

## **MT Presidential, US Senate 2020 VGs Footnotes**

### **Presidential 2020**

#### **Joe Biden D**

Pro-Life Judges  
Opposes<sup>1</sup>

Reduction of Police Funding  
Supports<sup>2</sup>

Support School Choice including Private Schools  
Opposes<sup>3</sup>

Traditional Marriage Protections  
Opposes<sup>4</sup>

Federally Mandated Healthcare  
Supports<sup>5</sup>

Iran Nuclear Deal  
Supports<sup>6</sup>

Religious Conscience Protections  
Opposes<sup>7</sup>

Tax-Funded Abortions  
Supports<sup>8</sup>

Amendment Protections  
Opposes<sup>9</sup>

Green New Deal to Eliminate Oil and Coal  
Supports<sup>10</sup>

## **Donald Trump**

Pro-Life Judges  
Supports<sup>11</sup>

Reduction of Police Funding  
Opposes<sup>12</sup>

School Choice including Private Schools  
Supports<sup>13</sup>

Traditional Marriage Protections  
Supports<sup>14</sup>

Federally Mandated Healthcare  
Opposes<sup>15</sup>

Iran Nuclear Deal  
Opposes<sup>16</sup>

Religious Conscience Protections  
Supports<sup>17</sup>

Tax-Funded Abortions  
Opposes<sup>18</sup>

Second Amendment Protections  
Supports<sup>19</sup>

Green New Deal to Eliminate Oil and Coal  
Opposes<sup>20</sup>

## **Montana US Senate**

### **D Steve Bullock**

Pro-Life Judges  
Opposes<sup>21</sup>

Reduction of Police Funding  
Unknown

School Choice Including Private Schools  
Opposes<sup>22</sup>

Traditional Marriage Protection  
Opposes<sup>23</sup>

Federally Mandated Healthcare  
Supports<sup>24</sup>

Iran Nuclear Deal  
Supports<sup>25</sup>

Religious Conscience Protections  
Opposes<sup>26</sup>

Tax-Funded Abortions  
Supports<sup>27</sup>

Second Amendment Protections  
Opposes<sup>28</sup>

Green New Deal to Eliminate Oil and Coal  
Mixed<sup>29</sup>

## **Republican Steve Daines**

Pro-Life Judges  
Supports<sup>30</sup>

Reduction of Police Funding  
Opposes<sup>31</sup>

School Choice Including Private Schools  
Supports<sup>32</sup>

Traditional Marriage Protection  
Supports<sup>33</sup>

Federally Mandated Healthcare  
Opposes<sup>34</sup>

Iran Nuclear Deal  
Opposes<sup>35</sup>

Religious Conscience Protections  
Supports<sup>36</sup>

Tax-Funded Abortions  
Opposes<sup>37</sup>

Second Amendment Protections  
Supports<sup>38</sup>

Green New Deal to Eliminate Oil and Coal  
Opposes<sup>39</sup>

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/elections/biden-v-trump> Accessed 8-2-20

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6w-cKhzA4Y> Biden said he supports redirecting police funding Accessed 8-2-20

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/elections/biden-v-trump> Accessed 8-2-20

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/04/28/progressives-biden-moved-left/> Accessed 8-2-20

But Biden — the same man who in 1996 voted for the Defense of Marriage Act that defined marriage as “between one man and one woman” — said he was “absolutely comfortable” with gay and lesbian couples being “entitled to the same exact rights, all the civil liberties” as heterosexual married couples

<sup>5</sup> <https://votesmart.org/public-statement/1387544/tweet-i-worked-hard-to-pass-the-affordable-care-act-it-was-a-milestone-for-american-health-care-i-will-continue-to-oppose-every-effort-to-tear-it-down-we-have-come-too-far-to-start-over-read-my-plan-to-protect-and-build-on-obamacare-at#.XybiYShKjIV> Accessed 8-2-20

<sup>6</sup> <https://nationalinterest.org/blog/skeptics/will-joe-biden-go-back-iran-deal-156186> Accessed 8-2-20

Former Vice President Joe Biden’s foreign policy advisor said that a future Biden administration would return to the 2015 deal with Iran if the Iranian government did the same.

