to vote?” HARRIS: “I think we should have that conversation.” ([CNN’s Presidential Town Hall With Kamala Harris](#), 4/22/19) Minute 0:00 – 1:17

“Clean-Up In The Town Hall Aisle: A Day After Saying She Welcomed A ‘Conversation’ About Inmates Voting In Jail, @KamalaHarris Said Today: ‘Do I Think That People Who Commit Murder, People Who Are Terrorists Should Be Deprived Of Their Rights? Yeah, I Do. I’m A Prosecutor.’” (Jeff Zeleny, [Twitter Feed](#), 4/23/19)



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FAILURE #4: Anti-Police & BLM

Praised Black Lives Matter, Denounced The Police And Promoted Bail Fund To Release Dangerous Criminals

In The Midst Of The Violent George Floyd Riots, Harris Said We “Have To Reimagine What Public Safety Looks Like” And That “It’s Just Wong” That “Putting More Police On The Streets Creates More Safety.” “Can I ask you about this idea of defunding the police? What’s your thinking on that idea?” ‘Well, it’s a concept. We do have to reimagine what public safety looks like. And here’s the thing. It is status quo thinking to believe that putting more police on the streets creates more safety. That’s wrong. It’s just wrong.’” (Lisa Lerer, “Kamala Harris Is Done Explaining Racism,” [The New York Times](#), 6/10/20)

VIDEO: In June 2020, Asked If She Supported Mayor Eric Garcetti Diverting \$150 Million From Police Funding To Health And Youth Initiatives, Harris Said, “I Applaud Eric Garcetti For Doing What He’s Done.” ABC’s GEORGE STEPHANOPOLOUS: “So, does that mean you support proposals like what we’ve seen in Los Angeles, Mayor Eric Garcetti saying, take

some of the money from policing, about \$150 million, invest it in health initiatives, training initiatives for youth?” HARRIS: “I support investing in communities so that they become more healthy and, therefore, more safe. Right now, what we’re seeing in America is many cities spend over one-third of their entire city budget on policing. But, meanwhile, we’ve been defunding public schools for years in America. We’ve got to re-examine what we’re doing with American taxpayer dollars and ask the question, are we getting the right return on our investment? Are we actually creating healthy and safe communities? And that’s a legitimate conversation and it requires a really critical evaluation. And I applaud Eric Garcetti for doing what he’s done.” (ABC’s [“Good Morning America,”](#) 6/9/20) Minute 0:00 – 0:50

- **June 2020 *Los Angeles Times* Headline: “As ‘Defund LAPD’ Becomes A Rallying Cry, Garcetti Will Seek Cuts Up To \$150 Million”** (Emily Alpert Reyes, David Zahniser, and Dakota Smith, “As ‘Defund LAPD’ Becomes A Rallying Cry, Garcetti Will Seek Cuts Up To \$150 Million,” [Los Angeles Times](#), 6/3/20)

In 2020, Harris “Praised The ‘Brilliance’ And ‘Impact’ Of Black Lives Matter Protests, Deeming Them ‘Necessary.’” “Kamala Harris praised the ‘brilliance’ and ‘impact’ of Black Lives Matters protests, deeming them ‘necessary’ in comments that led some on social media to slam her as ‘insane.’ ‘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,’ the California senator said during an interview held as part of the NAACP’s national convention Friday, which was held virtually because of the coronavirus pandemic.” (Eileen A.J. Connelly, “Kamala Harris Blasted For Praising BLM As ‘Essential’ And ‘Brilliant’ Amid Violence,” [New York Post](#), 9/26/20)

Harris Would Also Say That BLM “Has Been The Most Significant Agent For Change With The Criminal Justice System.” “Harris also praised the ‘brilliance’ and ‘impact’ of Black Lives Matter, without criticizing the ongoing violence at rallies held in the organization’s name in cities across the country, nor the shooting of two police officers in Louisville. ‘I actually believe that ‘Black Lives Matter’ has been the most significant agent for change within the criminal justice system,’ the former California Attorney General said.” (Eileen A.J. Connelly, “Kamala Harris Blasted For Praising BLM As ‘Essential’ And ‘Brilliant’ Amid Violence,” [New York Post](#), 9/26/20)

On June 1, 2020, Harris Tweeted A Link To Directly Support The Minnesota Freedom Fund To “Help Post Bail For Those Protesting On The Ground In Minnesota.” (Kamala Harris, [Twitter Feed](#), 6/1/20)



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The Minnesota Freedom Fund Began Raising Money To Bail Out People Who Were Arrested During The Riots, And Has Helped Bail Out Dangerous Criminals. “A FOX 9 report from Monday revealed that the Minnesota Freedom Fund (MFF) in recent weeks has bailed out individuals including Darnika Floyd, who was charged with second-degree murder after allegedly stabbing a friend to death, and Christopher Boswell, who is facing charges of sexual assault and kidnapping. The group put up \$100,000 on behalf of Floyd and \$350,000 on behalf of Boswell.” (Tyler Olson, “Biden VP Pick Harris Promoted Group That Put Up Bail For Alleged Violent Criminals,” [FOX News](#), 8/12/20)

- **A FOX 9 Report Found That The Minnesota Freedom Fund Helped Bailed Out Violent Individuals Such As Darnika Floyd, Who Was Charged With Second-Degree Murder After Stabbing A Friend To Death, And Christopher Boswell, Who Is Facing Charges Of Sexual Assault And Kidnapping.** “A FOX 9 report from Monday revealed that the Minnesota Freedom Fund (MFF) in recent weeks has bailed out individuals including Darnika Floyd, who was charged with second-degree murder after allegedly stabbing a friend to death, and Christopher Boswell, who is facing charges of sexual assault and kidnapping. The group put up \$100,000 on behalf of Floyd and \$350,000 on behalf of Boswell.” (Tyler Olson, “Biden VP Pick Harris Promoted Group That Put Up Bail For Alleged Violent Criminals,” [FOX News](#), 8/12/20)

