

VOTER GUIDE

Republican Candidates for US Senate

Barnette, Kathy
Bartos, Jeff
Bochetto, George
Gale, Sean
McCormick, David
Oz, Mehmet
Sands, Carla

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Barnette, Kathy – US Senate

Conservative Political Commentator, Author,
Former Adjunct Professor of Corporate Finance, Veteran

<https://barnetteforsenate.com/>

Election Integrity

“Election integrity is the lifeblood of America’s representative democracy and, thus, the revelation of the multitude of gross irregularities and potential criminal behavior in Maricopa County, Arizona during the 2020 election mandates that Pennsylvania performs a full forensic audit of what occurred statewide – from registration to tabulation,” said Kathy Barnette, candidate for the United States Senate. “What occurred in Maricopa County also occurred in Montgomery County,” said Barnette, recalling how she proved deceased and “ghosts” had voted in her Congressional race in 2020. “Arizona’s report is demonstrating that the 2020 election was not as pure as the driven snow,” said Barnette. “Such a detailed study will either find proof of substantial election fraud that will drive election security reform efforts, or will show a safe and secure election and give Pennsylvanians confidence in the Commonwealth’s ability to protect their votes. A detailed investigation is what the people demand, and elected officials need to hear and understand that demand. “As your Senator, I will do everything I can to honor the demand that elections be free and fair. Protecting the vote cast by a citizen necessitates discounting votes cast illegally,” Barnette added. “No one should be silenced by the Left simply for raising concerns and wanting us to improve our election system going forward. If people cannot trust the results, the future of our nation is at stake.”

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Kathy-Barnette-Calls-for-Full-Forensic-Audit-of-2020-Election-in-Pennsylvania-.html?soid=1134090403543&aid=zIzPnvsCgd0>

After a debate at Dickinson College Tuesday night, Barnette said voters should have to show a government ID when they show up at the polling place: “I believe voter ID should be mandatory,” Barnette said. “I believe there should be one day, we vote. That’s it.”

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QUESTION: What will you do in office to ensure all eligible voters have equal access to free and fair elections?

ANSWER: If the election of 2020 has taught us anything it is that elections have consequences and that nothing is more important than the people knowing that their vote counts. I will work to enforce the obvious fact that IDs matter and must be shown before a person is allowed to vote. I will work to remove dead people from the voter rolls. I will work to remove those people who no longer live in the state. I will work to reverse Act 77. I will work to make it illegal for third-party entities to spend massive amounts of money to assist states with their elections (i.e., Zuckerberg’s entities spending money to install drop boxes in certain areas)

<https://onyourballot.vote411.org/candidate-detail.do?id=3013184&party=Rep>

QUESTION: Should the Republican party move on from the 2020 election and would you have voted to certify Pennsylvania’s Electoral College results, confirming now-President Joe Biden’s victory against former President Donald Trump?

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ANSWER: “There were irregularities,” Barnette said. “How do I know that? Because I was a candidate in 2020. I know what I experienced. It was real, and it was wrong.” During a Monday night debate, she said the GOP should “absolutely not” move on from the 2020 election, claiming that “elections have consequences.” “And we must understand what happened,” Barnette added. “And we must hold people accountable, not just understand, but we need to hold people accountable.”

[Still a topic in 2022, here's what GOP U.S. Senate candidates say about certification, moving on - Pennsylvania Capital-Star \(penncapital-star.com\)](#)

[Barnette] said the party shouldn't move past the 2020 stolen election issue.

[Pa.'s top GOP Senate candidates debate COVID, Biden, each other | News | dailyitem.com](#)

Health Freedom & Mandates – lockdowns, masks, social distancing, restriction of peaceful assembly/group size, vaccinations

Kathy believes in individual freedom to choose the types of treatments for covid, would advocate for no lockdowns, masks or forced vaccinations

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Don't force people through coercive mandates... Americans, with the advice of their medical professionals, must be able to make their own decisions as we face the continuation of the Corona Virus pandemic. Government forcing people through coercive mandates is not the solution. I trust Americans, if given good information, to make good, well-informed decisions for themselves and their family.

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Medical Freedom means “patient autonomy.” I, the individual, get to decide what treatments I will subject my body to. Medical Freedom also means the freedom to discuss ideas and differing views. Who are we, if not slaves, if we can no longer even question what happens to our own bodies? We are at a very dangerous time in America's history when those on one side of the argument gets to be the sole arbitrator of truth. In America, for now, we still have the right to question the “experts.” In fact, asking questions is central to “good” science.

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Big Tech & Mainstream Media – election interference & censorship/cancel culture

Break up monopolies colluding to censor unwanted speech... We have seen Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Assembly, Freedom to Petition and Freedom of the Press all come under assault. From the rise of big tech monopolies colluding with the government and the media to censor unwanted speech, to the demonizing of associations of particular groups of people. We need leaders who understand the threat and who are willing to take decisive action in breaking up these monopolies and holding our elected officials and bureaucrats accountable.

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Protection of second amendment rights – gun control

Barnette fully supports the Second Amendment and the right of citizens to own firearms

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I don't just say I support the Second Amendment; I live it being a registered concealed carry holder since 2015. In the Senate, I will support legislation that creates reciprocity for concealed carry permits nationwide.

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States' Rights – federal government over-reach

It's time the federal government begin to pivot away from a centralized healthcare model and begin to encourage states to take control of their healthcare system.

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Foreign Policy

QUESTION: How do you view the role of the US in responding to challenges facing the international community?

ANSWER: America is the face of freedom. When we “lead from behind” we create a vacuum and as we are all watching unfold today, despotic regimes will move rapidly to fill that void. Today, the Biden Administration's foreign affair's strategy looks like a game of wack-o-mole. There's no discernable end game. There's no deliberate strategy and as a result the world is now a more dangerous place. If your concern is the health of the climate then the Biden Administration's lack of a credible foreign affairs strategy is enemy #1. America's #1 challenge today is the need to re-prioritize what is important - to America first. Our nation must be made strong again.

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As your next U.S. Senator, I will never vote to send our children or our resources to fight someone else's war where there is no clear American interest to do so. I believe now is the time when our “leaders” should practice great restraint and discipline to deescalate further conflict with a nuclear power.

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Economy & Energy Policy - government spending/taxes/deregulation

Today, our country is not working for us, and we are growing more and more divided as a nation. I want to help create sustainable growth. Growth solves the deficit problem, the spending problem, and the debt problem. Growth restores solvency to the Social Security and Medicare programs without breaking promises. Growth improves living standards and our quality of life. Growth extends the ladder of economic opportunity off safety nets and gives a chance to those wanting to help themselves. Growth creates jobs and drives incomes higher. In short, growth does the most to solve the most problems at the lowest cost and does so in a way that unites the country.

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Creating an ECONOMY that creates JOBS!... I want to create an economy where corporations don't have to leave our country to flee our onerous tax system. Instead, they can keep their money and investments here and provide jobs in America. I want to create an economy where the Middle-Class is not squeezed under the pressures of taxes, instability, inflation, mandates, and regulations. I want to create an economy where those who find themselves below the bottom rung of the economic ladder, as I once was, have the ability to claw themselves from underneath that rock and carve out a life for themselves.

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Clarify the mandates of the Federal Reserve... The Federal Reserve plays a significant role in creating income inequalities for certain wage earners. They pump up asset values for those who have assets and then taper quantitative easing when the bottom 90%'s wages begin to grow. Today, the Federal Reserve's primary focus is on monitoring wage growth. When there's growth in the bottom 90%'s income, this oftentimes signals to the Feds that inflation is impending. The Fed then rushes in and raises rates to stymie that growth. As your Senator, I will work to clarify the Fed's mandates to focus on stabilizing the U.S. dollar instead of punishing income growth. Since the creation of the Federal Reserve, during times when the dollar was stable, real wage growth for the bottom 90% increased by more than 3.5%. Conversely, during those times when the dollar was volatile, real wage growth for the bottom 90%, decreased -0.07%.

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As your Senator, I will work to make the tax code Pro-Growth... A tax code that puts exports on the same playing field as foreign products, that puts domestic products on the same playing field as imports, and that is Simple, Transparent, Efficient, Fair & Neutral.

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The Green New Deal will put millions of people out of work. Cheap + Plentiful + Reliable energy is a life and death issue. We cannot afford to "reimagine" our economy with a Green New Deal that will put millions of people out of work and make tens of millions of people poorer.

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Energy is freedom!!! As your next U.S. Senator, I will write and co-sponsor legislation that removes restrictions on oil and gas leases on federal lands. I will work to protect our gas and oil pipelines (e.g., pipelines 3 and 5).

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America must become Energy Independent again. Biden has created a hostile energy sector environment that is keeping those who could invest to increase oil and gas production away. Like President Trump's Operation Warp Speed, I will call an emergency meeting with leaders and oil executives to ask how the government can help them meet our immediate and world needs. I would then work with those in the Republican Party and across the aisle to incentivize oil executives to increase production.

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“We need to begin to focus on growing the economy, not just sending out welfare checks and stimulus checks just to float people by,” Barnette said. “Most of my opponents would talk about

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cutting taxes or deregulating, but imagine a bicycle with two pedals, one it is lowering taxes the other one is deregulating. That is what Republicans do every time we get into office; we lower taxes, or we start deregulating. But imagine the chain on that bike being the Federal Reserve. If the chain on that bike is broken, no matter how much you pedal taxes and deregulation, you're not going to go very far. We need to begin to stabilize the U.S. dollar that creates growth, and a rising tide that lifts all boats and creates opportunities.”

https://www.theepochtimes.com/pennsylvania-us-senate-republican-candidates-tussle-in-spicy-debate_4295174.html?utm_medium=epochtimes&utm_source=telegram

Audit Medicaid's eligibility rolls & include a Work-Search requirement

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QUESTION: What issue(s) would you prioritize, and how would you work with others in government to get legislation passed and signed into law?

ANSWER: I will work to make America energy independent again. As your U.S. Senator in Pennsylvania, I sponsor or co-sponsor legislation that reverses the hostile environment in the energy sector that Biden and Democrats have created and reinstate drilling for natural gas and oil on federal lands. I will work to grow our economy by creating an environment where our companies do not have to flee our nation to escape onerous taxes and regulations. I will work to create an economy where the middle class are not perpetually squeezed. And, I will work to create an economy where those who find themselves below the bottom rung of the economic ladder believe there is hope for them to work to create a different life for themselves.

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QUESTION: What measures, regulations, or acts, if any, would you support to mitigate climate change?

ANSWER: I will work to make America energy independent again. No one is going to produce energy as clean and as safe as America.

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Barnette opposes the idea of Medicare for All

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Supports US energy independence and increase PA energy production, specifically oil “Energy = Freedom”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLfCHbpbVIY&t=2s>

Supports fracking and natural gas

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Immigration

Barnette opposes President Biden's immigration policy

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They (debate participants) all supported a federal judge's ruling to keep Title 42 in place, a Trump-era restriction on entry into the country during pandemic emergencies.

[Pa.'s top GOP Senate candidates debate COVID, Biden, each other | News | dailyitem.com](#)

A merit-based immigration policy that puts Americans first... While securing our border is a critical part of immigration, our legal immigration policy is in serious need of an overhaul. America's immigration policy should focus on benefiting Americans, not multinational corporations. A merit-based immigration policy that puts Americans first will be a top priority when I get to the Senate.

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"It takes about two years just to get a green card, five years just to get citizenship. One thing as your senator that I would do, is provide the oversight and stop abdicating my responsibility as a senator to provide oversight for the USCIS."

[Republican Senate nominees debate for consecutive nights \(wgal.com\)](#)

Barnette promised stronger oversight of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to try to address what she said is a 1.5 million person backlog in processing applications for green cards and citizenship.

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Law & Order/Public Safety/Support for Police – human trafficking, gun trafficking, legalization of recreational marijuana in PA

Supports worldwide peace through US strength

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLfCHbpbVIY&t=2s>

Opposes legalization of recreational marijuana

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Education – Parents' Rights/School Choice

Barnette supports school choice

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I believe parents know what is best for their child. I believe if given the chance to put their children into thriving academic environments most parents will choose to do just that. Competition is the best way to ensure innovation, to ensure more efficient ways of thinking and doing things, and it's the best way to ensure that our children's needs are always top of mind.

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CRT is evil. Race-based Marxism is making the long march through all of our institutions. Our children are being taught to hate each other based on their skin color. CRT will make America racist again. Instead of focusing on combat readiness and a sound exit strategy out of Afghanistan, our military leaders are focusing on so-called 'white rage.' This kind of neo-Jim

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Crow nonsense comes here with one purpose: to destroy American institutions and replace them. We cannot allow them to be successful

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Family Values & Abortion

What I Believe:

1. I believe in parental choice.
2. I believe as parents we love our children more than Dr. Fauci, Joe Biden, and Nancy Pelosi, combined. As such, I believe that if given the best available information parents will make the best decision for their family.
3. I believe in parental consent BEFORE a child is vaccinated.
4. I believe there should be absolutely no vaccine mandates, specifically among those 18 and younger.
5. I believe there is no logical reason to jab perfectly healthy children with an experimental vaccine we do not know the long-term developmental and reproductive impact it will have on our children.
6. I believe Americans should have the same or more rights than unlawfully present aliens who are being resettled throughout the nation unvaccinated, untested, and unverified.
7. I believe categorizing vociferous dissent as “domestic terrorism” is wrong and removes legitimate parental concerns from the realm of civic debate.
8. I believe parents have the right to see all books and materials used in classes taken by their children.
9. I believe in school choice.
10. I believe we can do better than this Administration.

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I value all life. Every person has the potential to do great things during their time on this earth. I will continue to promote alternatives to abortion and work to support parents to become independent and give their children opportunities to succeed.

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Barnette has also shared publicly since 2019 at anti-abortion conferences and in other forums that she was conceived as the result of a rape. Barnette says she’s gone public about this for two reasons: First, “It definitely made me become very adamant about the sanctity of life. Of all life, regardless of the conception; regardless of how they arrived.... “We made a life for ourselves,” Barnette says of her marriage to husband, Carl, “and none of this would have happened if the exception to the rule (permitting abortions in the case of a rape) had been applied.”

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2022/04/a-tv-star-a-diplomat-soldiers-and-other-self-made-successes-meet-the-republicans-who-want-to-be-pas-next-senator.html>

On abortion, Barnette said she considers life to begin at conception and she would look to abolish abortions from that point. Barnette said she would support exceptions for the life of the mother.

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Barnette supports overturning Roe v Wade

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Barnette opposes House-passed Equality Act (HR 5) which would extend the same rights to gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders as afforded to other protected groups under the 1964 Civil Rights Act

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All of the candidates (debate participants) said they’d vote in support of laws banning transgender women from competing in women’s sports.

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Campaign financing – their current campaign contributors and their past donations to political organizations or PACs

In state contributions – 66.5%;

Out of state contributions – 33.5%

SOURCE:: Inquirer – analysis by Aseem Shukla of Federal Election Commission data (does not include individuals’ contributions under \$200 made directly to campaigns)

Present and past investments/stock ownership

[Barnette] made a little less than \$10,000 in 2020 giving speeches to conservative groups, like anti-abortion organization Heartbeat International. She brought in \$17,000 more in royalties from her 2020 book, Nothing to Lose, Everything to Gain: Being Black and Conservative in America.

She and her husband also have between \$100,000 and \$215,000 saved up in joint bank accounts, and her husband has modest investments in a few mutual funds. She and her spouse also have some joint credit card debt — somewhere between \$15,000 and \$50,000 — and they both have some student loan debt. Between them, it’s between \$25,000 and \$65,000.

[Earnings disclosures of Pa. U.S. Senate candidates - WHY](#)

Endorsements

BlakPAC

Gun Owners of America

National Rifle Association (NRA)

The Republican National Hispanic Assembly

Pennsylvania State Police FOP Pioneer Lodge #37

Butler PA Patriots

Stand For Health Freedom

Guy Berkebile, Somerset County Republican Committee Chairman

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Joni Ernst, US Senator and Vice Chair of the Senate Republican Conference
Burgess Owens, US Representative
Doug Mastriano, PA State Senator and gubernatorial candidate
PA State Senator, Cris Dush
General Michael Flynn, former US National Security Advisor
John Ratzenberger, Actor and Filmmaker

Notes

Barnette ran in 2020 to represent Pennsylvania's 4th Congressional District, which includes parts of Berks and Montgomery counties, but she was edged out by Democrat incumbent Madeleine Dean. America's national treasure, Kathy Barnette is a politician, author, and black rights activist. She has been serving her country as a member of the Republican Conservative party. Although her net worth is reported to be in the millions from book sales and tenure as a professor in finance there is no documented articles about her stance on stock investments for politicians and no mention of campaign finance reform.

