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1. Birtherism

Kamala Harris was born in Oakland, California. Her parents were Shyamala Gopalan from India, who was here legally on a student visa, and Donald J. Harris, who is a naturalized American citizen of Jamaican heritage.

Ted Cruz was born in Calgary, Alberta. That’s in Canada. His dad was, at that time, a citizen of Canada. (His mom was a U.S. citizen living abroad, and no way to know if they’d ever return.)

John C. Eastman ably defended Ted Cruz in 2016:

<https://www.nationalreview.com/2016/01/ted-cruz-natural-born-citizenship-eligibility-president/>

We’re not going to link to his racist garbage in 2020.

1. Harris’s Campaign

Cached version of the website listing her 7 top policy priorities

<https://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:OTBbLleAnZ4J:https://kamalaharris.org/agenda/+&cd=1&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us>

1st one was Medicare 4 All! You can read about the plan in depth at *Medium*:

<https://medium.com/@KamalaHarris/my-plan-for-medicare-for-all-7730370dd421>

2nd was rent relief:

<https://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:HeD8wzMAeRoJ:https://kamalaharris.org/policies/rent-relief-lift-acts/+&cd=3&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us>

3rd was criminal justice reform

1. Harris as a Senator
2. Voting Records

Progressive Punch:

<https://www.progressivepunch.org/scores.htm?topic=&house=senate&sort=overall-lifetime&order=down&party=>

5th most liberal lifetime (97.18), 4th on “Crucial Votes.” She’s one of 15 who get a strong A. She’s half a percent better than Bernie Sanders, a tenth better than Mazie Hirono, almost a point and a half worse than Liz Warren… but these are stupid, stupid quibbles. She’s VERY liberal.

Govtrack.us:

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/report-cards/2019/senate/ideology>

“most liberal” in 2019, 4th most in the 115th Congress (17-18)

Biden is smack dab in the middle of the Democratic party:

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/joseph_biden/300008>

ATTACK – it’s fair – by Fox News

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/kamala-harris-scored-most-liberal-us-senator-2019>

1. Legislation

Browse her most recent ones

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/browse?sponsor=412678>

1. Harris as a Prosecutor

Only 1% of elected prosecutors are women of color:

<https://wholeads.us/justice/>

-Lara Bazelon’s attack piece:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/17/opinion/kamala-harris-criminal-justice.html?auth=login-email&login=email>

-Bazelon when Harris was nominated:

<https://twitter.com/larabazelon/status/1293300933779054592>

-Bazelon’s other articles, e.g.:

<https://theappeal.org/kamala-harris-criminal-justice-record-killed-her-presidential-run/>

-Katy Miller, describing the truancy program for Vox

<https://www.vox.com/future-perfect/2019/2/7/18202084/kamala-harris-truancy-prosecutor-president-2020>

-California Penal Code 270.1

<http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=PEN&sectionNum=270.1.>

-Harris has said she regrets how that law was implemented

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-na-pol-kamala-harris-truancy-20190417-story.html>

1. Harris as California AG

In the last 61 years, since 1959, just 50 women (under 7%)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_female_state_attorneys_general_in_the_United_States>

-in 2013, Harris refused to defend Prop 8 before the Supreme Court which prohibited same-sex marriage

<https://abc7.com/archive/9042429/>

-Harris supported legal weed in 2014:

<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/adamserwer/californias-attorney-general-thinks-legal-weed-is-inevitable>

-George Gage’s case before the 9th Circuit:

<https://scholar.google.com/scholar_case?case=4243947629274367983>

-Daniel Larsen at the Innocence Project

<https://californiainnocenceproject.org/read-their-stories/daniel-larsen/>