<sup>7</sup> <https://justfacts.votesmart.org/candidate/evaluations/53279/joe-biden-jr> Americans United for the Separation of Church and State 100% 2006 pro-family groups rated him 0% or very low Accessed 8-2-20

<sup>8</sup> [nytimes.com/2019/06/06/us/politics/joe-biden-hyde-amendment.html](https://nytimes.com/2019/06/06/us/politics/joe-biden-hyde-amendment.html) Accessed 8-2-20 Joe Biden Denounces Hyde

<sup>9</sup> <https://votesmart.org/public-statement/1365910/tweet-as-we-watched-in-horror-at-the-events-in-el-paso-and-dayton-chicago-suffered-its-most-violent-weekend-of-2019-we-cannot-go-on-like-this-we-must-muster-up-the-courage-to-take-on-the-nra-pass-common-sense-reform-and-end-our-gun-violence-epidemic/?search=el%20paso%20and%20dayton#.XybhpShKjIV> Accessed 8-2-20 Joe Biden tweet

<sup>10</sup> <https://nypost.com/2020/07/14/joe-biden-unveils-his-2t-aoc-fueled-green-new-deal-energy-agenda/> Accessed 8-2-20

<sup>11</sup> Conversation with Donald Trump, Evangelicals, New York City, June 21, 2016

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_federal\\_judges\\_appointed\\_by\\_Donald\\_Trump#:~:text=As%20of%20August%206%2C%202020,two%20judges%20for%20the%20United](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_federal_judges_appointed_by_Donald_Trump#:~:text=As%20of%20August%206%2C%202020,two%20judges%20for%20the%20United) Accessed 8-9-20 Trump appointed 203 judges by August 6, 2020

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.google.com/search?q=trump+on+defunding+the+police&oq=trump+on+defunding+the+police&gs=chrome..69i57.6408j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8> Accessed 8-2-20 Trump continues criticism of movement to defund the police.

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/president-donald-j-trump-working-give-students-parents-flexibility-schools-support-need-reopen-fall/> Accessed 8-9-20

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/wesleywhistle/2020/06/16/trump-school-choice-is-the-civil-rights-statement-of-the-year/#72da6a4f3f46> Accessed 8-9-20 Trump School choice is the civil rights statement of the year.

<sup>14</sup> <http://cnnpressroom.blogs.cnn.com/2015/06/28/donald-trump-on-cnns-state-of-the-union-im-in-it-to-win-it-i-will-make-our-country-great-again/> Accessed 8-9-20 **Tapper and Trump on his stance on same-sex marriage:** “[TRUMP]...I’m traditional marriage. It is changing rapidly. [TAPPER]: But what do you say to a lesbian who’s married or a gay man who’s married who says, ‘Donald Trump, what’s traditional about being married 3 times?’ [TRUMP]: ...I don’t say anything. I’m just for traditional marriage.”

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2016/02/06/transcript-of-the-feb-6-gop-debate-annotated/> “We are going to repeal Obamacare.” Accessed 8-9-16 <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/10/14/768731628/trump-is-trying-hard-to-thwart-obamacare-hows-that-going> Accessed 8-9-20

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2015/09/08/donald-trump-amateur-hour-iran-nuclear-deal-column/71884090/> “It was amateur hour for those charged with striking this deal with Iran, demonstrating to the world, yet again, the total incompetence of our president [Obama]and politicians. It appears we wanted a deal at any cost rather than following the advice of Ronald Reagan and walking away because “no deal is better than a bad deal.” Accessed 8-9-16

