

# Georgia Senate



## THE ISSUES

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<b>AFFORDABLE CARE ACT</b> Support Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obamacare?	Yes. Will <a href="#">“work to improve [ACA], not repeal it, so we can make affordable insurance and quality care available to all Americans.”</a>	No. Voted to <a href="#">repeal ACA</a> . <a href="#">“The poorest among us will continue to be fined because they can’t afford Obamacare.”</a>
<b>CAMPAIGN FINANCE</b> Limit campaign donations? Require political ads to disclose largest funders?	Yes. <a href="#">“We must end Citizens United and get secret, dark money out of politics.”</a>	No position found.
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Consider human-caused climate change a serious threat?	Yes. <a href="#">“Climate change is a major threat to our prosperity and our security,”</a> part of <a href="#">“a broader environmental and ecological crisis.”</a>	No. <a href="#">“The scientific community is not in total agreement”</a> about human cause. <a href="#">Supports Trump withdrawal from Paris Agreement.</a>
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Address as a top priority by taxing or limiting output of greenhouse gases, supporting renewable energy?	Yes. Will <a href="#">“deliver massive federal investment in clean energy, grid infrastructure, R&amp;D.”</a>	Mostly no. Opposed Obama’s <a href="#">Clean Power Plan</a> and limits <a href="#">on offshore drilling</a> . Supports <a href="#">biomass investment</a> .
<b>COURT—SUPREME COURT</b> Pick Ruth Bader Ginsburg replacement now or let November winner choose? See <a href="#">CEEP Supreme Court guide</a> .	Wait. <a href="#">“We must let the people speak at the ballot box, and then let the court reflect the will of the newly-elected president and Senate.”</a>	Confirm nominee before the November election. <a href="#">“The choice for the future of the Supreme Court is clear, and our nation's founding principles are at stake.”</a>
<b>COVID-19</b> Support administration’s response to coronavirus pandemic?	No. Calls the Trump administration’s handling of the pandemic <a href="#">“gross incompetence.”</a>	Yes. Trump and Pence are <a href="#">“taking the coronavirus very seriously.”</a> <a href="#">“We’ve done everything we could.”</a>
<b>COVID-19 ECONOMIC RESPONSE</b> Support administration’s economic response to coronavirus pandemic?	No. <a href="#">“Tens of millions are losing jobs, ... essential workers are underpaid, under-protected and underinsured ... [while] help for ordinary people and smaller firms has been meager and slow.”</a>	Yes. Serves on Trump <a href="#">Economic Task Force</a> . Trump <a href="#">“has taken unprecedented action to protect the American people; ... now we’re working to safely reopen [and] help small businesses continue to weather this crisis.”</a>
<b>EDUCATION</b> Public funding for private or for-profit schools?	No position found. Focuses on <a href="#">increasing teacher pay and strengthening public schools</a> .	Yes. Supports <a href="#">“school choice,”</a> including charter and private schools.
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Tighten or loosen environmental regulations?	Tighten. Will work to reverse Trump <a href="#">“rollbacks of clean air, clean water, and fuel economy standards.”</a>	Mostly loosen. Roll back <a href="#">“stifling Obama-era regulations.”</a> Against <a href="#">reducing waste and emissions</a> . <a href="#">Reduce plastic waste in oceans</a> .
<b>FINANCIAL REGULATION</b> Tighten or loosen regulation of banks and credit card companies?	Tighten. Seeks <a href="#">more regulation of the banking system, reinstating Glass-Steagall Act</a> .	Loosen. Supports <a href="#">“rollback of federal banking regulations.”</a> Calls Consumer Financial Protection Bureau <a href="#">“rogue agency.”</a>

