

# Wisconsin US Senate 2024

## THE ISSUES

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<b>ABORTION</b> Ban or legal?	<b>Legal.</b> “I am <a href="#">pro-choice</a> .... Women should decide.” <a href="#">Sponsored</a> the 2023 Women’s Health Protection Act to ensure national access to abortion; would <a href="#">ban</a> state restrictions earlier in pregnancy—and later if the mother’s health is at risk.	<b>Mostly ban.</b> In 2012 “totally <a href="#">opposed</a> ” legalized abortion. Supported overturning Roe v. Wade. Now <a href="#">supports</a> a statewide referendum on abortion ban after 3 months. “That’s more than <a href="#">enough</a> reasonable time for a woman to make a choice.” (The Wisconsin constitution bars <a href="#">referendums</a> .)
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Should climate change be a top priority?	<b>Yes.</b> “The longer we fail to act, the more <a href="#">costly</a> climate change will be.” <a href="#">Supported</a> the Inflation Reduction <a href="#">Act</a> to “ <a href="#">tackle</a> climate change.” <a href="#">Voted</a> to update public transit for climate friendliness. <a href="#">Committed</a> to working with local communities to find solutions.	<b>No.</b> His campaign <a href="#">website</a> doesn’t mention climate. The push to end fossil fuel use before the next half-century is “ <a href="#">delusional</a> .” To think you’re “going to move an economy of this size... from its existing <a href="#">energy</a> sources in... a decade, you are smoking crack.”
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b> How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	“Wisconsinites <a href="#">deserve</a> to be safe in their communities.” <a href="#">Secured funding</a> for <a href="#">law enforcement</a> for training, <a href="#">transparency</a> , and accountability. Worked to ensure <a href="#">first responders</a> can give overdose reversal drugs. Sponsored the <a href="#">FEND Off Fentanyl Act</a> .	<a href="#">Opposes</a> “defunding the police,” what he calls the “ <a href="#">left’s dystopian vision</a> .”
<b>ECONOMY</b> Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	<b>Increase.</b> “ <a href="#">Small businesses</a> are the backbone of our economy.” Supports Buy American rules and fair-trade practices. <a href="#">Opposes</a> “corporate mergers that ... reduce competition.” <a href="#">Supported</a> the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill.	<b>Decrease.</b> Calls for a private-sector-driven “ <a href="#">pro-growth environment</a> .” Criticizes recent growth in size of national <a href="#">debt</a> . Says he has the <a href="#">business experience</a> needed “to restore economic sanity.”
<b>EDUCATION</b> Limit teaching of issues around racism and gender identity?	<b>No.</b> “We must do better at educating the next generation on the <a href="#">full history</a> of our country.” Worked to <a href="#">protect students</a> from bullying and harassment based on sexual orientation or gender identity.	<b>Yes.</b> “ <a href="#">We’ve collapsed patriotism</a> .” “We’ve told [students] their <a href="#">country is flawed</a> and it’s wrong and it’s irredeemable. Are you kidding me? We live in the greatest country in the history of mankind.”
<b>ELECTIONS</b> Did Joe Biden win the 2020 Presidential election?	<b>Yes.</b> The election was “ <a href="#">free and fair</a> .” We have a “shared responsibility to safeguard our democracy.”	<b>Mixed.</b> Was the 2020 election stolen? “No. But did things happen in that election that were very <a href="#">troublesome</a> ? Absolutely.”
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	<b>Tighten.</b> <a href="#">Supported</a> the Inflation Reduction Act to “ <a href="#">preserve</a> our way of life, economy, and wellbeing.” Called for community projects to clean up the <a href="#">Mississippi River</a> . Worked to <a href="#">increase funding</a> for Great Lakes restoration.	<b>Loosen.</b> Would <a href="#">roll back</a> some environmental regulations to expand energy production and resource development.
<b>GUN LAWS</b> Loosen or tighten gun regulation?	<b>Tighten.</b> “Congress has <a href="#">failed</a> to take action on gun violence and far too many lives have been lost.” <a href="#">Supports</a> background checks, anti-violence programs, and mental health services.	<b>Likely loosen.</b> No current position found. In a 2012 campaign for US Senate: “I fully support the <a href="#">rights</a> of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, no exception.”

