

Liberty Index 2022

U.S. Senate

Legislative scorecard for the U.S. Senate during the 2022 calendar year

Liberty Index Overview

Created by the Republican Liberty Caucus, the 2022 Liberty Index is a liberty-focused legislative scorecard for the U.S. Senate. The Liberty Index scores Republican Senators on 20 pivotal bills/votes from 2022 that either advance liberty or diminish liberty. Green bills are pro-liberty bills supported by the RLC. Red bills are anti-liberty bills opposed by the RLC. For information on the bills we selected, see the bill explanations on pages three and four of this document.

A high score on this scorecard does not equate to an endorsement from the RLC. This scorecard simply evaluates the voting record of each Republican Senator.

Scoring Guide

A green number one indicates that the Senator voted with the RLC on that bill. A red number zero indicates the Senator voted against the RLC position on that bill. “NV” means the Senator was absent and did not vote. Absences are scored the same as a vote against the RLC position. “NA” means the Senator was not yet sworn into office.

The Liberty Score is obtained by calculating the percentage that a Senator votes in line with the RLC. For example, the highest possible Liberty Score is 100. This is achieved if a Senator voted with the RLC 100% of the time.

About the Republican Liberty Caucus:

The Republican Liberty Caucus is a 527 voluntary grassroots membership organization dedicated to working within the Republican Party to advance the principles of individual rights, limited government and free markets. Founded in 1991, it is the oldest continuously-operating organization within the Liberty Republican movement. Website: [RLC.org](https://www.RLC.org)



Top Defenders of Liberty 2022

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KY

Rand Paul

100



UT

Mike Lee

95



IN

Mike Braun

95

M. Blackburn: 85

James Lankford: 85

Mike Crapo: 85

Cynthia Lummis: 85

Josh Hawley: 85

Rick Scott: 85

Ron Johnson: 85

Tim Scott: 85

Average Republican Score: 63

Lowest Scoring Republicans:

Shelly Capito: 35

Roger Wicker: 35

Lindsey Graham: 35

Roy Blunt: 25

Mitch McConnell: 35

Susan Collins: 25

Rob Portman: 35

Lisa Murkowski: 25



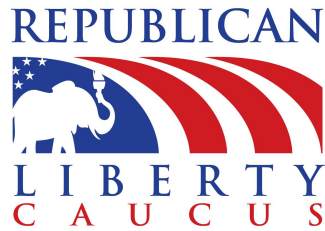
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Bill	RLC Position	Description
S.3436	Oppose	This would have imposed sanctions on the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline between Germany and Russia. This measure carelessly inserts the US into the Russia/Ukraine conflict with historically ineffective sanctions. These sanctions were unnecessary and could have damaged US relations with Germany, who is capable of making their own economic decisions without US involvement. <i>(Failed to obtain the required 60 votes, with a 55-44 vote on 1/13/22)</i>
H.R.5746 Cloture	Oppose	The Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act, which would have federalized elections, removing local control and cancelling many state election laws that are crucial for election integrity. <i>(Cloture Motion failed to obtain the required 60 votes, with a 49-51 vote on 1/19/22, Passed House 220-203 on 1/13/22)</i>
H.R.3076	Oppose	The Postal Service Reform Act, which appropriated an additional \$58 billion to the United States Postal Service. <i>(Passed Senate 79-19 on 3/8/22, Passed House 342-92 on 2/8/22, Signed by President)</i>
H.R.2471	Oppose	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, a \$1.5 trillion omnibus spending bill that was 2,741 pages long. <i>(Passed Senate 68-31 on 3/10/22, Passed House 260-171 on 3/9/22, Signed by President)</i>
S.J.Res.37	Support	This would have repealed President Biden's federal mask mandate on public transportation. <i>(Passed Senate 57-40 on 3/15/22, but failed to advance in the House)</i>
H.R.4521 Cloture	Oppose	The United States Innovation and Competition Act, which appropriated \$250 billion for wasteful and unnecessary spending. The bill was nearly 3,000 pages long and allocated tax dollars towards subsidizing semiconductors, new federal grant programs, foreign aid, environmentalist programs, and a slush fund for labor unions. <i>(Cloture Motion Passed Senate 68-28 on 3/28/22, Passed House 222-210 on 2/4/22. Each chamber passed a different version, so the bill was not transmitted to the President)</i>
H.R.7691	Oppose	The Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, which appropriated over \$40 billion in foreign aid to Ukraine. <i>(Passed Senate 86-11 on 5/19/22, Passed House 368-57 on 5/10/22, Signed by President)</i>
S.4008 Cloture	Oppose	The Small Business COVID Relief Act, which would have appropriated an additional \$50 billion for corporate bailouts. <i>(Cloture Motion failed to obtain the required 60 votes, with a 52-43 vote on 5/19/22)</i>
H.R.350 Cloture	Oppose	The Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act, which would have expanded the federal government by creating new domestic terrorism offices in the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice and the FBI. <i>(Cloture Motion failed to obtain the required 60 votes, with a 47-47 vote on 5/26/22, Passed House 222-203 on 5/18/22)</i>
S.Con.Res.41	Support	Sen. Rand Paul's Six Penny Plan, which would have reduced federal spending by six cents for every dollar, every year for the next five years, until the budget balances. <i>(Motion to Proceed Failed 29-67 on 6/15/22)</i>
S.2938 Cloture	Oppose	The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which imposed new background check requirements on firearm transfers and sent federal funds to states that enact unconstitutional Red Flag laws. <i>(Cloture Motion passed 65-34 on 6/23/22, Passed House 234-193 on 6/24/22. Signed by President)</i>
H.R.4346 Cloture	Oppose	The Chips and Science Act, which appropriated over \$76 billion in corporate welfare to the semiconductor industry. <i>(Cloture Motion Passed 64-32 on 7/26/22, Passed House 243-187 on 7/28/22, Signed by President)</i>
H.R.5376	Oppose	The Inflation Reduction Act, which imposed new taxes on businesses, created 87,000 new IRS agents, and appropriated over \$400 billion for wasteful spending. <i>(Passed Senate 51-50 on 8/7/22, Passed House 220-207 on 8/12/22, Signed by President)</i>
H.R.6833 Cloture	Oppose	The Continuing Appropriations and Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, which funded the federal government through 12/16/22 while sending an additional \$12 billion in foreign aid to Ukraine. <i>(Cloture Motion passed 72-23 on 9/27/22, Passed House 230-201 on 9/30/22, Signed by President)</i>
S.J.Res.63	Support	This joint resolution would have terminated the national emergency concerning COVID-19 declared by the President on March 13, 2020. <i>(Passed Senate 61-37, but failed to advance in the House)</i>
H.R.7776	Oppose	The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023, which approves an \$858 billion military budget without an audit. This wasteful Pentagon budget enacts an 8% spending increase, appropriating \$45 billion more than what President Biden requested. <i>(Passed Senate 83-11 on 12/15/22, Passed House 350-80 on 12/8/22, Signed by President)</i>



