

## FLORIDA SENATE CANDIDATE COMPARISON

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**Democrat**  
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Election Day  
**November 8, 2022**

**Marco Rubio**  
**Republican**  
*Incumbent*  
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Yes. <a href="#">Congratulated Biden on his inauguration</a> . Jan 6 committee will <a href="#">“uncover the truth.”</a> <a href="#">“Accountability matters.”</a>	<b>Elections</b> <i>Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?</i>	Mixed. Says <a href="#">Biden was legitimately elected</a> . Called Jan 6 committee a <a href="#">“partisan scam.”</a>
Increase. Voted for <a href="#">the CHIPS Act</a> and <a href="#">government incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act</a> . Voted for the <a href="#">American Rescue Plan’s</a> COVID relief and economic stimulus. <a href="#">Supported the \$1 trillion infrastructure funding bill</a> . Opposed <a href="#">weakening bank regulation</a> .	<b>Economy</b> <i>Decrease or increase government investment and regulation of the economy?</i>	Mostly decrease. <a href="#">Opposed American Rescue Plan &amp; bipartisan infrastructure bill</a> . <a href="#">Voted against the Inflation Reduction Act</a> . Voted <a href="#">against CHIPS Act</a> to foster U.S technology development; <a href="#">China theft must be dealt with first</a> . Co-wrote <a href="#">Paycheck Protection Program</a> for small-business relief.
No. Introduced a bill making states <a href="#">“facilitate absentee voting for federal elections.”</a> Cosponsored <a href="#">John R. Lewis Voting Rights bill to prevent practices that would reduce voting rights</a> .	<b>Voting Rights</b> <i>Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?</i>	Yes. Says absentee ballots had <a href="#">“massive fraud...so we banned those practices here in Florida.”</a> Voted against <a href="#">John R. Lewis Act</a> for <a href="#">“trying to ban voter ID and put Washington in charge of Florida’s elections.”</a>
Yes. <a href="#">“Climate change threatens everything we have tried to build as a nation and even as a species.”</a> Introduced a <a href="#">bill</a> to support U.S.-based solar energy components. Voted for the <a href="#">Inflation Reduction Act</a> , with \$369 billion in clean energy subsidies.	<b>Climate Change</b> <i>Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?</i>	Previously no. <a href="#">Questioned human role in climate change</a> . Recently joined <a href="#">bipartisan Senate Climate Solutions Caucus</a> while arguing to <a href="#">“produce more American oil.”</a> <a href="#">Voted against the Inflation Reduction Act</a> , with \$369 billion in clean energy subsidies, calling the bill <a href="#">“garbage.”</a>
More. Introduced a bill to expand federal gun regulation. Cosponsored <a href="#">background check bill</a> . <a href="#">“So many of these tragedies can be prevented with simple, basic policies like background checks.”</a> <a href="#">Voted for bipartisan gun safety bill</a> .	<b>Gun Laws</b> <i>Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?</i>	Mostly less. Calls <a href="#">background checks and gun control ineffective</a> . Supported allowing <a href="#">individuals with home-state concealed carry privileges</a> to carry in all states. Allow courts to <a href="#">remove guns from people who pose a threat</a> . <a href="#">Voted against bipartisan gun safety bill</a> .
Yes. <a href="#">“Healthcare is a right.”</a> <a href="#">Defends ACA</a> . Voted for <a href="#">Medicaid expansion</a> . Voted for <a href="#">Medicare negotiating the price of prescription drugs</a> . <a href="#">“We must...invest today to prevent the next pandemic.”</a>	<b>Health Care</b> <i>Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, or promoting COVID safety?</i>	No. <a href="#">Voted to repeal ACA</a> . <a href="#">“ObamaCare has led to rising premiums, a collapse of the individual insurance market....”</a> Voted against <a href="#">drug price negotiation and healthcare provisions of Inflation Reduction Act</a> . Opposed <a href="#">COVID mask mandates</a> .
Immigration reform is <a href="#">“critical for our economy”</a> and necessary to protect DACA recipients, Florida farmers and Temporary Protected Status recipients. <a href="#">Voted to give DACA participants a path to citizenship</a> .	<b>Immigration</b> <i>How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?</i>	<a href="#">“We need laws that decide who and how many people can come here, and those laws must be followed and enforced.”</a> <a href="#">Voted against giving DACA participants a path to citizenship</a> .
More. Voted for the <a href="#">Inflation Reduction Act</a> , with provisions that <a href="#">set a minimum corporate tax and taxed corporate stock buybacks</a> . Voted against the <a href="#">2017 tax cuts</a> , with provisions that reduced corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%.	<b>Taxes</b> <i>Should corporations and wealthier individuals pay less or more taxes?</i>	Less. <a href="#">Voted for the 2017 tax cuts</a> that reduced corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%, though he also <a href="#">criticized them</a> . <a href="#">Voted against the Inflation Reduction Act</a> , which contained <a href="#">corporate tax provisions</a> . Opposed high-earner tax increases, <a href="#">“Once you set up a new federal tax...They’ll keep going down the income brackets.”</a>
Legal. <a href="#">“We must work relentlessly to preserve our right to choose and our right to privacy. We must protect Roe v. Wade in federal law.”</a>	<b>Abortion</b> <i>Ban or legal?</i>	Ban. Calls <a href="#">“abortion epidemic ”</a> an <a href="#">“atrocitiy”</a> and <a href="#">right to life “fundamental”</a> and <a href="#">“sacred.”</a> Voted <a href="#">against codifying the right to an abortion</a> . <a href="#">“What we need is a pro-life plan for post-Roe America.”</a>