[https://www.google.com/search?xsrf=ALeKk03wllrKM4I4hU5Rnj0itXwz2kr2UA%3A1597020289714&ei=gZgWx56HK7OP9PwPmJa2oA0&q=president+donald+trump+irans+nuclear+deal&oq=president+donald+trump+irans+nuclear+deal&gs\\_lcp=CgZwc3ktYWIQAzoECCMQJzoGCAAQFhAeOgIIADoHCAAQFBCHAJokCAAQsQMqFbCHAjoiCAAQsQMqgwE6BQqAELEDOggIABAIEA0QHIDoE1jHVGDjW2gAcAB4AIABiQGIaA4ckgEEMzEuOZgBAKABAaoBB2d3cy13aXrAAQE&scient=psy-](https://www.google.com/search?xsrf=ALeKk03wllrKM4I4hU5Rnj0itXwz2kr2UA%3A1597020289714&ei=gZgWx56HK7OP9PwPmJa2oA0&q=president+donald+trump+irans+nuclear+deal&oq=president+donald+trump+irans+nuclear+deal&gs_lcp=CgZwc3ktYWIQAzoECCMQJzoGCAAQFhAeOgIIADoHCAAQFBCHAJokCAAQsQMqFbCHAjoiCAAQsQMqgwE6BQqAELEDOggIABAIEA0QHIDoE1jHVGDjW2gAcAB4AIABiQGIaA4ckgEEMzEuOZgBAKABAaoBB2d3cy13aXrAAQE&scient=psy-)

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[ab&ved=0ahUKEwjeY8SYtl\\_rAhWzB50JHRiLDdQQ4dUDCAw&uact=5](#) Accessed 8-9-20 President Trump Abandons Iran Nuclear Deal He Long Scorned May 8, 2018.

<sup>17</sup> <http://religionnews.com/2016/01/18/donald-trump-liberty-university-evangelicals/> 'I'm going to protect Christians,' who are losing their power in American society, he said Monday (Jan. 18), addressing 100,000 Liberty University students — packed in the Lynchburg, Va., campus sports arena or viewing online." Accessed 8-10-16

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/blog/donald-trump-and-ted-cruz-agree-planned-parenthood> "[Donald Trump] opposes overturning the Hyde Amendment: 'Public funding of abortion providers is an insult to people of conscience at the least and an affront to good governance at best.'" *Washington Examiner* 1/23/16] Accessed 8-10-16

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/positions/second-amendment-rights> "The Second Amendment to our Constitution is clear. The right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed upon. Period." There are additional details on the Second Amendment on this website. Accessed 8-10-16

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.foxnews.com/media/trump-green-new-deal-baby-talk> Accessed 8-2-20

<sup>21</sup> <https://lifeontheballot.com/montana/> Accessed 9-5-20 If elected, Steve Bullock will only support judges who oppose laws that protect unborn children.

<sup>22</sup> [https://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/school-choice-bill-becomes-law-without-governors-signature/article\\_6deee265-acdd-574a-8cbf-2b9981f02d1b.html](https://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/school-choice-bill-becomes-law-without-governors-signature/article_6deee265-acdd-574a-8cbf-2b9981f02d1b.html) Accessed 9-5-20 HELENA — Montana lawmakers have instituted a new state law that reflects a national GOP initiative to boost private education options.

Senate Bill 410, one of six Republican "school choice" proposals this year, became law on Friday without Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock's signature.

<sup>23</sup> [https://helenair.com/government-and-politics/montana-democrats-endorse-same-sex-marriage/article\\_b17b1846-b2bb-11e1-ae1c-0019bb2963f4.html](https://helenair.com/government-and-politics/montana-democrats-endorse-same-sex-marriage/article_b17b1846-b2bb-11e1-ae1c-0019bb2963f4.html) Accessed 9-5-20 The Democratic nominee for governor, Attorney General Steve Bullock, through campaign manager Kevin O'Brien, said, "Equality is something we should work for, and Steve is proud that Democrats are leading." Delegates to the Montana Democratic Party platform convention went on record unanimously Saturday for repealing Montana's constitutional ban on gay marriages. Without any debate, they supported striking existing platform language advocating legal protection for same-sex civil unions and offering those couples the same legal benefits and responsibilities granted to other individuals "united by civil contracts under Montana laws."

<sup>24</sup> <https://stevebullock.com/on-the-issues/healthcare/> Accessed 9-5-20 Affordable healthcare should be available to all Montanans.

YES <https://khn.org/news/gop-senate-ad-misrepresents-mont-governors-stance-on-rural-hospitals-public-option/> Accessed 9-5-20 According to Bullock's campaign website, he supports the creation of a public option. A public option is generally defined as a health plan administered by the federal government that exists alongside and competes with private health insurance plans on the Affordable Care Act exchanges. Public option proposals differ by political candidate, and can take various forms, including Medicare or Medicaid buy-ins as well as a new government-run entity.

