

FLIP THE SENATE

MAJOR EIGHT VOTING GUIDE 2020

Did you watch the Impeachment Hearings and come away going, **“What the hell just happened?”** Well, we did too. 2020 is important for a lot of reasons, not just the presidency. **So let’s get rid of these losers and Flip the Senate.** We hope you’ll join us.

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Our voter guide will initially share the top 8 most important states to flip. You will find detailed information on each candidate, as well as their opponent. **We think it's important to understand the views of both sides, so you know why it's so important to flip those seats!**

In the coming weeks and months we will provide information on other senators up for re-election as well as other important races. **We are here to answer questions, provide support, and encourage you to get out and *VOTE*.**

In voting for these candidates you are supporting:

- **Climate Action**
- **Economic Justice & Equity**
- **Human Foreign Policy**
- **Healthcare as a Human Right**
- **Rights for Marginalized People**
- **Criminal Justice Reform**
- **Common-Sense Gun Laws**



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ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Voting is one of the most basic and important ways to let your voice be heard. It's so easy to feel defeated, but remember there are **nearly 6 million Americans whose voting rights have been removed**. The right to vote has been fought for by many of your ancestors; **don't let them down!**

SAVE THE PLANET AND VOTE



Check your registration and sign up here:

<https://votesaveamerica.com/>



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In order to vote in the **Democratic Primary**, you must be registered to vote as a **Democrat** in the following states:

STATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	STATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Maine	Feb 11, 2020	Maryland	April 7, 2020
Florida	Feb 18, 2020	Kentucky	April 20, 2020
Nebraska	Feb 22, 2020	Connecticut	April 23, 2020
Pennsylvania	Mar 30, 2020	Kansas	May 2, 2020
New York	April 3, 2020	New Mexico	May 5, 2020
Delaware	April 4, 2020	Wyoming	Aug 3, 2020

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WHAT TO EXPECT IN THIS GUIDE

We all felt frustrated and upset that the impeachment trial was an unfair sham that flew in the face of democratic principles. No witnesses were called and we, the people, were left feeling confused and frustrated. It appears that as long as you're president, you can do whatever you want.

How do we change this? How do we bring checks and balances back to American government? We flip the senate. **What does that mean?**

It means removing from office people like Mitch McConnell and John Cornyn and others who defended the heinous acts of the president. **The Senate's Republican majority has enabled a corrupt president and blocked countless progressive legislation** sent from the popular-vote-elected Democratic House of Representatives. Mitch McConnell, the Senate Majority Leader, takes professional pride in his blockage of bi-partisan bills, and said he will do whatever it takes to protect the president.

It's time to #DitchMitch and those other losers who seem to think corruption is okay as long as you're the president.

Right now, the Republican Senators collectively represent 153 million Americans, and the Democratic Senators collectively represent 168 million. **We are being ruled by a minority that does not have our best interests at heart.**

This guide provides the states where Republican Senators are vulnerable, where we have the best chance of flipping the Senate Seat. **We've provided information on the top challenger candidates in each state and what they stand for.** Make sure you know the date of your primary and general election and make your voice heard!

**LET'S MAKE
HOPE AND
FUCK SHIT UP.**

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ARIZONA

VOTING DAY: AUG 4, 2020

DIFFICULTY TO FLIP: High

ELECTORAL VOTES: 11

**2016 ELECTION RESULTS:
REPUBLICAN**

49.5% Trump, 45.4% Hillary

CONVICTION RESTRICTIONS:

Right to vote lost while serving sentence

1 felony: auto restoration

2 or more felonies: restoration after waiting period,

2 or more + probation served: no waiting period.

**Same for state and federal felonies.*



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ARIZONA VOTING DATES

Arizona Presidential Preference Election:

Mar 17, 2020

Early Voting: Feb 19, 2020 - Mar 17, 2020

In-Person Absentee Voting: Not available

Voter Registration Deadline: Feb 18, 2020

Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot:

Received by Fri Mar 6, 2020 5:00PM MST

Deadline to Return Completed Absentee Ballot:

Tue Mar 17, 2020 7:00PM MST

Arizona Primary Election:

Aug 4, 2020

Early Voting: Jul 8, 2020 - Mar 17, 2020

In-Person Absentee Voting: Not available

Voter Registration Deadline: Mon Jul 6, 2020

Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot:

Received by Fri Jul 24, 2020 5:00PM MST

Deadline to Return Completed Absentee Ballot:

Tue Aug 4, 2020 7:00PM MST

Arizona General Election:

Nov 3, 2020

Early Voting: Not available

In-Person Absentee Voting: Not available

Voter Registration Deadline: Mon Oct 5, 2020

Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot:

Received by Fri Oct 30, 2020 5:00PM MST

Deadline to Return Completed Absentee Ballot:

Tue Nov 3, 2020 7:00PM MST

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WHO ARE WE VOTING OUT? MARTHA MCSALLY (R)



Martha McSally was appointed to fill the last two years of the late Senator John McCain's seat by Gov. Doug Ducey. Prior to that, she served in the House of Representatives for 4 years. Previously, McSally served for 26 years in the U.S. Air Force. She is pro-life and supports repealing and replacing Obamacare. She is an unabashed Trump supporter; she warms up the crowds at his rallies and votes in agreement with Trump 95.4% of the time. ([source](#))

Climate



- League of Conservation Voters (LCV) Victory Fund listed McSally as a "Dirty Dozen" candidate: a list of the most anti-environment candidates
- Voted 'no' to several important climate action bills to prevent the expansion of fossil fuels, EPA overreach, and more.
- Complete voting record on Climate Issues [HERE](#).

Economic Inequality



- "Great meeting with President @realDonaldTrump this a.m. to discuss our tax cuts that will bring relief to hard-working American families." ([source](#))
- Willing to sacrifice environmental protections for economic gain ([source](#))
- "The existing Waters of the United States Rule overreached to give the federal government the authority to regulate every ditch, stream, and creek in the backyards of farmers, ranchers, builders, and small business owners," said McSally. "As a result, bureaucratic red tape suffocated our country's engines of jobs. Since my first day in Congress, I've been fighting to roll back this burdensome rule and I applaud the Trump Administration for allowing commonsense to prevail by returning the onus of water and land rights where it belongs: the states." ([source](#))
- "On September 12, McSally applauded the EPA's finalized rule to fully roll back the 2015 WOTUS Rule." ([source](#))

Foreign Policy



- Supports border wall promised by Trump
- 2015: Voted for the American Security Against Foreign Enemies Act: states that a resident/habitual resident of Syria or Iraq applying for U.S. refugee admission must pass DHS screening and an FBI background check and may only be admitted after both parties unanimous concurrence has been certified to Congress (H.R.4038)



Healthcare

- Supports Repeal and Replace Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Found 'Mostly False' on campaign claim that she is leading efforts to protect persons with pre-existing conditions from insurance coverage discrimination by PolitiFact
- Voted in favor of the American Healthcare Act
- Voted to repeal Medicaid Provisions and Expansion by lowering the qualifying poverty level
- Allow states to impose a work requirement for those seeking Medicaid



Human Rights

- Voted FOR an amendment (H.R. 3055) that would exclude transgender service members from receiving benefits from healthcare coverage
- However, in 2013 speech when advocating for women's rights to serve she said, "[...] our nation is the strongest when we have the most capable people serving [...]" we are inconsistent when we say we want people to have freedom of opportunity except when it goes against what we personally believe." ([source](#))
- Voted to bar Planned Parenthood (and other orgs like it) from receiving any federal funds



Criminal Justice

- Supported Trump's vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff nominee, Air Force Gen. John Hyten after allegations of sexual assault. He was confirmed to the vice chair role, one in which he would be responsible for looking into allegations of misconduct. While the report cited insufficient evidence, McSally said, "The truth is that General Hysten is innocent of these charges." ([source](#))



Other

- Endorsement: President Trump (twitter 6/25/19), Tea Party Express
- Endorsement: 2018: Arizona Police Association, Arizona Right to Life, National Rifle Association, RightNow Women PAC, National Border Control Council



Voting Record

- Brett Kavanaugh: FOR
- Impeachment: AGAINST
- Witnesses: AGAINST

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WHO ARE WE VOTING IN? MARK KELLY (D)



Mark Kelly is a retired US Naval combat pilot (First Gulf War and Operation Desert Storm), engineer, and NASA astronaut. He is married to former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, who was shot in an attempted assassination. He and Gabby co-founded Giffords: Courage to Fight Gun Violence after the Sandy Hook school shooting. He is an advocate for science, climate research, and sensible gun control.

