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MAIN PLAYERS GUIDE

When it comes to Congress and its intersection with higher education, some legislators are more involved than others. They may have a significant role in their party or chamber, or lead a committee or subcommittee that oversees education funding or programming, or just be are passionate about higher education. Whatever it is, you will see and hear their name time and again, and they will be in key decision-making and influence-wielding roles. It's important that you become familiar with them.

This guide will help you do that. Below, you will find important information for those who lead both parties, both chambers, and committees that intersect higher education - whether that be in research, education policy, funding, or international student affairs. You will also find information on those who may not lead a specific committee, caucus, or party, but who are vocal about higher education and the government's involvement therein.

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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THE LEADERSHIP

| Speaker of the House | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Nancy Pelosi pelosi.house.gov | CA-12 | D | 17th | 1236 Longworth | Bachelor's (Trinity College) |
| Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | | |
| Catholic, Daughter of Maryland Congressman and Baltimore Mayor. Married, 5 children | | | | | |
| Committees and Caucuses | | | | | |
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- She was elected in late 2002 as the first woman to lead a party in the House and then again in 2007 when she became the first female speaker.
- She worked with the GOP speaker, John Boehner of Ohio, to pass bills on the debt ceiling, the Violence Against Women Act, extension of some Bush era income tax cuts, Hurricane Sandy relief, the 2013 farm bill and spending bills to end the 16-day government shutdown in 2013.

| Majority Leader | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|
| Steny Hoyer hoyer.house.gov | MD-5 | D | 20th | 1705 Longworth | JD (Georgetown) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Widower, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- Has served as minority whip twice and majority leader twice.
- Hoyer has long been seen as the leader of the more-moderate members of the House Democratic caucus, but even as their numbers have dwindled in recent Congresses, he has maintained his position and influence.
- He played a key role in late 2015 in getting enough votes to pass the \$1.1 trillion omnibus spending bill that disappointed him as well as many other Democrats who wanted more money for things such as infrastructure, research, innovation, higher education and workforce development.

| Minority Leader | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Kevin McCarthy kevinmccarthy.house.gov | CA-23 | R | 7th | 2468 Rayburn | MBA (CSU Bakersfield) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Son of a Bakersfield city firefighter. Married, 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- He has taken a tough line on immigration, notwithstanding his congressional district's 36 percent Hispanic population.
- Worked his way through college by buying cars from auctions and reselling them
- Was as a member of the Kern Community College District board of trustees before running for Congress

| Majority Whip | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|---|---|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Jim Clyburn clyburn.house.gov | SC-6 | D | 14th | 200 Cannon | Bachelor's (South Carolina State U) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | A minister's son and former civil-rights activist. Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Arts; Biomedical Research; Energy and Energy Efficiency; STEM Education; Congressional Black Caucus; LGBT Equality Caucus | | | | |

- Served on the Appropriations Committee before taking on his leadership roles. Previously chaired the Democratic Caucus and the Congressional Black Caucus.
- Unapologetic in his desire to bring federal money to his district, which is one of the poorest and least educated in the nation.
- Author of “Blessed Experiences: Genuinely Southern, Proudly Black”

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| Minority Whip Steve Scalise scalise.house.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | LA-1 | R | 7th | 2049 Rayburn | Bachelor's (Louisiana State) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Grandfather immigrated from Sicily, first generation college graduate. Married, 2 children. Catholic. | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |

- Degree in computer science
- Pragmatist in the GOP leadership, bridging the divide between those who want to move legislation and those who would rather stand fast on the conservative principles on which they were elected.
- He opposes abortion, gun control, same-sex marriage and government efforts to combat greenhouse gas emissions.
- He was seriously wounded in 2017 when a gunman opened fire on the Congressional Republican baseball team practice in Alexandria Va.
- Top priorities include support for Louisiana’s energy industries.
- His district hosts both producers and refineries of petroleum, and he is one of the biggest cheerleaders for the state’s offshore drilling operations.

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| Democratic Caucus Chair Hakeem Jeffries jeffries.house.gov | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | NY-8 | D | 20th | 2433 Rayburn | JD (Georgetown) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Middle-class household in Brooklyn. Married 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |

- Promoted a legislative agenda that includes social and economic justice issues.
- Called for finding a pathway to citizenship for so-called DREAMers, undocumented immigrants brought to the United States as children
- Has also lobbied the nation’s largest tech companies to hire more African Americans

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| Republican Conference Chair | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | WY-At-large | R | 2nd | 416 Cannon | JD (University of Chicago) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |

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| Liz Cheney cheney.house.gov | Daughter of Dick Cheney, former Vice President. Married, 5 children |
| | Committees and Caucuses |
| | Natural Resources; Armed Services |

- Vocal about eliminating the EPA
- Doesn't believe in human caused climate change

COMMITTEES

Agriculture

SNAP, Food and Nutrition, Research

| Chair | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------|------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Collin Peterson collinpeterson.house.gov | MN-7 | D | 15th | 2204 Rayburn | Bachelor's (MN State U) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Grew up on a farm | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- Rural district (farming is priority)
- SNAP is priority
- Anti-regulation (including environmental)
- High bipartisan score
- Conservative on immigration issues
- Musician and licensed pilot

| Ranking Member | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------|------|--------------|------------------------|
| Mike Conaway conaway.house.gov | TX-11 | R | 8th | 2469 Rayburn | Bachelor's (Texas A&M) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Married, 4 children. Baptist | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- Strong defense of farmers and ranchers.
- Opposed same-sex marriage
- Served on local school board in 80's

| Ag: Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| | OH-11 | D | 7th | 2344 Rayburn | JD (Cleveland-Marshall) |

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| Subcommittee Chair | Heritage, Family, and Religion |
| Marcia Fudge | Mother was among the first black female union organizers. Stepfather is a Republican who has run unsuccessfully for mayor of Shaker Heights. |
| fudge.house.gov | Committees and Caucuses |
| | Congressional Black Caucus (Former chair), Progressive Caucus; Ed and Labor |

- Supports government helping needy citizens
- Former Mayor
- Supports temporary housing for homeless youth during school breaks
- Represents an urban district with low income residents
- Fudge has championed voting rights and overhauling campaign finance laws as chair of the House Administration Committee's subcommittee on elections.
- Vocal opponent to any policies around cutting SNAP access
- Original cosponsor of Closing the College Hunger Gap Act
- Considered challenging Pelosi for Speaker but ended up supporting her

Appropriations

Government Funding

| Chair | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|--|---|-------|------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Nita Lowey | NY-17 | D | 16th | 2365 Rayburn | Bachelor's (Mount Holyoke) |
| lowey.house.gov | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Subcommittees: Military/VA, Transportation/HUD, Legislative; Congressional Women's Caucus | | | | |

- First woman to Chair Appropriations
- Advocate for government spending for citizens
- Particular interests include infrastructure, fighting bioterrorism, shelters for battered women
- Advocate for women's issues (access to OBGYNs, breast cancer research)
- Was assistant secretary of state

| Ranking Member | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Kay Granger | TX-12 | R | 12th | 1026 Longworth | Bachelor's (Texas Wesleyan) |
| kaygranger.house.gov | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Divorced, 3 children. Methodist | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- First woman to lead Appropriations as ranking member

- Interested in national security and foreign affairs (increase military investment)
- Has strong military connections in district
- Supports global humanitarian efforts (human trafficking, poaching, orphans)
- Desire for compromise (moderate on social issues)
- Former high school teacher and mayor

Budget

Government Funding

| Chair | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|--|--|-------|------|------------|-------------------|
| John Yarmuth yarmuth.house.gov | KY-3 | D | 7th | 402 Cannon | Bachelor's (Yale) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Married, 1 child. Jewish | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Congressional Progressive Caucus, Congressional Bourbon Caucus | | | | |

- Priorities include climate change and immigration
- Millionaire former publisher
- Promotes government involvement in education and job training, and safety net for poor and disadvantaged
- Donates his salary to charities

| Ranking Member | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|--|---|-------|------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Steve Womack womack.house.gov | AR-3 | R | 5th | 2412 Rayburn | Bachelor's (Arkansas Tech) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Rural Arkansas, broadcaster father. Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Tuesday Group | | | | |

- Wants to cut mandatory spending
- Former Mayor Rogers, AR (close to home of Walmart)
- Served in the National Guard
- Against sanctuary cities
- Longest active vote-streak

Education and Labor

Research, Financial Aid, Regulations

| Chair | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Bobby Scott | VA-3 | D | 14th | 1201 Longworth | JD (Boston College) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |

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| bobbyscott.house.gov | Filipino maternal grandfather, Episcopalian |
| | Committees and Caucuses |
| | Subcommittee: Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions; Budget; Congressional Black Caucus |

- Priorities include increasing minimum wage, mandatory paid family leave, expanding student aid
- Also supports tuition-free two-year public college, adjusting college costs to decrease debt, allowing undocumented students to access aid
- Attended private boarding school, former Army and National Guard
- Father was a thoracic surgeon

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| Ranking Member Virginia Foxx foxx.house.gov | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | NC-5 | R | 8th | 2462 Rayburn | EdD (UNC-Greensboro) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Rural poor. Married 1 child. Catholic | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- Former community college president and advocate for vocational education
- Would abolish Department of Education
- Supports transparency for colleges and universities eligible for federal dollars
- Priorities: "government accountability and transparency"
- Against letting ED collect data on college students
- Opposes same-sex marriage and extending rights to transgender persons

