


U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE COMPARISON - PENNSYLVANIA

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 Pennsylvania U.S. Senate candidates stand on the issues.
 We invite you to consider this information prayerfully.

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 <p>Bob Casey Democrat <i>Incumbent</i> bobcasey.com</p>	<p>Election Day: Tuesday, November 5th</p>	<p>David McCormick Republican davemccormickpa.com</p> 
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FREEDOM TO LIVE ON A HEALTHY PLANET	<p>Yes. “We need to <u>invest</u> in meaningful climate action now.” <u>Voted for</u> \$369 billion investment in climate and renewable energy, “the <u>biggest investment</u> in U.S. history.” “We <u>must increase</u> the use of renewable energy” while regulating natural gas extraction. <u>Supports</u> tax credits for clean energy workers.</p>	<p>Environment Should addressing climate change be a top priority?</p>	<p>No. “Human activity is one of the <u>many contributing factors</u>” to rising global temperatures. “An anti-fossil fuel agenda” is driven by “<u>radical environmental groups</u>.” Would “<u>unleash</u> oil and gas production.” Would <u>halt</u> clean energy subsidies. Would “<u>mitigate</u> the risk of climate change” with “market-driven solutions.”</p>
	<p>Increase. <u>Supports</u> federal funding for infrastructure and internet, <u>including</u> \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill and <u>policies</u> that create “good-paying jobs.” <u>Would</u> regulate banking overdraft penalties and other “hidden fees.” <u>Supports</u> cracking down on companies that shrink products without lowering prices. <u>Wants</u> support for the childcare sector.</p>	<p>Economy Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?</p>	<p>Mostly decrease. To address inflation, “we have to <u>get spending</u> back under control” and stop “the war on energy.” “Washington must take a more <u>active role</u> in promoting American innovation” but “<u>cut the red tape</u> and get out of the way of private citizens and firms trying to innovate.”</p>
FREEDOM FROM HARM	<p>Tighten. <u>Changed</u> to a pro-regulation position after 2012 Sandy Hook massacre. <u>Supports</u> expanded background checks, temporarily keeping firearms from people who pose danger, and banning “weapons of war” like AR-15 rifles. <u>Voted for</u> the bipartisan <u>gun safety</u> bill.</p>	<p>Gun Laws Loosen or tighten gun regulations?</p>	<p>Mostly loosen. “I’m a proud <u>gun owner</u> who will fight for our Constitutional right to keep and bear arms” and “a <u>strong supporter</u> of the Second Amendment.” In 2022 <u>criticized</u> support for “gun restrictions like an assault weapons ban & red flag laws.” But <u>supports</u> background checks.</p>
	<p>Expand. <u>Sponsored</u> a bill <u>prohibiting</u> discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. <u>Voted</u> to federally recognize <u>same-sex marriage</u>. <u>Sponsored</u> a bill to <u>ban</u> commercial conversion therapy.</p>	<p>LGBTQ Rights Limit or expand rights for LGBTQ+ people?</p>	<p>Mixed. <u>Opposes</u> transgender students participating in women’s sports. But while CEO, his hedge fund promoted <u>LGBTQ hiring</u> to “grow the best talent across <u>gender identity</u>” and “sexual orientation,” with “fully paid coverage for <u>gender transitions</u>.”</p>
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FREEDOM TO BE HEALTHY	Increase. The effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act is “a venomous snake that will bite a lot of Americans.” Introduced a bill to lower prescription drug costs for low-income Medicare enrollees. Sponsored a bill capping insulin price at \$35. Voted for government to negotiate Medicare drug costs.	Health Care Increase or decrease government support for health care?	Mostly decrease. In 2022 criticized his Republican primary opponent Mehmet Oz for his past support of the Affordable Care Act. Has discussed potentially cutting “entitlements.” Would fight for “veterans’ health care.”
FREEDOM TO LIVE IN A WELCOMING COUNTRY	Supports comprehensive immigration reform that honors dignity of those seeking a better life , including protecting Dreamers , creating fair paths to citizenship, and prioritizing secure borders. Sponsored S.1891 —NO BAN Act to disallow religion-based immigration ban.	Immigration Defend the right to asylum and support a path to citizenship for DACA participants brought to the U.S. as children?	Supports a return to Trump’s border policies: “Finish the wall. Keep people going only through legal entry points.” Wants to end the right to asylum in the U.S. and change law so asylum applications could be processed outside of the U.S. No position found on DACA.
FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY	Easier. Introduced bills to improve voting access for those with disabilities. Sponsored two bills to expand voter registration and voting access.	Voting Rights Make voting harder or easier?	Harder. Would require “a photo ID to vote” and ballots “in by Election Day.” Disagrees with Act 77 no-excuse mail-in voting, but “it’s something” Republicans have “got to embrace.”
FREEDOM TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES	Easier. Supports “protecting workers’ fundamental right to organize.” Sponsored a bill expanding rights to organize unions. “We have to ... stop them [Republicans] from trying to destroy unions.”	Labor Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	No position found.
	Yes. “\$7.25/hour is not enough for working people to live on.” Voted to raise. In 2019 supported gradually raising the minimum wage to \$15/hour.	Minimum Wage Raise federal minimum from \$7.25/hour?	No. “I wouldn’t change the minimum wage we have now... I wouldn’t raise it. ”
	Yes. Supported canceling \$10,000 of student debt for those making less than \$125,000 a year. Opposed an effort to overturn Biden’s student debt relief plan. In 2019 sponsored a bill allowing eligible student loan borrowers to refinance at lower rates.	Student Financial Aid Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	No. “Biden’s student loan ‘forgiveness’ scheme... forces the majority of Pennsylvanians without college degrees to pay someone else’s debt.” It is “unfair & un-American.”
	Raise. Supports reversing 2017 “massive tax cuts for the ultra-wealthy and big corporations.” Would make largest oil companies pay higher taxes on excess profits, make “wealthy tax cheats and the biggest corporations pay their fair share of taxes.”	Taxes Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Mostly lower. Opposes “tax increases.” Inflation is “not greedflation [by] you in this room, business people, it’s not because you’re greedy.” Said “we need to make permanent the [2017] Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ,” the biggest corporate cuts in U.S. history.