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## WISCONSIN SENATE CANDIDATE COMPARISON

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**Mandela Barnes**  
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Election Day  
**November 8, 2022**

**Ron Johnson**  
**Republican**  
*Incumbent*  
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Yes. <a href="#">Calls claims that Donald Trump won the 2020 election "the big lie."</a>	<b>Elections</b> <i>Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?</i>	Unclear. Said <a href="#">election was legitimate</a> , but held a <a href="#">Senate hearing to discuss voter fraud after the Electoral College confirmed Biden</a> . <a href="#">Called for an audit of the election</a> , and his chief of staff tried to <a href="#">deliver</a> to VP Mike Pence a slate of fake-electors backing Trump.
Increase. Supports <a href="#">Infrastructure Act</a> , bipartisan federal legislation that <a href="#">"would invest billions in critical infrastructure for Wisconsin."</a> Supports <a href="#">Made in America Act</a> , which would <a href="#">require federal contracts to use American goods and services</a> .	<b>Economy</b> <i>Decrease or increase government investment and regulation of the economy?</i>	Mostly decrease. Would <a href="#">cut federal spending</a> . <a href="#">Make all federal spending, including Social Security and Medicare, subject to yearly evaluations and adjustments</a> . <a href="#">Voted against 2021 Infrastructure Act</a> . In 2018 supported <a href="#">state investment in a new Foxconn plant</a> in Wisconsin.
No. Supports the <a href="#">John Lewis Voting Rights Act</a> , which would restore parts of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Supports <a href="#">online, automatic, and same-day voter registration</a> .	<b>Voting Rights</b> <i>Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?</i>	Yes. <a href="#">Opposes drop-boxes used during 2020 election</a> . Says that <a href="#">voter suppression is not happening</a> . <a href="#">"We've made voting incredibly easy. Nobody's suppressing the vote."</a> <a href="#">"There's nothing racist about voter ID."</a>
Yes. <a href="#">"We need bold, powerful action to address climate change that breathes new life into our manufacturing industry."</a> Supports the <a href="#">Inflation Reduction Act</a> , including <a href="#">\$369 billion in renewable energy incentives</a> .	<b>Climate Change</b> <i>Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?</i>	No. <a href="#">Has called climate change "bullshit."</a> <a href="#">"I am not a climate change denier, but I also am not a climate change alarmist. Climate... has always changed and always will change."</a> <a href="#">Voted against Inflation Reduction Act</a> , which includes renewable energy incentives.
More. <a href="#">Supported the passage of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act</a> as <a href="#">"a historic first step."</a> <a href="#">"We need to pass common sense gun safety reforms now."</a>	<b>Gun Laws</b> <i>Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?</i>	Less. <a href="#">Voted against the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act</a> because it would erode <a href="#">"second amendment protections."</a>
Yes. Supports Medicaid expansion. <a href="#">"I believe everyone should have access to quality health care."</a> Supported <a href="#">more COVID relief funding</a> . Supported a <a href="#">mask mandate</a> in January 2021.	<b>Health Care</b> <i>Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, or promoting COVID safety?</i>	No. <a href="#">Has called health care "more of a privilege than a right"</a> . Supports <a href="#">repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act</a> (Obamacare), which features Medicaid expansion. Has <a href="#">questioned COVID vaccine safety</a> . Supported <a href="#">ivermectin as a COVID treatment</a> , despite <a href="#">FDA disapproval</a> .
Supports <a href="#">"comprehensive immigration reform" and a path to citizenship for DACA "Dreamers."</a> <a href="#">"A path to citizenship isn't just the humane thing to do—it's good for our economy."</a>	<b>Immigration</b> <i>How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for "DACA" participants brought to the US as children?</i>	Says he won't support immigration reform, including legislation on Dreamers, before the <a href="#">US-Mexico border is more secure</a> . <a href="#">"The first step in [immigration reform] is to secure the border."</a>
More. <a href="#">"When I'm in the Senate, the middle class is getting a tax cut and the billionaires are going to pay their fair share."</a>	<b>Taxes</b> <i>Should corporations and wealthier individuals pay less or more taxes?</i>	Less. <a href="#">Supported the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act</a> of 2017, which cut the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%. Supports <a href="#">"pro-growth tax reform."</a>
Legal. <a href="#">Supports Women's Health Protection Act to codify abortion protections</a> . <a href="#">"Abortion is health care. The right to choose is fundamental."</a>	<b>Abortion</b> <i>Ban or legal?</i>	Ban, but says <a href="#">it's an issue for each state</a> . Won't <a href="#">commit to a new proposed national ban on abortions at 15 weeks</a> , but has cosponsored six 20-week federal bans, most recently in <a href="#">2021</a> . <a href="#">Supported overturning Roe v. Wade and bans at 15 and 20 weeks</a> .

