

Nevada Governor

THE ISSUES

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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Ban. Is “pro-life” except for “health of the mother, sexual assault, and incest.” But says “There's nothing that I could really do” to change existing Nevada law allowing abortion up to 24 weeks, beyond bringing a ballot initiative “and hopefully people vote the position I feel.” Would repeal Sisolak order providing legal protection to out-of-state abortion patients, a stance he later softened on.	Legal. Would “continue protecting access to abortion.” After Roe v Wade was overturned, signed an executive order keeping information private for out-of-state patients who come from states where abortion is banned, to protect them from legal risk. Says if re-elected would seek to codify the order into law.
CLIMATE Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit the output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?	No position found.	Yes. In 2019 signed a bill setting a goal of “zero or near-zero emissions” by 2050. Passed a 2021 energy bill with “climate forward policies.” Nevada has “the highest number of solar panels per capita in the nation.”
EDUCATION Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	Yes. Will “increase school choice options by expanding access to charter schools, opportunity scholarships, and education saving accounts.”	Mixed. “Public education funding must stay in public schools.” However signed a bill increasing funding for public charters , free public schools that are privately run, and a bill restoring private school scholarship program funded by tax credits.
EDUCATION How to address the teaching of issues around racism?	Opposes critical race theory, which teaches “kids to be ashamed of themselves.” The “existing education and curriculum that we, you and I, even generations before us had” is sufficient “for learning our history.”	Signed into law a bill designed to make social studies education more multicultural, including the historic contributions of members of groups such as immigrants, Native Americans, religious organizations, and the LGBTQ community.
EDUCATION Increase funding for K-12 and higher education?	Mixed. Supports the revised K-12 education funding formula passed by lawmakers in 2021 , but also calls for a “comprehensive” audit of the existing system before deciding whether current funding, including teachers’ pay, is appropriate.	Yes. Signed a bill that increased education funding with taxes on the mining industry, including a new excise tax on mines. Allocated \$200 million to address learning loss caused by the COVID pandemic.
ENVIRONMENT How to address low water levels in state lakes and rivers?	When negotiating for Colorado River water, the governor should be “sure that we get our fair share, especially from the state of California.”	“We’ve been a leader in water conservation,” and need other states relying on Colorado River water “to do the same thing that we’re doing.”
GUN RULES Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?	Mostly less. Eliminated the Clark County gun registry. Opposes red flag laws or limits on “ghost guns” and high-capacity magazines. Supports some background checks and opposes bump stocks.	More. Supports banning bump stocks, “closing the gun show loophole,” and “common-sense background checks.” “We can't end the gun violence problem by having more guns... There's no reason to own an AR-15.”

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HEALTH CARE Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, or promoting COVID safety?	No. Opposes Nevada's public health insurance option that goes into effect in 2026. As sheriff, implemented a COVID vaccine mandate for new hires, but not for existing employees. Would have shut down businesses at the outset of the pandemic, but would have opened them sooner. Calls Nevada's mask mandate "political theater."	Yes. Signed a bill establishing a state public health insurance option. Will join a multi-state prescription drug consortium to lower drug prices. Mandated COVID vaccines for state employees working with vulnerable populations.
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for "DACA" participants brought to the US as children?	Has a "zero tolerance" immigration policy. "I support legal immigration; I do not support illegal immigration." "America must secure its borders...America must also oppose and defund Sanctuary Cities." No position found on DACA.	Supports a path to citizenship for DACA participants. Signed a bill creating the Office for New Americans. Does not support repealing Title 42, which, because of the pandemic, allows deportations of asylum seekers before they are interviewed for eligibility.
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	Mostly harder. Opposes requiring union labor on affordable housing projects. "I support unionization, but the playing field has to be level. Everybody has to have equal opportunity...no matter if they're union or not."	Easier. Signed a bill to allow collective bargaining for state employees.
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Limit. Supports Florida law limiting classroom discussion about sexual orientation. High school students should only compete in sports with members of the same biological sex.	Expand. Supports transgender youth. Signed bills that increased access to HIV healthcare and repealed laws that criminalized transmission of HIV. Called Florida bill limiting classroom discussion "hateful."
MARIJUANA Should recreational marijuana be banned or legal?	Legal, since it is state law. In 2016, didn't personally support medical or recreational marijuana but would enforce legalization. Supports cannabis consumption lounges, if they don't sell alcohol.	Legal. Created a Cannabis Compliance Board to oversee the marijuana industry. "Cannabis isn't only a tourism boon—it's a revenue creator, a way to diversify our economy." Signed a bill to create cannabis consumption lounges.
MINIMUM WAGE Keep or raise the state minimum from \$10.50 per hour?	No position found.	Raise. Signed a 2019 bill that raises the Nevada minimum wage by 75 cents each year beginning on January 1, 2020 until it reaches \$12 per hour.
POLICE AND COMMUNITY How to address police use of force?	Would reverse "soft-on-crime policies" that make "it harder for the police to do their jobs." Wants "more officers on the street" and "a multicultural advisory council." Says police face "a lack of resources" to deal with problems of "people that are in distress," such as mental illness and homelessness.	Signed bills that limit no-knock warrants and give the Attorney General more authority to investigate state and local agencies accused of discriminatory behavior. Raised State Police funding. "It's critical that [Nevadans] trust that those charged with protecting them do so with integrity."
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID Support lowering interest on student loans or forgiving them?	No position found.	Yes, for specific groups. Signed a bill to expand loan forgiveness for health care professionals working in rural areas. Supports free tuition for community college students.
VOTING RULES Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?	Yes. Will end universal mail-in voting and support voter ID requirements. Says state's universal mail-in ballots can "create an environment for fraud."	No. Signed legislation that established a universal mail-in voting system.

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