Barnette counted herself as a definite or likely “no” vote for returning U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, as the Senate Republican’s floor leader.

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Bartos, Jeff – US Senate

President of ESB Holdings LLC (Real Estate Developer)

<https://jeffbartos.com/>

Election Integrity

Bartos is also joining a Republican movement to tighten voting laws in the wake of Trump’s loss in November to Democrat Joe Biden. Bartos said on Twitter last week that he supports voter ID laws and ending “no excuse” absentee ballots.

<https://apnews.com/article/business-small-business-race-and-ethnicity-senate-elections-pennsylvania-a39e5559341665f9cb94170c5be9ab6b>

“I support voter ID, but I don’t believe the United States Senate or Congress should be interfering in the election laws of the states,” Bartos said, pointing to a section of the U.S. Constitution that requires states to craft their own election laws.

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Ensure secure elections and make it impossible to cheat! Without input from the legislature, the Democrat-appointed Pennsylvania Secretary of State decided to essentially change Election Day. GOP observers were removed from the room in Philadelphia where the recount was taking place. Mr. Bartos believes we need to restore faith in the “impartiality, fairness and security of our elections.” He also believes everyone should have to present a photo ID – this is no more than what has to happen in hotels and in airports.

<https://theleansubmariner.com/2022/03/24/jeff-bartos-us-senator-candidate-for-information-only/>

Jeff Bartos was the only GOP candidate this week to say that he would have voted to certify the 2020 election results. “Unfortunately, Joe Biden’s the president,” Bartos said Monday. Bartos said that the 2020 election acted as a “catalyst” for current events — citing rising costs and Russia’s war on Ukraine.

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Jeff Bartos, the Montgomery County real estate developer said that he would have voted to certify Pennsylvania’s 2020 election results. Bartos called his decision in part a technical one based on a close reading of the Electoral Count Act, which he said gives the Congress a pretty ministerial role in the process. But he also explained that, given his familiarity with the county officials across Pennsylvania after a full year of campaigning, he has faith that the counties, who truly administer the elections in Pennsylvania, by and large did their jobs accurately and fairly.

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Bartos gave less direct responses to other issues voters asked about – such as the integrity of the 2020 election. Several people expressed concern about election security and questioned the state’s election procedures. Bartos did not share his views on the issue one way or the other. Instead, he repeated frustrations that Pennsylvanians – in some restaurants – must show their ID

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and proof of vaccination to dine in, even though voters are not asked to show their ID every time they go to the polls. “Only in the mind of a left-wing, deranged ideologue does it make sense that we have to show an ID to eat, but we don’t have to show an ID to vote,” he said. Any changes to Pennsylvania’s election laws would have to be done at the state level, which Bartos acknowledged.

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Health Freedom & Mandates – lockdowns, masks, social distancing, restriction of peaceful assembly/group size, vaccinations

A slice of the Republican electorate has declined to be vaccinated against the virus and view it as either a hoax or overblown by the media. Bartos said that, yes, he has been vaccinated, but opposes federal mandates. “I felt that being vaccinated was the right thing for me, and I believe at my core we should trust people to do what’s best for themselves and their families.”

[Jeff Bartos on Health Care \(ontheissues.org\)](#)

Jeff will fight back against any and all attempts at instituting a federal vaccine mandate. These mandates are a backbreaker for small businesses, driving up operating costs, and forcing even more businesses to close. If the Coronavirus pandemic taught us one thing, it is that small businesses cannot afford more burdensome regulation from lawmakers who have no idea what running a business entails.

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Big Tech & Mainstream Media – election interference & censorship/cancel culture

“From shadow-banning conservatives, censoring content online, biased fact-checking, and now funneling millions of dollars into our elections it’s become clearer than ever: Big Tech must be reined in,” Bartos, a Republican candidate for U.S. Senate from Pennsylvania, wrote on Twitter on July 1.

https://www.ivpressonline.com/open/senate-candidates-bash-big-tech-while-owning-their-stock/article_4d120486-10f9-11ec-9ecb-fb8fb0ac45c5.html

Protection of second amendment rights – gun control

“So, I’m a strict constructionist when it comes to reading of the second amendment, ‘shall not infringe the shall not infringed,’ so from my perspective we don’t need any more gun laws. What we need is to trust law abiding citizens to do the right thing for themselves and their families and have government get out of the way.”

<https://www.wkok.com/jeff-bartos-we-dont-need-anymore-gun-laws-we-need-government-to-get-out-of-the-way/>

As a gun owner since age 21 when his father gave him a Glock-21, he will fight against those who want to take away guns and enable Americans to protect themselves lawfully.

<https://theleansubmariner.com/2022/03/24/jeff-bartos-us-senator-candidate-for-information-only/>

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My dad taught me that ‘shall not be infringed’ means very clearly ‘shall not be infringed,’” he said. “So rest assured, I will always protect our Second Amendment rights.”

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States’ Rights – federal government over-reach

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Bartos plans to support economic prosperity in multiple ways. First, by cutting spending in Washington and burdensome regulations. Secondly, Mr. Bartos will work to lower the corporate tax rate so that businesses and their jobs will stay here at home. By doing this, Pennsylvania can attract good businesses and jobs and keep them here. But it does not stop at policies that encourage business development. Thirdly, Mr. Bartos will protect our farmers by turning around the Democrats’ pursuit of an increase in the inheritance tax. Fourth, he has heard peoples’ concerns over the dramatic increase in price at the gas pumps and will protect the energy industry by working to invest in pipeline infrastructure here in PA. Finally, he will work to fight any attempts to institute a federal vaccine mandate, which are killing small businesses.

<https://theleansubmariner.com/2022/03/24/jeff-bartos-us-senator-candidate-for-information-only/>

Bartos also said he’s skeptical of the pandemic aid the federal government handed down, saying it “continues to step in, time and again, in a way that favors the big companies at the expense of the little companies.”

<https://whyy.org/articles/jeff-bartos-politically-connected-developer-and-former-lt-gov-candidate-running-for-u-s-senate/>

Foreign Policy

Bartos plans to beat China by holding it accountable for its role in covid 19 and protecting American jobs as it positions itself as a global leader. Additionally, China steals American intellectual property daily, and he will prosecute any foreign entity that is found to steal IP from America. He will work to ensure that human rights violating countries such as China are not rewarded with the Olympics.

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Economy & Energy Policy - government spending/taxes/deregulation

During the pandemic, Bartos said McCormick huddled away in Aspen, Colorado, while Oz was in New Jersey. Bartos spoke of his launch of the PA 30-Day Fund, which provided forgivable loans of up to \$3,000 to small business owners, ultimately lending several million dollars.

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Bartos promoted the work that the Pennsylvania 30 Day Fund, a nonprofit that he co-founded to aid small businesses and their employees in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and told the stories of how he saw small business owners impacted by the shutdowns. “So a year ago, Gov. Wolf shut the state down,” Bartos said. “I quickly realized that small businesses in my community, the southeastern part of the state, were really going to struggle.”

<https://www.politicspa.com/2022-gop-hopefuls-shred-wolf-and-election-laws-at-plc/98404/>

Bartos last year created the Pennsylvania 30 Day Fund, which raised money and distributed it in loans to help more than 1,000 small businesses during the pandemic.

<https://www.inquirer.com/politics/election/jeff-bartos-2022-pennsylvania-republican-senate-race-20210308.html>

“I’m running to save Main Street Pennsylvania,” Bartos said. “The one thing that ensures main streets across all 67 counties will thrive is unleashing Pennsylvania’s unbelievable natural resources. Our energy industry can power Pennsylvania and the nation for the next 100 years’ jobs. Students will follow jobs. Everywhere you go in Pennsylvania, when our energy industry is thriving, main streets thrive. Energy should be our number one export here in Pennsylvania, not our young people who are fleeing Pennsylvania in droves for better opportunities all over the nation.”

https://www.theepochtimes.com/pennsylvania-us-senate-republican-candidates-tussle-in-spicy-debate_4295174.html?utm_medium=epochtimes&utm_source=telegram

Bartos said he supports policies to “unleash Pennsylvania’s natural energy resources” and would fight for pipeline projects to put natural gas to market. He called the American Rescue Plan a disaster that he’d have voted against. If elected, he said that he’d push for policies in support of economic growth, safe communities, parental control.

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Bartos supports fracking and natural gas

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

They (debate participants) all expressed support in boosting Pennsylvania’s natural gas industry.

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Bartos opposes the idea of Medicare for All

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Immigration

Bartos plans to crack down on illegal immigration by securing the border with technology and physical barriers and insuring that our immigration system is rooted in the rule of law. With drones and the use of natural environmental features such as mountains and rivers, he plans to secure our southern border to protect against coyotes who exploit human trafficking, drugs that poison Americans, and terrorists who are working to destroy our cities and way of life.

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Additionally, he will ensure that sanctuary cities that have proven deadly for law-abiding citizens will not see tax dollars from the federal government.

<https://theleansubmariner.com/2022/03/24/jeff-bartos-us-senator-candidate-for-information-only/>.

"We need to secure the border. We need a secure southern border. We need an immigration policy that makes sense. Sanctuary cities are a huge issue in Pennsylvania."

[Republican Senate nominees debate for consecutive nights \(wgal.com\)](#)

Bartos said he would be a vote for withholding federal funds from so-called “sanctuary cities,” or municipalities with a policy, written or unwritten, that discourages local police from reporting the immigration status of individuals unless it involves investigation of a serious crime. In Pennsylvania, Philadelphia has adopted that tack.

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Bartos opposes President Biden’s immigration policy

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

They (debate participants) all supported a federal judge’s ruling to keep Title 42 in place, a Trump-era restriction on entry into the country during pandemic emergencies.

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Law & Order/Public Safety/Support for Police – human trafficking, gun trafficking, legalization of recreational marijuana in PA

Bartos will fight for safety and security for communities by working to fully fund our police departments to keep our communities safe. Additionally, the opioid epidemic has devastated families and communities and he will fight for more funding for recovery programs.

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Bartos opposes legalization of recreational marijuana

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Education – Parents’ Rights/School Choice

Bartos supports school choice

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Bartos supports parental control

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Empowering parents means letting them have the choice to move their children to better schools and giving them a “key voice” in their children’s education, said Bartos. Masking and other

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pandemic measures should be kept at the local level, he said.

<https://www.echo-pilot.com/story/news/2022/04/14/pa-republican-jeff-bartos-is-running-for-u-s-senate-on-kitchen-table-issues/65348985007/>

Family Values & Abortion

Abortion is an issue on which Mr. Bartos reports he is Pro-Life. Per Ryan Demara, his Political Director, Bartos states that he “knows life begins at conception, supports the overturn of Roe v. Wade, and opposes federal funding for Planned Parenthood. In 2018, he was proud to be supported by the PA Pro-Life Federation. He looks forward to voting to confirm Pro-Life judges as a United States Senator.”

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All of the candidates said they’d vote in support of laws banning transgender women from competing in women’s sports.

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<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Bartos opposes House-passed Equality Act (HR 5) which would extend the same rights to gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders as afforded to other protected groups under the 1964 Civil Rights Act

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Campaign financing – their current campaign contributors and their past donations to political organizations or PACs

In state contributions – 76.6%

Out of state contributions - 23.4%

SOURCE:: Inquirer – analysis by Aseem Shukla of Federal Election Commission data (does not include individuals’ contributions under \$200 made directly to campaigns)

Jobs for Our Future (Massachusetts PAC) has spent nearly \$500,000 in support of Republican candidate Jeff Bartos

[U.S. Senate Race in Pennsylvania Draws Big Bucks from Across the Country – NBC10 Philadelphia \(nbcphiladelphia.com\)](#)

Pittsburgh City Paper discovered that Bartos gave money to Democrats in the past, and he [was] praising Hillary Clinton in 2014. According to Federal Election Commission filings, Bartos donated \$1,000 to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee in 2011. And, in an interview

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with the *Philadelphia Inquirer* in March 2014, Bartos spoke about his time as an intern for Democratic President Bill Clinton, describing the Clintons as “incredibly approachable,” and saying Hillary Clinton had been unfairly maligned. Most of Bartos' political donations are to Republicans, and in 2020 he donated to pro-Trump politicians like U.S. Reps. Elise Stefanik (R-New York) and Byron Donalds (R-Florida). But notably, Bartos has also donated in the past to several conservative politicians who have clashed with Trump. Bartos has donated several times, with thousands of dollars over the years to U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey (R-Lehigh), who voted to convict Trump during his impeachment trial. (Toomey is retiring at the end of 2022.) In 2015, Bartos donated \$2,700 to U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio's (R-Florida) presidential campaign.

<https://www.pghcitypaper.com/pittsburgh/gop-senate-candidate-jeff-bartos-donating-to-and-praised-democrats-in-past-challenger-sean-pannell-responds/Content?oid=19710517>

Present and past personal and political affiliations

Bartos, 48, has longtime connections to GOP campaign donors and political elite through his work fundraising for candidates. He also served briefly as the state party's finance chair and has the personal wealth to write his campaign a big check.

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2021/03/republican-jeff-bartos-says-hes-running-for-us-senate-in-pa.html>

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Present and past investments/stock ownership

Bartos, who is chiefly a real estate developer, is involved in a dozen different real estate and construction companies, mostly in the Philadelphia suburbs.

Throughout 2020, and up until he filed his disclosures in August 2021, he made more than \$700,000 from six different companies for which he's listed as a partner or managing member. In the case of a seventh, FMG Operating Company LLC, with which his campaign says Bartos is no longer affiliated but for which his wife handles operations, he's listed as an employee.

He's also affiliated with five other, similar companies from which he drew compensation primarily in the form of stock dividends. For one of those companies, JAB Energy Services LLC, he's listed as the president. Stock income is reported less precisely in Senate filings, but between those five companies, as well as six other companies he's affiliated with where he also owns stock, he made somewhere between \$205,000 and \$1.2 million. Bartos and his wife also own significant stock unrelated to Bartos's business relationships, both jointly and separately.

Holdings include Boeing, Apple, health insurance provider Anthem, BP Pipelines, General Motors, and Pfizer. He appears to have begun dabbling in cryptocurrency, too — he owns Ethereum and Bitcoin, both of which could be valued at up to \$15,000 apiece. He reported no liabilities. His campaign did not comment on whether he would divest from any of that stock or separate from any of the companies he's involved with if he wins the election.

