

U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE COMPARISON - TEXAS

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 Texas U.S. Senate candidates stand on the issues.

We invite you to consider this information prayerfully.

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Colin Allred
Democrat
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Election Day:
Tuesday,
November 5th

Rafael “Ted” Cruz
Republican
Incumbent
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FREEDOM TO LIVE ON A HEALTHY PLANET	<p>Yes. Is “incredibly concerned” about climate. Supports being “aggressive” about emission reductions while being “realistic” and innovative. Natural gas is “important,” but “we can find...reductions” and increase carbon capture.</p>	<p>Environment Should addressing climate change be a top priority?</p>	<p>No. Voted against funding \$369 billion in climate and clean energy initiatives. Pushed for Trump to pull out of the Paris pact to reduce global warming. A tax on methane emissions represents a “radical climate agenda.”</p>
	<p>Increase. Voted for a bipartisan bill to provide funding for infrastructure.</p>	<p>Economy Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?</p>	<p>Decrease. Voted against the bipartisan infrastructure bill, calling it “reckless.”</p>
FREEDOM FROM HARM	<p>Tighten. Supports “common-sense” laws to “reduce gun violence and save lives.” Voted to implement “red flag” laws, raise the legal age to buy some rifles, & expand background checks. Sponsored an assault weapons ban.</p>	<p>Gun Laws Loosen or tighten gun regulations?</p>	<p>Loosen. Opposed bipartisan gun safety bill, with expanded background checks; it would “keep guns from law-abiding owners.” Wants “more police officers” in schools. Second Amendment rights “shall not be infringed.”</p>
	<p>Expand. “LGBTQ+ Texans deserve a Senator who will listen to and fight for them.” Sponsored two bills guaranteeing federal civil rights protections for LGBTQ+ Americans and same-sex couples.</p>	<p>LGBTQ Rights Limit or expand rights for LGBTQ+ people?</p>	<p>Limit. Opposed a ban on discrimination against LGBTQ+ people. Opposed federal protection of same-sex marriage: each state should decide. Sponsored a bill banning trans athletes in women’s sports.</p>
	<p>Supports “common-sense reforms that will restore trust in our law enforcement and ensure justice.” Voted for holding police accountable, addressing racial profiling, and limiting use of force. Sponsored a bill to encourage police use of “de-escalation tools.”</p>	<p>Criminal Justice How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?</p>	<p>Police are “under attack.” Sponsored bills strengthening protections for police and having recruits work in their own communities. Said January 6 U.S. Capitol stormers were prosecuted more than Black Lives Matter protesters he called “terrorists.”</p>

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FREEDOM TO BE HEALTHY	Increase. Supported lowering drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries. Sponsored a bill directing \$442 million to upgrade veterans' healthcare facilities in Texas. Supports the Affordable Care Act, and in 2019 condemned repeal attempt.	Health Care Increase or decrease government support for health care?	Decrease. People should "manage their own health care, not the bureaucracy." Opposed a bill reducing drug prices. Would "revisit" the effort to replace the Affordable Care Act.
FREEDOM TO LIVE IN A WELCOMING COUNTRY	Mixed. Supports a federal, bipartisan policy that "secures the border" and "modernizes our asylum system." Supports Biden's expanded border wall. Denounced open-borders policies. Would protect DACA.	Immigration Defend the right to asylum and support a path to citizenship for DACA participants brought to the U.S. as children?	Opposes. Supports a wall, harsher asylum and visa standards, more border patrol agents. Calls Biden's expanded border wall "window dressing." Sponsored a bill to end benefits and increase fines and fees on migrants and build a wall. Sponsored a bill letting local law enforcement cooperate with DHS. Opposes DACA: "Obama's executive amnesty was illegal."
FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY	Easier. Supports "making it easier" to vote. Opposes restricting "access to polling places." Supports voting by mail and early voting. Voted to expand registration and voting access, and make states get federal preclearance for voting law changes.	Voting Rights Make voting harder or easier?	Harder. Opposed banning states from restricting voting access, saying it "strikes down virtually every voter integrity law" and allows "ballot harvesting." Would require citizenship proof for mail-in voter registration. Opposed expanding voting access.
FREEDOM TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES	Easier. "It's critical that we protect the right to organize." Supported the PRO Act providing protections for workers trying to organize. Is endorsed by the Texas AFL-CIO.	Labor Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	Mixed. Opposed USDA's partnering with a farmworkers' union in an agricultural pilot program. Supported increasing rail union workers' number of paid sick days.
	Yes. "I'm running for Senate to fight for \$15/hr." In 2019 voted to raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour.	Minimum Wage Raise federal minimum from \$7.25/hour?	No. Opposed raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. Wage increases mean that people lose jobs; "the most vulnerable" are hurt.
	Yes. Supports reducing and forgiving loans. "Too many Texans are burdened by student loan debt." Supports Biden's SAVE plan to cut monthly repayments.	Student Financial Aid Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	No. "Biden's decision to 'cancel' student loan debt is illegal." People getting loans canceled are "slacker baristas." Voted to repeal loan payment suspension.
	More. Voted to require a 15% corporate minimum tax. Criticized the 2017 Trump tax bill for prioritizing "tax cuts to billionaires and corporations." Supports a bill "to expand and extend the Child Tax Credit."	Taxes Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Less. Voted against requiring a 15% corporate minimum tax. Supported the 2017 Trump tax bill with the largest corporate tax cut in U.S. history. "We should stop the weaponization of the tax code, abolish the IRS, and start over."