

# 60<sup>th</sup> Presidential Election on Nov 5, 2024: Trump or Kamla Harris?

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November 4, 2024: Tomorrow USA will elect its 47<sup>th</sup> President, widely held to be the most powerful job in the world, and, the 50<sup>th</sup> Vice-President.

 2024 Republican Party ticket	
<b>Donald Trump</b>	<b>JD Vance</b>
<i>for President</i>	<i>for Vice President</i>
	
45 <sup>th</sup> President of the United States (2017–2021)	U.S. Senator from Ohio (2023–present)

 2024 Democratic Party ticket	
<b>Kamala Harris</b>	<b>Tim Walz</b>
<i>for President</i>	<i>for Vice President</i>
	
49 <sup>th</sup> Vice President of the United States (2021–present)	41 <sup>st</sup> Governor of Minnesota (2019–present)

ELECTORAL COLLEGE: There are 538 votes in the Electoral College and it takes a majority — 270 — for getting elected as President.

The 2024 Presidential Race is said to be a tight competition.

If both **Trump** and **Kamla Harris** were to win 269 votes each, the following Regulations will apply:

The President will be elected by the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Vice President will be elected by the U.S. Senate.

The majority in the House of Representatives and Senate is of Democratic and Republican party respectively.

It can lead to an interesting result.

REPUBLICAN SLATE: *Presidential Candidate:* **Donald John Trump** (b.: June 14, 1946); the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States from January 20, 2017 to January 20, 2021.

*Vice Presidential Candidate:* **James David Vance** (b. **James Donald Bowman**: August 2, 1984); a Marine veteran who has served since January 3, 2023 as the junior United States senator from Ohio.

**James Vance as an Author:** His memoir, **Hillbilly Elegy**, was published in 2016, and was adapted into a film in 2020.

A National Conservative and/ or a Right-Wing Populist: After opposing Donald Trump's candidacy in the 2016 election, Vance has become a strong Trump supporter since July 2024. He has acknowledged **Catholic theology's influence on his sociopolitical positions.**

**James Vance** and Usha Chilukuri, class-fellows at Yale Law School, married in Kentucky, in an **interfaith marriage ceremony**, as she is Hindu and he Christian. The couple has been blessed with three children - **Ewan, Vivek and Mirabel.**

DEMOCRATIC SLATE: *Presidential Candidate:* **Kamala Devi Harris** (b.: October 20, 1964); the 49<sup>th</sup> and current Vice President of the United States since January 20, 2021, serving under President **Joe Biden**.

She is **the first female Vice President of the United States**, making her the **highest ranking female official in U.S. history**. She is also **the first African American**, and **the first Asian American** Vice President.

From January 3, 2017 to January 18, 2021, she **represented California in the United States Senate**.

Before that, **Kamala Harris** was the **32<sup>nd</sup> Attorney General of California** from January 3, 2011 to January 3, 2017 under Governor **Jerry Brown**.

From January 8, 2004 to January 3, 2011, **Kamala Harris** worked as the **27<sup>th</sup> District Attorney of San Francisco**.

*Vice Presidential Candidate:* **Timothy James Walz** (b.: April 6, 1964); a Marine veteran who has served since January 3, 2023 as the junior United States senator from Ohio; **Timothy's** father, **James Frederick Walz** had served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 25 June 1950 to 27 July 1953.

Like his father, **Timothy Walz** also served in US Military from 1981 to 2005, and, is a retired **United States Army Non-Commissioned Officer** in the Rank of **Command Sergeant Major** at the Unit of **1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 125th Field Artillery Regiment**.

**Timothy Walz** was born in **West Point**, Nebraska. After graduating from Chadron State College in Nebraska, he moved to Minnesota, where he worked as a **high school social studies teacher** and **football coach**. From 1981 to 2005, **Timothy Walz** worked for the US Military.

After retiring from US Military, **Timothy Walz** ran for the **U.S. House of Representatives** from **Minnesota's 1<sup>st</sup> district** as a retired Marine Officer.

He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for Minnesota's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District in 2006, defeating six-term Republican incumbent **Gil Gutknecht**. He was a **member** of the **U.S. House of Representatives** from **January 3, 2007** to **January 3, 2019**. **Timothy Walz** was the **ranking member** of the **House Veterans Affairs Committee** from **January 3, 2017** to **January 3, 2019**.

When **Timothy Walz** was to complete 12 years of continuous service as a Member of the **U.S. House of Representatives**, and had been reelected to the House five times, he decided to run for the Governorship of Minnesota from January 2019.

**Timothy Walz** has been serving as the **41<sup>st</sup> Governor of Minnesota** from January 7, 2019. He is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> **gubernatorial** term, when he has decided to run for the Vice-Presidency of USA from January 2025.

**Walz**, who is originally from **West Point, Nebraska**, graduated from **Chadron State College**, and later became a teacher and coach at a school in **Alliance, Nebraska**, where he met **Gwen Walz**, his fellow teacher.

Alliance is a city and the county seat of Box Butte County, in the Western part of the State of Nebraska, in the Great Plains region of the United States. Its population was 8,151 at the 2020 census.

After their first date at the movies, **Walz** revealed he knew she was the one right away, telling **Gwen**: "You should know I'm going to marry you."



*Walz and Gwen have been married since 1994*

They tied the knot in 1994, and two years later moved to **Gwen's** home State of **Minnesota**, specifically **Mankato**, where **Walz** again became a teacher and coach at **Mankato West High School**. During his time at the school, he led the football team to its **first State championship**.

**Mankato**, in the **U.S. State** of **Minnesota**, is the **county seat** of **Blue Earth County**. **Population: 44,488** at the **2020 census**, making it the **21<sup>st</sup> largest city** in **Minnesota**, and the **5<sup>th</sup> largest** outside of the **Minneapolis–Saint Paul** (the capital of **Minnesota**) metropolitan area.

**Mankato** is located across the **Minnesota River** from **North Mankato**.

The combined **population** of **Mankato** and **North Mankato: 58,763** according to the **2020 census**.

The **population** of Metropolitan **Mankato is 103,566** at the **2020 census**.

**Mankato** is the home of **Minnesota State University**, the State's second-largest university by enrollment.

**Walz** revealed that **Gwen** underwent seven years of fertility treatments in order to get pregnant. "It's not by chance that we named our daughter **Hope**. Seven years after they got married, and after a challenging journey with IVF, the couple welcomed their first child, daughter **Hope**, in 2001, followed by son **Gus** in **2006**."

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**Seven Swing States: States in USA** vote according to party lines. Only **7 States** swing from one party to the other. A vote swing of a few hundreds of thousand can change the result. On Sunday, November 3, 2024, President Trump has positioned himself as a Champion of Minorities, **criticizing aggressively against the Islamists and Khalistan's Punnu's efforts to stop Hindus from celebrating DIWALI in their temples**.

He has already promised to stop the wars in Ukraine and Gaza, immediately on coming to power.

Will China attack Taiwan before President Trump assume the Presidency?

Will China refuse to follow the recent understanding, with India, of avoiding conflicts in the Ladakh border if President Trump loses the election on 5<sup>th</sup> November?

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