



NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2016 IOWA SENATE RACE

	Chuck Grassley (Incumbent] – R)	Patty Judge (D)
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Abortion: Should abortion be highly restricted?	Yes	No
Campaign Finance: Support the DISCLOSE Act, requiring political ads to list key funders?	No	Yes
Campaign Finance: Support Supreme Court’s <i>Citizens United</i> decision, which allows unlimited independent political expenditures by corporations and unions?	Yes	No. Supports Constitutional Amendment to overturn.
Climate Change: Believe that human activity is the major factor driving climate change?	No	Yes
Climate Change: Should government limit the levels of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere?	No	Yes
Contraception: Employers can withhold contraceptive coverage from employees if they disagree morally?	Yes. Religious freedom takes precedence.	Probable no, based on Emily’s List endorsement.
Economy: Support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?	No	Yes
Financial Regulation: Support the Dodd-Frank Act, establishing the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and increasing regulation of financial institutions?	No	Yes, but needs some adjustments in rules for community banks.
Gay Marriage: Support gay marriage?	No	Yes
Gay Rights: Should transgender individuals have the right to use public bathrooms of their choice?	Called Obama’s executive order overreach and says communities should “work out in a practical way” on their own.	Yes
Gun Control: Support more restrictive gun control legislation?	Mixed. Supports banning sales to people on no-fly list but has opposed most legislation.	Yes. Supports banning assault rifles and gun sales to people on no-fly list.
Healthcare: Repeal the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare?	Yes	No, but amend it to address skyrocketing prescription drug costs.
Healthcare: Did you support shutting down the federal government in order to defund Obamacare in 2013?	Thought shutdown was unnecessary, but later voted against ending it. ¹	Unknown
Healthcare: Should Planned Parenthood be eligible to receive public funds for non-abortion health services?	No	Yes
Immigration: Support the DREAM Act, which would allow children brought into the country illegally to achieve legal status if meet certain conditions? ²	No	Yes

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Immigration: Earned path to citizenship for America’s 11 million undocumented residents?	No. Not until border is deemed totally secure.	Yes
Iran: Support the US-Iran treaty that limits Iran’s nuclear capability in return for lifting economic sanctions?	No. Signed letter to Iran intended to make a deal more difficult to accomplish.	Yes
Iraq: Should the US recommit significant additional ground troops to Iraq to combat the success of ISIS?	Unclear. In 2014 thought it was too early to make ground troop commitment.	No, but does support increased air strikes.
Marijuana: Decriminalize and/or legalize marijuana?	Blocked bi-partisan medical cannabis bill from getting hearing and supports federal override of state laws. Does support research on CBD-only medical strains.	Supports legalization of medical marijuana. Opposes recreational use.
Minimum Wage: Raise the federal minimum wage?	No. Voted against it.	Yes. Increase to \$15 over three to four years.
Renewable Energy: Support government mandates and/or subsidies for renewable energy?	Supports renewable energy subsidies.	Yes
Social Security: Support full or partial Social Security privatization?	Yes	No
Student Debt: Refinance student loans at lower rates, paid for by increasing taxes on high earners?	No. Opposes government subsidies for student loans. Prefers expanding market solutions.	Yes
Student Financial Aid: Should federal student financial aid, like Pell Grants, be increased?	No, because money isn’t available.	Yes
Supreme Court: Support Senate hearings to consider Obama Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland?	No. Chaired committee that rejected hearings.	Yes
Taxes: Increase taxes on corporations and/or high-income individuals to pay for public services?	No	Yes
Voting Rights: Support stricter voting rules such as voter ID requirements or reduced registration times, even if they prevent some people from voting?	Yes. Sees no urgency in restoring Voting Rights Act. ³	Unknown

Other senate candidates include [Charles Aldrich \(L\)](#). Due to limited space, we can’t include his positions, but invite you to check out his website.

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¹ Believed a shutdown would be unproductive, but then became one of 12 Republican Senators to vote against ending the shutdown, stating that ending it was a “[missed opportunity for forcing action to limit government](#).”

² Need to have graduated from high school, have a clean legal record, and attend college or serve in the military.

³ Believes that the Voting Rights Act [exists to increase minority turnout](#) rather than to stop discrimination. and states that more minorities are already voting, so redundant.