

Liberty Index 2024

U.S. Senate

Legislative scorecard for the U.S. Senate during the 2024 calendar year

Liberty Index Overview

Created by the Republican Liberty Caucus, the 2024 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 2024 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. Senators with more than three absences are penalized, starting with their fourth absence. “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 2024

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KY

Rand Paul

100



UT

Mike Lee

100



WI

Ron Johnson

90

Mike Braun: 88
R. Marshall: 85
Josh Hawley: 84

T. Tuberville: 83
M. Blackburn: 82
Eric Schmitt: 82

Average Republican Score: 46

**Lowest Scoring
Republicans:**

Susan Collins: 5
Lisa Murkowski: 10
Todd Young: 10

Roger Wicker: 11
John Cornyn: 15
Mitch McConnell: 15
Thom Tillis: 15



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Bill	RLC Position	Description
1 H.R. 2872 Cloture	Oppose	The Cloture Motion to H.R.2872 allowed the Senate to bring this bill to the floor for consideration. This continuing resolution funds the federal government for another two months, through March 2024, at current spending levels. With \$36 trillion in debt, this fiscally irresponsible measure kicks the can down the road without any spending cuts. <i>(Passed House 314-108 on 1/18/24, Passed Senate 77-18 on 1/18/24, Signed by President)</i>
2 H.R. 2872	Oppose	This continuing resolution funds the federal government for another two months, through March 2024, at current spending levels. With \$36 trillion in debt, this fiscally irresponsible measure kicks the can down the road without any spending cuts. <i>(Passed House 314-108 on 1/18/24, Passed Senate 77-18 on 1/18/24, Signed by President)</i>
3 H.R. 815 Cloture	Oppose	The Cloture Motion to H.R. 815 allowed the Senate to bring this bill to the floor for consideration. This version of H.R. 815 would have appropriated \$118 billion in foreign aid for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan. A portion of this money would have gone to border security, but the foreign aid funding is wasteful and unnecessary. <i>(Failed Senate 49-50 on 2/7/24)</i>
4 H.R. 815 Cloture on Amendment 1388	Oppose	The Cloture Motion to H.R. 815 allowed the Senate to bring an amended version of H.R. 815 to the floor. This amendment stripped the border security provision, while appropriating \$95 billion for foreign aid to Ukraine, Israel and Indo-Pacific allies. <i>(Passed Senate 67-27 on 2/11/24)</i>
5 H.R. 815	Oppose	This version of H.R. 815 would have appropriated \$95 billion in foreign aid for Ukraine, Israel and Indo-Pacific allies. <i>(Passed Senate 70-29 on 2/13/24)</i>
6 H.R. 7463	Oppose	The Extension of Continuing Appropriations and Other Matters Act. This continuing resolution funds the federal government from 3/8/24 to 3/22/24, at current spending levels. With \$36 trillion in debt, this fiscally irresponsible measure kicks the can down the road without any spending cuts. <i>(Passed House 320-99 on 2/29/24, Passed Senate 77-13 on 2/29/24, Signed by President)</i>
7 H.R. 4366 / H.Res.1061	Oppose	The Consolidated Appropriations Act, which appropriates \$468 billion in new spending. This bill also funds about 30 percent of the federal government, including the Departments of Justice, Transportation, Energy, Agriculture, Commerce, Interior, Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Food and Drug Administration. The bill also funds a massive new FBI building, along with an ATF pistol brace ban. This fiscally irresponsible omnibus bill enables big government to continue wasting taxpayer dollars while treading on our liberties. <i>(Passed House 339-85 on 3/6/24, Passed Senate 75-22 on 3/8/24, Signed by President)</i>
8 H.R. 2882 Schmitt Amendment 1795	Support	The Schmitt amendment 1795 to H.R. 2882 would have prohibited the use of taxpayer dollars to label speech as disinformation or misinformation, or to coerce online platforms to censor speech. <i>(Failed Senate 47-51 on 3/23/24)</i>
9 H.R. 2882 / H.Res.1102	Oppose	The Further Consolidated Appropriations Act. This \$1.2 trillion omnibus bill funds the following federal departments through FY24: Department of Education, Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Labor, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of State, and the Legislative Branch. With \$36 trillion in debt, this massive spending bill is fiscally irresponsible. <i>(Passed House 286-134 on 3/22/24, Passed Senate 74-24 on 3/23/24, Signed by President)</i>
10 H.R. 7888 Cloture	Oppose	The Cloture Motion to H.R. 7888 allowed the Senate to bring this bill to the floor for consideration. H.R. 7888 is the Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act, which extends the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act for another five years. This bill allows the federal government to continue to violate our 4th Amendment privacy rights by enabling warrantless surveillance under FISA. <i>(Passed House 273-147 on 4/12/24, Passed Senate 60-34 on 4/20/24, Signed by President)</i>
11 H.R. 7888 Durbin Amendment 1841	Support	The Durbin amendment 1841 to H.R. 7888 would have prohibited warrantless access to Americans' communication data in the FISA 702 program. <i>(Failed Senate 42-50 on 4/19/24)</i>
12 H.R. 7888 Paul Amendment 1828	Support	The Paul amendment 1828 to H.R. 7888 would have prohibited federal officials from using FISA to spy on Americans. <i>(Failed Senate 11-81 on 4/19/24)</i>
13 H.R. 7888	Oppose	The Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act, which extends the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act for another five years. This bill allows the federal government to continue to violate our 4th Amendment privacy rights by enabling warrantless surveillance under FISA. <i>(Passed House 273-147 on 4/12/24, Passed Senate 60-34 on 4/20/24, Signed by President)</i>
14 H.R. 815 version 2 / H.Res.1160	Oppose	This version of H.R. 815 appropriated a total of \$97 billion in foreign aid for Ukraine, Israel, and Indo-Pacific allies. This legislation also imposed sanctions on Iran and Russia, while banning TikTok. <i>(Passed House 316-94 on 4/19/24, Passed Senate 79-18 on 4/23/24, Signed by President)</i>