[Earnings disclosures of Pa. U.S. Senate candidates - WHYY \(04/04/22\)](#)

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“From shadow-banning conservatives, censoring content online, biased fact-checking, and now funneling millions of dollars into our elections it’s become clearer than ever: Big Tech must be reined in,” Bartos, a Republican candidate for U.S. Senate from Pennsylvania, wrote on Twitter on July 1. But even as the suburban Philadelphia businessman parroted a popular Republican talking point, he and his wife also were enjoying the financial benefits that come with investing in such big tech titans as Alphabet Inc., which owns Google, and Apple. Financial disclosure forms that Bartos filed with the U.S. Senate as a requirement for his bid for the GOP nomination in 2022, show that he and his wife jointly and individually hold hundreds of thousands of dollars in stock in the Silicon Valley giants. As they head into the thick of one of the most closely watched U.S. Senate contests in the country, the filings underline the tightrope that the hopefuls walk as they talk tough on the outsized influence of big tech, but also see their wealth enlarged by their sizable investments. “If anything, it proves I’m not afraid to state my convictions, even if it’s against my financial interests,” [Bartos] said. “I can advocate for policies that I think are right. As a shareholder, who owns stock, I believe that the company needs to change for the better.” He added that it’s the “responsibility,” and the “duty” of shareholders to lodge such criticisms. Bartos, who accused social media sites such as Twitter and Facebook of “behaving like Democratic super PACs” for what he believes are unreasonable restraints on speech by conservatives, says he’d support “looking at anti-trust action if these companies don’t take a hard look at what they’re doing and change” their policies. “Even though you own stock in Alphabet, you can still say Google should be reined in because it’s anti-competitive,” Republican consultant Christopher Nicholas said. “Or there’s Amazon, which is on both sides of the equation. [Political journalists] will notice, but Mr. and Mrs. Pennsylvania will not be overly concerned about it.” That appears to be what Bartos is banking on as he heads into a competitive campaign season. “The reality is that as [voters] parse through stuff, [they will] understand it through the lens of common sense,” he said.

https://www.ivpressonline.com/open/senate-candidates-bash-big-tech-while-owning-their-stock/article_4d120486-10f9-11ec-9ecb-fb8fb0ac45c5.html

Endorsements

Stacy Garrity, Pennsylvania Treasurer
Ryan Aument, PA State Senator
Wayne Langerholc, PA State Senator
Dan Laughlin, PA State Senator
Scott Martin, PA State Senator
Bob Mensch, PA State Senator
Pat Stefano, PA State Senator
Judy Ward, PA State Senator
Torren Ecker, PA State Representative
Sue Helm, PA State Representative
John Hershey, PA State Representative
Barry Jozwiak, PA State Representative
Dawn Keefer, PA State Representative
Jack Rader, PA State Representative
Frank Ryan, PA State Representative
Tommy Sankey, PA State Representative

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Jesse Topper; PA State Representative
Christian Leinbach, Berks County Commissioner
Michael Rivera, Berks County Commissioner
Ryan Sayers, Clearfield County District Attorney
Chris Chermak, Lackawanna County Commissioner
Antonio Pineda, Lehigh County Commissioner
Brian Allen, Perry County Commissioner
Tim Burke, Berwick Borough Mayor
James Custer, Fayette County Sheriff
Bruce Rosa; Mercer County Sheriff

Notes:

Bartos tout[ed] the need to legislate for Main Street, both in Pennsylvania and America, frequently returning to the concept throughout the one-hour debate. “This election has to be about the voters,” Bartos said, “not about us.”

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<https://www.termlimits.com/jeff-bartos-pledges-to-support-term-limits-on-congress/>

When asked if he would count himself as a definite or likely “no” vote for returning U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, as the Senate Republican’s floor leader, Bartos said he would have to see who’s in the running, though he allowed that his personal favorite for the position would be U.S. Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina.

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Bochetto, George – US Senate

Philadelphia Attorney, Former PA Boxing Commissioner

<https://bochettoforsenate.com/>

Election Integrity

Bochetto said much of his professional practice has concerned election law. He said he has worked from “a conservative point of view” in that and other areas. He claimed President Trump was “stonewalled,” preventing presentation of possible evidence of election fraud. Evidence was not in place in time to affect certification of election results, Bochetto said. He criticized election procedures of states including Pennsylvania, claiming practices such as mail-in balloting are not in compliance with federal law.

https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article_e2faadf5-f0b5-5b61-aac3-b693adba31ec.html

Lawyer George Bochetto said he supports expanding voter ID rules. But he added he’d also back part of a bill known as the John Lewis Voting Rights Act. The measure, supported by Democrats and some Republicans, **would require states with histories of voter suppression to preclear their voting rules with federal lawmakers.** “I support having a uniform national rule, at least at a baseline of what some of the fundamental requirements ought to be,” Bochetto said. “If that’s part of the John Lewis bill, that part I would support.”

[On back-to-back nights, Pennsylvania’s U.S. Senate candidates show their differences on voting rights and democracy | WITF](#)

QUESTION: What, if any, reforms to election law would you support to ensure voters have equal access to free, fair, secure elections?

ANSWER: The integrity of our elections is absolutely crucial. And all Americans should have confidence that all lawful votes will count, but only lawful votes will count. For these reasons, I support repeal of measures allowing no excuse mail voting, unsupervised drop boxes, and inadequate election infrastructure to verify the identity of voters. In place of these partisan measures, I support a return to in-person voting with reasonable voter ID requirement as exists for so many other purposes.

<https://www.timesonline.com/story/opinion/columns/2022/04/19/bochetto-politics-is-an-adversarial-system/65350137007/>

QUESTION: Should the Republican party move on from the 2020 election and would you have voted to certify Pennsylvania’s Electoral College results, confirming now-President Joe Biden’s victory against former President Donald Trump?

ANSWER: Philadelphia attorney George Bochetto, who helped write the defense brief in Trump’s second impeachment, claimed that Trump lost the election because Democrats “exploit[ed]” Act 77, the 2019 law that let Pennsylvanians vote by mail without an excuse.

[Still a topic in 2022, here's what GOP U.S. Senate candidates say about certification, moving on - Pennsylvania Capital-Star \(penncapital-star.com\)](#)

Philadelphia attorney George Bochetto both said that he would have voted to certify Pennsylvania’s 2020 election results.

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Bochetto, who during this campaign has often touted the fact that his law firm was asked to help frame the free speech defense for former President Donald J. Trump when he was tried on articles of impeachment in February 2021, also adopted a pro-certification stance when asked for a clarification after the debate.

Bochetto made plain during Tuesday’s debate that he believed the election was run under a law that improperly permitted no-excuse, mail-in balloting in Pennsylvania, which he said he would try to end if elected to the Senate. But he clarified to PennLive that he would have had to have left the 2020 results stand because there wasn’t a demonstration of widespread fraud at that time. Bochetto also made clear Tuesday that he would seek to end no-excuse mail-in balloting in the future.

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Health Freedom & Mandates – lockdowns, masks, social distancing, restriction of peaceful assembly/group size, vaccinations

He also said he is in favor of supporting individual freedoms, particularly when it comes to the covid-19 pandemic. He said he would like to see the nation take an approach similar to that of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis or South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem. Both have generally opted to avoid widespread shutdowns and mandates in response to the virus. “We cannot control people’s lives and tell them what to do and what not to do on a daily basis,” he said. “We can’t tell them they have to wear masks. We can’t tell them they must get vaccinated. Most people will make sensible choices. But we are not a totalitarian society.”

<https://triblive.com/news/pennsylvania/philadelphia-attorney-george-bochetto-enters-u-s-senate-race>

Big Tech & Mainstream Media – election interference & censorship/cancel culture

Bochetto worked with the legal team that defended former President Donald Trump during his second impeachment trial in early 2021, following the Jan. 6 riots at the U.S. Capitol as the House gathered to certify the 2020 electoral college vote. Bochetto’s firm worked specifically on the **free speech** portion of Trump’s defense. “They’re all talking about what they promise to do,” he said of his primary rivals. “I’ve been going it for 40 years. I’m the one that’s **fighting cancel culture** at my own expense and winning.”

[A TV star, a diplomat, soldiers and other self-made successes: Meet the Republicans who want to be Pa.’s next senator - pennlive.com](#)

QUESTION: What are the bounds of political rhetoric? What duty do elected leaders have to speak truthfully and communicate fact-based information to voters?

ANSWER: I’ve spent a lifetime as a trial lawyer. As in our courts, our politics is an adversarial system in which people advocate for different points of view with the idea that the whole truth is formed within this competition of ideas. Advocacy must be based on fact, of course, but the system works best when leaders are trying to shape public opinion with the best arguments.

<https://www.timesonline.com/story/opinion/columns/2022/04/19/bochetto-politics-is-an-adversarial-system/65350137007/>

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Bochetto expressed concerns with Philadelphia’s skyrocketing murder rate, **denounced so-called cancel culture** and the teaching of critical race theory and criticized trillion-dollar spending proposals sought by President Joe Biden’s administration.

<https://www.cityandstatepa.com/politics/2022/01/philly-attorney-george-bochetto-launches-us-senate-bid/364290/>

Protection of second amendment rights – gun control

Bochetto fully supports the Second Amendment and the right of citizens to own firearms

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Economy & Energy Policy - government spending/taxes/deregulation

Supports fracking and natural gas

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

QUESTION: What will you do to address energy costs?

ANSWER: As is commonly understood, costs go up when supplies are restricted. I will support the full development of Pennsylvania’s bountiful energy resources.

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“Under the current leadership that we have in both Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, with Democratic-run cities that are chasing away our businesses, the students will chase away with them,” Bochetto said. “If we want to keep students here, we have to give them the best jobs imaginable, and we have to invest in our communities and our businesses that will provide those jobs.”

https://www.theepochtimes.com/pennsylvania-us-senate-republican-candidates-tussle-in-spicy-debate_4295174.html?utm_medium=epochtimes&utm_source=telegram

Bochetto said he is “very, very deeply concerned” about agriculture, especially in relation to estate taxes. “We cannot bankrupt” families or force them to sell farms in order to pay inheritance taxes, Bochetto said. To boost the agricultural economy, he pledged to support technological innovations in areas ranging from indoor farming to pesticides. The latter are important in the context of the growing farm-to-table market, he said. Another “huge priority” is “unleashing our natural gas resources,” Bochetto said. As well as boosting Pennsylvania’s economy, natural gas is key to energy independence for the nation and maintaining a strong position internationally, he said. He also called for less reliance on China in order to ease manufacturing supply chain issues. Bochetto pledged to support legislation that would use tax credits, bonds, grants, low-interest loans, and other such tools to incentivize domestic companies to develop manufacturing capacity in “critical areas.”

https://www.gettyburgtimes.com/news/local/article_e2faadf5-f0b5-5b61-aac3-b693adba31ec.html

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Immigration

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What we need to do for immigration reform is we need to adapt our immigration policies to the realities of the situation. We need year round low-skilled visas."

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Bochetto said he supports the creation of year-round, low-skill visas to help America’s farmers flesh out their labor forces. “We can keep track of these people, we can register them, they can pay taxes, and we know who they are and where they’re coming from. That’s the kind of immigration reform we need,” Bochetto said. “It’s not enough just to say we’re going to plug the hole in the border.”

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Law & Order/Public Safety/Support for Police – human trafficking, gun trafficking, legalization of recreational marijuana in PA

The woke mob and the left are truly taking this country on a disastrous course,” said Bochetto.

For example, “The murder rates are sky high. We have George Soros-backed DAs who refuse to carry out their oaths of office.”

<https://delawarevalleyjournal.com/philly-lawyer-george-bochetto-joins-gop-race-for-u-s-senate/>

“Public safety is at an all-time low. It is not just at a discouraging level; it is at a crisis level. We need sensible leadership to combat these forces at work that want to promote sanctuary cities and district attorneys who refuse to prosecute and fulfill their oaths of office. They don’t look at bail seriously and put dangerous violent criminals back on the street the same day.

<https://philadelphiaweekly.com/senate-candidate-george-bochetto-fights-to-disqualify-da-krasner-from-abu-jamal-appeal/>

He said stricter public safety measures are needed, particularly in areas where crime rates have jumped. “People need to feel safe,” he said. “If we don’t have safe urban areas, those urban areas are going to collapse. Businesses aren’t going to go there. People aren’t going to want to live there. We need tough policies and tough laws that need to be enforced by real prosecutors.”

<https://triblive.com/news/pennsylvania/philadelphia-attorney-george-bochetto-enters-u-s-senate-race/>

QUESTION: What would you do to improve the nation’s criminal justice system?

ANSWER: It is imperative the **federal justice system** step in where local prosecutors have abandoned their communities by refusing to prosecute most crimes. The violent criminals destroying the quality of life in communities across Pennsylvania and the country must know that their crimes will be punished.

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He's also taken on pro-police causes, like his representation of Maureen Faulkner, the widow of a Philadelphia police officer who a jury found was killed by Mumia Abu Jamal.

The Abu Jamal case has festered in the collective minds of much of the law enforcement community since Abu Jamal's original conviction in 1982. At an event marking the 40th anniversary of Danny Faulkner's death last year, Bochetto Abu Jamal a "no good, rotten cop killer" whom he is "honored" to keep in jail. It's that kind of devotion to the cause that has helped Bochetto win the endorsement of several police officer unions, including the Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Bucks County Fraternal Orders of Police, among others.

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Bochetto supports overturning Roe v Wade

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Campaign financing – their current campaign contributors and their past donations to political organizations or PACs

Bochetto said he has invested \$1 million of his own money and he has raised another \$1 million. He said he expects to raise more.

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1550725/bochetto-feels-he-is-best-choice-for-u-s-senate-seat>

Present and past personal and political affiliations

Bochetto launched the Boxing Scholarship Foundation. He serves on the board of the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation, which provides scholarships to children of fallen military heroes and first responders.

<https://triblive.com/news/pennsylvania/philadelphia-attorney-george-bochetto-enters-u-s-senate-race/>

The law is his life's work, but Bochetto is also a fierce advocate for conservative and cultural causes close to his heart. Known as being a fighter, Bochetto is a lifelong member of the athletic

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community in Pennsylvania. In 1995 he was appointed Pennsylvania State Boxing Commissioner and served in that role until 2002, completely overhauling the regulation of boxing in Pennsylvania while at the organization's helm.

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Italian Sons and Daughters of America

PRIMO Magazine

Former PA Supreme Court Justice Sandra Schultz Newman

Notes

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<https://www.termlimits.com/george-bochetto-pledges-to-support-term-limits-on-congress>

George Bochetto, a Philadelphia lawyer who has lived in the city for 45 years, suggested that his out-of-state rivals shouldn't bother spending millions to try to convince voters they really are Pennsylvanians.

<https://www.wesa.fm/politics-government/2022-01-12/why-lie-to-me-pennsylvania-senate-race-rivals-attack-carpetbagery>

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Gale, Sean – US Senator
Plymouth Meeting Attorney
[GALE FOR SENATE .COM - Pennsylvania](http://GALEFORSENATE.COM-Pennsylvania)

Election Integrity

Gale supports requirement to show photo ID in order to vote

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

QUESTION: Should the Republican party move on from the 2020 election and would you have voted to certify Pennsylvania’s Electoral College results, confirming now-President Joe Biden’s victory against former President Donald Trump?

ANSWER: Montgomery County attorney Sean Gale said he would not have voted to certify the Electoral College results, saying that Act 77 is unconstitutional. He added that “the blood is on the hands of every single Republican state senator in Harrisburg who voted for it.”

[Still a topic in 2022, here's what GOP U.S. Senate candidates say about certification, moving on - Pennsylvania Capital-Star \(penncapital-star.com\)](#)

Sean Gale made clear that he would not have voted to certify the vote in January 2021. Gale believes the state law permitting the mail-in balloting was unconstitutional. He said he would vote not to certify on that basis.

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Sean Gale said in an email that he’d vote to ban no-excuse mail-in voting as a U.S. Senator, noting such a move would be necessary to conduct an election and count returns in a single day. “Doing so requires...mandating voter identification, ending no-excuse mail-in voting and restoring traditional absentee voting that is predicated on a documented excuse,” Gale wrote. Gale also made clear Tuesday that he would seek to end no-excuse mail-in balloting in the future.

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Health Freedom & Mandates – lockdowns, masks, social distancing, restriction of peaceful assembly/group size, vaccinations

Sean said during an interview that he was opposed to schools closing during the pandemic.

<https://www.fox29.com/video/923440>

Protection of second amendment rights – gun control

Gale fully supports the Second Amendment and the right of citizens to own firearms

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

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States’ Rights – federal government over-reach

Sean said during an interview that he views minimum wage as a local issue and that there should be no minimum wage at all. It isn’t an issue that should be addressed at the federal government level and that he opposes and would like to repeal ObamaCare.

<https://www.fox29.com/video/923440>

Economy & Energy Policy - government spending/taxes/deregulation

Gale supports fracking and natural gas

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Gale opposes the idea of Medicare for All

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Sean said during an interview that he would work to lower tax rates.

<https://www.fox29.com/video/923440>

Immigration

Gale opposes President Biden’s immigration policy

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"I blame Republicans who promised us border security and when we gave them the majorities to do it, and a president who was more than willing to do it, they failed to get it done. As your next U.S. senator, I'm going to hold those Republicans accountable to do what they promised us."

[Republican Senate nominees debate for consecutive nights \(wgal.com\)](#)

Education – Parents’ Rights/School Choice

Gale supports school choice

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Sean said he would support use of vouchers as a way to facilitate school choice.

