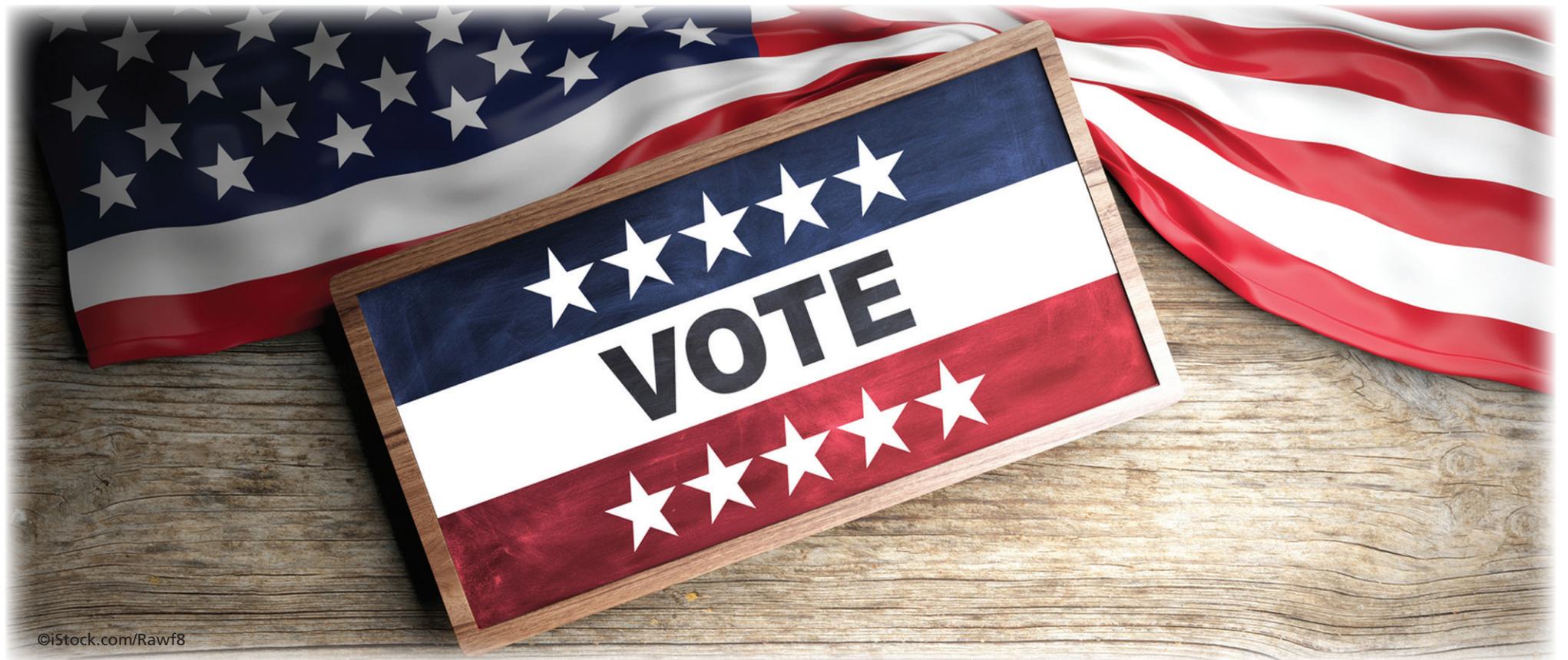


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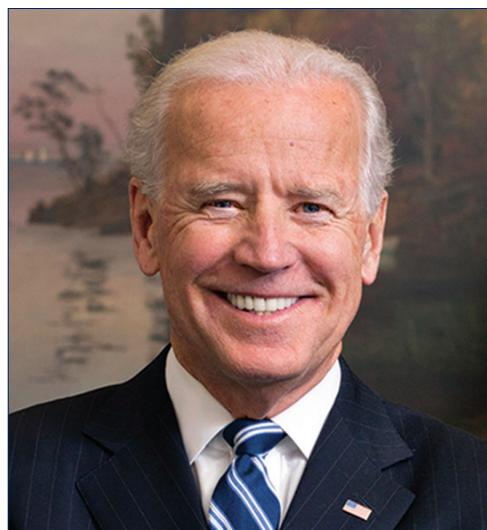
ELECTION 2020



Democratic Biden/Harris



Kamala Harris



Joe Biden



Donald Trump

Republican Trump/Pence



Mike Pence

The age-old question this time of the year is:

“Who should I vote for?”

It is not a question that anyone can answer for you, but being informed about the clear differences between the political parties as well as the candidates themselves is a good place to start. It is especially important this year to gather all the information that you can, as the positions of the two main parties have become as far apart as ever in history, and some of the newer candidates have interesting perspectives on what it means to hold office in America.

It is important to remember the role our Founding Fathers played in establishing the United States Constitution. 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.

It is tragic that some Americans stand for a particular party or candidate, because their favorite song artist or their favorite actor/actress has endorsed them without regarding principles and our constitution. Disturbingly, the opposition

against America and the blatant contempt against her leaders has become pervasive in our everyday lives.

There remains, however, a group of citizens who see our country as the best place on earth to live and are committed to educate, encourage and get involved in the political process. It is you, dear readers, that will stand up for principle and our constitution, and use God-given discernment by exercising your voting privilege for the good of our nation.

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, VoteSmart.org, or the candidate's websites. (See the “Ratings and Endorsements” **Page 15** for an explanation of the positions/viewpoints/policies of the groups who have made ratings/endorsements of the candidates. By no means is this list exhaustive.) None of the information provided is intended, nor should it be construed, to be an endorsement of any party or candidate. We have not included candidates in this review who have not been certified for all 50 state ballots.¹



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

DONALD J. TRUMP (Republican, Incumbent)



President Trump has kept his promise to uphold the RNC Platform by defending religious freedom, instituting policies to uphold the sanctity of life, taking decisive action to strengthen our military, securing our borders, eliminating burdensome federal regulations, simplifying the tax code, renegotiating unfair trade agreements, and moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem.²

“Just weeks after helping to broker peace between Israel and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), President Trump [was] nominated for the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize. ‘For his merit, I think he has done more trying to create peace between nations than most other Peace Prize nominees,’ Tybring-Gjedde ... [said].”³ (Christian Tybring-Gjedde is a member of the Norwegian Parliament and chairman of the Norwegian delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.)

ABORTION: On January 19, 2018, ... President Donald Trump said that his administration “will always defend the right to life. ... We are protecting the sanctity of life and the family as the foundation of our society.” “As most people know ... I am strongly pro-life, with the three exceptions: rape, incest and protecting the life of the mother – the same position taken by Ronald Reagan.” Donald Trump, twitter.com, May 18, 2019.

Trump’s major actions on abortion during his first two years in office were: signing into law a resolution that allowed states to withhold federal funding for health care providers that perform abortions; reinstating the Mexico City Policy, which prohibited foreign aid and federal funding for international NGOs that performed abortions or offered related services; and proposed modifying the Title X family planning program making family planning clinics that refer patients or resources with abortion providers ineligible to receive funding. Additionally, healthcare providers would not be required to provide abortion counseling if it violated their moral or religious beliefs.

ECONOMY: The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act; the first major tax reform signed in 30 years; provided tax relief for 82% of middle-class families; doubled the Child Tax Credit to \$1,000 per child; nearly doubled the standard deduction, cut taxes for small business by 20%, providing \$415 billion in tax relief for small business owners, alleviated the tax burden on over 500 businesses, resulting in \$482 billion invested in new American projects, repealed Obamacare’s burdensome individual mandate; lowered the corporate tax rate from one of the highest in the industrialized world from 35% to 21%. Launched the Women’s Global Development and Prosperity (W-GDP) Initiative, which advanced women’s full and free participation in the global economy and allocated \$50 million for the fund.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. labor market remained strong in 2019, as the unemployment rate fell to 3.5 percent, the lowest rate since 1969. Levels of long-term joblessness and involuntary part-time employment continued to trend down.

EDUCATION: The President’s FY2018 Budget Request included \$1 billion in funding grants for public school choice and \$250 million to promote private school choice. In his FY2019, budget President Trump proposed a \$5 billion federal tax credit for donations that fund scholarships to private and vocational schools, apprenticeship programs and other educational opportunities. His administration successfully implemented the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to empower states to better educate their students. To date, 35 states and the District of Columbia have had their ESSA plans approved. They also implemented year-round distribution of Pell grants. Low-income students now have access to funds over summer and winter breaks, so they can earn their degrees faster with fewer loans. The Trump Administration reformed the student loan servicing process to improve customer experience and lower costs. They have modernized the way FSA offers and services student loans. The Department of Education provided \$359.8 million in federal assistance to 20 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands to assist with the cost of educating students displaced by natural disasters.

HEALTHCARE: “... Donald Trump has proposed to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and replace it with a proposal titled ‘Healthcare Reform to Make America Great Again’. ... recommended reforms include full deduction of premiums for individual health plans on federal tax returns, providing block grants to finance state Medicaid programs, and allowing insurers to sell insurance across state lines. His goal: To assess how each of these reforms, when implemented individually, would affect insurance coverage, consumer out-of-pocket spending on health care, and the federal deficit. Since the Affordable Care Act was enacted in 2010, critics have advocated that the law be repealed and replaced with an alternative set of reforms.”⁴

COVID-19: The World Health Organization declared a public health emergency of international concern over the coronavirus outbreak on January 30, 2020. The following day,

President Trump introduced a temporary ban on the admission of people who were in China 14 days prior to their travel to the United States. “... Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, praised ‘the original decision that was made by the president’ to impose travel restrictions to and from China. ‘We prevented travel from China to the United States’, said Fauci, who has worked for multiple administrations. ‘If we had not done that, we would have had many, many more cases right here that we would have to be dealing with’.”⁵

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress with overwhelming, bipartisan support and signed into law by President Trump on March 27th, 2020. This over \$2 trillion economic relief package delivers on the Trump Administration’s commitment to protecting the American people from the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19. The CARES Act provides *fast and direct* economic assistance for American workers, families, and small businesses, and preserve jobs for our American industries.⁶

IMMIGRATION: Recommended anti-fraud and abuse measures, protecting the integrity of the H-2B visa program. Announced that last month border officials handled fewer than 40,000 illegal crossings, the lowest rate in two years. With over 100 miles of wall built, he has fulfilled his promise to secure the border. Provided funding to support the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

LAW AND ORDER: \$98 million in grant funding through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services COPS Hiring Program to allow 802 additional full-time law enforcement officers. Signed Executive Order 13809 to restore state and local law enforcement’s access to surplus equipment from the Defense Department. Created the new National Public Safety Partnership to help cities reduce violent crimes. Expanded Project Safe Neighborhoods to encourage U.S. Attorneys to work with communities to develop customized crime reduction strategies, resulting in a 23 percent increase in arrests for unlawful possession of a firearm.

NATIONAL DEFENSE: “... helped broker a deal between the United Arab Emirates and Israel and then another with Israel and Bahrain, uniting the countries in peace and diplomatic relations. The agreements, collectively called the Abraham Accords, are the first of its kind since 1994 and commit the nations to an exchange of embassies and ambassadors and to work with each other in educational, healthcare, trade, and security initiatives, among other fields.”⁷

Put maximum pressure on North Korea to denuclearize. In June 2019, President Trump became the first sitting U.S. President to enter North Korea, holding a historic meeting with Kim Jong Un at the DMZ. The president confronted Iran’s aggression by withdrawing from Obama’s flawed Iranian nuclear deal and ordered missile strikes against a Syrian airbase after the Assad regime used it to launch chemical weapons attacks against civilians. Placed sanctions on North Korea for its use of chemical weapons in the assassination of Kim Jong UN’s stepbrother. He imposed numerous sanctions on the Maduro dictatorship in Venezuela. The Trump Administration has led the world in support of Juan Guaido, the Democratic elected leader of the Venezuelan General Assembly. Has approved more than \$250 million in regional aid to address the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela.

Has directly confronted Russia for its threatening behavior, bolstering allies in the region. Has imposed diplomatic penalties on Russia including the expulsion of more than 50 Russian intelligence officials and the closing of two Russian consulates. Placed sanctions on Russia for its use of chemical weapons involving an attempted assassination of a former KGB spy in Britain. Led support for Ukraine’s Armed Forces to help Ukraine improve its defense. Has pressured NATO allies to meet their spending commitments and by the year 2019, NATO allies have increased their spending by nearly \$100 billion since 2016.

