

# ELECTION



## Democratic Clinton/Kaine



Tim Kaine



Hillary Clinton



Donald Trump

## Republican Trump/Pence



Mike Pence

### PRESIDENT/VICE-PRESIDENT CANDIDATES of the United States of America

The spring issue of FRONT LINE (presidential primary was March 15) documented Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump's positions on issues. Since then, additional information has become available concerning their backgrounds or stands on issues, which we have updated. Libertarian Gary Johnson is now included in this summary, since he will be on all 50 state ballots.

This is not intended to be a comprehensive review, but it is a brief highlight of what distinguishes each candidate. There are clear differences between the Democratic, Republican and Libertarian parties as well as the candidates themselves. (See Page E-5 for the comparisons of the Republican and Democrat Platforms.) Whether it's the how the candidates view the role of judges in making law, the

raising of taxes, or national defense, the differences will make a significant impact on the nation depending on who is ultimately elected.

Information is obtained from various reliable sources and presented through the lens of the nation's highest law: the United States Constitution. News sources are footnoted; otherwise sources used were *ProCon.org*, *Ballotpedia.com* or the candidate's websites. None of the information provided is intended, nor should it be construed, to be an endorsement of any party or candidate. It is presented to educate and inform our readers, so they can use their God-given discernment and exercise their voting privilege for the good of the nation. We have not included candidates in this review who have not been certified for all 50 state ballots. The Libertarian Party has qualified for all 50 states, Green Party for 43 and Constitution Party for 23.<sup>1</sup>

## THE JUDICIARY

**DONALD TRUMP**, on May 18 released a list of 11 candidates he would consider to fill the vacancy at the Supreme Court. "The list includes six federal appeals-court judges appointed by former Republican President George W. Bush, as well as five state Supreme Court justices with conservative credentials. ... The Susan B. Anthony List, an anti-abortion group, said Mr. Trump's list was 'exceptionally strong'."<sup>2</sup>

**HILLARY CLINTON**, as former State Senator, U.S. Secretary of State (Obama Administration) and wife of former President Bill Clinton, is no stranger to American politics. Clinton speaks of "litmus tests" for an appointment to the Court. "I do have a litmus test, I have a bunch of litmus tests, because the next president could get as many as three appointments," the former first lady responded. "It's one of the many reasons why we can't turn the White House

over to the Republicans again."<sup>3</sup> Her nominees would be required to support gay rights and abortion rights, overturn free speech decisions (Citizens United), and re-define traditional marriage laws.<sup>4</sup>

**GARY JOHNSON** (L) does not have a statement on his web site about the Judiciary, but does support separation of church and state, legalizing and regulating marijuana and abortion on demand while opposing further gun control laws.<sup>5</sup>

## NATIONAL DEFENSE/RADICAL ISLAM/IMMIGRATION

**DONALD TRUMP** has released a 10-point plan "boosting defense spending, rebuilding the military while calling for a new strategy to defeat the Islamic State. ...



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Asking military generals to present a plan within 30 days to defeat and destroy ISIS, immediately after taking office; asking Congress to eliminate the defense sequester; building an active Army of about 540,000; building a Marine Corps based on 36 battalions; building a Navy nearing 350 surface ships and submarines; building an Air Force of at least 1,200 fighter aircraft [and building a new state-of-the-art missile defense system]<sup>6</sup> He has called for a wall across the southern border to be paid for by Mexico and called for a temporary, but total, ban on Muslims entering the country, especially a stop of Syrians.

ProCon documents Trump's calling the Iranian Nuclear Deal as "dangerous," proclaiming "a nation without borders not a nation," and calling for an end to sanctuary cities.

**HILLARY CLINTON** has the most national security experience of any other candidate, which should make her a leader in this area. Unfortunately, that experience may be one of her biggest vulnerabilities. This includes the lingering Benghazi controversy, where Middle East expert Ari Lieberman says her "track record of failure and fabrication puts military voters on edge."<sup>7</sup> "She led the policy shift in which our government changed sides in Libya – shifting support to the Muslim Brotherhood and its allies ..."<sup>8</sup> As the NY Post notes, her top lieutenant, Huma Abelin worked as an editor for a radical Islamic journal for 10 years.<sup>9</sup> ProCon records her as favoring a Palestine State, in strong agreement with the Iranian Nuclear Arms Deal, closing Guantanamo Bay, and favoring women in combat. She tweeted last November, Muslims "have nothing whatsoever to do with terrorism."<sup>10</sup>

The FBI released its investigation into her handling of classified materials. Her recorded her answer 39 times to their questions was, "I do not recall." The ongoing email/private server scandal indicated the highest secure information including identification of CIA operatives appeared in unsecure emails.<sup>11</sup> The Washington Post's, Daniel Halper, confronted her about "recklessly mishandling classified information."<sup>12</sup> He reported "The markings on the email state it will be declassified on May 28, 2033, and that information in the note is being redacted because it contains 'information regarding foreign governors' and because it contains 'foreign relations or foreign activities of the United States, including confidential sources'."<sup>13</sup>

On immigration, ProCon documents Clinton as favoring to allow Syrian refugees into the United States and saying "Congress must pass comprehensive immigration reform that provides a path to citizenship ... and brings millions of hardworking people into the formal economy." Clinton's policies indicate that little will change in the war against ISIS in a Clinton administration.<sup>14</sup>

**GARY JOHNSON** (L) Ballotpedia says Johnson describes himself as "noninterventionist." "Johnson opposed the war in Iraq and in Afghanistan, says the Iran Nuclear Deal 'funds terrorism' and called ISIS 'today's fascism.'" ProCon documents his opposition to building a border fence, favoring Sanctuary Cities, a pathway to citizenship with "an embrace of immigration as something really good," favors drafting of women for combat and says, "We need to take our fair share of [Syrian] refugees."

### SANCTITY OF LIFE/ABORTION

**DONALD TRUMP** has repeatedly declared that he is pro-life, but that like Reagan, he has evolved on this issue after seeing a baby targeted for abortion live and grow into a "great child." He says "Planned Parenthood should absolutely be defunded."<sup>15</sup> He has pledged to fight Obamacare partially on the grounds that it funds abortion.

**HILLARY CLINTON** views abortion as an absolute right of every woman on demand with little to no limitations is well documented and seems to be evolving from that of a privacy concern to one of absolute "positive right" with constitutional guarantee of unfettered access.<sup>16</sup> ProCon documents her saying "I'm proud to stand with Planned Parenthood, I'll never stop fighting to protect the ability and right of every woman in this country to make her own health decisions."

**GARY JOHNSON** (L) His website says "individuals should be allowed to make their own choices in their own personal lives. Abortion is a deeply personal choice." ProCon documents his support of Planned Parenthood funding.

### ECONOMY/TAXES

**DONALD TRUMP** in 2015 estimated that within a few years our debt would turn us into another Greece and a point of no return.<sup>38</sup> Trump's solution is a plan to bring

back jobs from overseas in great numbers. "The Tax Policy Center analysis estimates that Trump's tax plan would cut taxes for everyone."<sup>17</sup>

**HILLARY CLINTON** economic policies target the middle class, promising to secure their economic futures and expand their opportunities through greater access to education and more evenly distributed economic growth.<sup>18</sup> "In order to achieve strong economic growth, Clinton believes that it is important to invest [federal and state tax dollars] in education and infrastructure, promote small business growth and increase workforce participation, especially for women."<sup>19</sup>

**GARY JOHNSON** (L) ProCon documents his opposition to the income tax and payroll taxes with a replacement of a single consumption tax. His website says "By 2017 the national debt will be \$20 BILLION – unsustainable and arguably the greatest threat to our national security."

### EDUCATION

**DONALD TRUMP** has called Common Core a disaster and calls for an end to it.<sup>20</sup> He is for school choice and considers reforms such as school choice, charter schools, vouchers, and opportunity scholarships a positive form of competition.<sup>21</sup> He recently focused on the disaster of long time Democrat-controlled big cities with corruption and failing schools as in need of private innovative attention.

**HILLARY CLINTON** believes that starting children in government educational systems earlier on the front end and free college tuition on the back end with a national curriculum in the middle defines the platforms of the candidates on this issue. "Believing that early development is crucial for later success, Clinton also plans to expand early learning through a proposal that would give every 4-year-old in America access to high-quality preschool education."<sup>22</sup> "While Clinton still straddles the fence on Common Core, the fact that she has one foot on the other side of this issue is extremely telling."<sup>23</sup> When her husband won the White House in 1992, she was working with Marc Tucker who spelled out how to nationalize and control by the elite all education in America – and in essence spelled out the plan for the current Common Core mandates.<sup>24</sup> (For further information, order *The Long War and Common Core*. See details on back page.)

**GARY JOHNSON** (L) His website documents his opposition to a federal role in education. He opposes Common Core saying educational excellence lying in innovation, freedom and flexibility. ProCon documents his support of charter schools and his opposition to schools being gun-free zones.

### ENERGY

**DONALD TRUMP** ProCon documents Trump as favoring new fossil fuel leases on federal land, and fracking so as to become energy independent from importing oil from hostile nations. He calls renewable energy a big mistake based on a misinformed belief that carbon emissions cause global climate change.

**HILLARY CLINTON** ProCon quote her on climate change. "Climate change is one of the most serious challenges we face; it's real, it's driven by human activity." ProCon also quotes her as giving three reasons why she does not support fracking.

**GARY JOHNSON** (L) has come out for a carbon tax with ProCon documenting his belief in man-made global warming, yet his support for fossil fuels and nuclear power.