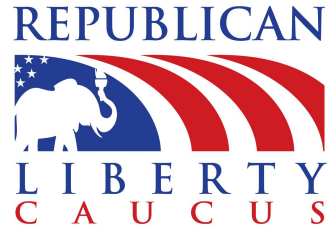
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15 S. Con. Res. 41	Support	Sen. Rand Paul's Six Penny Plan, which would cut spending by six pennies for every dollar spent. This would cut enough spending to balance the federal budget in five years. <i>(Failed Senate 39-56 on 9/25/24)</i>
16 H.R. 9747	Oppose	The Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act. This continuing resolution continues to fund the federal government at current spending levels for three months, through 12/20/24. With \$36 trillion in debt, this fiscally irresponsible measure kicks the can down the road without any spending cuts. <i>(Passed House 341-82 on 9/25/24, Passed Senate 78-18 on 9/25/24, Signed by President)</i>
17 S. J. Res. 117	Support	This resolution would have blocked President Biden's proposal to cancel \$4.65 billion in Ukrainian debt owed to the U.S. <i>(Failed Senate 37-61 on 11/20/24)</i>
18 H.R. 5009 Cloture	Oppose	The Cloture Motion to H.R. 5009 allowed the Senate to bring this bill to the floor for consideration. H.R. 5009 is the National Defense Authorization Act for FY25. This 1,800 page bill appropriates \$895 billion for the military budget, a \$9 billion increase. With \$36 trillion in debt, it is fiscally irresponsible to give this much taxpayer money to a department that has failed its audit seven years in a row. Among the waste in the NDAA is \$500 million for foreign aid, while allowing taxpayer money to fund travel costs for federal employees to receive abortions. <i>(Passed House 281-140 on 12/11/24, Passed Senate 85-14 on 12/18/24, Signed by President)</i>
19 H.R. 5009	Oppose	The National Defense Authorization Act for FY25. This 1,800 page bill appropriates \$895 billion for the military budget, a \$9 billion increase. With \$36 trillion in debt, it is fiscally irresponsible to give this much taxpayer money to a department that has failed its audit seven years in a row. Among the waste in the NDAA is \$500 million for foreign aid, while allowing taxpayer money to fund travel costs for federal employees to receive abortions. <i>(Passed House 281-140 on 12/11/24, Passed Senate 85-14 on 12/18/24, Signed by President)</i>
20 H.R. 10545	Oppose	The final version of the American Relief Act. This continuing resolution funds the federal government for three months through 3/14/25. It approves over \$1 trillion in spending, including a \$110 billion spending increase. With \$36 trillion in debt, this bill is fiscally irresponsible. <i>(Passed House 366-34 on 12/20/24, Passed Senate 85-11 on 12/21/24, Signed by President)</i>



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John Barrasso	WY	NV	NV	1	1	1	NV	NV	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	10	59
Marsha Blackburn	TN	NV	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NV	NV	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	14	82
John Boozman	AR	NV	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	26
Mike Braun	IN	1	1	1	NV	1	1	1	NV	NV	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NV	0	1	1	15	88
Katie Britt	AL	1	1	1	1	1	NV	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	9	47
Ted Budd	NC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	13	65
Shelley Capito	WV	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	NV	NV	NV	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	18
Bill Cassidy	LA	0	0	1	0	0	NV	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	NV	0	0	4	22
Susan Collins	MN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
John Cornyn	TX	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	15
Tom Cotton	AR	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	NV	NV	1	0	0	0	5	28
Kevin Cramer	ND	0	1	1	NV	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	7	37
Mike Crapo	ID	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	12	60
Ted Cruz	TX	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	15	75
Steve Daines	MT	NV	0	1	1	1	NV	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	12	67
Joni Ernst	IA	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	20



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Deb Fischer	NE	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	7	35
Lindsey Graham	SC	0	NV	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	32
Chuck Grassley	IA	NV	NV	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	17
Bill Hagerty	TN	NV	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	NV	NV	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	12	71
Josh Hawley	MO	NV	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	16	84
John Hoeven	ND	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	8	40
Cindy Hyde-Smith	MS	NV	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	32
Ron Johnson	WI	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	18	90
John Kennedy	LA	NV	NV	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	9	50
James Lankford	OK	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	30
Mike Lee	UT	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	100
Cynthia Lummis	WY	0	0	NV	NV	NV	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	10	59
Roger Marshall	KS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	17	85
Mitch McConnell	KY	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	15
Jerry Moran	KS	0	0	1	0	0	NV	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	21
Markwayne Mullin	OK	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	NV	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	6	32