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Election Day  
**November 8, 2022**

Yes. <a href="#">Congratulated Biden</a> after the final 2020 results were announced.	<b>Elections</b> <i>Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?</i>	Mostly no. In Aug 2022: <a href="#">“I signed a letter... saying Donald Trump won the election and damn it I stand by my oath.”</a> In Sept 2022: <a href="#">“I have come to the conclusion... the election was not stolen”—but still alleges fraud.</a>
Increase. <a href="#">Wrote parts of American Rescue Plan to support small businesses.</a> Voted for <a href="#">research and development tax credits</a> . Supported <a href="#">\$25 million for low-income home energy.</a>	<b>Economy</b> <i>Decrease or increase government investment and regulation of the economy?</i>	Decrease. <a href="#">“We must reverse the growth of federal spending to reduce inflation. No more bailouts, no more government handouts, no more spending packages without corresponding cuts.”</a>
No. <a href="#">Voted for a bill that would expand voting access with automatic and same-day registration, along with early voting and mail-in voting.</a> It would also limit removing voters from rolls.	<b>Voting Rights</b> <i>Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?</i>	Yes. <a href="#">“This state has some election integrity issues.”</a> Supports <a href="#">stricter voter ID laws</a> , <a href="#">tightened voting rules</a> for college students, <a href="#">elimination of same-day registration</a> , and <a href="#">more restrictions on mail-in voting.</a>
Yes. <a href="#">“We must... address the existential threat posed by climate change and transition to a clean energy economy.”</a> <a href="#">Wrote parts of a bill to combat climate change, provide incentives for clean energy and lower carbon emissions.</a>	<b>Climate Change</b> <i>Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?</i>	No. Says climate change <a href="#">“is not a priority”</a> and <a href="#">opposes the Inflation Reduction Act, which included \$369 billion in renewable energy incentives.</a> Says <a href="#">other countries should do their part to reduce pollution.</a>
More. Supports <a href="#">universal background checks</a> and <a href="#">enacting red-flag laws</a> that temporarily remove guns from people deemed a threat. Supports <a href="#">banning high-capacity magazines.</a>	<b>Gun Laws</b> <i>Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?</i>	Less. <a href="#">Won’t “let anybody do anything to the Second Amendment.”</a> Opposes <a href="#">“any more regulation,”</a> such as <a href="#">red-flag laws.</a>
Yes. Voted for Inflation Reduction Act, which <a href="#">lowers Medicare prescription drug prices</a> and <a href="#">health insurance premiums.</a> In 2021 supported mandating <a href="#">large companies’ employees to “have regular COVID tests or get vaccinated.”</a>	<b>Health Care</b> <i>Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, or promoting COVID safety?</i>	No. Supports <a href="#">a private market approach.</a> In Aug 2022 opposed <a href="#">the Inflation Reduction Act authorizing Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices.</a> In August 2022 <a href="#">supported privatizing Medicare—but later reversed that.</a> Opposed <a href="#">COVID mask mandates.</a>
Supported <a href="#">more agents at border to stop fentanyl trafficking.</a> Criticized <a href="#">a plan to end a pandemic policy that allows US to turn away migrants at the southern border.</a> Supports <a href="#">a path to citizenship for DACA participants.</a>	<b>Immigration</b> <i>How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?</i>	Supports <a href="#">expanded border wall</a> between the U.S. and Mexico. <a href="#">“We must secure America’s borders and reduce crime. No excuses. No compromises.”</a> Opposes a <a href="#">path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.</a>
More. <a href="#">Voted against the 2017 tax cuts.</a> In 2022 voted for <a href="#">the Inflation Reduction Act, which established a minimum corporate tax rate.</a>	<b>Taxes</b> <i>Should corporations and wealthier individuals pay less or more taxes?</i>	Less. Supports <a href="#">cutting federal taxes overall,</a> and that <a href="#">includes renewing the 2017 tax cuts, which, among other items, decreased taxes on wealthy individuals.</a>
Legal. <a href="#">“I will fight and never back down.”</a> <a href="#">“We have to hold the line against any efforts to enact a nationwide abortion ban.”</a> <a href="#">Cosponsored Women’s Health Protection Act,</a> which would codify abortion rights.	<b>Abortion</b> <i>Ban or legal?</i>	Mostly ban. Supports <a href="#">overturn of Roe v. Wade.</a> <a href="#">“Why don’t we just rejoice?”</a> Before Sept 2022 supported <a href="#">protecting “lives from beginning to end.”</a> Then <a href="#">opposed a federal ban, saying states should decide.</a>