### FAMILY/CHURCH/MARRIAGE

**DONALD TRUMP** ProCon documents Trump calling for repeal of the Johnson Amendment that threatens religious institutions right to freely preach, and favoring local decisions about shower room/bathroom use. "Religious liberty is so important." Trump's disagreement with the courts decision legalizing gay marriage throughout the country was not on moral grounds, but rather Constitutional; saying that he believed the states should make the change, not the Supreme Court.

**HILLARY CLINTON** ProCon documented her statement following the June 26 Supreme Court's opinion on legalizing same-sex marriage, "I am celebrating today's landmark victory," and quoted her *Twitter* post supporting LGBT people and transgenders use of any and all shower rooms and bathrooms.

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**GARY JOHNSON** (L) “Responsible adults should be free to marry whom they want, arm themselves if they want, make their own decisions about their bodies, and lead their personal lives as they see fit — as long as no harm is done to others. And they should be able to do so without unconstitutional scrutiny by the NSA, the ATF, the DEA or any other government agency.”<sup>25</sup> “Religious freedom, as a category [is] just being a black hole. ... under the guise of religious freedom, anybody can do anything.”<sup>26</sup> ProCon documents Johnson as favoring eliminating churches tax exempt status, supporting suicide, opposes allowing bakers to refuse cakes for homosexuals based on the bakers religious convictions, favors transgenders using all and every bathroom.

### GUNS/LAW AND ORDER/ BLACK LIVES MATTER/COPS

**DONALD TRUMP** in his CPAC speech, sounded many themes popular with Republican conservatives. “I am pro-life,” he said. “I am against gun control.” In a policy statement released on his campaign website, he calls for protecting our second amendment rights and creating a national right to carry. ProCon quotes Trump saying, “I am a 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment person.” ProCon documents Trump addressing BLM and police, “we have to give power back to the police because crime is rampant ... we have to have law and order.”

**HILLARY CLINTON** has an evolving position on gun rights. As a candidate for the Senate in 2000, she advocated strict gun control, but backed off that in 2008 when she took on Obama for president.<sup>27</sup> More recently, Clinton said she would tighten gun regulations on sales using legislation and executive power.<sup>28</sup> Addressing BLM/Cops she demanded the nationalization of policing at the July NAACP meeting saying “clear national guidelines on the use of force, especially lethal force, must be imposed on all police departments.”<sup>29</sup> ProCon documents her saying, “Black lives matter. Everyone in this country should stand firmly behind that.”

**GARY JOHNSON** (L) ProCon documents Johnson as supporting concealed carry saying, “Restrictions on gun ownership will only encourages outlaws to have heavy ammunition and high-calibre weapons.” Additionally, they document Johnson’s support of Black Lives Matter.

### HEALTHCARE

**DONALD TRUMP** has vowed to end Obamacare; ProCon has Trump saying it is a disaster and calls for it to be repealed.

**HILLARY CLINTON** considers health care a basic human right and promises to defend the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and build on it by cracking down on prescription costs and holding drug companies accountable to invest in research and not profits, and to protect women’s access to health care.<sup>30</sup> On January 27, 2016, Clinton identified her failure to pass healthcare reform in the 1990’s as her greatest political regret.<sup>31</sup> ProCon documents her as saying Obamacare is working.

**GARY JOHNSON** (L) Ballotpedia says he opposes “government-mandated health insurance, “the Affordable Care Act and supports cuts to Medicare and Medicaid.

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## SHORT LINES

### Defending West Point Cadets’ Right to Pray



“The United States Military Academy’s football team hasn’t had a winning season since 2010. So when West Point’s Black Knights beat Temple University 28-13 on September 2, it seemed more than appropriate to the team to do what countless other college football teams do in victory – Coach Jeff Moken asked an assistant coach to pray, and the video of the team’s prayer was posted on *Facebook*, where it caught the eye of an anti-Christian activist who complained to West Point officials. The video was then taken down and replaced with a video that cut out the prayer.

Trying to explain away this unconscionable action, the superintendent of West Point, Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, told *The Washington Post* that although maybe 90 percent of the people there supported the prayer, “... there were some concerns, and I think they’re valid concerns.”

I, for one, am concerned. I am concerned that instead of instilling leadership or imparting warfighting skill, our U.S. military training apparatus is now focused on editing out the religious practices of its cadets.

This is just one more example of the growing track record in the Obama military to eradicate the practice of Christianity among our brave service men and women.

Instead of building young men into much-needed leaders in the U.S. Army, officials at West Point are more concerned with listening to endless complaining of those who want our warriors to be stripped of their most precious armor – their faith. ...”

Posted as a petition at Family Research Council ([www.frc.org](http://www.frc.org)), September 13, 2016.



# U. S. Congressional Candidates

## What We Need to Look for in a Candidate

We are all familiar with the first sentence of the Constitution of the United States which begins, “We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union ...” Perhaps fewer are familiar with the first section of the first article immediately following that preamble. Order and priority were not overlooked by the men who drafted our governing documents and who vested the power of that new government where it belonged, in the hands of the people of the nation. *WE the PEOPLE* had thrown off the tyranny of man’s rule through monarchy and reclaimed our sovereignty under the laws of *Nature and of Nature’s God*. Therefore, it is right and reasonable that Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution states, “All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives. Section 2 goes on to describe the People’s House which “shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States ...” It is only after the Legislative Branch is defined that the Executive and the Judicial branches are outlined, in that order. This is not an afterthought, but a logical progression of what stems from “of the People, by the People, and for the People.”

Samuel Adams, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, held a high standard for those who would serve in the government. “Nothing is more essential to the establishment of manners in a State than that all persons employed in places of power and trust be men of unexceptionable characters. The public cannot be too curious concerning the characters of public men.”<sup>1</sup> Character is some indication of future behavior; “Neither the wisest constitution, nor the wisest laws will secure the liberty and happiness of a people whose manners are universally corrupt.”<sup>2</sup> We can learn something about our nation by the type of men and women who are elected from among us to serve in the United States Congress. The admonition of our founders to choose wise, moral, and religious persons is still sound advice. A good indicator of what our representatives will do in office is to look at what they have done in the past and who endorses that behavior. That is why we provide information on endorsements and committees for each candidate when available.<sup>3</sup> This information *may* only be some indication of what a candidate believes or will do in the future. It is always good to remain curious and continue to ask the right questions.

We have included a brief description of the groups that rate and endorse candidates. Again, the adage “deeds, not words” is important in evaluating each group’s philosophy. Their support for legislation is their “deeds.” Most of these groups have promoted legislation that causes them to be positioned either in the progressive/socialist/liberal camp or the conservative/pro-family/free-market camp. There are hundreds of issue groups interested in your candidate. *FRONT LINE* encourages our readers to explore further the candidates that appeal to them and then get involved in their election. The information on Congressional candidates is limited and meant to provide a base from which to learn more about each candidate. Where available, the candidates’ websites are included for further research.

### Groups Considered Liberal or Progressive

**American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU):** Founded 90 years ago, the ACLU is the progressive left’s most famous litigator. For their priorities, see [www.aclu.org/features/public-policy](http://www.aclu.org/features/public-policy) on the web or “The ACLU vs. America” by Alan Sears and Craig Osten, published in 2005 by the Alliance Defense Fund.

**Citizens for Global Solutions (CGS):** CGS is a One-World group that favors UN sovereignty over and above the U.S. Constitution. Affiliated with the old World Federalists; Current priorities are supporting Cap and Trade, the International Criminal Court, the START Treaty and gender equality. Publishes a report card of votes with a scale from “A+” (100%) to “F.” See <http://globalsolutions.org/capitol-hill/report-card> for description of votes cast in U.S. Senate and House that were scored.

**EMILY’s List (EL):** “EMILY’s List is dedicated to building a progressive America by electing pro-choice Democratic women to office. ... EMILY’s List has helped elect **18** women to state and local office in Missouri. ... Only two women, Jean Carnahan and Claire McCaskill (both EMILY’s List candidates), have represented Missouri in the U.S. Senate. ... Has raised \$78,403,309 for candidates since 1985.” See <http://emilyslist.org>.

**National Association of Education (NEA):** The teacher’s union that supports a progressive agenda in the classrooms. See [www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org). Although the NEA describes itself as a “professional employee organization,” it is incorporated as a professional association in a few states and as a labor union in most.

**Planned Parenthood Missouri (PP); Planned Parenthood Advocates of Kansas and Mid-Missouri (PPAKM):** Operates abortion and family planning clinics across the nation;

involved in many states teaching comprehensive sex education classes in public schools. See the “Short Lines” article in this *FRONT LINE* regarding the Parkway School District in St. Louis County. <http://ppakm.org/2016-endorsements/>.

**Sierra Club (SC):** An environmental group dedicated to shutting down coal plants, lead mines (Missouri was the home to the world’s largest lead mining operations.), drilling for oil and gas; anti-automobile – favors walking, bikes and public transit; promotes smart-growth, federal and state control of water and wilderness forests (no logging). See <http://sierraclub.org/politics/endorsements/>.

**TheMiddleClass.org (TMC):** A progressive group founded in 2003 that rates the candidates according to “a ‘middle-class standard’ of living in the U.S. has come to mean having a secure job, a safe and stable home, access to health care, retirement security ...” Supports such legislation as the Livable Communities Act of 2009 that set up a federal government agency in HUD (Housing Department) which made “comprehensive planning grants to coordinate [local] land use, housing, transportation, and infrastructure planning ... and develop regional plans to meet these needs.” (National zoning of how Americans live, work and plan.) See <http://themiddleclass.org/browse/legislators>.

