

WISCONSIN 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 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 Wisconsin Senate candidates stand on the issues.

We invite you to consider this information prayerfully.



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

"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