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*Incumbent*  
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Election Day  
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**Herschel Walker**  
**Republican**  
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Yes. Calls denial of the 2020 Presidential election <a href="#">“the Big Lie.”</a> <a href="#">“We have seen sadly a willingness by some to literally burn down the system for short-term political gain.”</a>	<b>Elections</b> <i>Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?</i>	No. <a href="#">The election was stolen.</a> <a href="#">“Everyone knows that something happened in the election.”</a> Charged <a href="#">“serious Election Fraud”</a> in <a href="#">Georgia</a> . Called for <a href="#">a re-vote in the seven closest states.</a>
Increase investment. <a href="#">Voted for COMPETES Act</a> to support US technology innovation. Calls for <a href="#">“robust federal funding to create jobs and move our economy forward.”</a> Renew \$300-per-child monthly tax credit. <a href="#">“These monthly payments have helped (families) clothe and feed their children, pay for after school and day care.”</a>	<b>Economy</b> <i>Decrease or increase government investment and regulation of the economy?</i>	Decrease regulation. <a href="#">“When you have all these federal regulations, that’s terrible.”</a> The federal government <a href="#">“has a tendency to be overreaching.”</a>
No. Cosponsored two bills, the <a href="#">John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act</a> and the <a href="#">Freedom to Vote Act</a> , to <a href="#">“make it easier to vote.”</a> Says that <a href="#">by refusing to at least debate these bills</a> Republicans have abdicated responsibility during a time when there’s <a href="#">“an all-out assault on our democracy.”</a>	<b>Voting Rights</b> <i>Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?</i>	Yes. <a href="#">Supports Georgia’s 2021 Election Integrity bill</a> , which <a href="#">limits the time for absentee and early voting</a> , <a href="#">adds new voter ID rules</a> , restricts giving out food and water, and lets the state remove power from local election boards. Opposes Democratic bills to limit voting restrictions; said naming one for John Lewis is <a href="#">“a shame.”</a>
Yes. <a href="#">“We must accept the science...and combat the climate crisis that is already at our door.”</a> Introduced an <a href="#">act to boost the solar industry and transition to clean energy.</a>	<b>Climate Change</b> <i>Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?</i>	No. <a href="#">“We have some of the cleanest climate in the world...and we’re talking about climate change?”</a> Described the problem as <a href="#">“bad air” coming from China, and U.S. “good air” going to China.</a>
More. Seeks <a href="#">“reasonable gun reform.”</a> <a href="#">“We are not helpless. Together we can act to reduce gun violence with common sense safety reforms.”</a>	<b>Gun Laws</b> <i>Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?</i>	Less. Will <a href="#">“vote to confirm Constitutional judges to our courts who will protect our right to bear arms.”</a> We can’t stop violence through <a href="#">“departments that want to take away your rights.”</a>
Yes. Supported incentives to <a href="#">expand Medicaid</a> in states like Georgia that haven’t expanded coverage and to <a href="#">lower drug costs for seniors</a> . Voted for the American Rescue Plan’s <a href="#">support for COVID testing and vaccine purchase and distribution.</a>	<b>Health Care</b> <i>Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, or promoting COVID safety?</i>	No position found on Medicaid and drug prices. Did not get a coronavirus vaccine <a href="#">“because I don’t think the government should be telling you to get one.”</a>
Create a comprehensive plan. <a href="#">“We need comprehensive immigration reform that fixes our broken system, keeps our nation safe, and provides a reasonable path to citizenship.”</a> Supports a DACA path to citizenship, <a href="#">“you have no right to celebrate the dream if you will not liberate the dreamers.”</a>	<b>Immigration</b> <i>How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?</i>	Restrict. <a href="#">“The border crisis...is bringing drugs, crime, and human trafficking to our state.”</a> <a href="#">“Will work to secure our southern border.”</a> No position found on DACA.
More. <a href="#">“Will oppose Washington tax breaks that benefit the richest of the rich.”</a> Supported <a href="#">a bill to impose a 15% minimum tax rate on corporations and increase taxes on billionaires.</a>	<b>Taxes</b> <i>Should corporations and wealthier individuals pay less or more taxes?</i>	Less. <a href="#">Will fight for lower taxes on businesses.</a> <a href="#">Has pledged to oppose all income tax hikes.</a> <a href="#">“Raising taxes is the last thing we should be doing.”</a>
Legal. <a href="#">“Decisions about pregnancy should be made between a patient and their doctor.”</a>	<b>Abortion</b> <i>Ban or legal?</i>	Ban. <a href="#">Ban abortion with no exceptions.</a> <a href="#">“I believe in life.”</a>

