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<td><strong>AFFORDABLE CARE ACT</strong></td>
<td>No. Called the ACA a “failed law” with “many broken promises.” In 2017 voted three times to overturn the law.</td>
<td>Yes. Calls the ACA a “watershed moment in our nation’s health.” As governor, expanded Medicaid and established a state exchange.</td>
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<td><strong>CAMPAIGN FINANCE</strong></td>
<td>Unclear on disclosure. Supported requiring Senate candidates to e-file campaign finance reports. No other position found.</td>
<td>Yes. Backed election bill H.R.1 to strengthen disclosure and campaign finance laws. Weakening them “has led to corruption.” Also, overturn Citizens United decision that removed campaign finance limits.</td>
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<td><strong>CLIMATE CHANGE</strong></td>
<td>Mixed. “Humans are contributing to climate change.” Will push for clean-tech investments, but voted against cutting carbon emissions from power plants.</td>
<td>Yes. “The defining challenge of our time.” Must face with “fierce sense of urgency.” Would rejoin Paris Accord; calls for 100% renewable energy by 2050.</td>
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<td><strong>COVID-19</strong></td>
<td>Yes. “HHS, through a number of its agencies, is actively leading critical prevention, containment, and supply-chain stability.”</td>
<td>No. “Only way to regain our confidence and restart our economy is having the capacity to either test or vaccinate every American.”</td>
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<td><strong>EDUCATION</strong></td>
<td>Yes. Filed a Supreme Court brief supporting the use of public funds to pay for educating children in private religious schools.</td>
<td>No. Supports parents selecting the best schools, but “would not support the use of publicly funded vouchers for private or religious school education.”</td>
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<td><strong>ENVIRONMENT</strong></td>
<td>Loosen. Voted to repeal EPA rules regulating methane emissions on public lands. Repeal wetlands and waterway protection. Open Alaska wildlife refuge to oil and gas drilling.</td>
<td>Mixed. As governor, adopted low-emission vehicle standards and developed tough methane standards, but fought restrictions on oil drilling near homes and schools.</td>
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<td><strong>GUN RULES</strong></td>
<td>No. “Strong supporter of Second Amendment rights.” Keep “guns out of the hands of criminals,” but opposed background checks for gun sales at gun shows and online.</td>
<td>Yes. “Will fight for comprehensive, common-sense policies to tackle gun violence,” including universal background checks, restoring assault weapons ban, and magazine limits.</td>
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<td><strong>IMMIGRATION</strong></td>
<td>Mixed. Voted against protecting DREAMers from deportation. Later co-sponsored legislation for a 12-year pathway to citizenship combined with increased border wall funding.</td>
<td>Yes. Wants to see “a permanent pathway to citizenship for our DREAMers” while “ensuring border security and protecting American workers.” Calls expanded border wall “ineffective” and a waste of billions.</td>
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<td><strong>IMPEACHMENT</strong></td>
<td>Oppose. Voted against calling witnesses in the Senate impeachment trial. Voted to acquit the president.</td>
<td>Support. “A trial without witnesses and evidence is not a trial at all. It’s a sham.”</td>
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<td><strong>LABOR</strong>  Support “right to work” laws, eliminating the ability of unions to mandate dues for workers they represent?</td>
<td>Yes. Co-sponsored the National Right to Work Act, repealing bargaining provisions requiring union membership as a condition of employment.</td>
<td>No. Called for legislation reversing Supreme Court ruling that government workers can’t be forced to contribute to labor unions.</td>
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<td><strong>LEGAL ABORTION</strong> Keep legal or ban?</td>
<td>Ban.  “I’m pro-life, but that’s up to the states.” Voted to ban abortions at 20 weeks.</td>
<td>Legal.  “The ... right to an abortion is one essential component of a comprehensive approach to reproductive health care.”</td>
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<td><strong>LGBTQ RIGHTS</strong> Support same-sex marriage?</td>
<td>Mixed. Sees marriage as only between a man and woman, but calls same-sex marriage the law of the land, and it is important that we treat everyone with dignity and respect.</td>
<td>Yes.  “If all people are created equal, then by extension of law, logic, and love, every adult couple should also have the freedom to join in marriage.”</td>
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<td><strong>MARIJUANA</strong> Decriminalize or legalize?</td>
<td>Yes. Does not support federal legalization, but “let states decide.” Introduced legislation limiting reach of federal marijuana law.</td>
<td>Yes. Let states decide. Federal government should “get out of the way,” allow marijuana sellers access to banking.</td>
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<td><strong>MINIMUM WAGE</strong> Raise federal hourly minimum wage above current $7.25?</td>
<td>No recent position found. Earlier: Hundreds of thousands of people will lose their jobs ... as a result of a minimum-wage increase.“ Opposed increasing overtime-pay availability.</td>
<td>Yes. Supports $15-per-hour federal minimum. “Workers cannot get ahead without affordable child care, paid family leave, and fair compensation.”</td>
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<td><strong>PLANNED PARENTHOOD</strong> Can Planned Parenthood receive public funds for non-abortion-related care?</td>
<td>No. Voted to defund Planned Parenthood.</td>
<td>Yes. Supports Planned Parenthood, as “a staunch supporter of reproductive health.”</td>
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<td><strong>PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION — PROP 113</strong> Support Prop 113 to join National Popular Vote Compact? When states representing an electoral majority sign on, the person who gets the most votes nationwide will become President.</td>
<td>No. Opposes Prop 113, as does Colorado Republican Party. Donated to campaign to overturn Colorado’s participation.</td>
<td>Yes. Previously ambivalent but now supports Prop 113, as does Colorado’s Democratic Party.</td>
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<td><strong>SAUDI ARABIA</strong> Block arms sales to Saudi Arabia over Yemen war and allegations about journalist Jamal Khashoggī’s death?</td>
<td>No. Voted against blocking arms sales to Saudi Arabia in June 2019.</td>
<td>Yes. Supports cutting off military support. “I don’t think supporting the Saudi campaign in Yemen is a great idea.”</td>
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<td><strong>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</strong> Support free or subsidized tuition for lower-income individuals? Support lower interest or forgiveness on student loans?</td>
<td>No general stand found. Did introduce bill allowing employers to contribute tax free to employees’ student loans. Discharge federal student loans for the permanently disabled.</td>
<td>Yes. Reduce federal student loan interest to 2.5% or less, with “expanded loan repayment and forgiveness programs, tuition-free community college”; minority scholarships.</td>
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<td><strong>SUPREME COURT</strong> Pick Ruth Bader Ginsburg replacement now or let November winner choose? See CEEP Supreme Court guide.</td>
<td>Will vote to confirm Trump’s pick if the person “will protect our Constitution, not legislate from the bench, and uphold the law.”</td>
<td>“Gardner must uphold the commitment he set more than four years ago and allow the President elected in November to make this decision.”</td>
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<td><strong>TAXES</strong> Support administration’s $1.9 trillion (2017) tax cuts?</td>
<td>Yes. Voted for the 2017 tax cut. “My goal was to bring relief to hard-working Coloradans ..., and I’m proud that after months of work, we’ve achieved this goal.”</td>
<td>No.  “Congress should not pass on almost $1.5 trillion in additional debt to future generations, and hand out tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans who don’t need them.”</td>
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<td><strong>VOTING RULES</strong> Support stricter ID requirements and other rules on voting?</td>
<td>No position found.</td>
<td>No. Reinstate Voting Rights Act provisions struck down by the Supreme Court. Criticizes “discriminatory voter ID laws.”</td>
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