**Women’s Political Caucus (WPC):** “We support the right of women to control their own reproduction [abortion, etc.] without government intrusion ... [and] equitable public and private health care insurance coverage for women, including family planning, birth control and prenatal care ... equal pay for equal work.” See <http://www.nwpc.org/2016endorsements>.

### Groups Considered Conservative

**Eagle Forum PAC (EFPAC):** A pro-life, pro-family political action committee of Eagle Forum that “supports American sovereignty. ... American identity. ... the Constitution. ... traditional education. ... [and] exposes the radical feminists” For the details of these goals, see [www.eagleforum.org/election/endorse.html](http://www.eagleforum.org/election/endorse.html).

**Missouri Farm Bureau (FARM-PAC):** Endorses candidates that best support agriculture.

**Gun Owners of America Political Victory Fund (GOA PVF):** A pro-Second Amendment political action committee of Gun Owners of America. See <http://goapvf.org/>.

**Heritage Action for America (HAA):** An offshoot of the Heritage Foundation in D.C., with focus on limited government, freedom of religion, economics, national defense, marriage, local education, etc. Uses recorded votes on issues identified prior to votes to tally percentages.

**Missouri Right to Life PAC (MRL PAC):** A pro-life state political action committee of Missouri Right to Life, “educating, legislating, and activating citizens in the cause of life. A rating of PR is pro-life, M is mixed and AL is anti-life. See <http://www.missourilifepac.org/2016/general.html>

**National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB):** An organization of small, independent businesses promoting free enterprise, entrepreneurship, capitalism, and the preservation of small business. See <http://www.nfib.com/>.

**National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund (NRA PVF):** “The NRA Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF) is NRA’s political action committee. The NRA-PVF ranks political candidates (irrespective of party affiliation) based on voting records, public statements and their responses to an NRA-PVF questionnaire. ... NRA relies on a very simple premise: when provided with the facts, the nation’s elected officials will recognize that ‘gun control’ schemes are an infringement on the Second Amendment and a proven failure in fighting crime.” All grades are obvious except “AQ,” which is a pro-gun candidate whose rating is based solely on the candidate’s responses to the NRA-PVF Candidate Questionnaire and who does not have a voting record on Second Amendment issues.” See <http://www.nrapvf.org/grades-endorsements/2012/Missouri.aspx>. In Missouri, the Second Amendment Coalition of Missouri rates elected officials according to the NRA standards. See [www.sacmo.org/nra\\_ratings.htm](http://www.sacmo.org/nra_ratings.htm).

**National Taxpayers Union (NTU):** “America’s oldest grassroots taxpayer organization working for lower taxes, smaller government, accountability from public officials, and economic freedom.” See <http://www.ntu.org/on-capitol-hill/ntu-rates-congress/2016-ntu-rates-congress.pdf>.

**Susan B. Anthony (SBA):** “Goal of the SBA List Candidate Fund is to increase the percentage of pro-life women in Congress and high public office.” See [www.sbc-list.org](http://www.sbc-list.org).

For those that wish to see some of the votes cast by those candidates that are presently serving in Congress, go to <http://ballotpedia.org/>, and check on the Key Votes of the 113th Congress by member’s name. This is just a snapshot of some of the more known issues and by no means is a complete picture of the member.

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# U.S. House of Representatives

## District 1

**William Lacy Clay** (Democratic, Incumbent) was born in St. Louis July 27, 1956. He has two children, lives in St. Louis and is Christian (Roman Catholic). He's a graduate of the Univ. of Maryland, attended the John F. Kennedy School of government, Harvard University and holds honorary degrees from Lincoln Univ., Harris-Stowe State Univ. and Logan College. Prior to his election to the U.S. House, Clay served for 17 years in both chambers of the Missouri Legislature. Elected to the U.S. House: 2000–Present.

**Committees:** In 2015-2016 Clay served in the U.S. House on the Financial Services Committee, Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and Natural Resources Committee. Prior to this he served on the United States House Committee on Financial Services (2013-2014); the Financial Services Committee and the Oversight and Government Reform Committee (2009-2012).

**Endorsements/Ratings:** Missouri AFL-CIO, National Education Association, Sierra Club, Sierra Club, Ozark Chapter Political Committee. **RATINGS:** Planned Parenthood Action Fund, 100% (2016); Democrats for Life (2015) 17%; NARAL Pro-Choice America (2015) 100%; American Farm Bureau Federation (2014) 50%; Defender of Wildlife Action Fund (2015) 100%; Associated Builders & Contractors (2015-2016) 0%; Gun Owners of America (2014) 0%.

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.lacyclay.org/wp/> or <http://www.lacyclay.house.gov>

**Steven Bailey** (Republican) was born December 4, 1957, in Provo, Utah, and lives in St. Louis. He is married with two children and is Christian (Presbyterian). B.A., English Lit., University of Illinois (1980), J.D., Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (1984), and teaching certificate from the University of Missouri – St. Louis (1984); ran as democratic candidate for U.S. House of Reps in 1998.

No previous political experience. No endorsements. No campaign website found.

**Robb Cunningham** (Libertarian) was born in Overland, Missouri, lives in St. Louis, and is single; Robb is a musician and has attended Abilene Christian Univ., North Texas State Univ., Webster College, and William Paterson College; has been a candidate for the U.S. House (2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, and 2014) and the Missouri State Senate (2004). He served as a member of the Libertarian Executive Committee.

**Website:** No campaign or other website found.

## District 2

**Ann Wagner** (Republican, Incumbent) born September 13, 1962, in St. Louis and currently lives in Ballwin. She is married with three children and is Christian (Catholic), attended Cor Jesu Academy and graduated from University of Missouri in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She held management positions at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City and Ralston Purina in St. Louis. From July 2005 to June 2009, she was the U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg, appointed by President G.W. Bush. She was chair of the Missouri Republican Party from 1999 to 2005 and co-chair of the Republican National Committee for four years. She has been involved with the Foster Care Coalition and the American Red Cross. She has represented Missouri in Congress since 2013.

**Committees:** Financial Services Committee, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government-Sponsored Enterprises and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

**Endorsements/Ratings:** Endorsed by Air Line Pilots Association International, Missouri Right to Life, National Rifle Association, and Susan B. Anthony List; **Ratings:** Planned Parenthood Action Fund (2016) 0%, NARAL Pro-Choice America (2015) 0%, National Right to Life Committee (2015) 100%, Association of Builders & Contractors (2015-2016) 100%, Gun Owners of America (2014) 80%, ACLU (2015) 0%, and Americans for Prosperity (2015) 88%.

**WEBSITE:** campaign, <https://annwagner.com/> or Washington D.C., <https://wagner.house.gov>

**Bill Otto** (Democratic) was born January 1, 1956, in St. Louis, Missouri, and lives in Maryland Heights. He is Christian (Methodist) and married with five children. He has attended Meramec Community College and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Currently, Bill is a representative in the Missouri House (2013- present); From 1989-1995 he served as a member of the Bridgeton City Council. Served in the U.S. Navy from 1976 to 1983; retired Air Traffic Controller, Lambert International in St. Louis.

**Committees:** Current Legislative Committees include Consumer Affairs and Veterans Committee.

**Endorsements/Ratings:** Endorsed in 2016 by Missouri AFL-CIO, National Education Association, and National Organization for Women. **Ratings:** NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri (2016) 100%, Missouri Right to Life (2014) 22%, Planned Parenthood Advocates in Missouri (2013) 100%, Missouri Chamber of Commerce (2016) 27%,

**Website:** <http://billotto.org/> (campaign) or <http://www.house.mo.gov> (state capital)

**Jim Higgins** (Libertarian) was born July 24, 1948, in Cleveland, Ohio, and lives in St. Louis with his wife and two children. Received his BS, Civil Engineering in 1971 from Ohio Univ. Jim has never held elected office, but ran for the U.S. House in 1992, 2000, and 2002. He also ran for the office of governor in 2012 and the Missouri State Senate in 2014. He works as a Systems Analysts with Olin Corp. (1998-present). No religious affiliation was found.

**Endorsements/Ratings:** None was found

**Website:** <http://www.jimhiggins4congress.com/>

## District 3

**Blaine Luetkemeyer** (Republican, Incumbent) was born May 7, 1952, in Missouri and lives in St. Elizabeth, Missouri. B.A., political science, 1974, Lincoln University; He is married with three children and one grandchild. Owns and operates a 160-acre cattle farm. Served in the Missouri House of Representatives from 1999 to 2005; Director of the Tourism Commission of Missouri (2006-2008); and is currently the U.S. Representative from Missouri's 3rd Congressional District. Member: St. Lawrence Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus; Missouri Farm Bureau; Eldon Chamber of Commerce; he is Roman Catholic.

**Committees:** Financial Services including Chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance (2015-2016); Small Business Committee; Previously served Financial Services Committee (2011-2014) and the Small Business Committee (2013-2014).

**Endorsements/Ratings:** Endorsed by Missouri Right to Life and National Rifle Association. **Ratings:** Planned Parenthood Action Fund (2016) 0%, NARAL Pro-Choice America (2015) 0%, National Right to Life Committee (2015) 100%, National Rifle Association (2016) 100%, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) (2012) 0%, Federation for American Immigration Reform (2014) 100%.