Climate



- Supports re-entering the Paris Climate Agreement
- Supports funding clean/renewable energy research
- One of his top priorities

Economic Inequality



- Opposes tax cuts for the super wealthy and large corporations (2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which reduced the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%)
- Prioritizes creating jobs in renewable resources energy research and development
- Supports paying teachers a living wage

Human Rights



- Pro-choice
- Supports paid family leave
- Improved conditions at the border (more judges to process, look at source of people seeking asylum & aid)
- Expand access to early childhood education
- "Early childhood education has long-term benefits for our families, communities and economy." ([source](#))

Criminal Justice



- Co-founder of Giffords: leading gun safety organizations (focus to unite veterans, law enforcement, gun owners, faith leaders, and Americans to reduce gun violence).
- Supports Universal Background Checks and keeping guns out of the hands of domestic abusers and stalkers.



Healthcare

- Restore all full stipulations of the Affordable Care Act.
- "Like both me and Gabby, over 2 million Arizonans have a pre-existing condition. Raising the cost of health care is not an option. I will always stand up for those with pre-existing conditions now and in the Senate." ([source](#))



Foreign Policy

- Supports recommitting to and strengthening traditional ally relationships.
- Believes border issues in Arizona could be addressed with more technology and staffing the border, more judges to process immigration cases, and looking at root cause for asylum seekers.



Other

- Only takes grassroots donations (NO PACS)
- "I won't take a dime of corporate PAC money, and I'll only answer to Arizonians." ([source](#))
- Endorsements: Brady (formerly: Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence); Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee; Human Rights Campaign; League of Conservation Voters Action Fund

COLORADO

VOTING DAY: MARCH 3, 2020

DIFFICULTY TO FLIP: Low

ELECTORAL VOTES: 9

2016 ELECTION RESULTS:
DEMOCRAT
(Hillary 47.2%, Trump 44.4%)

CONVICTION RESTRICTIONS:
It is only illegal to register or cast a vote **WHILE** incarcerated



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COLORADO

VOTING DATES

Colorado Primary Election: March 3, 2020

Colorado is Vote By Mail

Early Voting: Feb 24 - March 2

Voter Registration Deadline: Feb 24

Colorado General Election: Nov 3, 2020

Voter Registration Deadline: Mon Oct 5, 2020

Early Voting: Oct 26-Nov 2, 2020

Return Completed Ballot: Nov 3, 2020

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

VETO REFERENDUM: Determining whether Colorado will join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC) is on the ballot. States in the NPVIC agree to give their electoral votes for the presidential candidate that wins the most votes nationwide if the compact goes into effect. A veto referendum is a type of measure put on the ballot through citizen signature petition in an effort to repeal a law recently passed by the legislature. The National Popular Vote veto referendum is the first veto referendum to be certified for the Colorado ballot since 1932.

Citizen Initiative: Add addition to the constitution to specify that only U.S. citizens may vote. Similar measures are on the ballot in Alabama and Florida.

Citizen Initiative: Reintroduce gray wolves on public lands.

Measure: Authorize the state to issue transportation revenue anticipation notes (TRANs)—a specific type of bond debt—in the amount of \$1.837 billion.

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WHO ARE WE VOTING OUT? CORY GARDNER (R)



Cory Gardner is a proud member of the right-wing populist movement The Tea Party. He served in the Colorado House of Representatives between 2005 and 2011 and served as a U.S Representative for Colorado from 2011 to 2015. He votes in agreement with Trump 89.6% of the time, including voting for acquittal. He has an “A” rating with the NRA and wants to repeal and replace Obamacare. ([source](#))

Climate



- Voted for the confirmation of former fossil fuel lobbyist Andrew Wheeler as EPA Administrator
- Voted Against the Arctic Refuge Protection Act of 2019 (S.2461)
- 2018 voting record on climate issues scored 7% by the League of Conservation Voters



Healthcare

- Voted YES on the Ryan Budget: Medicare choice, tax, and spending cuts
- Voted YES on repealing “Prevention and Public Health” slush fund, which provides expanded and sustained national investments in prevention and public health, to improve health outcomes, and to enhance health care quality
- Supports repeal and replace of Affordable Care Act
- Co-sponsored Abstinence Education Reallocation Act of 2013

Economic Inequality



- Supported 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (reducing corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%)
- “[...] hundreds of thousands of people will lose their jobs— jobs will be lost—as a result of a minimum wage increase.” ([source](#))
- After 17 years of a downward trend in income inequality, Colorado’s gini index rose in 2018 (after 2017 Tax Reform)



Foreign Policy

- Opposed Arms Treaty that would limit gun trade with Taiwan and Israel
- Signed letter to Congress condemning Palestine’s request for membership in the International Criminal Court, citing that Palestine is not a state and would use membership to threaten Israel ([source](#))
- Opposes path to U.S. Citizenship

Human Rights



- Opposes same sex marriage
- Co-sponsor of Life at Conception Act
- Co-sponsored Title X Abortion Prohibition Act: HHS may only provide federal family planning grants to institutions that do not provide abortions except in cases of incest, rape or physician certifies mother’s life in danger (H.R.217)



Other

- Senate Committees: Energy and Natural Resources; Commerce, Science and Transportation; Foreign Relations; Chairman of Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, And International Cybersecurity Policy
- GOP Campaign Contributors: George W. and Laura Bush; Coors family; Koch Industries PAC; Merck Pharmaceuticals execs Kenneth Frazier and Robert McMahon

Criminal Justice



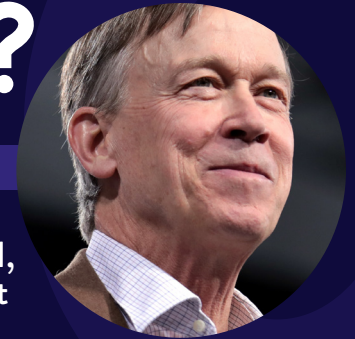
- Voted against an amendment that would expand background checks to online and gun show sales
- Opposes Red Flag Laws despite widespread support in Colorado
- “I don’t support gun control.” ([source](#))
- Endorsed by the NRA ([source](#))



Voting Record

- Brett Kavanaugh: FOR
- Impeachment: AGAINST
- Witnesses: AGAINST

WHO ARE WE VOTING IN? JOHN HICKENLOOPER (D)



John Hickenlooper is an American businessman and geologist who was the mayor of Denver from 2003 to 2011, and the 42nd governor. In 2019, Hickenlooper campaigned for the 2020 Democratic nomination for President but dropped out before any primaries were held. He is a climate champion, helped get cannabis legalized in his state, and supports common-sense gun law.

