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THE ISSUES

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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Ban. Would protect “the sanctity of life from the beginning of conception.” In Congress, would “ fight for a culture that respects life at every stage.” “I certainly don't support abortions as I'm...staunchly pro-life.”	Legal. Supports a woman’s “right to make her own healthcare decisions.” “I’m never going to support a national abortion ban, especially without exceptions.” In 2021 voted to prohibit governmental restrictions on abortion access.
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	No. Supports the “Drill, baby, drill” oil policy and “energy independence.” Says Cameron County is “truly blessed” to have “one of America’s first refineries in 50 years.” “We believe in the oil and gas industry.”	Mixed. Voted to repeal clean energy provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act. Introduced a bill to block making publicly traded companies disclose greenhouse gas emissions. “ Supports the development of sources of renewable energy.” Voted against ending Biden-era clean energy tax credits.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Would “deliver the support, resources, and accountability our officers need to keep our communities safe.” Says “backing the badge” means giving officers training, resources, and mental health support, “so when officers seek help, they’re supported, not punished.”	Would “ increase investments and resources for local law enforcement.” Voted to develop de-escalation techniques for police facing people with mental health issues. Voted in 2021 to ban racial profiling and no-knock warrants, require body cameras, and limit qualified immunity .
ECONOMY Cut or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Mixed. Opposes “reckless federal spending that fuels inflation.” Would “cut unnecessary red tape.” Would “secure federal funding” for infrastructure improvements and “expand broadband in rural communities.” Supports “ reduced regulatory burdens” and “ resources ” for small businesses.	Mostly increase. Supports “robust federal funding for...infrastructure” projects. Introduced a bill to enable credit unions to offer federally insured loans to increase homeownership. In 2021 voted for \$1 trillion in infrastructure funding. Voted to loosen regulation of the crypto industry.
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulation?	Loosen. Supports “deregulat[ing] a lot of permitting issues” for liquefied natural gas projects. Calls for faster permitting processes for water to help the oil and natural gas refineries in South Texas. Would update water infrastructure to increase availability, including desalinization .	Mixed. Wants industries to “remain competitive while...protecting the environment.” Voted against allowing mining near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness . Voted against undoing controls on companies that emit seven major hazardous pollutants. Voted to end stricter emission standards for heavy-duty trucks. Voted to accelerate mining on public lands.

ISSUES	FLORES (R)	GONZALEZ (D)
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun laws?	Likely loosen. “We believe in our 2A [Second Amendment] rights.”	Mixed. Voted to expand background checks and encourage states to pass red flag laws. Supports “a ban on high-capacity magazines.” Voted against a ban on semiautomatic assault weapons. Voted to allow qualified active and retired police officers to carry concealed weapons in public areas including school zones and national parks.
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government support for health care?	Mostly decrease. Healthcare “ needs massive reform.” Supports “substantial competition,” which will “drive down the prices.” Says the Affordable Care Act should be reformed and can’t be funded by the government: “ We will run out of money.” Calls for protecting “seniors’ benefits” in Medicare. Supports “expanding access to affordable prescription drugs” for seniors.	Increase. Supports “improv[ing] the Affordable Care Act.” Voted to extend Affordable Care Act subsidies for 3 years. Is “a staunch supporter of Medicaid.” Says Medicaid should be expanded in Texas. Voted to cap Medicare out-of-pocket costs and cap insulin at \$35 a month. “We must... fully fund health professions training programs.”
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	Supports “Trump’s immigration initiatives and his enforcement.” Wants to bolster “border security.” Supports “a pathway for [migrants] to be able to work...to fulfill jobs that Americans are not taking.” Says there should also be a “pathway to citizenship.... And right now, it’s a broken system.”	“The administration’s rogue ICE agency is going beyond the deportation of violent criminals.” Introduced a bill to prohibit “warrantless immigration raids on private properties.” In 2021 voted to give Dreamers , including DACA participants, a pathway to permanent residency.
IRAN WAR Support the war in Iran?	Yes. Says Trump is “the first president to have the courage” to “stand up” to Iran. Says we now need to “ find a peaceful exit strategy.”	No. “Americans can't afford another endless war that is raising gas prices and costing billions.” Voted six times to require Congressional authorization for U.S. military action in Iran.
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?	No position found. On Labor Day, said he honored “the workers who keep South Texas and the Coastal Bend moving.”	Easier. Sponsored a bill to restore federal employees’ collective bargaining rights. In 2021 sponsored a bill to expand & protect employees’ organizing and collective bargaining rights.
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Limit. Says he recognizes two genders and he believes that “marriage is between a man and a woman.” “I got a little girl. I don't want a man in her bathroom. I don't want a boy playing in her sports.”	Mostly expand. Sponsored a bill banning discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Voted for federal recognition of same sex marriages. Voted to restrict transgender students from women’s and girls’ sports: “Boys should not play in girls’ sports.”
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	No position found.	Yes. “It’s absurd that we still have people in communities making \$7.25 an hour.” Voted in 2019 to gradually raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025.
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Lower. Praised the One Big Beautiful Bill Act , which extended the 2017 Trump tax cuts. Those included a tax break for the very wealthy and the largest one-time cut in the corporate tax rate. Has pledged to “ oppose any and all tax increases.”	Raise. Voted against the One Big Beautiful Bill : “There is nothing ‘beautiful’ about a bill that lowers taxes for the ultra-rich.” In 2021 voted to increase taxes on corporations and the wealthy to pay for family services, health, and environment programs.
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Harder. Supports the SAVE America Act, requiring proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in federal elections and photo ID to cast a ballot. Says the bill “ ensures that every legal vote counts and isn’t diluted.”	Easier. Voted against the SAVE America Act, requiring proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in federal elections and photo ID to cast a ballot. Called it an “extreme” bill that “would disenfranchise millions” of Americans.

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