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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Legal. Will veto any state bill that would restrict abortion access . If necessary, “will lead an effort...for a ballot measure to repeal and replace” Arizona’s 1901 abortion ban. “I firmly believe in the right to choose & the freedom to do so safely.”	Ban. Calls abortion “the ultimate sin.” In 2021 said Arizona should pass a “carbon copy” of the Texas ban , with a ban at six weeks and no exceptions for incest or rape and incentives for anyone to sue someone who aids or performs an abortion . In 2022 said would allow exceptions “to preserve the life of the mother, and early term for victims of rape and incest.”
CLIMATE Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit the output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?	Yes. “Arizona should be cooperating in every way to reduce our contribution to the greenhouse gases that are contributing to global climate change.”	Unclear. “It is absolutely critical that we do not follow California down the Green New Deal path that leads to skyrocketing energy prices and rolling blackouts in the dead of summer.”
EDUCATION Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	No. Opposed expansion of Arizona’s school voucher system . “The current scheme of vouchers does not provide equal access.”	Yes. Supports expanding school vouchers to “100% school choice.” “A lot” of public school curriculum is “garbage.” Vouchers let parents choose a school where students “are taught that America is the most exceptional country on the planet.”
EDUCATION How to address the teaching of issues around racism and gender identity?	“Our history is fraught with uncomfortable race issues, and we shouldn’t gloss over that.” Parents should be “partners in our education system,” but “the state legislature should stay out of setting curriculum.”	“Strengthen Arizona’s ban on Critical Race Theory” for “a more balanced and historically accurate narrative in history and social studies.” “When I am your Governor, Arizona will purge... this CRT & gender identity nonsense out of our schools.”
EDUCATION Increase funding for K-12 and higher education?	Yes. Wants to increase funding to raise teacher pay, hire more counselors, expand a program that waives tuition at public universities for teachers who will work in public schools.	No. “There is no evidence that increased funding of government-run schools results in student gains...we cannot trust school districts to direct allocated funds to teachers.” Would set up performance-based “bonus incentives” for teachers.
ELECTIONS Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?	Yes. “With 100% confidence...elections in Arizona are safe and fair.” Attempts “to undermine confidence in our elections” are “the big lie.”	No. “Joe Biden is our president like O.J. Simpson is innocent. We have a corrupt system.” “We had a rigged, stolen election.” “I am an America-First, Trump Republican.”

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ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	Likely tighten. “Will fight for healthy forests and watersheds” and establish the Water and Energy Innovation Initiative for “securing our water supply and advancing a clean energy economy.”	Loosen. Will “push back against EPA overreach.” “We cannot let out-of-control environmental regulation prevent us” from producing “the materials and products Americans need here.”
GUN RULES Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?	More. Supports “common-sense gun safety reform.” Voted in state legislature for enforcing federal firearm laws, and against concealed carry and firearm sales without background checks.	Less. “Will not recognize unconstitutional Gun Laws “in our state.” Opposes “any law that would take away from our Second Amendment rights,” including red-flag laws and gun-free zones.
HEALTH CARE Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, or promoting COVID safety?	Yes. Helped expand Medicaid and pass law to address opioid epidemic. Supported Biden’s 2021 COVID vaccine mandate on companies with at least 100 employees: “Vaccines are our best path to defeat this pandemic and keep our economy open.”	No. “Medicare and Medicaid should remain available,” but wants more competition in health care marketplace—and removal of “government mandates restricting the types of coverages available.” Opposes vaccine mandates. “People have a right to question this vaccine.”
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?	Supports “comprehensive immigration reform” to secure border and prevent criminals and traffickers from entering and deal with a “devastating humanitarian crisis.” Asks Congress to “provide a permanent solution for Dreamers.”	Increase border security and finish the border wall. Will “issue a declaration of invasion on the border on Day One, get troops on the border... and stop people from coming over.” Says DACA is a federal, not state, matter.
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	Easier. “Unions are the foundation of our middle class, and I will stand with them as Arizona’s next Governor.”	Unclear. In schools, would provide an “oversight to unruly school boards and the union bosses.”
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Expand. Supports employment protections for LGBTQ people and gay marriage.	Limit. Opposes adding sexual orientation and gender identity to nondiscrimination law, as an infringement on religious freedom. “They kicked God out of schools and welcomed the Drag Queens.”
MARIJUANA Should recreational marijuana be banned or legal?	No position found.	Unclear. In 2018 said #RedforEd, a campaign for increasing school funding and teacher pay, was “a big push to legalize pot.” She later apologized.
MINIMUM WAGE Keep or raise the state minimum from \$12.80 per hour? If raise, how much?	Raise. Supported Proposition 206, which raised wage from \$8.05 in 2016 to \$12.00 in 2020, with cost-of-living increases afterwards. Eliminate lower minimum wage for tipped workers.	No position found.
POLICE AND COMMUNITY How to address police use of force?	Will create “a Governor’s panel, composed of diverse community leaders, to inform criminal justice reform policymaking and build grassroots support for meaningful change.”	“We have got to stop this assault on our police.” Opposes civilian review boards. Will protect “qualified immunity” to protect police from lawsuits. “Police do not target people of color.”
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID Support lower interest on student loans or forgiving them?	No position found.	No. Regarding Biden’s student loan forgiveness, said “Democrats...will rob you blind and expect you to thank them for it.”
TAXES How to modify state taxes?	Supports creating “a \$250 state-level Child Tax Credit, to be phased out by a \$100,000 household income cap.”	Supports making Arizona “an appealing place” for businesses and cutting taxes “across the board,” eliminating income tax and lowering taxes on sales, property and businesses.
VOTING RULES Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules?	No. Supports extending the early voting period, implementing same-day voter registration, and designating Election Day as a state holiday.	Yes. Supports photo ID for all voting, eliminating drop boxes, and either ending ballot by mail or tightening its security.

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