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| HL: Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions Subcommittee Chair Frederica Wilson wilson.house.gov | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | FL-24 | D | 5th | 2445 Rayburn | Master's (U of Miami) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Mother was a small-business owner and father a civil rights activist. Widow, 3 children. | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Congressional Higher Ed Caucus | | | | |

- Likes to call herself a “voice for the voiceless”
- Was a school principal early in career
- 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project is her signature mentoring program
- Wilson supports pro-union legislation and backs increasing the hourly minimum wage to \$15.
- Represents a majority-black district that includes some of the poorest parts of Miami-Dade County and the nation.
- Worked with Jeb Bush to remove the confederate flag from the state capitol in Florida

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| HL: Higher Education | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| and Workforce Investment Subcommittee Chair Susan Davis susandavis.house.gov | CA-53 | D | 10th | 1214 Longworth | Master's (UNC) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Jewish immigrants from Russia. Married 2 children. Jewish | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- College affordability and more training for women
- Invest in higher ed to ensure all students can complete a degree
- Increased funding for NIH
- Increased minimum wage
- Prohibit LGBTQ discrimination
- Experience teaching multi-ethnic students leadership and citizenship skills

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| HL: Workforce Protections Subcommittee Chair Alma Adams adams.house.gov | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | NC-12 | D | 4th | 2436 Rayburn | PhD (Ohio State) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Mother was a domestic worker. Divorced, 2 children. Baptist | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Progressive Caucus | | | | | |

- Former Arts professor at Greensboro's Bennett College
- Heavily focused on education and HBCUs
- Inspired by early civil rights protesters

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| HL: Civil Rights and Human Services Subcommittee Chair Suzanne Bonamici bonamici.house.gov | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | OR-1 | D | 5th | 2231 Rayburn | JD (U of OR) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Small town MI. Married, 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- Priorities include climate change and environment
- Worked her way through college

| Chair | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Frank Pallone pallone.house.gov | NJ-6 | D | 17th | 2107 Rayburn | JD (Rutgers), Master's (Tufts) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Congressional Progressive Caucus | | | | |

- Defender of consumers and advocate for affordable health care
- Fighting efforts to roll back environmental and consumer protections
- Wants to tackle drug prices and drug abuse
- Wants to ban all offshore oil and gas drilling in the Atlantic
- Masters is in International Relations

| Ranking Member | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Greg Walden walden.house.gov | OR-2 | R | 11th | 2185 Rayburn | Bachelor's (U of Oregon) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Married, 1 child | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- Party loyalist but willing to embrace bipartisanship
- Wants to keep consumer issues in mind when dealing with conservation
- Has opposed Trump, particularly on Trump's attempts to divert money for a border wall
- Interested in forest management and improving access to healthcare
- Broadcasting family; licensed ham radio operator

| EC: Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Chair | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Diana DeGette degette.house.gov | CO-1 | D | 12th | 2111 Rayburn | JD (NY University) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Married, 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- Priorities: advancing health care, protecting the environment
- Advocates for expediting medical breakthroughs, expanding chemical safety and stem cell research
- Advocates for comprehensive immigration reform
- Author of: Sex, Science, and Stem Cells: Inside the Right Wing Assault on Reason"

| Chair | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Maxine Waters waters.house.gov | CA-43 | D | 15TH | 2221 Rayburn | Bachelor's (Cal State LA) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | One of 13 children of a single mother. Worked in a garment factory and as a telephone operator before being hired as an assistant teacher with Head Start. Married, 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Congressional Progressive Caucus; Congressional Black Caucus | | | | |

- Prominent Trump critic, received pipe bombs in the mail in 2018.
- The most senior black female lawmaker on Capitol Hill
- Chair of the House Financial Services Committee, intends to continue focusing on affordable housing, holding big banks accountable for their treatment of customers, and flood insurance.
- She recently also held hearings on student loan debt

| Ranking Member | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|---|--|-------|------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Patrick McHenry mchenry.house.gov | NC-10 | R | 8th | 2004 Rayburn | Bachelor's (Belmont Abbey College) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Prior to being elected to Congress in 2004 at the age of 29, McHenry represented the 109th District in the North Carolina House of Representatives. Married, 1 child. Catholic | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- McHenry opposes abortion, gun control, same-sex marriage and the 2010 health-care law.
- Former Chief Deputy Whip for House Republicans
- Has publicly stated time and again that he is eager to work with Waters on policy matters

| Chair | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Jerrold Nadler nadler.house.gov | NY-10 | D | 15TH | 2132 Rayburn | JD (Fordham) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Brooklyn Jew. Married 1 child | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | LGBT Equality Caucus | | | | |

- Criminal justice reform

- Protect women's rights, equality of LGBTQ
- Protect pregnant women from workplace discrimination
- Staffers have high loyalty

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| Ranking Member Doug Collins dougcollins.house.gov | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | GA-9 | R | 4th | 1504 Longworth | JD (John Marshall), Master's (Baptist Theological Seminary) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Married, 3 children. Baptist | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Republican Study Committee | | | | | |

- Wants to decrease environmental regulations
- Vice chair of the Republican Conference
- Baptist Pastor, Air Force Chaplain

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| J: Crime, Terror, and Homeland Security Subcommittee Chair Karen Bass bass.house.gov | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | CA-37 | D | 5th | 2059 Rayburn | Master's (USC) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Civil Rights activist, worked on Bobby Kennedy's campaign at age 14. Divorced, 1 child. Baptist | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Congressional Black Caucus (chair); Foster Youth Caucus (co-founder) | | | | | |

- Leading voice on improving the criminal justice system, and expanding access to health care.
- Bass is also interested in human trafficking issues.
- As a former physician assistant, introduced bills that would expand education programs and scholarships for physician assistant students.
- Worked as a precinct captain for Bobby Kennedy
- Bass is skilled in taekwondo and hapkido martial arts.

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| J: Immigration and Citizenship Subcommittee Chair Zoe Lofgren lofgren.house.gov | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | CA-19 | D | 13th | 1401 Longworth | JD (Santa Clara) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Married, 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Congressional Progressive Caucus | | | | | |

- Former immigration law attorney and professor

- Huge immigrant supporter
- Supports science funding
- Women and LGBTQ issues
- Fight global warming

Natural Resources

Research

| Chair | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|---|----------------|-------|------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Raul Grijalva grijalva.house.gov | AZ-3 | D | 9th | 1511 Longworth | Bachelor's (U of Arizona) |
| Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | | |
| Father immigrated from Mexico. Married, 3 children | | | | | |
| Committees and Caucuses | | | | | |
| Congressional Progressive Caucus (former leader) | | | | | |

- Former border-district community organizer
- Interested in management of federal lands and wildlife protection
- Passionate about immigration and education
- Passionate about citizenship path for undocumented persons
- Former director of neighborhood center and school board member
- Dropped out of college to get married, but went back and earned a degree in sociology at 39
- Former assistant dean of Hispanic Student Affairs at the University of Arizona

| Ranking Member | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|--|----------------|-------|------|------------|----------------------|
| Rob Bishop robbishop.house.gov | UT-1 | R | 9th | 123 Cannon | Bachelor's (U of UT) |
| Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | | |
| Married, 5 children. Mormon | | | | | |
| Committees and Caucuses | | | | | |
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- Long-time foe of federal relations, especially environmental (doesn't want to focus on climate change)
- Sponsors efforts to return power to states
- Supports development of natural lands for energy
- Taught high school for 28 years

| NR: Oversight and Investigations Chair | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| TJ Cox cox.house.gov | CA-21 | R | 1st | 1728 Longworth | MBA (Southern Methodist) |
| Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | | |
| Mother immigrated from the Philippines; Father chemical engineer from China. Married, 4 children | | | | | |
| Committees and Caucuses | | | | | |

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- "Champion of immigrants and farmers"
- Supports path for citizenship for undocumented immigrants and protection of DACA
- Engineer and contractor, experience building dams and water systems
- Had to rely on social security survivor benefits when his father died in high school

Oversight and Reform

All Federal Agencies and Programs

| Chair | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Elijah Cummings cummings.house.gov | MD-7 | D | 13th | 2163 Rayburn | JD (U of Maryland) |
| Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | | |
| Childhood during Segregation. Married, Baptist | | | | | |
| Committees and Caucuses | | | | | |
| Congressional Progressive Caucus | | | | | |

- Oversight priorities include voter suppression, border family separations, Trump hush money payments, census citizenship questions, revocation of security clearances of Trump critics
- Also wants to tackle "ordinary American" problems like the cost of prescription drugs, home foreclosures, drug addictions.
- Sponsors the Middle Class Prosperity Project
- Expand access and lower costs for medical/dental care and prescriptions

| Ranking Member | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Jim Jordan jordan.house.gov | OH-4 | 4 | 7th | 2056 Rayburn | JD (Capital University), Master's (Ohio State) |
| Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | | |
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| Committees and Caucuses | | | | | |
| House Freedom Caucus (founder), Republican Study Committee | | | | | |

- Staunch Trump supporter
- Advocates for big spending cuts, including subsidies to farmers (though he's in a rural district)
- Opposed bipartisan attempts to overhaul education
- Former university wrestling coach and champion
- Masters degree in education but chose to run for office, and then earned a law degree while in office
- Deeply religious
- One of the few consistent co-sponsors of FASTR (open access)

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| OR: Economic and Consumer Policy Subcommittee Chair Raja Krishnamoorthi krishnamoorthi.house.gov | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | IL-8 | D | 2nd | 115 Cannon | JD (Harvard) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Immigrant from New Delhi. Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- Pushes for investigations into Trump
- Strong interest in post-high school training and workforce development (sponsored CTE)
- Original cosponsor of CTA
- Father was a professor
- Degree in mechanical engineering. Went into politics after leading several companies
- Co-founder of InSPIRE, training students and veterans in solar tech.

