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VOTERS' GUIDE

**KEEPING YOU INFORMED
FROM NOW UNTIL NOVEMBER**



An **HONEST** look at the 2020
Democratic candidates

- Presidential platforms
- Strengths and weaknesses
- What does it mean for US?

**Disillusioned? Discouraged? Don't trust the system?
Neither do we. Read inside to find out a solution!**



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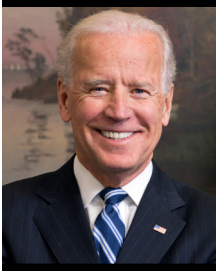
Why the BLACK VOTERS' GUIDE?

The Black vote represents the soul and consciousness of America. That vote, and by extension, Black people, have been disrespected by the two-party system and the political process. The Black Voters' Guide intends to change all of that, whether you believe the solution is in reforming the system or by rewriting it entirely.

The idea of a publication that prioritizes Black people isn't "racist," but a reflection of mass media that relegates us to a photo-op, parades us around and petitions us when it's time to elect or re-elect candidates. The Black Voters' Guide can proudly say that it is for us and by us.

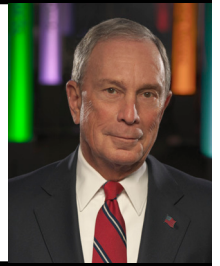


Our take on the 2020 Democratic presidential candidates is honest, fair and simple to understand. The positive attributes of a candidate will list in green. The negative will list in red.



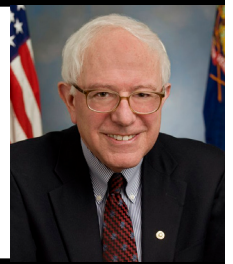
Joe Biden was Barack Obama's vice-president and has the **experience** of being in The White House. Despite Biden's support from Black legislators, Biden **has an apologist attitude** toward segregationists, has repeatedly made **negative comments** about poor African-Americans and helped write the **controversial 1994** "tough on crime" law.

Mike Bloomberg and his **Greenwood Initiative** speak to economic justice for Black people and he has uniquely partnered with the **Black Press**. Still, Bloomberg's legacy of **stop-and-frisk** is unforgivable. Allegations of **sexism** and this quote — "**We should raise taxes on the poor for their own good.**" — paint a picture of doom and gloom.



Pete Buttigieg and his **Douglass Plan** promise of social and economic justice for Black people. So why isn't Pete polling well with Black voters? Maybe it's **false claims** of endorsements from Black businesses, his **poor social justice record** as the mayor of South Bend, Ind., or this comment to Black protestors: "**I'm not asking for your vote.**"

Bernie Sanders is promising **student loan forgiveness** and **Medicare For All**. Those proposals aren't scary and neither is democratic socialism. What **SHOULD** scare Black people is whether those proposals are specific enough to improve racial disparities in wealth and health — and Sanders' **inability to speak up** for reparations.



Tom Steyer has **mentioned reparations** in debates and on his platform. He has travelled to **small, mostly Black populations** to talk about social and economic justice. However, Steyer **lacks an outlined plan** for his reparations proposal. His money gives him staying power, but is he sincere about helping, or putting on a front for his campaign?

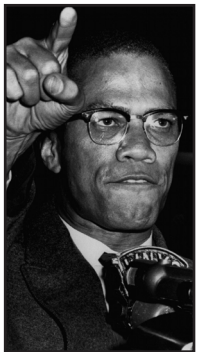
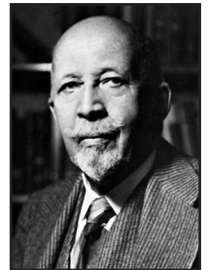
Elizabeth Warren has a **Working Agenda For Black America** that is very detailed. She too, believes in **student loan forgiveness** and health care reforms. But will she take on the establishment? Not with quotes like this one: "**I am a capitalist to my bones.**" Her **claims to Native American/Indian ancestry** are also problematic and controversial.



What if I believe the system is **BROKEN**?

You've heard it all before. "If you don't vote, you're dishonoring your family," Oprah Winfrey said last year. You may have also heard this saying: "Your vote is your voice." Well, *actually*, your **voice** is your voice. Some of the most intellectual figures in our history have been disillusioned with voting. Here are their words:

"In 1956, I shall not go to the polls. I have not registered. I believe that democracy has so far disappeared in the United States that no 'two evils' exist. There is but one evil party with two names, and it will be elected despite all I can do or say." — W.E.B. DuBois, *Why I Won't Vote*



"...It's also a political year. It's the year when all of the white politicians will be back in the so-called Negro community jiving you and me for some votes. The year when all of the white political crooks will be right back in your and my community with their false promises, building up our hopes for a letdown, with their trickery and their treachery, with their false promises which they don't intend to keep." — Malcolm X, *The Ballot or The Bullet*

So, what do we do now? We MOBILIZE. We have to build our politics locally. Start at your city council and school board meetings. You will find that most of taxpayers' dollars go into public education and law enforcement. School propaganda miseducates our children and police brutality devastates our communities. Now is the time to stay informed, so that we can fight back against a society conditioned to treat Black people as an afterthought. If you want more information about the city meetings in your town, call us at (803) 270-2331.