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Yes. “Joe Biden won the Presidency in a free and fair election.” “In Nevada,...extremists tried to challenge our election results....” “They filed...five lawsuits challenging the security of the election system...[all were] thrown out or failed.”	<b>Elections</b> <i>Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?</i>	No. As NV Trump campaign co-chair, filed in court on November 5, 2020 to stop counting of disputed ballots. In October 2021 said Biden is president, but wouldn’t say if he was legitimately elected. In 2022 called Trump “President of the United States.”
Increase. During COVID, “fought for emergency relief to save Nevada’s small businesses.” Supported the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, with “historic investments in Nevada” and in “American jobs and manufacturing.”	<b>Economy</b> <i>Decrease or increase government investment and regulation of the economy?</i>	Decrease. “We need less regulations, not more.” Opposes the spending in the Inflation Reduction Act. Democrats’ pumping “trillions of dollars into an already overheated economy” through COVID relief bills was what caused inflation.
No. Cosponsored bills to expand voting access and restrict state practices to limit voting rights. “American democracy is under attack, with states targeting voters of color and suppressing their right to vote.”	<b>Voting Rights</b> <i>Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?</i>	Yes. For stronger voter ID laws, against mail-in ballots, against drop-boxes, and “ballot harvesting.” Would oppose any further Democrat attempts to pass HR1.
Yes. Voted for Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), including \$369 billion in clean energy incentives. In 2019 cosponsored a bill to restore US climate regulations to what they were before Trump took office. Seeks federal support for Nevada’s solar energy industry.	<b>Climate Change</b> <i>Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?</i>	No. Humans play a role in climate change, but “vigorous debate” is needed on the issue. Poor forest management, not global warming, causes wildfires. Solar and wind power will “never get the job done.” “The sun can stop shining, the wind can stop blowing, and these things take energy just to be able to use.” Opposes IRA.
More. Co-sponsored bills in 2019 to ban high-capacity magazines and 2021 to expand background checks to all gun sales. Voted for a bill to fund implementing red-flag laws and strengthen background checks.	<b>Gun Laws</b> <i>Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?</i>	Less. Opposed a red-flag bill that became Nevada law in 2020. “Increasing restrictions on law-abiding citizens’ access to firearms is not effective in reducing gun violence.” In 2017 supported national legislation for citizens to carry concealed weapons in states where they do not live.
Yes. “Repeatedly voted to defend the Affordable Care Act” (Obamacare). Supported allowing Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices and capping the cost of insulin at \$35 a month for people on Medicare.	<b>Health Care</b> <i>Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, or promoting COVID safety?</i>	No. Opposes Obamacare, which subsidizes states to expand Medicaid, but in 2018 said wouldn’t reverse NV Medicaid expansion. Supports deregulating the pharmaceutical industry to lower drug prices. Would establish work requirements for Medicaid recipients.
Introduced a bill to expand joint operations programs to “ensure our border is secure.” Opposed ending Title 42, which let border officials turn away asylum seekers, warning it would lead to a surge. U.S. must “do more to put Dreamers on a path to citizenship.”	<b>Immigration</b> <i>How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?</i>	Will “finish the wall...and close the porous southern border.” There is “nothing humane” about a policy that “encourages caravans of desperate people to risk their lives.” In 2015, joined a lawsuit that blocked an Obama executive order expanding DACA.
Mixed. Supports the Inflation Reduction Act’s taxation of “billionaires and large corporations.” But opposed a tax increase on Nevada’s mining industry because it would kill jobs.	<b>Taxes</b> <i>Should corporations and wealthier individuals pay less or more taxes?</i>	Unclear. Opposes the Inflation Reduction Act, saying it will “increase taxes on millions of Americans across every income bracket.”
Legal. After the overturn of Roe v. Wade, supports a bill to “enshrine Roe protections in federal law and guarantee access to abortion” nationwide. Opposes a bill to ban abortion in every state after 15 weeks. Supports bills to ensure women can access contraception and travel safely to get abortions in states.	<b>Abortion</b> <i>Ban or legal?</i>	Ban. Said Supreme Court’s 1973 Roe v. Wade decision “was always a joke.” Overturning it was a “historic victory for the sanctity of life.” Supports a referendum banning abortion after 13 weeks and opposes taxpayer funding for abortion. Abortion should be decided “on a state-by-state basis.”