**WEBSITE:** <http://blaineforcongress.com> (campaign) or <http://luetkemeyer.house.gov/> (Washington D.C.)

**Kevin Miller** (Democratic) No information available on candidate's personal history or prior political experience.

**Endorsements/Ratings:** None found.

**Website:** None found.

**Dan Hogan** (Libertarian) was born April 8, 1981, in Huntsville, Alabama, and currently lives with his wife and child in St. Peters, Missouri. Religion: "Non-denominational deist." (Votesmart.org) BS, Ashworth College 2009, AAS, Health Care Management, Community College of the Air Force, 2009, Continuing Ed. Cert., Alternate Dispute Resolution, Kansas State University, 2011, BAS, Management, Peru State College, 2013; no prior political experience; Sergeant, United States Army (2009-2012); Conductor, Union Pacific Railroad, 2013-2014; Conductor, Amtrak, 2014-present. Member: Scottish Rite, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Shriners, Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America.

**Committees and Endorsements:** None found

**Website:** <http://hogan4congress2016.my-free.website/>

**Doanita Simmons** (Constitution Party) lives in Jennings, Missouri; No other details on education, work experience, or prior political experience found.

**Website:** None found.

## District 4

**Vicky Hartzler** (Republican, Incumbent) was born October 13, 1960, in Harrisonville, Missouri, where she lives on a working farm with her husband and daughter. She is Christian. She graduated summa cum laude from the Univ. of MO-Columbia with a B.S. in Education and from Central MO State University with a M.S. in Education. She taught junior and senior high family and consumer sciences for 11 years before being elected to the Missouri General Assembly where she served six years; served on the Social Services and Corrections Appropriations; Agriculture; Children, Youth & Families; Fiscal Review; and Social Services, Medicaid, and the Elderly. She was a spokesman in 2004 for the Coalition to Protect Marriage in Missouri. In 2005, she was appointed by Governor Blunt and approved by the Missouri Senate to chair the Missouri Women's Council. In 2010, she was elected to her first term in the U.S. House of Representatives. She is a member of Fellowship of Evangelical Churches, an author, and a newspaper columnist.

**Committees:** Committee on Agriculture – Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, Subcommittee on Horticulture, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign



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Agriculture; Committee on Armed Services – Subcommittee on Readiness and Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities; Committee on Budget.

**Endorsements/Ratings:** Endorsed by Missouri Right to Life, National Rifle Association, and Susan B. Anthony List. Planned Parenthood Action Fund (2016) 0%; NARAL Pro-Choice America (2015) 0%; Defenders of Wild

**WEBSITE:** <http://vickyhartzler.com>.

**Gordon Christensen** (Democratic) was born September 14, 1948, in Bethesda, Maryland, and lives in Columbia, Missouri, with his wife. They have two children. He is Christian (Episcopalian). Gordon received his B.A., Biology from Grinnell College in 1970 and an M.D., Medicine from Creighton University 1974. He has no previous political experience. Professionally, he has served on the faculty of the University of Tennessee (1979-1988), as a physician and scientist with the Department of Veteran Affairs (1983-2003), Chief of Staff, University of Missouri Hospital (2008-2009), Faculty, University of Missouri (1988-2015), and doctor, Harry S Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital. Member: American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Society for Microbiology, and the American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

**Endorsements/Ratings:** National Organization for Women. No ratings found.

**Website:** <http://www.christensenforcongress.com/>

**Mark Bliss** (Libertarian) is from Warrensburg, Missouri. No information could be found on education, past political experience, work history, or personal information. No endorsements or ratings were found. See website below for contact information.

**Website:** [www.bliss4congress.com](http://www.bliss4congress.com)

## District 5

**Emanuel Cleaver II** (Democratic, Incumbent) born in Waxahachie, Texas, in 1944. He attended Prairie View A&M Univ., earned B.S. in Sociology; St. Paul's School of Theology, Masters in Divinity. He is an ordained Methodist Minister, serves as senior pastor at St. James United Methodist Church, Kansas City. He is a founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Harmony in the World of Difference; married with four children and three grandchildren. First elected to public office in 1979 as city councilman in Kansas City, a 12-year tenure during which he served as Mayor Pro Tem and chair of Planning and Zoning committee. He was elected as mayor of Kansas City, the first African-American elected to that office, serving two terms. Served a two-term position as president of the National Conference of Black Mayors. Even though he supported "Trinity United Church of Christ and its former pastor, the Reverend Jeremiah Wright," he "endorsed Hillary Rodham Clinton in the Democratic Primary." He is an Aspen Institute Fellow. He was honored by Kansas City designating a major thoroughfare as "Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd." Emanuel was elected to the U.S. House in 2004.

Committees: Financial Services Committee (2011-2016), Committee on Homeland Security (2011-2012), Congressional Progressive Caucus, member; Congressional Black Caucus, Congressional Progressive Caucus, and Congressional Serbian American Caucus.

**Endorsements/Ratings:** Missouri AFL-CIO, National Education Association, Sierra Club, Sierra Club, Ozark Chapter; Endorsed by NARAL Pro Choice America (2015) 100%; Planned Parenthood Action Fund (2016) 100%; National Farmers Union (2009-2010) 100%; Americans for the Arts Actions Fund (2013-2014) 100%; NAACP (2014) 100%; ACLU (2015) 80%; PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) (2007) 100%

**WEBSITE:** [www.cleaverforcongress.com](http://www.cleaverforcongress.com) (campaign) or <https://cleaver.house.gov> (U.S. House)

**Jacob Turk** (Republican) has lived in the district for over 28 years and has three children. Served in the U.S. Marines; B.S., Mechanical Engineering UMKC (1982); ran as a candidate for U.S. House of Representatives in 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, and 2014. Jacob has been an analyst and a programmer in the research department at National Association of Insurance Commissioners; a director of Community Relations, The Women's Clinic, Kansas City; President/Owner of Jacob Turk Enterprises since 2013; member of Lee's Summit Community Church.

**Endorsements/Ratings:** No endorsements found; Ratings: Gun Owners of America (2014) 90%, National Rifle Association (2012) 86%.

**WEBSITE:** [www.turkforcongress.com](http://www.turkforcongress.com)

**Roy Welborn** (Libertarian) was born and lives in Kansas City; attended the University of Central Missouri from 1988-1990; candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in 2014; has worked as an Information Systems Director, Lead Computer Technician, Client Support Specialist, Systems Technician, and Senior PC/Lan Technician. No known religious affiliation.

**Endorsements/Ratings:** No known endorsements; Gun Owners of America (2014) 90%

**Website:** None found

## District 6

**Sam Graves** (Republican, Incumbent) was born November 7, 1963, in Tarkio, Missouri. He attended the University of Missouri and holds a degree in Agronomy from the School of Agriculture. Sam is married and has three children. Member: Alpha Gamma Sigma; Rotary; Jaycees; volunteer fireman and rescue squad; Farm Bureau; and Missouri Historical Society. Served in the Missouri House from 1992-94 and then in the Missouri Senate in 1994; re-elected in 1998. He was elected to U.S. House: 2000–2014. He is Christian (Baptist).

Committees: Armed Services Committee (2015-2016), Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (2011-2016), and Small Business Committee, Chair (2011-2014).

**Endorsements/Ratings:** Air Line Pilots Association International, Missouri AFL-CIO, Missouri Right to Life, National Education Association, National Rifle Association; Ratings: Planned Parenthood Action Fund (2016) 0%; NARAL Pro Choice America (2015) 0%; National Right to Life Committee (2015) 100%; Food Policy Action (2015) 18%; National Farmers Union (2009-2010) 0%; National Council of Agricultural Employers (2007) 100%; National Federation of Independent Business (2015-2016) 100%

**WEBSITE:** [www.gravesforcongress.com](http://www.gravesforcongress.com) (campaign) or <http://graves.house.gov/> (U.S. House)

**David Blackwell** (Democratic) was born in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and lives in Smithville, Missouri. He is single and holds an AAS in Computer Science from Metropolitan Community Colleges of Kansas City (1988); David has no known previous political experience or religious, civic, or other memberships.

**WEBSITE:** None found

**Russ Monchil** (Libertarian) is married with three children; no background information could be found on his education, political experience, or professional experience. Russ has been a candidate for the U.S. House in 2012 and 2014. He is a member of Teamsters Local 41, the ACLU, Marijuana Policy Project, The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), and The 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment Center.

**Endorsements/Ratings:** No known endorsements; Rated 90% in 2014 by the Gun Owners of America.

**Website:** None found

## District 7

**Billy Long** (Republican, Incumbent) was born August 11, 1955, in Springfield, Missouri. He attended the University of Missouri and finished his degree at the Missouri Auction School. Professionally, he has been a talk radio host in Springfield, Missouri, broker/agent with Murney Associates, owner of Billy Long Auctions, LLC, and a realtor. He was first elected to the U.S. House in 2011. Billy is married and has two children. He is Christian (Presbyterian).

Committees: Energy and Commerce (2013-2016); Homeland Security Committee and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (2011-2012).

**Endorsements/Ratings:** Air Line Pilots Association International, Missouri Right to Life, National Rifle Association; Ratings: Planned Parenthood Action Fund (2016) 0%, NARAL Pro-Choice America (2015) 0%, National Right to Life Committee (2015) 100%, Gun Owners of America (2014) 90%, American Farm Bureau 50%; Associated General Contractors of America 100%; National Small Business Federation 100%; ACLU 0%; HRC 0%; NAACP 21%; AFP 85%; Heritage Action for America 82%; EF 100%; CWA 100%;

**WEBSITE:** <http://billylongforcongress.com> (campaign); <http://long.house.gov/> (U.S. House)

**Genevieve Williams** (Democratic) was born November 19, 1987, in Joplin, Missouri and lives in Newton, Missouri. She is Christian (Congregational) and earned her B.S., Journalism from Missouri State University in 2016. In 2014, Genevieve was a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives. She has chaired the Newton County Central Democratic Committee, been a member of the Southwest Missouri Democrats, was VP of the Missouri Federated Women's Democratic Club, and Chaired the Missouri Democratic Party.