Climate



- Started the methane capture rule
- As mayor of Denver, expanded clean jobs
- Executive order: Supporting Colorado's Clean Energy Transition

Economic Inequality



- Opposed the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (which reduced the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%)
- Supported increase in minimum wage
- As mayor of Denver, reversed a \$70 million deficit without major layoffs

Human Rights



- Pro Choice, Supports Planned Parenthood
- Against death penalty
- Advocates for prison reform
- Supports LGBTQIA+ and same sex marriage
- Expand voter rights protections
- Executive Order: Commission to Study American Indian Representations in Public Schools

Criminal Justice



- 2013 signed into law universal background checks
- Limits magazine purchase capacity to 15 rounds



Healthcare

- As Governor called for statewide behavioral health plan outside of the criminal justice system
- "ObamaCare not perfect; it has helped but needs improvement."
- Believes healthcare is right, not a privilege



Foreign Policy

- Immigration: signed order prohibiting state resources from aiding Trump's zero tolerance initiative
- Supports restrengthening relationships with historic allies, NATO, and EU
- Supports reevaluation of immigration laws

Other

- Accepts PAC money
- Endorsements: Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC); Human Rights Campaign
- High approval rating as Mayor of Denver and Governor of Colorado



What John Says:

"Vulnerable communities hit the hardest by poor air quality, dirty water, toxic pollution, drought, rising sea levels, wildfires, and floods need to have a seat at the table as we combat climate change." (source)

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GEORGIA

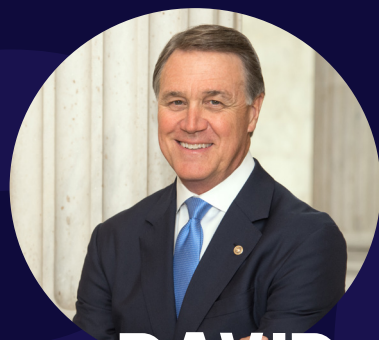
VOTING DAY: MARCH 24, 2020

DIFFICULTY TO FLIP: High

ELECTORAL VOTES: 16

2016 ELECTION RESULTS:
REPUBLICAN
(51.3% Trump, 45.6% Hillary)

CONVICTION RESTRICTIONS:
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GEORGIA VOTING DATES

Georgia Primary Election: March 24, 2020
Early Voting: March 24 - March 20
Voter Registration Deadline: Feb 24
Absentee Voting: YES

Georgia General Election: Nov 3, 2020
Voter Registration Deadline: Mon Oct 5, 2020
Early Voting: Oct 12-Oct 30, 2020

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Offices:

President/Vice President

U.S. Senate

U.S. House

Georgia Senate

Georgia House

Judicial

Commission

Super Board of Education:

Super Commission

More Details: [My Voter Page - GA](#)

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WHO ARE WE VOTING OUT? DAVID PERDUE (R)



David Perdue has served as a Republican senator to Georgia since 2015. His cousin is currently the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Perdue votes in agreement with Trump 94.6% of the time ([source](#)), and he was one of 22 senators who personally urged Trump to leave the Paris Agreement. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Perdue has received over \$180,000 from oil, gas, and coal interests since 2012. ([source](#))

Climate



- He was one of 22 senators to sign a letter to Trump asking him to leave the Paris Climate Agreement
- According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Perdue has received over \$180,000 from oil, gas and coal interests since 2012
- He is in favor of eliminating the EPA

Criminal Justice



- Believes a buy back of assault weapons violates the second amendment
- Co-sponsored the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2019 (S.69)

Healthcare



- Does not believe the government should continue to fund Planned Parenthood
- Supports the removal of the ACA
- 2019: 13.7% of Georgians are uninsured, 3rd highest in the country
- Voted against expansion of Medicaid

Economic Inequality



- Slogan: “Bullish On Economy, Bearish On National Debt”
- Supported the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (reducing corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%)
- Voted against amendment to increase minimum wage
- Despite Perdue’s boasts of job growth and the unemployment rate dropping: 16% of the population is living below the poverty line (44th in the country) and Georgia still ranks near the bottom of the country for unemployment at 40th ([source](#))

Foreign Policy



- Supported Trump’s Declaration of Emergency to build the border wall
- Voted for American Security Against Foreign Enemies Act of 2015: attempt to block Syrian refugees
- Supported Trump’s withdrawal from the Iran Nuclear Deal

Human Rights



- Voted to rescind CFPB rule that extended anti-discrimination protections to auto loans (S76)
- Supported Georgia’s Abortion Ban Bill
- “We have gays in the military. We have transgenders in the military. But what I don’t think is right is for people to sign up for the military and then have all of that surgery paid for by the military.” ([source](#))

Other



- Senate Committees: Armed Services; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Budget; Foreign Relations
- Voted against restoring Net Neutrality

Voting Record



- Brett Kavanaugh: FOR
- Impeachment: AGAINST
- Witnesses: AGAINST

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WHO ARE WE VOTING IN? TERESA TOMLINSON (D)



Teresa Tomlinson is an American politician who served as the first female Mayor of Columbus, Georgia from 2011 to 2019. She was re-elected in 2014 with 63% of the vote. She is running for Senate on a platform of anti-corruption, economic justice, and climate action.

Climate



- Supports Climate Action Now Act, which seeks to compel the current administration to rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement
- Supports accelerating and prioritizing federal investment and public/private partnerships in clean energy sources



Economic Inequality

- Opposed the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (which reduced the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%)
- Supports increase in minimum wage

Human Rights



- Expand the protections of the Voting Rights Act
- End cash bail bond discrimination: “The criminalization of poverty is unacceptable.” ([source](#))
- Long-time supporter and advocate for LGBTQIA+ community



Healthcare

- Supports the ACA and expanding Medicare
- Supports public option healthcare
- Believes in women’s bodily autonomy and Roe v. Wade

Criminal Justice



- Supports the decriminalization of cannabis and expungement of records
- Supports background checks on all gun sales
- Supports an assault weapons ban
- Senate passage of the amendment to close the “Boyfriend Loophole” within the Violence Against Women Act that allows assaultive partners to obtain guns legally
- Provide funding to study gun violence as a public safety issue and evidence-based gun violence intervention programs



Foreign Affairs

- Supports policies that rebuild and restore traditional alliances with allies
- Support restoring aid to Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador to stabilize their communities and address root cause of rise in asylum seekers

Other

- Endorsements: Women Leaders for the Environment; Democracy for America; Ambassador Andrew Young
- Her website has a ton of great information--[check it out!!](#)



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WHO ARE WE VOTING IN? SARAH RIGGS AMICO (D)



Sarah Riggs Amico serves as Executive Chairperson for her family's trucking company, Jack Cooper. In 2018, Sarah was the Democratic nominee for Lieutenant Governor in Georgia, running alongside Stacey Abrams on a platform that included expanding access to affordable health care, increasing investments in education, and tackling income inequity. She continues to run as a progressive. ([source](#))

Climate



- “Clean water is not a partisan issue. This is a disgrace. Georgians — and Americans across this country — deserve better. #gapol” ([source](#))
- “Above all, we should be proactive in working with scientists and engineers to direct public money and increase public awareness of the dangers of a rising sea and changing climate so that all of Georgia’s citizens and businesses can prepare themselves for a changing climate.” ([source](#))

Human Rights



- Priority to uphold women’s rights
- Supports Roe v. Wade
- Supports LGBTQIA+ equity and strongly opposes anti-gay “religious freedom” bills ([source](#))

Healthcare



- Supports Planned Parenthood
- Supports affordable healthcare
- Supports reproductive rights



Economic Inequality

- Supports fair labor practices, conditions, and pay
- Speaking about Amico’s family business: “They could have turned their backs on 3,000 families,” said Kevin Moore, president of Teamsters Local 299, who negotiated the deal with Jack Cooper. “They could have walked away and been millionaires. But they put their family fortune on the line and relinquished power. Their sole commitment to us was, ‘let’s find a way to keep the jobs.’ Not many corporations say that.” ([source](#))

Other

- “As Senator, I’ll prioritize: Affordable healthcare, Voting rights, Election security, Economic justice, Labor rights, Repro rights, Clean air & water laws, Combating climate change, Ending white supremacy & anti-Semitism” ([source](#))
- Endorsements: Local 613 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW); Bricklayers Local 8 Southeast; Georgia Action NOW

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WHO ARE WE VOTING IN?


