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2012 Voter Guide¹

Presidential Voter Guide

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Barack Obama</i> ²	<i>Mitt Romney</i> ³
Abortion and Human Life	<p>Voted against the Born Alive Infant Protection Act, which would have required medical assistance to be provided to a child born alive during an attempted abortion.</p> <p>Supports federal funding of organizations that promote and provide abortions.</p> <p>Voted against a partial-birth abortion ban.</p> <p>Voted to allow minors to cross state lines for the purpose of obtaining an abortion.</p> <p>Voted against requiring minors to tell their parents when they have crossed state lines to obtain an abortion.</p>	<p>Believes life begins at conception.</p> <p>Opposes federal funding of organizations that promote and provide abortions.</p> <p>Supports the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits the use of federal funding for abortions, except in the cases of rape, incest, and the life of the mother.</p> <p>Supports overturning <i>Roe v. Wade</i>.</p> <p>Opposes federal funding of stem cell research.</p> <p>Opposes cloning.</p>

¹ To ensure reliability, information provided in this document originates primarily from the campaign websites of the candidates and the candidates' profiles found at www.ontheissues.org. This voter guide is nonpartisan. Liberty Counsel Action does not endorse or oppose political candidates.

² *Obama Biden: Forward*, <http://www.barackobama.com/> (last visited September 24, 2012); *2012 Presidential Candidates: Barack Obama*, On the Issues, http://www.ontheissues.org/barack_obama.htm (last visited September 24, 2012); *Executive Orders*, The White House: Washington, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/executive-orders> (last visited September 25, 2012).

³ *Issues*, Mitt Romney for President, <http://www.mittromney.com/issues> (last visited September 22, 2012); *2012 Presidential Candidates: Mitt Romney*, On the Issues, http://www.ontheissues.org/mitt_romney.htm (last visited September 22, 2012).

	<p>Supports embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>Supports the HHS federal mandate forcing religious employers to provide sterilization and FDA-Approved Contraception, which includes abortion-inducing drugs.</p> <p>Issued Executive Order to fund abortion in the District of Columbia and around the world.</p> <p>Supports using U.S. influence and funds to liberalize abortion laws of foreign nations.</p>	
Family Values	<p>Supports same-sex marriage.</p> <p>Advocated for and signed repeal of the so-called “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” policy and underlying law, which repeal now allows for open homosexuality in the military.</p> <p>Supports the Employment Non-discrimination Act, which would add “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” to employment laws.</p> <p>Supports federal benefits for same-sex partners of federal employees.</p> <p>Opposes the Defense of Marriage Act.</p> <p>Supports using U.S. influence and funding to liberalize laws in foreign countries to advance Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) rights.</p> <p>Supports comprehensive sex education.</p>	<p>Supports a constitutional amendment defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman.</p> <p>Supports the Defense of Marriage Act and will appoint an Attorney General who will defend the law.</p> <p>Supports abstinence education.</p> <p>Believes child development is enhanced by having a mother and father.</p> <p>Supports teaching family values in schools.</p>
Religious Liberty	<p>Said he is “a big believer in the separation of church and state.”</p> <p>Supports the HHS federal mandate that forces religious</p>	<p>Said “[f]reedom requires religion just as religion requires freedom.”</p> <p>Opposes the HHS federal mandate that forces religious</p>

	employers to fund contraception, sterilization, and abortion, even if doing so directly conflicts with the rights of religious freedom and the rights of conscience.	employers to fund contraception, sterilization, and abortion.
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare)	Advocated for and signed ObamaCare into law.	Supports repeal of ObamaCare.
Gun Rights	<p>Cosponsored a bill to limit gun purchases to one per month.</p> <p>Opposes concealed carry, except for retired police officers.</p> <p>Supports a ban on automatic guns referred to as “assault weapons.”</p>	<p>Supported a ban on automatic guns referred to as “assault weapons.”</p> <p>Supported a five-day waiting period on handgun purchases.</p> <p>Says he will not support new laws restricting gun ownership.</p>
Government Oversight	<p>Supports regulating institutions for what they do, not who they are.</p> <p>Supports mercury regulations on oil and gas smokestacks.</p> <p>Supports eliminating government programs that are no longer effective.</p> <p>Voted against allowing some lobbyist gifts to Congress.</p> <p>Supports Cap and Trade.</p> <p>Supports Dodd-Frank law regulating business.</p> <p>Stopped the Keystone oil pipeline.</p>	<p>Supports requiring congressional approval of all new “major” regulations.</p> <p>Supports broad review and elimination of regulations that burden the economy.</p> <p>Supports a multi-year lead time for companies to comply with onerous environmental regulations.</p> <p>Opposes the Fairness Doctrine.</p> <p>Opposes government management of the internet.</p> <p>Supports consolidating agencies and streamlining processes.</p> <p>Opposes Cap and Trade.</p> <p>Opposes Dodd-Frank law.</p> <p>Supports the Keystone oil pipeline.</p>
Fiscal Reform	Voted against reducing federal spending by \$40 billion	Supports capping spending at 20% of GDP.