In June 2020 It Was Reported That The Minnesota Freedom Fund Had Only Spent \$200,000 On Bail Despite Raising Over \$30 Million In The Wake Of The George Floyd Protests. “The Minnesota Freedom Fund said it’s spent ‘well over’ \$200,000 in bailing protesters out of jail — despite receiving more than \$30 million in donations. ‘We are working on doing more,’ the fund tweeted on Monday. The fund, established in 2016, briefly stopped accepting donations, which have been flowing in since the police-involved death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25. ‘We are no longer the same organization we were one week ago,’ MFF wrote on its website on June 2. ‘One week ago we were a small bail fund struggling to get anyone to listen about the harms of cash bail and pre-trial detention. We are now flooded with resources and we are going to take a beat while we marshal those. We have some big plays in mind.’” (Lia Eustachewich, “Minnesota Freedom Fund Spent \$200K On Bail Despite Millions In Donations,” [The New York Post](#), 6/16/20)

FAILURE #5: 2020 Campaign For President

During The 2020 Campaign For President, Harris Dropped Out Of The Race Early On Despite Regularly Polling Among The Top Five Democrat Candidates

Just Weeks Ahead Of The Iowa Caucuses, Harris Announced She Would Drop Out Of The 2020 Presidential Race. “California Sen. Kamala Harris, once a promising presidential hopeful, announced she was dropping out of the 2020 presidential race on Tuesday, a stunning turn just weeks ahead of the Iowa caucuses.” (Lissandra Villa, “Kamala Harris Dropped Out Of The 2020 Presidential Race. But Democrats Are Already Betting On Her Comeback,” [Time](#), 12/3/19)

As A Presidential Candidate, Harris “Struggled To Define Her Candidacy.” “While Harris generated some of the most buzz of any of the Democratic candidates, she struggled to define her candidacy in a wide primary field.”

- **Her Campaign Was Also Hampered By “Negative Press Accounts” And Staffers Accusing Her Campaign Of Having An “Unclear Structure And Lack Of Clarity In Its Direction.”** “Those poor numbers were compounded by a steady drum beat of negative press accounts of the internal workings of her campaign, with staffers accusing the campaign of having an unclear structure and lack of clarity in its direction.
- **She Also Struggled With Her “Stances On The Issues.”** “Throughout her campaign, Harris publicly struggled with her stances on issues ranging from health care, where she initially said she supported getting rid of private insurance plans and then released a health care plan that left a large role for private insurers, to busing, which she successfully cornered former Vice President Joe Biden on from the debate stage but then struggled to come up with her own position on the matter.” (Lissandra Villa, “Kamala Harris Dropped Out Of The 2020 Presidential Race. But Democrats Are Already Betting On Her Comeback,” [Time](#), 12/3/19)

FAILURE #6: Failed Leadership

During Harris’ Tenure As California’s Attorney General, The Department Of Justice Paid Over \$1.1 Million In Settlement Claims With Employees

“The California Department Of Justice Paid More Than \$1.1 Million To Settle Claims With Employees Who Alleged They Were Sexually Harassed Or Retaliated Against By Co-Workers During The Tenure Of Then-State Atty. Gen. Kamala Harris From 2011 To 2017 ...” “The California Department of Justice paid more than \$1.1 million to settle claims with employees who alleged they were sexually harassed or retaliated against by co-workers during the tenure of then-state Atty. Gen. Kamala Harris from 2011 to 2017, according to documents obtained by The Times.” (Christine Mai-Duc and Patrick McGreevy, “Harassment And Retaliation Claims During Kamala Harris’ Time As California’s Top Cop Led To \$1.1 Million In Settlements,” [Los Angeles Times](#), 3/1/19)

“The Incidents Included Allegations That DOJ Employees Sexually Harassed And Retaliated Against Co-Workers, Including Claims Involving Inappropriate Touching And Cases In Which Workers Felt Uncomfortable With The Comments And Actions Of Others.” (Christine Mai-Duc and Patrick McGreevy, “Harassment And Retaliation Claims During Kamala Harris’ Time As California’s Top Cop Led To \$1.1 Million In Settlements,” [Los Angeles Times](#), 3/1/19)

A Harris Spokesman Claimed She Did Not Know About The Cases Settled By The DOJ Until The *Los Angeles Times* Brought Them To Her Attention. “Harris, a Democrat who was elected to the Senate in 2016, did not know about the cases settled by the DOJ until they were brought to her attention by The Times, said her spokesman, Chris Harris. The senator said she takes responsibility for what happened in her office when she was California’s top cop. ‘As the chief executive of a department of nearly 5,000 employees, the buck stopped with me,’ Harris said in a statement. ‘No one should face harassment or intimidation in the workplace, and victims of sexual misconduct should be listened to, believed and protected.’” (Christine Mai-Duc and Patrick McGreevy, “Harassment And Retaliation Claims During Kamala Harris’ Time As California’s Top Cop Led To \$1.1 Million In Settlements,” [Los Angeles Times](#), 3/1/19)