JON OSSOFF (D)





Before running for Senate in a special election in 2017, Jon Ossoff worked as a national security staffer and aide to Rep. Hank Johnson for five years. During that time, he drafted and managed initiatives that passed the House and Senate, and received several top-secret clearances. Since 2013, he has been managing partner and CEO of Insight TWI, a small business based in the UK which produces investigations targeting corrupt officials and organized crime for international news organizations. He is endorsed by beloved civil rights activist and Congressman John Lewis.


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- ### Climate
- Supports efforts to combat climate change
 - Pro-clean energy
 - For the investigation of failures to enforce environmental laws

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- ### Human Rights
- Will fight discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation
 - Reinstate and strengthen Voting Rights Act

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- ### Criminal Justice
- Pro-decriminalization of nonviolent drug offenses
 - Opposes Campus Carry
 - Supports banning private prisons

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- ### Economic Inequality
- Will work to make college more affordable
 - Supports increasing the minimum wage

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- ### Healthcare
- Believes in preservation and expansion of both Medicare and Medicaid
 - Pro Choice
 - Supports Planned Parenthood
 - “We already have a women’s health crisis in Georgia. 79 counties already have no OBGYN doctor! My opponent, Sen. David Perdue, voted to defund women’s healthcare clinics. Enough said!” ([source](#))

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- ### Foreign Affairs
- “For Trump to sustain the Saudi alliance despite Khashoggi’s murder is continuity, not change.” ([source](#))
 - Wants to reform strong relationships with historical allies

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- ### Other
- Endorsed by Rep. John Lewis
 - National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) bought the domain [jonossoff.com](#) after he announced he would run for the Senate

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IOWA

VOTING DAY: JUNE 2, 2020

DIFFICULTY TO FLIP: High

2016 ELECTION RESULTS:
REPUBLICAN
(Trump 51.8%, Hillary 42.2%)

ELECTORAL VOTES: 16

CONVICTION RESTRICTIONS: Iowa
Constitution: A person adjudged mentally incompetent to vote or a person convicted of any infamous crime shall not be entitled to the privilege of election. (Art. II, Sec. 6, Am. 40). **Current legislation on the Senate floor (File 2129) to have voting rights restored after discharge of sentence. (Discharge of sentence defined.)



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IOWA VOTING DATES

Iowa Primary Election: June 2, 2020
Vote By Mail Deadline:
Close of polls June 2 or postmarked June 1
Voter Registration Deadline: May 22, 2020

Iowa General Election: Nov 3, 2020
Voter Registration Deadline: Sat Oct 24, 2020
Deadline to Return Completed Ballot:
Close of polls Nov 3 or postmarked Nov 2

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Offices Being Voted On:

President/Vice President
U.S. Senate
U.S. House
State Senate
State House
State Supreme Court
Intermediate Appellate Courts
[Iowa SOS: for updated candidate lists](#)

Statewide measures (November 2020):

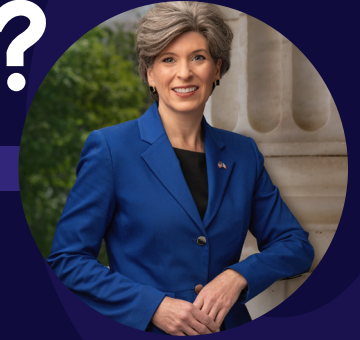
[Constitutional Convention Question](#)

An automatic ballot referral asking voters whether or not Iowa should hold a constitutional convention is on the ballot for November 2020. If the measure is approved, a constitutional convention must be held. Any changes to the constitution proposed by the convention must be ratified by a majority vote of the electors at a statewide election.

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WHO ARE WE VOTING OUT?

JONI ERNST (R)



Joni Ernst is an American politician serving as U.S. Senator for Iowa since 2015. She served in the Iowa Senate as a Republican as well, from 2011 to 2014. She served in the Iowa National Guard, and is the first female combat veteran elected to the U.S. Senate. She opposes a federal minimum wage and votes in agreement with Trump 91.5% of the time. ([source](#)) Ernst has advocated for eliminating the IRS and the Department of Education, and she is not convinced that mankind has any effect on climate change. ([source](#))

Climate



- Voted for an amendment that would allow the sale, transfer, or exchange of federal lands and wildlife refuges to private interests (Senate Roll Call S106)
- Voted for confirmation of former fossil fuel lobbyist Andrew Wheeler as EPA Deputy Administrator
- Lifetime score of 1% for overall voting history on climate issues by the League of Conservation Voters

Economic Inequality



- Voted for the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (reducing corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%)
- Voted against an amendment to close corporate tax loopholes and fund infrastructure (2015 roll call s48)
- Voted against a 2015 Appropriations amendment that would reduce taxes for companies that pay a living wage

Human Rights



- Co-sponsored the S.3173 Abortion is Not Healthcare Act of 2020
- “I am disappointed by the Supreme Court’s decision and its failure to recognize the freedom of our states to make their own decision about their respective marriage laws.”
- In a debate in Des Moines, Iowa in 2014, Ernst stated that she would support a federal ban on gay marriage.
- Co-sponsored the Thin Blue Line Act: would allow harsher sentencing for those who kill or target a law enforcement officer



Criminal Justice

- Co-sponsored the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Bill of 2019
- Endorsed by the NRA
- “[...] just because of this horrible, horrible tragedy, I don’t believe we should be infringing upon people’s Second Amendment Rights.” ([source](#))



Healthcare

- On her Senate website she acknowledges that much of Iowa is considered medically underserved
- Voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act on four separate occasions
- Received donations from pharmaceutical companies: Bayer, Novartis, Amgen, and Pfizer



Foreign Policy

- Voted for American Security Against Foreign Enemies Act of 2015: attempt to block asylum for Syrian refugees
- Avid supporter of ICE
- Voted against an amendment to reaffirm the prohibition on torture to the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2016

Other

- Voted against Net Neutrality
- Contributors: National Republican Senatorial Committee; Alliant Energy; Absolute Energy PAC; Koch Industries



Voting Record

- Brett Kavanaugh: FOR
- Impeachment: AGAINST
- Witnesses: AGAINST

WHO ARE WE VOTING IN? KIMBERLY GRAHAM (D)



Kimberly Graham is a lawyer for abused and neglected children. She is running a grassroots campaign for the Senate and pledges to take no money from Super PACs. Universal single-payer healthcare is a key point of her candidacy. Kimberly Graham supports the Green New Deal. ([source](#))



Climate

- Supports Green New Deal
- Institute incentives for sustainable agriculture
- Supports a Green Manufacturing Plan



Healthcare

- Supports Medicare for All
- Guarantee insurance coverage for transgender peoples
- Wants to include home and community based care as part of single payer healthcare system



Economic Inequality

- Supports increasing the minimum wage to \$15/hour
- Supports raising teachers' and education professionals' wages
- Paid Parental Leave
- Would like to implement laws guaranteeing Paid Parental Leave and Universal Childcare
- Supports student loan forgiveness and raising educational professionals pay to livable wage
- Protect and expand workplace safety protections



Foreign Policy

- End intervention wars
- Fully fund/staff US State Department
- Decrease use of private military contractors
- Hold ICE and CPB accountable for human rights violations, end private detention centers



Criminal Justice

- Supports criminal justice reform (ban private, for-profit prisons, decriminalize cannabis, and other similar policies)



Human Rights

- Indigenous Rights: honor tribal land and water acts, empower tribal sovereignty, fulfill past treaty obligations, expand tribal jurisdiction over sexual assault cases
- End voter ID laws
- Support Federal Anti-Discrimination Protections for LGBTQIA+ peoples and adoption
- Supports equal pay for equal work
- Defends Roe v. Wade
- "Students should not be singled out due to their economic situation. School lunch should be free for ALL children"



Other

- Pass constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United and end the electoral college
- Does not take PAC money
- Endorsed Senator Bernie Sanders in presidential race
- Endorsements: Brand New Congress; Stacey Walker; Sunrise Movement
- "The best senator money can't buy."