<https://www.fox29.com/video/923440> (video interview)

Family Values & Abortion

On abortion, Gale said he considers life to begin at conception and he would look to abolish abortions from that point. Gale said he wants an abortion ban with no exceptions.

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<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Gale opposes biological males who identify as females competing in women’s sports

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Gale opposes House-passed Equality Act (HR 5) which would extend the same rights to gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders as afforded to other protected groups under the 1964 Civil Rights Act

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Notes

Gale outlines his platform by saying: “He’s not Pat Toomey or a puppet of the Pennsylvania GOP swamp.”

<https://www.cityandstatepa.com/politics/2022/01/here-are-candidates-running-pa-us-senate-seat-2022/364528/>

Gale counted himself as a definite or likely “no” votes for returning U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, as the Senate Republican’s floor leader. Gale stated: “You’ve been there for 36 years. 79 years old.. If you haven’t got it done yet, you’re not going to get it done now.... Mitch McConnell has been failure... and on Day One when I get to Washington I’m going to lead the effort to oust Mitch McConnell as the leader of our party. He has to go.”

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McCormick, David – US Senator

Former Bridgewater Associates CEO/Hedge Fund Manager and Combat Veteran

<https://www.davemccormickpa.com/>

Election Integrity

McCormick supports requirement to show photo ID in order to vote

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McCormick called a lack of confidence in election results “a tragedy” and proposed voter ID as “the most important thing,” along with banning third-party donations for election operations.

[Still a topic today, here’s what GOP U.S. Senate candidates said about election certification during Tuesday’s debate - City & State Pennsylvania \(cityandstatepa.com\)](#)

The toughest question of all... is whether a candidate believes, and will state publicly, that Trump was the rightful winner of the 2020 election and had it stolen from him by fraudulent means... McCormick eludes the matter by saying that Pennsylvanians’ doubts about the integrity of the election warrant strict new voter ID laws. But he doesn’t share his personal view on the 2020 election.

[Pa Senate Primary 2022: Bridgewater’s David McCormick Gets Trump Makeover - Bloomberg](#)

Businessman David McCormick, who also skipped Tuesday’s debate in Carlisle, said a stricter voter ID rule is the “most important” voting law change lawmakers can make.

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McCormick hosted a fundraiser with Dominion Voting System’s anti-Trump public relations consultant Tony Fratto.

[Establishment PA GOP Senate Candidate David McCormick Hosts Fundraiser With Dominion PR Rep - First Reporter 24](#)

Big Tech & Mainstream Media – election interference & censorship/cancel culture

McCormick supports the possibility of breaking up “Big Tech” companies using anti-trust laws

[Senate candidate tells Peters crowd country heading 'in a terrible direction' | Local News | observer-reporter.com](#)

Question: In your ads, you refer to “the woke mob” and a narrowing of the marketplace ideas in this country. Is there anything a U.S. Senator can do about the reduction of what is considered to be politically acceptable free speech?

Answer: I can have a unique voice in just calling it out in a very clear and honest way. It really does put us at risk culturally. You see it in the extremeness of the liberal bias in social media, in the media in general, and in the one-sidedness of our universities and our teachers unions, where we no longer have a marketplace of ideas. I don’t think this is even in debate. The information flow is extremely one-sided. Conservative ideas can’t be considered. This means our children are presented with an array of info that has a bias. That’s not the society that our forefathers imagined. They imagined a true marketplace of ideas. And if you can’t challenge things when

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you have a perspective that deviates from that liberal orthodoxy, you get an echo chamber that diminishes critical thinking. The ability to challenge and test everything is what we want in our children and our leaders. That is what has put our country at the forefront of new ideas and innovation. And unless we again have this intellectual freedom, we are going to be challenged to repeat our performance in the future.

[A Q&A with Senate Candidate David McCormick - Pittsburgh Quarterly](#)

Protection of second amendment rights – gun control

McCormick, a Pennsylvania native and West Point graduate, said, “For me, I am strongly supportive of the Second Amendment and would resist and fight any policies or decisions that chipped away at it even in small ways because it creates a slippery slope.” McCormick noted his background, growing up hunting on his family’s farm and serving in the military, lent credibility to his view on guns. “I’ve lived with guns all my life. I know how important they are to the culture of Pennsylvania,” McCormick said.

[David McCormick: Oz’s Track Record Proves He’s a ‘Hollywood Liberal’ \(breitbart.com\)](#)
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Foreign Policy

China... In 2007, McCormick spoke as a member of the Bush administration in Beijing, China, where he said that "When China succeeds, the United States succeeds..." and that the United States owes "much of the strength and vitality of our economic relationship today to the remarkable success of China’s economic development over the last three decades..."^[37] As a member of the Bush administration, McCormick pushed China to appreciate their currency, but opposed protectionist policies such as tariffs.^[23]

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Globalism... McCormick has championed the role of a strong United States on the world stage and has advocated for the idea that the United States can focus on addressing domestic issues while also leading global efforts to promote human rights.^[23] In 2016 he stated, "If we are to promote equality and pluralism around the world, we must walk towards, rather than away from,

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our unique success in advancing these values at home while still embracing the idea that America is, and always will be, a work in progress..."^[23]

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Economy & Energy Policy - government spending/taxes/deregulation

They (debate participants) all expressed support in boosting Pennsylvania's natural gas industry. [Pa.'s top GOP Senate candidates debate COVID, Biden, each other | News | dailyitem.com](#)

McCormick supports fracking and natural gas

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Fracking is "the single-most important economic issue for Pennsylvania," McCormick said, adding his state is one of the largest natural gas producers in the country.

"We need a complete focus on energy dominance, which we were on a path to having under President Trump," McCormick said. "We had energy independence, but we can be energy dominant, and it's fabulous for the economy of Pennsylvania, it's absolutely necessary for our national security, it's a huge source of national strategic power, and we can do it in a way that's clean and will really be the cleanest natural gas in the world."

[David McCormick: Oz's Track Record Proves He's a 'Hollywood Liberal' \(breitbart.com\)](#)

Mr. McCormick says he wants to help "unlock" the potential of Pennsylvania's natural gas reserves and realize the full potential of how crucial they are to the country's economic wellbeing. It'll bring jobs to the commonwealth, too, he said — in manufacturing, yes, but also downstream. His comments come as the White House tries to hit back against the critics of its energy policies, who connect them to rising gas prices, as Mr. Biden insists that he's not limiting domestic energy production. Mr. Biden said last month, according to the website The Hill, that even "amid the pandemic, companies in the U.S. pumped more oil during my first year in office than they did during my predecessor's first year." But for many Republicans, the criticism is lobbed at the environment the federal government is fostering for energy producers, amid its stated desire to transition to a clean energy future.

Mr. McCormick is pitching three specific proposals to "unlock" the potential of U.S. energy, saying first that he'd work to streamline the federal permitting process that has recently hindered pipeline capacity. He also said that in a sector where capital investments have to be enormous, there can't be so much uncertainty and so many shifting regulations. It's leading to pipeline projects being canceled, he said. "You simply can't make bets if you don't have certainty on what the rules are," Mr. McCormick said. His third proposal is a common one to Republicans in Pennsylvania: using the state's reserves to export natural gas to a global market through liquid natural gas facilities (LNG).

[GOP Senate candidate Dave McCormick sees Pennsylvania's natural gas as driver of state's economy | Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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Question: The U.S. is experiencing a malaise reminiscent of the late 1970s in terms of inflation, energy problems, and perceived international weakness. What needs to happen to turn this around?

Answer: If you look at 1979, there was double-digit inflation, OPEC had us in a headlock, and eight soldiers died in the desert – not unlike the situation in Afghanistan. Four years later, it was morning in America. I was at West Point then, and the economy was roaring back with pro-growth policies and deregulation. Energy was moving in the right direction. Our role in the world was more certain because of the Reagan build up. People believed we had competent leadership, and that was the beginning of the end of the Cold War. Leadership matters. It matters who you pick. Who you pick can change the direction of the country. I'm not saying one Senator from Pennsylvania can change the course. But it doesn't take many. It takes a small group moving in the right direction. It's important in 2022 and 2024 that we pick people who are going to reset things and take us in the right direction.

[A Q&A with Senate Candidate David McCormick - Pittsburgh Quarterly](#)

McCormick acknowledged China as a powerful adversary, saying, “We need a national strategy that reduces our dependence on China. We can't have our semiconductor, our pharmaceutical industry dependent on China. ... We've got to bring those home, key strategic industries.”

He noted the communist country must also be held accountable for its initial management of coronavirus, which spread worldwide after first surfacing in China, and that it must be held accountable for the growing number of fentanyl-related deaths occurring in the United States as China is a primary source of illegal fentanyl.

In terms of trade, McCormick said he would advocate for fair trade terms and work to make certain that no company or investor is “investing in China in a way that's going to aid the modernization of the Chinese military or aid the horrible human rights abuses against the Uyghurs.”

While Oz has used McCormick's Wall Street background to tie him to China in campaign attacks, McCormick said of his experience, “I've done business around the world, and I've done business in 20 countries. We've done a small amount of business in China, and just like President Trump, that experience is going to give me a leg up in terms of knowing what we're dealing with and going head to head with the Chinese.”

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Accused in Oz ad (shows video of McCormick speaking) of having huge investments in China and of **bragging about outsourcing Pittsburg jobs**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccABgu0D8Ag>

Looking forward also means McCormick will need to defend himself against attacks from fellow Republicans, including an Oz-supporting SuperPAC that accuses McCormick of outsourcing Pittsburgh jobs when he was CEO of a Pittsburgh company called Freemarkets.

"It's not true. It's completely inaccurate," says McCormick.

McCormick says he did eliminate 40 to 50 Pittsburgh jobs, but it was unrelated to their growth overseas.

"It's also true we had a global company that was building and growing in other parts of the world. The jobs that were eliminated in Pittsburgh had nothing to do with jobs in India," says the Republican.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/republican-dave-mccormick-pennsylvania-senate/>

Immigration

McCormick vowed to “be a strong advocate for policies that secure the border.” The Pennsylvania Republican visited the U.S.-Mexico border in February and met with U.S. Border Patrol agents. There the Border Patrol union endorsed him in his Senate race, saying in its announcement that McCormick “embodies the kind of strength needed to uphold the rule of law.” McCormick told Breitbart News he wants to see the southern border wall finished and terminate the Biden administration’s catch and release practice. Catch and release is a policy reinstated under Biden that incentivizes migrants to take the treacherous journey up to the U.S. border, where they can illegally enter the U.S., claim they are seeking asylum, and then be permitted to live quasi-illegally in the United States while they await immigration court hearings, which are estimated to be backlogged by 58 months, or about five years.

[David McCormick: Oz’s Track Record Proves He’s a ‘Hollywood Liberal’ \(breitbart.com\)](#)

McCormick opposes President Biden’s immigration policy

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They (debate participants) all supported a federal judge’s ruling to keep Title 42 in place, a Trump-era restriction on entry into the country during pandemic emergencies.

[Pa.'s top GOP Senate candidates debate COVID, Biden, each other | News | dailyitem.com](#)

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McCormick has called for increasing skilled immigration to the United States and supports building a border wall on the US-Mexico border.^{[31][38]}

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Law & Order/Public Safety/Support for Police – human trafficking, gun trafficking, legalization of recreational marijuana in PA

McCormick supports law and order policies

He believes the origin of COVID-19 needs to be investigated

[Senate candidate tells Peters crowd country heading 'in a terrible direction' | Local News | observer-reporter.com](#)

McCormick supports battling back against defunding the police and ensuring that police are adequately funded

[Senate candidate vows to bring Pa. back to prominence | News, Sports, Jobs - Williamsport Sun-Gazette \(sungazette.com\)](#)

Education – Parents’ Rights/School Choice

McCormick supports school choice

[Senate candidate tells Peters crowd country heading 'in a terrible direction' | Local News | observer-reporter.com](#)

McCormick states that public schools and universities are teaching a history of America the he doesn't recognize

[Senate candidate tells Peters crowd country heading 'in a terrible direction' | Local News | observer-reporter.com](#)

Family Values & Abortion

McCormick was straightforward when asked where he stands on abortion: “I am pro-life. I believe life begins at conception.”

[David McCormick: Oz’s Track Record Proves He’s a ‘Hollywood Liberal’ \(breitbart.com\)](#)

McCormick agrees with exceptions for abortion ban in cases of rape, incest and life of the mother endangered.

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<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

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David McCormick, who once championed diversity and inclusion under Ray Dalio, is now trying to out-Trump Dr. Oz in a Pennsylvania race...

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The America First agenda he lays out to crowds at restaurants and diners involves restoring Trump’s “pro-growth economic policies and deregulation,” “finishing Trump’s border wall,” and stepping up drilling and fracking (a big deal in Pennsylvania) to free the U.S. from foreign energy dependence. But while McCormick has grasped the language, he doesn’t muster the anger and resentment that other Republicans bring to the Trump agenda. Two decades in corporate boardrooms have left him ill-equipped to play the role of aggrieved culture warrior. **The CEO [McCormick] who launched Bridgewater’s “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion” initiative—who was himself, just last fall, recognized by a women’s group as a “global champion of inclusion”**—sounds less than convincing decrying the pernicious effects of “woke liberalism.”

[Pa Senate Primary 2022: Bridgewater’s David McCormick Gets Trump Makeover - Bloomberg](#)

In 2013, McCormick joined 131 other Republicans in signing an **amicus brief filed at the United States Supreme Court supporting the legalization of gay marriage prior to *Obergefell v. Hodges***.^[39] During McCormick's tenure as CEO of Bridgewater Associates, the company's policy was to fully pay for gender transition surgery.^[40] However, during his campaign for Senate, McCormick stated that he opposes federal funding towards gender transition surgeries and transgender girls participating in sports.^[40]

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39. *"The Pro-Freedom Republicans Are Coming: 131 Sign Gay Marriage Brief". The Daily Beast*. Retrieved February 13, 2022.

40. *"Pennsylvania Senate candidate David McCormick takes fire for corporate history on transgender activism". Fox News*. Retrieved February 25, 2022.

Campaign financing – their current campaign contributors and their past donations to political organizations or PACs

Several top Wall Street executives have given major sums of money to the Senate campaign of former Bridgewater Associates CEO David McCormick, who is seeking the Republican Party’s nomination in Pennsylvania.

McCormick worked at Bridgewater in various roles from 2009-2022, and his wife Dina Powell McCormick is currently an executive at Goldman Sachs. Both McCormicks served in the George W. Bush administration, and Dina Powell McCormick also served in the Trump administration. Former President Donald Trump has endorsed David McCormick’s chief rival, former reality show host and heart surgeon Dr. Mehmet Oz, citing Oz’s perceived electability. More than 60 Goldman Sachs employees have donated to McCormick’s Senate campaign, according to an analysis from CNBC, including CEO David Solomon, who hosted a fundraiser for McCormick in February. Solomon donated the federal maximum \$5,8000 to McCormick’s campaign. In addition, Goldman Sachs chief of staff and secretary to the Board of Directors John Rogers has given \$50,000 to the pro-McCormick Honor Pennsylvania Super PAC.

Citadel CEO Ken Griffin has given \$7.5 million to Honor Pennsylvania, in addition to giving the federal maximum to the McCormick campaign. Griffin, a top GOP donor, has given large amounts of money to Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, and his hedge fund paid \$810,000 in speaking fees to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen in 2019 and 2020.

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“When I heard David was considering running for the Senate, I urged him to do so as our nation will be in good hands if talented and committed individuals like him are elected to public office,” Griffin told CNBC of his support for McCormick.

Other top donors to Honor Pennsylvania include former Actua Corporation CEO Walter “Buck” Buckley, who has given \$1.25 million, and Elliott Management CEO Paul Singer, who has given \$1 million. Singer also donated the federal maximum to the McCormick campaign. Blackstone CEO Stephen Schwarzman chipped in \$500,000 to Honor Pennsylvania.

McCormick’s Wall Street donors believe that he will be a more predictable and supportive senator than Oz, according to Kirkland & Ellis partner Reginald Brown. Brown donated the federal maximum to McCormick’s campaign.

“There’s a strong sense that [McCormick] won’t be a loose cannon and is ready to be a statesman in a very challenging world,” he explained to CNBC.