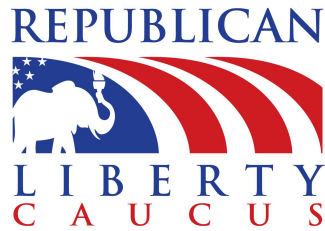
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H.R.7776 Johnson Amendment	Support	The Ron Johnson Amendment to H.R.7776 would have reinstated all military servicemembers who were discharged over the COVID-19 vaccine mandate. <i>(Failed 40-54 on 12/15/22)</i>
H.R.2617 Motion to Proceed	Oppose	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, a \$1.7 trillion omnibus bill that was 4,155 pages long. <i>(Motion to Proceed passed 70-25 on 12/20/22)</i>
H.R.2617 Paul Amendment	Support	Sen. Rand Paul's amendment to H.R.2617 would have increased the voting threshold to waive a budget point of order from 3/5 to 2/3. This would have made it easier for Senators to prevent leadership from rushing through omnibus bills. <i>(Failed 34-63 on 12/22/22)</i>
H.R.2617	Oppose	The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, a \$1.7 trillion omnibus bill that was 4,155 pages long. <i>(Passed Senate 68-29 on 12/22/22, Passed House 225-201 on 12/23/22, Signed by President)</i>



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John Barrasso	WY	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	NV	1	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	10	0.50
Marsha Blackburn	TN	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NV	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	17	0.85
Roy Blunt	MO	0	1	0	0	1	NV	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	NV	NV	0	0	0	5	0.25
John Boozman	AR	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	13	0.65
Mike Braun	IN	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	0.95
Richard Burr	NC	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	NV	1	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	8	0.40
Shelley Capito	WV	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	7	0.35
Bill Cassidy	LA	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	9	0.45
Susan Collins	MN	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.25
John Cornyn	TX	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	9	0.45
Tom Cotton	AR	0	1	0	1	1	NV	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	12	0.60
Kevin Cramer	ND	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	NV	1	NV	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	NV	NV	12	0.60
Mike Crapo	ID	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	17	0.85
Ted Cruz	TX	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	NV	1	1	1	1	1	1	NV	NV	NV	1	1	14	0.70
Steve Daines	MT	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	NV	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	13	0.65
Joni Ernst	IA	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	NV	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	12	0.60
Deb Fischer	NE	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	16	0.80
Lindsey Graham	SC	0	1	0	0	1	NV	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	7	0.35
Chuck Grassley	IA	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	11	0.55



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Bill Hagerty	TN	0	1	NV	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	NV	1	NV	NV	1	1	1	14	0.70
Josh Hawley	MO	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NV	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	0.85
John Hoeven	ND	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	16	0.80
Cindy Hyde-Smith	MS	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	14	0.70
James Inhofe	OK	0	1	NV	NV	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	NV	0	0	11	0.55
Ron Johnson	WI	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	17	0.85
John Kennedy	LA	0	1	0	1	1	NV	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	14	0.70
James Lankford	OK	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	17	0.85
Mike Lee	UT	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	0.95
Cynthia Lummis	WY	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NV	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	0.85
Roger Marshall	KS	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	NV	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	16	0.80
Mitch McConnell	KY	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	7	0.35
Jerry Moran	KS	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	NV	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	9	0.45
Lisa Murkowski	AK	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	NV	0	0	NV	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	0.25
Rand Paul	KY	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	1.00
Rob Portman	OH	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	7	0.35
James Risch	ID	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	16	0.80
Mitt Romney	UT	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	9	0.45
Mike Rounds	SD	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	11	0.55



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Marco Rubio	FL	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	NV	1	0	1	0	1	1	15	0.75
Ben Sasse	NE	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	NV	0	1	1	1	1	13	0.65
Rick Scott	FL	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	17	0.85
Tim Scott	SC	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	17	0.85
Richard Shelby	AL	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	11	0.55
Dan Sullivan	AK	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	14	0.70
John Thune	SD	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	12	0.60
Thom Tillis	NC	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	NV	NV	1	0	1	9	0.45
Patrick Toomey	PA	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	NV	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	15	0.75
Tommy Tuberville	AL	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	16	0.80
Roger Wicker	MS	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	NV	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	7	0.35
Todd Young	IN	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	8	0.40