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## ARIZONA SENATE CANDIDATE COMPARISON

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Here is where the Arizona Senate candidates stand on the issues.

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Election Day  
**November 8, 2022**

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**Republican**  
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Yes. Called objections to Arizona's electoral votes " <a href="#">baseless</a> ." Says state's " <a href="#">elections were fairly administered and certified by a Republican Governor... and public servants at every level</a> ."	<b>Elections</b> <i>Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?</i>	No. " <a href="#">The 2020 election was a rotten mess—if we had had a free and fair election, President Trump would be sitting in the Oval Office today and America would be so much better off</a> ."
Increase. Supports <a href="#">upgrading state infra-structure, job training, and investing in microchip manufacturing</a> . Voted for a <a href="#">\$300-per-child monthly tax credit</a> in the <a href="#">American Rescue Plan</a> .	<b>Economy</b> <i>Decrease or increase government investment and regulation of the economy?</i>	Decrease. " <a href="#">You got to stop printing so much money</a> ." In June 2022 <a href="#">suggested privatizing Social Security</a> , but in August 2022 said <a href="#">that he really meant that he wanted to "encourage young people to save"</a> .
No. <a href="#">Cosponsored a bill</a> to make Election Day a federal holiday and <a href="#">protect mail and early voting options</a> . <a href="#">Cosponsored John R. Lewis Voting Rights bill</a> to prevent practices that would reduce voting rights.	<b>Voting Rights</b> <i>Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?</i>	Yes. Election security " <a href="#">starts with stopping the indiscriminate mass mailing of mail-in ballots, and requiring voter ID for every ballot, mail-in or in person</a> ."
Yes. Co-sponsored a bipartisan bill <a href="#">to use voluntary environmental credit markets to reward farmers for sustainable practices</a> . Voted for <a href="#">\$369 billion in clean energy subsidies</a> in the Inflation Reduction Act. " <a href="#">We can't ignore climate change. The drought conditions in the West are too severe for us not to act</a> ."	<b>Climate Change</b> <i>Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?</i>	No. " <a href="#">We traded energy independence for climate change activism</a> ." " <a href="#">I don't think there's any sort of public health or climate science legitimate perspective</a> ." Compares <a href="#">environmental, social, and governance (ESG) scores that assess corporate environmental practices to tactics of the Chinese Communist Party</a> .
More. " <a href="#">I'm a gun person,...a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment</a> ," but " <a href="#">we have been dumb about this issue for so many years</a> ." Supports " <a href="#">things like background checks, we know that works</a> ."	<b>Gun Laws</b> <i>Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?</i>	Less. <a href="#">Opposes 2022 rule limiting ghost gun production</a> . <a href="#">Opposes red flag laws</a> that temporarily remove guns from people deemed by a court to be a threat. Blames gun violence on " <a href="#">people in Chicago, St Louis, shooting each other. Very often, you know, Black people, frankly</a> ."
Yes. Supports <a href="#">full funding for Medicare and Medicaid</a> but <a href="#">not "Medicare for All"</a> . Voted for the Inflation Reduction Act, <a href="#">which caps Medicare drug costs and empowers Medicare to negotiate drug prices</a> . Supports CDC's recommendations on <a href="#">face masks and vaccines</a> .	<b>Health Care</b> <i>Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, or promoting COVID safety?</i>	No. Called <a href="#">the Inflation Reduction Act</a> , with provisions for lowering Medicare drug costs, " <a href="#">a disaster</a> ." Called <a href="#">COVID vaccine mandates "evil"</a> . Has said that <a href="#">he supports limiting contraceptive access</a> .
" <a href="#">The goal must be to end any uncertainty and provide Dreamers with a pathway to citizenship</a> ."	<b>Immigration</b> <i>How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for "DACA" participants brought to the US as children?</i>	" <a href="#">I will oppose granting U.S. citizenship to those who come to America illegally</a> ." Democrats " <a href="#">want to give mass amnesty in return for votes</a> ," want " <a href="#">to turn these people into voters</a> ."
More. Voted for the Inflation Reduction Act; it closes " <a href="#">loopholes to make sure that companies with more than a billion dollars in profit pay their fair share, and it cracks down on the wealthiest trying to cheat the system</a> ."	<b>Taxes</b> <i>Should corporations and wealthier individuals pay less or more taxes?</i>	Unclear. Is " <a href="#">open to" billionaires paying more in taxes</a> . Has suggested that wealthy people might willingly pay more taxes if " <a href="#">the government was spending money wisely</a> " to help Americans.
Legal. <a href="#">Voted for the Women's Health Protection Act of 2021</a> , which would codify abortion access in federal law. " <a href="#">I am resolved to defend and protect the right of Arizona women to make their own health care decisions</a> ."	<b>Abortion</b> <i>Ban or legal?</i>	Ban. " <a href="#">Roe v. Wade needs to be repealed</a> ." Supports a <a href="#">federal personhood law</a> recognizing " <a href="#">unborn babies are human beings that may not be killed</a> ." In a 2022 questionnaire, said is " <a href="#">100% pro life</a> ," supports <a href="#">abortion bans with no exceptions</a> . More recently, called the state's 15-week ban " <a href="#">reasonable</a> ," said he approves of <a href="#">Arizona's exception for life of the mother</a> .