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KENTUCKY

VOTING DAY: MARCH 3, 2020

DIFFICULTY TO FLIP: High

ELECTORAL VOTES: 8

**2016 ELECTION RESULTS:
REPUBLICAN
(Trump 62.5%, Hillary 32.7%)**

CONVICTION VOTING RIGHTS:
Anyone convicted of a felony loses the right to vote. The Governor has the authority to restore voting rights to former offenders.



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KENTUCKY VOTING DATES

Kentucky Primary Election: May 19, 2020
Voter Registration Deadline: April 20, 2020
by 4:00PM Local Time (Closed Primary - Must register Democrat to vote in the Primary)

Kentucky General Election: Nov 3, 2020
Voter Registration Deadline: Sat Oct 5, 2020
NO Early Voting or Same-Day Registration for either the Primary or General Election

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

In Kentucky, citizens do not have the power to initiate state-wide initiatives or referendums. As of 2019, voters of Kentucky had never voted on a ballot measure to authorize a state-wide initiative and referendum process ([source](#)). If 60% of the membership of each chamber of the Kentucky General Assembly approves, a proposed amendment goes on the ballot at the next general election during which members of the state legislature are up for election ([source](#)).

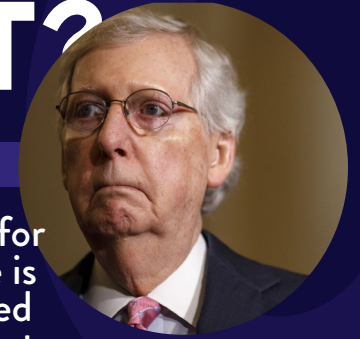
Offices on the Ballot: [MORE DETAILS HERE](#)

US Senate & House
State Senate & House
Special State Legislative
State Supreme Court
Intermediate Appellate Courts
School Boards
Municipal Government ([source](#))

Legislatively-Referred Constitutional Amendment: [MORE](#)
KY Executive Elections in Even-Numbered Years Amendment
Moves state executive elections from odd to even years.
Ballot Title: “Are you in favor of holding the election of all statewide Constitutional officers in even-numbered years beginning with the regular election in 2028 and every four years thereafter, which will save substantial state and local funds, with those officers elected in 2023 serving a five-year term, by amending the Constitution of Kentucky to read as stated below?” ([source](#))

WHO ARE WE VOTING OUT?

MITCH MCCONNELL (R)



Mitch has been in office since 1985 and is the U.S. Senate majority leader. He has set records for the number of judicial nominees confirmed during the first two years of a presidency. His wife is Elaine Chao, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. He considers it a badge of honor to be called “The Grim Reaper of Bills” and says his proudest moment was denying Obama’s Supreme Court Justice nomination. While he’s served as a Senator for Kentucky, they have spent the most money on infrastructure of any state. He votes in agreement with Trump 94% of the time. ([source](#))

Climate



- Climate is not listed under ‘Issues’ on his website
- Supports rollback of Obama-era anti-coal regulation
- Voted for a tax bill that opened drilling to the Arctic Refuge
- Voted to confirm former fossil fuel lobbyist Andrew Wheeler to the EPA Administrator, as well as dozens of lifetime appointment judges with anti-environment ruling records

Economic Inequality



- Signed into law the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (reducing corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%)
- Supported the 2018 Farm Bill to subsidize farmers for the tariffs implemented by Trump: “This was supposed to make sure farmers were not the victims of this trade policy,” said Jim Mulhern, president of the National Milk Producers Federation. “I think most agriculture producers feel that the payments have not come close to making up for the damage for the tariffs.”

Healthcare



- Opposes Medicare for All
- Voted against the Affordable Care Act and to Repeal and Replace it

Human Rights



- He voted against same-sex marriage multiple times.
- In 2015, he said “I’ve always felt that marriage is between one man and one woman and the Supreme Court has held otherwise. That’s the law of the land,” McConnell said. Asked if Congress can do anything, he replied: “I don’t think so. I think the courts have pretty well spoken.” And now he’s stacking courts. ([source](#))
- He has a long voting record against reproductive rights and is rated 100% by the National Right to Life Committee.

Criminal Justice



- Told multiple news sources that he would not take up a gun bill unless President Trump said he would sign it
- McConnell has accepted money from the NRA for every election cycle since 1996, including \$10,550 already in 2020, for a total of \$1.2 million ([source](#))
- Blocked Obama’s Supreme Court appointment

Voting Record



- Brett Kavanaugh: FOR
- Impeachment: AGAINST
- Witnesses: AGAINST

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WHO ARE WE VOTING IN? CHARLES BOOKER (D)

Charles Booker is currently a Democratic member of the Kentucky House of Representatives representing District 43. You can see his voting scorecard and where he gets his money [here](#). He is endorsed by Planned Parenthood Advocates of Kentucky. He is running on a platform of economic justice, Medicare For All, and a Green New Deal. ([source](#))



Climate

- Supports the Green New Deal: "Unlike Mitch, I'm not selling out to corporate greed or the fossil fuel industry. My conscious is clear. We are facing a very real, scientifically proven, climate crisis. To protect our home, stand for hardworking families, and win our future, we need a #GreenNewDeal." ([source](#))



Healthcare

- Supports Medicare for All: "We have to speak the truth, and we have to take a stand. That's what this moment demands of us. No one should die because they don't have money in their pocket, and I'm not afraid to say that. We deserve #MedicareForAll" ([source](#))



Human Rights

- "My wife and I are struggling to pay off our own school loans, with little hope of doing so before our daughters have to do the same. I'm running for Senate because everyone should be able to get an education." ([source](#))



Other

- Limit unrestricted dark money and increase transparency by requiring the disclosure of donors to any organization that spends money in elections.
- Work to end Citizens United.



Criminal Justice

- "We must act on commonsense gun safety reform immediately. Our futures depend on it." ([source](#))
- Supports cannabis: "Honored to be a part of making history, herstory, theirstory, and ourstory today. Moments ago, the Kentucky House of Representatives passed a bill to legalize medical cannabis. Proud to co-sponsor this important step toward helping families ease their pain." ([source](#))

What Charles Says:

"Democracy is only as strong as the people's ability to be heard. We can't afford a voting rights foe on the bench, in the White House, or serving as Senate Majority Leader. I'm working on that last one."

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WHO ARE WE VOTING IN? AMY MCGRATH (D)



Amy McGrath is a former Marine fighter pilot and the first woman to fly a combat mission for the Marine Corps ([source](#)). In 2018, she narrowly lost to Andy Barr in Kentucky's 6th congressional district. She supports common-sense gun laws, addressing climate change, and opposed the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.