Under Trump, the National Defense Authorization Act established the United States Space Force (a new branch of the military), ensuring American dominance in space, and modernizing the U.S. military to meet the security needs of the 21st century. It granted \$738 billion for defense spending including the first ever paid family leave and much needed 3.1% pay raise for our troops. He revived the National Space Council to develop and implement a new national space policy and strategy.

Ratings and Endorsements: Citizens United Political Victory Fund; Fraternal Order of Police; Huck Pac; Missouri Right to Life PAC; National Right to Life; Right to Life from AR, CA, ILs, MI, MN, MO TX and WI; The International Union of Police Associations.

WEBSITE: Making America Great Again, www.promiseskept.com.



JOSEPH R. BIDEN (Democrat)



Born in Scranton, PA. Raised in Claymont, DE. Received BA, University of Delaware and JD, Syracuse University. Married with two sons (one son deceased) and one daughter (deceased); widowed; remarried with one daughter. U.S. Senate (1972-2008); ran unsuccessfully for president in 1988 and 2008; elected 47th Vice President of the United States (2008), serving two terms with Barack Obama.

ABORTION: “As president, Biden will be a champion for improving access to health care and the health of all by: Expanding access to contraception and protect the constitutional right to an abortion ... Reverse the Trump

Administration and states’ all-out assault on women’s right to choose. As president, will work to codify Roe v. Wade, and his Justice Department will do everything in its power to stop the rash of state laws that so blatantly violate the constitutional right to an abortion, such as so-called TRAP laws [Targeted Restrictions on Abortion Providers], parental notification requirements, mandatory waiting periods, and ultrasound requirements.” Source: “Healthcare,” www.joebiden.com.

“Despite supporting the Hyde Amendment for his entire public career, Biden reversed his position last summer and now supports federal funding for abortion. Biden has promised to ... make support for abortion a litmus test for nominees to the Supreme Court. He has also vowed to make passage of the Equality Act a top legislative priority during his first 100 days as president.”⁸

ECONOMY: Promises to “... end this epidemic [pandemic] and get our economy back on track through bold action; launch a task force reporting directly to me to make sure every dollar going out the door gets to the people who need it — fast; bring the leaders of Congress together to build the next deal.”

EDUCATION: “Outlining a plan that 1) provides educators the support and respect they need and deserve, and 2) invests in all children from birth, so that regardless of their zip code, parents’ income, race, or disability, they are prepared to succeed in tomorrow’s economy.” Competitive wage, help teachers pay off student loans, double counselors in schools, defeat NRA to make schools safer, eliminate funding gap, improve teacher diversity, and pursue desegregation strategies.

HEALTHCARE: On coronavirus pandemic, “ ‘I said, among others, that, you know, you should get into China, get our experts there, we have the best in the world, get them in so we know what’s actually happening’, Biden said. [Claims] ‘there was no effort to do that’. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tried to get into China just one week after China reported the outbreak to the World Health Organization on Dec. 31, 2019.” “... Biden said he ‘will be prepared to do whatever it takes to save lives’,”¹⁰ even shutting down the country again.

Biden’s aggressive advocacy for LGBT issues extends into his approach to foreign policy. He has promised to install a “point person” for LGBTQ+ issues on the National Security Council and a special envoy at the State Department to combat “homophobia, transphobia, and stigma globally.”¹¹

IMMIGRATION: “ ‘We’re going to restore our moral standing in the world and our historic role as a safe haven for refugees and asylum-seekers’.”¹²

LAW AND ORDER: Biden ... aims to pass legislation abolishing the death penalty at the federal level and offer incentives to states to follow suit. Convicted criminals who would face execution under current law would instead be sentenced to life in prison without parole.

His plan also would decriminalize marijuana and expunge past cannabis-related convictions, end the disparity between sentences for powder and crack cocaine, and do away with all incarceration for drug use In addition, it would create a \$20 billion grant program to spur states to move from incarceration to crime prevention and would eliminate mandatory-minimum sentences.”¹³

NATIONAL DEFENSE: “Former Vice President Joe Biden said this week that, if elected president, he doesn’t foresee major reductions in the U.S. defense budget as the military refocuses its attention to potential threats from ‘near-peer’ powers such as China and Russia. But internal pressure from the progressive wing of the Democratic Party, combined with pandemic-related economic pressures, may ultimately add up to budget cuts at a Biden Pentagon. ... Biden avoided any sweeping pronouncements about how defense spending might change in his administration. ‘... we need priorities in the budget,’ Biden said, adding that the Pentagon must invest in emerging technologies. ‘We have to focus more on unmanned capacity, cyber and IT, in a very modern world that is changing rapidly’, Biden said.”¹⁴

Ratings and Endorsements: AFL-CIO; End Citizens United; Florida LGBTQ+; MoveOn.org Political Action; National Education Association; Planned Parenthood; Sierra Club; The Coalition to Stop Gun Violence; United Auto Workers.

WEBSITE: <https://joebiden.com/>

JO JORGENSEN (Libertarian)



Lives in Greenville, SC. Holds a BS, Psychology, Baylor University (1979); MBA Southern Methodist University (1980); PhD, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, Clemson University (2002). *Candidate*, U.S. House of Representatives, S.C. (1992); *candidate*, Vice-President (1996). Founder, Business Consultation Company (2002); Founder, Professional Software Incorporated; President/Owner, Hypertech, Inc.; Senior Lecturer, Clemson University (2006-present). National Marketing Director of Libertarian Party.

ABORTION: Keep the government out of it, no subsidies, no regulations.

EDUCATION: Will work to eliminate the Department of Education and return control of education to where it belongs – with parents, teachers, and students.”

ECONOMY: We need to make government smaller. The real cure for poverty is a vibrant economy that generates plentiful jobs and high wages, combined with an affordable cost of living.

HEALTHCARE: Can reduce the cost of health care 75% by allowing real price competition, and by substantially reducing government and insurance company paperwork. This will make health care affordable for most Americans, while also reducing the cost of legacy programs like Medicare, Medicaid, and the VA. The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed a tale of two Americas: the one driven by career politicians in Washington, and the one created by the American people. She supports the legalization of marijuana.

IMMIGRATION: Our policies on immigration should be just as free and open. While the ethnicities and countries of origin have changed, the American legacy of what immigration *is supposed to be* remains the same: different cultures held together by the values of inclusion and acceptance; a shining city upon a hill welcoming the tired, poor, and huddled masses.

LAW AND ORDER: Communities should determine whether police officers are required to wear body cameras. She opposes the government hiring private companies to run prisons, solitary confinement for juveniles, mandatory minimums for people charged with drug possession, and the death penalty for drug traffickers. Her website says convicted . should have the right to vote.

NATIONAL DEFENSE: No U.S. involvement in foreign wars. Bring home over 200,000 military personnel stationed in foreign countries, and no U.S. military aid to foreign governments. No U.S. blockades or embargoes of non-military trade. Peace, at last. Plan is to make America armed and neutral, with the military force to defend America’s shore and soil against any foreign attackers or invaders, protected by an armed citizenry, and a military laser-focused on defending America. Big government mandates and programs created these problems.

Ratings and Endorsements: Grass Roots North Carolina (100%)

WEBSITE: <https://jo20.com/>

HOWIE HAWKINS (Green Party):

Lives in Syracuse, NY. Attended Dartmouth College (1975). *Candidate* for the following offices: Mayor, City of Syracuse (1997); United States Senate (2006); United States House of Representatives, District 25 (2000, 2004, 2008); New York State Governor (2010); New York State Governor (2014); Vice President of the United States (2016); Governor of New York (2018); President of the United States (2012, 2020).

Member, Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization, 1972-1975, 2006-present; Co-Founder/National Committee Representative, Green Alliance, 2001-present; National Committee Member, Green Party of the United States, 2001-present; Member, Teamsters for a Democratic Union, 2001-present; Member, Socialist Party United States of America, 1973-present.

Priority issues include: Progressive taxes, full employment, health care for all, clean energy, good schools for all communities, economic democracy for economic renewal, sustainable green economy, affordable housing, retirement security, workers rights, fair elections, end the “war on drugs,” reproductive freedom, gay marriage, peace, criminal justice reform, regional planning, local government, grassroots democracy.

Ratings and Endorsements: Green Party U.S.; Socialist Party U.S.A.; Socialist Alternative; Legal Marijuana Now Party of Minnesota; Independent Socialist Group; Colorado Springs DSA; Democratic Socialist of Salt Lake.

WEBSITE: <https://howiehawkins.us/>





VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



MICHAEL R. PENCE (Republican, Incumbent)

Born in Columbus, IN. Christian. BA in American History, Hanover College (1981); JD, School of Law, Indiana University (1986). Candidate for U.S. House of Representative in 1988 and 1990. Member U.S. House of Representative (2000-2012); Governor, Indiana (2012-2017); President, U.S. Senate (2017-present); Vice President, U.S.A. (2017-present). Formerly, Chair, House Republican Study Committee; Member, Tea Party Caucus; Chair, House Republican Conference; Member, Congressional Task Force Against Anti-Semitism; Member, Congressional Internet Caucus.

Has also played a pivotal role as a tie-breaking vote in the Senate, which is a duty given to vice presidents, who are also presidents of the Senate. Cast the first tie-breaking vote to confirm both a Cabinet member and a judicial nominee in congressional history.¹⁵

ABORTION: "... staunchly conservative on social issues including opposition to abortion rights and same-sex marriage. ... As governor of Indiana, Pence signed into law restrictive abortion measures that banned women from seeking an abortion based on an unborn child's race, gender or disability. The measure also required fetal remains from abortions or miscarriages to be buried or cremated. Two years after it went into effect, the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that it was unconstitutional. But in 2019, the Supreme Court upheld the part of the law that required burial of fetal remains. ... As vice president, Pence cast the tie-breaking vote in the Senate to defund Planned Parenthood in 2017."¹⁶

ECONOMY: Vice President "pressed on with a positive message about declining unemployment, the headline-making August jobs report and downtrends in coronavirus infection rates across states that faced major outbreaks earlier this summer. 'On this Labor Day [Pence told workers], it's important to remember that in the last three years wages were rising at their fastest pace in the last decade.'" He continued: "... keep pressing on. Keep showing the strength and the faith and the resilience that working people have always shown in the history of this nation. Keep standing with us and we'll keep standing with you."¹⁷

EDUCATION: Supports publicly funded vouchers to pay private school tuition for low and middle-income families and for charter schools; adopted, but then rejected, Common Core state standards in Indiana; established scholarship program for teaching; fights for innovation and reform by funneling resources, not red tape, from the federal government to local schools.¹⁸

HEALTHCARE: Head of the White House coronavirus task force. "... federal government ... arranged for the distribution of hundreds of millions of medical supplies – PPE ... We worked to develop therapeutics – medicines that help people that are struggling. And even through today, Johnson & Johnson just announced another major step toward obtaining a vaccine. ... We really do believe that, through Operation Warp Speed, that we could well have a coronavirus vaccine for the American people – millions of doses of the vaccine – before the end of this year. ... We need to open up America's churches and houses of worship because faith is the wellspring from which the American people have always drawn strength in challenging times."¹⁹

On ObamaCare: "Republicans have been offering solutions from the beginning. Let people purchase health insurance across state lines, pass malpractice reform, cover preexisting conditions. All of that can be done without a massive, trillion-dollar expansion of the federal government and burdening future generations with more deficits and more debt."²⁰

IMMIGRATION: "Every day we don't secure our border, we're allowing the crisis to worsen, more lives to be endangered, and more people to be exploited, and more drugs to flow into our country. That's why President Trump used his authority under the law to declare a national emergency on our southern border. We call on every member of Congress: Stand up for border security, stop playing politics with the security of the American people, and stand with President Trump for a stronger and safer America."²¹

LAW AND ORDER: "The president and I will always support the right of Americans to peaceful protest," Pence said. "But rioting and looting is not peaceful protests. Burning businesses is not free speech. Bringing violence against innocent civilians or those in law enforcement must stop and it must stop now."²²

NATIONAL DEFENSE: A strong supporter of Israel. "... we must be prepared to confront and expose the vile tide of anti-Semitism that is fueling hate and violence all across the world and we must stand together," Pence told an audience of world leaders during a Holocaust memorial forum in Jerusalem.²³

Ratings and Endorsements: ACT! For America (92%); Campaign for Working Families (100%); Gun Owners of America (100%); NARAL Pro-Choice America (0%); National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (0%); National Organization for Women (7%); National Rifle Association (93%); National Right to Life Committee (100%); Planned Parenthood (0%). **WEBSITE:** <https://www.whitehouse.gov/>



KAMALA D. HARRIS (Democrat)

Born in Oakland, CA, and lives in San Francisco, CA. Her mother is from India and her father is from British Jamaica. BA in Political Science/Economics, Howard University (1986); JD, University of California, Hastings College of the Law (1990). Attorney General, State of California (2011-2016); Senator, United States Senate, California (2017-present). Current Legislative Committees include: Member, Subcommittee on The Constitution; Subcommittee on Intellectual Property; Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management; Select Committee on Intelligence; Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations; Judiciary; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; and Budget.

