

2020 Presidential Comparison

How the candidates stack on issues important to the Iron Workers

	Biden	Warren	Sanders	Buttigieg	Klobuchar	Trump
Apprenticeship	Biden will defend registered union apprenticeships from IRAPs. His plan includes a \$50 billion investment to registered apprenticeship programs.	Warren has proposed increasing federal funding for apprenticeships.	Sanders supports apprenticeship programs.	Buttigieg's plan includes a substantial investment to apprenticeship programs, but may give preference to IRAPs.	Klobuchar has stated that she will call for a study on the use of apprenticeships.	The Trump Administration created Industry Recognized Apprenticeships (IRAPs) and threatens to unleash them on construction. He has failed to defend apprenticeships.
Fair Wages & Benefits	Biden will fight to fix our nation's struggling multi-employer pension plans and defend them from attacks. His policies are aimed at raising pay and enforcing prevailing wage.	Warren plans to work with stakeholders to develop a realistic solution for struggling multi-employer pension plans.	Sanders plans to make multi-employer pensions solvent again.	Buttigieg's plans to address retirement savings do not currently include multi-employer pension plans.	Klobuchar worked to ensure retired mine workers can keep the pensions they have earned.	The administration has tried to lower the prevailing wage and dodge it on federally-funded projects. Trump has not done anything to protect union pensions. He has failed to provide fair wages and benefits.
Right to Work	Biden is committed to protecting our right to organize and bargain collectively. He believes that right-to-work only exists to deprive unions. He supports a ban on state right-to-work laws.	Warren intends to prohibit states from enacting right-to-work.	Sanders would eliminate the "Right to Work for Less." His plan would repeal Section 14(b) of the Taft Hartley Act.	Buttigieg hopes to put an end to so-called "right-to-work" laws.	Klobuchar would fight for real labor law reform.	"I love the right to work," Trump said. He has dismantled protections at the Department of Labor, and his judges imposed sweeping national right to work rules on state governments. He has failed to support working class families
Jobs	Biden was the first top-tier candidate to release an infrastructure plan to restore America's manufacturing industry and create long-lasting jobs for union ironworkers.	Warren has not yet defined an infrastructure plan.	Sanders has not yet defined an infrastructure plan.	Buttigieg has committed to creating jobs, but it is unclear in which industries.	Klobuchar has introduced a detailed, yet flawed infrastructure plan.	Trump promised a trillion-dollar infrastructure package. He has never brought it to a vote, and his only proposal actually cut the share of federal money for roads and bridges. He has failed on this promise.