**Endorsements/Ratings:** None could be found.

**Website:** <https://gen4congress.com/>

**Benjamin Brixey** (Libertarian) was born in Springfield, Missouri, and lives in Strafford, Missouri. Attended Missouri State University and has no political experience. He has worked as a beekeeper, soccer coach, and maintenance worker since 2012.

**Endorsements/Ratings:** None could be found

**Website:** <http://www.benbrixey.com>



# U.S. Senate

## Roy Blunt (Republican, Incumbent)

**BIO:** Roy Blunt was born in Niangua, Missouri, on January 10, 1950. He currently lives in Strafford, Missouri, with his wife Abigail. They have four children and six grandchildren. Roy is Christian (Baptist). Roy received his B.A. in History from Southwest Baptist University (1970) and his M.A. in History and Government from Missouri State University (1972). He began his political career as Clerk in Greene County in 1972 and has served as Representative in the U.S. House from 1996-2010. He is currently a Missouri Senator in the United States Senate.

**ISSUES:** Voted *Yes* on the Trade Act of 2015; *Yes* on the 2016 Budget proposal which is a non-binding resolution used to create appropriations bills; *Yes* on Defense spending authorization which included \$5 billion in cuts and language preventing the closure of the Guantanamo Bay military prison; *Yes* to filibuster the Iran nuclear deal; *No* on the confirmation of Loretta Lynch as Attorney General; and *Yes* to stop sanctuary policies by withholding federal money from “sanctuary jurisdictions” that violate the illegal immigration laws. He opposes Obamacare and wants it repealed and replaced. Is pro-life and for women’s health programs that do not include Planned Parenthood services. He is pro Second Amendment protections including concealed carry and the Freedom from Intrusive Regulatory Enforcement of Arbitrary Registration Mandates. Roy is in favor of enforcing our immigration laws and strengthening our border.

Committee assignments: Roy serves on the following committees of the U.S. Senate in 2015-2016: Appropriations Committee, Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, Select Committee on Intelligence, Rules and Administration Committee (Chairman), Joint Committee on the Library, and Joint Committee on Printing (Vice-Chairman).

**Endorsements/Ratings:** Blunt has been endorsed by the Air Line Pilots Association International, Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, and Missouri Right to Life, the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)<sup>4</sup>, and the National Rifle Association. He received a 6% rating on abortion by the Planned Parenthood action Fund (2016), a 0% rating from NARAL Pro-Choice America (2015) and a 100% rating from National Right to Life Committee (2015).

**WEBSITES:** <https://www.royblunt.com/> or <http://blunt.senate.gov/>



## Jason Kander (Democratic)

**BIO:** Jason Kander was born May 4, 1981, in Kansas City, Missouri, and currently lives in Columbia, Missouri, with his wife Diana and one child. Jason is Jewish. He received a B.A. in Political Science from American University in 2002 and a J.D. from Georgetown Law School in 2005; currently the Missouri Secretary of State (2012-present). Prior to this office, he served one term as State Representative in the Missouri House from 2008-2012 and as a captain in the U.S. Army. He is an attorney with the Barnes Law Firm (2008-present). Worked to help balance Missouri’s budget and strengthen human trafficking law while in the House. Founder of Heartland Democrats of America, Member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Member of the Missouri State Bar Association, Member of New Reform Temple, and Senior Advisor at Votevets.org.

**ISSUES:** Jason Kander is pro-choice and supports pro-choice legislation. He supports government funding for the development of renewable energy and the federal regulation of greenhouse gas emissions. He supports gun control legislation.<sup>5</sup> Jason supports small business owners by reducing bureaucracy and red tape. Pushed through his “Startups for Soldiers” Act, which waived all business start-up fees for members of the National Guard and active duty military members returning to Missouri. He wants to expand healthcare coverage in Missouri. “[Jason] understands that climate change is a real consequence of human activity and we have a moral obligation to address this challenge. He is for police body cameras and increases in community policing in support of *Black Lives Matter*. He is opposed to voter photo ID requirements.

Committee assignments: As a Missouri State Representative, Jason served on the Appropriations – Transportation and Economic Development, Budget, Downsizing State Government, and Judiciary committees in 2011 and 2012. He previously served on the Homeland Security, Budget, and Joint Committee on Life Science (2009-2010).

**Endorsements/Ratings:** Kander has been endorsed by League of Conservation Voters; Missouri AFL-CIO; National Education Association; National Organization for Women; and VoteVets.org. He received a 100% rating from NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri (2014) and 25% from Missouri Right to Life (2012). He received a 36% rating from the Associated Industries of Missouri-Positions (2012) and a 51% rating from the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry - Positions (2012). He received a 7% rating from the National Rifle Association (2012).

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.jasonkander.com/>



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### District 8

**Jason Smith** (Republican, Incumbent) was born June 16, 1980, in St. Louis and was raised in Salem, Missouri. He double majored at the University of Missouri – Columbia (Agricultural Economics and Business Administration) and earned his J.D. from Oklahoma City University in 2004. He won election to a special term to replace former Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson. In November of 2005, he won election to the 150<sup>th</sup> House District. While in the Missouri Legislature, he served as President Pro Tempore and Majority Whip. Former attorney and real estate agent. He is a Christian (Grace Community Church).

Committees: Ways and Means Committee (2015-2016), Judiciary Committee and Natural Resources Committee (2013-2014).

**Endorsements/Ratings:** Air Line Pilots International, Missouri Right to Life, National Rifle Association; Ratings: MO Right to Life; NRL 100%; Planned Parenthood 0%; American Farm Bureau Federation (2014) 50%; Assoc. General Contractors of America 80%; ACLU 0%; AFP 71%; Heritage Action 77%; EF 100%; AFP 71%; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 0%; Council for Livable World 10%; FRC Action 100%; Americans United for Separation Church/State 0%; HRC 0%.

**WEBSITE:** [www.electjasonsmith.com/](http://www.electjasonsmith.com/) (campaign) or <http://jasonsmith.house.gov/> (U.S. House)

**Dave Cowell** (Democratic) lives in De Soto, Missouri, with his wife and child. He is a self-proclaimed “progressive to the core” (website) and has gone from homelessness to husband, father, and worker in ten years. He has worked in fast food, music/concert promotion, home health services and retail manager. He has no previous political experience.

Endorsements/Ratings: None could be found.

Website: <http://www.davecowellforcongress.com>

Jonathan Lee Shell (Libertarian) is married, lives in Fredericktown, Missouri, and is Christian. He has no previous political or professional experience that could be found. See website for more information.

Endorsements/Ratings: None could be found

**WEBSITE:** <http://jonshellforcongress.my-free.website/>

## Jonathan Dine (Libertarian)

**BIO:** Jonathan Dine lives in Kansas City, Missouri; Graduate of San Marcos High School works as a personal trainer at Results Training & Nutrition (2007-present). According to his website, Jonathan supports marriage equality; limited government as defined by the 10th Amendment; pro 2nd Amendment and opposes any restrictions on ownership, transfer, or sale of guns; pro healthcare reform, opposes penalties for not buying healthcare, and for allowing Insurance companies to compete across state lines; supports the legalization of marijuana; opposes the federal income tax and would work to repeal it and abolish the IRS.

**Endorsements:** None could be found. **WEBSITE:** <http://www.vote4dine.com/>

## Fred Ryman (Constitution Party)

**BIO:** Fred Ryman grew up in Texas and now lives in Jefferson City, Missouri. He is currently an assistant manager of a furniture store in Columbia. He has a BS in Mathematics from Texas A&M University and a BA in Theology from Howard Payne. **ISSUES:** From Fred’s website: “Fred brings actual solutions to the table...new, sound ideas that solve many of the problems that frustrate and aggravate (sic) Americans.”<sup>6</sup>

**Endorsements:** None could be found. **WEBSITE:** <http://www.vote4fred.org/>



(Endnotes)

<sup>1</sup> Samuel Adams, November 4, 1775, in a letter to James Warren, accessed online at <http://ringthebellsoffreedom.com>, September 17, 2016.

<sup>2</sup> Federer, William J., “America’s God and Country, Encyclopedia of Quotations,” Flame Publishing, Inc., 1996, p. 23.

<sup>3</sup> Much of our information unless otherwise indicated, is gleaned from Votesmart.org and Ballotpedia.org, which provide non-partisan, impartial, and in depth information on candidates for public office.

<sup>4</sup> [www.royblunt.com](http://www.royblunt.com) campaign website, accessed Sept. 16, 2016.

<sup>5</sup> According to Votesmart.org likely positions of candidate.

<sup>6</sup> [www.vote4fred.org](http://www.vote4fred.org).