Harris’ Close Aide Larry Wallace Settled A \$400,000 Sexual Harassment Claim

In December 2018, Larry Wallace, One Of Harris’ Senior Aides, Resigned After *The Sacramento Bee* “Inquired About A \$400,000 Harassment And Retaliation Settlement Resulting From His Time Working For Harris At The California Department Of Justice.” “A longtime top staff member of U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris resigned Wednesday after The Sacramento Bee inquired about a \$400,000 harassment and retaliation settlement resulting from his time working for Harris at the California Department of Justice. Larry Wallace, who served as the director of the Division of Law Enforcement under then-Attorney General Harris, was accused by his former executive assistant in December 2016 of ‘gender harassment’ and other demeaning behavior, including frequently asking her to crawl under his desk to change the paper in his printer. The lawsuit was filed on Dec. 30, 2016, when Harris was still attorney general but preparing to be sworn in as California’s newly elected Democratic senator. It was settled less than five months later, in May 2017, by Xavier Becerra, who was appointed to replace her as attorney general.” (Alexei Koseff, “Kamala Harris Aide Resigns After Harassment, Retaliation Settlement Surfaces,” [The Sacramento Bee](#), 12/5/18)

“According To The Lawsuit, Wallace Placed His Printer On The Floor Underneath His Desk And Ordered [His Executive Assistant Danielle] Hartley To Replace The Paper Or Ink On A Daily Basis. When She Asked To Move The Printer To Another Location So She Would Not Have To Crawl Under His Desk In Dresses And Skirts, The Lawsuit States, Wallace Refused.” “In her lawsuit against the Department of Justice, Danielle Hartley said she was recruited to be Wallace’s assistant during a 2011 restructuring of the Division of Law Enforcement. Wallace, a former Berkeley police detective who previously worked under Harris when she was the district attorney of San Francisco, had been appointed director earlier that year. During an unspecified period, the lawsuit states, ‘Hartley had concerns she was being harassed and demeaned due to her gender.’ According to the lawsuit, Wallace placed his printer on the floor underneath his desk and ordered Hartley to replace the paper or ink on a daily basis. When she asked to move the printer to another location so she would not have to crawl under his desk in dresses and skirts, the lawsuit states, Wallace refused. Wallace frequently asked Hartley to put paper in the printer while he was sitting at his desk or in front of other male executives from the division, according to the lawsuit. Hartley also complained in the lawsuit that Wallace took away her ‘meaningful tasks’ and put

her in charge of running personal errands instead, including booking flights for Wallace's children and washing and performing maintenance on his car. When she would return from these assignments, the lawsuit states, 'co-workers would make hostile comments to her including, 'Are you walking the walk of shame?' According to the lawsuit, Hartley eventually informed her supervisor, Shannon Patterson, of the harassment and asked for help. 'Hartley observed Patterson enter Wallace's office and met with him behind closed doors,' the lawsuit states, but after that, she began to experience retaliation.'" (Alexei Koseff, "Kamala Harris Aide Resigns After Harassment, Retaliation Settlement Surfaces," [The Sacramento Bee](#), 12/5/18)

Harris' Top Deputy Terri Carbaugh Reached A \$34,900 Settlement Agreement Containing A Nondisclosure Agreement

In 2011, Harris Reached A \$34,900 Settlement Agreement With Terri Carbaugh, Her Chief Deputy In The Attorney General's Office. "A mysterious decade-old document from Sen. Kamala Harris' tenure as California attorney general has sparked a series of unanswered questions surrounding a \$34,900 settlement agreement reached with a top aide who quietly left her office, Insider has learned. The 13-page document — obtained by Insider through a public-records request — offers a glimpse into a 2011 dispute involving Harris and her top aide, Terri Carbaugh. Carbaugh, a longtime political operative from the same political circles as Harris in San Francisco, eventually became her chief deputy in the AG office. The settlement has been circulating among media outlets for at least a year, though it appears no one has mentioned it specifically in their reporting. It's surfacing again as Harris emerges on the short list to be presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden's running mate." (Robin Bravender, "A Decade-Old Settlement Shows A Top Aide To Kamala Harris Mysteriously Left Her California AG's Office With A \$35,000 Taxpayer-Funded Settlement Check," [Business Insider](#), 7/31/20)

"Carbaugh Walked Away With Nearly \$35,000 In Taxpayer Cash, In Exchange For Dropping Her Own Claim To Damages Surrounding Her Employment There, And Both Sides Pledged To Stay Quiet About It." (Robin Bravender, "A Decade-Old Settlement Shows A Top Aide To Kamala Harris Mysteriously Left Her California AG's Office With A \$35,000 Taxpayer-Funded Settlement Check," [Business Insider](#), 7/31/20)

\$649,500 Settlement To DOJ Special Agent James Rodriguez

"The Largest Settlement From Harris' Time As State Attorney General Was A \$649,500 Payment In 2013 To James Rodriguez, Who Was Then A Special Agent With The DOJ. He Claimed That The Agency Harassed And Retaliated Against Him And Failed To Take Corrective Action When He Filed Complaints About The Alleged Treatment." "The largest settlement from Harris' time as state attorney general was a \$649,500 payment in 2013 to James Rodriguez, who was then a special agent with the DOJ. He claimed that the agency harassed and retaliated against him and failed to take corrective action when he filed complaints about the alleged treatment. Rodriguez said in a lawsuit that he was transferred from coveted jobs, denied pay for out-of-class assignments and faced a meritless internal affairs complaint, and that the department encouraged co-workers to file frivolous complaints against him." (Christine Mai-Duc and Patrick McGreevy, "Harassment And Retaliation Claims During Kamala Harris' Time As California's Top Cop Led To \$1.1 Million In Settlements," [Los Angeles Times](#), 3/1/19)

Rodriguez's Attorney Jill Telfer Said Harris Should Have Known About The Issues, Commenting, "There Has Been A Culture Of Retaliation Against Employees Who Raise Concerns Of Discrimination Or Harassment." "Jill Telfer, an attorney who represented Rodriguez, as well as Hartley in the separate case against Wallace, said Harris should have known about the issues. 'The Division of Law Enforcement for the AG's office always felt they were above the law and may have kept a lid on things,' Telfer said. 'There has been a culture of retaliation against employees who raise concerns of discrimination or harassment.' The settlement in the Rodriguez case notes that the DOJ 'denied all material allegations' in the lawsuit, which included 'any alleged discrimination, harassment, retaliation,' and that in resolving the case 'none of the Parties admit any wrongdoing, liability or fault.' Rodriguez's complaints of mistreatment and retaliation date to 2006, when former Gov. Jerry Brown was attorney general. In 2010, before Harris' tenure, Rodriguez won