Climate

- Believes in Climate Change and finding solutions



Healthcare

- She believes in a woman's right to choose
- Supports Medicare buy-in for those over 55
- Supports building strong recovery programs for those dealing with opioid addiction



Economic Inequality

- Supports accessible broadband for all
- Opposes work requirements for Medicaid and SNAP recipients ([source](#))
- Opposes imposing work requirements and disqualifying some current recipients. McGrath has said she wants to keep the status quo on welfare, not to increase it or make it easier for people not to work ([source](#))



Criminal Justice

- Supports the Second Amendment
- Supports allowing the CDC to study gun violence
- Supports limiting the power of special interest groups



Human Rights

- Supports ending child separation at the border
- Supports Immigration Reform

What Amy Says:

“It was clear from the overwhelming evidence provided by the House, and the refusal of the White House to provide the witnesses and documents requested, that the president withheld vital national security assistance to Ukraine in order to pressure them to investigate a political opponent. Our national security is not a bargaining chip. For this reason alone, I would have voted to impeach and convict on both counts.”

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MAINE

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY: MARCH 3, 2020

SENATE PRIMARY: JUNE 9, 2020

DIFFICULTY TO FLIP: High

ELECTORAL VOTES: 4

2016 ELECTION RESULTS:

Majority Hillary: 47.9% (3 votes)

Minority Trump: 45.2% (1 vote)

CONVICTION RESTRICTIONS:

Any (including incarcerated citizens) Maine resident of legal age can vote. (In primary elections you may vote if you are 17 but will be 18 by the general election).



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MAINE VOTING DATES

Presidential Primary Election: March 3, 2020
Voter Registration Deadline: Feb 16, 2020
Senate Primary Election: June 9, 2020
Voter Registration Deadline: May 18, 2020

Closed Primary - Must be Registered Democrat
Maine General Election: Nov 3, 2020
Voter Registration Deadline: Day Of In-Person
Online Registration: NO

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Offices Being Voted On:

Special Election: State Representative District 128
U.S. Senate
U.S. House (both districts)
All 35 State Senate districts
All 151 State Representative districts
County Offices (varying by county): Judge of Probate, Register of Probate, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Sherriff, District Attorney and County Commissioner
Maine SOS: [what the ballot will look like and how to fill it out](#)

Measures

[Religious and Philosophical Vaccination Exemptions Referendum](#)

Seeks to repeal Legislative Document 798 (LD 798). A “yes” vote would reinstate the law allowing for religious and philosophical exemptions from vaccination requirements. A “no” vote would uphold LD 798 which would eliminate religious and philosophical exemptions from vaccination requirements for students to attend schools and colleges and for employees of healthcare facilities. LD 798 would go into effect September 1, 2021.

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WHO ARE WE VOTING OUT? SUSAN COLLINS (R)

Susan Collins is a U.S. Republican Senator for Maine. She has represented Maine since 1997 and considers herself a “moderate Republican.” She votes in agreement with Trump 66.9% of the time. Shockingly, she does only vote in agreement with Trump 66.9% of the time. ([source](#)) However, don't be fooled by the smaller percentage than other republicans in this guide. She voted to confirm Brett Kavanaugh as well as for Trump's impeachment acquittal.

Climate



- 2017 Voted to block local input about management of public lands (Roll Call 82)
- Voted for the life-time appointments of several judges with a history of ruling in favor corporations and against public health and environmental well-being

Economic Inequality



- Voted against a 2015 appropriations amendment that would reduce student loan interest rates through a minimum tax on the wealthy (Roll Call S86)
- Voted in favor of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (reducing corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%)
- Voted against restricting employer interference in union formation

Human Rights



- Voted against the DREAM Act
- When asked about confirming Justice Brett Kavanaugh based on his abortion record, she said, “I do not regret my vote in the least.” ([source](#))
- Supported Trump's travel ban

Healthcare



- Voted against the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2009
- Voted for the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which also removed protections provided by ACA

Foreign Policy



- Voted to approve the Iraq War Resolution
- Voted in favor of expanding the wire tap provisions of the Patriot Act in 2005 and then voted to reauthorize the Patriot Act in 2006

Other



- Endorsements/Contributors: Dem. Joe Manchin; President Donald Trump; National Republican Senatorial Committee; Keystone Alliance
- Voted for Net Neutrality

Voting Record



- Brett Kavanaugh: FOR
- Impeachment: AGAINST
- Witnesses: AGAINST

What Susan Says:

“**[Brett Kavanaugh]** has been an exemplary public servant, judge, teacher, coach, husband and father.” ([source](#))

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WHO ARE WE VOTING IN? BETSY SWEET (D)

Betsy Sweet is a lifelong human rights activist, political organizer, small business owner, and mother. She supports Medicare For All, a Green New Deal, and eradicating student debt. She wrote and helped pass the first FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) in the country. ([source](#))



Climate

- Supports New Green Deal
- Rejoin Paris Climate Agreement
- Stop taxpayer money from going to fossil fuel industry
- Adopt regenerative farming practices



Healthcare

- Supports Medicare for All: including safe/affordable access to abortion, birth control and family planning
- Pay caregivers in and outside home a living wage
- Require price negotiation for prescription drugs



Economic Inequality

- Restructure education loan system - not for profit
- Pay teachers a livable wage
- Strengthen two-year/community colleges and technical trade schools
- Provide fossil fuel-industry workers training to transition to clean energy jobs



Foreign Policy

- End family separation
- Expand DREAMer protections
- Pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants



Human Rights

- End ban on transgender service members/advocate for the Equality Act
- Break down access barriers through the Disabilities Education Act
- Protect Tribal Sovereignty, pursue reparations for Indigenous People and African Americans
- Supports adding the Equal Rights Amendment into the Constitution
- Supports funding the Violence Against Women Act, including in Tribal Jurisdictions



Criminal Justice

- End private detention facilities
- Decriminalize cannabis
- Restore voter rights on a federal level for people convicted of felonies
- End partisan gerrymandering by est. independent redistricting



Other

- Refuses PAC money
- Endorsements: Justice Democrats; Blue America; Democracy for America; Brand New Congress
- Fun Fact: Has a section on her site called 'Sweet Swag'

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WHO ARE WE VOTING IN? SARA GIDEON (D)

Sara Gideon is currently the Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives. She sponsored legislation to expand abortion access and extend state benefits to families in poverty. She also supported Medicaid expansions in Maine, including the 2017 referendum on the topic, and helped override Governor Paul LePage’s veto of a bill to make the anti-overdose drug Narcan available over the counter. ([source](#))



Climate

- Supports rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement
- Supports investing in the clean energy economy
- Supports setting aggressive goals to move to a completely clean energy system powered by renewables



Healthcare

- Supported Medicaid expansion in Maine
- Supports Planned Parenthood
- " I will always put Maine first, whether it's making sure that every American has access to affordable health care, taking bold & immediate action on climate change, or treating every child in this country as if they are our own." ([source](#))



Human Rights

- Supports the expansion of abortion access
- " Whether it's in the State House or the U.S. Senate, I'm committed to protecting and expanding access to reproductive health care, and I'm honored to have the support of @PPact this election." ([source](#))
- Voted in favor of state House Bill: Prohibits the Practice of Conversion Therapy (LD1025)



Other

- Endorsed by Planned Parenthood, NARAL, and the League of Conservation Voters
- Wants to overturn Citizens United
- Will prioritize passing the Real Time Transparency Act to increase campaign finance transparency
- Pledged not accept any corporate PAC money in her campaign or as a Senator



Economic Inequality

- " The Trump administration has again proposed slashing funding for education. Meanwhile, Mainers are drowning in student debt, public schools are crumbling, and teachers aren't getting paid what they deserve. This proposal is completely backwards." ([source](#))



Criminal Justice

- Supports universal background checks and red flag laws ([source](#))
- Voted in favor of state House Bill: Authorizes Adult Use Marijuana (LD1719)