Harris ran for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination and attracted national attention before ending her campaign on December 3, 2019. On August 11, 2020, she was announced as former Vice President Joe Biden's running mate in the 2020 election.

"Speaking during a virtual roundtable with small business owners in Arizona, Harris vowed that they will have an ally in the White House with the campaign's 'Build Back Better' initiative. ... 'A Harris administration, together with Joe Biden as the president of the United States', she said. She quickly clarified, 'The Biden-Harris administration will provide access to \$100 billion in low-interest loans and investments from minority business owners'."²⁴

ABORTION: "It is incumbent upon Congress to pass the Women's Health Protection Act, which would prohibit states from enacting laws that impose burdensome requirements on access to abortion."²⁵

"In her brief run for president [nomination 2020], she campaigned on a series of extreme anti-life positions, including codifying Roe v. Wade into law, requiring preclearance for state abortion laws, repealing the Hyde Amendment, repealing the Mexico City Policy, preserving federal funding for Planned Parenthood and banning abstinence-only sex education. As attorney general, she confiscated hard drive videos, which exposed Planned Parenthood's illegal sale of aborted fetal tissue."²⁶

ECONOMY/TAXES: "Harris ... tweeted, 'the average tax refund is down about \$170 compared to last year. Let's call the President's tax cut what it is: a middle-class tax hike to line the pockets of already wealthy corporations and the 1%'."²⁷

EDUCATION: Harris sponsored a 2010 law to make it a misdemeanor for parents whose young children miss more than 10% of school days a year without a valid excuse. In an interview on *CNN*'s "State of the Union," Harris said her initiative improved school attendance in San Francisco and 'not one parent was sent to jail. ... When we define truancy, we defined it as three or four unexcused absences. I was seeing kids that were missing up to 80 days of a 180-day school year. So, my point was, why isn't the education code recognizing that? ... by changing the education code, it also changed ... the penal code. And then that was an unintended consequence. And if I could do it over again, I would have made sure that it would not have increased penalties or the ability to prosecute anywhere in the state to prosecute parents, because that was never the intention. And it was never anything that I did'."²⁷

IMMIGRATION: Through deferred action immigration programs and executive actions believes in removing "the threat of deportation of millions of undocumented people in the United States." During her initial bid for president, she said, "... while I fight for Congress to pass 21st Century immigration reform, I won't wait. I'll take action to lift barriers Dreamers face to pursuing legal status and put them on a meaningful path to citizenship. These young people are just as American as I am, and they deserve a president who will fight for them from day one.' This is not the first time Harris has proposed going around Congress and using executive action to tackle a core Democratic issue. Harris announced in April that she would use the power of the presidency to enact sweeping gun control measures if Congress fails to send comprehensive legislation to her desk in her first 100 days."²⁸

LAW AND ORDER: Has a record as a tough prosecutor – but also stirred controversy during that period for allegedly going easy on criminal defendants in a number of cases, including by refusing to seek the death penalty for a cop killer. She often did not seek punishments to the full extent of the law as the San Francisco district attorney and California attorney general.²⁹

NATIONAL DEFENSE: Calls for slashing the defense budget. She "pledge[s] to double the size of the civil rights division of the Justice Department: 'Justice means recognizing domestic terrorism, including white nationalist extremism,' which Harris said 'should be considered a national security priority'."³⁰

Ratings and Endorsements: ACLU (100%); Campaign for Working Families (0%); Emily's List; Equality California (100%); Family Research Council (0%); Heritage Action for America (0%); NAACP (100%); NARAL Pro-Choice (100%); National Education Association (100%); National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (92%); National Right to Life (0%); Planned Parenthood (100%); Sierra Club. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.harris.senate.gov/>



JEREMY (SPIKE) COHEN (Libertarian)

Jewish. Founder, Web Design Company (1999); Co-Host, The Muddled Waters of Freedom; Host, My Fellow Americans; Co-Owner, Muddled Waters Media.

Ratings and Endorsements: None available.

WEBSITE: <https://www.lpallegheny.org/>



ANGELA NICOLE WALKER (Green Party)

Lives in South Carolina. Attended University of North Florida as an education major; a 2016 candidate for U.S. vice president. Former Legislative Director, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 998; Community Campaigns Coordinator, Wisconsin Jobs Now (present). Fierce advocate for the rights of black, brown and indigenous people, the LGBTQIA community, labor and the earth itself.

Ratings and Endorsements: None available.

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A Comparison of the Republican and Democratic Platforms

A non-partisan guide on issues of concern to the electorate
Quotes taken from platforms in effect 2020-2024

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM	KEY ISSUE	DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM
<p>"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)</p> <p>"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)</p> <p>"We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life." (p.13)</p> <p>"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)</p> <p>"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)</p> <p>"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)</p>	<p>Human Life</p> <p>Planned Parenthood</p> <p>Judges</p> <p>Education/ School Choice</p> <p>Sex Education</p> <p>Foreign Assistance</p>	<p>"Democrats believe every woman should be able to access ... abortion. We oppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to women's reproductive health and rights, including by repealing the Hyde Amendment and protecting and codifying the right to reproductive freedom." (p.42)</p> <p>"We will repeal the Title X domestic gag rule and restore federal funding for Planned Parenthood" (p.32)</p> <p>"We will appoint U.S. Supreme Court justices and federal judges who look like America ... and will respect and enforce foundational precedents, including ... Roe v. Wade."(p.39)</p> <p>"Democrats oppose private school vouchers and other policies that divert taxpayer-funded resources away from the public school system." (p. 67)</p> <p>"We recognize that quality, affordable comprehensive health care; medically accurate, LGBTQ+ inclusive, age-appropriate sex education; and the full range of family planning services are all essential to ensuring that people can decide if, when, and how to start a family." (p.32)</p> <p>"We will support the repeal of the global gag rule (also known as the Mexico City Policy) and measures like the Helms Amendment, which limit safe access to abortion. We will also restore and expand American contributions to the United Nations Population Fund" (pp. 82-83)</p>
<p>Page numbers refer to the actual pages number in each platform.</p>		
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Missouri Ballot Issues



Amendment 1: State Executive Term Limits

The legislation backing Amendment 1 was passed in 2019, but was slated by the governor to be placed on the November 2020 ballot. The Missouri Constitution currently places a limit of a maximum two terms on the offices of governor and treasurer. The other three statewide offices do not currently have term limits. All representatives and senators have term limits of four maximum terms and two maximum terms respectively. This amendment would bring all statewide offices into alignment with the limitations placed on both chambers of the legislature.

Ballot Language:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to extend the two term restriction that currently applies to the Governor and Treasurer to the Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor and the Attorney General?

A “yes” vote supports this constitutional amendment to limit the lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, and attorney general, along with the governor and state treasurer, to two terms of office.

A “no” vote opposes this constitutional amendment, thereby keeping the two-term limit on the governor and state treasurer but not other state executive offices

Full Constitutional Language:

No person shall be elected governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, or attorney general more than twice, and no person who has held the office of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, or attorney general, or acted as governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, or attorney general, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected to such office shall be elected to that same office more than once. This subsection shall supersede the provisions of Article IV, 17 Section that relate to term limitations, provided that service in the offices of governor or state treasurer resulting from an election or appointment, or in the case of the governor succession to office, prior to December 3, 2020, shall count towards the limitations provided in this subsection.

PROS: Political officeholders should view their terms as a temporary civic duty, not a career. The power of incumbency (relationships with donors, lobbyists, influencers, voters) is too great to overcome through the normal election process. Term limits allow those with new ideas or a fresh take on an old problem to have a shot at the office. Knowing that they only have two terms in which to accomplish their agenda means that, at least for the second term, they are not focused on fundraising and campaigning.

The timing of this legislation after the passage of *Clean Missouri* could also be a factor in its passage.

CONS: Typical arguments against term limits contend that such limits remove the power from voters in favor of an arbitrary law. A popular or effective officeholder would not be re-electable if their term had run out.

Another point made by those who support term limits is that they remove the outsized power that longer tenured office holders have. Their longevity and influence allows them to bring more “pork” back to the district they serve. Term limits would remove this incentive for their constituents to send them back. While that may be true in D.C., or even our state legislature, that is not the case for statewide office holders. They have no peer group to dominate or subset of the state to serve.

Amendment 3: Redistricting Process and Criteria, Lobbying, and Campaign Finance

In 2018, significant money from outside Missouri targeted our state to try to change its political make up with Amendment 1, known as *Clean Missouri*. The National Democrat Redistricting Committee targeted twelve states to change the district boundary drawing process in order to tip the polls in favor of Democrats, and *Clean Missouri* was the vehicle for doing that. The ballot measure included other fairly insignificant ethics changes which were the primary focus of campaigns in favor of the amendment.

Ballot Language:

“Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to: Ban gifts from paid lobbyists to legislators and their employees; Reduce legislative campaign contribution limits; Change the redistricting process voters approved in 2018 by: (i) transferring responsibility for drawing state legislative districts from the Nonpartisan State Demographer to Governor-appointed bipartisan commissions; (ii) modifying and reordering the redistricting criteria.

State governmental entities expect no cost or savings. Individual local governmental entities expect significant decreased revenues of a total unknown amount.”

“A ‘yes’ vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to reduce the limits on campaign contributions that candidates for state senator can accept from individuals or entities by \$100 per election. There is no change for candidates for state representative.

The amendment prohibits state legislators and their employees from accepting a gift of any value (which is currently \$5) from paid lobbyists or the lobbyists’ clients.

The amendment modifies the criteria for redrawing legislative districts and changes the process for redrawing state legislative district boundaries during redistricting by giving redistricting responsibility to a bipartisan commission, renames them, and increases membership to 20 by adding four commissioners appointed by the Governor from nominations by the two major political party’s state committees.

A ‘no’ vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution regarding campaign contributions, lobbyist gifts, and the process and criteria for redistricting.

The new system put responsibility for redrawing district lines in the hands of one person, a demographer, appointed by the State Auditor’s Office (the only statewide office currently held by a Democrat) and not the Secretary of State’s office, which is in charge of all elections in the state. The demographer’s mission was to “balance” the districts between the major parties, leaving all Libertarian, Constitutional and Green party members completely out of the picture. Since we do not register for parties in this state, various assumptions would have to be made by the demographer to determine which party the voters of any district were most closely affiliated with. This would, without question, introduce the bias of the demographer, or those advising the demographer, into the redrawing process.

Amendment 1 (2018) passed even though many voters did not understand what they had voted for since the ballot language only said it would “Change process and criteria for redrawing state legislative districts during reapportionment.” The legislature wanted to remove the bias in the process and give the public the opportunity to vote for a redistricting process that would be clearly explained on the ballot. Their ballot language stated that redistricting would require the creation of “citizen-led independent bipartisan commissions to draw state legislative districts based on one person, one vote, minority voter protection, compactness, competitiveness, fairness and other criteria.”



MISSOURI CANDIDATE PROFILES

General Election 2020

HOW DO WE SELECT A CANDIDATE?

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union ... We are all familiar with the first sentence of the Constitution of the United States, 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."¹ 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."² 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 have provided information on endorsements and committees for each candidate (when available).³

We have also included a brief description of the groups that rate or 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. We encourage our readers to explore further the candidates that appeal to them and then get involved in their election. Where available, the candidates' websites are included for further research.

We have used (unless otherwise indicated) Votesmart.org and Ballotpedia.org, which provide non-partisan, impartial, and in-depth information on candidates for public office. For further explanation of interest groups, see <https://justfacts.votesmart.org/interest-groups>. For those that wish to see some of the votes cast by those candidates that are presently serving in Congress, go to <https://ballotpedia.org>, and check on the Key Votes of the 116th Congress 2019-2020 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.