[Wall Street Tries To Take Out Trump’s Senate Candidate In Pennsylvania | The Daily Caller](#)

Honor Pennsylvania, (a Texas PAC) which has already spent \$7.5 million, is running television advertisements in support of [Republican candidate Dave McCormick](#).

[U.S. Senate Race in Pennsylvania Draws Big Bucks from Across the Country – NBC10 Philadelphia \(nbcphiladelphia.com\)](#)

McCormick, who didn’t formally announce until this year, has a little longer [to file personal financial disclosure]: 30 days before the May 17 primary. He also hasn’t had to file any campaign finance reports, so the only information available about his finances comes from the PACs spending prodigiously on his behalf. They’ve spent [\\$9.4 million](#) and [\\$230,000](#), respectively, mostly on ads attacking Oz.

[Earnings disclosures of Pa. U.S. Senate candidates - WHYY \(04/04/22\)](#)

Spanning back to 2009, McCormick has donated more than \$300,000 to politicians, political parties and political action committees.^[29] Politicians that McCormick has **donated to include Senators John McCain and Mitch McConnell and the Congressional campaign of Mike Pompeo.**^[29] In 2014, McCormick gave a \$25,000 donation to the Republican Governors Association.^[30] **McCormick was a supporter of the 2016 presidential campaign of Jeb Bush and donated to Bush's campaign and a PAC supporting him.**

McCormick did not donate to Donald Trump's 2016 or 2020 presidential campaigns.^[29]

McCormick has mainly supported Republicans, but has donated to Democrats including Dan Helmer and Amy McGrath, both Congressional candidates, and Senator Jack Reed.^{[29][31]}

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_McCormick

Present and past personal and political affiliations

When Donald Trump was president-elect, he considered naming McCormick the U.S. Secretary of Treasury, but instead offered him the position of U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense.^[26] However, he declined this position because he was happy with his role at Bridgewater. In early 2019, McCormick was under consideration for U.S. Secretary of Defense by the Trump administration.^[27]

In 2017, McCormick was named by James Mattis as a member of the **Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee, a federal advisory committee to the U.S. Department of Defense. He**

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was removed from this position by President Donald Trump in 2020 along with 11 other members with ties to the foreign policy establishment.^[28]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_McCormick

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/11/25/pentagon-purges-leading-advisors-from-defense-policy-board/>

McCormick condemned the 2021 attack on the US Capitol by supporters of President Donald Trump. He said the attack marks "a dark chapter in American history" and "puts a highlight on the responsibility of leaders to be able to create a dialogue where people are understood."^[36] He also said "I think [Trump] has some responsibility, a lot of responsibility for [the attack], and I think that this last dark chapter at the Capitol...history will look very unfavorably on that and all the people that were involved in that."^[36]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_McCormick

McCormick was a supporter of Jeb Bush in the course of the 2016 election. He has praised Biden, saying that he actually appreciates his “tone” and beforehand accused Trump of being “divisive.”

[Establishment PA GOP Senate Candidate David McCormick Hosts Fundraiser With Dominion PR Rep - First Reporter 24](#)

The ads attacking McCormick have been directed largely at his work for Bridgewater, and particularly at the firm’s close ties to China—the Oz campaign has branded him “Beijing Dave.” Bridgewater has managed Chinese state money for nearly two decades, including from the country’s sovereign wealth fund and the State Administration of Foreign Exchange. **Those two entities account for about \$5 billion, enough to make China one of Bridgewater’s biggest clients by assets, according to people familiar with the firm.** And as Katherine Burton of Bloomberg News has reported, Dalio and Bridgewater have **hosted Chinese Communist Party officials** at the firm’s Connecticut headquarters. Last November, **while McCormick was still CEO, the firm raised an additional \$1.3 billion for a new private fund in China, making Bridgewater the biggest foreign hedge fund manager operating there.**

[Pa Senate Primary 2022: Bridgewater’s David McCormick Gets Trump Makeover - Bloomberg](#)

Oz accusation: Bridgewater (world’s largest hedge fund led by McCormick) raised \$1.25 billion last year for new investments in China

McCormick’s response: McCormick clearly came expecting that question. He did not shy away when asked about his experience dealing with China as a businessman or in President George W. Bush's administration. “I've negotiated at the highest levels of our government against China, going toe-to-toe with them," he said. **"I also ran a global business and invested in 20 countries, including China. You may have seen the ads, right? We had about 2% of our revenue in China. And you know what? That's going to make me better as a U.S. senator."**

Allegheny County Republican Party Chairman Sam DeMarco comments: said the thing that his rivals and their super PACs have hit him the most on — his dealings with China — were put into sharp perspective by McCormick. **“He believes that his past experience gives him a leg up because he understands how they think, how they negotiate, as well as their strengths and weaknesses.”**

[David McCormick takes tough questions in Pennsylvania | Washington Examiner](#)

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McCormick is a trustee of the [Aspen Institute](#)^{[44][45]} and he is the chairman of the International Advisory Board of the [Atlantic Council](#).^[46] He is a member of the [Aspen Strategy Group](#)^[47] and the Defense Policy Board.^[48] In 2009, McCormick was also appointed a faculty member at [Carnegie Mellon's Heinz College](#) and named a [Distinguished Service Professor](#) of Information Technology, Public Policy and Management.^[49] McCormick is on the board of the [United Service Organizations \(USO\)](#),^[50] and the [Hospital for Special Surgery \(HSS\)](#).^[51]
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_McCormick

Present and past investments/stock ownership

Endorsements

National Border Patrol Council

Bucks County Republican Committee

Butler County Republican Committee

Mike Pompeo, former US. Secretary of State under Trump

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, former White House press secretary under Trump

Hope Hicks, former prominent White House figure under Trump

Kellyanne Conway, former prominent White House figure under Trump

Larry Kudlow, former Director of the National Economic Council under Trump

Stephen Miller, former senior policy advisor and White House speechwriting director for Trump

Robert Lighthizer – US Trade Representative

Ted Cruz, US Senator

Dan Meuser, US Representative

Glenn Thompson, US Representative

Elise Stefanik, US Representative

Rick Santorum, former U.S Senator

Sean Parnell, former U.S. Senate candidate and Army ranger

Mike Huckabee, former Arkansas Governor

Mike Slupe, Butler County Sheriff

Fran Chardo, Dauphin County District Attorney

Ralph Reed, founder and chair of the Faith and Freedom Coalition

A group of nearly 50 West Point graduates has signed onto a letter endorsing Republican David McCormick for Pennsylvania's open Senate seat, one of the most closely watched races in the nation. Among the prominent names on the document, which was first shared with POLITICO, are Paul Mango, deputy chief of staff for policy at the Department of Health and Human Services under former President Donald Trump; Tony Guzzi, CEO of EMCOR Group; and Joseph DePinto, CEO of 7-Eleven.

[West Point grads rally behind McCormick - POLITICO](#)

Notes

Born in Washington, Pa., the 56-year-old McCormick was raised in the Pittsburgh region and attended high school in Bloomsburg when his father served as president of Bloomsburg University. A West Point graduate and U.S. Army veteran, McCormick was undersecretary of

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the treasury for international affairs in the George W. Bush administration. He joined the Connecticut-based hedge fund Bridgewater Associates in 2009, becoming its CEO in 2020. He resigned from the position in January.

At the Peters event, McCormick acknowledged that **until months ago he was a resident of Connecticut, but is now registered to vote in Pennsylvania, has a home in the Pittsburgh area, and “I’ve spent half my life as a resident of Pennsylvania.”**

[Pennsylvania Senate candidate David McCormick takes fire for corporate history on transgender activism | Fox News](#)

McCormick formally resigned from Bridgewater on Jan. 3, calling his potential Senate run “a way of devoting the next chapter of my life to public service” in a farewell email to employees.

To reestablish his Pennsylvania residency, the McCormicks have established a home in Pittsburgh’s East End, near where David McCormick lived two decades ago before leaving in 2005 to serve in Bush’s administration, according to the Associated Press.

[A TV star, a diplomat, soldiers and other self-made successes: Meet the Republicans who want to be Pa.’s next senator - pennlive.com](#)

He has not lived in Pennsylvania since 2005. The political hopeful has been accused of outsourcing jobs when he was CEO of a Pittsburgh firm referred to as Freemarkets, although he has denied the allegations.

“It’s also true we had a global company that was building and growing in other parts of the world. The jobs that were eliminated in Pittsburgh had nothing to do with jobs in India,” he claimed.

[Establishment PA GOP Senate Candidate David McCormick Hosts Fundraiser With Dominion PR Rep - First Reporter 24](#)

Questionable conservative values past – transgender activism and woke corporate culture affiliation

[Pennsylvania Senate candidate David McCormick takes fire for corporate history on transgender activism | Fox News](#)

Question: How would your experience with China be an advantage or disadvantage?

Answer: I honestly think it’s a huge advantage. Not just in a comparison of me to the other Senate candidates, but my experience is unique in the Senate. There isn’t anybody who’s had the set of experiences I have. In addition to my military experience, I’ve written a book about the military transformation at the end of the Cold War, “The Downsized Warrior,” which was my dissertation from Princeton. That military experience, as a combat soldier and then writing that book, is unique.

Couple that with someone who’s been in the National Security Council negotiating with the Chinese, and my track record is clear. You can find it in my speeches where I’m talking about the risk of intellectual property theft. I have been a China hawk for 15-20 years. And as someone who’s made payroll, ran a technology business and an investment business, that set of experiences allows me to step right into the China debate. A parallel in this regard is comparing the ways that Romney and Trump approached their business experience. Romney had a successful business career, but when he ran for President, he ran away from it. Trump did the

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opposite. He believed and said that his business experiences would make him a stronger leader. And I believe the same thing.

[A Q&A with Senate Candidate David McCormick - Pittsburgh Quarterly](#)

Appears to have a history of transforming himself to fit career ambitions...

For a certain type of Wall Street-friendly, establishment Republican—the type who frequent Belle Haven—McCormick might register as the ideal corrective to the disorder and chaos of Donald Trump, a man many financial elites laughed at behind his back even as his presidency vastly enriched them. With his military and business background, advanced degrees, personal charisma, and wealth, McCormick has the résumé to guide the GOP into a saner, post-Trump era.

Instead he went in an entirely different direction. **To the astonishment of the Bridgewater crowd, he shed his smooth, Davos Man persona and transformed himself faster than Clark Kent in a phone booth into a Trump-touting, China-bashing MAGA acolyte.** In the first weeks of his candidacy, McCormick traveled to the U.S.-Mexico border to decry “illegal immigrants ... coming in record number.” He aired a campaign ad during the Super Bowl in which a crowd chants “Let’s Go Brandon!”—MAGA code for “F--- Joe Biden!” He also hired a team of marquee Trump veterans, including Stephen Miller and Hope Hicks, and began tweeting out articles from Breitbart.com, the right-wing website infamous for such headlines as “Birth Control Makes Women Unattractive and Crazy” and “Hoist It High and Proud: The Confederate Flag Proclaims a Glorious Heritage.”

McCormick’s former co-workers circulate his ads, horrified, puzzled, or amused at their old boss’s transformation. “Is Connecticut Dave McCormick the real one, or is Pennsylvania Dave McCormick the real one?” one asks. “Or is the real Dave McCormick a chameleon who’ll be whatever he needs to be to succeed?”

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During the pandemic, Bartos said McCormick huddled away in Aspen, Colorado, while Oz was in New Jersey.

[Pa.'s top GOP Senate candidates debate COVID, Biden, each other | News | dailyitem.com](#)

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Oz , Mehmet – US Senate
Celebrity Physician & Cardiothoracic Surgeon
<https://doctoroz.com/>

Election Integrity

The founders of our country left the issue of elections up to the states because what may work well in the commonwealth, may not work across the country. I do agree with the majority of Americans on having voter ID laws to protect the integrity of elections. Additionally, I would support any measure that would strengthen protections for poll watchers.

<https://www.buckscountycouriertimes.com/story/opinion/columns/2022/04/21/dr-oz-commence-an-operation-warp-speed-for-american-energy/65350931007/>

QUESTION: Should the Republican party move on from the 2020 election and would you have voted to certify Pennsylvania’s Electoral College results, confirming now-President Joe Biden’s victory against former President Donald Trump?

ANSWER: “We cannot move on,” Oz said of the 2020 election. “Under the cover of COVID, there were draconian changes made to our voting laws by Democratic leadership, and they have blocked appropriate reviews on those decisions.”

[Still a topic in 2022, here's what GOP U.S. Senate candidates say about certification, moving on - Pennsylvania Capital-Star \(penncapital-star.com\)](#)

Celebrity Mehmet Oz said during a different debate he will not let claims about the 2020 election go, but did not give his stance on voter ID.

[On back-to-back nights, Pennsylvania’s U.S. Senate candidates show their differences on voting rights and democracy | WITF](#)

Health Freedom & Mandates – lockdowns, masks, social distancing, restriction of peaceful assembly/group size, vaccinations

Covid-19 became an excuse for government and elite thinkers who controlled the means of communication, especially social media and our major news agencies, to suspend debate. Dissenting opinions from leading scholars, even Nobel Laureates, were cancelled and ridiculed so their ideas could not be disseminated. Doctors were forbidden from prescribing legal medications for the first time in our nation’s history. I tried to fund clinical trials to re-purpose an already widely used drug for possible benefits against Covid-19, but they were banned. Instead, government mandated policies that caused unnecessary suffering. The American public was patronized and misled instead of empowered. We were told to docilely lock down and let those in charge take care of the rest. When we tested positive for the virus, we were also told to wait at home until we got sick enough to warrant hospitalization...not a typical medical protocol. Elites with yards told those without yards to stay inside—where the virus was more likely to spread. And the arrogant, closed-minded people in charge closed our schools, shut down our businesses and took away our freedom.

<https://doctoroz.com/why-running/>

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Oz has promoted hydroxychloroquine as a COVID treatment. The Food and Drug Administration has cautioned against the personal use of the drug for COVID.

<https://www.npr.org/2021/11/30/1060185002/tvs-dr-oz-enters-pennsylvanias-crucial-senate-race-on-the-gop-side>

He knows the truth, the data, and the science about combatting COVID and understands how it really affects you and your family. While elites with yards tell those without yards to stay inside (where the virus was waiting) and mask up, Dr. Oz has been putting his expertise to work on behalf of us. Dr. Oz is opposed to prolonged business shutdowns, and he believes it is critical to keep our children in school because the science overwhelmingly supports it.

<https://doctoroz.com/issue/response-to-covid-19/>

“Fauci should be fired,” Oz said of Dr. Anthony Fauci, chief medical advisor to the president and frequent target of conservatives. McCormick said it wasn’t so long ago that Oz expressed support for Fauci and masking. In retort, Oz said caution was needed at the outset of the pandemic but that he pushed back later and risked being “canceled.”

[Pa.'s top GOP Senate candidates debate COVID, Biden, each other | News | dailyitem.com](#)

Dr. Oz praises China’s COVID response, says America must "copy" "draconian" lockdowns

SOURCE: NBC News video clip posted by Don’t Tread PA Media – Telegram

<https://t.me/DontTreadPAMedia/4350>

Dr. Oz – Pro-vaccination – Video clip of him encouraging vaccination on The REAL show “First in Line: Dr. Oz reveals how he feels after taking the COVID-19 vaccine”

<https://t.me/DontTreadPAMedia/4548>

Dr. Oz also tried bullying talk show host Wendy Williams into taking the dangerous COVID-19 injection last year, but she held her ground. Article includes video clip.

[Trump Endorses Dr. Oz Despite History of Promoting Trans Agenda on Kids \(infowars.com\)](#)

Dr. Oz bragged in 2009 about helping former President Barack Obama craft his signature legislation known as Obamacare. Article includes video clip.

[Trump Endorses Dr. Oz Despite History of Promoting Trans Agenda on Kids \(infowars.com\)](#)

Mehmet Oz calls for massive tax increase to fund universal health care – 20% payroll tax to fund universal Medicare-Advantage-like system

<https://t.me/DontTreadPAMedia/4346>

Big Tech & Mainstream Media – election interference & censorship/cancel culture

Dr. Oz will push back on cancel culture by protecting the First Amendment and defending our freedom for conservatives to say what we see.