ISSUES	BALDWIN (D)	HOVDE (R)
<b>HEALTHCARE</b> Increase or decrease government support for healthcare?	<b>Increase.</b> “No American should have to <a href="#">choose</a> between basic necessities... and paying for the drugs they need.” <a href="#">Introduced</a> the <a href="#">Capping Prescription Costs Act</a> . <a href="#">Supports</a> expanding Obamacare, Medicare, and Medicaid. Calls for addressing “ <a href="#">racial disparities</a> ” that exist in our nation’s health care system.”	<b>Decrease.</b> “ <a href="#">Obamacare</a> created monopolies and oligarchies and wiped out the family doctor.” <a href="#">Repeal</a> it. It’s “ <a href="#">stupid</a> ” to keep young adults on their parents’ insurance until age 26. Would continue protecting benefits for <a href="#">pre-existing conditions</a> .”
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?	Backed the 2024 bipartisan <a href="#">border bill</a> : “I voted to <a href="#">secure</a> our border, support law enforcement, & stop the fentanyl from coming in.” Supports DACA <a href="#">Dreamers</a> , “who have only known America as their home.”	“Biden... <a href="#">opened</a> our southern border,” letting “criminals and terrorists” enter and “drug cartels to flood our streets with fentanyl.” <a href="#">Advocates</a> stricter security measures. Called 2024 bipartisan border bill “a <a href="#">total joke</a> .” No position found on DACA.
<b>LABOR</b> Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	<b>Easier.</b> “Unions <a href="#">built</a> the middle class.” <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill to protect workers’ right to organize: “Wisconsin has a <a href="#">proud tradition</a> of... giving workers a strong voice.”	<b>No position found.</b>
<b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b> Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	<b>Expand.</b> <a href="#">Sponsored</a> the Equality Act, banning discrimination against LGBTQ people: “It is <a href="#">wrong</a> that... LGBTQ+ people can be denied an apartment, cut from a job,... or face other forms of discrimination.” Brought 12 Senate Republicans on board <a href="#">to protect</a> same-sex and interracial marriages.	<b>Limit.</b> <a href="#">Supports</a> restrictions on gender-affirming treatments for minors and believes “men shouldn’t be playing [in] girls sports—period.”
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Ban or legal?	<b>Legal.</b> Has “long supported <a href="#">decriminalization</a> of marijuana.” <a href="#">Supports</a> Biden’s move to reclassify marijuana. Sponsored a bill to protect state <a href="#">medical marijuana</a> programs from federal interference.	<b>Unclear.</b> Agreed with a listener who called it a “gateway.” “I’m <a href="#">opposed</a> to it as well.” It can be <a href="#">decriminalized</a> but shouldn’t be commercialized. “I’m a libertarian in most cases—not when it comes to drugs.”
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	<b>Yes.</b> <a href="#">Sponsored</a> 2021 legislation to raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 per by 2025: “It is past time to <a href="#">raise</a> the minimum wage.”	<b>No.</b> “Minimum wage was <a href="#">never</a> supposed to be a living wage.” Low-wage jobs should <a href="#">motivate</a> people to find better careers.
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	<b>Yes.</b> It “has the potential to provide significant <a href="#">relief</a> to millions of borrowers.” <a href="#">Sponsored</a> legislation in 2022 to provide student loan forgiveness to beginning <a href="#">farmers and ranchers</a> .”	<b>No.</b> “It’s <a href="#">unfair</a> at every single level.” Biden’s debt forgiveness plan “does NOTHING to address the <a href="#">cost</a> of higher education.”
<b>TAXES</b> Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	<b>Raise.</b> “Hardworking Wisconsin families <a href="#">should not</a> be paying more in taxes than the wealthiest Americans.” Calls for a <a href="#">fairer tax code</a> and an end to loopholes that benefit “super wealthy” money managers.	<b>Lower.</b> Has <a href="#">supported</a> “lowering the corporate tax rate and eliminating... loopholes and deductions.” <a href="#">Supports</a> a minimum tax rate for corporations.
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Make voting harder or easier?	<b>Easier.</b> <a href="#">Sponsored</a> legislation to stop state-sanctioned voter suppression efforts: “The right to <a href="#">access</a> the ballot box... is foundational to how our democracy... works.”	<b>Likely harder.</b> Would “tighten up our voting process,... clean up our <a href="#">voting system</a> .” Addressing voter fraud claims, said “ <a href="#">Almost nobody</a> in a nursing home,” is at a point in life to vote. But says the “elderly should absolutely vote.”

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