	<p>in 2005.</p> <p>Supports increasing taxes on people who earn more than \$1 million.</p> <p>The federal deficit increased by over 5 trillion dollars during first term as President.</p> <p>Supported ObamaCare which imposed new taxes.</p>	<p>Supports cutting nonsecurity discretionary spending by 5%.</p> <p>Supports reducing the top income tax rate from 35% to 25%.</p> <p>Supports a reduction in foreign aid.</p> <p>Supports eliminating the death tax.</p> <p>Supports eliminating interest, dividends, and capital gains taxes on taxpayers making less than \$200,000.</p> <p>Supports strengthening research and development tax credits.</p> <p>Supports aligning federal compensation rates with those lower rates of the private sector.</p> <p>Supports repeal of ObamaCare.</p>
<p>Immigration</p>	<p>Unilaterally decided to lift the threat of deportation from young illegal immigrants, effectively instituting what the legislature did not pass in the DREAM Act.</p> <p>Supports securing the borders.</p> <p>Voted against declaring English as the official language of the U.S. government.</p> <p>Voted for a guest worker program.</p> <p>Voted to allow illegal aliens to participate in Social Security.</p> <p>Supports deportation of criminals.</p>	<p>Believes the U.S. immigration system is broken.</p> <p>Supports building a fence on the southern border.</p> <p>Supports enforcing employment laws.</p> <p>Supports English as official language of the U.S. but supports communicating in Spanish too.</p> <p>Opposes mass deportation.</p> <p>Supports granting more visas for legal immigration.</p> <p>Opposes chain migration.</p>

	<p>Supports enforcing employment laws against employers.</p> <p>Opposes mass deportation.</p> <p>Supports a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants.</p>	<p>Supports de-incentivizing illegal immigration and thus opposes tuition breaks for illegal immigrants.</p>
Israel	<p>Acknowledged Israel is America's "strongest ally in the region."</p> <p>Supports taking action if Israel is attacked.</p> <p>Believes Jerusalem "will be the capital of Israel," but that ultimately, that issue "has to be resolved between the Palestinians and the Israelis."</p> <p>Supports reducing Israel's geographical territory to the 1967 borders and land swaps with the Palestinian Authority.</p> <p>Opposes expanding Jewish settlements in Israel.</p>	<p>Supports "stand[ing] with the Israeli people."</p> <p>Supports reducing assistance to Palestinians if they continue to incorporate terrorist groups like Hamas, which are dedicated to the destruction of Israel.</p>
Judiciary	<p>Believes the Constitution is "a living document and must be read in the context of an ever-changing world."</p> <p>Most important quality of a judge is his ability to provide fairness and justice and emphasized the importance of the judge having a sense of "what real-world folks are going through."</p> <p>Voted against the confirmations of both Samuel Alito, Jr. and John Roberts to the Supreme Court.</p> <p>Appointed Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan to the Supreme Court.</p>	<p>Supports appointing judges who "will exhibit a genuine appreciation for the text, structure, and history of our Constitution and interpret the Constitution and the laws as they are written."</p> <p>Opposes using faith as a litmus test or qualifier for appointed positions, including Supreme Court justices.</p>

Senate Voter Guide

Arizona: Open Seat		
<i>Issue</i>	<i>Richard Carmona (D)</i> ⁴	<i>Jeff Flake (R)</i> ⁵
Abortion and Human Life	Supports “access and choice” regarding healthcare options and specifically supports access to FDA-approved prescription contraceptives, which include abortion-inducing drugs.	<p>Voted to ban federal health coverage that includes abortion.</p> <p>Voted against allowing human embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>Voted to restrict interstate transport of minors to get abortions.</p> <p>Voted to make it a crime to harm a fetus during another crime.</p> <p>Voted to ban partial-birth abortion except to save mother’s life.</p> <p>Voted to prevent human cloning for reproduction & medical research.</p> <p>Voted to ban Family Planning funding in U.S. and abroad.</p>
Family Values	Supports “comprehensive sex education for our kids” rather than abstinence-only education.	<p>Voted to for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which act would have added "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to federal law governing employers.</p> <p>Voted for a constitutional amendment to affirm the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.</p>
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	Not Addressed.	Supports repealing ObamaCare and replacing it with reforms that use market forces to increase competition,

⁴ *Priorities*, Carmona for Arizona, <http://www.carmonaforarizona.com/priorities> (last visited September 19, 2012).

⁵ *Issues*, Jeff Flake, <http://www.jeffflake.com/issues/> (last visited September 19, 2012); Arizona House: Jeff Flake, On the Issues, http://www.ontheissues.org/house/jeff_flake.htm (last visited September 19, 2012) (Jeff Flake’s voting record is taken from his time serving in the House of Representatives.).

