

# Nevada Governor

## THE ISSUES

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SISOLAK**

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<b>ABORTION</b> Ban or legal?	Ban. Is “ <a href="#">pro-life</a> ” except for “ <a href="#">health of the mother, sexual assault, and incest.</a> ” But says “ <a href="#">There's nothing that I could really do</a> ” to change existing Nevada law allowing abortion up to 24 weeks, beyond bringing a ballot initiative “ <a href="#">and hopefully people vote the position I feel.</a> ” Would <a href="#">repeal Sisolak order providing legal protection</a> to out-of-state abortion patients, <a href="#">a stance he later softened on.</a>	Legal. Would “ <a href="#">continue protecting access to abortion.</a> ” After <a href="#">Roe v Wade</a> was overturned, signed an executive order keeping information <a href="#">private for out-of-state patients who come from states where abortion is banned, to protect them from legal risk.</a> Says if re-elected would seek to <a href="#">codify the order into law.</a>
<b>CLIMATE</b> Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit the output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?	No position found.	Yes. In 2019 <a href="#">signed a bill</a> setting a goal of “ <a href="#">zero or near-zero emissions</a> ” by 2050. Passed a 2021 energy bill with “ <a href="#">climate forward policies.</a> ” Nevada has “ <a href="#">the highest number of solar panels per capita in the nation.</a> ”
<b>EDUCATION</b> Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	Yes. Will “ <a href="#">increase school choice options by expanding access to charter schools, opportunity scholarships, and education saving accounts.</a> ”	Mixed. “ <a href="#">Public education funding must stay in public schools.</a> ” However <a href="#">signed a bill increasing funding for public charters</a> , free public schools that are privately run, and a <a href="#">bill restoring private school scholarship program funded by tax credits.</a>
<b>EDUCATION</b> How to address the teaching of issues around racism?	Opposes critical race theory, which <a href="#">teaches “kids to be ashamed of themselves.”</a> The “ <a href="#">existing education and curriculum that we, you and I, even generations before us had</a> ” is sufficient “ <a href="#">for learning our history.</a> ”	<a href="#">Signed into law a bill designed to make social studies education more multicultural, including the historic contributions of members of groups such as immigrants, Native Americans, religious organizations, and the LGBTQ community.</a>
<b>EDUCATION</b> Increase funding for K-12 and higher education?	Mixed. Supports <a href="#">the revised K-12 education funding formula passed by lawmakers in 2021</a> , but also calls for a “ <a href="#">comprehensive</a> ” <a href="#">audit of the existing system before deciding whether current funding, including teachers’ pay, is appropriate.</a>	Yes. Signed a <a href="#">bill that increased education funding with taxes on the mining industry, including a new excise tax on mines. Allocated \$200 million to address learning loss caused by the COVID pandemic.</a>
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> How to address low water levels in state lakes and rivers?	<a href="#">When negotiating for Colorado River water, the governor should be “sure that we get our fair share, especially from the state of California.”</a>	“ <a href="#">We’ve been a leader in water conservation,</a> ” <a href="#">and need other states relying on Colorado River water “to do the same thing that we’re doing.”</a>
<b>GUN RULES</b> Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?	Mostly less. <a href="#">Eliminated the Clark County gun registry. Opposes red flag laws or limits on “ghost guns” and high-capacity magazines. Supports some background checks and opposes bump stocks.</a>	More. <a href="#">Supports banning bump stocks, “closing the gun show loophole,” and “common-sense background checks.” “We can't end the gun violence problem by having more guns... There's no reason to own an AR-15.”</a>

ISSUES	LOMBARDO (R)	SISOLAK (D)
<b>HEALTH CARE</b> Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, or promoting COVID safety?	No. <a href="#">Opposes Nevada's public health insurance option that goes into effect in 2026.</a> As sheriff, <a href="#">implemented a COVID vaccine mandate for new hires, but not for existing employees.</a> Would have <a href="#">shut down businesses at the outset of the pandemic, but would have opened them sooner.</a> Calls Nevada's mask mandate " <a href="#">political theater.</a> "	Yes. <a href="#">Signed a bill establishing a state public health insurance option.</a> Will <a href="#">join a multi-state prescription drug consortium to lower drug prices.</a> <a href="#">Mandated COVID vaccines</a> for state employees working with vulnerable populations.
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for "DACA" participants brought to the US as children?	<a href="#">Has a "zero tolerance" immigration policy. "I support legal immigration; I do not support illegal immigration." "America must secure its borders...America must also oppose and defund Sanctuary Cities."</a> No position found on DACA.	<a href="#">Supports a path to citizenship for DACA participants.</a> Signed a bill creating <a href="#">the Office for New Americans.</a> <a href="#">Does not support repealing Title 42, which, because of the pandemic, allows deportations of asylum seekers before they are interviewed for eligibility.</a>
<b>LABOR</b> Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	Mostly harder. <a href="#">Opposes requiring union labor on affordable housing projects.</a> "I support <a href="#">unionization, but the playing field has to be level. Everybody has to have equal opportunity...no matter if they're union or not."</a>	Easier. <a href="#">Signed a bill to allow collective bargaining for state employees.</a>
<b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b> Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Limit. <a href="#">Supports Florida law</a> limiting classroom discussion about sexual orientation. High school students should only compete in sports <a href="#">with members of the same biological sex.</a>	Expand. <a href="#">Supports transgender youth.</a> <a href="#">Signed bills that increased access to HIV healthcare and repealed laws that criminalized transmission of HIV.</a> Called Florida bill limiting classroom discussion " <a href="#">hateful.</a> "
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Should recreational marijuana be banned or legal?	Legal, since it is state law. <a href="#">In 2016, didn't personally support medical or recreational marijuana but would enforce legalization.</a> <a href="#">Supports cannabis consumption lounges,</a> if they don't sell alcohol.	Legal. <a href="#">Created a Cannabis Compliance Board to oversee the marijuana industry.</a> " <a href="#">Cannabis isn't only a tourism boon—it's a revenue creator, a way to diversify our economy.</a> " Signed a <a href="#">bill to create cannabis consumption lounges.</a>
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Keep or raise the state minimum from \$10.50 per hour?	No position found.	Raise. Signed a <a href="#">2019 bill that raises the Nevada minimum wage by 75 cents each year beginning on January 1, 2020 until it reaches \$12 per hour.</a>
<b>POLICE AND COMMUNITY</b> How to address police use of force?	Would reverse " <a href="#">soft-on-crime policies</a> " that <a href="#">make "it harder for the police to do their jobs."</a> Wants " <a href="#">more officers on the street</a> " and " <a href="#">a multicultural advisory council.</a> " Says <a href="#">police face "a lack of resources" to deal with problems of "people that are in distress,"</a> such as mental illness and homelessness.	<a href="#">Signed bills that limit no-knock warrants and give the Attorney General more authority to investigate state and local agencies accused of discriminatory behavior.</a> Raised <a href="#">State Police funding.</a> " <a href="#">It's critical that [Nevadans] trust that those charged with protecting them do so with integrity.</a> "
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support lowering interest on student loans or forgiving them?	No position found.	Yes, for specific groups. Signed <a href="#">a bill to expand loan forgiveness for health care professionals working in rural areas.</a> <a href="#">Supports free tuition for community college students.</a>
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?	Yes. Will <a href="#">end universal mail-in voting and support voter ID requirements.</a> <a href="#">Says state's universal mail-in ballots can "create an environment for fraud."</a>	No. <a href="#">Signed legislation that established a universal mail-in voting system.</a>

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