See the "Ratings and Endorsements" **Page 15** for an explanation of the positions/viewpoints/policies of the groups who have made ratings/endorsements of the candidates. By no means is this list exhaustive.

~~~ MISSOURI GOVERNOR ~~~

MIKE PARSON

(Republican, Incumbent) Born in Missouri, and lives in Bolivar, MO. Attended both the University of Hawaii and University of Maryland after graduating high school in 1973. Married with two children. Served in the United States Army and as the Sheriff of Polk County. Has been a business owner and is a third generation farmer. Member of First Baptist Church, Bolivar, MO. Member of the Cattlemen's Association, Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Sheriff's Association, National Rifle Association, National Sheriff's Association, and the Optimist Club.



of Missouri State Senate (2011-2017), MO House of Representatives (2005-2011) and sheriff of Polk County (1993-2004). In a *Tweet* on September 10, 2019, Parson was endorsed by President Donald Trump.

In May and June of the pandemic in Missouri, Governor Parson successfully ensured that Missouri's healthcare system was not overwhelmed; implemented the "Show-Me Strong Recovery Plan" for Missouri on May 4; signed legislation to safeguard our elections and protect Missouri voters during the pandemic; fully re-opened the state for business, part of the second phase of Missouri's Recovery Plan; rapidly grew testing capacity, and implemented plan focusing on three main testing strategies – box-in outbreaks, sentinel testing and community sampling; distributed funds from the federal CARES Act to local governments, ensuring our local communities could continue providing critical services without delay; signed additional executive orders to assist with Missouri's Covid-19 response; mobilized the Missouri National Guard to protect Missouri lives and property during civil unrest.

As a sponsor of Missouri's Castle Doctrine, Parson is doing everything under the constitution that he can do to defend law-abiding Missourians from liberal prosecutors. He "told Hannity ... that 'without a doubt', he will pardon Mark and Patricia McCloskey, hours after St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kimberly Gardner filed felony charges against them. He said, "I will do everything within the Constitution of the State of Missouri to protect law-abiding citizens ... They are law-abiding citizens, and they're being attacked frankly by a political process that's really unfortunate."¹

Opposes embryonic stem cell research. As a Missouri congressman, in 2011, he 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. During his first year in office, the state economy increased by over 35,000 new jobs. Bunge, Bayer, Briggs & Stratton, CVS, Nucor Steel, Google and others are investing in Missouri and creating new opportunities for Missourians. The legislature passed, and Governor Parson signed, the largest income tax cut in Missouri history.

Elected Missouri's Lieutenant Governor (2016); member

Ratings/Endorsements: American Conservative Union (100%); Fraternal Order of Police; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry (85%); Missouri Farm Bureau; Missouri NEA (8%); Missouri AFL-CIO (35%); Missouri Progressive Vote Coalition (0%); Missouri Right to Life (100%); National Federation of Independent Business – Missouri (100%); National Rifle Association (100%); NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri (14%); National Rifle Association (93%); Planned Parenthood Advocates (0%); Sierra Club Missouri Chapter (0%); St. Louis County Police Association; St. Louis Police Officers Association; Susan B. Anthony List. **WEBSITE:** <http://www.mikeparson.com/>

NICOLE GALLOWAY

(Democrat) Born in Missouri, lives in Columbia; married with three children. Bachelor's, Applied Mathematics/Economics, Missouri University of Science and Technology (2004); MBA, Accounting, University of Missouri (2008), licensed CPA and Certified Fraud Examiner. Treasurer, Boone County (2011-2015); previous work includes actuarial analyst, auditor, corporate auditor, Secretary-Treasurer, Missouri Technology Corporation. Received controversial appointment as state auditor in 2015 by Democratic **Governor Jay Nixon**





Missouri Candidate Profiles 2020 cont'd

to fill the position of Republican Auditor Tom Schweich who tragically died shortly after being elected in 2014. Current term as auditor ends January 2023.

Galloway developed a debt issuance policy in 2012 that provided increased transparency. In 2011, Boone County became the first Missouri county to maintain an online search and claim system for unclaimed property.

According to the Washington Free Beacon, "... [as county treasurer serving on the Missouri Technology Corporation and Missouri County Employees' Retirement Fund] Galloway helped steer a \$375,000 taxpayer-funded investment to a sex-driven online forum that markets itself to 13-year olds. ... Galloway recommended that the board approve \$375,000 in public funding for the online forum GirlsAskGuys. ... campaign spokesman, Eric Clusher, noted that she resigned from the MTC on April 23, 2015, one day before the board granted final approval for the website investment."² She was also the leader for expanding benefits to members' same-sex spouses.

Galloway is or has been a member of Metro Rotary of Columbia, 2011-present; American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 2009-present; former member, finance committee, Columbia Interfaith Resource Center; former youth mentor, Discovering Options; former board member, Missouri County Treasurers' Association board member, Heart of Missouri United Way, 2011-2015.

Ratings and Endorsements: 3.14 Action; Emily's List; End Citizens United; Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus; Let America Vote; Missouri AFL-CIO; Moms Demand Action; NARAL; National Women's Political Caucus; National Rifle Association (9%); National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund (F+); Pro-Choice Missouri; Planned Parenthood Advocates in Missouri; Sierra Club Missouri Chapter; Warren Democrats. **WEBSITE:** <https://nicolegalloway.com> and <http://www.auditor.mo.gov>.

RIK COMBS

(Libertarian) Grew up on a cattle farm and graduated from the University of Alabama before entering the Air Force. Spent parts of three decades in the USAF and retired as a field grade officer. Participated in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Desert Fox, Allied Force, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Mostly F-15 Eagles, but began with F-4 Phantoms. Completed MS and PhD while on active duty. CEO of Baron AG in Gainesville, Florida (2006-2009).

Relocated to Jefferson City, MO, in 2009 and settled in Cole County along with wife and daughter. Republican candidate for Missouri House of Representatives District 59. Active in the community and charities to give back as much as possible and contribute to a healthy community for residents. Member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Statements on website include: Believes that limited government works best and allows personal responsibility of Missouri's citizens. Limited government, free enterprise and liberty for all. Let Freedom Ring! A traditional American, pro-life, pro-gun, and a huge believer in personal responsibility and accountability. A person's ability to defend his family and neighbors is the highest calling and responsibility bestowed by God.

Proposes to reduce the taxation burden on Missourians; eliminate draconian and regressive taxes such as personal property tax and income or corporate taxes; allow Missouri to grow through business and population growth; exempt those 70 years of age and older from property taxes on their primary

residence; reduce government spending and size while reducing unnecessary and uncontrollable budget expectations.

Combs has been associated with the VFW, American Legion, the Air Force Association, the United Sportsmen's Club, Eagles, Rotary, United Way, Safety Net, Vitae Foundation, the Pregnancy Help Center, the NRA, Gun Owners of America, National Association for Gun Rights, Wreathes for Heroes, Americans for Tax Reform, Missouri Club for Growth, Campaign for Liberty, Toys for Tots, Young Americans for Liberty.

Ratings/Endorsements: None found. **WEBSITE:** <https://combsformissouri.org>.



JEROME HOWARD BAUER

(Green) Lived in the Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood of St. Louis since 2005, serving the Washington University Cooperative Network, which he co-founded in 2003. Actively supported the Eco City USA non-profit initiative to rebuild social capital in St. Louis by creating a cradle-to-cradle cooperative network, and CoFED, the Cooperative Food Empowerment Directive. Active with Missourians Organizing for Reform and Empowerment, the Student-Worker Alliance (at Washington University and Webster University), the Peace Economy Project, the Gateway Green Alliance, and many other activist groups. He is on the Central and Platform Committees of both the St. Louis Green Party (www.gateway-greens.org) and serves on the Missouri Green Party's Platform Committee.

Holds a PhD in Sanskrit Religious Literature from the University of Pennsylvania, an MA in Religious Studies for UCSB, and two degrees from the University of Chicago: an AB in Anthropology, and an AM in Social Science (Ideology and Utopia). Served as President of the South Asia Graduate Student Association and the Graduate Student Associations Council. Taught at Washington University, Webster University, Saint Louis University, Fontbonne University, Columbia College, Lindenwood University, and Southwestern Illinois College.

Ratings/Endorsements: None found. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.ourcampaigns.com/CandidateDetail> or facebook.com/Jerome-Bauer-Green-for-Missouri-Governor

~~~LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR~~~

MIKE KEHOE

(Republican, Incumbent) Lives in mid-Missouri with his wife and four children. Champion cutting horse rider and successful cattle farmer on a 700-acre farm in Phelps and Pulaski Counties. Worked as an owner and operator of Ford and Lincoln Mercury franchises, manager at Osage Industries, and sales manager at Dave Sinclair Ford.

Currently serves as the Lieutenant Governor of Missouri, assuming office in 2018. Appointed by Gov. **Mike Parson**. Former Republican member of the Missouri State Senate, representing District 6 from (2011-2018). Served as assistant majority floor leader and Senate majority floor leader.

Kehoe has been involved in the Central Missouri Community, serving as chairman of the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce, two-time United Way Fund Drive Chairman,



and multiple other community organizations. Remains active in community business development and youth development activities including Boy Scouts. Served as chairman of the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce

Elected to the State Senate (2010) and later the Majority Floor leader working across party lines securing passage of balanced budgets that fully fund local public schools and laws protecting children and seniors from sexual predators. Helped Missouri create 35,000 new jobs by cutting burdensome regulations, reduced taxes, and reforms to end frivolous lawsuits.

As Lieutenant Governor, serves as the official advocate for Missouri seniors. Works closely with veterans' organizations and legislators ensuring that our state government keeps their promises to the men and women who have served our country. Member of the Tourism Commission.

Ratings/Endorsements: American Conservative Union (89%); Associated Industries of Missouri (100%); Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry (100%); Missouri Farm Bureau Federation; Missouri Progressive Vote Coalition (13%); Missouri Right to Life (100%); National Federation of Independent Business-Missouri (100%); National Rifle Association (92%); NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri (50%); Planned Parenthood Advocates in Missouri (0%); Sierra Club Missouri Chapter (13%). **WEBSITE:** <https://www.mikekehoe.com>.

ALISSIA CANADY

(Democrat) Grew up on Kansas City's east side. Has a BS, Management/Finance from Park University (2000-2008). Certified, City/Urban, Community and Regional Planning, University of Missouri-Kansas City Field Of Study City/Urban, Community and Regional Planning (2008). Graduated from South Dakota School of Law (2008-2010) with a JD, Law. Assistant Prosecutor in Jackson County (2011-2015). Elected Councilwoman for Kansas City's 5th District in 2015, Chair of the Neighborhoods and Public Safety Committee and the Health Commission. Chair of the Kansas City TIF Commission.

Member, Association of Women Lawyers, Central Exchange, Communications Workers of America, Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus, Harvest Church International Outreach, International Association of Firefighters Local 42, Jackson County Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, and board member of the Madam President Camp and InnovateHer.

Ratings/Endorsements: Emily's List; Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus; National Women's Political Caucus of Metro St. Louis; Planned Parenthood Advocates in Missouri. **WEBSITE:** <https://canadyformissouri.com>.

BILL SLANTZ

(Libertarian) Lived in St. Charles County since 1997, when he re-located his company to Missouri from New York City. Owner and founder of the W.G. Slantz Company, a radio and television consulting firm specializing in music performance rights. Chair, Missouri Libertarian Party.

Believes in limited government and self-ownership. If elected, will propose legislation to abolish the office of Lieutenant Governor.

Ratings/Endorsements: None found. **WEBSITE:** <https://billslantz.com>.





KELLEY DRAGOO

(Green) Bachelor's, Psychology, University of Central Missouri, 2007-2012; Aquatic Nuisance Species Technician; Colorado Parks and Wildlife, 2013; Member/Treasurer/Co-Coordinator, Green Party of the United States, 2014-present.

Activist for ten years. Organized many educational programs and advocacy events on campus from promoting sustainability with 350.org to informational panels on LGBTQ+ rights and history. Involved in the Kansas City, Heart of America Chapter of the Green Party. Represented the party in coordination with other activist groups like Extinction Rebellion (XR) and Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ).

