

# Liberty Index 2021

## U.S. Senate

Legislative scorecard for the U.S. Senate during the 2021 calendar year

### Liberty Index Overview

Created by the Republican Liberty Caucus, the 2021 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 2021 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 page three 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.

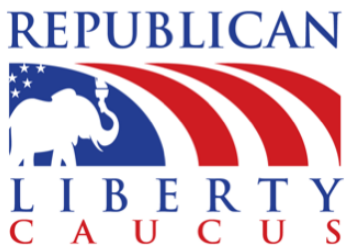
### Scoring Guide

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 2021

## U.S. Senate



*KY*

**Rand Paul**

**100**



*UT*

**Mike Lee**

**100**



*IN*

**Mike Braun**

**90**

**M. Blackburn: 85**  
**Ted Cruz: 85**  
**Joni Ernst: 85**  
**Josh Hawley: 85**  
**Ron Johnson: 85**

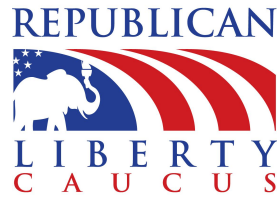
**James Lankford: 85**  
**Roger Marshall: 85**  
**Tim Scott: 85**  
**Tommy Tuberville: 85**

**Average Republican Score: 73**

**Lowest Scoring  
Republicans:**

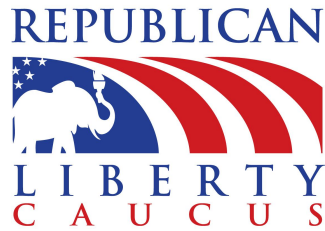
**Shelley Capito: 50**  
**Susan Collins: 50**  
**Mitch McConnell: 50**

**Lisa Murkowski: 50**  
**Roy Blunt: 45**  
**Mike Rounds: 40**



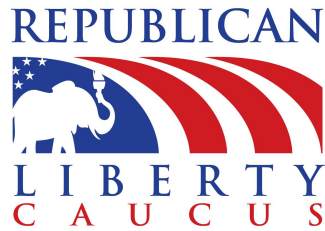
### Liberty Index 2021 - U.S. Senate - List of Bills

Bill	RLC Position	Description
<b>S.Con.Res. 5, Amendment 1</b>	<b>Support</b>	Senator Rand Paul's amendment would have required federal spending to gradually decrease every year for the next ten years. <i>(Failed 29-71 on 2/4/21)</i>
<b>S.Con.Res. 5, Amendment 55</b>	<b>Support</b>	Senator Mike Crapo's amendment would have permanently extended the lower tax rates for individuals and businesses, which had been established in 2017. <i>(Failed 50-50 on 2/5/21)</i>
<b>S.Con.Res. 5, Amendment 887</b>	<b>Support</b>	Senator Mike Hoeven's amendment which would have prohibited a federal carbon tax. <i>(Failed 50-50 on 2/5/21)</i>
<b>S.Con.Res. 5</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	President Biden's budget resolution. <i>(Passed 51-50 on 2/5/21)</i>
<b>H.R. 1319</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. <i>(Passed 50-49 on 3/6/21)</i>
<b>H.R. 1799</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	PPP Extension Act of 2021. Extended the Paycheck Protection Program, which bails out businesses with taxpayer funded loans that aren't required to be paid back. Nowhere in the Constitution is the federal government granted this authority. PPP also incentivizes state and local governments to continue their draconian COVID-19 restrictions on businesses. <i>(Passed 92-7 on 3/25/21)</i>
<b>S. 1260</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	The United States Innovation and Competition Act of 2021. Approves over \$200 billion in new spending, expanding the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation. Also violates free market principles by funding crony initiatives to incentivize "innovation." <i>(Passed 68-32 on 6/8/21)</i>
<b>S. 2093</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	Cloture on the motion to proceed with S.2093 - For The People Act of 2021. This would have federalized elections, removing local control and cancelling many state election laws that are crucial for election integrity. <i>(Failed 50-50 on 6/22/21. 60 votes required)</i>
<b>H.R. 3684</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	The \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. <i>(Passed 69-30 on 8/10/21)</i>
<b>S.Con.Res. 14</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	The \$4 trillion federal budget. <i>(Passed 50-49 on 8/11/21)</i>
<b>H.R. 5305</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act. Funded the federal government through December 3, 2021. <i>(Passed 65-35 on 9/30/21)</i>
<b>S. 1301</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	Amendment 3847 to S.1301 to concur with the House, passing the temporary extension of the debt limit until December 16, 2021. <i>(Passed 61-38 on 10/7/21)</i>
<b>S. 4</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	Cloture on the motion to proceed with S.4 - John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021. This would have federalized elections, removing local control and cancelling many state election laws that are crucial for election integrity. <i>(Failed 50-49 on 11/3/21. 60 votes required)</i>
<b>H.R. 4350</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	The original draft of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2022. Increases military spending to \$778 billion, expands the draft by requiring women to register for selective service, permits red-flag gun confiscation for military servicemembers, and includes critical race theory training for military servicemembers. <i>(Failed 45-51 on 11/29/21)</i>
<b>H.R. 6119</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	Further Extending Government Funding Act. Funds the federal government through February 18, 2022, which includes funding for Biden's OSHA vaccine mandate. <i>(Passed 69-28 on 12/2/21)</i>
<b>S.J.Res. 31</b>	<b>Support</b>	Would have blocked President Biden's \$650 million weapons sale to Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia has not used U.S. weapons responsibly and their blockade on Yemen has resulted in famine and many civilian casualties. <i>(Failed 30-67 on 12/7/21)</i>
<b>S.J.Res. 29</b>	<b>Support</b>	Repeals and defunds President Biden's unconstitutional OSHA vaccine mandate. <i>(Passed 52-48 on 12/8/21)</i>
<b>S. 610 Cloture Motion</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	Cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 610, which allowed the Senate to bypass the filibuster and raise the debt ceiling. <i>(Passed 64-36 on 12/9/21)</i>
<b>S.J.Res. 33</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	Raised the debt ceiling by \$2.5 trillion. <i>(Passed 50-49 on 12/14/21)</i>
<b>S. 1605</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	The final draft of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2022. Increases military spending to \$768 billion, while including a few poison pills such as critical race theory training for military servicemembers. <i>(Passed 88-11 on 12/15/21)</i>



