

## FLORIDA SENATE CANDIDATE COMPARISON

### A Nonpartisan Guide for Voters in the 2022 Midterm Election



Catholic Social Justice teaches that we have a responsibility to participate in politics out of a 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 Florida Senate candidates stand on the issues.

**We invite you to consider this information prayerfully.**



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Election Day  
**November 8, 2022**

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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 to support U.S.-based solar energy components</a> . Voted for the <a href="#">Inflation Reduction Act, with \$369 billion in clean energy subsidies</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>	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, with \$369 billion in clean energy subsidies</a> , calling the bill <a href="#">"garbage."</a>
More. Introduced a bill to expand federal gun regulation. <a href="#">Cosponsored 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 to carry in all states</a> . 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="#">"atrocious"</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>

**"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