Ratings/Endorsements: None found. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.missourigreenparty.org>.

~~~ SECRETARY OF STATE ~~~

JOHN R. (JAY) ASHCROFT



(Republican, Incumbent) Born in Jefferson City, MO. Resides with his wife and their four children in St. Louis County. Son of John Ashcroft, former U.S. Attorney General, U.S. Senator, and Governor of Missouri. 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.

Currently, he is an associate with The Ashcroft Law Firm LLC. Supports Voter ID and small business and entrepreneurs for economic growth in Missouri. As Secretary of State works to streamline procedures, cut red tape, reduce fees and improve training for first-time businesses. Has increased the effectiveness and efficiency of the Secretary of State's Office by improving technology, streamlining procedures, and eliminating waste. Pledges fair ballot language, secure elections, and making voter identification a priority.

In response to elections and the COVID-19 pandemic, Ashcroft "has taken extraordinary measures to make sure that our elections are secure, poll workers and voters are safe, and that every legal vote cast will be counted. ... He drove over 5,000 miles delivering [PPE, sanitizers, educational posters] to local election authorities in every single county." (Press Release, August 5, 2020.)³

Ratings/Endorsements: Eagle Forum, Missouri Right to Life; National Rifle Association (86%). **WEBSITE:** <http://ashcroftformissouri.com>.

YINKA FALETI



(Democrat) Born in Lagos, Nigeria, and immigrated to the United States at the age of seven. Lives in St. Louis; married with four children. Attended and graduated from the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science. Accepted an appointment to and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Served in the active duty United States Army as a combat arms officer in tank units for over six years. Yinka attained the

rank of captain after two deployments overseas to Kuwait as part of Operation Desert Spring prior to 9/11 and Operation Enduring Freedom in response to 9/11.

Graduated from law school at Washington University and practiced as an attorney at the global law firm of Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner and subsequently, as a state prosecutor. Senior vice president with United Way of Greater St. Louis, raising \$300M during his tenure to help people in the Greater St. Louis region. Served as Executive Director of the successor nonprofit to the Ferguson Commission, Forward Through Ferguson.

Ratings/Endorsements: NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri; Planned Parenthood Advocates in Missouri; The Collective Political Action Committee; United Auto Workers. **WEBSITE:** <https://yinkafaleti.com>.

CARL HERMAN FREESE



(Libertarian) Born in Columbia, MO, and lives in Foristell, MO. Candidate for MO House of Representatives, District 63 in 2018. Licensed Contract Senior Security Officer, Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., 1987-present. Grew up on family's century farm. Has library on the subject of armed and unarmed response to hazards: person, nature, and systemic failure-created hazards.

Board member of The Living History Company, 2009-present; Freese Farms Inc., 1990-present. Member, United Church of Christ Saint Johns Cappeln.

Ratings/Endorsements: None found. **WEBSITE:** <https://lpedia.org> or <https://www.facebook.com>.

PAUL LEHMANN

(Green) No information available. See youtube.com.



PAUL VENABLE



(Constitution) Born in Columbus, OH; lives in Parma, MO, with wife and five children. Member of LDS. Attended Ohio State University and University of Cincinnati. Candidate for Idaho State Lieutenant Governor (2010) and Idaho State House of Representatives (2008). Member of Executive Committee, Constitution Party of Utah (2004). Delegate to the Continental Congress of 2009.

Ratings/Endorsements: None found. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.ourcampaigns.com> or <https://www.ballotready.org>.

~~~ STATE TREASURER ~~~

SCOTT FITZPATRICK



(Republican, Incumbent) Born in Springfield, MO. Graduated from the University of Missouri. Married with two children. Represented Missouri's 158th District in the Missouri House of Representatives from January (2013-2019). Currently serves as the Missouri State Treasurer, appointed by Governor Parson (2018) following the appointment of the previous state treasurer Eric Schmitt as state attorney general effective in January 2019.

Record as Chairman of the House Budget Committee reflects his commitment to fiscally conservative values as well as his support for small businesses and Missouri families. Elected State Representative (2012) representing Barry and portions of Stone and Lawrence counties. The State's budget surplus nearly tripled to almost \$500 million, while Missouri schools were fully funded for the first time in nearly a decade.

Started his own company, MariCorp US., a Shell Knob-based marine manufacturing and construction company that does business coast-to-coast. Member of the Cassville, Shell Knob and Monett chambers of commerce and has been recognized in Springfield Business Journal's "40 under 40."

Ratings/Endorsements: American Conservative Union (87%); Associated Industries of Missouri (90%); Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry (84%); Missouri Progressive Vote Coalition (0%); Missouri Right to Life (100%); NARAL Pro-Choice (22%); National Federation of Independent Business-Missouri (100%); National Rifle Association (93%); Planned Parenthood Advocates in Missouri (0%); Sierra Club Missouri Chapter (0%). **WEBSITE:** <https://www.scottfitzpatrick.com> or <https://justfacts.votesmart.org>.

VICKI LORENZ ENGLUND



(Democrat) Born in St. Louis County, MO. Graduate of Lindbergh High School; holds a BA and MA in political science from The American University. Lives in South St. Louis County with her husband and three children; member of Assumption Parish in St. Louis.

Small business owner and worked as a Commercial Real Estate Coordinator and served as South County Sector Specialist for the St. Louis County Economic Council (2001-2004). Previously held a position with the Small Business Administration. In 2002, the St. Louis Business Journal recognized her with a "30 under 30" Award. Founded giftpakexpress.com (an eBay assistant for the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan area).

Served in the Missouri House of Representative (2009-2011) and (2013-2015), representing South St. Louis County. Sponsored a bill that would help the State Treasurer of Missouri return military medals to their original owners.

Ratings/Endorsements: American Conservative Union (15%); Emily's List; Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry (53%); Missouri Votes Conservation (100%); Missouri Progressive Vote Coalition (90%); NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri (100%); National Rifle Association (0%); National Women's Political Caucus of Metro St. Louis; Planned Parenthood Advocates in Missouri (100%); Sierra Club Missouri Chapter (80%); United Auto Workers. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.vickienglund.com> or <https://www.ourcampaigns.com>.

SHORT LINES

Dictators ride to and fro on tigers from which they dare not dismount. And the tigers are getting hungry.
— Winston Churchill



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NICHOLAS (NICK) KASOFF

(Libertarian): Married with two children. Candidate for Missouri State House of Representatives, District 74 (2019); Candidate for St. Louis County Executive, 2018; Information Technology Consultant.

Ratings/Endorsements: None found. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.facebook.com/nick.kasoff>



in revenue from nuisance violations,' Schmitt continued. 'Those practices broke down the trust between the people and government. Law enforcement officers would rather do community policing instead of speed traps.'⁴

Launched SAFER Streets Initiative which is designed to prosecute violent criminals and make communities safer; launched an initiative to address the problem of untested sexual assault kits; enabled Missouri to join a lawsuit against 20 of the largest drug manufacturers involved in inflating generic drug prices; partnered with FBI's Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force; joined a bipartisan coalition of attorneys general to investigate Google and Facebook.

Ratings/Endorsements: American Conservative Union (100%); Missouri Cattlemen's Association; Missouri Fraternal Order of Police; Missouri Right to Life; Missouri Soybean Association; NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri (14%); National Federation of Independent Business-Missouri (90%); National Rifle Association (100%); Planned Parenthood Advocates in Missouri (0%); Sierra Club Missouri (0%); St. Louis County Police Association. **WEBSITE:** <http://www.schmittformissouri.com>.

RICH FINNERAN

(Democrat) Grew up in St. Louis County, graduate of Lafayette High School; undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina, attended law school at Washington University and teaches law there; attorney in private practice. Assistant U.S. Attorney from 2010-2017, handling large financial fraud cases. Received the David J. Dixon Appellate Advocacy Award recognizing exceptional appellate practice.

Statements from his website include: "running to restore the integrity of the Attorney General's Office and make sure that politics never get in the way of enforcing the law and protecting the people of our state; affordable health care; protect Medicaid expansion; combat explicit and implicit bias in justice system; fight fraud and abuse; protect rights of working families to earn a prevailing wage; eliminate political influence over law enforcement decisions; equal pay for equal work; against eight-week abortion ban; vigorously defend Clean Missouri; promote diversity and inclusion in the hiring processes; and defend rights to be free from discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability."

In an article, published in the Fulton Sun, "His experience has focused on white collar criminal fraud. This included a record-setting \$435 million consumer fraud case to recover money for victims of economic crimes. 'That's what people expect from the attorney general — someone who is going to enforce laws and protect families,' Finneran said. 'I want to make sure the resources of that office are focused on the work that has to be done, not to make political headlines'. ..."⁵

Ratings/Endorsements: Planned Parenthood Advocates in Missouri. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.richfinneran.com>.



KEVIN C. BABCOCK

(Libertarian) Born in Modesto, CA; lives in St. Louis, MO. Holds a BA, Management, Webster University, 2005; and JD, St. Louis University, 2008. Candidate for MO State House of Representatives (1994, 2002 and 2006) and candidate for United States House of Representatives (2008).

In an article, published in the Fulton Sun, "Libertarian Kevin Babcock said he is offering an alternative to the two major party candidates for those who 'aren't happy with the choices they have.' The self-employed attorney, who served as a public defender in Ava from 2009-14, said his focus would be on criminal justice reform. 'I've seen how the justice system unfairly treats poor people and minorities,' Babcock said. 'I want to restore confidence in the attorney general's office.' The focus of the attorney general should be justice, not just convictions. We need to get away from the practice of overcharging to get people to plead so they won't go to trial. There's an enormous imbalance between the two sides'.⁶

Ratings/Endorsements: None found. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.ourcampaigns.com>.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District 1

ANTHONY ROGERS

(Republican) Attended Saint Louis Community College, 2017-2020; director/producer, Amazon, 2019-present; CEO, Anthony Rogers Presents, Limited Liability Corporation, 2019-Present; founder, The Saint Louis Times, 2019-present; actor, Netflix, 2016-Present. Hosts The Anthony Rogers Show. Everday@www.theanthonyrogersshow.com.

Ratings/Endorsements: None found. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.facebook.com/BetterThanTheBeatles/> or @BetterThanTheBeatles · Politician



CORI BUSH



(Democrat) Born and raised in St. Louis, MO. Nurse, pastor, single mom with two children and "Ferguson-made"⁷ activist; **Black Lives Matter** activist. Attended Harris-Stowe State University (1995-1996) and Lutheran School of Nursing (2005-2008). Professional experience includes working as an ordained pastor, a registered nurse at Hopewell Health Center (2013-present), in childcare, and as the co-director of The Truth Telling Project. Formerly worked at SSM Health St. Louis University Hospital (2008-2011). Radio host, "Grounded" on BlogTalkRadio. Spoken internationally on nonviolent conflict as a Nonviolence 365 Ambassador with the King Center. An organizer of the St. Louis protest group known as **Expect US**.

Bush was a 2018 Democratic candidate for Missouri's 1st Congressional District and 2016 Democratic candidate for U.S. Senator from Missouri.

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JOSEPH CIVETTINI

(Green) Resides in the City of St. Louis for over 30 years. Control systems engineer, specializing in food & beverage automation. Member of the Gateway Green Alliance/Green Party of St. Louis since 1999. Treasurer of the Missouri Green Party since 2009. Green Party Committeeman of the 8th ward of St. Louis city since 2012.

Ratings/Endorsements: None found. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.missourigreenparty.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/Civ4MOTreasurer2020>

ATTORNEY GENERAL

ERIC SCHMITT

(Republican, Incumbent) Lives in Glendale, MO, married with three children. BA from Truman University, graduating cum laude, and a JD from St. Louis University School of Law (2000). Inspired to enter public service to be a voice for his son, who was born with a rare genetic condition (tuberous sclerosis) causing tumors on his organs. His son also has epilepsy, is on the autism spectrum and is non-verbal.

Believes that the Constitution is the bedrock of America's legal system and taught "21st Century American Civics" at St. Louis University. Professional experience includes working as an attorney and serving as a Glendale city alderman. Elected to the Missouri Senate (District 15) in 2008. Term limits prevented him from being re-elected. Sponsored legislation reducing small business tax burden and end the "corporate franchise tax" in Missouri.

Served as the Treasurer of Missouri (2017 to 2019). Appointed to the position of attorney general by Gov. Mike Parson on November 13, 2018, following former Attorney General Josh Hawley's election to the U.S. Senate. Schmitt took office in January 2019.

In an article, published in the Fulton Sun, "Schmitt said he's committed to supporting men and women in law enforcement and said calls to defund police in the wake of several recent confrontations across the country, including some in Missouri, are not the answer to protect public safety. 'Lawyers in our office have been cross deputized to be able to prosecute in federal court, which has helped us deal with some serious criminal offenses, such as hundreds of carjackings and illegal drug cases,' Schmitt said. 'I will continue to make sure the law treats everyone fairly. After the 2014 protests in Ferguson, I worked to sponsor legislation aimed at stopping St. Louis County police departments from aggressively issuing traffic tickets to raise revenue and to stop municipalities from raking



SHORT LINES

"Oh, the Places You'll Go"

That's the name of the Dr. Seuss book that a St. Louis County Councilwoman chose to use for her swearing-in ceremony this summer. There is actually no requirement for what text to use, and Kelli Dunaway chose this book so that she could "try something new."



On April 9, 2020, Bush announced she had tested negative for coronavirus after coming down with symptoms and self-isolating.