(ObamaCare)		control costs, and improve care.
Gun Rights	Not Addressed.	
Government Oversight	Advocates for holding Congress accountable for balancing the budget and relationships with special interest groups. Does not address regulatory reform.	Voted to require lobbyist disclosures. Voted against regulation of mortgage industry and tobacco and voted to bar EPA regulation of greenhouse gasses.
Fiscal Reform	Advocates stopping wasteful spending and ensuring tax dollars are used smartly and efficiently, and ensuring corporations pay their “fair share” in taxes.	Supports allowing taxpayers to designate up to 10% of their federal tax dollars to pay down the national debt, while forcing Congress to cut government spending across the board by the same amount.
Immigration	Advocates for securing the border, cracking down on drug and human smuggling, punishing companies who knowingly hire illegal immigrants, eliminating a nefarious labor market of illegal immigrants, passing the DREAM Act.	Supports securing the border before tackling other immigration reforms. Voted to deny federal funds to sanctuary cities and states. Voted to expedite removal of illegal aliens. Supports federal reimbursements to the states for emergency health services to illegal aliens. Supports federal reimbursement to states for indirect costs of incarcerating illegal aliens. Voted for employment eligibility verification.
Israel	Notes Iran is hostile to the United States, Israel, and many other western nations, and that to ensure America’s security, we should consider all options in preventing Iran from developing nuclear weapons, including taking all possible diplomatic steps to deter Iran.	Committed to unbreakable U.S.-Israel bond.
Judiciary	Not addressed.	Not addressed.
Connecticut: Open Seat		

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Chris Murphy (D)</i> ⁶	<i>Linda McMahon (R)</i> ⁷
Abortion and Human Life	<p>Calls himself “unequivocally pro-choice.”</p> <p>Supports government funding of organizations that promote or provide abortions.</p> <p>Voted to expand research to more embryonic stem cell lines.</p>	Not addressed.
Family Values	<p>Supports same-sex marriage.</p> <p>Cosponsored the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which act would have added "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to federal law governing employers.</p> <p>Cosponsored the Domestic Partner Benefits and Obligations Act.</p> <p>Supports nondiscrimination policies for the military, workplace, classroom, and healthcare system, based on real or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity.</p> <p>Supports comprehensive sex education rather than abstinence-only education for kids.</p>	Not addressed.
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare)	<p>Supports ObamaCare.</p> <p>Supports requiring health plans to cover FDA-approved contraceptives, including abortion-inducing drugs.</p>	Supports repeal of ObamaCare.
Gun Rights	Supports restricting gun show sales.	Not addressed.
Government Oversight	Advocates for public, rather than private, financing of political pursuits.	Supports requiring Congress and the President to sign off on burdensome regulations.

⁶ *Issues*, Chris Murphy: For Senate, <http://www.chrismurphy.com/issues/> (last visited September 19, 2012); *Connecticut House: Chris Murphy*, http://www.ontheissues.org/house/chris_murphy.htm (last visited September 19, 2012).

⁷ *Linda’s Plan*, <http://www.lindasplan.com/> (last visited September 19, 2012).

	<p>Authored legislation requiring contractors disclose how much they profit from wartime contracts.</p> <p>Championed independent citizen ethics panel to conduct investigations.</p>	<p>Supports eliminating duplicative programs.</p>
Fiscal Reform	<p>Supports simplifying the tax code.</p> <p>Supports increasing taxes on the top 1% of earners.</p> <p>Supports removing tax credits and deductions for businesses.</p>	<p>Supports a Balanced Budget Amendment.</p> <p>Supports cutting the middle class tax rate and eliminating capital gains taxes for middle class.</p> <p>Supports capping capital gains and dividends at 15% and business taxes at 25%.</p> <p>Supports eliminating the death tax and gift tax.</p> <p>Supports more deductions for education expenses.</p> <p>Supports making withdrawal from IRA penalty-free for the unemployed.</p>
Immigration	Not addressed.	Not addressed.
Israel	Said U.S. support of Israel is in our national security interest.	Not addressed.
Judiciary	Not addressed.	Not addressed.
Florida: Nelson's Seat		
<i>Issue</i>	<i>Bill Nelson (D)</i> ⁸	<i>Connie Mack (R)</i> ⁹
Abortion and Human Life	<p>Voted to allow minors to cross state lines for the purpose of obtaining an abortion.</p> <p>Voted to expand embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>Voted against banning partial-birth abortions.</p>	<p>Voted to ban federal health coverage that includes abortion.</p> <p>Voted to expand embryonic stem cell research.</p>

⁸ *Bill's Priorities*, Nelson Fighting for Florida, <http://nelsonforsenate.com/priorities> (last visited September 21, 2012); *Florida Senator: Bill Nelson*, On the Issues, http://www.ontheissues.org/senate/bill_nelson.htm (last visited September 21, 2012).

⁹ *Issues*, Connie Mack: U.S. Senate, <http://www.conniemack.com/issues/> (last visited September 21, 2012); *Florida House: Connie Mack IV*, On the Issues, http://www.ontheissues.org/FL/Connie_Mack_IV.htm (last visited September 21, 2012).

Family Values	<p>Voted against banning same-sex marriage.</p> <p>Voted to repeal “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell.”</p>	<p>Vote against the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would have added "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to federal law governing employers.</p> <p>Voted to affirm the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.</p>
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare)	Voted for ObamaCare.	Voted to repeal ObamaCare.
Gun Rights	<p>Voted against allowing guns in checked baggage on Amtrak trains.</p> <p>Voted against providing foreign aid that restricts U.S. gun ownership.</p>	Supports loosening restrictions on interstate gun purchases.
Government Oversight	<p>Supports eliminating duplicative government programs.</p> <p>Voted to allow the EPA to regulate greenhouse gasses.</p> <p>Voted against allowing lobbyist gifts to Congress.</p> <p>Voted to ban campaign donations from unions and corporations.</p> <p>Voted to regulate tobacco as a drug.</p>	<p>Voted against requiring lobbyist disclosure of bundled donations.</p> <p>Opposes recess appointments without congressional approval.</p>
Fiscal Reform	<p>Voted for a Balanced Budget Amendment.</p> <p>Supports removing tax deductions and credits for oil and gas companies.</p> <p>Voted to increase taxes on people earning more than \$1 million.</p> <p>Voted to permanently repeal the death tax.</p> <p>Voted to reduce the marriage penalty.</p>	<p>Supports cutting 1 percent of the budget for six years.</p> <p>Supports capping spending at 18 percent of GDP.</p>
Immigration	Voted to continue federal funding of sanctuary cities.	Voted to build a fence along the southern border.