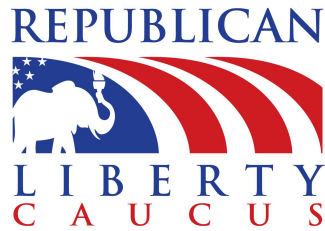
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John Barrasso	WY	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	15	0.75
Marsha Blackburn	TN	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	17	0.85
Roy Blunt	MO	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	NV	0	0	1	0	1	0	9	0.45
John Boozman	AR	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	16	0.80
Mike Braun	IN	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	18	0.90
Richard Burr	NC	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	NV	1	1	0	0	1	NV	1	0	11	0.55
Shelley Capito	WV	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	10	0.50
Bill Cassidy	LA	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	NV	0	0	1	1	1	0	13	0.65
Susan Collins	MN	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	10	0.50
John Cornyn	TX	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	NV	1	0	12	0.60
Tom Cotton	AR	0	1	1	1	1	NV	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NV	1	1	1	0	16	0.80
Kevin Cramer	ND	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	15	0.75
Mike Crapo	ID	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	16	0.80
Ted Cruz	TX	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NV	1	0	1	1	1	0	17	0.85
Steve Daines	MT	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	16	0.80
Joni Ernst	IA	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	17	0.85
Deb Fischer	NE	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	16	0.80
Lindsey Graham	SC	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	12	0.60



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Chuck Grassley	IA	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	15	0.75
Bill Hagerty	TN	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NV	0	1	1	1	0	16	0.80
Josh Hawley	MO	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	17	0.85
John Hoeven	ND	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	15	0.75
Cindy Hyde-Smith	MS	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	16	0.80
James Inhofe	OK	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NV	0	1	1	1	0	15	0.75
Ron Johnson	WI	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	17	0.85
John Kennedy	LA	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	15	0.75
James Lankford	OK	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	NV	1	1	1	0	17	0.85
Mike Lee	UT	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	1.00
Cynthia Lummis	WY	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	NV	NV	16	0.80
Roger Marshall	KS	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	17	0.85
Mitch McConnell	KY	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	10	0.50
Jerry Moran	KS	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	16	0.80
Lisa Murkowski	AK	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	10	0.50
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	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	11	0.55
James Risch	ID	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	16	0.80



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