Ratings/Endorsements: 350 Action; American Progressives in STEM; Blue America; Brand New Congress; Democratic Socialists of America; DUH!; Friends of the Earth Action; FTD; Future Generations; Justice Democrats; Madam for America PAC; Matriarch; Mom's Demand Action; MoveOn; National Women's Political Caucus; Next Generation Action Network (NGAN); Our Everyday; Our Revolution Missouri; St. Louis Young Democrats; Sunrise Movement STL; The Solidarity Movement; Township Democrats (24th Ward, Hadley, Clayton); Truth to Power; Women for the Win.
WEBSITE: <https://coribush.org/>

ALEX FURMAN

(Libertarian) No information available. See @alex4MO.



District 2

ANN WAGNER



(Republican, Incumbent) Married with three children and lives in Ballwin, MO; member of St. Clare of Assisi Church, Ellisville; BSBA, University of Missouri at Columbia (1984); served on several legislative committees in the U.S. House including Capital Markets, Securities, and Investment Subcommittee, Financial Services, Foreign Affairs, Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing, and other subcommittees; former U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg (2005-2010).

Official website lists eight main topics of interest: national security (strong military), jobs and the economy (eliminate bureaucracy and red tape), illegal immigration (vetting and strong borders), reigning in government spending, fighting sex trafficking, supporting conservative values, protecting survivors of assault, and financial services (availability of saving and investment tools for all Americans). Supports a robust and effective military that is empowered to protect the American people from radical Islamic terrorists in the Middle East. Consistently supported funding for locally manufactured fighter jets, the Growler and Super Hornet, so that our military men and women have sufficient tools to keep us safe.

Consistently worked to lower government spending, reduce our national debt and increase investment opportunities for all Americans. Believes that it is both immoral and reckless to leave the next generation with insurmountable debt and a stagnant economy. Believes we must enforce our existing laws, secure our borders and ensure the American people that their families are safe from dangerous criminals. Has led fight against sex trafficking in the U.S. In 2015, Congress passed and the president signed a bill (the SAVE Act), which places the strongest possible penalties on the advertising of trafficked children under the age of fourteen.

Will continue to fight for conservative family values. Believes that all life is sacred and begins at conception. Has consistently led the way on pro-life issues and sought to give voice to the voiceless and protect the rights of all Missourians.

Has stood for the most vulnerable members of society: our children, victims of sexual assault, the unborn and those who lack the means to defend themselves. Strongly supports and has consistently defended our Second Amendment rights and believes that defending the constitution is a crucial responsibility for all elected officials.

Ratings/Endorsements: 21 Wilberforce (80%); AFL-CIO (33%); American Civil Liberties Union (21%); American Conservative Union (81%); American Family Association (100%); Americans for Prosperity (87%); American Security Council Foundation (100%); Campaign for Working Families (100%); Center for Security Policy (100%); Competitive Enterprise Institute (100%); Concerned Women for America (100%); Eagle Forum (83%); Family Research Council (100%); Federation for American Immigration Reform (100%); Heritage Action for America (100%); Missouri Farm Bureau; Missouri Right to Life; NARAL Pro-Choice America (0%); National Education Association (0%); National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (8%); National Rifle Association (93%); National Right to Life Committee (100%); Planned Parenthood Action Fund (0%); Susan B. Anthony List (100%); United States Chamber of Commerce (92%). **WEBSITE:** <https://annwagner.com> and <https://wagner.house.gov>.

JILL SCHUPP

(Democrat) Married with two children. Senior Vice President at Weintraub Advertising (1982-1999). BA from University of Missouri at Columbia, Certified, Teaching, University of Missouri at St. Louis. Missouri State Senator, District 24, (2014-present). Missouri State House Representative (2008-2014). Creve Coeur City Council member (2007-2008). In Missouri State Legislature: Legislative Committee member: Economic Development, Education, Health and Pensions, Public Assistance, Seniors, Families and Children, Tax Policy, Veterans and Military Affairs.

Leader of Policy and Member Engagement, House Democratic Caucus (2011-present); Founder, Missouri Veterans History Project Board (2011-present); member, Missouri House Minority Leadership Team (2009-present); board member, Congregation Shaare Emeth, present; board member, National Council of Jewish Women, present; member, Advisory Board, Saint Louis Crisis Nursery; Chair, House Freshmen Democratic Caucus (2009-2010); board member/president, Ladue School District Board of Education (2000-2006).

Awards include: Elected: Leader of Policy and Member; Named Distinguished Legislator by the MO Community College Association, 2011; Named Outstanding Legislator by University of Missouri Graduate Students, 2011; Elected Chair: House Freshmen Democratic Caucus (2009-2010); Serving on Missouri House Minority Leadership Team, 2009-present.

Ratings/Endorsements: American Association for Justice; American Conservative Union (22%); Associated Industries of Missouri (30%); Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee; Emily's List; End Citizens United; Equality PAC; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry (55%); Missouri Progressive Vote Coalition (100%); Missouri Right to Life (10%); NARAL Pro-Choice-Missouri (100%); National Education Association; National Federation of Independent Business-Missouri (10%); National Rifle Association (13%); National Women's Political Caucus; Planned Parenthood Advocates in Missouri (100%); Sierra Club (100%). **WEBSITE:** <https://www.jillschupp.com>.



MARTIN SCHULTE

(Libertarian) Statements from website on issues include: "Checks and balances between the branches of government have become indistinguishable with the two-party system. Need to reopen business, schools, and services. In this era of COVID ... do not rely on someone else to prevent the spread of the virus: carry sanitizer and wear a facemask. Strong proponent of responsible use of your tax dollars and will oppose every deficit budget and proposed tax increase. Americans should never be punished for exercising their rights to opt out of PPACA or Medicare. There is no reason to prevent someone from seeking a better life and the opportunities afforded within our borders."

Ratings/Endorsements: None found. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.martinvschulte.com/on-the-issues>



District 3

BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

(Republican, Incumbent) Married with three children. Resides in St. Elizabeth, MO. Operates a 160-acre farm. BA, Political Science, Lincoln University (1974); Missouri State House Representative (1999-2005); current U.S. House of Representatives since 2008; served on financial services and small business legislative committees and other subcommittees; subcommittee on consumer protection and financial institutions. Prior to political service he worked as a bank examiner, director of the Missouri Division of Tourism, small business owner and bank vice president. Member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, belongs to multiple religious and civic organizations including Knights of Columbus, Eldon Chamber of Commerce, Saint Elizabeth Care Center, Board of Trustees (Village of St. Elizabeth), Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association.

Awards include: Spirit of Enterprise Award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Guardian of Small Business Award from the National Federation of Independent Business; Agricultural Retailers Association Legislator of the Year Award; Missouri Agribusiness Association Advocate for Agribusiness Award; Electric Cooperatives Leadership Award from the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives; Tax Fighter Award from the National Tax Limitation Committee; Defender of Economic Freedom Award from the Club for Growth.

Ratings/Endorsements: 21 Wilberforce (40%); ACLU (17%); ACT! For America (100%); American Family Association (100%); AFL-CIO (12%); American Farm Bureau Federation (100%); Associated General Contractors of America (100%); Campaign for Working Families (100%); Christian Coalition of America (100%); Competitive Enterprise Institute (93%); Concerned Women for America (100%); Eagle Forum; FRC Action (100%); Missouri Farm Bureau Federation (100%); Missouri Right to Life; National Education Association (0%); National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (33%); National Rifle Association (92%); National Right to Life (100%); NARAL Pro-Choice (0%); National Right to Life Committee (100%); Planned Parenthood Action Fund (0%); Sierra Club (0%); Susan B. Anthony List (100%); United States Chamber of Commerce (92%). **WEBSITE:** <https://www.blaineforcongress.com/>





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MEGAN REZABEK

(Democrat) Born and raised in Jefferson County, MO; mother of two. Political activist since attending the protest against the Chrysler plant closure in 2009. Participated in marches for woman's rights and climate action.

Believes that failing schools should not be defunded; there is a housing crisis; "overturning citizens united" is a core belief in candidacy; healthcare is a human right regardless of gender, race, age, sexual orientation or ability to pay and should not be for profit. Member of the Sunrise Movement and supports the New Green Deal.

Campaign slogan: "Peace, Love and Save the Planet."

Ratings/Endorsements: None found. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.meganrezabekforcongress.com> or <https://www.facebook.com>

LEONARD J. STEINMAN II

(Libertarian): Born in Jefferson City, MO. Married with one child. Attended, General Studies, Columbia College, 1984; completed, Welding Technologies, Nichols Career Center, 1984; attended, Welding Technologies, Columbia Basin College, 1974.

Candidate, U.S. House of Representatives, District 3 (2014 and 2020); Candidate, U.S. Senate (2018); Candidate, U.S. House of Representatives, MO (2010); Candidate, MO House of Representatives, District 114 (2008). Member, Cole County Democratic Committee.

Owner/Operator, Steinman Leasing Incorporated, 1996; Instructor, Superior Heavy Equipment School, 1994; Clean Up Owner, PWI, Hazardous Spill Recovery, 1992; United States Navy, 1971-1975.

Member: Patriot Guard; Disabled American Veterans; Vice-President, Jefferson City Veterans Council; member, Polar Bear Club, Saint Peter's Catholic Church; Owner/Operator, Teamsters, 1994; Owner/Operator, Laborers, 1977; Electrician, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, 1969.

Ratings/Endorsements: National Rifle Association (0%). **WEBSITE:** <https://www.ourcampaigns.com> or [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

District 4



VICKY HARTZLER

(Republican, Incumbent) Born in Harrisonville, MO. Married with one daughter. Graduated from Archie High School; Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Missouri (1983). Master's Degree in Education from the University of Central Missouri (1992).

Taught family and consumer sciences for 11 years in Lebanon and Belton, Missouri; coaching track and serving as co-director of a program for at-risk teens. Co-Owner, Hartzler Equipment Company; owner, Heartland Tractor Company; former Family Consumer Science Teacher, Belton School District; former Family Consumer Science Teacher, Lebanon School District; spokesperson, Coalition to Protect Marriage in Missouri, 2004.



Elected to MO State House of Representatives, District 124 (1994-2001); elected to U.S. House of Representatives in 2010. Member of the following committees in the U.S. House: Agriculture, Armed Services, Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research, Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces. Also served on Budget Committee, former Chair, Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, member, Precinct Committee; former member, Readiness Subcommittee.

Working to expand rural broadband in order to create more opportunities for businesses and students by connecting them to high speed Internet. This legislation would save the electric cooperatives \$43 million per year and help families with common sense solutions.

Ratings/Endorsements: 21 Wilberforce (60%); American Civil Liberties Union (21%); American Farm Bureau (100%); American Forest & Paper Association (100%); Associated General Contractors (100%); Campaign for Working Families (100%); Maggie's List; Missouri Farm Bureau; Missouri Right to Life; NARAL Pro Choice America (0%); National Federation of Independent Business (100%); National Right to Life Committee (100%); National Tax Limitation Committee (85%); Planned Parenthood Action Fund (0%); Population Connection (9%); Sierra Club (0%); Susan B. Anthony List (100%); United States Chamber of Commerce (91%). **WEBSITE:** <https://www.vickyhartzler.com/>

LINDSEY SIMMONS

(Democrat) Married with one child. Graduated from Marshall High School. Bachelor's degree from Missouri Valley College in 2010; MA, English Language and Literature, University of South Dakota and Harvard Law School, graduating from Harvard with a J.D. (2015). Simmons' career experience includes working as an attorney Associate, Cleary Gottlieb Steen and Hamilton Limited Liability Partnership (2015-2019); Legal Fellow, United States Senate (2014-2015); Law Clerk, Missouri Attorney General's Office, 2013; Legislative Assistant, Missouri House of Representatives (2011-2012). Former member, Harvard Defenders. Member, Military Spouse J.D. Network.

Advocated on behalf of domestic violence survivors, conservation groups, veterans; helped flood and hurricane victims secure FEMA benefits. Earned PropPublica Award for Public Service after helping free a man who was wrongfully convicted (Shawn Williams).

Ratings/Endorsements: Indivisible; National Women's Political Caucus; Sierra Club Missouri Chapter; #VOTERPROCHOICE. **WEBSITE:** <https://lindseysimmons.com/>

STEVEN K. KOONSE

(Libertarian) Born in Boonville, MO; lives in Leeton, MO. Married with three children. Served in the U.S. Army (1967-2007). Earned a bachelor's degree from Central Missouri State University (1974). Works as a financial examiner for the Missouri Department of Insurance (1999-2017). Awarded a Bronze Star for work as an intelligence analyst during the Vietnam War. Attends St. Bartholomew Catholic Church. Member Mensa International and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Received Bronze Star Army Commendation Medal. Candidate for U.S. House of Representatives (2018).



