

U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE COMPARISON - ARIZONA

A Nonpartisan Resource for Voters in the 2024 Election

Catholic Social Justice teaches that we have a responsibility to participate in politics out of a concern for and commitment to the common good. We are called to engage with openness and empathy, inform ourselves about the issues of the day, partake in serious conversations about our nation’s future, and **vote**.

Here is where the Arizona U.S. Senate candidates stand on the issues.

We invite you to consider this information prayerfully.

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Ruben Gallego
Democrat
gallegoforarizona.com

Election Day:
Tuesday,
November 5th



Kari Lake
Republican
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FREEDOM TO LIVE ON A HEALTHY PLANET	<p>Yes. “The climate is changing and we need to act.” We “can’t keep kicking the climate can down the road.” Supported a \$369 billion commitment to climate and clean energy, the biggest investment in U.S. history. Voted to keep programs reducing greenhouse gas emissions.</p>	<p>Environment Should addressing climate change be a top priority?</p>	<p>No. “Radical leftists... have spent months pushing mass hysteria... to declare a climate emergency.” Opposed \$369 billion climate and energy investments. “We can’t keep pushing this green agenda that is actually destroying our jobs and our economy.”</p>
	<p>Increase. Supported \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill, which included more than \$1 billion for Arizona infrastructure. Sponsored a bill funding anti-poverty programs. Opposed cutting funding for IRS operations and enforcement.</p>	<p>Economy Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?</p>	<p>Decrease. Would “slash the federal government by 50 percent.” Would “make life easier for our mining industry,” even “if we have to push back against the federal government to do that.”</p>
FREEDOM FROM HARM	<p>Tighten. Supports “commonsense policies that keep guns out of the wrong hands.” Opposed efforts to block red flag laws, ghost gun restrictions, and other firearm regulations.</p>	<p>Gun Laws Loosen or tighten gun regulations?</p>	<p>Loosen. Calls background checks, red flag laws, and waiting periods unconstitutional.” Supporters should “maybe strap on a Glock” to be ready for the 2024 election.</p>
	<p>Expand. “Will continue to fight for the LGBTQ+ community.” Voted for the Equality Act, to expand protections against discrimination.</p>	<p>LGBTQ Rights Limit or expand rights for LGBTQ+ people?</p>	<p>Limit. “They kicked God out of schools and welcomed the Drag Queens.” Adding sexual orientation to nondiscrimination law infringes on religious freedom. Will shut down “this whole push for transgenderism.”</p>
	<p>Voted to keep a Washington, DC law banning neck restraints and expanding body cameras. Sponsored a bill to confront a crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women by helping tribal police provide more protection. Condemned efforts to defund police.</p>	<p>Criminal Justice How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?</p>	<p>“Stop this assault on our police.” Opposes civilian review boards. Protect police from lawsuits. “Police do not target people of color.” Dismantle the FBI. Don’t let people seek U.S. asylum if they’re leaving a country with “elevated crime.”</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">Ruben Gallego Democrat</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Election Day: Tuesday, November 5th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kari Lake Republican</p>
FREEDOM TO BE HEALTHY	<p>Increase. <u>Supports</u> Medicaid expansion and <u>voted against</u> Obamacare <u>repeal</u>. <u>Voted to lower</u> drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries, including \$35 limit on insulin cost. <u>Supports</u> funding improved rural health care access.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Health Care Increase or decrease government support for health care?</p>	<p>Decrease. “We need to <u>overturn Obamacare</u> and come up with something better.”</p>
FREEDOM TO LIVE IN A WELCOMING COUNTRY	<p>Mixed: <u>Supports</u> a bipartisan immigration bill to address <u>border reform</u>. <u>Sponsored</u> a bill to give DACA participants a <u>pathway</u> toward permanent residence after U.S. military service.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Immigration Defend the right to asylum and support a path to citizenship for DACA participants brought to the U.S. as children?</p>	<p>Opposes: <u>Opposes</u> the bipartisan immigration bill. <u>It</u> “legalizes nearly 2 million invaders.” <u>Opposes</u> the military <u>pathway for DACA</u> bill. <u>Supports</u> ending automatic citizenship for anyone born in the U.S. Calls for <u>expanding</u> border wall.</p>
FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY	<p>Easier. <u>Would</u> “fortify...our sacred right to vote.” <u>Supported</u> the Freedom to Vote Act, which would have <u>required</u> same-day voter registration, made Election Day a public holiday, required a minimum number of early voting days, and let people vote absentee by mail for any reason.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Voting Rights Make voting harder or easier?</p>	<p>Harder. <u>Wants to</u> end early voting. “We have to get back to voting on Election Day.” <u>Wants</u> electronic voting machines declared unconstitutional. <u>Opposed and then supported</u> mail balloting.</p>
FREEDOM TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES	<p>Easier. <u>Supported</u> the <u>Protect</u> the Right to Organize Act, which expands the rights of unions to organize workers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Labor Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?</p>	<p>Unclear. Has <u>criticized</u> the “union bosses” of teachers unions.</p>
	<p>Raise. “<u>Raise</u> the minimum wage to a living wage of at least \$15/hour.”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Minimum Wage Raise federal minimum from \$7.25/hour?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No position found.</p>
	<p>Yes. <u>Supports</u> Biden student debt relief package. Would work to <u>reduce</u> the “soaring costs of higher education.”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Student Financial Aid Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?</p>	<p>No. Regarding Biden’s student loan forgiveness, said “Democrats...will <u>rob you blind</u> and expect you to thank them for it.”</p>
	<p>Raise. “We need to <u>end the system</u> of tax loopholes and exorbitant giveaways for the rich.” <u>Opposed</u> extending the 2017 Trump <u>tax cuts</u> that included the largest corporate cuts in U.S. history and major tax cuts for the wealthy.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Taxes Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?</p>	<p>Lower. <u>Would vote to</u> extend the 2017 Trump tax cuts.</p>