<https://doctoroz.com/issue/free-speech/>

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Protection of second amendment rights – gun control

As a proud gun-owner, Dr. Oz is a firm believer in the Second Amendment and our constitutional right to bear arms for protection. He opposes anti-gun measures like red flag laws and liberal gun grabs. Dr. Oz knows we cannot compromise our ability to protect ourselves. Dr. Oz believes every law-abiding American citizen should be allowed to buy the gun of their desire. His father taught him to hunt when he was 12-13 years old and he taught his son how to shoot before he was in school. However, Dr. Oz knows the Second Amendment isn't about hunting, it's about protecting ourselves.

<https://doctoroz.com/issue/second-amendment/>

Oz has voiced support for 'red flag' laws in the past but tells Fox News he's 'a firm believer in the Second Amendment.

[Dr. Oz's past gun control positions raise eyebrows, but he says he strongly supports Second Amendment | Fox News](#)

Does not fully support the Second Amendment and the right of citizens to own firearms

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Dr. Oz called for red flag gun laws that use social media surveillance to determine if people should have their firearms taken away by police. Article includes video clip.
[Trump Endorses Dr. Oz Despite History of Promoting Trans Agenda on Kids \(infowars.com\)](#)

Oz, as host of his eponymous television show, promoted guests who presented an idealistic vision of “red flag” laws in 2019. Oz has for years coauthored a column called “Dr. Oz The Good Life” with Dr. Michael Roizen, and in those writings, the pair have advocated for federal gun restrictions, warned against states with “lenient gun regulations,” and urged that Americans have “less access to guns (that aren't designed for hunting).” Oz has sought to distance himself from the columns amid his Senate bid because of some of the Democrat viewpoints they promoted, saying his coauthor was the one who wrote them. Oz has however repeatedly touted the columns as his own over the past decade. McCormick noted Oz's financial disclosures reveal he has been getting paid for the column up until the Senate race and that Oz testified before Congress in 2014 that they were his.

[David McCormick: Oz's Track Record Proves He's a 'Hollywood Liberal' \(breitbart.com\)](#)

Dr. Oz statement: “I hope all states enact red flag gun control laws.” Video clip.

<https://t.me/DontTreadPAMedia/4362>

Oz managed to secure the endorsement of President Donald Trump, something that puzzled many on the right side of the political spectrum. *Among the Second Amendment community, there was concern about the good doctor's previous expressed admiration for due process-free “red flag” laws.* The Trump endorsement surge and the queasiness among some over Oz's red flag law support meant it was time to make the obligatory campaign ad letting supporters know that their gun rights will be safe should the former physician end up in Washington. The Oz campaign made sure to cover all the bases.

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In the 30-second spot, he's seen with an over/under, a GLOCK, a semi-auto shotgun, and an AR. His campaign website is, well, economical in its description of his gun rights positions, but it makes sure to say that whole red flag support thing has been jettisoned.

<https://www.thetruthaboutguns.com/dr-oz-really-wants-you-to-know-he-supports-the-second-amendment/>

Foreign Policy

Dr. Oz has visited Israel and understands how critical of an ally they are to the United States. Now more than ever our dear ally needs partners in the Senate. It needs leaders that understand the relationship between our countries is more than political; it's etched into the bedrock of our shared values and our common belief in freedom, equality, and human rights.

<https://doctoroz.com/issue/israel/>

Dr. Oz believes the United States has failed to respond to the global Chinese threat. Every year we see more and more companies ship American jobs overseas, while failing to stand up to China as they steal our intellectual property and manipulate their currency. Dr. Oz believes we need to focus on creating jobs here in America, and rebuilding our supply chain so we can better respond to crises like COVID without relying on the Chinese for things like PPE or other critical infrastructure.

<https://doctoroz.com/issue/get-tough-on-china/>

Economy & Energy Policy - government spending/taxes/deregulation

President Biden's reckless spending has led to inflation – increasing the price of everything from gas to groceries. His shutdowns and failed economic policies have disrupted our supply chains. And his reluctance to fully confront China and support energy independence has left us in a weak position. Dr. Oz believes that restoring America's economy begins by focusing on the problems we face here at home – and reversing Biden's failed agenda.

<https://doctoroz.com/issue/grow-our-economy/>

America must commence an Operation Warp Speed for American energy that strengthens our national security and restores our energy dominance in the world. This means fast-tracking completion of pipelines, resuming oil and gas leasing on federal lands, and creating a permitting and regulatory framework that promotes investments in greater energy production. We also must encourage expansion of LNG export capacity, including the construction of LNG export facilities in the Northeast.

<https://www.buckscountycouriertimes.com/story/opinion/columns/2022/04/21/dr-oz-commence-an-operation-warp-speed-for-american-energy/65350931007/>

Pennsylvania is a leader in the production of natural gas and coal. The Biden Administration has launched an attack on the energy industry stifling domestic energy production and weakening the U.S. position in energy production. These attacks have resulted in skyrocketing gas and energy prices and made our current energy options less reliable. Dr. Oz will work to overturn these heavy-handed regulations that are hurting Pennsylvania jobs and our local communities.

<https://doctoroz.com/issue/energy-independence/>

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They (debate participants) all expressed support in boosting Pennsylvania’s natural gas industry. [Pa.'s top GOP Senate candidates debate COVID, Biden, each other | News | dailyitem.com](#)

Speaking at a candidate town hall in Hershey, Pennsylvania last week, Oz advocated for increasing production of natural gas to solve global supply chain issues and best serve the environment. “If we were to use our natural gas right here, from under our feet, and use it to replace dirty coal from overseas manufacturers, it would be the equivalent of electrifying every U.S. car, plus putting a solar panel on every roof, plus doubling wind energy production — all together,” he said during the forum. **The move represents an about-face from Oz, who has in the past authored a number of columns urging Americans to be wary of the health risks of fracking.**

“It’s a fact that hydraulic fracturing pumps a lot of toxic chemicals (we know of about 24 offhand) deep underground at high enough pressure to fracture shale and release trapped gas and oil,” Oz wrote in a column in the *Herald-Tribune* in 2014. “In Pennsylvania, there are multiple reports of air and water contamination, possibly from hydraulic fracturing sites, causing folks breathing problems, rashes, headaches, nosebleeds, numbness, nausea and vomiting.”

To date, a laundry list of peer-reviewed studies have affirmed links between living near oil drilling and increased rates of respiratory illness, skin conditions, stress, and low birth weight. However, a full scientific understanding of the apparent correlation remains hampered by trade secret laws that protect oil companies from disclosing exactly what goes into their drilling fluids, even to doctors.

[Dr. Oz Loves Fracking Now \(vice.com\)](#)

McCormick pointed again to Oz’s columns that, in addition to advocating for more gun control, also warned about negative health effects of fracking, and, in particular, the potential hazard it could create for nearby water supplies. “I can tell you, having gone to the sites and looking at the testing, that’s not a problem. There’s no evidence that’s a problem,” McCormick said.

McCormick added, “And so while Mehmet is now saying he’s a big proponent of fracking, he hasn’t been in the past, and I think that would be very dangerous for Pennsylvania given the importance of fracking to have somebody who is squishy on our energy capabilities.”

[David McCormick: Oz’s Track Record Proves He’s a ‘Hollywood Liberal’ \(breitbart.com\)](#)

As a doctor, Oz has seen the inside of the massive health-care industrial complex and knows how they work with lobbyists and powerful special interests to protect it. He’s bravely argued against costly drugs, even as it made him a target of drug companies. As a U.S. Senator, he’ll work to dismantle policies that lead to more expensive prescription drugs for our seniors, and he’ll expand access to private sector plans expanded by President Trump and beloved by seniors for their low costs and high quality that could be available to all Americans who want them.

<https://doctoroz.com/issue/fix-healthcare/>

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Immigration

Dr. Oz believes that one of the core responsibilities of the federal government is to protect you. In order to do that, we need to have a secure border with a barrier – whether that is a physical wall or one patrolled by technological advances.

<https://doctoroz.com/issue/stop-illegal-immigration/>

Oz opposes President Biden’s immigration policy

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Oz has a recent and rocky history with illegal migration. He advocated in 2018 and 2019 for DACA recipients, who are living in the U.S. illegally but shielded from deportation.

Prior to that, in 2017, Oz had a stake in a family company that received a massive \$95 million fine for hiring illegal migrant workers.

[David McCormick: Oz’s Track Record Proves He’s a ‘Hollywood Liberal’ \(breitbart.com\)](#)

They (debate Participants) all supported a federal judge’s ruling to keep Title 42 in place, a Trump-era restriction on entry into the country during pandemic emergencies.

[Pa.'s top GOP Senate candidates debate COVID, Biden, each other | News | dailyitem.com](#)

Law & Order/Public Safety/Support for Police – human trafficking, gun trafficking, legalization of recreational marijuana in PA

Dr. Oz is a strong supporter of our law enforcement and will give them a powerful voice in Washington. He believes our law enforcement has a hard enough job on the streets and that they shouldn’t have to fend off calls to “defund” them from radicals and the extreme left. He will support efforts to ensure they always have the resources they need to do their job and keep our communities safe, and he opposes “anti-law” proposals like “cashless bail” that make it tougher for police to do their jobs.

<https://doctoroz.com/issue/law-enforcement/>

Supported BLM – “Racism drives health disparity among minorities”

<https://t.me/DontTreadPAMedia/2880>

Education – Parents’ Rights/School Choice

Whether it is modernizing health care so it’s more affordable and accessible, **fighting for more school choice for all Americans**, protecting us by securing our borders and stopping illegal immigration, telling the truth about corporate America like how pharmaceutical companies charge too much for prescription drugs, or making sure people know the truth about COVID, Dr. Oz is fundamentally promising to help re-light the “divine spark” inside every American and empower us to live better lives.

<https://doctoroz.com/issues/>

Pennsylvania GOP Senate candidate Dr. Mehmet Oz told Newsmax on Wednesday that schools should not be teaching sex and gender issues to young children. Dr. Oz believes that a good education is fundamental to a better future. But he believes we need to fundamentally change the

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way we approach education in this country – by incorporating financial literacy from an early age, focusing on empowering students to make their own career choices, and stopping wealthy universities from raising tuition every year while sitting on millions of dollars in tax-protected endowments. Dr. Oz also believes that the extreme left wants to use our schools to indoctrinate our children with an anti-American ideology –and as Senator he’ll fight to block that from happening. "Five and 6-year-olds, we don't teach them calculus for a reason," Dr. Oz told "Greg Kelly Reports." "They are not going to understand it. We shouldn't be teaching them transgender issues as well."

<https://www.newsmax.com/politics/dr-mehmet-oz-transgender-sex-education-kids/2022/04/20/id/1066584/>

Family Values & Abortion

All of the candidates (debate participants) said they’d vote in support of laws banning transgender women from competing in women’s sports.

[Pa.'s top GOP Senate candidates debate COVID, Biden, each other | News | dailyitem.com](https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf)
<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Dr. Oz has a history of promoting the transgender agenda on children and toddlers, as well as abortion and other left-wing causes. Article includes a video a clip of Dr. Oz defending the *Roe v Wade* standards for abortion.

[Trump Endorses Dr. Oz Despite History of Promoting Trans Agenda on Kids \(infowars.com\)](https://infowars.com)

Oz opposes overturning *Roe v Wade*

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Attacked Alabama prolife legislation – life begins at conception; no abortion, no exceptions
Supports Pro-life legislation (e.g., heartbeat bill) with exceptions for health of the mother, rape & incest

<https://t.me/DontTreadPAMedia/2880>

Oz, a Republican running for an open U.S. Senate seat in Pennsylvania, now promises to be a pro-life champion who will “always defend the sanctity of life.” His campaign says he has always been pro-life, but a newly uncovered interview casts doubt on this claim, according to a new Daily Wire report.

The Daily Wire pointed to a 2008 interview with Oz at the National Review of Medicine. Oz told the Canadian medical newspaper that he was not “socially conservative” and did not believe the government should create “obstacles” to abortion. “I have a very firm belief in individual rights. I don’t like the government telling me what to do and I believe that people should have free will to pursue their dreams,” Oz said at the time. “I don’t believe that we should be intruding into the private lives of homosexuals, and we should not be creating obstacles during the difficult time that women have when trying to terminate a pregnancy,” he continued. Here’s more from the report: He explained that while pregnancy and childbirth should be made easier for women, he also did not want to impede a woman’s ability to get an abortion. Oz continued that he believes “we should make it as easy as possible for women to carry a child to term and give it up for adoption,” but noted that “today’s climate makes it

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difficult for women to do what’s best for them and their fetus.” Responding to the 2008 interview, Oz communications director Brittany Yanick told the Daily Wire that the Republican candidate is pro-life and has been “vocal” about his position for “many years.” “Dr. Oz is strongly pro-life and adamantly opposed to abortion,” she said. “He spent his entire career saving lives.” People’s minds do change about abortion. Oz is running for the seat of retiring U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey, a pro-life Republican who also once supported legalized abortion. In March, Oz wrote an op-ed promising to be a “bold voice” for life in Washington, D.C. “I will be a bold voice in the Senate and a proud champion for the pro-life movement,” Oz wrote. “I won’t ever shy away from sharing my pro-life beliefs, even as pro-abortion advocates in medicine, the media, and Big Tech try to silence me. ... I will always defend the sanctity of life.” However, Oz’s struggle to define when life begins, despite being a medical doctor, in a December interview with Fox News also raised concerns for pro-life advocates. “As a doctor, I appreciate the sanctity of life. And for that reason I’m strongly pro-life, with the three exceptions ...” Oz said, listing rape, incest and the health of the mother, a broad exception that has historically gutted pro-life laws. “That’s how I would vote.” When asked when life begins, Oz said: “You know, I get it. If I’m pro-life, it’s a decision that comes back to the sanctity of when you think life does begin. And I believe it begins when you’re in the mother’s womb.” Pressed to clarify, Oz added, “... life’s already started when you’re in your mother’s womb. But it’s a rat hole to get trapped in the different ways to talking about it. We need, as a nation, to make sure the Constitution is appropriately followed, and people like me and you may be in the same camp, who are pro-life, have our feelings respected. And this is something that should not be taken away from us by a judiciary legislating from the bench.”

[Republican Senate Candidate Dr. Oz on Abortion: Don't Stop Women "Trying to Terminate a Pregnancy" - LifeNews.com](#)

Campaign financing – their current campaign contributors and their past donations to political organizations or PACs

Out of state contributions – 76.9%

In state contributions – 23.1%

SOURCE:: Inquirer – analysis by Aseem Shukla of Federal Election Commission data (does not include individuals’ contributions under \$200 made directly to campaigns)

Who is funding the likely-to-fail campaign of Mehmet Oz, the celebrity known as Dr. Oz, who promoted unproven medical claims during the pandemic and is now trying to become a U.S. senator from Pennsylvania? It turns out, some of the richest people in the country. For starters, there’s the [Asplundh family](#), heirs to a tree-trimming fortune based in the Keystone State. Oz married into one branch of the family, which *Forbes* estimated was worth \$2.6 billion in 2015. Four people with the last name Asplundh donated \$15,000 to his campaign in December. [Oz himself](#) loaned his campaign \$5.2 million – the sort of money that most celebrities wouldn’t consider throwing away unless they knew they had an especially large stash as backup. Then there’s the Republican bigwigs. Former RNC finance chair [Steve Wynn](#), who stepped down in 2018 amid sexual misconduct allegations, gave \$11,600 with his wife Andrea. Donors cannot give more than \$5,800 directly to campaigns this year. Oz also received \$10,000 from activist investor [Nelson Peltz](#) and his wife Claudia, plus \$5,600 from [John Catsimatidis](#) and his daughter Andrea Catsimatidis.

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Former Trump commerce secretary, Wilbur Ross, who is not a billionaire despite claiming for years that he was one, donated \$11,600 with his wife Hilary Geary Ross. Wynn and Ross were part of a larger group of donors who reportedly hosted a fundraiser for Oz in Palm Beach, Florida last month.

One donor who has given to both Democrats and Republicans in recent years chipped into the pot. Pennsylvania billionaire Michael Rubin, who is the owner of sports retailer Fanatics, donated \$11,600 along with his girlfriend Camille Fishel. Rubin donated \$50,000 to Joe Biden's committees during the 2020 presidential election.

