

# Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

## EXISTENTIAL THREAT SCORECARD



**2020 Vice-Presidential Debate**

**OCTOBER 7, 2020**

Kamala Harris

Mike Pence

Susan Page

### CLIMATE CHANGE

Plan for a clean energy revolution (or anything close)

Carbon tax / cap-and-trade (or any mention of carbon at all)

Nuclear energy

Solar / wind / electric cars

Storms, floods, or forest management

“Not a resolved issue”

### NUCLEAR WEAPONS

New START / arms control

No first use / sole launch authority / presidential line of succession

Space Force

Low-yield warheads

The Iran nuclear agreement

North Korean nuclear weapons

“Peace comes through strength”

### DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Killer robots

Deep fakes / [altered videos](#)

Artificial intelligence / Terminator

Russian election interference / [Manchurian Candidate](#)

Regulation of Facebook / Mark Zuckerberg / Vladimir Putin

“Fake news”

### THE PANDEMIC

200,000

CDC guidelines / science

Racial disparities in COVID-19 infection rates

World Health Organization

“More tests generates more cases”

### BONUS POINTS

Black lives

All lives

ADD YOUR OWN