

# Arizona US Senate 2024

## THE ISSUES

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<b>ABORTION</b> Ban or legal?	<b>Legal.</b> Cosponsored bills to protect abortion <a href="#">access</a> , <a href="#">abortion service providers</a> , and reproductive health <a href="#">data</a> . <a href="#">About Roe v. Wade</a> and Arizona's abortion rights initiative: "The only protection we really, really have is to codify this and put this on the ballot and enshrine Roe."	<b>Ban.</b> In 2021 said Arizona should pass a " <a href="#">carbon copy</a> " of a <a href="#">Texas law</a> , with a ban at six weeks, <a href="#">no exceptions</a> for incest or rape, and incentives for individual citizens to sue people who aid or perform an abortion. In 2022 was " <a href="#">incredibly thrilled</a> " with Arizona's 1864 near-total ban. In 2024, after an Arizona Court upheld the 1864 ban, said she <a href="#">supported exceptions</a> for rape, incest, and the mother's life.
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Should climate change be a top priority?	<b>Yes.</b> "The climate is changing and <a href="#">we need to act</a> ." We "can't keep <a href="#">kicking the climate can</a> down the road." <a href="#">Supported</a> a \$369 billion commitment to climate and clean energy, the <a href="#">biggest investment</a> in US history. <a href="#">Voted to keep programs</a> reducing greenhouse gas emissions.	<b>No.</b> "Radical leftists... have spent months pushing <a href="#">mass hysteria</a> ... to declare a climate emergency." <a href="#">Opposed</a> \$369 billion climate and energy investments. "We can't keep pushing <a href="#">this green agenda</a> that is actually destroying our jobs and our economy."
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b> How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	<a href="#">Voted to keep</a> a Washington, DC law banning neck restraints and expanding body cameras. <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill to confront a crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women by helping tribal police provide more protection. <a href="#">Condemned</a> efforts to defund police.	" <a href="#">Stop</a> this assault on our police." <a href="#">Opposes</a> civilian review boards. <a href="#">Protect police</a> from lawsuits. "Police do not target <a href="#">people of color</a> ." <a href="#">Dismantle</a> the FBI. <a href="#">Don't let</a> people seek US asylum if they're leaving a country with "elevated crime."
<b>ECONOMY</b> Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	<b>Increase.</b> <a href="#">Supported</a> \$1.2 trillion <a href="#">bipartisan infrastructure bill</a> , which included <a href="#">more than \$1 billion for Arizona</a> infrastructure. <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill funding anti-poverty programs. <a href="#">Opposed</a> cutting funding for IRS operations and enforcement.	<b>Decrease.</b> <a href="#">Would</a> "slash the federal government by 50 percent." <a href="#">Would</a> "make life easier for our mining industry," even "if we have to push back against the federal government to do that."
<b>EDUCATION</b> Limit teaching of issues around racism and gender identity?	<b>Likely no.</b> " <a href="#">Banning books</a> " is what communists do. " <a href="#">Black history</a> is American history."	<b>Limit.</b> "Our schools need to concentrate on educating our young generation. Truly educating, not indoctrinating... <a href="#">not forcing</a> this DEI (diversity, equity, inclusion) garbage."
<b>ELECTIONS</b> Did Joe Biden win the 2020 Presidential election?	<b>Yes.</b> <a href="#">Sees a threat</a> to elections from election officials who "support former President Trump's false claim that the 2020 election was stolen."	<b>No.</b> "It was a <a href="#">rigged election</a> ." The results "were garbage and EVERYBODY knows it. That's why the corrupt swamp creatures are going after everyone who speaks the truth about our <a href="#">fraudulent elections</a> . Trump won."