ISSUES	OSSOFF (D)	PERDUE (R)
<b>GUN RULES</b> Enact more restrictive legislation on guns?	Yes. Supports <a href="#">universal background checks, red-flag laws, closing gun-show loophole, as well as a ban on assault weapons.</a>	Mixed. <a href="#">“We have ample gun laws on the books;” ... should enforce them.</a> Supports <a href="#">some more stringent background checks.</a>
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> Path to citizenship for DACA participants brought to U.S. as children? Position on expanding border walls and limiting legal immigration?	Yes. <a href="#">“DREAMers are Americans,” “here to stay.”</a> Supports <a href="#">“path to legal status for undocumented immigrants.”</a> <a href="#">“Strong border security doesn’t require” sacrificing “our moral principles.”</a>	Mixed. Supports Trump proposal for <a href="#">DACA path to citizenship tied to cutbacks in legal immigration and funding for wall.</a> DACA brings <a href="#">“chain migration.”</a> Supported <a href="#">limiting visas to “create a merit-based immigration system.”</a>
<b>IMPEACHMENT</b> Support calling witnesses and convicting Trump on impeachment charges?	Yes. <a href="#">“If Trump pressured a foreign power to smear his political opponent ... he should be impeached.”</a>	No on both. Called impeachment <a href="#">“a partisan political weapon ... aimed at overturning the 2016 election.”</a>
<b>IRAN</b> Oppose military attacks on Iran without congressional approval?	No position found, although <a href="#">opposed Trump withdrawal</a> from Iran nuclear treaty.	No. <a href="#">Opposed bill to require approval.</a> Supported 2020 attack; <a href="#">“justice has been served.”</a>
<b>LABOR</b> Support “right to work” laws, barring unions from mandating dues.	No position found. Has been <a href="#">endorsed by United Auto Workers.</a>	Yes. Co-sponsored <a href="#">National Right-to-Work Act.</a>
<b>LEGAL ABORTION</b> Keep legal or ban?	Legal. <a href="#">“I will only vote to confirm federal judges who pledge to uphold Roe v. Wade.”</a>	Ban. <a href="#">“Will continue fighting to protect the unborn.”</a> <a href="#">Backed ban on most abortions after six weeks</a> that the courts overturned.
<b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b> Support gay marriage and other LGBTQ rights issues?	Yes. Supports <a href="#">LGBTQ Rights, and Equality Act</a> against <a href="#">discrimination for gender or orientation.</a>	No. Sees marriage as <a href="#">“between one man and one woman.”</a> In legalizing same-sex marriage, <a href="#">the Supreme Court “overstepped” its role.</a>
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Decriminalize or legalize?	Yes. <a href="#">“It’s past time to legalize, regulate and tax cannabis.”</a>	Medical yes. Supports <a href="#">access to medical marijuana.</a> As of 2014, <a href="#">opposed recreational.</a>
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Raise federal minimum wage from \$7.25?	Yes. <a href="#">“Fight to make sure the minimum wage is a livable wage.”</a>	No recent position. In 2014 said if <a href="#">“increase the minimum wage, you will kill jobs.”</a>
<b>POLICE/COMMUNITY ISSUES</b> Restrict police use of force and increase public oversight?	Yes. <a href="#">“We urgently need a New Civil Rights Act to establish national standards for use [of] force by American police!”</a>	Mixed. <a href="#">“Do we need police reform? Absolutely. But ... the vast majority of police officers protect us honorably.”</a>
<b>PLANNED PARENTHOOD</b> Support Planned Parenthood’s receiving public funds for non-abortion care?	Yes. Will defend Planned Parenthood’s <a href="#">“essential preventative and reproductive health care services.”</a>	No. Co-sponsored <a href="#">bill to end any federal funding of Planned Parenthood.</a>
<b>SAUDI ARABIA</b> Support blocking arms sales to Saudi Arabia?	Yes. Reject <a href="#">“regime that executes political dissidents, executes people for their sexuality” and brutally murders journalists.</a>	No. Voted in U.S. Senate against <a href="#">resolution blocking Saudi arms sales.</a>
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support free or subsidized tuition for lower-income individuals?	Yes. Supports <a href="#">debt forgiveness</a> and making <a href="#">public college, state school, or trade school education “debt-free.”</a>	No. Promises of free tuition are what <a href="#">“the Soviets did in Russia, the Germans did in ‘33,” and what the Cubans and Venezuelans did.</a>
<b>TAXES</b> Support administration’s \$1.9 trillion (2017) tax cuts?	No. <a href="#">“We borrow trillions to cut taxes for the wealthy &amp; powerful.”</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“The tax cuts passed by the U.S. Senate ... are already having a positive impact across the country.”</a>
<b>VOTING RIGHTS</b> Strict ID and other rules to combat possible fraud, even if limiting access?	No. Criticizes <a href="#">“major purges” of voter rolls and “mass disenfranchisement.”</a> Need a <a href="#">new Voting Rights Act.</a>	No position found. On chaotic GA primary, <a href="#">“more than 150 counties didn’t have any problem. In a few we did. ... This idea of voter suppression is a lie right out of the pit of hell.”</a>

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