Science, Space, and Technology

Research

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| Chair Eddie Bernice Johnson ebjohnson.house.gov | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | TX-30 | D | 14th | 2306 Rayburn | Master's (Southern Methodist) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Attended a segregated school in TX, 1 child | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Congressional Black Caucus, Congressional Progressive Caucus | | | | |

- Priorities: STEM education and climate change
- Emphasis on bipartisanship
- Former psychiatric nurse, emphasis on mental health issues
- Emphasis on women's issues, particularly violence

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| Ranking Member Frank Lucas lucas.house.gov | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | OK-3 | R | 14th | 2405 Rayburn | Bachelor's (OK State) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Family of Farmers. Married, 3 children. Baptist | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Energy | | | | | |

- Rural Oklahoma
- Skeptical of human-influenced climate change
- Passions: Aerospace and Agriculture
- Strong ties to oil and gas industry in OK

- Supported Johnson's Sexual Harassment in Science legislation

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| SST: Energy Subcommittee Chair Conor Lamb lamb.house.gov | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | PA-17 | D | 2nd | 1224 Longworth | JD (UPenn) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Political Family. Married, Catholic | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- Former federal prosecutor and Marine
- Supports natural gas drilling
- Priorities: infrastructure and opioid crisis
- Supports labor unions
- Prosecuted multiple sexual harassment and assault cases as a Marine prosecutor

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| SST: Environment Subcommittee Chair Lizzie Fletcher fletcher.house.gov | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | TX-7 | D | 1st | 1429 Longworth | JD (College of William and Mary) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Fourth generation Texan. Married, 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- Passionate about civil rights and equality
- Concerns about the rising costs of tuition

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| SST: Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee Chair Mikie Sherrill sherrill.house.gov | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | NJ-11 | D | 1st | 1208 Longworth | JD (Georgetown), Master's Degree in Global history |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Married, 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- Former Navy Pilot and assistant US attorney
- First female class to graduate from Naval Academy
- Introduced SASTA which was endorsed by AAU, APLU and over a dozen universities

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| SST: Research and | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Technology Subcommittee Chair Haley Stevens stevens.house.gov | MI-11 | D | 1st | 227 Cannon | Master's (American University) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Family in the MI automotive industry, single, Christian | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |

- Career focus on manufacturing
- Supports increased minimum wage
- Backs tuition-free community college
- Obama alum

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| SST: Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee Chair Kendra Horn horn.house.gov | State-District | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | OK-5 | D | 1st | 415 Cannon | JD (Southern Methodist) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- Self-described "Practical idealist"
- Increase investment in renewable energy, agriculture, and rural business
- Support funding for education and reduced interest rates on student loans

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| Jahana Hayes hayes.house.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | CT-5 | D | 1st | 1415 Longworth | Master's (U of Bridgeport), Master's (U of St. Joseph) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Grew up in a housing project, mother struggled with addiction, and was homeless for a time. Dropped out of high school, attended an alternative program, gave birth to her first daughter at 17. Married, 4 children. | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Ed and Labor; Agriculture; College Affordability Caucus (co-chair) | | | | | |

- Connecticut's first black congresswoman whose district includes Sandy Hook Elementary school.
- Named Teacher of the Year by President Barack Obama in 2016.
- First in her family to go to college, she said education helped lift her out of poverty, despite graduating with more than \$100,000 in debt -- an amount that dwarfed the \$29,000 annual salary she initially made as a teacher.
- Supports increasing Pell Grants for low-income students as well as career and technical education programs geared at preparing students for jobs in specific industries.

| Mike Doyle doyle.house.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| | PA-18 | D | 13th | 306 Cannon | Bachelor's (Penn State) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Family of steelworkers, worked in the mills to help pay for college. Married, 4 children. | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Energy and Commerce; House Distributed Generation Caucus (founder, co-chair); House Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Caucus; House Robotics Caucus | | | | |

- Promotes competition and innovation in the telecommunications industry; new energy-efficiency technologies; and development of alternative sources of energy, including hydrogen and fuel cells.
- Sponsor of Open Access legislation FASTR in the House
- His district is home to the National Army AI Task Force and the National Robotics Engineering Center, both of which are part of Carnegie Mellon University.

| Susie Lee lee.house.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| | NV-3 | D | 1st | 522 Cannon | Master's (Carnegie Mellon) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Family of eight children. her father worked at a steel plant. First job was delivering papers as an 8-year-old, and she worked through college. Married, 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Ed and Labor; Veterans Affairs | | | | |

- Priority: helping impoverished students is imperative. Wants to expand college affordability programs, like Pell Grants.
- Lee is proud of her education from Carnegie Mellon where she studied for both undergraduate and Master's.
- Introduced bipartisan legislation in July 2019 that would prevent schools from withholding transcripts from students who have defaulted on their student loans.
- In July 2019, she joined with Rep. Denver Riggleman (R-Va.) to launch a caucus focused on student veterans.

| Brian Fitzpatrick fitzpatrick.house.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| | PA-1 | R | 2nd | 1722 Longworth | MBA and Law (Penn State) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | One of seven children. was an Eagle Scout. Single | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Foreign Affairs; Transportation and Infrastructure | | | | |

- Sponsored Hold Accountable and Lend Transparency on Campus Sexual Violence Act with Jackie Speier (D-CA)
- An independent minded lawmaker who is one of the most bipartisan in the House

- A provision he advocated for that bars the deductibility of legal settlements related to sexual assault and harassment as a business expense was included in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act
- Fitzpatrick has bucked the wishes of Republican Party leaders, including twice casting votes against GOP-drafted bills to repeal the Affordable Care Act, popularly known as Obamacare, and voting multiple times against a variety of GOP-favored budget resolutions in the fall of 2017.
- Named vice chairman of the House's Bipartisan Heroin Task Force after spearheading a letter to the OMB director raising concerns about news reports that the White House was planning a 95 percent cut in funding to the Office of National Drug Control in its fiscal 2018 budget. The White House ultimately settled on seeking a 5 percent cut after hearing from lawmakers.
- Original co-sponsor of Higher Education Mental Health Act

| Al Lawson lawson.house.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| | FL-5 | D | 2nd | 1406 Longworth | Master's (Florida State) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Rural farming community, five siblings. Worked his first job, at age 8, in the tobacco fields in for a dollar a day. He recalls as a child seeing “white only” drinking fountains at the courthouse in nearby Tallahassee. Married, 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Financial Services; Agriculture (Nutrition subcommittee) | | | | | |

- A 28-year veteran of his state’s legislature
- Champions federal programs aimed at feeding the nation’s poor.
- Original sponsor of College Student Hunger Act
- On the Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations Subcommittee, he has sought to focus the SNAP program on seniors, children, and college students.
- His civic priorities have included support for Florida A&M, where he has been an active booster.

| Ayanna Pressley pressley.house.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| | MA-7 | D | 1st | 1108 Longworth | |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Mother was a tenants-rights activist who pursued a scholarship so Pressley could attend an elite, mostly-white, private K-12 school, where she was student government president. Married, 1 child | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Oversight and Reform; Financial Services | | | | | |

- Wants to bolster job training and education
- Strong environment advocate
- She was elected class president at Boston University, until she dropped out in her sophomore year to help support her mother. She worked at a Boston hotel.

| Chrissy Houlahan | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| | PA-6 | D | 1st | 1218 Longworth | Master's (MIT) |

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| houlahan.house.gov | Heritage, Family, and Religion |
| | Daughter of a career naval officer, father was a refugee. Married, 2 children |
| | Committees and Caucuses |
| | Small Business (Subcommittee on Innovation and Workforce); Foreign Affairs; Armed Services |

- Education is a high priority. At 45, left her job to join Teach for America and went on to found an early childhood literacy organization.
- Her father’s experience as a refugee informs her approach to immigration—he was hidden by a family in Poland during World War II and came to the U.S. with his mother afterward. Supports a path to citizenship for “Dreamers” and wants to see a comprehensive, bipartisan immigration fix.
- She studied engineering at Stanford University on an ROTC scholarship. She initially wanted to be an astronaut, but immediately after school worked as an engineer on a military base near the Boston area focusing on the strategic and air defense missile programs. She earned an M.S. in Technology and Policy from MIT.

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| swalwell.house.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | CA-15 | D | 4th | 407 Cannon | JD (U of Maryland) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | First in his family to attend college. His father was a police officer and mother a secretary. Married, 1 child. | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Judiciary | | | | | |

- Frequently appears on television programs with calls to pare student-loan debt
- Ran for president on the platform of gun control
- Swalwell’s focus has largely involved student debt. He introduced bills to provide relief to young people struggling with debt incurred as college students. One proposal would offer generous reductions in federal student loan repayments to those in public service jobs.
- “The rising cost of a college degree is taking a toll on the ability of students to freely make a career decision after graduating,” Swalwell said. “Young people shouldn’t be dissuaded from pursuing a career in public service due to a looming, debilitating monthly student loan payment.”
- In February 2019, during a presidential campaign trip to the University of New Hampshire, Swalwell said he still had just under \$100,000 in student-loan debt.