What Sara Says:

"In the middle of the night, Senator Collins voted ten times along party lines to refuse to allow witness and evidence in the impeachment trial. We need – and we deserve – a fair trial in the United States Senate." ([source](#))

N. CAROLINA

VOTING DAY: MARCH 3, 2020

DIFFICULTY TO FLIP: High

ELECTORAL VOTES: 15

2016 ELECTION RESULTS:
REPUBLICAN
(Trump 50.5%, Hillary 46.7%)

CONVICTION RESTRICTIONS:
Voter rights restored after prison, parole and probation



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N. CAROLINA VOTING DATES

N. Carolina Primary Election: March 3, 2020
Early Voting: Feb 13-Feb 29
Voter Registration Deadline: Feb 7, 2020

N. Carolina General Election: Nov 3, 2020
Early Voting: Oct 15-Nov 3
Voter Registration Deadline: Oct 9, 2020

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Federal Offices:

U.S. Senate and House

State Offices:

Governor

Lieutenant Governor

Attorney General

Auditor

Commissioners of Agriculture/Insurance/Labor

Secretary of State

Superintendent of Public Instruction

State Offices (cont):

Treasurer

Senate (select districts)

House (select districts)

District Offices:

Superior Court Judge (select districts)

District Court Judge (select districts)

District Attorney (select districts)

[See here for complete list of candidates.](#)

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WHO ARE WE VOTING OUT? THOM TILLIS (R)



Thom Tillis has served as a U.S. Senator for the state of North Carolina since 2015. He served as Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives for a year before that. In 2017, Tillis was one of 22 senators to sign a letter to President Trump urging him to leave the Paris Climate Agreement. He has an A+ rating from the NRA and votes in agreement with Trump 93.1% of the time. ([source](#))



Climate

- Does not believe climate change is real
- He was one of 22 senators to sign a letter to Trump asking him to leave the Paris Climate Agreement



Economic Inequality

- Voted in favor of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (reducing corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%)
- Supported the 2018 Farm Bill that used taxpayer money to counteract the financial impact of trade tariffs



Human Rights

- He supported an amendment to define marriage as between a man and a woman
- On his website, he boasts of defending LGBTQ rights in Chechnya ([source](#))



Healthcare

- Supported several bills over the years that sought to defund Planned Parenthood
- Voted to Repeal and Replace the Affordable Care Act on multiple occasions throughout his time in the Senate



Foreign Policy

- Supports a “strong, merit-based legal immigration system based on the needs of America’s economy” ([source](#))
- Support Trump’s decision to move the American Embassy to Jerusalem
- Voted in favor of the American Security Against Foreign Enemies Act of 2015 attempt to block Syrian refugees from seeking asylum in the U.S. (Roll Call S4)



Criminal Justice

- A+ rating from the NRA and has been endorsed by them
- He blocked two gun control bills, one that would have expanded background checks and the other would have delayed gun sales for 72 hours for individuals on the terrorist watch list
- Co-sponsored Back the Blue Act: created harsher penalties for targeting law enforcement



Other

- Voted against Net Neutrality
- Committees: Armed Services Committee; Veterans Affairs Committee; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee; Committee on the Judiciary



Voting Record

- Brett Kavanaugh: FOR
- Impeachment: AGAINST
- Witnesses: AGAINST

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WHO ARE WE VOTING IN? CAL CUNNINGHAM (D)



Cal Cunningham is an Army veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, business leader, and former legislator who served as Vice Chairman of the NC Governor's Crime Commission. He is running on a platform of climate action, low-cost healthcare, and economic equity.



Climate

- Endorsed by the League of Conservation Voters
- As State Senator helped pass clean air legislation



Economic Inequality

- Supports immigration reform
- Wants to invest in clean energy and continue to expand solar energy job sector



Human Rights

- Supports equal pay for women, defends Roe v. Wade, supports Planned Parenthood
- VOTING: restore Voting Rights Act, Election Day federal holiday
- Pass Equal Rights Amendment, Equality Act (protect LGBTQIA+)
- During work with Governor's Crime Commission, led work to address "school-to-prison pipeline" and better funding for programs that support at-risk youth



Healthcare

- "Strengthen and extend coverage under the [ACA], expand Medicaid in North Carolina, create a public health insurance option, support rural hospitals, [...] ensure no one loses their employer-sponsored coverage who wants to keep it." ([source](#))



Foreign Policy

- Bolster cybersecurity and defend elections against foreign interference
- Protect DREAMers, supports a fair pathway to citizenship, against family separation



Criminal Justice

- His criminal justice policies are inspired by recommendations from the Task Force on Twenty-First Century Policing
- Eliminate for-profit prisons
- Curb abuse of cash bail, supports restorative justice
- Allocating resources into public health and substance abuse treatment



Other

- Endorsed by Former Sens. Kay Hagan, Chip Hagan, Voter Protection Project, End Citizens United, Council for a Livable World etc.

What Cal Says:

"You don't represent North Carolina and then walk away from military families and veterans—and compromise the national security of our country. Shame on Thom Tillis for that."

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WHO ARE WE VOTING IN? ERICA SMITH (D)

Erica Smith is an American engineer and politician who has represented District Three in the North Carolina Senate since 2015. She is running for U.S. Senate “as an engineer, a minister, and a public school teacher”. Her platform includes economic expansion, environmental stewardship, education equity, and equitable healthcare.



Climate

- Supports Green New Deal



Healthcare

- Supports Medicare for All
- Wants to address the issue of food deserts



Economic Inequality

- Promotes ecotourism: expand development of walking, biking and scooter trails across underserved communities
- “Our economic policies, tax and spend planning and regulations should be constructed in a manner that provides businesses with certainty and incentives, and consumers with confidence and more income.”



Criminal Justice

- Supports Booker’s Marijuana Justice Act: legalize and prison sentences reduced or commuted, decriminalize opioids and compassion to opioid victims
- Supports enhancing the nondiscrimination protections of Title IV, Title VI under the 1964 Civil Rights Act
- Wants to eliminate cash bonds for misdemeanors and low level felonies
- Supports restructuring sentencing for non-violent offenders and low level drug offenders



Human Rights

- Supports equal pay for equal work
- Supports equity and protections for LGBTQIA+ communities from harassment and discrimination

What Erica Says:

“We need to move beyond party politics to create policy and economic initiatives to ensure that workers can find jobs, fair wages and growth opportunities. We need to reject the corruption of corporate interests so that we can protect our sacred environment and harness resources toward promoting rural investments and clean energy initiatives.”

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TEXAS

VOTING DAY: MARCH 3, 2020

DIFFICULTY TO FLIP: High

ELECTORAL VOTES: 38

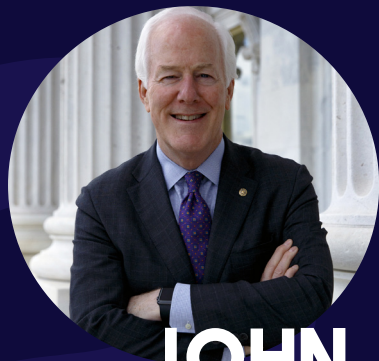
2016 ELECTION RESULTS:
REPUBLICAN

(Trump 52.6%, Hillary 43.4%)*

* Two faithless electors in 2016 made it the only state to give Trump fewer than the assigned electoral votes, 36 instead of 38.