Other than that, Oz raised just \$670,000 from other donors in December. Roughly \$100,000 came from donors who self-reported a Pennsylvania residence, and about \$75,000 came from people who said they lived in Palm Beach, Florida.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/michelatindera/2022/02/02/billionaires-and-big-money-families-are-backing-dr-oz-senate-run/?sh=e00e0c6487c7>

American Leadership Action (Virginia PAC) has spent \$1.2 million in support of Republican candidate Mehmet Oz

[U.S. Senate Race in Pennsylvania Draws Big Bucks from Across the Country – NBC10 Philadelphia \(nbcphiladelphia.com\)](#)

What is known about Oz's finances comes from his campaign reports, which he did have to file. He was his own biggest contributor, sinking \$5.2 million into his campaign account. He also has PACs acting on his behalf — chiefly, American Leadership Action. The PAC has spent a little less than \$2.3 million, mostly on ads attacking McCormick.

[Earnings disclosures of Pa. U.S. Senate candidates - WHYY \(04/04/22\)](#)

Dr. Oz in the past has accused McCormick of taking money from “Clinton-loving Democrats” while trying to appear as a strong Republican. However, **he had a fundraiser costing a quarter of a million dollars per head with Pepe Fanjul, a friend of Bill Clinton, both of whom were in Jeffery Epstein's black book of contacts, according to the Daily Mail. The fundraiser was at Fanjul's farm in Palm Beach.**

[Dr. Oz Has Fundraiser with 'Clinton Friend and Epstein Associate' \(breitbart.com\)](#)

Pennsylvania Republican Senate candidate **Mehmet Oz has often tried to present himself as a crusader against the pharmaceutical industry and high drug prices. But he accepted the legal maximum donation from a controversial pharmaceutical executive who once defended massive price hikes as "a moral requirement," according to recent campaign finance documents.**

Oz's Federal Election Commission filing for the first quarter of 2022 showed that his campaign accepted \$5,800 in donations from Nirmal Mulye, the founder and president of Nostrum Pharmaceuticals, on March 31. In 2018, Mulye's company decided to more than quadruple the price of its liquid nitrofurantoin — an essential antibiotic used to treat some urinary tract infections — from \$474.75 a bottle to \$2,392 a bottle. In an interview with the *Financial Times*, Mulye defended the price-gouging as market-driven, saying, "I think it is a moral requirement to make money when you can ... to sell the product for the highest price."

[Pharma CEO Who Endorsed Price Gouging Donated To Dr. Oz - National Memo](#)

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<https://americanindependent.com/mehmet-oz-nirmal-mulye-nostrum-pharmaceuticals-pennsylvania-senate-2022/>

Ben duPont has donated \$70,000 to a political action committee that's solely dedicated to helping Oz's run for Senate.

<https://www.cnbc.com/2022/04/19/2022-elections-dr-oz-has-close-ties-to-the-du-pont-family-heirs-and-theyre-backing-his-senate-run.html>

Present and past personal and political affiliations

NEW YORK, NY - OCTOBER 26: Dr. Mehmet Oz, **Marina Abramovic** and Haluk Dincer attend The American Turkish Society Gala at The Plaza on October 26, 2021 in New York.

[The American Turkish Society Gala | NEW YORK, NY - OCTOBER 2... | Flickr](#)

Television personality **Dr. Mehmet Oz, who is currently running for Senate in Pennsylvania as a Republican, was quick to defend the transgender University of Pennsylvania swimmer Lea Thomas, a biological man who has been destroying women's records this season.**

During this same event, **Oz made a point of referencing his close friend Oprah Winfrey,** according to The New York Post. Winfrey is known to be a Democrat with close ties to people like the Obama family. "I asked her to stay out," Oz said of her. "Don't support me because if you get involved in any way, you'll get hurt, and I don't want my friends hurt." Some have misgivings about Oz running for Senate as a Republican, given that **he has a long history of donating to Democrats.** He's even admitted that Winfrey is someone who has encouraged him to run, despite the fact that she is a Democrat.

[Dr. Oz Defends Transgender UPenn Swimmer, Tells Oprah To Stay Out Of It \(redvoicemedia.com\)](#)

Members of the Armenian-American community told NBC News in a report published Tuesday that if Turkish talk show host Mehmet Oz is elected to the Senate, his election could grant Ankara a powerful ally across the planet in its campaign to deny the Armenian genocide. Oz, a dual U.S. and Turkish citizen who is running for Senate as a Republican in Pennsylvania, has not explicitly asserted that he believes the Armenian genocide was, in fact, a genocide. In a statement on NBC News, a spokesperson asserted that Oz is opposed to genocide in general but did not explicitly refer to the events of 1915 as the "Armenian genocide."

<https://operationsunlight.com/2022/04/20/report-armenian-americans-worry-mehmet-oz-could-mainstream-genocide-denial/>

Present and past investments/stock ownership

Mehmet Oz — the celebrity heart surgeon best known as the host of daytime TV's "The Dr. Oz Show" — amassed assets worth more than \$100 million, including homes, stock, life insurance and connections to his in-laws' tree-trimming empire.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/dr-oz-100-million-in-assets-pennsylvania-senate-race/>

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Asplundh Tree Expert Co. Political Action Committee

A tree-trimming business, which is partially owned by Dr. Mehmet Oz, a Pennsylvania Senate hopeful, and his wife's family was fined \$95 million in 2017 by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency for a ploy to knowingly employ illegal immigrants, the *New York Post* reported... Dr. Oz is listed as a "shareholder" in the company, according to federal filings which also show he donated \$23,000 to the Asplundh Tree Expert Co. Political Action Committee... In response to the *Post*, Dr. Oz's campaign spokeswoman Erin Perrine said, "Neither Dr. Oz nor Lisa Oz have even worked at the company or had any involvement in decision-making regarding its business practices, period."

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2022/02/12/report-company-partly-owned-by-dr-oz-received-the-largest-fine-in-ice-history/>

Dr. Mehmet Oz, who is [running for the U.S. Senate](#) in Pennsylvania, has a considerable financial stake in major pharmaceutical firms and Silicon Valley giants, newly released records show -- despite railing against "Big Pharma" and "Big Tech" on the campaign trail.

The disclosures, released late Wednesday, indicate that the GOP candidate and celebrity television doctor has poured millions of dollars into companies like Amazon and CVS -- a revelation seemingly at odds with a central tenet of his message to voters.

"I've taken on Big Pharma, I've gone to battle with Big Tech," Oz said on Fox News in December. "I cannot be bought."

A political newcomer, Oz is facing off against David McCormick, a longtime hedge fund executive, in a competitive Republican primary. Both men have immense wealth, and some observers say Oz's investments could complicate his bid to connect with the Keystone State's blue-collar voting base.

According to the disclosure report, Oz, together with his wife, owns between \$6 million and \$27 million in Amazon stocks, between \$1.7 million and \$6.6 million in Microsoft, and between \$1.3 million and \$5.7 million each in Apple and Google's parent company, Alphabet Inc.

Oz and his wife also have between \$615,000 and \$1.3 million in shares of Thermo Fisher Scientific, between \$15,001 and \$50,000 in Johnson & Johnson, and between \$50,001 and \$100,000 each in CVS and the pharmaceutical company AbbVie.

Notably, one of Oz's campaign ads denouncing Big Tech includes Oz saying that he took on Facebook -- and indeed his disclosures do not show him owning any stock in the popular social media company.

In all, Oz's disclosure shows that he and his spouse together own between \$104 and \$422 million in various assets and holdings.

Among his other investments, Oz and his wife together own between \$11 million and \$51 million in shares of Asplundh Tree Trimming, a company co-founded by Oz's wife's family.

Other assets include between \$6 million and \$30 million in shares of the convenient store company Wawa, as well as between \$5 million and \$25 million in shares of the online health engagement platform Sharecare, where Oz sat on the board of directors until last year.

Oz and his spouse also own between \$1.5 million and \$6 million shares in the fertility clinic network Prelude Fertility, and between \$500,000 and \$1 million in shares of Pantheryx, a biotechnology company that specializes in bovine colostrum products. Oz has served as a director of both companies, the disclosure report shows.

According to the report, Oz and his spouse also own between \$11 million and \$47 million in commercial and residential real estate properties.

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Over the past year and a half, Oz reported earning between \$20 million and \$50 million, including more than \$2 million in salary as the host of "The Dr. Oz Show," more than \$7 million in profit from his company Oz Media, LLC, and millions of dollars in capital gains, dividends and interest from his various financial investments.

[Despite railing against Big Tech and Big Pharma, records show Dr. Oz has invested millions in both - ABC News \(go.com\)](#)

Oz has tried to convince voters that he has fought against Big Tech and Big Pharma, despite the fact that he and his wife hold millions of dollars worth of stock in companies representing both industries.

[Pharma CEO Who Endorsed Price Gouging Donated To Dr. Oz - National Memo](#)

Oz's financial disclosures show he raked in between \$1 million and \$5 million on various made-in-China sleep products through a partnership with a Utah-based company. Oz has also come under fire for a partnership with Usana Health Sciences, a company that profits enormously from its business in China. McCormick charged that Oz's "huge economic ties" to China demonstrate that "once again, he's very conflicted on these issues."

[David McCormick: Oz's Track Record Proves He's a 'Hollywood Liberal' \(breitbart.com\)](#)

Endorsements:

Donald Trump, 45th US President

Rick Perry, Former US Secretary of Energy under Trump

Ben Carson, US Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under Trump

Wilbur Ross, US Secretary of Commerce under Trump

Ryan Zinke, US Secretary of the Interior under Trump

Louis Freeh, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1993 to June 2001

Guy Reschenthaler, US Representative

Lloyd Smucker, US Representative

Fred Keller, US Representative

Mike Regan, PA State Senator

Fred Keller, PA House Representative

Harold Hamm, Continental Resources Chairman

Sean Reyes, Utah Attorney General

Ted Nugent, Musician

John Fredericks, radio host

Notes:

From 1999 to 2004, Oz was **named a "Global Leader of Tomorrow" by the World Economic Forum**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehmet_Oz

In addition to belonging to every major professional society for heart surgeons, Dr. Oz has been named Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People, Forbes' most influential celebrity, Esquire magazine's 75 Most Influential People of the 21st Century, **a Global Leader of Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum**, Harvard's 100 Most Influential Alumni, as well as receiving the

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Ellis Island Medal of Honor and AARP 50 Influential People Over 50. He won the prestigious Gross Surgical Research Scholarship, and he has received an honorary doctorate from Istanbul University. He was voted “The Best and Brightest” by Esquire Magazine, a “Doctor of the Year” by Hippocrates magazine and “Healer of the Millennium” by Healthy Living magazine. Dr. Oz is annually elected as a highest quality physician by the Castle Connolly Guide as well as other major ranking groups. He is also an honorary police surgeon for New York City.
<https://www.concordia.net/community/dr-mehmet-c-oz/> (August 5, 2021)

Doctor Oz has made this statement. :I am a progressive Muslim." He is both a citizen of Turkey and the United States. He refuses to give up his Turkish citizenship (changed his position when challenged by McCormick – March 2022). His wife is a naturalized citizen from Egypt.
[Dr. Oz vows to renounce Turkish citizenship if elected senator in Pennsylvania | WBMA \(abc3340.com\)](https://www.abc3340.com)

Dr. Oz was born in Cleveland, Ohio, raised in Delaware and received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University (1982) and obtained a joint MD and MBA (1986) from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and Wharton Business School. He was awarded the Captain’s Athletic Award for leadership in college and elected Class President twice followed by President of the Student Body during medical school. He lives in Northern New Jersey with his wife Lisa of 32 years and their four children
<https://www.concordia.net/community/dr-mehmet-c-oz/> (August 5, 2021)

His principal residence has long been in Bergen County in northern New Jersey. He did become a registered Pennsylvania voter in 2021, however, registering at an address that is a home owned by his mother-in-law in Montgomery County and voting in elections there by absentee ballot. Oz, however, says he’s making a long-term commitment to the state. “We bought a beautiful, 35-acre plot next to the church that we go to in Bryn Athyn. But we’re building on it, so we’ve got to live somewhere in the meantime,” he told PennLive after a recent campaign stop in Hershey. Oz and his wife, Lisa, are renting from her mother in the meantime. “It took me a long time to buy the property because it’s in a historical district and so they don’t sell it that easy. Literally five different groups had to approve it.”
[A TV star, a diplomat, soldiers and other self-made successes: Meet the Republicans who want to be Pa.’s next senator - pennlive.com](https://www.pennlive.com)

During the pandemic, Bartos said McCormick huddled away in Aspen, Colorado, while **Oz was in New Jersey.**
[Pa.'s top GOP Senate candidates debate COVID, Biden, each other | News | dailyitem.com](https://www.dailyitem.com)

The atrocities once committed against the Armenians have become widely recognized by many, including by the U.S. and 29 other countries, as “genocide.” Turkey however aggressively rejects that characterization and instead dismisses the killings as normal tragedies of war and not crimes that were premeditated and systematic. Oz has dual citizenship in the U.S. and Turkey and while he has said he would renounce his Turkish citizenship if elected to the Senate, he has now come under scrutiny for aligning with his country’s position on the Armenian genocide. An Oz spokesperson said in a recent NBC News report when asked about the matter that “Dr. Mehmet Oz opposes genocide and the murder of innocent people in all forms.” The

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spokesperson however would not refer to what happened to the Armenians in World War I as “genocide.” “I think that’s indicative of a broader thing,” McCormick said, citing his own background of serving in the U.S. military in the 82nd Airborne Division in Iraq during the Gulf War. Oz also has a military background, having served in the Turkish military as a medical aide. McCormick said Oz “was wearing a Turkish uniform and serving in the Turkish military ... is a dual Turkish citizen, has deep business ties as we see on his financial disclosure, has deep connections to the senior-most people in Turkey, and the reason that’s such a problem is Turkey is an adversary. ... Our interests with Turkey diverge pretty dramatically in many ways. Turkey is pro-Iran, it’s pro-Syria, it’s anti-Israel. And the reason I call this out is, you know, Mehmet Oz couldn’t get a security clearance today, and it’s very hard for him to be an effective U.S. senator with those sorts of conflicts.”

[David McCormick: Oz’s Track Record Proves He’s a ‘Hollywood Liberal’ \(breitbart.com\)](#)

In 2014, he was dubbed a “snake oil salesman” when he was grilled at a Senate panel on Capitol Hill for “peddling magic weight-loss cures” on his show. In 2015, a group of doctors wrote a letter to Columbia University, stating that Oz, who was vice-chair of the department of surgery at Columbia’s College of Physicians and Surgeons, should be fired.

<https://theblast.com/134522/dr-oz-running-for-senate-seat-in-pennsylvania/>

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Sands, Carla – US Senate

Former Ambassador to Denmark

Former Chairman and CEO of Vintage Capital Group, Former Chiropractor

<https://www.carlasands.com/>

Election Integrity

Carla will work to secure our elections by stopping the federalization of our elections and work to ban Mark Zuckerberg and his friends from stealing our elections.

<https://carlasands.com/platform/>

Carla supports requirement to show photo ID in order to vote

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

“Unless they [voters] are unwell and need to vote absentee, they should vote in-person on election day. It’s a great way to stop fraud,” Sands said.

[On back-to-back nights, Pennsylvania’s U.S. Senate candidates show their differences on voting rights and democracy | WITF](#)

Campaign ad – states that she will crack down on election fraud and fight for voter ID

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGA0_KMfWMc&t=15s

QUESTION: Should the Republican party move on from the 2020 election and would you have voted to certify Pennsylvania’s Electoral College results, confirming now-President Joe Biden’s victory against former President Donald Trump?

ANSWER: Former Trump administration ambassador Carla Sands said she supported banning third parties from helping to fund election operations.

She claimed the election “was stolen” with the help of election grant money offered by Meta Founder Mark Zuckerberg. Sands directed viewers to a film by far-right author Dinesh D’Souza [2000 Mules].

[Still a topic in 2022, here's what GOP U.S. Senate candidates say about certification, moving on - Pennsylvania Capital-Star \(penncapital-star.com\)](#)

Sands said outright the 2020 election was stolen for Biden and said the party shouldn’t move past the matter.

