

# Georgia Senate

## THE ISSUES

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<b>ABORTION</b> Ban or legal?	Ban. <a href="#">Ban abortion with no exceptions. "I believe in life."</a>	Legal. <a href="#">"Decisions about pregnancy should be made between a patient and their doctor."</a>
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit the output of greenhouse gasses, or support renewable energy?	No. <a href="#">"We have some of the cleanest climate in the world,...and we're talking about climate change?"</a> Described the problem as <a href="#">"bad air" coming from China, and U.S. "good air" going to China.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">"We must accept the science...and combat the climate crisis that is already at our door."</a> Introduced an <a href="#">act to boost the solar industry and transition to clean energy.</a>
<b>ECONOMY</b> Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Decrease regulation. <a href="#">"When you have all these federal regulations, that's terrible."</a> The federal government <a href="#">"has a tendency to be overreaching."</a>	Increase investment. <a href="#">Voted for COMPETES Act</a> to support US technology innovation. Calls for <a href="#">"robust federal funding to create jobs and move our economy forward."</a> Renew \$300-per-child monthly tax credit. <a href="#">"These monthly payments have helped (families) clothe and feed their children, pay for after school and day care."</a>
<b>ELECTIONS</b> Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?	No. <a href="#">The election was stolen. "Everyone knows that something happened in the election."</a> Charged <a href="#">"serious Election Fraud" in Georgia.</a> Called for <a href="#">a re-vote in the seven closest states.</a>	Yes. Calls denial of the 2020 Presidential election <a href="#">"the Big Lie."</a> <a href="#">"We have seen sadly a willingness by some to literally burn down the system for short-term political gain."</a>
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	Loosen. <a href="#">"Will fight for fewer government regulations."</a> The U.S. <a href="#">has "some of the cleanest water;"</a> <a href="#">China and India need to clean up "stuff over there for us to clean ours up."</a>	Likely tighten. <a href="#">"Our harm to the planet often causes disproportionate impacts on marginalized communities."</a> The U.S. must address their <a href="#">"lack of access to clean water and air."</a>
<b>GUN RULES</b> Pass more or less restrictive legislation on guns? Or keep the same?	Less. Will <a href="#">"vote to confirm Constitutional judges to our courts who will protect our right to bear arms."</a> We can't stop violence through <a href="#">"departments that want to take away your rights."</a>	More. Seeks <a href="#">"reasonable gun reform."</a> <a href="#">"We are not helpless. Together we can act to reduce gun violence with common sense safety reforms."</a>
<b>HEALTH CARE</b> Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices or promoting COVID safety?	No position found on Medicaid and drug prices. Did not get a coronavirus vaccine <a href="#">"because I don't think the government should be telling you to get one."</a>	Yes. Supported incentives to <a href="#">expand Medicaid</a> in states like Georgia that haven't expanded coverage and to <a href="#">lower drug costs for seniors.</a> Voted for the American Rescue Plan's <a href="#">support for COVID testing and vac-cine purchase and distribution.</a>

ISSUES	WALKER (R)	WARNOCK (D)
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?	Restrict. <a href="#">“The border crisis...is bringing drugs, crime, and human trafficking to our state.”</a> <a href="#">“Will work to secure our southern border.”</a> No position found on DACA.	Create a comprehensive plan. <a href="#">“We need comprehensive immigration reform that fixes our broken system, keeps our nation safe, and provides a reasonable path to citizenship.”</a> Supports a DACA path to citizenship, <a href="#">“you have no right to celebrate the dream if you will not liberate the dreamers.”</a>
<b>LABOR</b> Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	No recent position found. In 2010 supported <a href="#">having a Mixed Martial Arts fighters’ union.</a>	Easier. Supported a <a href="#">pro-union bill</a> to <a href="#">“help strengthen the right to organize.”</a>
<b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b> Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Limit. <a href="#">Gay marriage should be determined by each state.</a> About transgender athletes, <a href="#">“it’s written in the Bible...you have two [sexes], there’s a man and a woman and that’s it.”</a>	Expand. <a href="#">“I’m a proud ally of the LGBTQ+ community.”</a> <a href="#">Cosponsored the EQUALITY Act, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.</a>
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Ban or legal?	No recent position found. In 2013 said, <a href="#">“Marijuana used to be considered so bad. Now states are voting to legalize it. What’s next? Legalizing cocaine?”</a>	Legal. <a href="#">“Decriminalize marijuana now.”</a>
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Keep or raise federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour? If raise, how much?	No position found.	Raise. Sponsored a <a href="#">2021 bill to raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour.</a> <a href="#">“\$7.25 [is] not a living wage.”</a>
<b>POLICE AND COMMUNITY</b> How to address police use of force?	More research and better training. <a href="#">Supported a Senate bill to train police and collect data on police use of force.</a> The bill rejected an alternative that <a href="#">would make it easier to sue following police misconduct.</a>	Reimagine the relationship with communities they serve. Co-sponsored a <a href="#">bi-partisan bill to fund de-escalation training, body cameras, and mental health re-sources.</a> <a href="#">Appoint independent prosecutors to handle police-involved shootings.</a> <a href="#">“I oppose defunding the police. But we have to respect law enforcement enough to hold them accountable.”</a>
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support lowering interest on student loans or forgiving them?	No direct position found, but criticizes Warnock’s loan forgiveness position, saying Biden and Warnock’s policies <a href="#">“are 100% responsible for the insane prices on gas, groceries, and everything else! Now they want us to trust them to fix it?”</a>	Forgive student loans. <a href="#">“Wipe out the first \$50,000” of student debt.</a> <a href="#">“It would lower people’s burdens...it’s investment in our people.”</a>
<b>TAXES</b> Should corporations and wealthier individuals pay less or more taxes?	Less. <a href="#">Will fight for lower taxes on businesses.</a> <a href="#">Has pledged to oppose all income tax hikes.</a> <a href="#">“Raising taxes is the last thing we should be doing.”</a>	More. <a href="#">“Will oppose Washington tax breaks that benefit the richest of the rich.”</a> Supported a <a href="#">bill to impose a 15% minimum tax rate on corporations and increase taxes on billionaires.</a>
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?	Yes. <a href="#">Supports Georgia’s 2021 Election Integrity bill,</a> which <a href="#">limits the time for absentee and early voting, adds new voter ID rules,</a> restricts giving out food and water, and lets the state remove power from local election boards. Opposes Democratic bills to limit voting restrictions; said naming one for John Lewis is <a href="#">“a shame.”</a>	No. Cosponsored two bills, the <a href="#">John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act</a> and the <a href="#">Freedom to Vote Act,</a> to <a href="#">“make it easier to vote.”</a> Says that <a href="#">by refusing to at least debate these bills</a> Republicans have abdicated responsibility during a time when there’s <a href="#">“an all-out assault on our democracy.”</a>

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