	<p>Voted to declare English as the official language of the U.S. government.</p> <p>Voted to build a fence along the southern border.</p> <p>Voted to establish a guest worker program.</p> <p>Voted to give guest workers a pathway to citizenship.</p>	
Israel	Advocated pressuring Arab states to end Israeli boycott.	Not addressed.
Judiciary	<p>Voted to confirm Sonia Sotomayor as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.</p> <p>Voted to confirm John Roberts as Chief Justice of the United States.</p> <p>Voted against confirming Samuel Alito as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.</p>	Not addressed.
Indiana: Open Seat		
<i>Issue</i>	<i>Joe Donnelly (D)</i> ¹⁰	<i>Richard Mourdock (R)</i> ¹¹
Abortion and Human Life	<p>Voted to ban federal health coverage that includes abortion.</p> <p>Voted against expanding embryonic stem cell lines.</p> <p>Voted to prohibit minors from crossing state lines to obtain abortions.</p>	<p>Opposes federal funding of abortion.</p> <p>Believes <i>Roe v. Wade</i> represents a misunderstanding of the original intent of the Founding Fathers.</p>
Family Values	Voted for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which act would have added "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to federal law governing employers.	Not addressed.
Patient Protection and	Supports ObamaCare and voted against repeal. ¹²	Supports repeal of ObamaCare.

¹⁰ *Joe's Jobs Plan*, Joe Donnelly for Indiana, <http://www.joeforindiana.com/jobs> (last visited September 19, 2012); *Indiana House: Joe Donnelly*, http://www.ontheissues.org/IN/Joe_Donnelly.htm (last visited September 19, 2012).

¹¹ *Richard on the Issues*, Mourdock: Republican, U.S. Senate, <http://richardmourdock.com/issues> (last visited September 20, 2012).

¹² Health Reform Votes, <http://www.healthreformvotes.org/congress/412205>.

Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare)		
Gun Rights	Supports cross-state standards for concealed carry. Opposes restrictions on right to bear arms.	Believes the right to keep and bear arms is an individual right guaranteed by the Constitution.
Government Oversight	Supports regular review of federal programs to ensure no duplication.	Believes the government is one of limited powers. Supports regular audits of the Federal Reserve.
Fiscal Reform	Supports a Balanced Budget Amendment.	Authored a plan to cut federal spending by \$7.6 trillion and balance the budget in ten years. Supports a Balanced Budget Amendment that includes spending caps. Supports elimination of the IRS and moving to a system that taxes consumption rather than income.
Immigration	Supports securing the borders. Supports deporting illegal aliens. Supports prosecuting employers who intentionally hire illegal aliens.	Supports securing the border and enforcing current laws. Opposes the DREAM Act.
Israel	Expressed commitment to U.S.-Israel bond.	Not addressed.
Judiciary	Not Addressed	Supports confirmation of only judges that respect the original intent of the Founders when interpreting the Constitution.
Massachusetts: Brown's Seat		
<i>Issue</i>	<i>Elizabeth Warren (D)</i> ¹³	<i>Scott Brown (R)</i> ¹⁴
Abortion and Human Life	Believes women should have access to abortion services.	Supports legalized abortion but not partial-birth abortion.

¹³ *Issues*, Elizabeth Warren for Senate, <http://elizabethwarren.com/issues/> (last visited September 20, 2012); Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren, http://www.ontheissues.org/senate/Elizabeth_Warren.htm (last visited September 20, 2012).

¹⁴ *Where I Stand on the Issues*, Scott Brown: He's for Us, <http://www.scottbrown.com/issues/> (last visited September 20, 2012); *Massachusetts Senator: Scott Brown*, On the Issues, http://www.ontheissues.org/senate/Scott_Brown.htm (last visited September 20, 2012).

		<p>Does not support taxpayer funding of abortions.</p> <p>Supports funding for abortion providers and their affiliates.</p> <p>Supports requirements for healthcare providers to provide contraception.</p>
Family Values	<p>Supports repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act.</p> <p>Supports repeal of “Don't Ask Don't Tell.”</p> <p>Supports LGBT Equality.</p> <p>Supports Transgender Equal Rights Bill.</p>	<p>Supports civil unions.</p> <p>Does not support federal same-sex marriage.</p> <p>Voted to affirm the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.</p> <p>Supports higher criminal penalties for human trafficking.</p>
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare)	Supports ObamaCare.	Opposes ObamaCare.
Gun Rights	Supports gun control.	<p>Supports concealed carry.</p> <p>Supports licensure & background check requirements.</p>
Government Oversight	Supports making it easier for workers who want to organize unions.	Opposes new regulation of financial markets.
Fiscal Reform	Supports ending tax breaks higher income earners.	<p>Supports Cutting spending and keeping the tax burden low.</p> <p>Supports a Balanced Budget Amendment.</p> <p>Supports private enterprise as the way to get out of financial crisis.</p> <p>Supports a 15 percent across the board tax cut.</p>
Immigration	Supports a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.	Supports border security.
Israel	Supports the right of a Jewish, democratic state of Israel	Not addressed.

