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BALLOTS — VERIFICATION Support hand-counting paper ballots?	No. “ Hand counting is inaccurate and inefficient.” “ Any plan to initiate a full hand count...would put [election] officials in serious legal jeopardy.”	Yes. Supported a bill to give counties the ability to hand-count ballots, rather than machine tabulation. “ No law requires county recorders to do a machine count in the first place.”
EASE OF VOTING Support expanding or limiting voting opportunities, such as mail voting, early voting, and more voting locations?	Expand. “ Mail-in voting has been a cornerstone of secure and accessible elections.” Criticized federal efforts to restrict mail-in voting: “This is a federal takeover of a constitutional duty that the states have, not the White House.” Supports a ballot measure adding early, in-person, and mail-in voting to the Arizona Constitution. Supported a bill to extend the early voting period, establish a 75-foot “voter protection zone,” and allow ballots to be collected and processed continually on election day. Says the vote center model , where a voter can vote at any vote center in a county, is “ more secure, more accessible.”	Limit. Introduced a ballot measure that would eliminate the Active Early Voter List, shorten the time to cast early ballots, and require a valid proof of citizenship when voting by mail. Supported a bill eliminating vote centers (where a voter can vote at any vote center in a county), requiring people to vote in assigned precincts, and capping precincts at 1,000 voters, which would require 4,000 new polling locations. Said counties could rent private homes or Airbnb’s as polling places. Sued to disqualify all mail-in ballots in the 2020 presidential election.
PERSONAL DATA Should voter registration data be shared with the federal government?	No. Declined to give the Justice Department the statewide voter registration list, which contains personal data on every voter in the state. “ They’re going to have to put me in jail if they want this information.” “ I will continue to protect your personal identifying information from these kinds of illegal requests.”	Yes. When asked if he would give voter information to the federal government, said he would comply with the law. “The federal government ...issued your Social Security number and already knows your Social Security number.” Called a federal court ruling against the Trump administration’s request for Arizona’s unredacted voter rolls “one of the most bizarre and tortured rulings I have ever read.” Called the Trump Administration effort to “cross-check the voter rolls to make sure there are only U.S. citizens on it” a “common sense thing.”
2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION Was the 2020 presidential election legitimately decided?	Yes. “ The 2020 election is over. The voters chose, fair & square.” “ Efforts to relitigate the 2020 election are founded on conspiracy theories and...risk creating unnecessary chaos and undermining public confidence in our election system.” Called for an investigation of Republicans who “may have engaged in election tampering in 2020.”	No. Sued to challenge the 2020 election results, alleging foreign interference, hacking, and widespread non-citizen voting. After a formal reprimand by the Arizona Supreme Court for bringing a case the court said lacked evidence, said the disciplinary process was being abused by “radical left-wing activists” who filed complaints against him. “ The voters of this state are tired about hearing about 2020.”

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VOTER FRAUD/VOTER SUPPRESSION Is voter fraud or voter suppression the prime problem in elections?	Voter suppression. “ There's never been anything really wrong with election administration in America except for the fact that Donald Trump lies about it.” Referred 25 cases of alleged voter fraud for potential prosecution. Said in 2021 that voter suppression is “alive.” In 2019 called claims of voter fraud “rare.”	Voter fraud. Sued to challenge the 2020 presidential election over claims of widespread voter fraud. Ran for the state legislature “on a promise of...making our elections more secure.” Said Arizona voters will have confidence in elections only if there are “observers in our polling stations.” “ Voters ...have serious concerns with the way that our elections are being administered.”
VOTER ID Support requiring voters to show state-approved ID?	Yes. “ Arizona voters should continue registering and voting under the current rules —which require documented proof of citizenship and voter ID.” “ I've protected your vote by enforcing ID laws.”	Yes. “ Voter ID is non-negotiable.” Introduced a ballot measure to require “valid government issued proof of identity before casting a ballot in each election,” including by mail-in voting. Says ID requirements are “a common sense, equal protection thing.”
VOTER ID Support federal law requiring voters to prove US citizenship?	No. Opposes the proposed federal SAVE America Act, which would require anyone registering to vote in a federal election to provide proof of U.S. citizenship: “It would make identification for a lot of married women impossible.” Arizona has had “documented proof of citizenship for over 20 years.” “The Save America Vote Act [<i>sic</i>] does something very different and would deny...up to 22 million people the right to vote.”	Yes. Supports the proposed SAVE America Act, also known as the SAVE act, as “a great step...at the federal level.” “You should have to prove you're a citizen in order to vote.” Called the ballot measure he sponsored, which “will constitutionalize our state's proof of citizenship requirement,” “my SAVE Arizona Act.”
VOTER REGISTRATION How to handle voter registration cancellations?	Opposed a 2024 lawsuit seeking to purge 500,000 voters from Arizona rolls because the data used in the suit was “inconsistent and unreliable.” Said a 2022 voter purge request was “illegal.” Opposed efforts in some counties to cancel voter registrations entirely if the voter has registered as federal-only voters, without proof of citizenship. Fontes' office said those voters should continue to be allowed to vote in federal elections.	Introduced a bill for all county recorders to remove certain voters from the rolls if they don't provide proof of citizenship by the November 2026 election. The bill may remove about 200,000 voters from the rolls. Introduced a ballot measure that would require voters to request early ballots every two years. Represented plaintiffs who sued to remove 1.2 million voters from the registration list.
VOTING MACHINES — SECURITY Sees foreign or other hacking and data security as threats to voting in Arizona?	Yes. “ Foreign adversaries, particularly Iran, are actively targeting our election infrastructure and political systems. These aren't abstract threats; they are real, persistent, and growing.” Opposed Trump administration cuts to the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency . Proposed an independent entity “committed to safeguarding elections.” Supported a bill that would include funding for improvements to the cybersecurity of state and county election systems.	Yes. Says vote tabulation machines are easily hacked and can be programmed to produce incorrect results. Sees “foreign interference” as a threat to “election integrity.” Introduced a bill to require “personnel who are experts in electronic voting systems and procedures...to field check...electronic voting systems.” Introduced a ballot measure to “ ban foreign funding of our elections.” Introduced a ballot measure for the November 2026 ballot amending the state Constitution to allow counties to use hand-counted tallies.
WRONG PRECINCT Should voters who end up in the wrong precinct be allowed to vote?	Yes. Issued a policy allowing out-of-precinct voters to cast ballots on accessible voting devices. Supports a bill that would allow for counting “early ballots accidentally returned to the wrong county.”	No. Supports precinct-based voting , in which only voters assigned to a precinct can vote there.

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