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| speier.house.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | CA-14 | D | 7th | 2465 Rayburn | JD (U of California) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Working class family, father an immigrant from Germany. Mother taught adult education classes in upholstery. Married, 2 children. Catholic. | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Armed Services; Oversight and Reform | | | | | |

- Her politics are in tune with those of her constituents, and she’s tapped into her personal, often harrowing experiences, to legislate in Congress.
- Preventing campus sexual violence is a huge priority for her
- She is a survivor of the murders at Jonestown in 1978 that killed her boss, Rep. Leo Ryan (D-Calif.), and led to the mass suicides of more than 900 followers of cult leader Jim Jones. She was shot five times and lay injured for 22 hours before being rescued
- In her autobiography, “Undaunted,” which came out in 2018, Speier revealed for the first time that she had been sexually abused by her grandfather.
- She’s offered multiple legislation to halt sexual violence on higher education campuses.
- Sponsor of the Hold Accountable and Lend Transparency on Campus Sexual Violence Act

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| Judy Chu | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| chu.house.gov | CA-27 | D | 6th | 2423 Rayburn | PhD (California School of Professional Psychology) |
| Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | | |
| First Asian American woman in Congress. Married. | | | | | |
| Committees and Caucuses | | | | | |
| Ways and Means; Small Businesses | | | | | |

- Chu’s areas of focus in Congress include education, jobs, immigration and discrimination.
- Chu is the first Chinese-American woman elected to Congress and is the chairwoman of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.
- In 2012, the House passed her resolution to express regret formally for the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which prevented Chinese from immigrating.

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| Katie Hill | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| hill.house.gov | CA-25 | D | 1st | 1130 Longworth | MPA (Cal State Northridge) |
| Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | | |
| Father, a police officer, mother, a nurse. Married. | | | | | |
| Committees and Caucuses | | | | | |
| Oversight and Reform (Vice Chair); Space Science and Technology | | | | | |

- She says health care is the issue that people bring up most often and has been a key stress in the lives of her family.
- Went to nursing school but thought she could make much more difference in public service
- “My hope is that people like me, who are coming from these more moderate districts, can really help to lead the charge on how to get to a healthcare system that works for everyone,” Hill told Bloomberg Government.

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| Katie Porter | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| porter.house.gov | CA-45 | D | 1st | 1117 Longworth | JD (Harvard) |
| Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | | |
| Born on a farm amid an agricultural economy crisis. Divorced, 3 children | | | | | |

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| | Committees and Caucuses |
| | Financial Services; College Affordability Caucus (co-chair) |

- Former law professor and consumer rights advocate.
- When her appendix ruptured during her 2018 election campaign, Porter used the episode as a rallying cry for universal health coverage.
- After graduation, she was a project director for the Consumer Bankruptcy Project, where she researched the causes and consequences of bankruptcy.

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| Ro Khanna khanna.house.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | CA-17 | D | 2nd | 221 Cannon | JD (Yale) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Indian immigrant parents. His father is a retired chemical engineer and his mother was a teacher. | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Budget; Armed Services; Oversight and Reform; Progressive Caucus (vice-chair) | | | | |

- An economist and intellectual property lawyer
- A former lecturer in economics at Stanford University and adjunct professor at Santa Clara University Law School, Khanna considers himself a progressive Democrat with a populist view on economics, who supports using the tax code to increase wages for low-income workers.
- Campaign co-chair of Sanders 2020
- An Indian freedom fighter, his grandfather Amarnath Vidyalankar, was imprisoned for more than five years for espousing anti-colonial beliefs.
- In 2009, President Obama appointed Khanna as a deputy assistant secretary in the Commerce Department dealing with export promotion. He was later named to the White House Business Council.

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| David Trone trone.house.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | MD-6 | D | 1st | 1213 Longworth | MBA (U of Penn) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Grew up on family farm that they lost. In grad school, opened a small beer store that over time grew into Total Wine and More. Married, 4 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Ed and Labor; Foreign Affairs | | | | |

- Primary sponsor of the Higher Education Mental Health Act w/ Sen. Bob Casey
- Combating the opioid epidemic is a huge priority
- Other policy priorities include jobs and education. Garrett County offers free community college, and Trone said he wants to extend that model to the entire country. Trone also supports greater investment in skilled trade and apprenticeship programs and legislation that would establish universal pre-kindergarten.

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| Lloyd Smucker | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| smucker.house.gov | PA-11 | R | 2nd | 127 Cannon | |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Descent of Swiss immigrants who arrived in 1752 due to religious persecution. Married, 3 children. Lutheran | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Ed and Labor; Transportation and Infrastructure; Problem Solvers Caucus | | | | | |

- Has been a loyal Republican vote on major policies but seeks out Democratic partners on narrowly focused issues.
- The top Republican on the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment in the 116th Congress. He had been chairman of the Education Committee in the Pennsylvania Senate.
- Introduced bipartisan legislation to help identify and shut down debt-relief scams for student borrowers.

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| jayapal.house.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | WA-7 | D | 2nd | 1510 Longworth | MBA (Northwestern) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Indian American. Married, 1 child. | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Ed and Labor; Judiciary; Budget; Progressive Caucus (co-chair) | | | | | |

- An activist for social justice, Pramila Jayapal was arrested in 2013 on Capitol Hill as hundreds of demonstrators protested inaction on immigration reform.
- The first Indian-American woman elected to Congress.
- In May 2013, she was recognized as a White House “Champion of Change.”
- Naturalized US Citizen

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| pocan.house.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | WI-2 | D | 4th | 1421 Longworth | Bachelor's (UW Madison) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | At 8, delivered campaign literature for his father, a city alderman, who also ran a sign shop. Married. | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Appropriations; Progressive Caucus (co-chair); LGBT Equality Caucus | | | | | |

- Pocan has owned a printing company since 1988.
- Being beaten with a baseball bat after leaving a gay bar spurred Mark Pocan into politics, and he has kept LGBTQ issues as a focus since coming to Capitol Hill.
- In March 2017, he helped lead a group of 121 lawmakers who sent a letter to President Donald Trump urging him to reverse his decision to rescind Obama administration guidance protecting transgender students, under Title

IX, from discrimination and ensuring they had access to the bathrooms and other facilities of their choice in schools and colleges.

- Introduced a bill intended to make it easier for workers to join unions and bargain for better wages and working conditions. His shop's employees are unionized, and Pocan is a union member as well.
- Pocan has pushed to make college more affordable. In March 2017, he introduced a bill that would allow borrowers to refinance their federal student loans any time a lower interest rate is available.
- Primary sponsor of Tyler Clementi Higher Education Anti-Harassment Act of 2019
- Pocan helped pay for college at the University of Wisconsin, by working as a magician. Now he uses those skills to help explain Congress.

THE SENATE

THE LEADERSHIP

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| President Pro Tempore Chuck Grassley grassley.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | IA | R | 7th | 135 Hart | Master's (U of Northern Iowa) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Family farm. Married, 5 children. Baptist | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Judiciary (Immigration); Budget; Agriculture (Conservation/Natural Resources); Finance (Family Policy; Energy/NR; Health Care) | | | | | |

- Senate president pro tempore, third in line for presidential succession
- Actions have a "partisan-bipartisan dichotomy" where he will take positions that are either highly partisan or surprisingly bipartisan
- Chair of Judiciary during Gorsuch's and Kavanaugh's confirmations, and refused to schedule hearings on Garland in 2016; but also has refused hearings for some of Trump's other more conservative nominations
- Interest in legal immigration, government agency accountability and transparency, defense of whistleblowers
- Has won all re-election contests by overwhelming margins; visits all 99 counties annually
- Started a PhD in political science, wanting to be a teacher; taught school part time while working in manufacturing; was a member of the Machinist's union; ran for office the first time at 22

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| Majority Leader Mitch McConnell mcconnell.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | KY | R | 6th | 317 Russell | JD (U of KY) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Appropriations (Defense; Agriculture); Agriculture (Nutrition/Research; Rural development/Energy) | | | | | |

- High loyalty from other Republicans in Congress and uneasy alliance with Trump
- Known as a "consummate political animal" alert to "potential tactical and strategic advantages"

- Highest priority has been confirmation of conservative judges; blocking of Garland's nomination was "one of [his] proudest moments."
- Lists his role mole as Kentucky's Henry Clay, nicknamed "The Great Compromiser," but is also known to dominate the political field
- Critical of rising national debt, but primarily blames mandatory spending, not Trump tax cuts; also opposed to environmental regulations
- Had polio at 2 and still has a slight limp; "rabid fan" of U of Louisville Cardinals

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| Minority Leader / Democratic Leader Chair of the Conference Chuck Schumer schumer.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | NY | D | 4th | 322 Hart | JD (Harvard) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Grew up in flatbush section of Brooklyn; father was an exterminator, mother a homemaker; Married, 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |

- Schumer regularly seeks to use the powers of government to aid consumers.
- Previous chairman of the Senate Judiciary panel's Immigration, Refugees, and Border Security Subcommittee.
- He was a member of the bipartisan "Gang of Eight" lawmakers that developed the framework for comprehensive immigration legislation that the Senate passed in 2013, but the House never took up.
- Schumer pays close attention to issues that concern middle-class voters, such as increasing the tax-deductibility threshold for college tuition. In his 2007 book "Positively American: Winning Back the Middle-Class Majority One Family at a Time," he argued that his party's only path to lasting dominance lay in appealing to such voters.
- Vehemently opposed to the president's agenda
- Never dipped below 70 percent in any NY polls

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| Majority Whip John Thune thune.senate.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | SD | R | 3rd | 511 Dirksen | MBA (U of SD) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Son of a WW2 vet. Married, 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |

- Cultivated an image of a conservative outsider
- Legislative interests include tax, technology, trade, and infrastructure policy
- Former Chair of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee; left position to become Whip. Currently, Chair of the Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet Subcommittee.
- Was the first member of the party's Senate leadership to call on Trump to drop out of the 2016 presidential race in October 2016 after a tape surfaced in which Trump talked of groping women.
- An avid athlete who still runs for exercise
- Likes listening to the Doobie Brothers, Styx, Journey and the band Boston.