	to exist, and to be safe and secure. Supports a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.	
Judiciary	Not addressed.	Not addressed.
Missouri: McCaskill's Seat		
<i>Issue</i>	<i>Claire McCaskill (D)</i> ¹⁵	<i>Todd Akin (R)</i> ¹⁶
Abortion and Human Life	Voted to allow minors to cross state lines for the purpose of obtaining an abortion. Voted to expand embryonic stem cell research. Voted to allow federal funding of organizations that promote and provide abortions. Supports a partial-birth abortion ban. Opposes cloning.	Believes life begins at conception. Voted to ban federal health coverage that includes abortion. Voted against embryonic stem cell research. Voted to restrict interstate transport of minors to get abortions. Voted against federal funding of organizations that promote and provide abortions.
Family Values	Supported repeal of “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell.”	Voted for a constitutional amendment affirming the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare)	Voted for ObamaCare.	Voted to repeal ObamaCare.
Gun Rights	Voted against allowing guns in checked baggage on Amtrak trains. Voted to prohibit federal aid that restricts U.S. gun ownership.	Cosponsored legislation to prevent funding of a U.N. Treaty that undermines the Second Amendment. Supports loosening restrictions on interstate gun purchases.

¹⁵ *Issues*, Claire McCaskill for U.S. Senate, <http://clairemccaskill.com/issues> (last visited September 21, 2012); *Missouri Senator: Claire McCaskill*, On the Issues, http://www.ontheissues.org/senate/Claire_McCaskill.htm (last visited September 21, 2012).

¹⁶ *Akin on the Issues*, Todd Akin: U.S. Senate, <http://www.akin.org/issues> (last visited September 21, 2012); *Missouri House: Todd Akin*, On the Issues, http://www.ontheissues.org/house/todd_akin.htm (last visited September 21, 2012).

		Supports banning gun registration and trigger lock in the District of Columbia.
Government Oversight	<p>Voted to allow the EPA to regulate greenhouse gasses.</p> <p>Supports banning lobbyist gifts.</p> <p>Voted to have inspectors general be fully independent.</p>	<p>Voted against regulating the subprime mortgage industry.</p> <p>Voted to prevent the EPA from regulating greenhouse gasses.</p> <p>Voted against regulating tobacco like a drug.</p> <p>Voted against restricting independent grassroots political committees.</p>
Fiscal Reform	<p>Voted to increase taxes on people earning over \$1 million.</p> <p>Voted to raise the death tax exemption.</p> <p>Supported new and increased tax credits.</p> <p>Supported capital gains tax breaks for small business investors.</p>	<p>Cosponsored a Balanced Budget Amendment.</p> <p>Supports reforming the tax system to a Fair Tax System, which replaces a variety of taxes with a national sales tax.</p> <p>Voted for a permanent increase in the child tax credit.</p> <p>Voted to eliminate the estate tax and marriage penalty.</p>
Immigration	<p>Supports building a fence on the southern border.</p> <p>Opposes guest worker programs.</p> <p>Voted to provide federal funds to sanctuary cities.</p> <p>Voted to declare English the official language of the U.S. government.</p>	<p>Voted to build a fence on the southern border.</p> <p>Voted to require reporting of illegal aliens who receive hospital treatment.</p> <p>Supports government services being provided in English only.</p> <p>Supports ending birthright citizenship of babies born to illegal immigrants.</p>
Israel	Not addressed.	Expressed a commitment to the unbreakable U.S.-Israel bond.
Judiciary	Voted to confirm Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court.	Not addressed.
Montana: Tester's Seat		

<i>Issue</i>	<i>Jon Tester (D)</i> ¹⁷	<i>Denney Rehberg (R)</i> ¹⁸
Abortion and Human Life	<p>Supports federal funding of organizations that promote and provide abortions.</p> <p>Supports embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>Opposes restrictions on minors crossing state lines for abortion.</p>	<p>Voted against federal health coverage that includes abortion.</p> <p>Voted against funding organizations that promote and provide abortions.</p> <p>Voted against allowing embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>Voted to restrict transporting minors across state lines for the purpose of obtaining an abortion.</p> <p>Voted to forbid human cloning.</p>
Family Values	<p>Opposes same-sex marriage but does not support a constitutional amendment preventing such unions.</p> <p>Supports repeal of Don't-Ask-Don't-Tell.</p>	<p>Supports a constitutional amendment affirming the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.</p> <p>Opposes the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which act would have added "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to federal law governing employers.</p>
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare)	Voted for ObamaCare.	Opposes ObamaCare.
Gun Rights	<p>Supports Second Amendment rights.</p> <p>Supports prohibiting foreign & UN aid that restricts US gun ownership.</p>	<p>Supports loosening restrictions on interstate gun purchases.</p> <p>Opposes gun registration and trigger lock laws in the District of Columbia.</p>
Government Oversight	<p>Voted to allow the EPA to regulate greenhouse gasses.</p> <p>Voted to regulate tobacco as a drug.</p>	<p>Voted to require lobbyist disclosure of bundled donations.</p> <p>Voted to prohibit the EPA from regulating greenhouse gasses.</p>

¹⁷ *Issues*, Jon Tester: Making the Senate Look a Little More Like Montana, <http://www.jontester.com/issues/> (last visited September 20, 2012); *Montana Senator: Jon Tester*, On the Issues, http://www.ontheissues.org/senate/jon_tester.htm (last visited September 20, 2012).