\$560,709 in damages after a jury determined that the DOJ had failed to take reasonable steps to prevent retaliation or harassment against him. He filed the second lawsuit in 2013, claiming that the DOJ continued to mistreat and retaliate against him for having won the jury award.” (Christine Mai-Duc and Patrick McGreevy, “Harassment And Retaliation Claims During Kamala Harris’ Time As California’s Top Cop Led To \$1.1 Million In Settlements,” [Los Angeles Times](#), 3/1/19)

Office Assistant Anacleto Alviar Filed A Lawsuit Against The California DOJ Claiming He Had Been Sexually Harassed By Legal Assistant Dennis Asher

Office Assistant Anacleto Alvia Filed A Lawsuit Against The California DOJ Claiming He Had Been Sexually Harassed By Legal Assistant Dennis Asher In June 2013 And Claimed The Agency “Failed To Take Adequate, Preventative Action.” “The following year, office assistant Anacleto Alviar filed a lawsuit claiming he had been sexually harassed at work by a co-worker, legal assistant Dennis Asher. Asher allegedly pulled Alviar into an office in June 2013 and asked him if he was gay. When Alviar said yes, the lawsuit said, Asher allegedly blocked him from leaving, pulled down his pants and placed his penis on Alviar’s arm and shoulder, asking him to perform sex acts. Alviar said he refused. Alviar alleged in his lawsuit that the agency knew Asher ‘had a propensity to and would engage in tortious behavior, such as sexual harassment’ but ‘failed to take adequate, preventative action.’ After he reported the incident months later, Alviar said in the lawsuit, the DOJ told him not to work on holidays or weekends when others were not present and did not separate him from Asher in the workplace. In a November 2014 response to the lawsuit, the agency said that Alviar ‘did not report the incident to anyone at DOJ until some three months after’ and asserted that ‘an employer is not liable for a single incident of sexual harassment by a nonsupervisory employee.’” (Christine Mai-Duc and Patrick McGreevy, “Harassment And Retaliation Claims During Kamala Harris’ Time As California’s Top Cop Led To \$1.1 Million In Settlements,” [Los Angeles Times](#), 3/1/19)

“The State Department Of Justice Agreed To Settle With Alviar For \$90,000 In November 2015. Neither The Agency Nor Asher Admitted To Wrongdoing In The Settlement.” “The state Department of Justice agreed to settle with Alviar for \$90,000 in November 2015. Neither the agency nor Asher admitted to wrongdoing in the settlement. Asher resigned voluntarily in August 2014 ‘under unfavorable circumstances,’ according to a letter from the attorney general’s office that was included in the settlement documents. The letter noted that Asher had been notified of disciplinary action related to, among other things, ‘unlawful discrimination, including harassment.’” (Christine Mai-Duc and Patrick McGreevy, “Harassment And Retaliation Claims During Kamala Harris’ Time As California’s Top Cop Led To \$1.1 Million In Settlements,” [Los Angeles Times](#), 3/1/19)

“In January 2015, Asher Received A \$65,000 Settlement After Appealing A Disciplinary Action Against Him.” (Christine Mai-Duc and Patrick McGreevy, “Harassment And Retaliation Claims During Kamala Harris’ Time As California’s Top Cop Led To \$1.1 Million In Settlements,” [Los Angeles Times](#), 3/1/19)

Office Technician Charlene Corral Filed A Lawsuit Against The California DOJ Claiming She Was Subjected To Sexual Harassment By Supervisor James Biscailuz, And Received A \$7,500 Settlement Payment

In 2016, Office Technician Charlene Corral Filed A Lawsuit Claiming She Was Subjected To Unwanted Touching, Sexual Comments, And Other Advances By Her Supervisor James Biscailuz, And Corral Received A \$7,500 Settlement Payment In 2017. “In 2016, office technician Charlene Corral filed a lawsuit claiming that she was subjected to unwanted touching, sexual comments and other advances by her supervisor, James Biscailuz, between May and July of 2014. Corral alleged that after she complained in August of that year, Biscailuz continued to intimidate her even after she transferred to another bureau at the DOJ. In March 2015, then-Deputy Atty. Gen. Nathan Barankin notified Corral that her allegations were ‘founded’ and referred the matter to a human resources manager and Wallace, then director of the DOJ’s Division of Law Enforcement, ‘for appropriate personnel action.’ The 2016 sexual harassment lawsuit against Wallace indicates that Hartley complained to one of her managers about Wallace’s alleged discrimination of her before Corral’s claims were forwarded to Wallace for review. Wallace

could not be reached by The Times for comment. Barankin, who later became Harris' chief of staff in the Senate and left in December to serve as a senior advisor for a political action committee supporting her presidential bid, did not respond to a request for comment. Hartley's lawsuit against Wallace included an allegation that he placed his office printer on the floor under his desk and ordered Hartley to replace the paper or ink frequently, forcing her to get down on her knees while wearing dresses and skirts. The lawsuit was settled after Harris was sworn in to the U.S. Senate and Wallace joined her district staff in Sacramento. Corral received a \$7,500 settlement payment in 2017. She and Biscailuz still work for the DOJ in separate bureaus. Biscailuz and the DOJ denied any wrongdoing." (Christine Mai-Duc and Patrick McGreevy, "Harassment And Retaliation Claims During Kamala Harris' Time As California's Top Cop Led To \$1.1 Million In Settlements," [Los Angeles Times](#), 3/1/19)

FAILURE #7: Further Left Than The Socialists

In Her Brief Stint As A U.S. Senator, Harris Was Rated Further Left Than Socialist Bernie Sanders

As Senator, Harris "Was Ranked As Being More Liberal" Than Bernie Sanders.

"Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden's pick for his vice presidential running mate, Democratic California Senator Kamala Harris, was ranked as being more liberal than Democratic Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, the congressperson often considered the furthest left within the Democratic caucus. The government watchdog website GovTrack.us ranked all 100 U.S. Senators with an 'ideology score' from 1.0 (most conservative) to 0.0 (most liberal). The score is based on each senator's legislative behavior: namely, how similar the pattern of bills and resolutions they co-sponsor are to other congress members." (Daniel Villarreal, "Kamala Harris More Liberal Than Bernie Sanders, Senate Record Analysis Shows," [Newsweek](#), 8/11/20)

- **"Govtrack.us Gave Sanders An Ideology Score Of 0.02 And Harris A Score Of 0.00. Together, They Ranked As The Most Liberal Members Of The Senate."** (Daniel Villarreal, "Kamala Harris More Liberal Than Bernie Sanders, Senate Record Analysis Shows," [Newsweek](#), 8/11/20)
- **"Harris Joined Bipartisan Bills The Least Often Compared To Senate Democrats."**
"The website said Harris joined bipartisan bills the least often compared to Senate Democrats." (Daniel Villarreal, "Kamala Harris More Liberal Than Bernie Sanders, Senate Record Analysis Shows," [Newsweek](#), 8/11/20)

Harris Has Praised Socialist Bernie Sanders And Failed To Identify Any Policy Differences With Him

VIDEO: After A February 2019 Interview With Harris, NBC's Kasie Hunt Said She "Couldn't Identify Necessarily – Except To Say I Support Capitalism – Any Sort Of Policy Differences Between Her And Bernie Sanders." NBC's KASIE HUNT: "So I think it's clear that the Democratic Party is going to have to wrestle with this question: which of these policies are socialist, which are not. She couldn't identify necessarily – except to say I support capitalism – any sort of policy differences between her and Bernie Sanders." ([MSNBC](#), 2/19/19) Minute 0:45 – 1:03

VIDEO: In April 2020, Reacting To Bernie Sanders Withdrawing From The Presidential Race, Harris Praised Sanders For Being An "Extraordinary Leader" And His Emphasis On Medicare For All.

HARRIS: "You know, I work in the Senate with Bernie Sanders, and of course, I ran for president and was on that stage with him. You know, Bernie, Bernie is really an extraordinary leader. One of the things that Bernie brought to not only the race but the national dialogue and discourse and, was this point that, about everyone having access to health care and affordable health care and universal health care, and Medicare For All. And Bernie really pushed that conversation so that it became the, it actually consumed the majority of the conversations that were happening on the debate stage. Bernie has the ability to really have, to think beyond what is and see what can be, and I admire him for that. I think at this point, you know, I am supporting Joe Biden. I think that Bernie and combined with Joe Biden and all of the others who have run are committed and will be committed to unifying the party and the country, and but on today as he has announced, I just have nothing to say but thank you, Bernie, for your voice and for your leadership and for everything

that you have brought to the public discourse, and your role of leadership in our country.” (ABC’s [“The View,”](#) 4/8/20) Minute 0:06 – 1:26

Harris Praised Socialist Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez For The “Fantastic” Way She Challenged The Status Quo And Introduced “Bold Ideas”

VIDEO: In January 2019, Harris Said Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) Was “Challenging The Status Quo. I Think That’s Fantastic ... She Is Introducing Bold Ideas That, That Should Be Discussed.” ABC’s MEGHAN MCCAIN: “I was just having a nice conversation with you during the break. So I wanted to ask you, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is the new darling of the party. She officially has more Twitter followers than Nancy Pelosi. She was on 60 Minutes this weekend, proudly calling herself a radical. And she's promoting policies like saying that every single carbon emission in the country, every car should be eliminated within the next 11 years. Everything from a 70% to 80% tax rate. Do you agree that she could possibly, in this ideology of the socialist left, could splinter your party?” HARRIS: “No. You know, I think that she is challenging the status quo. I think that’s fantastic. I think that, you know, I used to, I used to teach, before, especially before, like, in the last few years. And the thing that I always loved about teaching was when you teach, it requires you to defend the premise. And it requires you to re-examine the premise. And question, is it still relevant? Is it, is it, is it, does it have impact? Does it have meaning? And I think that she is introducing bold ideas that, that should be discussed. And I think it’s good for the party. I frankly think it's good for the country. Let’s look at the bold ideas. And, and, and Im eager that we have those discussions. And when we are able to defend the status quo, then do it. And if there are, you know, if there’s not merit to that, then let’s explore new ideas.” (ABC’s [“The View,”](#) 1/8/19) Minute 0:00 – 1:36

Harris’ Policies Are Further To The Left Of Hillary Clinton’s

Harris Has “Sought To Align Herself More With The Democratic Party’s Left Wing ...”