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| Minority Whip | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Dick Durbin durbin.senate.gov | IL | D | 4th | 711 Hart | JD (Georgetown) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Son of Irish-American father and Lithuanian mother. Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Senate STEM Education and Workforce Caucus | | | | |

- The No. 2 Democrat in the Senate, has made immigration his legislative priority.
- Been introducing the DREAM Act since 2001
- Took the lead on condemning the travel ban
- In early 2017, he reintroduced a bill he has sponsored without success for several years with Iowa Republican Chuck Grassley to revamp the H-1B visa program for bringing in more skilled foreign workers.
- Durbin often cites his immigrant roots and attributes his work ethic to his upbringing.
- Sponsor of Keep STEM Talent Act that would staple a green card to every PhD degree in STEM

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| Republican Conference Chair John Barrasso barrasso.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | WY | R | 3rd | 307 Dirksen | MD (Georgetown) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Italian descent, father a WW2 veteran who fought at Normandy. Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |

- Wyoming is the top coal producing state; Barrasso as a result opposes proposals that advocate for phasing out of coal
- The lead sponsor of the USE IT Act (S.383), a bipartisan bill to spur investment in carbon capture research and development.
- Was an orthopedic surgeon before being elected to Congress
- Barrasso's wife, Bobbi, has won national recognition for her work on suicide prevention. Wyoming has one of the nation's highest suicide rates.
- Born in Reading Pennsylvania

COMMITTEES

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

SNAP, Food and Nutrition, Research

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| Chair Pat Roberts roberts.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | KS | R | 4th | 109 Hart | Bachelor's (Kansas State) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | 4th generation Kansan and political family. Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |

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| Senate HELP; Finance |
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- Formerly served as chair of the House agriculture committee
- Willing to work with democrats; least partisan committee
- Anti-regulation
- Opposed a 2012 UN treaty against disability discrimination
- Former Marine and journalist

| Ranking Member | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Debbie Stabenow | MI | D | 4th | 731 Hart | Master's (Michigan State) |
| stabenow.senate.gov | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Divorced, 2 children. Methodist | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Energy and Natural Resources; Budget; Finance | | | | |

- Champion of protecting SNAP and WIC
- Other priorities include promoting agriculture and manufacturing
- Was the first woman to preside over the Michigan House of Representatives
- Avid pianist

| Ag: Rural Development and Energy Subcommittee Chair | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Joni Ernst | IA | R | 1st | 730 Hart | Master's (Columbus College) |
| ernst.senate.gov | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Military veteran, sexual assault survivor. Divorced, 1 child | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Senate Artificial Intelligence Caucus; Vice Chair of Senate Republican Conference | | | | |

- Iraq war veteran and the first woman elected to Congress from Iowa
- Sexually harassed in the military; also disclosed being raped by former college boyfriend
- Expressed concerns against Neomi Rao for federal judge on DC Circuit, who wrote in a college newspaper in 1994 that “a good way to avoid a potential date rape is to stay reasonably sober”, but eventually ended up voting to confirm her
- As a member of the Armed Services Committee, she teamed up with Democrat Claire McCaskill to champion a provision in a fiscal 2017 defense authorization making retaliation against a victim of sexual abuse a crime.
- She also obtained a pledge in 2017 from Defense Secretary nominee James Mattis to make it a priority to stop sexual assault and retaliation in the military.
- Helped write the 2018 Farm bill
- Opposes grand-scale legislative or regulatory efforts to address climate change; favors a balanced budget

Appropriations

Government Funding

| Chair | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Richard Shelby shelby.senate.gov | AL | R | 6th | 304 Russell | JD (U of AL) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Married, 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Environment and Public Works | | | | |

- Advocate for funding for higher education institutions that focus on STEM in Alabama
- Disagreements with republicans usually center over spending bills they oppose
- Has supported a moratorium on certain types of immigration
- Was a Democrat until he switched parties in 1994, putting him in the majority
- Alabama's longest-serving senator in history

| Ranking Member | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------|------|-------------|-----------------|
| Patrick Leahy leahy.senate.gov | VA | D | 8th | 437 Russell | JD (Georgetown) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Agriculture; Judiciary | | | | |

- Senate's most senior member
- Formerly chaired Judiciary; vocally opposed to GOP's efforts to push through Judicial nominees
- Highly critical of Trump's actions and policies
- Served as state attorney
- Avid photographer and fan of Batman (has had a cameo appearance in all five Batman movies)

Budget

Government Funding

| Chair | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|---|---|-------|------|---------------|------------------------|
| Mike Enzi enzi.senate.gov | WY | R | 4th | 379-A Russell | Master's (U of Denver) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Maternal grandfather was a cowboy; loves Wyoming memorabilia; Married, 3 children. Presbyterian | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | HELP; Finance; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (including oversight) | | | | |

- Has been advocating for a balanced budget and reduced deficit; wants to move to a biennial funding system

- Opposes same-sex marriage
- Political philosophy shaped by the "Cowboy spirit": honesty, integrity, courage, and patriotism
- Anti-regulation (environmental specifically)
- Was a Sergeant in the Wyoming Air National Guard and Mayor

| Ranking Member | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Bernie Sanders sanders.senate.gov | VT | I | 3rd | 332 Dirksen | Bachelor's (U Chicago) |
| Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | | |
| Brooklyn; Father was a Jewish immigrant from Poland. Married, 1 child. Jewish | | | | | |
| Committees and Caucuses | | | | | |
| Congressional Progressive Caucus (Founding member and only Senator); HELP; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works | | | | | |

- Describes himself as a democratic socialist
- Platform staples include raising the minimum wage, government-financed health care, and higher taxes for the wealthy
- Political organization is called "Our Revolution" and his book has the same title
- Opposes large corporations in favor of everyday Americans
- Formerly a writer, carpenter, independent film producer, and Mayor

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Research

| Chair | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Roger Wicker wicker.senate.gov | MS | R | 3rd | 555 Dirksen | JD (U Mississippi) |
| Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | | |
| Political family. Married, 3 children. Baptist | | | | | |
| Committees and Caucuses | | | | | |
| Environment and Public Works | | | | | |

- Advocate for MS, bringing money and jobs to the state
- Supports "Blue Economy," sustainable use of ocean resources for economic development
- Advocate for health and medical research, particularly issues affecting children
- Believes the confederate flag should stop being used, including in the MS state flag
- Formerly in the air force

| Ranking Member | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Maria Cantwell cantwell.senate.gov | WA | D | 4th | 511 Hart | Bachelor's (Miami University/Oxford OH) |
| Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | | |
| Political family | | | | | |

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| | Committees and Caucuses |
| | Energy and Natural Resources; Finance |

- Avid mountain climber and baseball fan
- Advocate for public works, renewable energy, environmental regulations, and science research
- First woman to lead the Indian Affairs Committee, and helped pass the Violence Against Women Act
- Early political career, but then entered business (internet startup), then returned to politics

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| CST: Aviation and Space Subcommittee Chair Ted Cruz cruz.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | TX | R | 2nd | 127-A Russell | JD (Harvard) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Father is former Cuban revolutionary, born in Canada. Married, 2 children. Baptist | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Judiciary; Foreign Relations | | | | |

- Advocate for small federal government, has an "anti-Washington" message
- Known for being "willing to offend" and unwilling to network with other Senators or compromise on his goals
- Filibustered to defund Obamacare in 2013
- Wants to abolish the departments of Education, Energy, and Commerce
- Supports allowing undocumented immigrants to stay in the country, though without a path to citizenship

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| CST: Science, Oceans, Fisheries and Weather Subcommittee Chair Cory Gardner gardner.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | CO | R | 1st | 354 Russell | JD (Colorado Law) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Rural Colorado farm-equipment sales family. Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Foreign Relations; Energy and Natural Resources | | | | |

- Voice of moderation, believes in "reasonable" government, and known for being willing to work with Democrats
- Viewed as a "rising star" in the Republican party
- Favors a hard-line approach to North Korea, and warns of the dangers of Chinese telecommunications companies
- Has criticized Trump, endorsing him only in opposition to Democrats

Energy and Natural Resources

Research

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| Chair Lisa Murkowski murkowski.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | AK | R | 3r | 522 Hart | JD (Willamette U) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |

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| | Daughter of Frank Murkowski who had held the Senate seat for 22 years but gave it up after winning election as Alaska's governor. Married, 2 children |
| | Committees and Caucuses |
| | Chair of the interior-environment appropriations subcommittee; Appropriations; HELP |

- Quiet and reflective centrist Republican, avoids partisan rancor, and is most likely Republican to criticize Trump
- Did not vote for Kavanaugh, and voted against Betsy DeVos
- Union supporter
- Is currently working with Joe Manchin to emphasize advanced energy research.
- In December 2010, Murkowski was one of eight Republicans who voted to repeal the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy toward gays and lesbians serving in the military.
- She has voted in favor of abortion rights, leading Focus on the Family, a Colorado Springs-based Christian organization, to label her a "squishy Republican" on the subject.
- After losing the primary in 2010, she waged a write-in campaign and won, becoming the first candidate to have won a Senate seat via a write-in campaign since Strom Thurmond of South Carolina in 1954.