REPUBLICAN PLATFORM	KEY ISSUE	DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM
"The Constitution's guarantee that no one can "be deprived of life, liberty or property" deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence's proclamation that "all" are "endowed by their Creator" with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to children before birth." (p.13)	Human Life	"Democrats are committed to protecting and advancing reproductive health, rights, and justice. We believe unequivocally that every woman should have access to quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion—regardless of where she lives, how much money she makes, or how she is insured. We believe that reproductive health is core to women's, men's, and young people's health and wellbeing.... We will continue to oppose—and seek to overturn—federal and state laws and policies that impede a woman's access to abortion, including by repealing the Hyde Amendment." (p.37)
"We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood, so long as they provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts rather than provide healthcare." (p.13)	Planned Parenthood	"We will continue to stand up to Republican efforts to defund Planned Parenthood health centers, which provide critical health services to millions of people." (p.37)
"We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life." (p.13)	Judges	"We will appoint judges who defend the constitutional principles of liberty and equality for all, protect a woman's right to safe and legal abortion, curb billionaires' influence over elections because they understand that <i>Citizens United</i> has fundamentally damaged our democracy, and see the Constitution as a blueprint for progress." (p.25)
"We value the right of America's religious leaders to preach, and Americans to speak freely, according to their faith. Republicans believe the federal government, specifically the IRS, is constitutionally prohibited from policing or censoring speech based on religious convictions or beliefs, and therefore we urge the repeal of the Johnson Amendment." (p.11)	Religious Liberty	"Democrats know that our nation, our communities, and our lives are made vastly stronger and richer by faith in many forms and the countless acts of justice, mercy, and tolerance it inspires. We believe in lifting up and valuing the good work of people of faith and religious organizations and finding ways to support that work where possible." (p.19)
"We firmly believe environmental problems are best solved by giving incentives for human ingenuity and the development of new technologies, not through top-down, command-and-control regulations that stifle economic growth and cost thousands of jobs." (p.22)	Climate Change/ Global Warming	"Climate change is an urgent threat and a defining challenge of our time.... We believe America must be running entirely on clean energy by mid-century." (p.27)
"We support options for learning, including home-schooling, career and technical education, private or parochial schools, magnet schools, charter schools, online learning, and early-college high schools. We especially support the innovative financing mechanisms that make options available to all children: education savings accounts (ESAs), vouchers, and tuition tax credits." (p.34)	Education/ School Choice	"Democrats are also committed to providing parents with high-quality public school options and expanding these options for low-income youth. We support great neighborhood public schools and high-quality public charter schools, and we will help them disseminate best practices to other school leaders and educators. Democrats oppose for-profit charter schools focused on making a profit off of public resources." (p.34)

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The full texts of the party platforms may be found at [www.VotingInfo.net](http://www.VotingInfo.net).This guide has been legally approved for distribution by Churches and 501-(c)-3 organizations. For further legal information and for an online version, see [www.VotingInfo.net](http://www.VotingInfo.net).Please copy and  
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## SHORT LINES

### GIVING THE STATE A DOSE OF ITS OWN MEDICINE

Frustrated by dealing with a request from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for permission to access a creek on a landowner's property to document the decline in a certain species of unheard of frogs, the owner responded by developing a list of mandatory requirements before they would allow the department access to their property. Some of those requirements included:

They divided their property into 75 equal survey units with draw tags costing \$8.00 per unit, which could only be purchased after obtaining a "Frog Survey License" costing \$120-180.00.

If the department was successful in the "draw," they would be notified two weeks in advance so they could make necessary plans and purchase a "Creek Habitat" stamp. (\$18.00 Resident/\$140.00 Non-Resident). Additional draw tags were available for "Premium Survey" units at \$8.00 per application. However, all fees can be waived if "Native Indian Tribal rights and status" could be verified.

Other requirements included a "Frog Habitat" parking permit (\$10.00 per vehicle), an "Invasive Species" stamp (\$15.00 for the first vehicle and \$5.00 for each additional vehicle), and a Day Use fee, (\$5.00 per vehicle).

The landowner's requirements went on to include specific times that the surveys could take place, gear to be used during the survey and frog capturing/releasing, and required online courses (\$750.00). Without the fulfillment of the requirements, they declined access to their property, even though they "appreciated" the department's inquiry.

By Lizzy Acker, The Oregonian, June 13, 2016.



REPUBLICAN PLATFORM	KEY ISSUE	DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM
"We renew our call for replacing "family planning" programs for teens with sexual risk avoidance education that sets abstinence until marriage as the responsible and respected standard of behavior." (p.34)	Sex Education	"We recognize that quality, affordable comprehensive health care, evidence-based sex education, and a full range of family planning services help reduce the number of unintended pregnancies." (p.37)
"Any honest agenda for improving healthcare must start with repeal of the dishonestly named Affordable Care Act of 2010: Obamacare...To simplify the system for both patients and providers, we will reduce mandates and enable insurers and providers of care to increase healthcare options and contain costs." (p.36)	Obamacare	"Thanks to the hard work of President Obama and Democrats in Congress we took a critically important step towards the goal of universal health care by passing the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which has offered coverage to 20 million more Americans and ensured millions more will never be denied coverage on account of a pre-existing condition." (p.34)
"We condemn the Supreme Court's ruling in <i>United States v. Windsor</i> , which wrongly removed the ability of Congress to define marriage policy in federal law. We also condemn the Supreme Court's lawless ruling in <i>Obergefell v. Hodges</i> ...In <i>Obergefell</i> , five unelected lawyers robbed 320 million Americans of their legitimate constitutional authority to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman." (p.11)	Marriage	"Democrats applaud last year's decision by the Supreme Court that recognized LGBT people—like every other American—have the right to marry the person they love. But there is still much work to be done." (p.19)
"We call for expanded support for the stem cell research that now offers the greatest hope for many afflictions — through adult stem cells, umbilical cord blood, and cells reprogrammed into pluripotent stem cells — without the destruction of embryonic human life. We urge a ban on human cloning for research or reproduction, and a ban on the creation of, or experimentation on, human embryos for research." (p.37-38)	Medical Research	"Democrats believe we must accelerate the pace of medical progress, ensuring that we invest more in our scientists and give them the resources they need to invigorate our fundamental studies in the life sciences in a growing, stable, and predictable way...We recognize the critical importance of a fully funded National Institutes of Health to accelerate the pace of medical progress." (p.36)
"We consider the Administration's deal with Iran, to lift international sanctions and make hundreds of billions of dollars available to the Mullahs, a personal agreement between the President and his negotiating partners and non-binding on the next president...Because of it, the defiant and emboldened regime in Tehran continues to sponsor terrorism across the region, develop a nuclear weapon, test-fire ballistic missiles inscribed with "Death to Israel," and abuse the basic human rights of its citizens." (p.46)	Iran	"We support the nuclear agreement with Iran because, if vigorously enforced and implemented, it verifiably cuts off all of Iran's pathways to a bomb without resorting to war." (p.43)
"The integrity of our country's foreign assistance program has been compromised by the current Administration's attempt to impose on foreign recipients, especially the peoples of Africa, its own radical social agenda while excluding faith-based groups — the sector with the best track record in promoting development — because they will not conform to that agenda. We pledge to reverse this course...." (p.52)	Foreign Assistance	"We will support sexual and reproductive health and rights around the globe. In addition to expanding the availability of affordable family planning information and contraceptive supplies, we believe that safe abortion must be part of comprehensive maternal and women's health care and included as part of America's global health programming." (p.46)

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## SHORT LINES

### BASKETBALL AND BATHROOMS

A Gideon has appeared on the national stage in the form of Dan Forest, Lt. Governor of North Carolina. Note that both the NCAA and NBA have decided to pull their tournaments out of North Carolina, due to the recent "bathroom wars" fought in the state.

Regarding the NCAA, Forest insightfully writes: "The NCAA's action sends a message to every female athlete and female fan attending their events that their privacy and security in a bathroom, shower, or locker room isn't worth the price of a ticket to a ballgame ... For years, we've seen the NBA turn a blind eye towards women victims of domestic abuse at the hands of their star players. Why should we be surprised now at the NCAA continuing this pattern of discrimination and degradation of women? The line has now been drawn in the sand, first by Hollywood, now by the NBA and NCAA, either accept their 'progressive sexual agenda' or pay the price. North Carolina will not play that game. We value our women too much to put a price tag on their heads." NC Lt. Governor Dan Forest

American Renewal Project, September 2016

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# Missouri Candidates State Elections

(See Page E-4 for explanations of endorsement organizations.)

**M**issouri's general election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Those who won their primaries in August are included here with updates to endorsements and other information that may have not been available for the primary. With so much attention being paid by the mainstream media and other national and local outlets to the presential race, it is important to remember that Missouri has a significant election with candidates for office who hold a wide variety of views and opinions on major issues facing this state: issues such as Right to Work legislation, expansion of Medicaid, education policy, taxation and economic growth, and much more. We encourage you to use this information to inform yourselves and continue to learn more about the candidates who are on the ballot this November so you can make a wise and informed decision. In an attempt to give a sense of candidates

and positions, we have chosen to highlight what the candidates have put forward primarily from their websites with supplemental information on other details such as endorsements from partisan organizations, and ballotpedia.org and votesmart.org. Time and space limit the amount of information that can be spent on each candidate; for those candidates we have provided their websites for further information.

We have made every effort to be fair and non-partisan in our presentation of candidates, as we do not and will not endorse any particular person or party. We are, however, focused on issues of faith and education with regard to the government and who holds the offices which represent *We the People*; therefore our focus and guide in selecting information is based on the Constitution and the Divine Author on whose principles that document was created. With that in mind, please use this information as a guide and then use the available resources to further inform your judgment.