CONVICTION RESTRICTIONS:

A convicted person has their voter rights restored after they have “fully discharged” their sentence, not always clear what that means (aka Texas is fucky, big shocker)



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TEXAS VOTING DATES

Texas Primary Election: March 3, 2020
Early Voting: Feb 18-Feb 28
Voter Registration Deadline: Feb 3, 2020

Texas General Election: Nov 3, 2020
Early Voting: Oct 20-Oct 31
Voter Registration Deadline: Oct 5, 2020

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Primary:

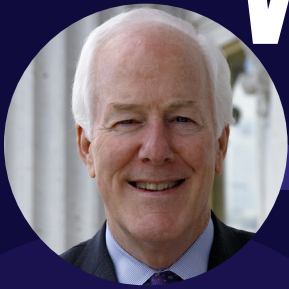
Separate ballots for Dems. and Reps.
U.S. Senate and House

State Offices (Select Districts):

Senate and House
Railroad Commissioner
Chief Justice Supreme Court
Supreme Court Justices

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WHO ARE WE VOTING OUT? JOHN CORNYN (R)

John Cornyn has served as the U.S. Senator for Texas since 2002, and served as Chair of the National Republican Senatorial Committee from 2007 to 2011. In 2017, Cornyn was one of 22 senators to sign a letter to President Trump urging him to leave the Paris Climate Agreement. He votes in agreement with Trump 94.7% of the time. ([source](#)) He also voted for the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Climate



- “We need more energy. Government should get out of the way, let the free market work, and allow more domestic energy production. This would reduce gas prices even in the near-term, expand job opportunities in Texas--a world energy leader--and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.” cornyn.senate.gov
- On EPA regs in the Obama era: “Sen Cornyn fought those efforts and believes that environmental regulations should be based on the best available science and risk-based standards.”

Economic Inequality



- Consistently votes against taxing the wealthy and corporations
- In 2015 he voted against an amendment to enact tax relief for the middle class (Roll Call S125)

Human Rights



- While on the Texas Supreme Court he set precedents that chipped away at consumer rights, worker protections, and business regulations
- Voted against the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (Roll Call S19)



Healthcare

- “Obamacare is bad for everyone in the country, which is why I have fought it at every turn.”
- Voted to defund Planned Parenthood
- Voted to Repeal and Replace the Affordable Care Act at every opportunity



Criminal Justice

- He voted against a bill that would have expanded background checks for gun buyers
- Against red flag laws



Other

- Endorsements: President Donald Trump; Senator Ted Cruz; Greg Abbott; Texas Alliance for Life; Williamson County Republican Leaders



Voting Record

- Brett Kavanaugh: FOR
- Impeachment: AGAINST
- Witnesses: AGAINST

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WHO ARE WE VOTING IN? SEMA HERNANDEZ (D)



Sema is a human rights advocate, activist, and organizer in Texas. She has worked in healthcare and was most recently Co-Chair of the Texas Poor People's Campaign. She supports Medicare For All and a Green New Deal.



Climate

- Supports New Green Deal
- Supports ending dependency on fossil fuel



Foreign Policy

- Plans to introduce legislation that will provide permanent resident status to all DACA and TPS registrants and family members
- Wants to abolish ICE



Economic Inequality

- Supports Strong Unions
- Supports raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour



Criminal Justice

- Mandatory universal background checks, close gun show loopholes, outlaw the sale of assault weapons, end the manufacturing of ammunition for assault weapons, and protect the rights of gun owners, while offering voluntary buy-backs of weapons
- Supports cannabis legalization



Human Rights

- Supports constitutional right of all convicted persons to vote
- Supports ending the exploitation of Native Americans by corporations and work to preserve generations of culture and identity



Healthcare

- Supports Medicare for All
- Access to contraception and safe abortion guaranteed

What Sema Says:

“I’m running to end the systemic poverty, systemic racism, and the ecological devastation that is brought on by policy violence, 40 years of neoliberal policy violence. If that means putting me on their radar as a socialist for representing the working class, then so be it.”

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WHO ARE WE VOTING IN?

CRISTINA TZINTZÚN RAMIREZ (D)

Cristina Tzintzún Ramirez is an American labor organizer and author. She founded JOLT Action, a civil rights organization that works to increase voter turnout among Latinos in Texas. She supports Medicare For All and a Green New Deal.



Climate

- Supports New Green Deal
- Reenter Paris Agreement



Economic Inequality

- Supports raising minimum wage to \$15
- Supports Social Security 2100 Act (protects and strengthens social security)



Human Rights

- Support legalization of cannabis
- Universal childcare
- Make election day a federal holiday



Healthcare

- Supports Medicare for All
- Access to contraception and safe abortion guaranteed

What Cristina Says:

“I want (my son) to know that in a moment where 1 in 6 Texans didn’t have access to healthcare and millions were struggling just to make ends meet, when communities were being pitted against one another on the basis of race, and our world was at the brink of an imminent climate catastrophe, we came together and worked as hard as we could to make his life and other children’s lives like him better.”



Criminal Justice

- Supports universal background checks
- Supports ban and buy back assault weapons (AR-15s and AK-47s) legislation



Other

- Endorsements: Working Families Party; Latino Victory Fund; Communications Workers for America; Sunrise Movement - the Woodlands; University Democrats (UT Austin Dems); Alec Baldwin; UNITE HERE Local 23; Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
- Top priority: Pass Voting Rights Advancement Act

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WHO ARE WE VOTING IN? MJ HEGAR (D)



MJ Hegar is an Air Force veteran, businesswoman, and teacher. She is a Purple Heart recipient from her third tour in Afghanistan. Hegar, after being hit in the arm and leg, saved the lives of the patients and crew members when the helicopter she was co-piloting was shot down by the Taliban. She also authored a book about her experiences in combat, as well as a recounting an experience of sexual assault by a military doctor, called "Shoot Like a Girl." She is running on a platform to codify Roe v. Wade, enact anti-gerrymandering legislation, and to ensure climate action.



Climate

- Supports investing in clean energy manufacturing and sustainable transportation
- Supports the modernization of the energy grid for increased load during peak season



Foreign Policy

- Ensure asylum seekers' claims are properly processed
- Would support the US Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement that passed in the House (strengthens enforcement of labor and environmental laws)



Economic Inequality

- Supports raising minimum wage
- Supports workers' rights to unionize



Criminal Justice

- AGAINST assault rifles
- Supports red flag laws
- Supports limited access of firearms to domestic abusers



Human Rights

- Supports permanently ending child separation
- Use tax credits and incentives to support small businesses



Other

- End Citizens United
- Purple Heart Recipient and author of Shoot Like A Girl
- Endorsements: Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, El Paso Times



Healthcare

- Supports Medicare for those who want it
- Supports a federal law codifying Roe v. Wade

What MJ Says:

"I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution & was willing to take a bullet to uphold it. Sen. Cornyn violated his oath by voting against witness testimony & putting politics over country during the impeachment trial. He is not fit to represent the great state of Texas."

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Thank you for taking the time to read this guide and joining us in the fight to flip the senate.

We are so proud of you for taking the initiative to educate yourself to be a confident voter in the upcoming election. We know it can be overwhelming and encourage you to always ask questions, do your own research, and exercise your right to vote. **We are here to help.** Remember, these are elected offices and they only have their jobs as senators if we elect them. **You are powerful,** and we are so happy you're here.

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While as a brand, GRLCVLT has a clear set of ideas that we endorse, support, and value, it was extremely important to us that the information used in this guide was 100% accurate. This guide represents hundreds of hours of research, data collection, fact-checking, and sourcing information from multiple unbiased sources.

All quotes were carefully chosen and checked against multiple sources, their greater context considered, and linked in the guide. Candidate claims were checked against voting records and direct legislation verbiage through the [Library of Congress](#) wherever possible, as well as any relevant career history. Should you want further explanation or context, please reach out to us. There are mountains of research behind this guide that we thought might be overwhelming, but would be happy to share with you!

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