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| Ranking Member | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| Joe Manchin manchin.senate.gov | WV | D | 3rd | 306 Hart | Bachelor's (WV U) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Small mining town, grandson of immigrants. Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Appropriations (CJS; Labor/Health/Ed) | | | | |

- Centrist, moderate conservative Democrat; has voted with Trump more often than any other Democrat
- Says he's concerned about climate change and wants to "find that moderate middle place" - vocal supporter of coal-mining and an advocate for "all of the above" energy policy
- Socially conservative on some issues: supported Kavanaugh and "don't ask don't tell" (DADT)
- Passionate about fighting the opioid epidemic
- Former owner of an energy-brokering company and state politician

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| ENR: Energy Subcommittee Chair | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| Bill Cassidy cassidy.senate.gov | LA | R | 1st | 520 Hart | MD (LSU) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Father, a WW2 vet, worked in insurance business. Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Bipartisan Congressional Dyslexia Caucus; HELP (Employment/Workplace, children/Families); Finance (Family Policy/Fiscal Responsibility) | | | | |

- Former physician, and passionate about health care (especially getting rid of "surprise medical bills")
- A reliable Republican vote and ally of Trump: against same-sex marriage and environmental regulations
- Willing to be bipartisan: improve government mental health programs and response to public health emergencies

- Former gastroenterologist, founded a community clinic providing free dental and medical care to low-income, taught at LSU, chose to run for office in part due to poor government response to Katrina
- Central figure in the debate over health care
- In 2016, he teamed with Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) to co-author a bill to upgrade government mental health programs.
- He was a co-founder and co-chairman of the Bipartisan Congressional Dyslexia Caucus, a personal interest, as his youngest daughter is dyslexic.
- Sponsor of the College Transparency Act

Finance

Government Funding

| Chair | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|--|-------|-------|------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Chuck Grassley grassley.senate.gov | IA | R | 7th | 135 Hart | Master's (U of Northern Iowa) |
| Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | | |
| Family farm. Married, 5 children. Baptist | | | | | |
| Committees and Caucuses | | | | | |
| Judiciary (Immigration); Budget; Agriculture (Conservation/Natural Resources); Finance (Family Policy; Energy/NR; Health Care) | | | | | |

- Senate president pro tempore, third in line for presidential succession
- Actions have a "partisan-bipartisan dichotomy" where he will take positions that are either highly partisan or surprisingly bipartisan
- Chair of Judiciary during Gorsuch's and Kavanaugh's confirmations, and refused to schedule hearings on Garland in 2016; but also has refused hearings for some of Trump's other more conservative nominations
- Interest in legal immigration, government agency accountability and transparency, defense of whistleblowers
Has won all re-election contests by overwhelming margins; visits all 99 counties annually
- Started a PhD in political science, wanting to be a teacher; taught school part time while working in manufacturing; was a member of the Machinist's union; ran for office the first time at 22

| Ranking Member | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Ron Wyden wyden.senate.gov | OR | D | 5th | 221 Dirksen | JD (U of OR) |
| Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | | |
| Parents immigrated to flee Nazi Germany. Married, 5 children | | | | | |
| Committees and Caucuses | | | | | |
| Budget; Energy/Natural Resources (Water/Power; Energy; Public Lands) | | | | | |

- Advocates for "principled bipartisanship"
- Highly critical of the 2017 tax bill, pharmaceutical company drug pricing, and internet company privacy policies
- Mainly liberal record, diverging from his party for trade deal and tax/entitlement measures
- Advocate for the elderly, formerly taught gerontology
- Has been the primary sponsor of Open Access legislation with John Cornyn (R-TX) since the beginning
- Huge supporter of student privacy rights. Wrote to ED and introduced legislation after UofOR rape case when the whistle was blown on university administration accessing the victim's therapy records.

- Sponsor of the Students Know Before You Go Act with Marco Rubio (R-FL)

Foreign Relations

International Students

| Chair | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|---|--|-------|------|-------------|--------------|
| Jim Risch risch.senate.gov | ID | R | 2nd | 483 Russell | JD (U of ID) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Family ranch; father worked as a telephone lineman in Milwaukee when Risch was born. Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- Favors cutting taxes and shrinking the federal government’s role on the home front.
- He is anti-abortion, opposes additional restrictions on gun ownership and wants to replace the Affordable Care Act with a more market-driven health care system.
- He’s also among a handful of Republicans who vote against appropriations bills that they believe should be reduced.
- In May 2017, Risch was among 18 senators who voted against the fiscal 2017 omnibus spending law, saying he “could not in good conscience vote for an overall increase in spending.”
- Collaborated with Michigan Democrat Gary Peters on a measure that would expand training programs that help small businesses obtain and protect patents.
- Risch ran for an open Senate seat when incumbent Senator Larry Craig decided not to seek re-election after being arrested for soliciting sex in a men’s room at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.
- Born in Milwaukee, WI

| Ranking Member | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|--|--|-------|------|----------|--------------|
| Bob Menendez menendez.senate.gov | NJ | D | 3rd | 528 Hart | JD (Rutgers) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Son of Cuban immigrants. Married, 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- Has made foreign policy the centerpiece of his legislative agenda,
- Menendez was an early critic of former President Barack Obama’s handling of Iran, supporting a more active U.S. role in imposing strong sanctions to convince the Tehran regime to abandon any nuclear ambitions.
- Menendez had championed the Dream Act, legislation that would have given a path to citizenship to some undocumented young people who had been brought to the U.S. as children. provided they attended college or served in the military.
- Menendez said he considers access to a college education one of the defining principles of middle-class America.
- Menendez is the author of the 2009 book “Growing American Roots: Why Our Nation Will Thrive as Our Largest Minority Flourishes,” which focuses on the contributions of the Hispanic population to American society.
- Born in New York

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| FR: State Department and USAID Management, International Operations and Bilateral International Development Subcommittee Chair Johnny Isakson isakson.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | GA | R | 3rd | 131 Russell | (U of Georgia) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Married, 3 children. Methodist | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Congressional Caucus on Parkinson's Disease (co-chairman); HELP (Employment/Workplace); Finance (Health Care); Foreign Relations (State Department/USAID) | | | | | |

- Resigning at the end of 2019 due to health
- Critical of Trump's tariffs and their impact on farmers
- Known as one of the most likeable senators; voted nicest" member in 2012
- Willing to partner with Democrats on housing, worker training, and education
- Supports limited federal government in regulations
- Formerly in the National Guard, operated family's real estate business and chairman of the Georgia Board of Education

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Research, Financial Aid, Regulations

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|---|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| Chair Lamar Alexander alexander.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | TN | R | 3rd | 455 Dirksen | JD (NYU) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Married, 4 children. Presbyterian | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Appropriations (CJS; Labor/Health/Ed; Interior/Environment); Energy/NR | | | | | |

- Wants to reauthorize HEA before retiring at the end of 2020
- Formerly TN governor, Ed secretary, and university president
- Priorities are to simplify FAFSA, hold colleges accountable for student loan repayment, and automatic loan repayment through paycheck with cap of 10% of income
- Bipartisan efforts have included funding community health centers, overhauling drug-approval process and research funding (especially energy innovation)
- Supported pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants; advocated for integration of Vanderbilt as school editor
- Bipartisan focus and desire for consensus led him to leave position as chair of Republican Conference, a rare move

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| Ranking Member Patty Murray murray.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | WA | D | 5th | 154 Russell | (Washing State U) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| Family relied on government support when father was ill. Married, 2 children | | | | | |

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| | Committees and Caucuses |
| | Budget; Appropriations (DHS) |

- Record of bipartisan negotiation on complex issues
- Interests include thwarting workplace harassment, increased research, and supporting unions
- Outspoken in opposition to Trump and DeVos, particularly on immigration, health care, the environment, workers issues, women's issues, and LGBTQ communities
- Was dismissed as a "mom in tennis shoes" by a state legislator when she organized on behalf of a local preschool program, which she followed up by winning a seat on the school board (while teaching at a community college)
- Ran for Senate when an all-male Senate Judiciary Committee didn't take Anita Hill seriously during Thomas's nomination hearings

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| HELP: Children and Families Subcommittee Chair Rand Paul paul.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | KY | R | 2nd | 167 Russell | MD (Duke) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Family politician (father Ron Paul). Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Homeland Security/Government Affairs (Investigations; Federal Spending Oversight); Foreign Relations (State Department/USAID) | | | | | |

- Outspoken libertarian often using filibusters to make his point
- Supports reducing federal regulation, spending, government medical care, and invasion of individual privacy
- Often sides with Democrats on privacy issues, foreign intervention/weapons sales, and criminal justice
- Ophthalmologist, and son of an obstetrician, provides free eye surgeries for the indigent

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| HELP: Employment and Workplace Safety Subcommittee Chair Johnny Isakson isakson.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | GA | R | 3rd | 131 Russell | (U of Georgia) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Married, 3 children. Methodist | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Congressional Caucus on Parkinson's Disease (co-chairman); HELP (Employment/Workplace); Finance (Health Care); Foreign Relations (State Department/USAID) | | | | | |

- Resigning at the end of 2019 due to health
- Critical of Trump's tariffs and their impact on farmers
- Known as one of the most likeable senators; voted nicest" member in 2012
- Willing to partner with Democrats on housing, worker training, and education
- Supports limited federal government in regulations
- Formerly in the National Guard, operated family's real estate business and chairman of the Georgia Board of Education

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| Chair Ron Johnson ronjohnson.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | WI | R | 2nd | 328 Hart | MBA (U of MN) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Farmer family. Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Foreign Relations; Budget; CST | | | | | |