## ~~~ GOVERNOR ~~~

### Chris Koster (Democratic)

**BIO:** Chris Koster was born August 31, 1964, in St. Louis, Missouri, and is currently in his second term as Missouri's Attorney General. He is a graduate of Saint Louis University High School, received his BA and JD from the University of Missouri and his MBA from Washington University in St. Louis. Chris has held public office for twelve years. From 2004 to 2008 he was a Missouri state senator. In 2008, he was elected attorney general, the position he currently holds. Koster worked as assistant attorney general before moving to Kansas City, where he entered private practice focusing on litigation. In 1994, he was elected prosecuting attorney in Cass County and was re-elected in 1998 and 2002. Prior to 2007, Chris was a member of the Republican Party but changed to the Democratic Party before running for Attorney General in 2008. **ISSUES:** Chris is a strong supporter of Obamacare and Medicaid Expansion.<sup>1</sup> Following an investigation by his office in 2015, he found nothing wrong with the way in which Planned Parenthood handled fetal tissue. Koster opposes Right to Work legislation in Missouri.<sup>2</sup>

**Endorsements:** Missouri Soybean Association (2016), Missouri Farm Bureau (2016), Corn Growers Association (2016)<sup>3</sup>; Fraternal Order of Police (2016)<sup>4</sup>, the National Rifle Association (2016), Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region Advocates, Inc. (2012); **PROMO-**For the Personal Rights of Missourians (2012); National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund (2012); Missouri National Education Association (2012); and Missouri AFL-CIO (2012). **Ratings:** NARAL Pro Choice Missouri (2014) 100%; Missouri Right to Life (2008) 0%; Missouri AFL-CIO (2005) 100%

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.chriskoster.com>

### Eric Greitens (Republican)

**BIO:** Eric Greitens was born April 10, 1974, in St. Louis, Missouri. He is married to Sheena Greitens, and they have two sons. His education includes a PhD from the University of Oxford in 2000, a Masters of Philosophy, Developmental Studies, University of Oxford in 1998, and an AB in Ethics from Duke University in 1996. Eric was a White House Fellow at the White House Fellowship Program from 2005-2006. He is an author, a Navy Seal, and serves as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy Reserve. He served in Afghanistan and Iraq earning a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Prior to entering politics, Greitens was the founder and CEO of "The Mission Continues," which is a Missouri-based non-profit that helps returning veterans get back on their feet and give back to their communities. Eric changed political identity from Democrat to Republican around 2012-2013.<sup>5</sup> **ISSUES:** Ethics Reform in Jefferson City; Pro-Life; Pro-Second Amendment (Life Member of the NRA); Opposes Common Core and is for school choice; Pro Right to Work laws for Missouri. On the question of religious liberty: "It is a fact that people of faith are under attack in America, and our religious liberties are being threatened. That is why I

respect and applaud the proponents of SJR39 for taking action to protect religious freedom. However, I don't believe this legislation is the right approach. I oppose SJR39, because I believe that while it is well-intentioned, it could unintentionally threaten our economy and job creation."<sup>6</sup>

**Endorsements:** Missouri Chamber of Commerce (2016)<sup>7</sup>, Missouri Corrections Officers Association (2016)<sup>8</sup> **Ratings:** National Rifle Association (2016) 86%.

**WEBSITE:** <http://ericgreitens.com/>

**In addition to the Republican and Democratic candidates for governor there are three others who will be on the ballot November 8, 2016. No endorsements or ratings were found for any of these candidates:**

### Cisse Spragins (Libertarian)

Married and a Christian according to votesmart.org. Holds BS, Chemistry, University of Tennessee; MS, Chemistry and Physics, University of Wisconsin; PhD, Plasma Physics, University of Wisconsin. Cisse has been the Vice Chair of the Missouri Liberty Party and twice ran as a candidate for office (U.S. Senate, 2010; Missouri Secretary of State, 2012). She has been working at Rockwell Labs Limited since 1998.

**WEBSITE:** [www.electspragins.com/](http://www.electspragins.com/)

### Lester Turilli (Unaffiliated with any party)

Lester Turilli is 45; raised in Creve Coeur, Missouri, and currently resides in Stanton, Missouri. Graduate of Baylor University with a BBA, Management and Entrepreneurship; currently works as executive leader in family businesses, Meramec Caverns and Caveman Zipline; Stanton, Missouri, business owner operating Meramec Caverns. Central issues on his platform include but are not limited to government, taxation, education, foster care, abortion, human trafficking, church and state, the Second Amendment, and homelessness. For more information on these issues and about Lester you can go to his **WEBSITE** at [www.governor2016.com](http://www.governor2016.com).

### Don Fitz (Green Party)

Received his Ph.D. in 1974 from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Fitz was a Research Psychologist for 25 years at St. Louis State Hospital. Don is on the Editorial Board of Green Social Thought; He produces the show "Green Time" in conjunction with KNLC-TV in the City of St. Louis and is editor of the Compost-Dispatch newsletter, published for the Green Party of St. Louis. Don Fitz has been on the Board of the University Heights Neighborhood Assoc.; supports organic food free of contamination by pesticides, herbicides and GMOs and a single payer system and Medicaid expansion. Don opposes fossil fuels and nuclear power.

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“We cannot live safely with concealed guns, especially in schools, or by allowing automatic firearms. Instead, we should advocate forgiving student loans and free university education.”

WEBSITE: <https://missourigreenparty.org/donfitz/>

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<sup>1</sup> [www.governor2016.com](http://www.governor2016.com)

<sup>2</sup> [www.missourigreenparty.org](http://www.missourigreenparty.org)

## ~~~ LT. GOVERNOR ~~~

### Russ Carnahan (Democratic)

BIO: John “Russ” Russell Carnahan was born July 10, 1958, in Rolla, Missouri. He is married to Debra and they have two children. Russ went to the University of Missouri, Columbia, where he obtained a BS in Public Administration in 1979. He then graduated from UMC with a JD in 1983. Russ, a four-term Missouri congressman, served as a representative in the Missouri House from 2001-2004 before becoming Assistant Democratic Whip in the United States House of Representatives in 2005. Russ has worked as an attorney in private practice and with BJC Healthcare. “My goal will be to bring Missourians together for a more trusted government and to build an even better Show-Me state.” ISSUES: Pro-choice on abortion (Rated 0% by the National Right to Life Committee in 2006<sup>10</sup>); in favor of embryonic stem cell research and against restricting interstate transport of minors to get an abortion. In 2006, Russ voted not to define marriage under the Constitution as between one-man-one-woman. He voted to increase the debt limit in 2011 from \$14.3 trillion to \$16.7 trillion. He co-sponsored what became Public Law No. 110-199 (2007) called the “Second Chance Act” to reduce recidivism by giving offenders a second chance.

**Endorsements:** NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri (2016) Ratings: NARAL Pro-Choice America (2012) 100%; National Right to Life Committee (2011-2012) 0%; Sierra Club (2012) 100%; National Association of Manufacturers (2012) 20%

WEBSITE: <http://russcarnahanformissouri.com>

### Mike Parson (Republican)

BIO: Mike Parson was born in Clinton, Missouri, on September 17, 1956, and lives in Bolivar, Missouri. Mike attended both the University of Hawaii and University of Maryland after graduating high school in 1973. He is married to Teresa, and they have two children. Mike served in the United States Army and as the Sheriff of Polk County. He has also been a business owner and is a third generation farmer. He is Christian. Mike is a member of the Cattlemens Association, Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Sheriffs Association, National Rifle Association, National Sheriffs Association, and the Optimist Club. ISSUES: Opposes embryonic stem cell research. In 2011, Mike signed the “no new tax pledge” for Missouri; supports requiring ride-sharing companies to have comprehensive insurance plans; pro-life; pro Second Amendment; opposes Obamacare.

**Endorsements** (2016): National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund; Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association; Fraternal Order of Police, St. Louis Police Officers Association, St. Louis County Police Association; Missouri Right to Life PAC; Missouri Chamber PAC; Missouri Corn Growers Association; Missouri Dairy Association; Missouri Pork Association; Missouri Federation of Animal Owners.<sup>11</sup> Ratings: NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri (2016) 14%; Missouri Right to Life (2014) 92%; Associated Industries of Missouri (2015-2016) 100%; Missouri Progressive Vote Coalition (Education, 2016) 0%; National Rifle Association (2016) 100%;

WEBSITE: <http://www.mikeparson.com/>

### Steven Hedrick (Libertarian)

BIO: Steven Hedrick was born November 25, 1980, in Independence, Missouri. His campaign website at <http://www.votethefuture.com/> takes you to a previous campaign for the U.S. Congress in the Third District. You can find more information about Steven at that location.

**Endorsements/Ratings:** None found for this candidate.

WEBSITE: <http://www.votethefuture.com/>

## ~~~ SECRETARY OF STATE ~~~

### Robin Smith (Democratic)

BIO: Robin Smith is married to Isaac and is known primarily for her nearly four decades of work as a news anchor with NBC, ABC, and CBS. Currently, she is a licensed real estate broker and has never run for political office before now. In 1975, she received her BA in Communication Arts from Lindenwood College and has an EMIB from the St. Louis University School of Business Administration. Robin has an extensive career in media, received many awards for her work, and has served as a trustee for St. Louis University.<sup>12</sup> Other than her statement on her website that she is “not a career politician” there is no

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reference to the campaign or where she stands on particular ISSUES.