“In recent years, she sought to align herself more with the Democratic Party’s left wing, initially supporting Senator Bernie Sanders’s ‘Medicare for all’ bill before shifting her position during the presidential campaign. She has also backed proposals to raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour and revise the country’s bail system.” (Maggie Astor and Sydney Ember, “What To Know About Kamala Harris, Joe Biden’s V.P. Choice,” [The New York Times](#), 8/11/20)

Harris, Along With Sanders And Warren, Supported Ideas To The Left Of Hillary Clinton, Including Medicare For All, Free College At Public Universities, And The Green New Deal. “The contest already is being framed by ideas to the left of those that Hillary Clinton campaigned on in 2016. The biggest names of the party’s opposition to Mr. Trump—Ms. Warren, Ms. Harris, Mr. Sanders and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York—all support a single-payer health care system, free college at public universities and the Green New Deal.” (Reid J. Epstein and Ken Thomas, “Democratic Candidates, Pressured by Party Base, Split on How Liberal to Be,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 3/20/19)

NBC News’ Benjy Sarlin: Harris Is “Not A ‘Centrist’ By Pretty Much Any Policy Standard We Could Think Of.” “Not to get into ‘two things can be true’ formats, but it's both true that the left wing of the party is skeptical of her for understandable reasons and that she's not a ‘centrist’ by pretty much any policy standard we could think of” (Benjy Sarlin, [Twitter Feed](#), 8/12/20)



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FAILURE #8: Energy Extremist

As A Presidential Candidate, Harris Supported The Green New Deal

During Her Presidential Campaign, Harris Called For Forging A Green New Deal To Address The Climate Crisis, Build A Clean Economy With Good-Paying Jobs, And Confront Environmental Justice Head On. "While the climate threat is great, so is our opportunity. With American ingenuity and imagination, we can forge a Green New Deal to tackle the climate crisis, build a clean economy that creates good-paying jobs for the future, and confront environmental injustice head on." (Kamala Harris, "Climate Change," [Kamala Harris For The People](#), Archived 7/11/20)

VIDEO: Harris: "But I Will Tell You, I'm Supporting The Green New Deal." (Kamala Harris, Remarks At Town Hall In Rock Hill, SC, 4/19/19) Minute 08:15-08:17

In September 2019, Harris Said There Was No Question She Was In Favor Of Banning Fracking

VIDEO: Asked In A September 2019 CNN Town Hall If She Would Commit To Implementing A Federal Ban On Fracking On Her First Day In Office, Harris Said There Was No Question She Was In Favor Of Banning Fracking. CLIMATE ACTIVIST JESSIE BLUEDORN: "Will you commit to implementing a federal ban on fracking your first day in office, adding the United States to the list of countries to have banned this devastating practice?" KAMALA HARRIS: "There's no question I'm in favor of banning fracking. So yes, and starting with what we can do on day one around public lands and then there has to be legislation." (Kamala Harris, [CNN Climate Town Hall](#), New York, NY, 9/4/19) Minute 15:13 – 15:33

A Fracking Ban "Threatens To Antagonize Unions And Voters In Areas That Depend On Oil And Gas For Jobs." "An all-out prohibition on the controversial natural gas extraction process — backed by Sens. Kamala Harris, Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren — has been well received by the liberal and climate-focused voters closely watching the primary. But the proposal also threatens to antagonize unions and voters in areas that depend on oil and gas for jobs." (Nicholas Riccardi, "Democrats step on shaky political ground with fracking bans," [The Associated Press](#), 9/11/19)

Harris Supported Reaching 100 Percent Carbon-Neutral Electricity By 2030

During Her Presidential Campaign, Harris Called For 100 Percent Carbon-Neutral Electricity By 2030, With All New Buses, Heavy-Duty Vehicles, And Vehicle Fleets Being Zero-Emission. "By 2030, we will run on 100 percent carbon-neutral electricity, all new buses,

heavy-duty vehicles, and vehicle fleets will be zero-emission.” (Kamala Harris, “Climate Change,” [Kamala Harris For The People](#), Archived 7/11/20)

Harris’ Climate Change Plan Called For “Immediately Implementing Well-Understood And Efficient Policies” To Greenhouse Gas Emissions In The Electrical And Ground Transportation Sectors, While Working On Solutions For Sectors Such As Aviation, Shipping, And Product Creation. “In order to make rapid progress, we must focus our efforts on immediately implementing well-understood and efficient policies to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions in sectors like electricity and ground transportation, while simultaneously working on solutions to sectors such as aviation, shipping, and the creation of products like cement, steel, and plastics.” (Kamala Harris, “Climate Change,” [Kamala Harris For The People](#), Archived 7/11/20)

Harris Called For The Imposition Of A “Climate Pollution Fee”

During Her Presidential Campaign, Harris Called For The Imposition Of A Climate Pollution Fee To Reduce Emissions And Hold Polluters Accountable, With Fees Invested Into Frontline Communities. “A climate pollution fee can play an important role as one of several interrelated policies to reduce emissions and hold polluters accountable. ... That’s why Kamala will involve frontline communities in the fee development process, and would ensure that the fee revenues are invested back into those communities to improve environmental conditions and local economic development.” (Kamala Harris, “Climate Change,” [Kamala Harris For The People](#), Archived 7/11/20)

VIDEO: Harris: “And Under My Plan There Will Also Be A Carbon Fee. And That Money, A Lot Of It, Is Going To Go To The Communities -- And This Is Part Of My Environmental Justice Approach To The Issue, Part Of It Is Going To Be That I'm Saying That The Fees Have To Also Go To, To Empower Those Communities That For Too Long Have Been Ignored.” (Kamala Harris, [CNN Climate Town Hall](#), New York, NY, 9/4/19) Minute 11:39 – 11:55

Harris Called For Spending \$10 Trillion In Both Public And Private Spending, More Than An Other 2020 Candidate, To Fund A Clean Economy

During Her Presidential Campaign, Harris Proposed Setting A Bold Target To Exceed The Paris Agreement And Achieve A Clean Economy By 2045, Through A \$10 Trillion Investment In Public And Private Funding. “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.” (Kamala Harris, “Climate Change,” [Kamala Harris For The People](#), Archived 7/11/20)