¹⁸ *Issues*, Rehberg: Senate, <http://dennyrehberg.com/issues/> (last visited September 20, 2012); *Montana House: Dennis Rehberg*, On the Issues, http://www.ontheissues.org/house/dennis_rehberg.htm (last visited September 20, 2012).

		Voted to regulate tobacco as a drug. Voted against regulating the subprime mortgage industry.
Fiscal Reform	Supports stimulus spending and subsidies. Voted against increasing taxes on those earning more than \$1 million. Voted against raising the death tax and estate tax exemptions.	Supports a Balanced Budget Amendment. Opposes increasing the debt limit.
Immigration	Supports securing the borders. Voted to continue providing federal funds for declared “sanctuary cities.” Voted against comprehensive immigration reform.	Voted to build a fence along the southern border. Voted to require reporting of illegal aliens who receive hospital treatment.
Israel	Not addressed.	Expressed commitment to the unbreakable U.S.-Israel bond.
Judiciary	Voted to confirm Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court.	Not addressed.
Nevada: Heller’s Seat		
<i>Issue</i>	<i>Shelley Berkley (D)</i> ¹⁹	<i>Dean Heller (R)</i> ²⁰
Abortion and Human Life	Voted to provide federal health coverage that includes abortion. Voted to allow embryonic stem cell research. Voted to allow minors to cross state lines for the purpose of obtaining abortions. Voted against banning partial birth abortions.	Voted to ban federal health coverage of abortion. Voted to expand research to more embryonic stem cell lines.

¹⁹ Nevada House, Shelley Berkley, On the Issues, http://www.ontheissues.org/house/shelley_berkley.htm (last visited September 20, 2012); Shelley Berkley for Senate, <http://www.shelleyberkley.com/issues/> (last visited September 20, 2012).

²⁰ Nevada Issues, Dean Heller: U.S. Senate, <http://deanheller.com/issues/> (last visited September 20, 2012); Nevada House, Dean Heller, On the Issues, http://www.ontheissues.org/house/dean_heller.htm (last visited September 20, 2012).

	<p>Voted against forbidding human cloning.</p> <p>Voted to provide federal funding to organizations that promote or provide abortions.</p>	
Family Values	<p>Voted for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which act would have added "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to federal law governing employers.</p> <p>Voted against affirming the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.</p> <p>Voted to allow homosexuals to adopt in the District of Columbia.</p>	Voted against the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which act would have added "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to federal law governing employers.
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare)	Voted for ObamaCare.	Voted to repeal ObamaCare.
Gun Rights	Voted against decreasing gun waiting period from 3 days to 1.	<p>Supports cross-state standard for concealed carry.</p> <p>Supports loosening restrictions on interstate gun purchases.</p>
Government Oversight	<p>Voted to allow the EPA to regulate greenhouse gasses.</p> <p>Voted to require lobbyist disclosure of bundled donations.</p> <p>Voted to regulate tobacco as a drug.</p>	<p>Supports eliminating costly and burdensome regulations.</p> <p>Voted to regulate the subprime mortgage industry.</p> <p>Voted to prevent the EPA from regulating greenhouse gasses.</p> <p>Voted to require lobbyists to disclose bundled donations.</p>
Fiscal Reform	<p>Voted to increase the child tax credit.</p> <p>Voted to eliminate the death tax and the marriage penalty.</p>	Supports a Balanced Budget Amendment.
Immigration	<p>Voted to build a fence along the southern border.</p> <p>Voted against requiring the reporting of illegal aliens</p>	Supports ending birthright citizenship to prevent granting citizenship to children of illegal immigrants.

	<p>who receive hospital treatment.</p> <p>Supports a pathway to citizenship.</p> <p>Supports the DREAM Act.</p>	<p>Supports securing the border.</p> <p>Supports prosecuting employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens.</p> <p>Supports reforming the legal immigration process.</p>
Israel	Expressed commitment to unbreakable U.S.-Israel bond.	Expressed commitment to unbreakable U.S.-Israel bond.
Judiciary	Not addressed.	Not addressed.
North Dakota: Open Seat		
<i>Issue</i>	<i>Heidi Heitkamp (D)</i> ²¹	<i>Rick Berg (R)</i> ²²
Abortion and Human Life	Not addressed.	<p>Voted to ban federal health coverage that includes abortion.</p> <p>Committed to defending the “unborn, elderly, and the infirm.”</p>
Family Values	Believes same-sex marriage is a state, not federal issue.	Supports the traditional definition of marriage.
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare)	Was supportive of ObamaCare, and while not supporting repeal of ObamaCare, believes the individual mandate to be unconstitutional and prefers less regulation on small businesses.	Supports repeal of ObamaCare.
Gun Rights	Not addressed.	Opposes restrictions on the right to bear arms.
Government Oversight	Not addressed.	<p>Voted to bar EPA from regulating greenhouse gasses.</p> <p>Supports states, not the EPA, regulating coal ash.</p> <p>Supports requiring congressional approval of new, major regulations.</p> <p>Opposes regulatory uncertainty.</p>