Ratings/Endorsements: National Women's Political Caucus; Sierra Club Missouri Chapter; #VOTERPROCHOICE. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.ourcampaigns.com> or [Facebook@steven.koonse.1](https://www.facebook.com/steven.koonse.1)

District 5

RYAN DERKS

(Republican) Born and raised in Lee's Summit, MO. Holds Bachelors from University of Missouri, Columbia. Employment: Lead, RHF Blockchain Investments (2017-2019); Wealth Management, Ravenna Capital-Berthel Fisher & Company (2010-2020). Organizer, Kansas City Crypto Talk (2107-2019).

Website statements include: "The character of people like George Washington inspired Ryan to champion preserving the blessings the founding fathers gave our country. You don't need a raise – you need a government with a balanced budget, low debt, low spending, and low federal taxes. Fully audit the Federal Reserve; advocate and educate the benefits of a Gold Standard; fight against corporate welfare; reinstate a modern version of Glass-Steagall Act of 1933; eliminate the capital gains tax; eliminate or lower all taxes possible; eliminate unnecessary regulations that burden business owners. Abolish Department of Education; return the business of student loans back to the private sector; repeal Obamacare; allow pre-existing conditions to be covered by Medicare/Medicaid; fund and finish President Trump's wall; punish business owners who are employing illegal immigrants; enforce VISA rules; end the welfare state for illegal immigrants; secure our national borders; bring home troops; 'the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed'; no abortion unless in case of rape, incest, or mortality; no taxpayer money for abortions; support Israel; embrace the 10th Amendment.

Ratings/Endorsements: None found. **WEBSITE:** <https://ryanderks.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/realryanderks>

EMMANUEL CLEAVER II

(Democrat, Incumbent) Born in Waxahachie, TX. Married with four children; BS, Sociology, Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical University (1972); MDV, Divinity, Saint Paul School of Theology (1974); member, Kansas City, City Council (1979-1991); former mayor, Kansas City, MO; U.S. House of Representatives (2004-present); member, Financial Services Legislative Committee; Homeland Security; Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development and Insurance; Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security. Senior pastor, St. James United Methodist Church (1969-2005); founder, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (Kansas City).

Ratings and Endorsments: 21 Wilberforce (40%); ACT! For America (8%); American Farm Bureau (0%); Americans for Democratic Action (85%); Campaign for Working Families (0%); Concerned Women for America (0%); Heritage Action for America (0%); NARAL Pro-Choice (100%); NAACP (94%); National Education Association (100%); National Association of Police Organizations (100%); National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (67%); National Rifle Association (13%); National Right to Life Committee (0%); Planned Parenthood Action Fund (100%); Sierra Club (100%); Susan





B. Anthony List (0%). **WEBSITE:** <http://cleaverforcongress.com>; <https://cleaver.house.gov> or <https://www.facebook.com/CleaverForCongress/>.



ROBIN DOMINICK

(Libertarian) Statements from website include: While some ideas and words may be offensive, once you allow the government to suppress speech you find to be hateful, when the other party is in power, they can decide that your words are now hate speech. The 2nd amendment was meant to keep us safe from those who would oppress us. There are checkpoints and roadblocks set up in border zones, locally during holiday weekends, and whenever the police want to. These are done with no probable cause, no warrants, and you'd better not try to challenge them. Citizens should not have to fight the government to keep their personal and private property without justification and due process. The Constitution can't possibly list all of our rights. We have natural, inherent, God given rights that are universal. While conservatives claim to be fiscally responsible, they still spend ... when in control of the federal purse. Ideally, we should bring all troops home and use diplomacy and allow other continents to protect themselves. Many things can be harmful, but is it the federal government's right to tell us what we can do to our own bodies? Legalize prostitution

Ratings and Endorsements: None available. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.robindominick.com>.

District 6

SAM GRAVES

(Republican, Incumbent) Born in Tarkio, MO. Married with three children; member, First Baptist Church. BS, Agronomy, School of Agriculture, University of MO Columbia (1986); Representative, MO House of Representatives (1992-1994); Senator, Missouri State Senate (1994-2000); U.S. House of Representatives (2000-present); member, legislative committees on armed services and other subcommittees.



Graves is a lifelong resident of Missouri's Sixth Congressional District and a sixth-generation family farmer and an airline transport pilot, Graves Aviation. Member of the House Committee on Armed Services, which plays a critical role in ensuring our troops have the resources they need. Works for fiscal discipline in Washington and supports a balanced budget amendment. Voted for tax reform legislation, which President Trump signed into law. Believes in job creation by America's small businesses and a strong national defense. Believes in the Second Amendment; domestic energy production; healthcare policies that are portable, and defunding Planned Parenthood.

Ratings and Endorsements: 21Wilberforce (40%); American Civil Liberties Union (23%); ACT! For America (92%); AFL-CIO (21%); American Farm Bureau Federation (100%); Campaign for Working Families 100%; Concerned Women for America (100%); Heritage Action for America (94%); Missouri Right to Life; National Cannabis Industry Associations (0%); National Education Association (0%); NARAL Pro-Choice America 0%; National Rifle Association (92%); National Right to Life Committee 100%; Planned Parenthood Action Fund 0%; Susan B. Anthony List (100%). **WEBSITE:** <http://www.gravesforcongress.com> and <http://graves.house.gov>



GENA L. ROSS

(Democrat) Native of Minneapolis, MN; lives in Platte City, MO with three children; member of Pentecostal church. Has AA in Urban Ministries, North Central University (2004-2005); BBA from American Intercontinental University (2006-2008); MPA, Public Administration, Walden University (2008-2020); and a PhD, Public Policy & Administration, Walden University (2011-2018).

Professional experience includes: Assistant Professor of Business, Kansas City, Kansas Community College, 2016-present; adjunct instructor, Baker University, 2015-present; president/CEO, Above and Beyond Coalition for Youth, Inc. (2013-2019); administrator, Missouri Department of Corrections (2015-2016); Constituent Service Representative, Senator Claire McCaskill, U.S. Senate, 2015.

Beliefs on campaign website: Democracy. People first; protecting and expanding affordable healthcare; protect American families from evictions; infrastructure, flood relief, internet service, 5G cell service, education; job creation, federal minimum wage increase, decreased unemployment; save small business; and controlled nuclear fusion (climate change).

Member, NAACP; National Society of Success and Leadership and Pi Alpha Alpha.

Ratings and Endorsements: None available. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.rossforcongress.net>.

JIM HIGGINS

(Libertarian) Born in Cleveland, OH. Currently lives in Creve Coeur, MO. Holds BS, Civil Engineering, Ohio University (1971). Candidate for the following: U.S. House, District 2 (1992, 2000, 2016); U.S. House, District 1 (2002); MO State Governor (2012); MO State Senate (2014). Civil Engineer; computer programmer; systems analyst, Olin Corporation (1998-present).

Ratings and Endorsements: None available. **WEBSITE:** None available.



District 7

BILLY LONG

(Republican, Incumbent) Born and currently lives in Springfield, MO. Married with two children. Graduate, Certified Auctioneer Institute, University of Indiana-Bloomington (1983); Missouri Auction School (1979); legislative committee member, energy and commerce and other subcommittees; former talk radio host; former owner of Billy Long Auctions L L C; member, First and Calvary Presbyterian Church.

U.S. House of Representative, District 7 (2011-present); committee member: Energy and Commerce, subcommittee on Communications and Technology; subcommittee on Environment & Climate Change; and Subcommittee on Health (Energy and Commerce).

Website states: The principles of life, liberty, freedom and individual rights are values to be protected. Sponsored and co-sponsored many bills that focus government around the



principles of life, liberty, freedom and individual rights. Relies on common sense criteria when it comes to evaluating any legislation that is brought to the floor of the House. He vigorously defends the values held dear by Missourians and Americans.

Member Missouri Professional Auctioneers Hall of Fame; National Rifle Association; Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

Ratings and Endorsements: 21Wilberforce (40%); American Civil Liberties Union (21%); American Farm Bureau (100%); Campaign for Working Families (100%); Concerned Women for America (100%); FRC Action (100%); Heritage Action for America (98%); Missouri Right to Life (2018); National Cannabis Industry Association (17%); National Education Association (0%); National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (25%); NARAL (0%); National Rifle Association; National Right to Life Committee 100%; Planned Parenthood Action Fund (0%); Susan B. Anthony List (100%); United States Chamber of Commerce 73%. **WEBSITE:** <https://billylongforcongress.com> and <http://long.house.gov>

TERESA MONTSENY

(Democrat) Lives in Springfield, MO. Holds an BA, History, Missouri State University (1987-1990); MA, History, Missouri State University (1990-1991); attended United States-Soviet/Russian Foreign Policy, University of Kansas (1993-1997) for Diplomatic History. Executive Director, Federal Trio Program (2003-2008).



Statements from website include: An amendment to the Constitution should be constructed to protect people who lack civil protections due to race, gender, sexual identity, ethnicity, religion, and immigration status. Supports criminal justice reform, easy voting that includes automatic registration, mail-in ballots (tie in to supporting the USPS), and national election holiday. Will stay focused on this issue [climate change] as our lives depend upon it. Supports common sense gun legislation that moves America away from a gun culture. The Poor People's Campaign and March for Moral Revival Economic equity that provides a living wage, protects labor unions and employee/employer negotiations. Services and care that meet the standard required for the respect earned by veterans and active duty military personnel. Family farming over corporate operations. End racism in our schools. Loan forgiveness. Voting must be promoted and made easier, not more difficult. Term limits for the U.S. Congress. Recognizes the significant role of organizations like the World Health Organization during a pandemic. Recognizes the dangerous power of dictatorial leadership in many countries and will work to return nuclear arms de-escalation. Supports Planned Parenthood. While falling in the personal category of feeling abortion would not be for her, she does not tell other women what to do with their bodies.

Ratings and Endorsements: Moms Demand Action. **WEBSITE:** <http://www.montsenyforcongress.com/>

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My mother taught me contortionism: "Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck."

My father taught me irony: "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me the science of osmosis: "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."



Missouri Candidate Profiles 2020 cont'd

KEVIN CRAIG

(Libertarian) Born in Los Angeles, CA; lives in Powersite, MO. BA, Political Science, University of Southern California (1979); MA, Law and Theology, Simon Greenleaf School of Law (1983) and JD, Simon Greenleaf School of Law (1983). Previous candidate for U.S. House of Representatives, District 7 (2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014).

Teacher, Dominion Christian School (1979-1981); co-director, Isaiah House/Catholic Worker (1988-1998); editor, Vine & Fig Tree (1979-present). President; Colette's Children's Home, 1998-2003; president, California Irish Festival, 1998-2004.

Craig's website proclaims that he is the: "Only candidate uncompromisingly committed to the ideal of Liberty Under God."

Ratings and Endorsements: None found. **WEBSITE:** <http://www.kevincraig.us/>

District 8

JASON SMITH

(Republican, Incumbent) Born in Salem, MO. Seventh-generation Missourian and a fourth-generation owner of the family farm. BS, Agriculture Economics, Business Administration, University of Missouri Columbia (2001); JD, Oklahoma City University (2004); Representative, Missouri House of Representatives (2005-2013); Majority Whip (2011-2013); current member, Missouri Farm Bureau; incumbent, U.S. House of Representatives, (2013-present); legislative committee member, Ways and Means, Budget; member of various other subcommittees; former attorney, real estate agent; member and Sunday school teacher, Grace Community Church.

As member of the Ways & Means Committee, has simplified over 70,000-page code and reduced the burden the federal tax system places on small businesses, farmers, and families. Advanced repeals of the individual and employer Obamacare tax mandates and has fought for rural poverty reform. Champion the rights and values of farmers and rural Missourians in Congress. Through his service as a member of the U.S. House Leadership, has opportunity to work closely with President Trump to deliver regulatory and tax relief to American workers while also reducing the size and scope of the federal government.

Member, Cuba Chamber of Commerce, Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri State Bar Association, National Rifle Association, Salem Chamber of Commerce, Steelville Chamber of Commerce; board member, Salem Area Community Betterment Association; president, Salem Future Farmers of America Alumni Association; former board member, Court Appointed Special Advocate.

Ratings and Endorsements: 21Wilberforce (20%); American Civil Liberties Union (24%); American Farm Bureau (100%); Campaign for Working Families (100%) Concerned Women for America (100%); FRC (100%); Faith & Freedom Coalition (100%); Heritage Action for America (100%); Missouri Farm Bureau; Missouri Right to Life; National Federation of Independent Business (100%); National Retail Federation (100%); National Right to Life Committee (100%); National Education Association (0%); NARAL (0%); National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (0%); National Rifle Association (93%); National Right to Life (100%); Planned Parenthood Advocates (0%); United States Chamber of Commerce (70%). **WEBSITE:** <http://electjasonsmith.com> and <http://jasonsmith.house.gov>



KATHY ELLIS

(Democrat) Born in St. Louis, MO. Lives in Festus, MO, with her spouse, Ann. BS, Administration of Justice from University of Missouri St Louis; MSW, Washington University; licensed psychotherapist, Certified Reciprocal Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor, and Experiential Therapist III; member, board of health center (since 2011).