- Tea party Republican, advocates for free-market systems and reduced federal government
- Strives for bipartisanship; wants a guest worker program for immigrants and tighter child marriage regulations
- Formerly in the plastics manufacturing business; only manufacturer in the SenateSolid conservative voter, including anti-regulation, anti-minimum wage increase, ant anti-ACA
- Wants to modernize public alert warning system
- Worked as a kid mowing lawns, shoveling snow, delivering papers, dishwashing, and became a night manager before 16, and worked his way through college.
- He self-funded his own campaign

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| Ranking Member Gary Peters peters.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | MI | D | 1st | 724 Hart | Master's (Michigan SU); JD (Wayne State); MBA (U of Detroit Mercy) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Father's family were Michigan settlers, Mother is French. Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Senate Motorcycle Caucus (co-chair); Commerce/Science/Transportation (Science) | | | | | |

- Advocate for investments in education and scientific research
- Former financial adviser with degrees in philosophy, law and business, also was a in the Navy Reserves and part-time professor
- Priorities include reducing income inequality, building a stronger economy, providing good-paying jobs, affordable health care, and secure retirement
- Supports environmental protection (especially water contamination in Michigan), same-sex marriage, equal pay, organized labor, and job discrimination for sexual orientation

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| HSGA: Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management James Lankford | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | OK | R | 2nd | 316 Hart | Master's, Divinity (SW Baptist Theological Sem.) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| Married, 2 children | | | | | |

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| lankford.senate.gov | Committees and Caucuses |
| | Finance (Fiscal Responsibility/Economic Growth; Health Care; Family Policy); Appropriations (Labor/Health/Education) |

- "Unashamedly Christian" conservative with core values of personal faith, local decision-making, and opportunity for everyone, regardless of their background
- Advocate of small government, eliminate federal regulations (including environmental) and wasteful spending, though has voted to raise the debt ceiling, stating that this is "not something you can solve in a year."
- Opposed to same-sex marriage
- Generally supportive of Trump, though does not like his treatment of refugees
- Formerly the chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee
- Formerly the director of student ministry at the Baptist Convention of OK and director of the Falls Creek Youth Camp (largest youth camp in the US)

Judiciary

International Students

| Chair | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|---|-------|-------|------|-------------|--------------|
| Lindsey Graham lgraham.senate.gov | SC | R | 3rd | 290 Russell | JD (U of SC) |
| Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | | |
| Single, Baptist | | | | | |
| Committees and Caucuses | | | | | |
| Budget; Foreign Relations (Energy/Environmental); Appropriations (Labor/Health/Education; Commerce/Justice/Science) | | | | | |

- Key Trump ally (and informal counselor), with the priority of confirming conservative judges; but is also supportive of sanctions on Russia, though not the investigation into election meddling
- Willing to compromise with Democrats on some issues, particularly in immigration (believes DREAMERS should have a pathway to citizenship), tax policy (generally supports increased taxes), and climate change
- Formerly a military lawyer (and was in the reserve until 2015), his primary focus is on defense and foreign policy (particularly anti-terrorism)
- Adopted his teenage sister while he was in college and his parents died

| Ranking Member | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| Dianne Feinstein feinstein.senate.gov | CA | D | 6th | 331 Hart | Bachelor's (Leland Stanford Junior University) |
| Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | | |
| Married, 1 child. Jewish | | | | | |
| Committees and Caucuses | | | | | |
| Appropriations (Environment; Energy/Water) | | | | | |

- Known for being an aggressive negotiator, she is willing to both compromise with Republicans and disagree with left-wing of Democratic party; has opposed both Trump and Obama on different occasions

- Advocate for privacy rights but has also defended the National Security Agency's terrorism surveillance operations, though opposed to enhanced interrogation techniques
- Former Mayor and Director of the Bank of California
- Oldest member of the Senate and the most senior female senator

| J: Border Security and Immigration John Cornyn cornyn.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------|------|----------|--------------------------------|
| | TX | R | 3rd | 517 Hart | LLM (U of VA); JD (St. Mary's) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Air Force Father. Married, 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Finance (Energy/Natural Resources/Infrastructure) | | | | | |

- Former Texas Supreme Court judge and state attorney general
- Through strongly conservative, he's often willing to collaborate with Democrats and avoids "intraparty squabbles".
- Did not support Trump's travel ban for Muslim-majority countries, and has worked with Democrats on domestic trafficking
- Advocate for reduced government spending and environmental regulations as well as increased border security
- Primary sponsor of Open Access legislation, FASTR

ADVOCATES

| Amy Klobuchar klobuchar.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|--|---|-------|------|-------------|-------------------|
| | MN | D | 3rd | 425 Dirksen | JD (U of Chicago) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Father was a columnist for the Minneapolis Star-Tribune and her mother taught elementary school. Married, 1 child | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Judiciary | | | | | |

- Advocate for lower prescription drug prices, automatic registration of all eligible voters when they turn 18, internet privacy protections, gun-control measures, and overturning the 2010 Citizens United v. FEC ruling.
- Worked on legislation to beef up policies governing the handling of sexual harassment and other discrimination complaints in Congress.
- Klobuchar often discusses the ability of female senators to strike deals more easily than their male counterparts. She has talked about her own résumé in advocating an increase in the minimum wage.
- In 1995, advocated for a state law to guarantee women a 48-hour hospital stay after giving birth. Her interest was sparked by her own experiences as a new mother, when she was discharged after 24 hours because her insurance wouldn't cover more. She testified at the state Capitol to urge the 48-hour rule, which was approved.
- Original cosponsor of Closing the College Hunger Gap Act, a bill requiring Dept of Education to collect nationwide data on collegiate food insecurity
- Original cosponsor of Keep STEM Talent Act that would staple a green card to every STEM PhD degree

| Chris Murphy murphy.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|--|---|-------|------|----------|----------------|
| | CT | D | 2nd | 136 Hart | JD (U of Conn) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Married, 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | HELP; Foreign Relations; Appropriations | | | | |

- One of the most liberal members and an outspoken gun control advocate
- Outspoken against the travel ban
- Murphy was elected to the state House in 1998, unseating a longtime incumbent. He served four years, earning a law degree from the University of Connecticut along the way.
- He also wrote a bill that led to investment of \$100 million over a decade into embryonic and adult stem cell research.
- Introduced Closing the College Hunger Gap Act after his office worked on a report on collegiate food and housing insecurity

| Cory Booker booker.senate.gov | State | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|---|--|-------|------|----------|--------------------------------|
| | NJ | D | 2nd | 717 Hart | JD (Yale), Master's (Stanford) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Still lives in a poor inner-city neighborhood, Baptist | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Environment and Public Works; Judiciary; Foreign Relations | | | | |

- Loves bipartisanship. Worked with Sens. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) and Mike Lee (R-Utah) on the criminal justice overhaul.
- Has been interested in streamlining the financial aid application process for graduate and undergraduate students, and directing colleges to provide students with information about upcoming elections and registering to vote.
- Attended Stanford University, where he played tight end on the football team, was elected senior class president and earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in sociology.
- Is a Star Trek nerd
- He became known for shoveling residents' driveways after snowstorms, for rescuing a woman from a house fire in April 2012, and living on food stamps for a week to publicize the difficulty of relying on that government-assistance program.
- As mayor, he refused to officiate at weddings as long as same-sex couples in the state didn't have the same right to marry.
- Is vegan

| Elizabeth Warren warren.senate.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
|--|----------|-------|------|----------|--------------|
| | MA | D | 2nd | 309 Hart | JD (Rutgers) |

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| | Heritage, Family, and Religion |
| | Warren was born and reared in Oklahoma and was exposed to economic hardship as a child. Her father had a heart attack when she was 12, followed by a cut in pay at his job and an increase in medical bills. Married, 2 children |
| | Committees and Caucuses |
| | HELP |

- Former Harvard Professor
- Introduced College Transparency Act, College Student Hunger Act, and Graduate Student Savings Act
- Requested GAO report on Collegiate food insecurity
- Warren proposed the creation of what eventually became the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- Warren says she expected to make a career in academia and only stumbled into politics. “I started as a researcher; I didn’t start out to be a crusader,” Warren said in a January 2010 interview with The Progressive.

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| Jeff Merkley merkley.senate.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | OR | D | 2nd | 313 Hart | Master's (Princeton) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Born in a tiny logging town where his father worked in a mill. Married, 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Budget; Appropriations; Environment and Public Works; Foreign Relations | | | | |

- The founding member of the Senate Climate Action Task Force, cosponsored the Green New Deal resolution
- The only senator who endorsed Bernie Sanders over Hillary Clinton in the 2016 Democratic primaries.
- He considered his own run for president in the 2020 race before deciding against it, announcing in a March 2019 video that he still had important Senate work to do fighting political gerrymandering, voter suppression, a “climate crisis” and an “opportunity crisis strangling the American dream.”

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| Kamala Harris harris.senate.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | CA | D | 1st | 112 Hart | JD (U of California) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Mother, an immigrant from India, father from Jamaica. Married, 2 stepchildren. | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Homeland Security and Government Affairs; Judiciary; Budget; Intelligence | | | | | |

- First black person to serve in the Senate from CA
- First Indian-American to serve in the Senate
- Harris supports a “Green New Deal” to reduce carbon pollution and create jobs by spending more on renewable energy.
- Considers collegiate food insecurity to be a huge issue, introduced the BASIC Act and is the original cosponsor of College Student Hunger Act
- Mother was a scientist researching Breast Cancer

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| Kirsten Gillibrand gillibrand.senate.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | NY | D | 3rd | 478 Russell | JD (UCLA) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Born and raised in Albany. Grandmother was politically active. Married, 2 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Environment and Public Works; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry | | | | |

- Went from an NRA A grade to one of the most liberal democrats
- Top priorities include implementing a paid family leave program and to curb sexual assaults in the military.
- As member of the House, she was a member of the Blue Dog Coalition of Democrats who emphasize fiscal restraint.
- Her mother was one of only three women in her law school class.
- At Dartmouth, joined the squash team and majored in Asian studies. She spent a semester in Beijing and Taiwan.
- Since 2009, Gillibrand has participated in the annual congressional women’s softball game that pits members against journalists to raise money for breast cancer research. She was the most valuable player in the 2014 game and a captain in the 2019 game.