²¹ *Issues*, Heidi for North Dakota, <http://heidifornorthdakota.com/issues/> (last visited September 20, 2012); *North Dakota Senator: Heidi Keitkamp*, On the Issues, http://www.ontheissues.org/senate/Heidi_Heitkamp.htm (last visited September 20, 2012).

²² *Issues & Priorities*, Berg: U.S. Senate, <http://www.bergfornorthdakota.com/view/cat/issues> (last visited September 20, 2012); *North Dakota House: Rick Berg*, On the Issues, http://www.ontheissues.org/House/Rick_Berg.htm (last visited September 20, 2012).

		Opposes Recess Appointments without congressional approval. Voted to ban use of U.S. forces in Libya without congressional approval.
Fiscal Reform	Supports lowering the corporate tax rate.	Supports a Balanced Budget Amendment. Opposes increasing the debt limit. Supports repeal of the death tax.
Immigration	Not addressed.	Supports securing the borders. Supports providing employers the tools to verify citizenship.
Israel	Not addressed.	Not addressed.
Judiciary	Not addressed.	Not addressed.
Ohio: Brown's Seat		
<i>Issue</i>	<i>Sherrod Brown (D)</i> ²³	<i>Josh Mandel (R)</i> ²⁴
Abortion and Human Life	Voted to allow federal funding of organizations that promote and provide abortions. Voted to allow minors to cross state lines for the purpose of obtaining an abortion. Voted to expand embryonic stem cell research. Voted against banning partial-birth abortion. Voted to allow human cloning.	Not addressed.

²³ *Issues*, Sherrod Brown, <http://www.sherrodbrown.com/issues/> (last visited September 21, 2012); *Ohio House: Sherrod Brown*, On the Issues, http://www.ontheissues.org/OH/Sherrod_Brown.htm (last visited September 21, 2012).

²⁴ *Issues*, Jobs.JoshMandel.Com, <http://jobs.joshmandel.com/issues> (last visited September 21, 2012); *Ohio Senator: Josh Mandel*, On the Issues, http://www.ontheissues.org/senate/Josh_Mandel.htm (last visited September 21, 2012).

	Voted against banning physician-assisted suicide.	
Family Values	Voted to allow same-sex marriages. Voted to allow homosexuals to adopt children in the District of Columbia.	Opposes adding sexual orientation to non-discrimination legislation.
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare)	Voted for ObamaCare.	Supports repeal of ObamaCare.
Gun Rights	Voted against allowing guns in checked baggage on Amtrak trains. Voted against decreasing the waiting period from 3 days to 1.	Not addressed.
Government Oversight	Voted to allow the courts to decide on “God” in the Pledge of Allegiance. Voted against restricting independent grassroots political committees. Voted to regulate tobacco as a drug.	Supports cutting duplicative programs. Supports a moratorium on job-killing regulations. Supports requiring regular review of regulations to ensure their effectiveness.
Fiscal Reform	Voted to increase the tax rate on people earning over \$1 million. Voted against raising the death tax exemption. Voted against making the child tax credit permanent. Voted against eliminating the death tax and marriage penalty. Supports ending tax deductions and credits for large companies.	Supports cutting spending to the FY 2009 levels. Supports freezing nondefense discretionary spending. Supports enacting a spending cap at 20% of GDP. Opposes raising the debt ceiling. Supports a Balanced Budget Amendment. Supports moving to a flatter, fairer tax system. Supports permanently eliminating the death tax.
Immigration	Voted to continue providing federal funds to sanctuary cities.	Supports securing the borders.

	<p>Voted against declaring English as the official language of the U.S. government.</p> <p>Voted to build a fence along the southern border.</p> <p>Voted against requiring reporting of illegal aliens who receive hospital treatment.</p>	
Israel	Supports pressuring friendly Arab states to end the Israeli boycott.	Not addressed.
Judiciary	Voted to confirm Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court.	Not addressed.
Virginia: Open Seat		
<i>Issue</i>	<i>Tim Kaine (D)</i> ²⁵	<i>George Allen (R)</i> ²⁶
Abortion and Human Life	Supports a partial-birth abortion ban.	<p>Supports defining life as beginning at conception.</p> <p>Supports parental notification requirements for minors' abortions.</p> <p>Opposes federal funding of abortions.</p> <p>Opposes federal funding of organizations that promote and provide abortions.</p> <p>Opposes embryonic stem cell research.</p> <p>Voted to ban partial-birth abortions.</p> <p>Opposes abortion-inducing drugs.</p>
Family Values	<p>Supports domestic partnerships.</p> <p>Supported repeal of "Don't Ask Don't Tell."</p>	Supports a constitutional amendment affirming the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

²⁵ *Tim Kaine on the Issues*, Kaine: U.S. Senate, <http://www.kaineforva.com/issues> (last visited September 20, 2012); *Virginia Senator: Tim Kaine, On the Issues*, http://www.ontheissues.org/senate/Tim_Kaine.htm (last visited September 20, 2012).

