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ARIZONA SENATE CANDIDATE COMPARISON
A Nonpartisan Guide for Voters in the 2022 Midterm Election

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Catholic Social Justice teaches that we have a responsibility to participate in politics out of concern for and commitment to the common good.
We are called to vote, inform ourselves about the issues of the day, and engage in serious conversations about our nation's future.

Here is where the Arizona Senate candidates stand on the issues.
We invite you to consider this information prayerfully.

Mark Kelly — Democrat — Incumbent — markkelly.com	Election Day November 8, 2022	Blake Masters — Republican — blakemasters.com
Yes. Called objections to Arizona's electoral votes "baseless." Says state's "elections were fairly administered and certified by a Republican Governor… and public servants at every level."	**Elections** *Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?*	No. "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."
Increase. Supports upgrading state infra-structure, job training, and investing in microchip manufacturing. Voted for a $300-per-child monthly tax credit in the American Rescue Plan.	**Economy** *Decrease or increase government investment and regulation of the economy?*	Decrease. "You got to stop printing so much money." In June 2022 suggested privatizing Social Security, but in August 2022 said that he really meant that he wanted to "encourage young people to save."
No. Cosponsored a bill to make Election Day a federal holiday and protect mail and early voting options. Cosponsored John R. Lewis Voting Rights bill to prevent practices that would reduce voting rights.	**Voting Rights** *Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?*	Yes. Election security "starts with stopping the indiscriminate mass mailing of mail-in ballots, and requiring voter ID for every ballot, mail-in or in person."
Yes. Co-sponsored a bipartisan bill to use voluntary environmental credit markets to reward farmers for sustainable practices. Voted for $369 billion in clean energy subsidies in the Inflation Reduction Act. "We can't ignore climate change. The drought conditions in the West are too severe for us not to act."	**Climate Change** *Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?*	No. "We traded energy independence for climate change activism." "I don't think there's any sort of public health or climate science legitimate perspective." Compares environmental, social, and governance (ESG) scores that assess corporate environmental practices to tactics of the Chinese Communist Party.
More. "I'm a gun person,…a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment," but "we have been dumb about this issue for so many years." Supports "things like background checks, we know that works."	**Gun Laws** *Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?*	Less. Opposes 2022 rule limiting ghost gun production. Opposes red flag laws that temporarily remove guns from people deemed by a court to be a threat. Blames gun violence on "people in Chicago, St Louis, shooting each other. Very often, you know, Black people, frankly."
Yes. Supports full funding for Medicare and Medicaid but not "Medicare for All." Voted for the Inflation Reduction Act, which caps Medicare drug costs and empowers Medicare to negotiate drug prices. Supports CDC's recommendations on face masks and vaccines.	**Health Care** *Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, or promoting COVID safety?*	No. Called the Inflation Reduction Act, with provisions for lowering Medicare drug costs, "a disaster." Called COVID vaccine mandates "evil." Has said that he supports limiting contraceptive access.
"The goal must be to end any uncertainty and provide Dreamers with a pathway to citizenship."	**Immigration** *How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for "DACA" participants brought to the US as children?*	"I will oppose granting U.S. citizenship to those who come to America illegally." Democrats "want to give mass amnesty in return for votes," want "to turn these people into voters."
More. Voted for the Inflation Reduction Act; it closes "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."	**Taxes** *Should corporations and wealthier individuals pay less or more taxes?*	Unclear. Is "open to" billionaires paying more in taxes. Has suggested that wealthy people might willingly pay more taxes if "the government was spending money wisely" to help Americans.
Legal. Voted for the Women's Health Protection Act of 2021, which would codify abortion access in federal law. "I am resolved to defend and protect the right of Arizona women to make their own health care decisions."	**Abortion** *Ban or legal?*	Ban. "Roe v. Wade needs to be repealed." Supports a federal personhood law recognizing "unborn babies are human beings that may not be killed." In a 2022 questionnaire, said is "100% pro life;" supports abortion bans with no exceptions. More recently, called the state's 15-week ban "reasonable;" said he approves of Arizona's exception for life of the mother.

"We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life."
- Pope Francis, General Audience, June 3, 2020