



Mr or Madam President



If Republican nominee Donald Trump were to enter the Oval Office, there could be a wall along the US-Mexico border and an increased US military presence in the South China Sea. If his opponent Hillary Clinton manages to beat him, wealthy Americans may face a tax surcharge, while undocumented immigrants might be able to come out of the shadows. Will it be Mr or Madam President? US Correspondent Melissa Sim looks at some defining features of a Trump or Clinton presidency before Americans cast their votes on Tuesday.

★ ★ ★ WHERE TRUMP AND CLINTON STAND ON KEY ISSUES

Issue	Trump	Clinton
TRADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Against the Trans-Pacific Partnership Critical of the North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement but open to renegotiating it to protect American interests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called the Trans-Pacific Partnership the "gold standard" of international trade agreements but now opposes the agreement Supports the North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement but acknowledges a failure to provide safety nets for American workers who might have lost out
FOREIGN POLICY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wants to increase US military presence in the South China Sea Believes Nato allies should do more to foot the bill for their own protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has emphasised the importance of respecting international law in the South China Sea Backs the role of the US in Nato and sees it as important countering of Russian power
IMMIGRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wants to build a wall along the US-Mexico border to prevent the influx of illegal immigrants Supports deportation of undocumented immigrants, but has backed off from having an actual deportation force to handle the matter Opposes a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports immigration reform and a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants Defends President Barack Obama's executive actions that allow exemption from deportation to certain undocumented immigrants Will focus resources on detaining and deporting those who pose a violent threat to public safety
HEALTHCARE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wants to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, popularly known as Obamacare Would give states control over Medicaid but does not want to expand this social healthcare programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the Affordable Care Act and wants to expand it, hoping to lower the cost of deductibles and prescription drugs Wants to incentivise the expansion of Medicaid and would increase funding for community healthcare centres
TAXES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wants to reduce taxes across the board, especially for middle-income Americans Wants to lower the corporate tax rate from 35 per cent to 15 per cent for both large and small businesses Hopes to repeal the estate tax 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hopes to simplify and cut taxes for small businesses so they can grow Provide tax relief to working families from the rising costs they face, especially in healthcare Wants to implement a "fair share surcharge" to ensure the wealthiest Americans do not pay a lower tax rate than middle-class families

CAMPAIGN FUNDING

US\$453.1 million (US\$512.2 million*)	RAISED	US\$866.6 million (US\$1.06 billion*)
US\$385.2 million (US\$429.5 million*)	SPENT	US\$713 million (US\$897.7 million*)

NOTE: *Including Super-PACs, which are groups that can support candidates with unlimited and anonymous donations. US\$1 = S\$1.40

★ ★ ★ FAMILIAR NAMES THAT MIGHT RESURFACE IN A TRUMP OR CLINTON CABINET

Former Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski	CHIEF OF STAFF	Clinton's former chief of staff at the State Department Cheryl Mills
New Jersey governor Chris Christie	ATTORNEY-GENERAL	United States Secretary of Labour Tom Perez
Former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani	SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY	Chairman of the Clinton campaign John Podesta
Trump campaign finance chair Steven Mnuchin	ENERGY SECRETARY	Chief operating officer of Facebook Sheryl Sandberg
	TREASURY SECRETARY	

FIRST STATE VISIT

• Of the last five United States presidents, three made Canada their first port of call, while two put Mexico at the top of their list, so it seems likely that the next president would choose one of the two neighbouring countries.

• Mr Trump has already visited Mexico, sparking a Twitter war with Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto on who would pay for the wall between the US and Mexico upon his return.

• Mrs Clinton's first trip as secretary of state was to Japan while her husband, former President Bill Clinton, made his first official overseas trip to Canada.