²⁶ *Issues*, George Allen: U.S. Senate, <http://www.georgeallen.com/issues/> (last visited September 20, 2012); *Virginia Senator: George Allen, On the Issues*, http://www.ontheissues.org/senate/George_Allen.htm (last visited September 20, 2012).

	Supports the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which act would have added "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to federal law governing employers.	Opposes adding sexual orientation as a protected class with race, disability, and other immutable characteristics. Supports upholding the Defense of Marriage Act. Does not support homosexuals adopting children.
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare)	Supports ObamaCare	Supports repeal of ObamaCare.
Gun Rights	Supports the Second Amendment. Supports preventing felons and the mentally ill from purchasing guns.	Supports allowing concealed carry in national parks. Voted against the "assault weapons ban." Supports allowing law enforcement officers to carry outside of their home states.
Government Oversight	Supports environmental regulations.	Supports allowing a super majority (3/4) of states to repeal laws enacted by Congress. Supports allowing a super majority (3/4) of states to ratify the Constitution without congressional approval. Voted against mercury regulations. Opposes regulatory overreach by the EPA, NLRB, and FCC. Supports requiring congressional approval of major regulations.
Fiscal Reform	Supports removing tax subsidies from major oil companies. Supports reducing tax credits and deductions. Supports allowing the Bush tax cuts to expire, which would effectively raise taxes.	Supports a Balanced Budget Amendment. Supports reducing taxes on businesses to 20%. Supports allowing Americans to choose a flat tax.

Immigration	Supports a pathway to citizenship. Supports the DREAM Act.	Voted to build a fence along the southern border. Voted against creating a new guest worker program. Voted against providing guest workers a pathway to citizenship.
Israel	Not addressed.	Supports providing aid to Israel.
Judiciary	Not addressed.	Supports confirmation of only judges who are committed to the rule of law, rather than the application of foreign law or judicial activism. Supports having federal judges serve for terms, subject to reconfirmation, rather than lifetime appointments. Voted to confirm Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Alito.
Wisconsin: Open Seat		
<i>Issue</i>	<i>Tammy Baldwin (D)</i> ²⁷	<i>Tommy Thompson (R)</i> ²⁸
Abortion and Human Life	Voted to allow federal health coverage that includes abortion. Voted to allow embryonic stem cell research. Voted to allow minors to cross state lines for the purpose of undergoing an abortion. Voted against banning partial-birth abortion. Voted to allow federal funding of organizations that promote and provide abortions.	Supports partial-birth abortion ban. Supports abortion in the cases of rape, incest, and mother's health. Supports overturning <i>Roe v. Wade</i> and leaving abortion issue to states.
Family Values	Voted for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which act would have added "sexual orientation" and	Opposes the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which act would have added "sexual orientation" and "gender

²⁷ *Tammy Baldwin: U.S. Senate 2012*, <http://www.tammybaldwin.com/issues/> (last visited September 20, 2012); *Wisconsin House, Tammy Baldwin, On the Issues*, http://www.ontheissues.org/house/Tammy_Baldwin.htm (last visited September 20, 2012).

²⁸ *Tommy Thompson's Restore America: Bold Reforms, Innovative Solutions*, <http://www.tommyforwisconsin.com/issues/> (last visited September 20, 2012); *Former Secretary of H.H.S.: Tommy Thompson*, http://www.ontheissues.org/Tommy_Thompson.htm (last visited September 20, 2012).

	<p>"gender identity" to federal law governing employers.</p> <p>Supports repealing the Defense of Marriage Act.</p> <p>Voted against affirming the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.</p> <p>Voted to repeal "Don't Ask Don't Tell."</p> <p>Voted to allow homosexuals to adopt in the District of Columbia.</p>	<p>identity" to federal law governing employers.</p>
Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare)	Voted for ObamaCare.	Supports repeal of ObamaCare.
Gun Rights	Voted against decreasing gun waiting period from 3 days to 1.	Opposes gun control.
Government Oversight	<p>Voted to regulate the subprime mortgage industry.</p> <p>Voted to allow the EPA to regulate greenhouse gasses.</p> <p>Voted to require lobbyists to disclose bundled donations.</p>	Not addressed.
Fiscal Reform	<p>Voted against eliminating the death tax and marriage penalties.</p> <p>Supports increasing taxes on high-income earners.</p>	<p>Supports capping taxes at 18.5 percent of GDP.</p> <p>Supports a flat tax system.</p> <p>Supports exemptions from capital gains taxes.</p> <p>Supports reducing corporate tax rates to 25 percent.</p> <p>Supports reforming federal pay and benefits, increasing retirement age for federal employees, creating a performance-management system, increasing federal employee contributions to healthcare, and decreasing federal employees' paid time off.</p>
Immigration	Voted against building a fence along the southern border.	Supports securing the borders.

	Voted against requiring reporting of illegal aliens who receive hospital treatment.	
Israel	Encouraged easing the Israeli blockade on Gaza.	Not addressed.
Judiciary	Not addressed.	Not addressed.