[Pa.'s top GOP Senate candidates debate COVID, Biden, each other | News | dailyitem.com](#)

Carla Sands made clear that she would not have voted to certify the vote in January 2021. Sands, the Cumberland County native who made her fortune with her late husband in California and parlayed her support for Republican candidates including Trump into an appointment as U.S. Ambassador to Denmark, said she couldn’t have voted to certify based on the unresolved questions she had at that time. Sands also made clear Tuesday that she would seek to end no-excuse mail-in balloting in the future. “If France... can have an election day – in person, with paper ballots, affirming that they are a citizen, and they can count those votes in one day, and they can tell the citizens of France the outcome of that election – how the heck can we not do it

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in the greatest democracy in the world?” Sands asked, referring to France’s presidential election Sunday.

[With big spenders off-stage, ‘the pack’ tries to shake up Pennsylvania’s Republican Senate race | WITF](#)

Health Freedom & Mandates – lockdowns, masks, social distancing, restriction of peaceful assembly/group size, vaccinations

Vaccine mandates put us on slippery slope to tyranny... Those of us who oppose Biden's mandates aren't advocating for or against the vaccine, but for the freedom of every American to make their own decisions. We believe that mandating health decisions is a slippery slope to tyranny. Let's not forget that these mandates have severe consequences on our general economic health. Despite another month of severely disappointing employment numbers, the Biden administration has decided to level yet another crushing weight onto the shoulders of employers.

https://www.ontheissues.org/Social/Carla_Sands_Health_Care.htm

Big Tech & Mainstream Media – election interference & censorship/cancel culture

Carla will put the needs of Pennsylvanians first and fight to grow job opportunities. She will always fight to protect your constitutionally protected rights including freedom of speech and religion.

<https://www.carlasands.com/platform/>

Carla disagrees with cancel culture

[WATCH VIDEO | GOP Senate candidate Sands points to Pa. roots, challenges frontrunners in local campaign stop | Local News | tribdem.com](#)

Protection of second amendment rights – gun control

Carla will always protect your right to legally bear arms against radical ‘gun-grabbing’ Democrats aiming to take your rights away. Carla will never waver in her belief that as a law-abiding American, you have the Constitutional right to exercise your 2nd Amendment rights.

<https://carlasands.com/platform/>

Carla backs the second amendment

[WATCH VIDEO | GOP Senate candidate Sands points to Pa. roots, challenges frontrunners in local campaign stop | Local News | tribdem.com](#)

Carla fully supports the Second Amendment and the right of citizens to own firearms

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

States’ Rights – federal government over-reach

Carla will fight every day to save our economy from Joe Biden’s radical social programs and \$7

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trillion spending bills. They're a massive tax on Pennsylvania families, seniors, and small businesses.

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Foreign Policy

As a member of President Trump's economic advisory council and his Ambassador to Denmark, I proudly worked to stop America's adversaries. But now, Joe Biden's failures have allowed communist China and Russia to steal American jobs and undermine our national security," said Sands. "I'm running for US Senate to stop the Biden Administration's socialist agenda and to put America and Pennsylvania First. I will work to protect our jobs, grow our economy, and secure our elections. I'm going to Washington not just to fight for our values and virtues, but to lead for Pennsylvania."

Serving on President Trump's economic and foreign policy teams, I helped counter the threats presented by communist China and Putin's Russia. But while Joe Biden stumbles around, our adversaries are flexing their muscles and stealing American jobs. I'm Carla Sands and I'm running for US Senate to put America and Pennsylvania First. That means saving our economy from socialism, securing our border, and standing up for our heroes in uniform. I'm tired of Biden's weakness and that's why I approve this message.

<https://www.carlasands.com/2021/10/07/sands-announces-3-5-million-raised-seven-figure-media-launch/>

Today, Former Trump Ambassador to Denmark Carla Sands blasted President Biden for giving \$308 million in "humanitarian aid" to Taliban-controlled Afghanistan. This comes on the heels of Biden abandoning tens of millions of dollars worth of American military equipment in Afghanistan during the disastrous pull-out.

"Remember when Biden and Obama gave pallets of cash to Iran? Now the Biden administration is giving \$308 million worth of 'humanitarian aid' to a country controlled by the Taliban – control given to them by the Biden administration. This is just more of the same dangerous foreign policies from the Biden administration," said Ambassador Carla Sands. "We desperately need leaders who will put Americans' safety first. As Pennsylvania's next Senator, I will push back against the Biden administration and fight for the America First foreign policies that I helped craft in the Trump administration. This has to stop."

While Sands continues advocating for President Trump's foreign policies that made America safer and the strongest economy in recent history, Lamb and radical socialist John Fetterman are in a race to the left. When taking into account Carla's extensive foreign policy experience and America First successes, there remains no greater contrast than that between Sands and her Democratic opponents.

<https://www.carlasands.com/2022/01/11/u-s-senate-candidate-ambassador-carla-sands-blasts-president-biden-for-giving-308-million-of-humanitarian-aid-to-taliban-controlled-afghanistan/>

Economy & Energy Policy - government spending/taxes/deregulation

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religion. Carla will be Pennsylvania's unwavering energy Senator. She won't stand for Biden's Green New Deal attacks on Pennsylvania energy jobs and Pennsylvania's farmers. She will fight for increased natural gas production and end our reliance on foreign oil.

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U.S. energy policy should reflect the economic, environmental, and national security benefits of open markets and competition. Regrettably, recent actions by the Biden administration are taking the opposite approach. Keep-it-in-the-ground policies like canceling the Keystone XL pipeline or banning new lease sales for oil and gas on federal lands won't meaningfully change the demand for oil and gas.

<https://www.carlasands.com/2021/03/31/op-ed-a-key-to-americas-growth-lies-beneath-pennsylvanias-soil/>

Carla has a plan to lower the prices at the gas pump and the grocery store by stopping Biden's reckless spending.

<https://carlasands.com/platform/>

They (debate participants) all expressed support in boosting Pennsylvania's natural gas industry.

[Pa.'s top GOP Senate candidates debate COVID, Biden, each other | News | dailyitem.com](#)

Carla supports fracking and natural gas

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Carla opposes the idea of Medicare for All

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Immigration

Build the wall; don't admit unaccompanied alien children... Washington needs to return to an immigration and border security policy that prioritizes American interests. We know how to do it: continue building the border wall; reinstate the Remain in Mexico program; use Title 42 authority until COVID is no longer laws, including deportations; and expand employment verification to ensure employers hire only work-authorized employees.

https://www.ontheissues.org/International/Carla_Sands_Immigration.htm

Sands backs tightening border security

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Carla will work to secure our border and finish Trump's border wall in order to stop the flow of illegal immigrants and drugs like fentanyl.

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"We have to secure our border and build the wall. President Trump listened to the border patrol and they said they needed a wall. He worked to complete that wall."

[Republican Senate nominees debate for consecutive nights \(wgal.com\)](#)

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Sands opposes President Biden’s immigration policy

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

They (debate participants) all supported a federal judge’s ruling to keep Title 42 in place, a Trump-era restriction on entry into the country during pandemic emergencies.

[Pa.'s top GOP Senate candidates debate COVID, Biden, each other | News | dailyitem.com](#)

Law & Order/Public Safety/Support for Police – human trafficking, gun trafficking, legalization of recreational marijuana in PA

Carla will always vote to fund our police in order to protect our communities and cities from crime.

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Education – Parents’ Rights/School Choice

Sands supports school choice

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Sands opposes woke culture, censorship, and critical race theory... Every child should have access to an outstanding education. That's why I will stand up to woke culture, censorship, and critical race theory.

[Carla Sands on Education \(ontheissues.org\)](#)

Let’s face reality: The one size fits all model has failed our students. Pennsylvania spends more than the national average per student, yet our schools are ranked 37th in the nation. As a commonwealth, we’ve continued to throw money at a failing system and hope for change. Sensible people know, when you spend more money than the average, you expect better than average results. Sadly, that’s not what we see here. Instead of repeating the cycle, what if we broke the mold and became an innovator in education?

As Americans, we know better than others that competition drives innovation. It’s the cornerstone of our economy that has built us into one of the greatest systems. For too long, our school system has operated in a manner that placates unions and is specifically inhibitive of competition. Introducing a competitive factor to how we fund education has the potential to be a major catalyst for change. As your senator, it’s my hope to work toward that change.

Last year, Sens. Tim Scott (R-SC) and Lamar Alexander (R-TN) introduced the School Choice Now Act. The legislation, if passed, among other things would:

- Allow parents to choose the academic instruction that works best for their child.
- Provide funding for scholarship-granting organizations throughout the state.
- Prohibit federal control of education to ensure that all education providers may be able to participate without fear of federal control.
- Allow states to create their own tax credit scholarship program that works for the unique needs of students in their state.

This act reimagines the education sector as a competitive place where schools are driven to perform at a higher level and compete for tax dollar funding, as opposed to being guaranteed a certain amount based on the overall enrollment. Private schools that often do better at a lower

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overhead cost would have the ability to expand and present every student with an opportunity for a better education that is not limited in scope or quality by their zip code.

Opponents to educational opportunity initiatives often parrot the argument that it is a net negative for inner-city and disadvantaged students. Their argument isn't based in any sphere of reality, especially in Pennsylvania. Recent polling of inner-city parents showed that if finance wasn't a limiting factor, 39.6 percent of parents would choose to send their children to private school, another 30.69 percent would send their children to a charter school, and 17.82 percent would choose to homeschool. Only 11.88 percent of parents polled in Philadelphia would send their children to their zoned school.

Parents and students alike are frustrated with our school system as it is. Unclear guidance during a challenging time, standards that don't always challenge students at their level, and lesson plans designed to drive political agendas in the classroom have shaken confidence in our public schools. It's time we take a step back, revisit the drawing board, and create a system that works for our students—not for unions and politicians. We can give each child in Pennsylvania an education that works for them; an education without indoctrination or political bias. An education that will put Pennsylvania back on track to bring businesses and opportunity to our commonwealth. Isn't that what we'd all like?

<https://www.carlasands.com/2021/09/12/reimagining-education-for-all-students-in-pennsylvania/>

Family Values & Abortion

Carla will always vote to protect life both at the beginning of life and at the end of life and she will work to stop the Biden Administration's radical policies. She will work to protect our children's innocence and ban Critical Race Theory indoctrination of our schoolchildren.

<https://carlasands.com/platform/>

Former ambassador to Denmark Carla Sands, who marched in last month's Harrisburg March for Life, told The Inquirer she is "unapologetically pro-life" but didn't give details on what changes she would or wouldn't support.

https://senate.ontheissues.org/social/Carla_Sands_Abortion.htm

Sands opposes abortion

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Sands supports overturning Roe v Wade. She supports abortion being legal when the mother's life is at risk.

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All of the candidates (debate participants) said they'd vote in support of laws banning transgender women from competing in women's sports.

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Sands opposes House-passed Equality Act (HR 5) which would extend the same rights to gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders as afforded to other protected groups under the 1964 Civil Rights Act

<https://afaofpa.org/wp-content/uploads/US-Senate-Voter-Guide-Primary-2022.pdf>

Campaign financing – their current campaign contributors and their past donations to political organizations or PACs

Out of state contributions – 78.7%

In state contributions – 21.3%

SOURCE:: Inquirer – analysis by Aseem Shukla of Federal Election Commission data (does not include individuals' contributions under \$200 made directly to campaigns)

Sands has held many roles over the years and she raised large amounts of money for Trump's campaign in 2016. Now, in the U.S. Senate race for the state of Pennsylvania, she has put in [\\$3.1 million](#) of her own money and financed a \$1 million television advertisement.

<https://marketrealist.com/p/carla-sands-net-worth>

Present and past personal and political affiliations

Today, Ambassador Carla Sands, former economic advisor and Ambassador to Denmark under President Donald Trump, released her newest digital ad, *MAGA*, in which she praised President Trump's leadership and the results he achieved during his four years in the White House and promises to fight for the America First Agenda in the Senate.

<https://carlasands.com/2021/12/09/carla-sands-releases-new-digital-ad-vowing-to-promote-an-america-first-agenda/>

Present and past investments/stock ownership

Upon leaving the ambassador's post, she filed a public disclosure of assets, valuing more than 50 accounts or properties at between \$35 million and \$152 million, a wide range that is a result of the government's request that each asset be valued within a certain dollar bracket.

[Ex-ambassador, investment CEO seeks Pennsylvania Senate seat | WITF](#)

Sands reports that she brings in no earned income from the firm [Vintage Capital], or from anywhere else. She has a trust in her name, though its value isn't disclosed. She also has millions of dollars in mutual funds and a long list of stock holdings, including in Alphabet — a.k.a. Google — Amazon, health insurance provider Anthem, private equity company Blackstone, and Facebook. Her campaign didn't immediately return a request for comment about whether she would divest from any of those stocks if elected. She reported no liabilities.

[Earnings disclosures of Pa. U.S. Senate candidates - WHYY \(04/04/02\)](#)

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When Fred Sands passed away in 2015 after suffering a stroke, his wife replaced him as chair and CEO of Vintage Capital, which has \$150 million in assets.

<https://www.institutionalinvestor.com/article/b14z9n3z39kn1r/from-socialite-to-donald-trump-adviser-the-rise-of-carla-sands>

<https://projects.propublica.org/trump-town/organizations/vintage-capital-group-llc>

Endorsements

Greg Rothman, PA State Representative

David Maloney, PA State Representative

James Muller, Adams County Sheriff

Jody Smith, Cumberland County Sheriff

Matt Baker, former state House Speaker Pro Tempore

Roger Bunn, Tioga County Commissioner

Erick Coolidge, Tioga County Commissioner

Mark Hamilton, Tioga County Commissioner

Dave Lohr, Fayette County Republican Commissioner

Scott Dunn, Fayette County Republican Commissioner

Marc Little, CURE Action America Executive and conservative activist

Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House

Robert C. O'Brien, former National Security Advisor

Callista Gingrich, former ambassador to the Holy See

Robin Bernstein, former ambassador to the Dominican Republic

Scott Brown, former Senator and former ambassador to New Zealand

Randy Evans, former ambassador to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg Randy Evans

Jamie McCourt, former ambassador to France and Monaco

Ed McMullen, former ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein

Lana Marks, former ambassador to South Africa

Pete Hoekstra, former ambassador to the Netherlands

Ulrich Brechbuhl, former Counselor of the U.S. Department of State

David Friedman, former ambassador to Israel

Bob Pence, former ambassador to Finland

Robert Kohorst, former ambassador to Croatia

David Cornstein, former ambassador to Hungary

George Glass, former ambassador to Portugal

Adrian Zuckerman, former ambassador to Romania

Frank Baxter, former ambassador to Uruguay

More than 50 pastors in over 20 Pennsylvania counties have joined Ambassador Carla Sands' new Faith Leaders Coalition, the Republican candidate for U.S. Senate announced today.

“I am truly honored to have the support – especially in the form of much-needed prayer – of so many pastors and people of faith across the Commonwealth,” Ambassador Sands said today

<https://carlasands.com/news/>

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Notes

When asked if she would count herself as a definite or likely “no” vote for returning U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, as the Senate Republican’s floor leader, Sands sidestepped the question, saying her focus is on making sure that a Republican will be the majority leader, instead of the current Majority Leader, Chuck Schumer of New York.

[With big spenders off-stage, ‘the pack’ tries to shake up Pennsylvania’s Republican Senate race | WITF](#)

Today, Ambassador Carla Sands signed the U.S. Term Limits pledge on Congress – ensuring this seat in the United States Senate belongs to the people of Pennsylvania, not to Washington, D.C. insiders or special interest groups. The pledge reads as follows: “I pledge that as a member of Congress I will cosponsor and vote for the U.S. Term Limits Amendment of three (3) House terms and two (2) Senate terms and no longer limit.”

<https://www.carlasands.com/2021/09/14/sands-signs-term-limits-pledge/>

In 2016, Carla, a lifelong Republican, got to know and worked tirelessly to elect President Donald J. Trump and his America First agenda. Because of her experience as both a small business owner and as Chairman of a very successful company, she was appointed to President Trump’s Economic Advisory Council.

In 2017, President Trump called on Carla to represent the United States as the Ambassador to Denmark, Greenland, and the Faroe Islands. During her tenure, Denmark increased its defense spending, while U.S. exports to the Kingdom of Denmark rose over 43%, resulting in the creation of additional jobs right here at home.