**Endorsements:** Missouri AFL-CIO Ratings: National Rifle Association (2016) 0%

WEBSITE: <http://www.withrobinsmith.com/>

### John (Jay) Ashcroft (Republican)

BIO: John (Jay) Ashcroft was born in Jefferson City, Missouri. He resides with his wife Katie and their four children in St. Louis County. Jay is the son of John Ashcroft, former U.S. Attorney General, U.S. Senator, and Governor of Missouri. He received a BS and MS in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri at Rolla and a JD from St. Louis University School of Law. He ran for Missouri State Senate in 2014, but has held no elected office. Currently, he is an associate with The Ashcroft Law Firm LLC. “Overly complicated procedures, expensive fees, and poor service from the Secretary of State’s staff can cause a burgeoning business to fail before it even gets started.”<sup>13</sup> ISSUES: Supports Voter ID; Supports small business and entrepreneurs for economic growth in Missouri. As Secretary of State he wants to streamline procedures, cut red-tape, reduce fees and improve training for first time businesses.<sup>14</sup> Jay wants to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Secretary of State’s Office by improving technology, streamlining procedures, and eliminating waste.<sup>15</sup> He pledges fair ballot language, secure elections, and making voter identification a priority.<sup>16</sup>

**Endorsements:** Eagle Forum, MO Right to Life PAC Ratings: National Rifle Association (2016) 86%

WEBSITE: <http://ashcroftformissouri.com/>

### Chris Morrill (Libertarian)

BIO: Chris Morrill was born in Cape Girardeau on April 21, 1972, and currently lives in St. Louis. He is single. Chris is Roman Catholic. He received a BS in Education from Southeast Missouri State University in 1994. He has run for Missouri Senate in 2004 and has been a committee member for both the Republican (1992-1994) and Libertarian Party (2000-2002). Chris is a certified insurance fraud investigator and fraud examiner who currently works as a special investigative unit analyst for Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty. ISSUES: Chris wants to merge the Secretary of State’s Office with the Missouri Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration (DIFP).<sup>17</sup> Regarding voter ID: “(So) our primary duty should be to make voting as easy as possible, while protecting against the rare instance of fraud.”<sup>18,20</sup> He is opposed to strengthening voter identification laws, but would make investigation of voter fraud a high priority. Chris also favors optical scan ballots over electronic ballots and would encourage recycling in order to be environmentally friendly.

**Endorsements/Ratings:** None found for this candidate.

WEBSITE: <http://vote.chrismorrill.com/>

## ~~~ STATE TREASURER ~~~

### Judy Baker (Democratic)

BIO: Judy Baker was born April 10, 1960, in Columbia, Missouri, where she currently lives with her husband. She has three children and is Christian. Received a BS in educational psychology in 1981 and a Masters of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1986. In 2002, she earned an MA in Health Administration at the University of Missouri, Columbia. Has previously served as a State Representative. She has also been a CEO, adjunct professor, director of operations, and corporate president throughout her career. She is currently a small business owner and Senior Fellow with the innovation accelerator, eRepublic and the Governing Institute.<sup>19</sup> ISSUES: Wants to increase accountability by making it easier for Missouri taxpayers to know how money is being spent with a Searchable Annual Report Card. Supports a Sustainable Family Farm Program, Renewable Energy Incentives, and Prison to Re-entry Savings Accounts.<sup>20</sup> “Returning funds to their proper owner is a simple and meaningful investment in the financial health of our state, and I’ll work to find new ways to help Missourians regain their unclaimed property.”<sup>21</sup>

**Endorsements:** NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri Ratings: Missouri Right to Life (2008) 37%; Missouri Progressive Vote Coalition (Abortion, 2008) 100%; Missouri Farm Federation (2007-2008) 33%; National Rifle Association (2016) 0%

WEBSITE: [www.showmebaker.com](http://www.showmebaker.com)

### Eric Schmitt (Republican)

BIO: Eric Schmitt is from St. Louis County and currently lives in Glendale, Missouri, with his wife Jaime and three children. He has a BA from Truman University and a JD from St.



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Louis University School of Law (2000). Eric began his political career as an alderman in Glendale before being elected to the Missouri Senate in 2008. He is currently the Majority Caucus Chair. He is also a partner in Lathrop & Gage LLP. Eric sponsored legislation reducing small business tax burden and end the “corporate franchise tax” in Missouri. ISSUES: Opposed Missouri’s “corporate franchise tax”; sponsored Autism Insurance Reform; reformed the St. Louis property tax assessment process; created the MO HealthNet (Medicaid) Data Transparency Program; supports local school districts getting their fair share of funding and promotes equitable treatment; Wants a balanced state budget with additional spending for K-12 transportation funding and public higher education. Eric supports efforts to consolidate state agencies and reduce the size and scope of state government.<sup>22</sup>

**Endorsements 2016**<sup>23</sup>: IAFF Local 42 Greater Kansas City Firefighters, Missouri State Council of Fire Fighters, Missouri Fraternal Order of Police, St. Louis City Police Officers Association, St. Louis County Police Association. Ratings: NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri (2016) 14%; Missouri Right to Life (2014) 95%; Missouri Chamber of Commerce (2016) 83%; National Rifle Association (2012) 43%

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.schmittformissouri.com/>

### Sean O’Toole (Libertarian)

BIO: Sean O’Toole was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 8, 1961, and currently lives in Kansas City with his wife Cisse. He has a BA in Finance from Hamline University (1983). Sean has previously been a candidate for the Missouri State House of Representatives (2010), the Missouri State Senate (2012), and the Missouri State Auditor (2014). He is a principal with HedgeLogic, LLC. ISSUES: Restore local control of schools; supports “Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail” and spot audit of elections; supports eliminating the Lt. Governor position; abolish labor laws and allow parties to freely enter into contracts; eliminate mandatory sentencing and restore Second Amendment rights; opposes the “Real ID Act” establishing a de facto national ID card; end eminent domain seizures of private property for private developers; and is in favor of repealing the state income tax provision of the Missouri Constitution.

**Endorsements/Ratings:** None found for this candidate

**WEBSITE:** <http://otoole4mo.com/>

## ~~~ ATTORNEY GENERAL ~~~

### Teresa Hensley (Democratic)

BIO: Teresa Hensley was born February 5, 1959, in Neodesha, Kansas, and currently resides in Raymore, Missouri, with her husband Kenneth and son. She is Christian (Methodist). In 1981 she received her BA in History from William Jewell College. In 1991 she received her JD from the University of Missouri –Kansas City. She has served as Alderman for the City of Raymore in 1988 and worked as Cass County Prosecutor from 2005-2014. ISSUES: “As a former prosecutor, I saw the pain and the devastation families experience when they’re the victims of violent crime. I saw parents who lost children to drunk drivers, and children who lost their innocence to abuse. But I also saw the power of justice in action. I saw people begin to put their lives back together after justice was served in a court of law. That’s why I’m running. I have a unique understanding of the power and importance of the office of the Attorney General. As the state’s top prosecutor, I will seek justice with honesty and integrity for Missouri’s families.” – Source: campaign website accessed June 28, 2016.

**Endorsements:** NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri; Emily’s List, Kansas City AFL-CIO and Building Trades, State UAW and State Carpenters Union<sup>24</sup> Ratings: National Rifle Association (2016) 0%; National Rifle Association (2012) 86%

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.teresahensley.com/>

### Josh Hawley (Republican)

BIO: Josh Hawley is married and has two children. He received his AB in history from Stanford University in 2002 and his JD from Yale Law School in 2006. He served as a Judicial Clerk in the Court of Appeal and the United States Supreme Court from 2007-2008. He has worked as an attorney from 2008 to 2011 and an associate professor of law at the University of Missouri, School of Law. In the U.S. Supreme Court decision on *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby* in 2014, “Hawley was instrumental to obtaining the landmark victory that protects the religious liberty of all Americans”<sup>10</sup> ISSUES: Supports Ethics Reform in Jefferson City that will include the AGs office; Pro Second Amendment; Pro-life; Protect Missouri farmers by stopping Obama’s “Clean Power Plan” in court; Opposes the EPA’s WOTUS rule; Fix the illegal immigration problem and border security problems; Stop frivolous lawsuits with Tort Reform; Defend Religious liberty and continue to push back on Obamacare.

**Endorsements:** American Conservative Union, Family Research Council, Missouri Right to Life PAC, Citizens United, Missouri Cattlemen’s Association, Missouri Farm Bureau, Gun Owners of America. Ratings: National Rifle Association (2016) 86%

**WEBSITE:** <http://joshhawley.com>

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## SHORT LINES

### Islamic Inroads

Islamic supremacists and their agenda for dominating the world known as Shariah are achieving a growing foothold in America. Alarming, those who believe Islam and [that] its repressive anti-Constitutional Shariah must rule the whole world, are making serious inroads in towns and cities right here in America – sometimes with our own tax dollars! Shariah-adherent Muslims are presenting themselves as followers of “religion,” and thereby, entitled to First Amendment protections under our Constitution. In fact, they are waging jihad (holy war) to force this country and the rest of the world, Muslim and non-Muslims like, to submit to their anti-constitutional legal and political Shariah code.

Here are some of the ways the civilization jihadist leaders are stealthily trying to take us down:

The Islamic supremacists are placing Muslim Brothers into positions as advisors to (and in some cases as employees of) our government.

Muslim Brotherhood operatives and their enablers are trying to use the “Common Core” curriculum – our children’s textbooks – to promote Islamic supremacism in our academic institutions.

The Islamists are working to insinuate Shariah into U.S. courts and establish their own parallel “Islamic tribunals” to subvert our rule of law and Constitution.

The Islamic supremacists are using our immigration system – especially our refugee resettlement program – to engage in what they call *Hijra [Hegira]*, Muslim colonization, in America.

Some public and taxpayer-funded university gyms are now providing separate hours for male and female swimming – to comply with Shariah laws for Islamic followers.

A New Jersey judge denied a protective order to a Moroccan-American woman being systematically beaten and tortured by her Muslim husband on the grounds that he was just practicing his faith according to Shariah.

Frank Gaffney, Secure Freedom,  
September 2016