<sup>25</sup> <https://jewishinsider.com/2019/06/bullock-wont-seek-to-re-enter-iran-deal-word-for-word/> Accessed 9-5-20 Montana Governor Steve Bullock said he would not necessarily seek to re-enter the 2015 Iran deal "word for word" if elected, in a televised town hall Thursday. Speaking in New Hampshire, Bullock, who decried the Trump administration's decision to withdraw from the deal, said, "I'd be happy to make some changes" to the nuclear accord. The Montana governor joins New Jersey Senator Cory Booker as the second Democratic presidential candidate to express willingness to renegotiate the deal in the past day.

<sup>26</sup> [https://billingsgazette.com/news/opinion/guest/guest-opinion-bullock-vetoes-freedom-of-religious-speech-bill/article\\_f1258725-4ea8-5561-bfe5-e9555a64f979.html](https://billingsgazette.com/news/opinion/guest/guest-opinion-bullock-vetoes-freedom-of-religious-speech-bill/article_f1258725-4ea8-5561-bfe5-e9555a64f979.html) Accessed 9-7-20 On May 3, Gov. Steve Bullock vetoed House Bill 217, a bill that would have restored freedom of religion to Montana's churches that was stolen six years ago when the Montana Office of Political Practices tried to force a small congregation to be an "incidental political committee" for speaking out against an issue seen by it to be of vital religious significance. The church then sued to protect its right to religious freedom, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals found in favor of the church, stating that the state of Montana had used petty political harassment to violate the Church's First Amendment rights. House Bill 217 was written to place religious

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organizations under the same guidelines (26 USC 501 (c) (3)) as imposed by the federal government during federal elections in the state of Montana.

<sup>27</sup> <https://lifeontheballot.com/montana/> Accessed 9-5-20 Steve Bullock's views on abortion are extreme. Most Montanans, whether pro-life or pro-choice, believe there should be reasonable restrictions on abortion to protect the health and safety of women and their unborn children, but Steve Bullock doesn't think there should be any limits at all. As Governor, Bullock has vetoed every piece of legislation passed by the legislature to protect women and unborn babies.

<sup>28</sup> <https://www.nraila.org/articles/20200327/montana-governor-bullock-issues-executive-order-in-response-to-covid-19> Accessed 9-5-20 While the Governor and U.S. Senate Candidate has been openly hostile to gun rights in the past by: vetoing firearm preemption and self-defense legislation, penning an Op-Ed in support of so-called "universal" background checks, extreme "red flag" laws and bans on standard capacity magazines, voicing his support to ban certain semi-automatic firearms, saying they "are not used for self-defense."

<sup>29</sup> <https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2019/5/16/1857996/-I-Pressed-Steve-Bullock-on-Climate-Change-in-Montana-Here-s-What-I-Learned> Accessed 9-5-20 So what do Bullock's actions as governor tell us about how he's likely to address climate change as a presidential candidate? First and foremost, I expect him to take a very hum-drum, middle-of-the-road approach. As governor he cooperated with implementation of the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan, but you wouldn't find him cheering the plan in public. He also supported coal mining and oil drilling in principle, and as a member of the State Lands Board (an office he held automatically as governor and prior to that as attorney general) he seldom met a fossil fuel leasing proposal he wouldn't embrace.

<sup>30</sup> <https://www.krtv.com/news/montana-politics/2019/01/19/daines-forms-first-pro-life-caucus-in-u-s-senate/> Accessed 9-7-20 "Life begins at conception. Because of that, every life must be valued. This pro-life caucus and our new expanded pro-life majority, thank God in November we sent more pro-life senators to the to the United States Senate and that's thanks to you," Daines said. "That will allow us to accelerate the momentum of the past two years and protecting and defending life."

