

## NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2016 WISCONSIN SENATE RACE

	Russ Feingold (D)	Ron Johnson (Incumbent – R)
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<b>Abortion:</b> Should abortion be highly restricted?	No	Yes. Believes Roe v Wade “was a tragedy.” <sup>1</sup>
<b>Campaign Finance:</b> Do you support the DISCLOSE Act, which requires key funders of political ads to put their names on those ads?	Yes	No. Voted against it.
<b>Campaign Finance:</b> Support Supreme Court’s <i>Citizens United</i> decision, which allows unlimited independent political expenditures by corporations and unions?	No. Law overturned his key campaign finance reform law, McCain-Feingold.	Likely yes from other statements, but no direct statement found.
<b>Climate Change:</b> Believe that human activity is the major factor driving climate change?	Yes	No
<b>Climate Change:</b> Should government limit the levels of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere?	Yes	No
<b>Contraception:</b> Should employers be able to withhold contraceptive coverage from employees if they disagree with it morally?	Likely no, implied from positions on women’s access to health care.	Yes
<b>Economy:</b> Support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?	Yes	No
<b>Financial Regulation:</b> Support the Dodd-Frank Act, which established the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and increases regulation of Wall Street corporations and financial institutions?	Believes in strong regulation of corporate and banking practices but voted against bill as too weak to provide necessary protections.	No. Voted to repeal.
<b>Gay Marriage:</b> Support gay marriage?	Yes. Early supporter, voted against 1996 Defense of Marriage Act.	Opposes personally, but will accept voter judgement on it.
<b>Gay Rights:</b> Should transgender individuals have the right to use public bathrooms of their choice?	Yes	No direct statement, but voted against barring employers from discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.
<b>Gun Control:</b> Support more restrictive gun control legislation?	Mixed positions <sup>2</sup>	No
<b>Healthcare:</b> Repeal the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare?	No	Voted to repeal. Then later voted to repeal just specific sections.
<b>Healthcare:</b> Did you support shutting down the federal government in order to defund Obamacare in 2013?	No	Yes, on several votes. Later said he would have preferred to avoid.
<b>Healthcare:</b> Should Planned Parenthood be eligible to receive public funds for non-abortion health services?	Yes	No

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<b>Immigration:</b> Support DREAM Act, allowing children brought into U.S. illegally to achieve legal status? <sup>3</sup>	Yes	No
<b>Immigration:</b> Earned path to citizenship for America’s 11 million undocumented residents?	Yes	No. Opposed 2013 bi-partisan bill. Said would consider addressing after border is secure. <sup>4</sup>
<b>Iran:</b> Support the US-Iran treaty that limits Iran’s nuclear capability in return for lifting economic sanctions?	Yes	No
<b>Iraq:</b> How should the US combat ISIS?	Use all resources except boots on the ground. Attack leaders, cut off funding sources, use targeted military action. <sup>5</sup>	Organize global military coalition, including as many as 25,000 US combat troops.
<b>Marijuana:</b> Decriminalize and/or legalize marijuana? †	Voted earlier for lower drug sentences, but unclear position on legalization.	Opposes recreational legalization, but open to seeing results in states that have approved it.
<b>Minimum Wage:</b> Raise the federal minimum wage?	Yes, to \$12 and eventually \$15	No. Opposes any federal minimum wage.
<b>Renewable Energy:</b> Support government mandates and/or subsidies for renewable energy?	Yes	No
<b>Social Security:</b> Support full or partial Social Security privatization?	No	Yes
<b>Student Debt:</b> Refinance student loans at lower rates, paid for by increasing taxes on high earners?	Yes	No
<b>Student Financial Aid:</b> Should federal student financial aid, like Pell Grants, be increased?	Yes	No
<b>Supreme Court:</b> Support Senate hearings to consider Obama Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland?	Yes	No. Also blocked earlier Obama Appeals Court nominee.
<b>Taxes:</b> Increase taxes on corporations and/or high-income individuals to pay for public services?	Yes. Voted to increase for individuals earning \$1 mil per year.	No. Pledged to oppose any tax increases to generate revenue.
<b>Voting Rights:</b> Support stricter voting rules such as voter ID requirements or reduced registration times, even if they prevent some people from voting?	No. Has opposed Voter ID laws & other measures he sees as disenfranchising people. <sup>6</sup>	Yes. Supports WI Voter ID law that also includes restrictions on early voting and on absentee ballots. <sup>7</sup>

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

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<sup>1</sup> See [video interview](#).

<sup>2</sup> Supports expanding background checks and restricting high capacity gun magazines, but has voted on both sides of the issue.

<sup>3</sup> Need to have graduated from high school, have a clean legal record, and attend college or serve in the military.

<sup>4</sup> Strong focus on [first increasing border security](#). Then open to considering “[step by step](#)” [approach to reform legislation](#), including such steps as E-Verify and a guest worker program. Could then consider path to citizenship.

<sup>5</sup> Was [one of only 23 senators to vote against authorizing President Bush](#) to go to war in Iraq to begin with.

<sup>6</sup> Fought against [early voting restrictions, rigid Voter ID requirements, absentee ballot limitations, and other provisions](#) he believes discourage voting.

<sup>7</sup> Johnson and other Republicans have been accused of [intentionally refusing to fill a federal court vacancy](#) that could have broken an impasse on WI’s voter ID law.