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| Maggie Hassan hassan.senate.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | NH | D | 1st | 324 Hart | JD (Northeastern) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Father was president of UMass and HUD Secretary under LBJ. Married, 2 children. | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
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- Original cosponsor of Higher Education Mental Health Act
- Former New Hampshire Governor
- Combating the opioid crisis is a huge priority for her
- In 1999, then-NH Gov. Jeanne Shaheen appointed Hassan to a state education advisory committee.
- During her state Senate tenure she held several leadership positions, including that of Majority Leader, while focusing on education, health care and environmental issues.
- Only the second woman to have been elected both governor and U.S. senator. The first was fellow New Hampshire Sen. Jeanne Shaheen.

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| Marco Rubio rubio.senate.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | FL | R | 2nd | 284 Russell | JD (U of Miami) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Parents immigrated from Cuba. Married, 4 children. Roman Catholic. | | | | |
| Committees and Caucuses | | | | | |

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| Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Chair); Foreign Relations; Appropriations |
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- Broke with his party by continuing to blast the Tax bill for benefiting corporations rather than workers.
- He was a member of the Gang of Eight, a bipartisan group of senators that proposed a comprehensive immigration overhaul in 2013
- Rubio has a record of working with Democrats on issues other than immigration.
- Sponsor of Students Know Before You Go Act
- Was primary sponsor of College Transparency Act in the past

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| Mark Warner warner.senate.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | VA | D | 2nd | 703 Hart | JD (Harvard) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Married, 3 children. | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Budget; Finance; Intelligence (Ranking Member) | | | | | |

- Self-described “radical centrist” who reaches across the aisle to try to break through partisan gridlock, which allowed him to get an unlikely endorsement in his re-election bid in 2014, when former Sen. John Warner (R-Va.), no relation, endorsed his Democratic successor over previous Republican National Chair Ed Gillespie.
- Has supported Obama’s signature health-care law, voted in favor of a bipartisan immigration overhaul, backs abortion rights, and favors trade agreements such as the North American Free Trade Agreement.
- Worked with John Thune to introduce Employer Participation in Repayment Act to alleviate the student loan burden. Recently wrote an op-ed in TIME with Thune regarding the same

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| Martha McSally mcsally.senate.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | AZ | R | 1st | 404 Russell | Master's (Harvard) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | The youngest of five children. McSally grew up in Warwick, Rhode Island. | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Energy and Natural Resources | | | | | |

- Former Air Force Colonel, first U.S. woman to fly a combat mission
- Sexual Assault survivor
- During her first term in the House (2015-2016), McSally helped launch the GOP Working Group on Women in the 21st Century Workforce with the goal of identifying the challenges and barriers that still exist for women.
- In 2017, she defied a decades-old dress code for the House chamber that barred sleeveless dresses and open-toed shoes that she saw as gender-biased.
- “When I see something messed up, I’m going to challenge it,” McSally told CBS News’s “60 Minutes” in 2002.
- McSally was a member of the moderate Tuesday Group in the House and the bipartisan Problems Solvers Caucus.

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| Michael Bennett | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| bennet.senate.gov | CO | D | 3rd | 261 Russell | JD (Yale) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Father was President of Wesleyan University and US Ambassador (born in India). Can trace his family roots to both the Mayflower and the Warsaw Ghettos. Married, 3 children. | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Finance | | | | |

- Bennet previously had been superintendent of schools in Denver
- Supports regulations aimed at addressing climate change, supports a pathway to legal residency for undocumented immigrants and is an advocate for solar and other renewable energy sources.
- Was part of the "Gang of Eight" group that came together to develop a framework for rewriting the nation's immigration system.
- Has helped get Education related legislation through Congress
- Was considered for secretary of education in the Obama administration.

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| Mike Lee lee.senate.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | UT | R | 2nd | 361-A Russell | JD (BYU) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | His father was chosen to head the law school at Brigham Young University. Married, 3 children. Mormon | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Judiciary | | | | | |

- Lee works around party leaders as much as he works with them, able to form alliances with Democrats on issues such as criminal justice overhaul.
- Original sponsor of S386 (Fairness for High Skilled Immigrants Act)
- His two second cousins are Tom Udall (D-NM) and Mark Udall (former Democratic Senator from CO)
- The Udall cousins' fathers—Stewart and Morris, respectively—both were House members.

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| Mitt Romney romney.senate.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
| | UT | R | 1st | 124 Russell | MBA (Harvard), JD (Harvard) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | His father was governor of Michigan and led Department of Housing and Urban Development Department under Nixon. Romney's mother ran unsuccessfully for the Senate. Married, 5 children. Mormon. | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| HELP; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Foreign Relations | | | | | |

- Former Governor of Massachusetts and Republican Nominee for President

- One of the key presidential platforms was to provide a green card to every international student who earns a PhD
- Unlike some in his party, Romney supports a path to citizenship for young adults who were brought into the U.S. as children.

| Pat Toomey toomey.senate.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| | PA | R | 2nd | 248 Russell | Bachelor's (Harvard) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | One of 6 children of a staunchly Democratic union-believing father for an electric company. Mother was a part-time secretary for her church. Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Budget; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Finance | | | | | |

- Supports Betsy Devos but also wants more transparency and accountability in Higher Ed
- Cosponsor of CTA
- Touts his bipartisanship with Bob Casey in every press release
- The keeper of the “candy desk” on the Senate floor, making sure it’s well stocked with various treats—now all from Pennsylvania. He had to publicly apologize after he initially forgot to stock Hershey's

| Sherrod Brown brown.senate.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| | OH | D | 3rd | 503 Hart | Master's (Ohio State) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Grew up on family's dairy farm. Married, 4 children. Luterhan | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (Ranking Member); Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Finance | | | | | |

- Unabashedly progressive
- He’s used his Finance Committee seat to advance tax incentives and credits for the state’s energy businesses to boost research and development.
- Huge Cleveland Indians fan
- Wife is a Pulitzer winning journalist and professor at Kent State

| Rob Portman portman.senate.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| | OH | R | 2nd | 448 Russell | JD (U of Michigan) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Father started a forklift dealership, and his grandfather purchased and refurbished the Golden Lamb Inn, the oldest continuously operated business in the state. Married, 3 children | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Foreign Relations; Finance; Senate Artificial Intelligence Caucus | | | | | |

- Reliable Republican vote but loves bipartisanship
- Founded the Senate Artificial Intelligence Caucus
- While broadly in support of regulatory relief, Portman was the only Republican to vote with Democrats in 2017 against overturning a Department of Education rule designed to hold schools accountable for student performance by requiring states to provide parents with accurate information on how their students are performing. “These measures balance state flexibility while reinforcing protections for students of color, students with disabilities, and students from low-income families,” he said in a statement explaining his opposition to repealing the rule.
- Criticized the travel ban
- Wrote an opinion in the Columbus Dispatch in 2013 supporting same sex marriage at a time when every other Republican was opposed to it
- Portman, who never campaigned publicly with Trump, said he would write in Mike Pence for president in the general election.

| Bob Casey casey.senate.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| | PA | D | 3rd | 393 Russell | JD (Catholic University of America) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Grandfather immigrated from Ireland. Married, 4 children. Roman Catholic. | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | Special Committee on Aging (Ranking Member); HELP; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Finance | | | | |

- High Priorities include mental health, sexual harassment and assault. Reintroduced the Higher Education Mental Health Act and wrote the Campus SAVE Act which became law. He recently wrote to every PA college president asking them to detail issues they are facing on campus regarding prevention of sexual violence
- Huge supporter of higher education and graduate research, especially the story of Pittsburgh's revival because of Carnegie Mellon and Robotics research
- Takes credit for several proposals becoming law including proposals to promote alternatives to suspending students with disciplinary issues; to overhaul educator professional development; and to encourage better working relationships between early childhood education programs and elementary schools.
- Changed his stance from pro-guns to pro-gun control after Sandy Hook

| Tammy Baldwin baldwin.senate.gov | State-DI | Party | Term | Office | Education |
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| | WI | D | 2nd | 709 Hart | JD (U of Wisconsin) |
| | Heritage, Family, and Religion | | | | |
| | Committees and Caucuses | | | | |
| | HELP; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Appropriations | | | | |

- First openly gay senator and the first woman to represent Wisconsin in the chamber.
- One of the most liberal voting records in Congress. She says she embodies the progressive tradition of Robert La Follette Sr., the liberal Republican and Progressive Wisconsin congressman, governor and senator of the late 1800s and early 1900s who was known as “Fighting Bob.”

- Education is a top priority for Baldwin. She's introduced education bills aimed at improving career readiness and boosting graduation rates and school technology.
- Access to healthcare is personal to her. When Baldwin was in the fourth grade, she was hospitalized for three months with severe back pain, though she wasn't covered by her grandparents' insurance. Baldwin didn't get health coverage until she was a college freshman.