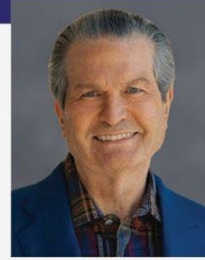


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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Legal. Would repeal Georgia's heartbeat abortion law, which bans abortions at six weeks. Calls for restoring "Roe standards where a woman could have the right to choose." "Women are facing unnecessary obstacles...and too many mothers are dying from delayed care and preventable complications."	Ban. Would defend Georgia's heartbeat bill, which bans abortions at six weeks. "No one is more pro-life than me." Has " supported pro-life candidates and groups for years." Supports "rescuing babies from abortions, being there for expecting mothers, and supporting families." " Every life is precious."
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Yes. "The investment [in clean energy] on the front end is going to be worth the savings on the back end." In 2021 as Atlanta mayor, launched an initiative to install solar panels in municipal facilities. "Clean, renewable energy sources are investments...to combat climate change." In 2019 launched Clean Energy Atlanta "to transition to 100 percent clean energy by 2035."	Unclear. Said he is "the largest outside investor" in a new U.S. Gulf Coast oil refinery in Brownsville, Texas. The refinery would process 100 percent domestic shale oil using advanced, hydrogen-powered systems to produce ultra-low-carbon fuels. "We're going to sell our oil. We're going to do over like 100,000 barrels a day, and that gives us more ability to do it ourselves. It costs less."
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	"Safer communities require both enforcement and prevention." Would "increase state support for local law enforcement..., expand diversion and treatment options for nonviolent cases, and strengthen reentry pathways." As mayor, backed the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center: "We want well-trained police officers and firefighters in our communities." Calls for police "creating relationships with community."	Would "end the soft-on-crime insanity, keep violent criminals behind bars, and protect the most vulnerable." Would "fully support law enforcement with resources, training, and respect." " Excusing criminal behavior because someone claims to be a victim is nonsense—they must take responsibility for their own actions." " Upholding the law is the best way to stop lawlessness."
EDUCATION How to handle state education?	Would "fully fund Georgia's schools." Would "guarantee universal Pre-K" and require "full-day kindergarten." Would eliminate "the state income tax for teachers to help recruit and retain excellent educators." Supports "creating a path to free technical and community college."	Supports a state bill to hire a literacy coach in every elementary school. Says "two-thirds of Georgia's kids aren't proficient [in reading]" and would "make [fixing] this a priority." Would opt into a federal program providing tax credits for donations to private school scholarships.
EDUCATION Limit teaching about racism and gender identity?	No position found.	Yes. "Schools exist to educate—not indoctrinate." Would "prohibit DEI programs" and "ban ideological indoctrination in schools."
DATA CENTERS Loosen or tighten rules around data center development?	Mixed. In 2020 as mayor, supported Microsoft's development of data centers in Atlanta. In 2026, said "we've moved too fast on data centers." Calls for a moratorium to assess data centers' "unknown impact" and "drain on the environment" & their link to "rising utility costs."	Mostly loosen. "I'm very pro data center." Says data centers, with guardrails in place, can bring economic benefits. Opposes a moratorium on building data centers. "Every community should decide whether they want [data centers] or not." Would not give data centers tax breaks.

ISSUES	BOTTOMS (D)	JACKSON (R)
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun laws?	Tighten. I support the Second Amendment." "We need to strengthen our gun laws." Says Georgia has "some of the most lax gun laws." Supports universal background checks and " red flag laws." In 2019 as Atlanta mayor, signed a letter urging Congress to pass bills to close background check loopholes.	Loosen. "There'll be no stronger defender of the Second Amendment than me." Opposes banning semi-automatic firearms. Would veto " red flag " laws, a mandatory waiting period on firearm purchases, and firearm safe storage laws. "My position on the Second Amendment is simple: ' Shall not be infringed.'"
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government support for health care?	Increase. Would "expand Medicaid to cut costs and close the coverage gap." Would "expand EMS, mobile health, telehealth, and labor and delivery access." Would launch an independent board to review drug prices and protect patients "from price gouging." Calls reopening hospitals in rural communities "a priority." Supports "strengthening Georgia's mental health system."	Mixed. Calls for eliminating the " middlemen who add layers, hide prices, and drive up costs." Supports using technology better, expanding "options in rural Georgia," and covering "mental health care." Supports TrumpRx , says drugs should be sent "from the manufacturer directly to the consumer."
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	Supports local police working with ICE if "it's responsible and lawful collaboration" focused on "removing hardened criminals" without "targeting those ...most vulnerable." Supports increasing the number of immigration judges to "help process asylum applications." "I'm deeply concerned about the administration's efforts to suspend due process." In 2018 as mayor opposed ending DACA .	Would "make Georgia number one in the nation for deporting criminal illegal immigrants." Says "criminal illegals" will be "deported or departed." Would "work with ICE and provide any information that they need." Opposes " sanctuary cities ," calling them "ludicrous." "We need to uphold all laws, including immigration laws that the feds require of us."
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?	Likely easier. "Human rights and workers' rights go hand in hand." "I am grateful " to be endorsed by the American Federation of Government Employees.	No position found.
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Expand. Would "expand opportunity" for "LGTBQ+ people." Would "protect marriage equality." Opposes a state bill banning transgender students from participating in women's sports in public schools and universities. "That decision should be left to respective athletic associations ." In 2019 as mayor, signed a resolution opposing conversion therapy .	Limit. "There are two genders , and they are God-given." Would imprison "those who would change a child's gender to alter their sex." Supports requiring schools to inform parents if their children use a different pronoun, name, or gender identity. Would "ensure boys do not compete in girls' sports or use girls' bathrooms or locker rooms."
TAXES How to handle state taxes?	Supports extending Georgia's gas tax suspension "to provide working families with relief from...spiking [gas] costs." Says eliminating property taxes that fund schools, transportation, and libraries is "irresponsible." Proposed eliminating state income taxes for teachers.	Would "cut the state income tax in half within four years and work to eliminate it within eight." Would "freeze property taxes immediately." Calls for eliminating taxes for people 65 years and older who served in the military, in law enforcement, or as teachers. Supports extending Georgia's gas tax suspension.
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Easier. "Our government should be making it easier for Georgians to vote, not harder." Would establish "a state-level Voting Rights Act." Would " veto any maps that attempt to dilute minority participation in the state." Supports expanding "acceptable voter ID options" and making "Election Day a state holiday." Would "create same-day voter registration" and "expand early voting."	Harder. Supports a bill requiring proof of citizenship to register to vote in federal elections. "You should have to show [an ID] to vote."

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