

# What if presidential candidates were skateboarders?

*Shred the Vote! answers the question, "What if Trump tried grinding on the Wall?" And, of course, the natural follow-up, "Could Bernie do a heel-flip?"*

ACTON, MA, USA, March 20, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Shred the Vote! is a skateboard art project created by artist Andrew Child, who has designed six skateboard decks portraying candidates in layered photomontage. Each deck symbolically represents a candidate's background story, policy and platform positions, the candidate as skateboarder and, finally, the goal – the White House in 2021.

Child's goal is to encourage civil political discourse and informed

voting. His lighthearted visuals employ humor to break down communication barriers and invite exploration of presidential politics through conversation rather than tribal partisanship.

"Whether it's hanging in someone's office as a piece of art or getting chipped at a skateboard park, these decks are meant to draw attention and start people talking," says Child. "They're fun and positive. If someone somewhere starts a question with, 'Hey, is that...,' it will have been successful."

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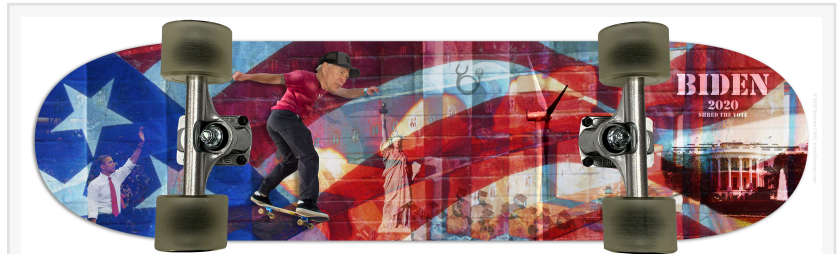
*Andrew Child*

Child designed boards for all of the 2020 presidential candidates who polled nationally for their party at 10% or higher the week of February 24, 2020: Joe Biden, Michael Bloomberg, Pete Buttigieg, Bernie Sanders, Donald Trump, and Elizabeth Warren. Although the field of candidates has halved since then, all of the decks can be viewed and purchased at the companion web site: [shredthevote.com](https://shredthevote.com)

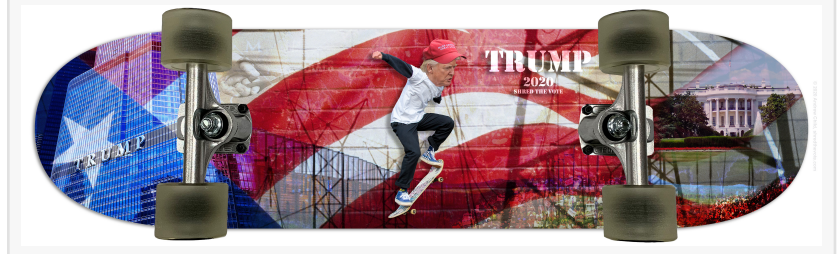
In addition to showcasing Child's candidate decks, the

shredthevote.com web site has links to voter resources and official candidate web sites. "You can check to see if you are registered and get the process started online, if you aren't," notes Child. "The site is non-partisan, updated regularly, and meant to inform without being overwhelming."

Well into his middle-aged years, Andrew is not a skateboarder. He started designing skateboards after seeing one of his sons painting a longboard. His two sons will, hopefully, be voting in their first presidential election this Fall. "We talk politics all the time at home," he reflects. "There's usually a disagreement or two but we always keep it respectful. I keep telling my boys that I don't care who they vote for, as long as they get out and vote."



Shred the Vote's Biden Skateboard



Shred the Vote's Trump Skateboard

Child plans to release two new designs following the primaries. These will feature the candidates and their running mates leading up to the general election. The limited-edition presidential candidate decks are available for purchase through election day – November 3, 2020 at: [shredthevote.com](http://shredthevote.com)

#### About Andrew Child

Andrew is an author, photographer and skateboard artist. His first book, Havana: Light Beyond Vision, is a photo book of color, infrared panoramas published in 2016. His second book, Cape Cod and the Islands: Light Beyond Vision, came out last Fall and employs the same technique on a subject closer to his suburban Boston home. He majored in political science and international studies at American University and hopes his parents would be proud that he is finally putting his degree to use. His books, fine art photography, and dozens of skateboard deck designs can be viewed and purchased at his web site: [andrewchild.com](http://andrewchild.com)

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