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Yes. Trump “clearly lost,” yet encouraged people “to attack the US Capitol Building.... to try to steal an election.”	<b>Elections</b> <i>Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?</i>	No. The election was stolen from Trump. “We had a massive effort to shift the election by very powerful people in this country.” Calling January 6 an insurrection is the “dumbest thing in the world.”
Increase investment. Voted for the Build Back Better Act, to finance education, childcare, healthcare and environment. Also backed the infrastructure bill to finance railroads and electric grid improvements.	<b>Economy</b> <i>Decrease or increase government investment and regulation of the economy?</i>	Decrease investment. “We can’t spend money that we don’t have.” Opposed infrastructure bill. “We can’t let some good parts of a bill justify spending hundreds of billions of dollars that we don’t have on bad priorities.”
No. Cosponsored the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act, which would prevent state discrimination against minority voters. “The right to vote is a cornerstone of our democracy and it must be protected.”	<b>Voting Rights</b> <i>Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?</i>	Yes. Supports voter ID, signature verification on absentee ballots, and limiting mail-in and early voting. “We need to go back to having an election day in this country, not an election season.”
Yes. “The threat of global climate change is one of the most critical issues facing our nation.” Voted for infrastructure bill offering Ohioans “historic investments in cleaner, more convenient transportation.”	<b>Climate Change</b> <i>Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?</i>	Mostly no. “Certainly the climate is changing. I think the big question is, how much is man causing it?” If people were serious about addressing climate change, they should turn to nuclear power.
More restrictive. “We are not completely powerless to prevent future tragedies.” Calls for universal background checks, “red flag” laws, and an assault weapons ban.	<b>Gun Laws</b> <i>Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?</i>	Less restrictive. “I will fight the gun grabbers, whether they’re federal bureaucrats enacting regulations or multinational companies punishing people for exercising their rights.”
Yes. “Proud supporter of the Affordable Care Act.” “It is unacceptable that anyone should go broke because they had to go to the hospital.”	<b>Health Care</b> <i>Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, or promoting COVID safety?</i>	No. Medicaid should be “a safety net” for people who fall on hard times or can’t work. Need work requirements. Don’t “deincentivize” people getting a better job with a “benefits cliff”
Make legal immigration easier. Create “a path to citizenship for the workers and small business owners” already in the US. Increase support for DACA participants.	<b>Immigration</b> <i>How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?</i>	“The open-border policy of President Biden and his Democrat allies have already led to rising crime, lower wages for American citizens and a drug epidemic crushing too many Ohio families.” No position found on DACA.
More. Opposed the \$1.5 trillion 2017 tax bill, which cut corporate tax rates and top-bracket income taxes. Increase taxes on billionaires while increasing the child tax credit for working families. “A tax system that lets the super-rich off the hook while working families are struggling just to stay afloat is a system that’s broken.”	<b>Taxes</b> <i>Should corporations and wealthier individuals pay less or more taxes?</i>	Mixed on corporations, less for individuals. “Let’s cut the taxes of the companies that invest in our country. But... raise taxes on companies that ship jobs overseas and use their money to fund anti-American radical movements.” Calls Ryan’s push for middle class tax cuts “a gimmick,” criticizes his opposing 2017 tax cuts.
Legal. Cosponsored a bill to codify Roe v. Wade. “Every Ohioan should be able to access the health care that’s right for them... that includes... a safe, legal abortion.”	<b>Abortion</b> <i>Ban or legal?</i>	Ban. “100 percent pro-life.... Eliminating abortion is ...about protecting the unborn, but it’s also about making our society more pro-child and pro-family.” No exceptions for rape or incest. “Two wrongs don’t make a right.”

