

Georgia Senate #1

Jan. 5 Runoff Election

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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT Support Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obamacare?	Yes. Will “work to improve [ACA], not repeal it, so we can make affordable insurance and quality care available to all Americans.”	No. Voted to repeal ACA . “The poorest among us will continue to be fined because they can’t afford Obamacare.”
CAMPAIN FINANCE Limit campaign donations? Require political ads to disclose largest funders?	Yes. “We must end <i>Citizens United</i> and get secret, dark money out of politics.”	No position found.
CLIMATE CHANGE Consider human-caused climate change a serious threat?	Yes. “Climate change is a major threat to our prosperity and our security,” part of “a broader environmental and ecological crisis.”	No. “The scientific community is not in total agreement” about human cause. Supports Trump withdrawal from Paris Agreement.
CLIMATE CHANGE Address as a top priority by taxing or limiting output of greenhouse gases, supporting renewable energy?	Yes. Will “deliver massive federal investment in clean energy, grid infrastructure, R&D.”	Mostly no. Opposed Obama’s Clean Power Plan and limits on offshore drilling . Supports biomass investment .
COURT—SUPREME COURT Pick Ruth Bader Ginsburg replacement before November election? See CEEP Supreme Court guide.	Wait. “We must let the people speak at the ballot box, and then let the court reflect the will of the newly-elected president and Senate.”	Confirm before November election. “The choice for the future of the Supreme Court is clear, and our nation’s founding principles are at stake.”
COVID-19 Support administration’s response to coronavirus pandemic?	No. Calls the Trump administration’s handling of the pandemic “gross incompetence.”	Yes. Trump and Pence are “taking the coronavirus very seriously.” “We’ve done everything we could.”
COVID-19 ECONOMIC RESPONSE Support administration’s economic response to coronavirus pandemic?	No. “Tens of millions are losing jobs, ... essential workers are underpaid, under-protected and underinsured ... [while] help for ordinary people and smaller firms has been meager and slow.”	Yes. Serves on Trump Economic Task Force . Trump “has taken unprecedented action to protect the American people; ... now we’re working to safely reopen [and] help small businesses continue to weather this crisis.”
EDUCATION Public funding for private or for-profit schools?	No position found. Focuses on increasing teacher pay and strengthening public schools.	Yes. Supports “school choice,” including charter and private schools.
ENVIRONMENT Tighten or loosen environmental regulations?	Tighten. Will work to reverse Trump “rollbacks of clean air, clean water, and fuel economy standards.”	Mostly loosen. Roll back “stifling Obama-era regulations.” Against reducing waste and emissions. Reduce plastic waste in oceans.
FINANCIAL REGULATION Tighten or loosen regulation of banks and credit card companies?	Tighten. Seeks more regulation of the banking system, reinstating Glass-Steagall Act.	Loosen. Supports “rollback of federal banking regulations.” Calls Consumer Financial Protection Bureau “rogue agency.”

ISSUES	OSOFF (D)	PERDUE (R)
GUN RULES Enact more restrictive legislation on guns?	Yes. Supports universal background checks, red-flag laws, closing gun-show loophole, as well as a ban on assault weapons.	Mixed. "We have ample gun laws on the books" and should enforce them. Supports some more stringent background checks.
IMMIGRATION Path to citizenship for DACA participants brought to U.S. as children? Position on expanding border walls and limiting legal immigration?	Yes. "DREAMers are Americans ... here to stay." Supports "path to legal status for undocumented immigrants." "Strong border security doesn't require" sacrificing "our moral principles."	Mixed. Supports Trump proposal for DACA path to citizenship tied to cutbacks in legal immigration and funding for wall. DACA brings "chain migration." Supported limiting visas to create a merit-based immigration system.
IMPEACHMENT Support calling witnesses and convicting Trump on impeachment charges?	Yes. "If Trump pressured a foreign power to smear his political opponent ... he should be impeached."	No on both. Called impeachment "a partisan political weapon ... aimed at overturning the 2016 election."
IRAN Oppose military attacks on Iran without congressional approval?	No position found, although opposed Trump withdrawal from Iran nuclear treaty.	No. Opposed bill to require approval. Supported 2020 attack; "Justice has been served."
LABOR Support "right to work" laws, barring unions from mandating dues.	No position found. Has been endorsed by United Auto Workers.	Yes. Co-sponsored National Right-to-Work Act.
LEGAL ABORTION Keep legal or ban?	Legal. "I will only vote to confirm federal judges who pledge to uphold Roe v. Wade."	Ban. "Will continue fighting to protect the unborn." Backed ban on most abortions after six weeks that the courts overturned.
LGBTQ RIGHTS Support gay marriage and other LGBTQ rights issues?	Yes. Supports LGBTQ Rights, and Equality Act against discrimination for gender or orientation.	No. Sees marriage as "between one man and one woman." In legalizing same-sex marriage, the Supreme Court "overstepped" its role.
MARIJUANA Decriminalize or legalize?	Yes. "It's past time to legalize, regulate and tax cannabis."	Medical yes. Supports access to medical marijuana. As of 2014, opposed recreational.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise federal minimum wage from \$7.25?	Yes. "Fight to make sure the minimum wage is a livable wage."	No recent position. In 2014 said if "increase the minimum wage, you will kill jobs."
POLICE/COMMUNITY ISSUES Restrict police use of force and increase public oversight?	Yes. "We urgently need a New Civil Rights Act to establish national standards for use [of] force by American police!"	Mixed. "Do we need police reform? Absolutely. But ... the vast majority of police officers protect us honorably."
PLANNED PARENTHOOD Support Planned Parenthood's receiving public funds for non-abortion care?	Yes. Will defend Planned Parenthood's "essential preventative and reproductive health care services."	No. Co-sponsored bill to end any federal funding of Planned Parenthood.
SAUDI ARABIA Support blocking arms sales to Saudi Arabia?	Yes. Reject "regime that executes political dissidents, executes people for their sexuality and brutally murders journalists."	No. Voted in U.S. Senate against resolution blocking Saudi arms sales.
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID Support free or subsidized tuition for lower-income individuals?	Yes. Supports debt forgiveness and making public college, state school, or trade school education "debt-free."	No. Promises of free tuition are what "the Soviets did in Russia, the Germans did in '33," and what the Cubans and Venezuelans did.
TAXES Support administration's \$1.9 trillion (2017) tax cuts?	No. "We borrow trillions to cut taxes for the wealthy & powerful."	Yes. "The tax cuts passed by the U.S. Senate ... are already having a positive impact across the country."
VOTING RIGHTS Strict ID and other rules to combat possible fraud, even if limiting access?	No. Criticizes "major purges" of voter rolls and "mass disenfranchisement." Need a new Voting Rights Act.	No position found. On chaotic GA primary, "more than 150 counties didn't have any problem. In a few we did. ... This idea of voter suppression is a lie right out of the pit of hell."

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