

Top Secret Service Code Names for 2020 Candidates

1. **Joe Biden**
"Handsy"
2. **Bernie Sanders**
"Trotsky"
3. **Kamala Harris**
"Maya Rudolph"
4. **Beto O'Rourke**
"Blancobama"
5. **Andrew Yang**
"Ivy"
6. **Elizabeth Warren**
"Dolezal"
7. **Cory Booker**
"Key & Peele"
8. **Amy Klobuchar**
"Turnover"
9. **Pete Buttigieg**
"Chick-fil-A"
10. **Kirsten Gillibrand**
"Diet Hillary"
11. **Tulsi Gabbard**
"Moana"
12. **Howard Schultz**
"Half Caf"
13. **Larry Hogan**
"Chris Christie"
14. **John Delaney**
"D-Lite"
15. **Michael Bloomberg**
"Money Bags"
16. **Nikki Haley**
"Sumter"
17. **John Kasich**
"Special K"
18. **Julián Castro**
"Cuban"
19. **Jay Inslee**
"Iceberg"
20. **John Hickenlooper**
"420"

Handicapping the 2020 Presidential Election

- 🐾 Strange as it may seem, Trump is still the odds-on favorite to win the election in 2020, with U.K. bookmakers currently offering +190
- 🐾 Still, challenges are coming from all sides as both parties pander to their extreme wings and the political center is disenfranchised
- 🐾 Republicans will bear the burden of explaining how they accomplished so little when they controlled both Houses and the Presidency
- 🐾 Rather than seizing this opportunity, the Democrats are fractured with little hope of unifying opposition behind an electable candidate
- 🐾 Socialists are doing to the Democrats what the Tea Party did to the Republicans...the whack-job fringe elements dominate the debate
- 🐾 The handful of centrist candidates, including some currently identifying as Republicans, face the longest odds of all at +10,000 to win

Hold The Line

After an anti-climactic conclusion to the Mueller Investigation, Trump is (spray) tanned, rested, and ready to hit the campaign trail to fire up the base. It hasn't all been smooth sailing, though; there have been campaign staff convictions, pornstars and playmates, tax fraud investigations, and heavy casualties sustained in the War Against the War on Christmas. However, things are looking up for the Man in Orange – the economy is steamrolling through its 10th year of growth (the longest on record), Michael Avenatti is facing serious prison time, and McDonald's just introduced the Big Mac with Bacon. Trump's 2020 success depends on two issues – cyberbullying Fed Chair Jerome Powell may not be enough to stave off the economic downturn, and the Ann Coulter contingent is in full banshee mode over lack of progress on the border wall.

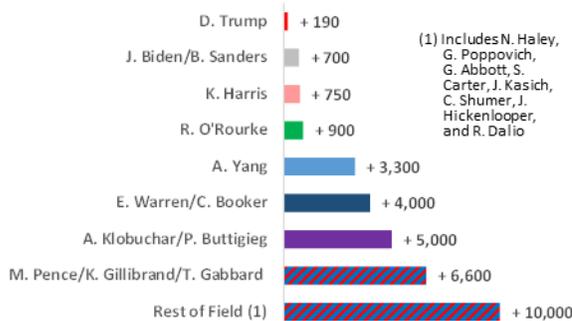
Meet In The Middle

Republicans' failure to accomplish much when they controlled both Houses gives rise to a challenge from the center. However, early entrants have barely made a splash, aside from Howard Schultz subjecting himself to a continued dark roast on Twitter. His strategy of staying non-committal on any policy positions has made him about as interesting as a skinny soy flat white, and there's no telling what impact a Schultz administration would have aside from a Jack Johnson acoustic set at the inauguration. Rumors are still swirling that Mike Bloomberg may join the 'inoffensive billionaires' lane, but we're skeptical that there's any real appetite for a swing to dispassionate technocracy. John Delaney rounds out the limousine liberal contingent with a nod to Justice Kavanaugh's privileged white suburbs. Andrew Yang and John Kasich are two candidates from opposite sides of the aisle with equally confusing and unappealing economic policies.

Everything You Own In The Box To The Left

There is a second contingent of progressive hopefuls on the left. Beto won over Hollywood, but he will need more than shouting from countertops as he has slipped to 4th place. Kamala is zany enough to keep pace in this land of misfit toys, and has DNC operatives dreaming of a female Obama. Cory Booker and Elizabeth Warren are locked in a dead heat at +4,000 as these two champions of identity politics pander to the victim votes. Klobuchar was interesting, but she is more likely to get fragged by her staff than be nominated. Buttigieg shows promise, but only in this cycle could an openly gay veteran be torpedoed by Democratic leadership for not being "gay enough." This is perhaps why Joe Biden, the anthropomorphized music video for Billy Joel's Allentown, is most likely to challenge Trump by poaching Wal-Mart Republicans and winning over the Rust Belt.

2020 U.S. Presidential Election Odds



Trump is installed as the favorite to win in 2020, with a crowded field receiving odds all the way up to +10,000. Odds are currently not available for H. Schultz, M. Bloomberg, J. Delaney, or other hopefuls.

Source: Oddschecker

Russian Interference

There is a food fight on the left to see who is the most pro-socialism and anti-capitalism in a "can you top this" PR grab. Energized from the midterms, the new Jacobins have stormed Congress with Instagram Live and intersectionality. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib, and Ilhan Omar have won over millennials and instilled fear in every Blue Dog Democrat by taking hard lines on free college tuition, free healthcare, and bovine flatulence. Abolishing the electoral college, guaranteeing a minimum income, and universal suffrage for illegal immigrants are table stakes for this game. Bernie, at the tender age of 78, stands to gain the most from this youthful surge, leading the charge for Democratic Socialists on expanding the government's reach into every corner of American life. That said, with Medicare for all and massive infrastructure projects as key promises requiring substantive manpower to implement, federal contractors may soon be Feeling the Bern.