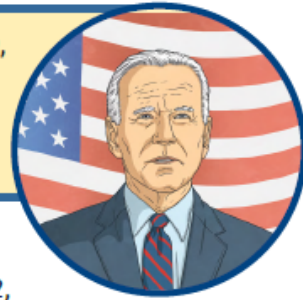


Joe Biden

Joseph Biden is a politician and lawyer. In November 2020, he was named as the **projected** new president of the USA. He could make history in January 2021, by becoming the oldest president ever, at the age of 78.



Early Life

Joseph Robinette Biden Jr was born on 20th November 1942, in Pennsylvania, USA. His parents were Joseph (a car salesman) and Catherine (known as Jean). As a child, Biden had a stammer, which made it difficult for him to speak clearly. He has said that to help him manage it, he practised talking in front of a mirror.

A Political Career

US politicians work in the Senate. Biden worked there from 1973 to 2009 and is one of its longest-serving **senators**. Biden has run for nomination as the Democratic candidate for president twice previously, in 1988 and 2008, but did not win either nomination. He was the **vice-president** of the US for eight years when Barack Obama was the president. In 2020, Joe Biden became the Democratic Party's presidential nominee.

As Biden is the projected winner of the presidential election race, with more votes than the current president (Donald Trump), he could become the USA's 46th president in January 2021.

In a speech made after he became president-elect, Biden promised to be a president that 'seeks not to divide, but unify'.

Biden's vice-president - Kamala Harris - will also make history; she will be the first woman, the first Black person and the first South Asian American person to be US vice-president.



The current presidential term of Donald Trump is due to end in January 2021.

Any vote count disputes should be resolved by 8th December 2020; the US congress will count the electoral votes on 6th January 2021 and the president-elect and vice-president-elect will be sworn into office on 20th January. A person serves four years as president unless re-elected for a second term.

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Personal Life

Biden has known tragedy in his life, losing several people close to him. His first wife, Neilia and daughter, Naomi, died in a car accident in 1972. His two sons were injured and Biden spent the next few years as a single father, ensuring he was around to care for his sons, while also working as a senator.

In 1975, Biden met Jill Jacobs and they were married in 1977.

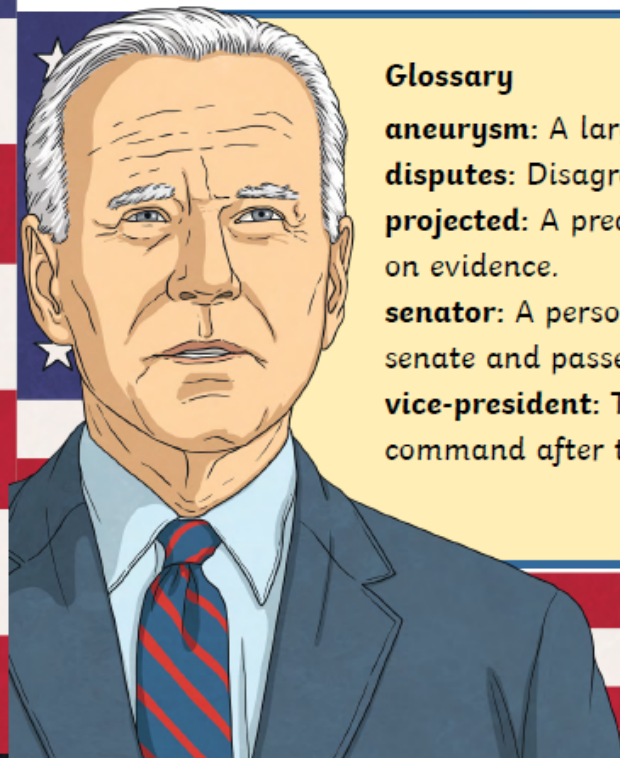
His adult son, Beau, passed away in 2015 from brain cancer. Biden has said that he tries to make his family proud, by doing his best every day.

Biden himself fell ill with two brain **aneurysms** in 1988 and was off work for seven months while he recovered.

Many people believe that the fact Biden has been through difficult times in his own life means that he is able to empathise with a great many people and this is partly what makes him popular with his supporters.

Did You Know...?

The latest US election recorded the highest number of voters in one hundred years, with Biden receiving over 74 million votes - more than any other candidate in history.



Glossary

aneurysm: A large swelling in an artery wall.

disputes: Disagreements on a fact.

projected: A prediction that is made, based on evidence.

senator: A person who is a member of the US senate and passes laws for their country or state.

vice-president: The person who is second in command after the president.