Harris’ Plan Did Not Say What Portion Of It’ \$10 Trillion In New Spending Would Come From Public Sources Or Provide A Breakdown Of The Spending. “Harris’ campaign says the plan would provide “\$10 trillion in public and private funding” over the next decade to stave off the worst impacts of climate change. But it does not say what portion of spending would come from public sources, nor does it offer a breakdown of its spending like some of her Democratic rivals' plans do.” (Anthony Adragna, “How Kamala Harris Would Address Climate Change,” [Politico](#), 9/4/19)

Harris’ Proposed \$10 Trillion In Spending Was Among The Highest Proposed By Any 2020 Candidate. “Harris commits \$10 trillion in public and private funding to her plan, the same as Castro, which is near the top of the pack. (Bernie Sanders tops the list with a plan to spend some \$16.3 trillion solely in federal dollars.)” (Molly Enking and Paola Rosa-Aquino, “Elizabeth Warren, Kamala Harris, And 4 Others Just Released Climate Plans. Here’s What They Say,” [Grist](#), 9/4/19)

FAILURE #9: Higher Taxes

Harris Voted Against And Has Vowed To Repeal All Of The 2017 Tax Law, Saying, “Get Rid Of The Whole Thing”

In May 2019, Harris Said She Would Seek To Repeal All Of President Trump's 2017 Tax Law, Saying, "Get Rid Of The Whole Thing." "Senator Kamala Harris said she'd seek to repeal all of President Donald Trump's 2017 tax overhaul, including its breaks for wealthy earners, corporations and the middle class. 'Get rid of the whole thing,' the California Democrat and presidential contender said after a campaign event in Detroit. Her campaign spokesman Ian Sams said she'd seek to replace the law with her proposed LIFT Act, a nearly \$3 trillion refundable tax cut focused on middle income earners." (Sahil Kapur and Laura Davison, "Kamala Harris Calls For Full Repeal Of Trump's 2017 Tax Law," [Bloomberg](#), 5/6/19)

"Harris's Stance Goes Further Than Most Democrats ... Getting Rid Of The Entire Law Would Also Mean Repealing The Doubling Of The Standard Deduction And Higher Child Tax Credit, Which Benefit Middle-Class Americans." "Harris's stance goes further than most Democrats, who have called for repealing parts of the 2017 law that grants steep tax breaks for corporations and upper earners, as well as restoring the full state and local tax deduction, which was limited to \$10,000. Getting rid of the entire law would also mean repealing the doubling of the standard deduction and higher child tax credit, which benefit middle-class Americans. While the law as a whole is unpopular, those provisions poll well." (Sahil Kapur and Laura Davison, "Kamala Harris Calls For Full Repeal Of Trump's 2017 Tax Law," [Bloomberg](#), 5/6/19)

In December 2017, Harris Voted Against The Final Tax Reform Bill, Which Cut Individual And Corporate Tax Rates And Repealed ObamaCare's Individual Mandate.

"McConnell, R-Ky., motion to concur in the conference report to accompany the bill with a further amendment. The bill would revise the federal income tax system by lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to \$10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to \$2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for 'pass-through' business income through 2025." (H.R. 1, [Roll Call Vote #323](#): Motion Agreed To 51-48: R 51-0; D 0-46; I 0-2, Harris Voted Nay, 12/20/17; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 4/26/18)

- **On December 2, 2017, Harris Voted Against The Senate's Tax Reform Bill, Which Would Cut Taxes For Individuals And Corporations.** "This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to reduce tax rates and modify policies, credits, and deductions for individuals and businesses. With respect to individuals, the bill: replaces the seven existing tax brackets (10%, 15%, 25%, 28%, 33%, 35%, and 39.6%) with four brackets (12%, 25%, 35%, and 39.6%), increases the standard deduction, repeals the deduction for personal exemptions, establishes a 25% maximum rate on the business income of individuals, increases the child tax credit and establishes a new family tax credit, repeals the overall limitation on certain itemized deductions, limits the mortgage interest deduction for debt incurred after November 2, 2017, to mortgages of up to \$500,000 (currently \$1 million), repeals the deduction for state and local income or sales taxes not paid or accrued in a trade or business, repeals the deduction for medical expenses, consolidates and repeals several education-related deductions and credits, repeals the alternative minimum tax, and repeals the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes in six years. For businesses, the bill: reduces the corporate tax rate from a maximum of 35% to a flat 20% rate (25% for personal services corporations), allows increased expensing of the costs of certain property, limits the deductibility of net interest expenses to 30% of the business's adjusted taxable income, repeals the work opportunity tax credit, terminates the exclusion for interest on private activity bonds, modifies or repeals various energy-related deductions and credits, modifies the taxation of foreign income, and imposes an excise tax on certain payments from domestic corporations to related foreign corporations. The bill also repeals or modifies several additional credits and deductions for individuals and businesses." (H.R. 1, [Roll Call Vote #303](#), Passed 51-49: R 51-1; D 0-46; I 0-2, 12/2/17, Harris Voted Nay; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 12/15/17)

While Running For President In 2019, Harris Would Impose A 4 Percent Premium Tax On Households Earning \$100,000 To Pay For Her “Medicare For All” Health Plan

In July 2019, Harris Outlined New Taxes To Pay For Her “Medicare For All” Health Care Plan. “California Sen. Kamala Harris has released a health care plan just in time for the second Democratic debate, offering a role for private insurance in a ‘Medicare for All’ system and outlining new taxes to pay for it.” (Danielle Kurtzleben, “Kamala Harris Releases ‘Medicare For All’ Plan With A Role For Private Insurers,” [NPR](#), 7/29/19)