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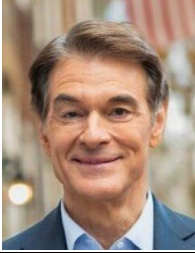
Here is where the Pennsylvania Senate candidates stand on the issues.  
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Election Day  
November 8, 2022

**Mehmet Oz**  
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Yes. Calls <a href="#">the claim that the election “was rigged for Biden” a lie</a> . No evidence of widespread voter fraud in PA.	<b>Elections</b> <i>Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?</i>	No. Absentee ballots and lack of voter ID led to <a href="#">cheating in the 2020 election</a> . <a href="#">“We have got to understand the different ways where cheating occurs.”</a> No specific comment found on Biden.
Increase. <a href="#">Supports Biden’s \$3.5 trillion spending package</a> . <a href="#">Supports</a> Governor Wolf’s Restore PA Project to <a href="#">invest \$4.5 billion in high-impact infrastructure projects</a> .	<b>Economy</b> <i>Decrease or increase government investment and regulation of the economy?</i>	Decrease. Says Biden’s spending is <a href="#">“reckless”</a> and <a href="#">“has led to inflation.”</a> Says “the Joe Biden and John Fetterman agenda of massive spending” has caused <a href="#">“one of the greatest labor shortages in American history.”</a>
No. Calls for removal of <a href="#">“restrictions that marginalize voters.”</a> Calls <a href="#">universal voter ID “insidious and unnecessary.”</a> Would vote for a bill guaranteeing <a href="#">“everyone has the right to vote.”</a>	<b>Voting Rights</b> <i>Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?</i>	Yes. Would <a href="#">“pass a voter ID law”</a> to ensure <a href="#">“safe and secure elections.”</a>
Mostly yes. Says <a href="#">“climate is critical.”</a> Wants <a href="#">green and renewable energy</a> and a carbon cap. Is <a href="#">refusing donations</a> from fossil fuel industries. <a href="#">Opposes a fracking ban</a> that would eliminate union jobs. In 2016 <a href="#">proposed a fracking moratorium until environmental regs tightened</a> .	<b>Climate Change</b> <i>Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?</i>	Mostly no. Supports <a href="#">American energy independence</a> by producing <a href="#">coal, oil, gas, and renewable energy</a> . Says the belief that “carbon is bad” is <a href="#">“a lie.”</a> Supports <a href="#">fracking</a> and natural gas production to lower both <a href="#">high energy prices</a> , and <a href="#">carbon emissions</a> .
More. Says <a href="#">“making guns safer doesn’t restrict access to guns.”</a> Supports filibuster reform to pass <a href="#">“common sense gun laws.”</a> Supports <a href="#">universal background checks</a> .	<b>Gun Laws</b> <i>Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?</i>	Less. Opposes <a href="#">“red flag-laws and liberal gun grabs.”</a> <a href="#">“I will never back down from the fight to protect our Second Amendment Rights,”</a> which, he says, is <a href="#">“about protecting ourselves.”</a>
Yes. Supports <a href="#">lowering prescription drug prices</a> . Says healthcare is a <a href="#">“fundamental human right.”</a> Supports <a href="#">PA’s Medicaid expansion</a> . As Lt. Governor, <a href="#">asked the public to wear a COVID mask as “just courtesy.”</a>	<b>Health Care</b> <i>Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, or promoting COVID safety?</i>	Mostly no. <a href="#">Would “dismantle policies” leading to costly prescription drugs, and boost access to “private sector plans expanded by Trump.”</a> <a href="#">Proposed universal care through competing private plans</a> funded by a “20% payroll tax.” Opposes <a href="#">COVID business and school shutdowns</a> .
Says <a href="#">“Immigration is what makes America, America.”</a> Supports <a href="#">ending</a> pandemic-era border restrictions, but only with a <a href="#">“detailed plan in place.”</a> Calls for <a href="#">fixing “our broken immigration system as a whole.”</a> Wants <a href="#">DACA permanent</a> .	<b>Immigration</b> <i>How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?</i>	Says <a href="#">“will fight to end illegal immigration”</a> and supports <a href="#">a physical or a virtual wall</a> . In 2019, <a href="#">celebrated meeting a group of DACA Dreamers</a> , and in 2018, said <a href="#">“I get all the politics, but we don’t want to penalize the dreamers for that.”</a>
More. Criticized senators who supported raising the <a href="#">corporate tax rate from 21% to only 25%, when it had been 31% before the 2017 tax cuts</a> . Says <a href="#">“we need a wealth tax,”</a> and believes millionaires should pay <a href="#">at least 30%</a> of their income in taxes.	<b>Taxes</b> <i>Should corporations and wealthier individuals pay less or more taxes?</i>	No position found.
Legal. Says “safeguarding access to abortion” is a <a href="#">“no-brainer.”</a> <a href="#">“People should have control over their own bodies and their own lives. Period.”</a> Get rid of the filibuster to <a href="#">“finally codify Roe into law.”</a>	<b>Abortion</b> <i>Ban or legal?</i>	Ban. <a href="#">“I believe life starts at conception.”</a> Will support <a href="#">“pro-life legislation that saves innocent lives.”</a> However, in 2019 said he personally opposed abortion but was concerned with bans because as a medical student he <a href="#">“saw women who had coat-hanger events”</a> and <a href="#">“were harmed for life.”</a>

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