ISSUES	GALLEGO (D)	LAKE (R)
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	<b>Tighten.</b> <a href="#">Protect</a> the Grand Canyon from mining. <a href="#">Tax</a> companies that grow water-intensive crops in drought areas. <a href="#">Strengthen</a> pollution safeguards.	<b>Loosen.</b> “ <a href="#">Open</a> our oil reserves to exploration.” <a href="#">Would</a> exempt her proposed water delivery system from “lengthy environmental review processes.”
<b>GUN LAWS</b> Loosen or tighten gun regulation?	<b>Tighten.</b> <a href="#">Supports</a> “commonsense policies that keep guns out of the wrong hands.” <a href="#">Opposed</a> efforts to <a href="#">block</a> red flag laws, ghost gun restrictions, and other firearm regulations.	<b>Loosen.</b> <a href="#">Calls</a> background checks, red flag laws, and waiting periods “unconstitutional.” <a href="#">Supporters should</a> “maybe strap on a Glock” to be ready for the 2024 election.
<b>HEALTH CARE</b> Increase or decrease government support for health care?	<b>Increase.</b> <a href="#">Supports</a> Medicaid expansion and <a href="#">voted against</a> Obamacare <a href="#">repeal</a> . <a href="#">Voted to lower</a> drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries, including \$35 limit on insulin cost. <a href="#">Supports</a> funding improved rural healthcare access.	<b>Decrease.</b> “We need to <a href="#">overturn Obamacare</a> and come up with something better.”
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?	<a href="#">Supports</a> a bipartisan immigration bill to address <a href="#">border reform</a> . <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill to give DACA participants a <a href="#">pathway</a> toward permanent residence after US military service.	<a href="#">Opposes</a> the bipartisan immigration bill. <a href="#">It</a> “legalizes nearly 2 million invaders.” <a href="#">Opposes</a> the military <a href="#">pathway for DACA</a> bill. <a href="#">Supports</a> ending automatic citizenship for anyone born in the US. <a href="#">Expand</a> border wall.
<b>LABOR</b> Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	<b>Easier.</b> <a href="#">Supported</a> the <a href="#">Protect</a> the Right to Organize Act, which expands the rights of unions to organize workers.	<b>Unclear.</b> Has <a href="#">criticized</a> the “union bosses” of teachers unions.
<b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b> Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	<b>Expand.</b> “ <a href="#">Will</a> continue to fight for the LGBTQ+ community.” <a href="#">Voted</a> for the <a href="#">Equality Act</a> , to expand protections against discrimination.	<b>Limit.</b> “ <a href="#">They kicked God</a> out of schools and welcomed the Drag Queens.” <a href="#">Adding</a> sexual orientation to nondiscrimination law infringes on religious freedom. Will shut down “this whole <a href="#">push for transgenderism</a> .”
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Ban or legal?	<b>Legal.</b> <a href="#">Voted to</a> decriminalize <a href="#">marijuana</a> . As AZ state Representative, <a href="#">introduced</a> a 2014 bill to legalize. <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill to allow <a href="#">banking services</a> to a state-legal marijuana business.	<b>Unclear.</b> In 2018 said <a href="#">a campaign</a> to increase school funding and teacher pay was “a big push to legalize pot.” <a href="#">She later apologized</a> .
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	<b>Raise.</b> “ <a href="#">Raise</a> the minimum wage to a living wage of at least \$15/hour.”	<b>No position found.</b>
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	<b>Yes.</b> <a href="#">Supports</a> Biden student debt relief package. Would work to <a href="#">reduce</a> the “soaring costs of higher education.”	<b>No.</b> Regarding Biden’s student loan forgiveness, said “Democrats... will <a href="#">rob you blind</a> and expect you to thank them for it.”
<b>TAXES</b> Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	<b>Raise.</b> “We need to <a href="#">end the system</a> of tax loopholes and exorbitant giveaways for the rich.” <a href="#">Opposed</a> extending the 2017 Trump <a href="#">tax cuts</a> that included the largest corporate cuts in US history and major tax cuts for the wealthy.	<b>Lower.</b> <a href="#">Would vote to</a> extend the 2017 Trump tax cuts.
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Make voting harder or easier?	<b>Easier.</b> <a href="#">Would</a> “fortify...our sacred right to vote.” <a href="#">Supported</a> the Freedom to Vote Act, which would have <a href="#">required</a> same-day voter registration, made Election Day a public holiday, required a minimum number of early voting days, and let people vote absentee by mail for any reason.	<b>Harder.</b> <a href="#">Wants to</a> end early voting. “We have to get back to voting on Election Day.” <a href="#">Wants</a> electronic voting machines declared unconstitutional. <a href="#">Opposed then supported</a> mail balloting.

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