Her Plan Called For Imposing A 4 Percent Premium Tax, Similar To Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT), On Households Earning More Than \$100,000. “One key revenue-raiser Sanders has proposed for Medicare for All is what his plan calls a 4% ‘premium’ on household income over \$29,000. Harris’ plan would impose that tax only on households earning more than \$100,000, and would also raise even that threshold for households in ‘high-cost areas.’” (Danielle Kurtzleben, “Kamala Harris Releases ‘Medicare For All’ Plan With A Role For Private Insurers,” [NPR](#), 7/29/19)

Harris Has Proposed Strengthening The Estate Tax To Fund Her Teacher Pay Plan

To Pay For Her Teacher Pay Plan, She Proposed Strengthening The Estate Tax And Close Tax Loopholes. “Harris proposes paying for the plan by strengthening the estate tax and cracking down on loopholes that let the very wealthiest, with estates worth multiple millions or billions of dollars, avoid paying their ‘fair share,’ according to her campaign.” (Nicole Gaudiano and Christopher Cadelago, “Kamala Harris’ Teacher Pay Price Tag,” [Politico](#), 3/26/19)

To Strengthen The Estate Tax, She Considered Lowering The Tax Exemption Or Closing Loopholes That Allow People To Avoid Paying The Tax. “The campaign is considering several potential options for estate tax reform to bring in additional revenue. Among them: lowering the estate tax exemption, making the estate tax progressive or eliminating loopholes that allow people to avoid paying any estate tax.” (Nicole Gaudiano and Christopher Cadelago, “Kamala Harris’ Teacher Pay Price Tag,” [Politico](#), 3/26/19)

Harris’ Gender Pay And Government-Paid Family Leave Plan Effectively Proposed New Employer Taxes

In May 2019, Harris Released A Plan That Would Eliminate The Gender Wage Gap. “Sen. Kamala Harris pledged Monday to eliminate the gender wage gap, releasing a campaign proposal billed as ‘the most aggressive equal pay proposal in history.’” (Ian Kullgren, “How Kamala Harris Would Solve The Gender Wage Gap,” [Politico](#), 5/20/19)

- **“Harris’ Plan Effectively Proposes A New Tax On Employers.”** “Harris says she won’t wait for Congress — ‘she’ll take executive action herself.’ But it’s unclear how that would work. Harris’ plan effectively proposes a new tax on employers, a power that the Constitution gives to Congress alone. (A campaign spokesman later clarified that Harris’ pledge to use executive power only applies to the plan for federal contractors.)” (Ian Kullgren, “How Kamala Harris Would Solve The Gender Wage Gap,” [Politico](#), 5/20/19)

In October 2019, Harris Released A Government-Paid Family Leave Plan That Was “Farther Left Of What Democrats” Had Proposed. “Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) seeks to brand herself as the progressive standard bearer of family issues in the 2020 presidential race. To that end, Harris on Monday released a plan farther left of what Democrats have proposed so far on paid family leave and child care. Harris’ proposal would provide every worker in America six months of paid family and medical leave — double what even the most fervent supporters of paid leave in Congress have pushed for.” (Ian Kullgren, “Harris Proposes Six Months Of Government-Paid Family Leave,” [Politico](#), 10/7/19)

- **Her Plan Would Be Funded By New Payroll Taxes And Additional Taxes And Fines On Corporations.** “Harris’ paid leave plan would be funded by new payroll taxes on employers and employees in addition to unspecified ‘general revenues.’ The federal government’s portion would be funded through fines on corporations that fail to narrow their gender-based pay gaps. Harris estimates the fines would total \$180 billion in the first decade and diminish over time. It

would also be funded through tax increases on large corporations.” (Ian Kullgren, “Harris Proposes Six Months Of Government-Paid Family Leave,” [Politico](#), 10/7/19)

FAILURE #10: Poor Leader

Harris Is A Poor Leader Who Mistreats Her Staff And Oftentimes Throws Them Under The Bus

As Vice President, Harris Had A 92 Percent Turnover Rate In Her First Three Years.

“According to Washington, D.C.-based conservative watchdog Open the Books, Harris had a 92% turnover rate in her first three years as vice president.” (Steven Richards and John Solomon, “Kamala Harris Was Put In Charge In Past Jobs, Scandal And Failure Often Followed,” [JustTheNews](#), 7/22/24)

Only Four Of Her Original 47 Staffers Remain On Her Staff. “In the most recent publishing through March 31, only four of the original 47 staff listed in a 2021 government report remained consistently employed and are among the office’s 50 current staff members,’ Open the Books CEO Adam Andrzejewski wrote in a post to Substack based on his organization’s findings.” (Steven Richards and John Solomon, “Kamala Harris Was Put In Charge In Past Jobs, Scandal And Failure Often Followed,” [JustTheNews](#), 7/22/24)

“Former Harris Aides Told Axios The High Turnover Is Partly Because Of How The Vice President Treats Her Staff. ... Former Aides Often Refer To It As Harris’ ‘Prosecuting The Staff.’” (Alex Thompson, “Scoop: Biden Doubted Harris’ Election Chances,” [Axios](#), 7/22/24)

Under Harris’ Leadership, Her Aides Are “Thrown Under The Bus” And Working For Her Is An “Abusive Environment” Where “People Often Feel Mistreated.” “While much of the ire is aimed at Harris’ chief, two administration officials said the VP herself also bears responsibility for the way her office is run. ‘It all starts at the top,’ said one of the administration officials, who like others requested anonymity to be able to speak candidly about a sensitive matter. ‘People are thrown under the bus from the very top, there are short fuses and it’s an abusive environment,’ said another person with direct knowledge of how Harris’ office is run. ‘It’s not a healthy environment and people often feel mistreated. It’s not a place where people feel supported but a place where people feel treated like s---.’” (Christopher Cadelago, Daniel Lippman and Eugene Daniels, “‘Not A Healthy Environment’: Kamala Harris’ Office Rife With Dissent,” [Politico](#), 6/30/21)