<sup>31</sup> <https://www.daines.senate.gov/news/press-releases/daines-statement-on-helena-city-commission-vote-to-defund-helena-police-remove-school-officers> Accessed 9-5-20 Daines Statement on Helena City Commission Vote to Defund Helena Police, Remove School Officers. U.S. SENATE— U.S. Senator Steve Daines today issued the following statement after the Helena City Commission's voted not to cut \$300,000 from the Helena Police Department's personnel budget and remove School Resource Officers (SROs) from all school campuses. This statement follows Daines' statement earlier today urging the Helena City Commission to vote against cutting funding to the Helena Police Department. "I'm glad the Helena City Commission decided to stand by our law enforcement today and ensure they have the resources needed to keep our communities and schools safe," Daines said.

<sup>32</sup> <https://themontanapost.com/blog/2020/01/22/steve-daines-is-against-montanas-public-schools-will-be-cheering-on-their-destruction-today/> Accessed 9-5-20 Senator Daines will be attending oral arguments for Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue at the Supreme Court tomorrow morning. This is one of the most important equal protection and religious freedom cases in recent history. This is about whether discrimination should stand. Today, the MT constitution discriminates against parents and their children based simply on the school they choose. This case could change that for future generations.

<sup>33</sup> <https://www.cruz.senate.gov/?p=news&id=2241> Accessed 9-5-20 "I support traditional marriage and we should reject attempts by the Obama administration to force same-sex marriage on all 50 states. The State Marriage Defense Act helps safeguard the ability of states to preserve traditional marriage for their citizens," he said. Eleven senators - John Boozman of Arkansas, Mike Crapo of Idaho, Steve Daines of Montana, James Inhofe and James Lankford of Oklahoma, Mike Lee of Utah, Pat Roberts of Kansas, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Jeff Sessions and Richard Shelby of Alabama and David Vitter of Louisiana - have cosponsored the bill. Texas Rep. Randy Weber introduced a partner bill in the House, which has 22 cosponsors.

<sup>34</sup> <https://www.daines.senate.gov/news/press-releases/daines-renews-commitment-to-repealing-obamacare> Accessed 9-5-20 Daines Renews Commitment to Repealing Obamacare

<sup>35</sup> <https://www.daines.senate.gov/news/press-releases/daines-statement-on-iran-nuclear-agreement> Accessed 9-5-20 Daines Statement on Iran Nuclear Agreement  
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senator Steve Daines today released the following statement on the Obama administration's announcement that the P5+1 has reached an agreement with Iran, the world's leading state-sponsor of terrorism: "I remain unconvinced that this agreement will prevent Iran from building a

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nuclear weapon. This agreement paves the way for Iran to further direct its resources in leading the way as the world's greatest state-sponsor of terrorism." Last night, Daines took to the Senate floor to outline parameters of what a final deal with Iran must include. The Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act (Public Law 114-17) prevents the president from waiving or suspending congressional sanctions before Congress has the chance to vote on an agreement, if one is reached. Under this law, Congress has 60 days to review the proposed agreement once all pertinent documents are submitted.

<sup>36</sup> <https://www.daines.senate.gov/news/press-releases/daines-marks-religious-freedom-day> Accessed 9-5-20 U.S. SENATE —U.S. Senator Steve Daines today recognized Religious Freedom Day by introducing a resolution to celebrate and reaffirm the role of religious freedom as a fundamental human and Constitutional right. "The first freedom protected under the Bill of Rights is religious freedom, giving every American the right to be free to live and work in accordance with their religious beliefs free from fear of government restrictions," said Daines. "With all the international and domestic unrest our society faces, this resolution reminds our country that for 232 years, we have stood strong for religious freedom and must continue doing so."

<sup>37</sup> <https://justfacts.votesmart.org/bill/17451/46477/135720/no-taxpayer-funding-for-abortion-act#46477> Accessed 9-5-20 HR 7 - No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act - National Key Vote Steve Daines voted YEA (Passage) on this Legislation.

<sup>38</sup> <https://www.stevedaines.com/about/> Accessed 9-5-20 Steve is fighting to create jobs, secure our borders, cut government spending, and protect our Second Amendment rights.

<sup>39</sup> <https://www.daines.senate.gov/news/press-releases/daines-rejects-disastrous-green-new-deal> Accessed 9-5-20 Daines Rejects Disastrous Green New Deal