

Georgia Senate Special Election



THE ISSUES



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See Guides.vote for online guides. Top two make runoff if no one wins more than 50%.	Volunteer for Doug Collins dougforgeorgia.com	Volunteer for Kelly Loeffler kellyforsenate.com	Volunteer for Raphael Warnock warnockforgeorgia.com
AFFORDABLE CARE ACT Support Affordable Care Act, aka Obamacare?	No. Has “voted more than 50 times to repeal the ACA.” ACA “shattered ... insurance market.”	No. Supports lawsuit to end. Calls Medicare for All insidious attack on liberty.	Yes. Would “protect, improve, and build upon the Affordable Care Act.”
CLIMATE CHANGE Is human-caused climate change a top priority?	No. Does not believe it is human-caused. Co-sponsored bills to end EPA renewable fuel program.	No position found. Her company previously lobbied for cap and trade when they’d likely have gotten contracts to administer it.	Yes. It “is not something that is coming, it is here. It is way past time for all of us to get serious.”
COURTS Pick Ruth Bader Ginsburg replacement now, or let November winner choose?	Now. With Trump “nominating a replacement that values human life, generations of unborn children have a chance to live.”	Now. “Our country’s future is at stake and Trump has every right to pick a new justice before the election.”	Wait. “The voices of the people that [Ginsburg] stood up for time and time again ought to be heard before there is a vote.”
COVID-19 Support administration’s response to coronavirus pandemic?	Yes. Sees Trump as “pushing to fix the COVID-19 issue but also to get our economy back.” Trump also “saved lives.”	Yes. “Trump and his administration have taken the threat of COVID-19 seriously from the beginning.”	No. Both Georgia and Trump have stumbled on pandemic response. “We need leadership that believes in science and will act with integrity.”
EDUCATION Public funding for private or for-profit schools?	Yes. Voted to reauthorize publicly funded vouchers for private D.C. schools.	Yes. Let states send federal funds for low-income students to both public and private schools.	No position found.
ENVIRONMENT Tighten or loosen environmental regulations?	Loosen. Co-sponsored Stopping EPA Overreach Act and Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act.	Unclear. Wants to “look at what we’re doing with regard to the economy and the environment collectively.”	Tighten. “Environmental justice is on the ballot.” Nothing is “more important than honoring and protecting the only home we’ve been blessed with.”
GUN RULES Enact more restrictive legislation on guns?	No. Co-sponsored bill to allow concealed firearm carry across state lines.	No. “Strong Second Amendment supporter.” Sponsored bill barring national firearm database.	Yes. “The answer to America’s gun violence isn’t to encourage masses of people to carry guns.”
IMMIGRATION Expand border walls? Reduce immigration?	Yes. Co-sponsored Build the Wall, Enforce the Law Act and bill to eliminate citizenship if parents aren’t citizens.	Yes. Co-sponsored Asylum Abuse Reduction Act. Undocumented should not get free health care.	No. Immigration is “desperately broken.” Cites Jesus as an “undocumented immigrant.”

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IMPEACHMENT Support calling witnesses and indicting Trump on impeachment charges?	No. “He did nothing wrong. The call did not show anything wrong.” Impeachment was “unsupported by evidence.”	No. “This impeachment sham is an attack on what was a free and fair election.” Advertises her “100% Trump voting record [as] the most conservative senator in America.”	No position found.
LABOR Support “right to work” laws, barring unions from mandating dues?	Yes. Co-sponsored National Right-to-Work Act , establishing right to work on a national basis.	Yes. Co-sponsored National Right-to-Work Act , establishing right to work on a national basis.	No . Supports “pay equity” with “honest wages, protected retirement, and fair overtime compensation.” Endorsed by Georgia AFL-CIO.
LEGAL ABORTION Keep legal or ban?	Ban. “Unapologetically pro-life.” Co-sponsored bill giving legal protections to unborn.	Ban. “Unapologetically pro-life.” Has co-sponsored “four bills to protect the unborn.”	Legal. Supports “a woman’s right to choose ..., a decision between her and her doctor.”
LGBTQ RIGHTS Protect against discrimination based on sexual orientation?	No. Voted against Equality Act. Argued that the bill would harm children and set back women’s gains.	Not if it interferes with religious faith. “People of faith should be protected.”	Yes. Will “protect members of the LGBTQ+ community from housing, financial, and employment discrimination.”
MARIJUANA Legal or ban?	Mixed. Supports letting states legalize , but opposes federal legalization.	Ban. Is “concerned about the negative effects that legalizing marijuana would have.”	Legal. Wants to decriminalize marijuana.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	Unclear. Voted against raising the minimum wage to \$15 over a seven-year period.	No position found.	Yes. \$7.25 an hour “is not a living wage.” Will “fight to raise the minimum to a livable wage.”
PLANNED PARENTHOOD Allow receiving public funds for non-abortion-related health care?	No. Co-sponsored Defund Planned Parenthood Act and bill banning any entity that provides abortions from receiving paycheck protection loan.	No. Called for investigating Planned Parenthood for receiving taxpayer funds under the Paycheck Protection Program.	Yes. Opposes “all partisan attacks defunding health care providers like Planned Parenthood.”
POLICE/COMMUNITY Restrict police use of force and increase public oversight?	Mostly no. Supports Trump executive order on “safe policing.” Opposes defunding or “wholesale condemnation” of police. Stands “with our men and women in blue!”	No. Co-sponsored resolutions supporting “Back the Blue” and opposing calls to defund. Critics failing “to support law enforcement at a time when they need it most.”	Yes. Wants increased accountability and bias training and a uniform standard for the use of force. Does not support defunding.
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID Support lower interest or forgiveness on student loans?	No. Co-sponsored an education reform bill that “eliminates loan forgiveness for borrowers.”	No position found.	Yes. Work to fully fund Pell Grants and strengthen loan forgiveness programs to ensure graduates can pay their loans.
VOTING RULES Support stricter ID requirements and other rules on voting?	Likely yes. Opposes voting rights bill, which “would essentially federalize state and local election laws;” that is “unconstitutional.”	Unclear. Introduced bill to raise penalties for voter fraud and illegal ballot harvesting.	No. Supports restoring oversight provisions of Voting Rights Act, which made voting restrictions harder to enact.

EDITOR’S NOTE: [Matt Lieberman \(D\)](#), [Brian Slowinski \(L\)](#), and [Ed Tarver \(D\)](#) are also running. Due to limited space, we can include only candidates polling 15%, but **do check out their websites.**

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