

What difference do any of the TRANSFORMATIONAL PRACTICES make in the way you engage in your sacred role?

Blessing the space

Pausing

Breathing with awareness

Inspiriting the world in love and service

Acting with intention

Listening to your body

Listening to the other

Dwelling in possibility

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The information in the following charts comes from many sources.

Daily readings from Heather Cox Richardson, historian

Letters from an American <heathercoxrichardson@substack.com>

Network Lobby publications

Various news sources that appear on my daily news feeds

You Tube results when surfing the Web about issues.

Disclaimer: The opinions here are my own and are not made in the name of the community. However, I hope you find them useful and you also try to make sense of all the candidates and issues that we face in this upcoming election, November 5, 2025.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE: IMMIGRATION

Issue	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance/Project 2025
Refugee resettlement	Finds solutions e.g. housing and increase availability for legal aid	Promises immediate mass deportation
Muslim Bans, African Bans, Refugee Bans, Immigration Bans, Asylum Bans	Plans to lift existing bans	Continues and increases bans
Family unity and reunification	Keeps families together and reunites those already separated	Makes it harder for families to stay together
Unaccompanied Children	Provides safe housing and care vs. being placed in detention	Does not accept them and/or put them in detention centers
Temporary Protective Status (TPS)	Respects TPS status and works to resolve insecurity in home of origin	Denies TPS—threaten to deport those even with legal status e.g. Haitians in Ohio.
State and local refugee resettlement policies	Facilitates resettlement	Encourages and increases bans
Talking about refugees, asylum seekers and other immigrants	Shows respect and a spirit of welcoming	Spreads false information about those coming into the country.
Status of DACA	Encourages path to citizenship	Vows deportation -no exceptions. Ends all assistance.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE: ECONOMY

Issue	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance/ Project 2025
Protect the right to organize and to form unions	Strongly supports- Harris has a history of working to assure this right.	Anti-union Would fire those who strike
Right- to- work laws	Does not support right-to-work. Rather supports rights of workers to seek fair pay and working conditions	Cuts protections for workers and eliminate overtime pay. Supports right-to-work laws
Bipartisan Infrastructure Act, the CHIPS Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act,	Supports Recognizes these acts increase job opportunities	Trump opposes these Acts and would work to repeal them.
Minimum wage increase	Supports increase to \$15 +	Does not support an increase
Work place security	Strengthens workers' rights to bargain	Guts health and safety protections No protection against child labor.
Paid leave and child support	Supports childcare and paid family and medical leave for all workers	End Head Start and preschool education for low-income families. No support for day care.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE: HEALTH CARE --- ABORTION --- PRO-LIFE

Issue	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance/Project 2025
Health Care is a right	Works to make affordable health care for all, no exceptions.	Eliminates ACA and creates a new unnamed plan, one market driven and based on ability to pay.
Medicaid	Ends injustice of medical debt, expands Medicaid and protects ACA (Affordable Care Act)	Sets limits on Medicaid, with stricter eligibility determinations.
Prescription medicines	Continues present policy to lower costs. Maintains cap on insulin costs.	No plan. No caps. Repeals provision in Inflation Reduction Act to lower costs.
Maternal care	High priority	No plan
Nutrition support especially for low-income families	Robustly supports Farm Bill, SNAP, WIC, school meals, senior meals and Emergency Food Assistance.	Limits access by making access to SNAP harder Ends Summer meal assistance for kids, K-12.
Improve birthing health, pass Black Maternal Health Act	Advocates for better health, tax breaks for families with newborns. Supports help for Black, Latino and other ethnic groups that experience high mortality rates.	No plan to address high maternal mortality. Make access to IVF free through government-but no plan how to do so.
Access to Abortion	Supports the right to abortion with emphasis on women's right to adequate health care and the right to make decisions. Opposes government interference with a woman's right to choose.	Supports ban on abortions after 6 weeks. Has no plan for maternal health or family support of newborn. No plan for high maternity mortality rates.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE: CLIMATE CHANGE

Issue	Harris/Walz	Trump/Vance/Project 2025
Clean air	Continues research on and use of green energy to reduce air pollution.	Bans or restricts EPA regulations.
Clean water	Improves infrastructure to improve access to clean and safe water.	Bans or restricts EPA regulations
Paris Climate Agreement	Actively participates Essential to climate change issues for the world.	Denies existence of climate crisis. Would withdraw again from Paris Climate Agreement
Make our country more environmentally sustainable	Increases funding for alternative energy	Repeals environmental protection policies.
End tax subsidies for fossil fuel corporations	Not sure- leans toward reducing dependence on fossil fuel.	Slashes tax rates for fossil fuel corporations.
Protect federal public lands from mining and drilling	Not sure—leans toward protection	Allows Big Oil to “drill, drill, drill.”
Other Issues?		
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