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US House of Representatives

THE ISSUES

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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Legal. “The government has no business telling people what to do with their own bodies.” Would “codify Roe v. Wade in the constitution .” “If you need care, everyone deserves the same access, the same protections, and the same rights.”	Ban. Voted for a Pennsylvania constitutional amendment stating abortion is not a right. Voted in 2017 for a 20-week ban with no exceptions for rape or incest. Voted in 2019 to bar the use of telemedicine to prescribe mifepristone. Supports alternatives to abortion, such as easing “pathways to adoption.”
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Mostly yes. Calls for “taking on the climate crisis.” Would “work to approve new nuclear and natural gas power plants while we build up renewables.” Supports “building wind, solar, and power projects.”	No. Voted to end Biden-era clean energy tax credits. Opposes “cap-and-tax schemes that prioritize a radical climate agenda.” Calls for “unleashing our domestic energy supply.”
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Says public safety “is about making sure...police have the resources to do the job,” including “training and equipment.” Wants communities to trust “the people sworn to protect them.” Would invest “in mental health and addiction services.”	Sponsored the Back the Blue Act, increasing criminal penalties for assaulting or killing law enforcement officers and expanding active and retired officers’ ability to carry firearms in public. Wants increased funding for police.
ECONOMY Cut or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Increase. Would invest in transportation, including passenger rail. Would “build more starter homes” and “crack down on corporate landlords and rent gouging.” Opposes “price-gouging utility monopolies.” Supports a bill to stop “Wall Street from buying up housing stock meant for working families.”	Mostly cut. “ Reduce wasteful government spending that is driving inflation.” Voted to cut existing USAID foreign aid and funding for NPR and PBS. “ Stop the overregulation that is crushing America’s entrepreneurial spirit.” Sponsored a bill giving mortgage assistance to school teachers and “first responders.” Would direct resources for “local infrastructure” to “organizations...that share our American values.”
EDUCATION Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	No. “I will not support using federal money to hand vouchers to private schools while public schools are being starved.”	Yes. Sponsored a bill to use PA public funds to provide scholarships to K-12 students in low-achieving districts to attend private schools. Voted to increase funding for a state program that gives tax credits to businesses that donate to private school scholarships for K-12 students.
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulation?	Tighten. Would “hold the EPA accountable and push for stricter federal oversight for pollution like sewage sludge and mine refuse.” Supports banning PFAS , “forever chemicals,” from firefighters’ turnout gear. Opposes rolling “back commonsense regulation” that would make “it easier for the companies doing the polluting.”	Loosen. Voted to end a 20-year protection against mining for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Voted to expedite and expand mining on public lands. Voted to increase forest thinning in fire-prone areas by easing environmental laws. Would end wetland rules “that infringe upon the rights of farmers and ranchers.”

ISSUES	BROOKS (D)	MACKENZIE (R)
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun laws?	Tighten. “I respect the Second Amendment.” Calls for “common-sense laws: universal background checks, closing the gun show loophole, and enforcing waiting periods” so that “dangerous people don’t get their hands on guns.” Guns “now the leading cause of death for American kids.”	Loosen. “ Defend the 2nd Amendment in its original intent to protect Americans against a tyrannical government.” Voted against a PA bill requiring background checks for long guns. Opposed a red flag bill. Voted against restricting parts for untraceable homemade “ ghost guns .”
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government support for healthcare?	Increase. Would “fight to undo the damage caused by” the One Big Beautiful Bill, restore Medicaid and SNAP, and extend Affordable Care Act tax credits. Would cap “out of pocket medical costs and [lower] the cost of prescription drugs.” Supports Medicare for All. “There’s no reason we can’t supply medical coverage for everybody.”	Mixed. Supported short-term extensions of the Affordable Care Act subsidies in 2025 and 2026 . Opposes “cuts to...Medicare.” Voted for cuts to Medicaid ; said new Medicaid work requirements are “commonsense guardrails .” Sponsored a constitutional amendment for “medical freedom” from “government mandates.”
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	Calls for a “ system that deters illegal entry and secures our border, while treating people humanely.” Calls ICE crackdowns “un-American.” Wants more immigration judges and better technology to speed up visa processing. Would “streamline the pathway to citizenship” and “ protect citizenship for [DACA] Dreamers and those with Temporary Protected Status.”	Voted to increase ICE funding by \$75 billion . Would “finish building the wall,” “crack down on birth tourism,” and “re-instate remain in Mexico.” Supports “E-Verify” and “merit-based legal immigration.” Supports ICE reforms, including requiring body cameras and more intensive de-escalation training. Sponsored a PA bill ending sanctuary cities.
IRAN WAR Support the war in Iran?	No. Calls the war “ illegal ,” “ reckless ,” and lacking a “clear objective.” “If [Trump’s] going to be sending my child or other people’s children to Iran to fight a war, you ought to be able to tell the American people why. That has not happened.” Would rein in “in Donald Trump’s ability to unilaterally embroil us in foreign conflicts.”	Yes. Voted in March , April , May , and June against limiting Trump’s military action in Iran . Said he did not want to “take away the president’s leverage” while negotiations continue. Supported Trump’s decision to launch the war, calling it an “opportunity” to take out a “regime...that has targeted Americans for 47 years.”
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?	Easier. Calls passage of the PRO Act , which would strengthen collective bargaining and protect organizing rights, one of his highest legislative priorities. “Unions are what built the middle class.... Strong unions mean strong communities.”	Harder. As a PA representative, voted against a constitutional amendment enshrining state workers’ “fundamental right to organize and bargain collectively.” Voted against a bill granting unemployment benefits to striking workers.
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Expand. “It’s not the business of the government to dictate who people love and how they live.” Will “always stand up for LGBTQ people by protecting anti-discrimination laws, defending marriage equality.”	Limit. Voted to restrict transgender students from playing on women’s sports teams. As a PA rep, voted against the Fairness Act , which promoted LGBTQ nondiscrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	Yes. Would raise the federal minimum wage and “tie it to inflation.” “You tell me anybody that can live on \$7.25 an hour. Just can’t happen.”	No. As a PA representative, voted in 2023 against a bill gradually raising the minimum wage in Pennsylvania from \$7.25 to \$15 an hour by 2026.
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Raise. “ Tax the ultra-rich and cut taxes for working people.” Seeks a billionaire minimum tax. The 2017 Trump tax cuts “handed massive breaks to billionaires and big corporations.”	Lower. Voted for a bill extending the 2017 Trump tax cuts, which included among other cuts a break for the very wealthy and the largest one-time cut in the corporate tax rate.
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Easier. Opposes the SAVE Act, which requires proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote in federal elections. Supports the John Lewis Voting Rights Act to require certain states to get preapproval for changes in voting practices. “We should be making voting more accessible.”	Harder. Supports SAVE Act, which requires proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote in federal elections. Voted for it in 2025 and in 2026 . Supports voter ID, calls it a “a commonsense position.” Would ban “unsecured drop boxes” and people delivering the ballots of others.

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