

U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE COMPARISON - WISCONSIN

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

We invite you to consider this information prayerfully.

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Tammy Baldwin
Democrat
Incumbent
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Election Day:
Tuesday,
November 5th

Eric Hovde
Republican
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FREEDOM TO LIVE ON A HEALTHY PLANET	<p>Yes. “The longer we fail to act, the more <u>costly</u> climate change will be.” <u>Supported</u> the Inflation Reduction Act to “<u>tackle</u> climate change.” <u>Voted</u> to update public transit for climate friendliness. <u>Committed</u> to working with local communities to find solutions.</p>	<p>Environment Should addressing climate change be a top priority?</p>	<p>No. His campaign <u>website</u> doesn’t mention climate. The push to end fossil fuel use before the next half-century is “<u>delusional</u>.” To think you’re “going to move an economy of this size... from its existing <u>energy</u> sources in... a decade, you are smoking crack.”</p>
	<p>Increase. “<u>Small businesses</u> are the backbone of our economy.” Supports Buy American rules and fair-trade practices. <u>Opposes</u> “corporate mergers that ... reduce competition.” <u>Supported</u> the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill.</p>	<p>Economy Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?</p>	<p>Decrease. Calls for a private-sector-driven “<u>pro-growth environment</u>.” Criticizes recent growth in size of national <u>debt</u>. Says he has the <u>business experience</u> needed “to restore economic sanity.”</p>
FREEDOM FROM HARM	<p>Tighten. “Congress has <u>failed</u> to take action on gun violence and far too many lives have been lost.” <u>Supports</u> background checks, anti-violence programs, and mental health services.</p>	<p>Gun Laws Loosen or tighten gun regulations?</p>	<p>Likely loosen. No current position found. In a 2012 campaign for U.S. Senate: “I fully support the <u>rights</u> of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, no exception.”</p>
	<p>Expand. <u>Sponsored</u> the Equality Act, banning discrimination against LGBTQ+ people: “It is <u>wrong</u> that... LGBTQ+ people can be denied an apartment, cut from a job,... or face other forms of discrimination.” Brought 12 Senate Republicans on board <u>to protect</u> same-sex and interracial marriages.</p>	<p>LGBTQ Rights Limit or expand rights for LGBTQ+ people?</p>	<p>Limit. <u>Supports</u> restrictions on gender-affirming treatments for minors and believes “men shouldn’t be playing [in] girls sports—period.”</p>
	<p>“Wisconsinites <u>deserve</u> to be safe in their communities.” <u>Secured funding</u> for <u>law enforcement</u> for training, <u>transparency</u>, and accountability. Worked to ensure <u>first responders</u> can give overdose reversal drugs. Sponsored the <u>FEND Off Fentanyl Act</u>.</p>	<p>Criminal Justice How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?</p>	<p><u>Opposes</u> “defunding the police,” what he calls the “<u>left’s dystopian vision</u>.”</p>

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FREEDOM TO BE HEALTHY	<p>Increase. “No American should have to <u>choose</u> between basic necessities... and paying for the drugs they need.” <u>Introduced</u> the <u>Capping Prescription Costs Act</u>. <u>Supports</u> expanding Obamacare, Medicare, and Medicaid. Calls for addressing “<u>racial disparities</u> that exist in our nation’s health care system.”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Health Care Increase or decrease government support for health care?</p>	<p>Decrease. “<u>Obamacare</u> created monopolies and oligarchies and wiped out the family doctor.” <u>Repeal</u> it. It’s “<u>stupid</u>” to keep young adults on their parents’ insurance until age 26. Would continue protecting benefits for <u>pre-existing conditions</u>.”</p>
FREEDOM TO LIVE IN A WELCOMING COUNTRY	<p>Mixed. Backed the 2024 bipartisan <u>border bill</u>: “I voted to <u>secure</u> our border, support law enforcement, & stop the fentanyl from coming in.” Supports DACA <u>Dreamers</u>, “who have only known America as their home.”</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. “Biden... <u>opened</u> our southern border,” letting “criminals and terrorists” enter and “drug cartels to flood our streets with fentanyl.” <u>Advocates</u> stricter security measures. Called 2024 bipartisan border bill “a <u>total joke</u>.” No position found on DACA.</p>
FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY	<p>Easier. <u>Sponsored</u> legislation to stop state-sanctioned voter suppression efforts: “The right to <u>access</u> the ballot box... is foundational to how our democracy... works.”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Voting Rights Make voting harder or easier?</p>	<p>Likely harder. Would “tighten up our voting process... clean up our <u>voting system</u>.” Addressing voter fraud claims, said “<u>Almost nobody</u> in a nursing home,” is at a point in life to vote. But says the “elderly should absolutely vote.”</p>
FREEDOM TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES	<p>Easier. “Unions <u>built</u> the middle class.” <u>Sponsored</u> a bill to protect workers’ right to organize: “Wisconsin has a <u>proud tradition</u> of... giving workers a strong voice.”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Labor Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No position found.</p>
	<p>Yes. <u>Sponsored</u> 2021 legislation to raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 per by 2025: “It is past time to <u>raise</u> the minimum wage.”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Minimum Wage Raise federal minimum from \$7.25/hour?</p>	<p>No. “Minimum wage was <u>never</u> supposed to be a living wage.” Low-wage jobs should <u>motivate</u> people to find better careers.</p>
	<p>Yes. It “has the potential to provide significant <u>relief</u> to millions of borrowers.” <u>Sponsored</u> legislation in 2022 to provide student loan forgiveness to beginning <u>farmers and ranchers</u>.”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Student Financial Aid Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?</p>	<p>No. “It’s <u>unfair</u> at every single level.” Biden’s debt forgiveness plan “does NOTHING to address the <u>cost</u> of higher education.”</p>
	<p>Raise. “Hardworking Wisconsin families <u>should not</u> be paying more in taxes than the wealthiest Americans.” Calls for a <u>fairer tax code</u> and an end to loopholes that benefit “super wealthy” money managers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Taxes Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?</p>	<p>Lower. Has <u>supported</u> “lowering the corporate tax rate and eliminating... loopholes and deductions.” <u>Supports</u> a minimum tax rate for corporations.</p>