Website statements include: "Healthcare for All; Strong Public Education; A New Deal for Rural America; Strong Union Jobs; Protecting the Environment; Ending Government Corruption; Reproductive Justice; Justice for All; and Foreign Policy."

Ratings and Endorsements: Blue America; Communications Workers of America; Demand Universal Healthcare (DUH); Indivisible; Missouri AFL-CIO; Mom's Demand Action Gun Sense Candidate; National Association of Social Workers; National Rifle Association (13%); National Women's Political Caucus; Project100; Patriotic Millionaires; Sierra Club Missouri; United Auto Workers; #VOTEPROCHOICE; Women for the Win. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.ellisforcongress.com/>



TOM SCHMITZ

(Libertarian) Single and lives in Rolla, MO. Bachelor's degree in Psychological Science, University of Missouri, Columbia (2008); JD, Creighton University School of Law (2012). Intern with Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, U.S. Department of Defense; intern with Omaha City Prosecutor's Office; staff attorney for Hudson Legal/DTI Global (2012-2015); associate attorney for Albert Watkins (2015-2017); associate attorney for Charles Barberio (2017-2019); Missouri Public Defender's Office, Rolla (2019).

Statements on issues from website: "Stands for maximizing individual liberty, vigilantly protecting your rights, and minimizing government interference in your life. ... separation of healthcare and state ... foreign policy of peace, strength, and non-interventionism ... responsibly minimize taxation ... protect our environment ... balance the budget ... transition to a privatized education system ... protect 2nd amendment right to keep and bear arms ... achieve a liberated society, protect from federal coercion and restore freedoms."

Ratings and Endorsements: None Available. **WEBSITE:** <https://www.tomschmitzforliberty.com>

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Above all, we must realize that no arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. It is a weapon our adversaries in today's world do not have.

– President Ronald Reagan



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SHORT LINES

It Isn't Going Away

As new coronavirus cases continue to climb in America, health experts say it's becoming clear that the virus, known as SARS-CoV-2, is here to stay—but experts say that, between emerging treatments and a possible vaccine, we won't be stuck in a perpetual global pandemic, either.

No matter what we do to curb the novel coronavirus—whether through social distancing, wearing masks, or developing a vaccine—one thing is "almost certain: This virus is never going away." ... public health officials were optimistic when the virus first hit that countries could eradicate the pathogen, given its similarity to the coronavirus that causes SARS. But unlike the coronavirus that causes SARS, the new coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, spreads more easily and can spread asymptotically—meaning that a lot of the strategies used to curb SARS are ineffective against the novel coronavirus. ... Health experts say it's likely that enough people will become infected with or vaccinated against the novel coronavirus to end the global pandemic, but that the virus will probably continue to infect people at lower rates. ...

A vaccine that provides short-term immunity could require booster shots over time, like the flu shot. ... But the most likely, best-case scenario, a vaccine would make the new coronavirus "a much less dangerous and less disruptive" threat, such as the flu or other seasonal respiratory viruses ... In this scenario, SARS-CoV-2 would become the fifth coronavirus—joining four other coronaviruses that cause a considerable proportion of common colds—that circulates among humans regularly and seasonally. ... "I think this virus is with us to the future," said Ruth Karron, a vaccine researcher at Johns Hopkins. "But so is influenza with us, and for the most part, flu doesn't shut down our societies. We manage it."

"All of this, along with immunity from vaccines, means that [the novel coronavirus] is likely to become far less disruptive down the line. ... "In this way, the long-term outlook for [the coronavirus] might offer some hope for a return to normal."

– Excerpts from, "Why the coronavirus may 'never go away,'" Advisory Board, <https://www.advisory.com/>, August 6, 2020.



RATING/ENDORSEMENT ORGANIZATIONS

21Wilberforce: Christian human rights organization dedicated to defending the universal rights of religion, belief, and conscience for all people. Vision is to empower people to collaboratively support persecuted communities, challenge repression, and expand freedom of religion and belief globally. <https://21wilberforce.org>.

350Action: Mobilizes progressive voters, gets climate champions elected, holds fossil-fueled politicians accountable, supports frontline partners, trains young movement leaders. See <https://350action.org>.

#BlackLivesMatter: Founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murderer. The mission of Black Lives Matter Foundation, Inc. is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on black communities by the state and vigilantes. In an interview in 2015,¹ co-founder Patrisse Cullors warned, "We are trained Marxists [supporter of the political and economic theories of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels²]. We are super-versed on ideological theories." "If this country doesn't give us what we want," Greater New York Black Lives Matter President Hawk Newsome warned, "then we will burn down this system and replace it."³ See <https://blacklivesmatter.com>.

American Civil Liberties Union: Founded 90 years ago, the ACLU is the progressive left's most famous litigator. Some of their causes include LGBT Rights; due process regardless of immigration status; reproductive freedom; repeal of the death penalty; and women's rights. See "Demand Justice Now," www.aclu.org, or read "The ACLU vs. America" by Alan Sears and Craig Osten, published in 2005 by the Alliance Defense Fund.

American Conservative Union: ACUF is an educational foundation that illustrates why conservative policies work better than liberal alternatives to solve the myriad of problems facing America. Their congressional ratings have become the gold standard in determining how an elected official views the role of government in an individual's life. See <https://www.conservative.org>.

Concerned Women for America: Concerned Women for America protects and promotes biblical values and constitutional principles through prayer, education, and advocacy. CWA is leading a movement dedicated to impacting the culture for Christ through education and public policy. See <https://concernedwomen.org>.

DUH! The mission of Demand Universal Healthcare is to advance the cause of establishing a truly universal, single-payer, comprehensive, equitable, publically funded national healthcare for ALL. See <https://duh4all.org>.

Eagle Forum PAC: Eagle Forum PAC supports candidates who will uphold the Constitution and enact pro-family policies. Pro-life, pro-family political action committee of Eagle Forum that "supports American sovereignty. ... American identity. ... the U.S. Constitution. ... traditional education. ... [and] exposes the radical feminists." See www.eagleforum.org.

EMILY's List: "We elect pro-choice Democratic women to office. ... EMILY's List's vision is to be a driving force of change in America. By electing more pro-choice Democratic women to national, state and local office, EMILY's List will consistently infuse our government with leaders who will drive change. Change that truly matters today, tomorrow and forever. See <http://emilyslist.org>.

End Citizens United: A political action committee that aims to overturn the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*. The decision held that corporate funding of independent political broadcasts in candidate elections cannot be limited because doing so would violate the First Amendment. Founded by three former Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee fundraising strategists. Supported and made contributions to Democratic candidates. In 2017, the website stated, "Democrats are leading the fight against Citizens United, and we believe meaningful change can happen with their leadership."

Expect US: "[Rasheen] Aldridge says Expect US is prepared to protest racism and police brutality until change happens. ... organizers are still working on solidifying their message, they did release a list of five demands. Those include defunding the police by ending the increase in police budgets; disarming officers, removing policing authority from officers with past incidences of excessive force, and firing officers who kill; closing the Workhouse; freeing political prisoners; and making reparations to North St. Louis City and County and parts of South St. Louis City."⁴

Gun Owners of America: GOA has a network of attorneys to help fight court battles to protect gun owner rights and has worked with members of congress, state legislators and local citizens to protect gun ranges and local gun clubs from closure by overzealous government anti-gun bureaucrats. A pro-Second Amendment organization. See <https://gunowners.org>.

Heritage Action for America: 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. See <https://heritageaction.com>.

Maggie's List: A federal political action committee (PAC) dedicated to electing conservative women to federal office. Empowers conservative women candidates with political credibility and national notoriety. See <http://maggieslist.org>.

Missouri Farm Bureau: Advocating for farmers, the rural way of life and all Missourians. Endorses candidates that best support agriculture. See <https://mofb.org>.

Missouri Right to Life PAC: An arm of the Missouri Right to Life parent organization, existing for the purpose of identifying and supporting pro-life political candidates and opposing pro-abortion candidates in state level elections. Works to support pro-life ballot measures or oppose anti-life ballot measures. On rare instances, the MRL State PAC may get involved in municipal or county candidate elections or ballot measures. See <https://www.missourilifepac.org>.

Moms Demand Action: A grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. Works to pass stronger gun laws and close the loopholes that

jeopardize the safety of families and in communities and with business leaders to encourage a culture of responsible gun ownership. Committed to doing what it takes to keep families safe. See <https://momsdemandaction.org>.

MoveOn: Millions mobilize for a better society—one where everyone can thrive. Whether it's supporting a candidate, passing legislation, or changing culture, MoveOn members are committed to an inclusive and progressive future. Envision a world marked by equality, sustainability, justice, and love. A force for social justice and political progress. See <https://front.moveon.org>.

National Cannabis Industry Association: Leading the charge to protect the legal cannabis industry, defend state laws, and advance federal policy reforms. Working to end prohibition and expand opportunities within the legal cannabis industry. See <https://thecannabisindustry.org>.

National Education Association: The teacher's union that supports a progressive agenda in the classrooms. 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. Responding to Donald Trump's speech to the RNC, the NEA President, Lily García, said, "... it is clear that Donald Trump and Betsy DeVos have done nothing but fail students, parents, and educators. Unlike Trump and DeVos, who have ignored scientists and doctors while trying to bully students and educators back into unsafe classrooms, Joe Biden is focused on uniting the country and will always put the safety of students, parents and educators first," said NEA President Lily Eskelsen García. "NEA's three million members know what is at stake in November, and we will remind voters that Joe Biden is the only candidate we can trust to lead this country."⁵ See <https://www.nea.org>.

National Federation of Independent Business: Organization of small, independent businesses promoting free enterprise, entrepreneurship, capitalism, and the preservation of small business. Nonprofit, nonpartisan group. See <http://www.nfib.com>.

National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws: NORML's mission is to move public opinion sufficiently to legalize the responsible use of marijuana by adults, and to serve as an advocate for consumers to assure they have access to high quality marijuana that is safe, convenient and affordable. See <https://norml.org>.

National Rifle Association Political Victory Fund: "... 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." See <http://www.nrapvf.org>.

National Taxpayers Union: Voice of America's taxpayers. America's oldest grassroots taxpayer organization working for lower taxes, smaller government, accountability from public officials, and economic freedom. See <https://www.ntu.org>.

National Women's Political Caucus: A national, pro-choice, multi-partisan, grassroots membership organization dedicated to identifying, recruiting, training and supporting women candidates for elected and appointed office. "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>.

Planned Parenthood Missouri/Planned Parenthood Action: Operates abortion and family planning clinics across the nation; involved in many states teaching comprehensive sex education classes in public schools. "Fighting for access to safe, legal abortion services; full range of birth control methods; equal access to reproductive health care, access to sex education programs." See <https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org>.

Sierra Club: An environmental group dedicated to shutting down coal plants, lead mines, [Missouri was 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]. Goals include: "Transition to 100 percent clean energy; defend our wild heritage, onshore and offshore, from extractive energy development; lead in diversifying the environmental movement ... " See <http://sierraclub.org>.

Susan B. Anthony List: Mission of SBA List is to end abortion by electing national leaders and advocating for laws that save lives, with a special calling to promote pro-life women leaders. The SBA List is dedicated to electing candidates and pursuing policies that will reduce and ultimately, end abortion. To that end, the SBA List will emphasize the election, education, promotion, and mobilization of pro-life women. See <https://www.sba-list.org>.

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My Choice for President and Vice President

Candidates

Missouri Governor

Missouri Lt. Governor

Secretary of State

State Treasurer

Attorney General

State Auditor

U.S. Representative

Missouri Ballot Issues

YES NO Amendment 1
YES NO Amendment 3

SHORT LINES

U. S. SUPREME COURT

Historically, twenty-nine Supreme Court vacancies have occurred in an election year, and every time, the sitting president announced a nominee. President Trump announced his nominee from the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago – Judge Amy Coney Barrett.

According to a recent article in *NPR*, Justice Barrett wrote in a 2013 law review article, “I tend to agree with those who say that a justice’s duty is to the Constitution and that it is thus more legitimate for her to enforce her best understanding of the Constitution rather than a precedent she thinks clearly in conflict with it.”

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