

Arizona Senate

THE ISSUES

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ABORTION Mostly ban or mostly legal?	Ban. "I'm pro-life." Voted to ban after 20 weeks with exceptions for rape, incest, & life of the mother.	Legal. Uphold Roe v. Wade. "A woman, her family, and her doctor should decide what's best for her health — not Washington politicians."
CAMPAIGN FINANCE Require political ads to disclose their largest funders?	No stand found on DISCLOSE Act or Citizens United. On separate bill voted against making it easier to see who was funding TV ads.	Co-sponsored DISCLOSE Act. "Overturn Citizens United." Way to fix "our broken political system is to get the vast sums of secret money out of politics."
CLIMATE CHANGE Consider climate change a serious threat?	Unclear: Says a human role in climate change is "likely." Sees "technological advances" as the answer, rather than "a heavy-handed government approach."	Yes. "Our climate is changing & human activity is contributing." Voted for continued Defense Dept. assessment of threat.
CLIMATE CHANGE Limit or tax production of greenhouse gases?	No. Opposed Obama Clean Power plan, citing impact on Apache generating station. Voted against potential carbon tax in 2018.	Mixed. Supports limits & opposed condemning Obama Clean Power plan, but raised issues about impact on the Apache and opposed potential carbon tax.
CONTRACEPTION Allow employers to withhold contraceptive coverage?	Yes. Says not about women's access to contraception, which she supports but legality of Obamacare mandates.	No. "Women in our district want a chance to ... make their own health care decisions. "
COURTS Support Brett Kavanaugh nomination?	Yes. Calls Kavanaugh "a highly qualified nominee."	Unclear. "Should be judged by his body of work and the judgment of his peers."
ECONOMY Support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?	Generally, no. Need to get spending under control. Supported federal transportation funding for AZ.	Mixed. Supports infrastructure bank to help "create good jobs," cosponsored Balanced Budget Amendment.
ECONOMY Support tariffs on Chinese steel and other products?	Unclear. Opposed tariffs on imported solar cells. Backed tariff exceptions for products used in manufacturing.	No. Worry about retaliatory tariffs and "reckless trade war."
EDUCATION Help parents send their children to private schools with public money?	Yes. Supports education vouchers. Backed SOAR Act to help D.C. students attend private schools.	No. Opposed SOAR Act and vouchers in general for eroding public education.
FINANCIAL REGULATION Support cuts in Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)	YES. Voted for 2017 Financial Choice Act, which weakened the CFPB.	Mostly no. Opposed Financial Choice Act & legislation that would have ended independent CFPB funding.

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GAY MARRIAGE Support gay marriage?	Personally opposes , “marriage is between one man & one woman ,” but now accepts as the law .	Yes. Sinema is bisexual, supports LGBT rights. Called high court decision “ a historic victory for families .”
GUN CONTROL Support more restrictive gun control legislation?	Mostly no. Enforce existing laws & address mental illness issues, rather than enacting new gun laws. Supports banning bump stocks .	Yes. Supports some gun rights but also stronger background checks . Voted to end law banning federal funded research on gun violence.
HEALTH CARE Support or Repeal Affordable Care Act (ACA), known as Obamacare?	Repeal. Says, “ Obamacare , which was flawed from the beginning, is collapsing under its own weight.” Says should replace with a different plan based on lower costs and more competition.	Support. “No family should be forced to choose between getting the care they need and paying their bills.” Says repeal would strip coverage from hundreds of thousands of Arizonans.
HEALTHCARE Let Planned Parenthood receive public funds for non-abortion health care?	No. Voted to defund .	Yes. Voted to continue allowing .
IMMIGRATION Support path to citizenship for DACA recipients who grew up in the U.S. after coming here as children?	Formerly supported citizenship options . Now backs extending DACA protections but no path to citizenship.	Yes. “Congress must act to secure our borders and provide an earned path to citizenship for Dreamers.”
IRAN Support withdrawal from treaty limiting Iran nuclear capability, while lifting sanctions?	Yes. Supports decision “to terminate U.S. participation in the rotten deal.”	No. Withdrawing without defined strategy does not make us safer.
MARIJUANA Legalize or decriminalize marijuana?	No. Supported federal right to prosecute businesses or users in states that have legalized cannabis. Would allow prescriptions for veterans.	State option. Voted to let states legalize medical or recreational cannabis.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the federal minimum wage?	No stand found.	Yes. Has supported increase to \$10.10 an hour .
PLANNED PARENTHOOD Allow to receive public funds for non-abortion health care?	No. Voted to defund .	Yes. Voted to continue allowing .
PRESIDENT TRUMP Percentage voting with the president?	Voted with Trump 98% of the time as of Sept. 24.	Voted with Trump 61% of the time as of Sept 24.
PRIVATIZATION Support full or partial privatization of Social Security?	Possibly. Increase retirement age for younger workers and let them privately invest part of their contributions.	No. Opposes gambling in stock market with Social Security returns.
RENEWABLE ENERGY Support government subsidies for renewable energy?	Unclear. Has said she supports new technologies but led by private sector.	Yes. Supports government funding to develop renewable energy.
STUDENT DEBT & FINANCIAL AID Refinance loans at lower rates, paid for by higher taxes on top earners?	No. Did not join 181 sponsors initially supported budget that would radically cut Pell grants . Recently more supportive , like allowing for summer courses.	Yes. Voted for Warren proposal. Also restore Perkins loans for low-income students, increase Pell Grants, & allow for summer courses.
TAXES Support President Trump’s tax cuts ?	Yes. Voted for it . Says average taxpayer in her district saved \$1,029 .	No. Voted against . Says increases debt by \$1.456 trillion, threatens cuts to Medicare, & doesn’t help most ordinary taxpayers.

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