Alabama A&M University Profiles



Sen. Katie Britt (R-AL)

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Education

University of Alabama School of Law, J.D., 2013; University of Alabama, B.A., 2004; Enterprise High School, 2000

Professional Career

Chief of Staff, Office of U.S. Sen. Richard C. Shelby (AL R), 2016-2018; Attorney, Butler Snow, LLP, 2014-2016; Attorney, Johnston Barton Proctor & Rose, LLP, 2013-2014; Press Secretary, U.S. Senate, 2004-2007

Background

After serving as the youngest press secretary on Capitol Hill at the time, Britt rose through the ranks of Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)'s office. Notably, she led efforts during the selections of Alabama court judges and Supreme Court justice confirmation hearings of Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh.

A lawyer and CEO of the Business Council of Alabama (BCA), Britt has experience communicating business interests with elected officials. She also prioritizes centering Alabama in state, federal, and international policies, especially in foreign trade, national security, broadband access, and low-cost energy sources.

In 2021, Britt announced her bid to be the next Senator for Alabama with the endorsement of Sen. Shelby. In May 2022, Britt won the largest share of votes in the primary, but failed to capture a majority; prior to the June runoff against Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL5), Britt received former President Trump's endorsement. Britt defeated Brooks in the runoff and then won the general election in November 2022 against Will Boyd (D).



Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL)

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Education

Southern Arkansas University, B.A.E., 1976; Harmony Grove High School, Benton, AR, 1972

Professional Career

Broadcast Staff Member, ESPN; Sen. Tuberville has experience as the head coach or strategic coordinator of a variety of Division I football teams

Background

A retired college football coach well-known in Alabama for his time at Auburn University, Tuberville defeated former Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Sen. Doug Jones to represent Alabama in the Senate.

Tuberville began coaching high school football after graduating, working his way up to college football, eventually becoming head coach at the University of Mississippi, though he is best known for his head coaching tenure at Auburn University.

Moved to Alabama from Florida in 2018 and decided to run for Senate following former Sen. Doug Jones' (D-AL) victory over former chief justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama Roy Moore (R).

During his primary campaign, Tuberville was an ardent supporter of President Trump, whose endorsement helped him secure the nomination in a runoff election over former Alabama Senator and US Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

Running on a conservative platform closely tied to President Trump, he successfully unseated incumbent Doug Jones by 22 points.

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Rep. Dale Strong (R-AL-5)

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Education

Athens State University (AL), B.S., 1992

Professional Career

Former Public Relations Professional, First Alabama Bank; Former Emergency Medical Services, City of Huntsville, AL; Former Volunteer Firefighter and EMT, Monrovia Volunteer Fire Department; Former Sales Representative, Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Background

Born and raised in Monrovia, Alabama, Strong worked at his father's gas and grocery shop before going to school; his father started a bus services business to take people on trips throughout the country, which allowed Dale and his two siblings to afford college.

Strong received his license as an emergency medical technician (EMT) from the University of Alabama-Huntsville and worked for Huntsville Emergency Medical Services as an emergency dispatcher and first responder.

In 1989, Strong received the Medal of Valor for his actions during the tornado on Airport Road in Huntsville, which destroyed dozens of homes and businesses.

In 1992, Strong graduated from Athens State University and began his professional career working in public relations at First Alabama Bank and later as a sales representative with Solvay Pharmaceuticals.

Elected to serve as a county commissioner in 1996, Strong established new baseball fields, community centers, tornado sirens, and safer intersections; he also led recovery efforts in the aftermath of the 2011 Super Tornado, one of Alabama's largest and deadliest tornado outbreaks.

In 2012, he was the first Republican elected to be the chair of the Madison County Commission; his fiscally conservative campaign focused on limited government spending and Christian values. As chair, Strong encouraged Facebook and Toyota to open projects in Alabama and continued to serve as a volunteer firefighter and EMT in Monrovia.

He announced in March 2021 that he would campaign for a House seat in the 2022 election cycle, focusing on fiscal conservatism and immigration. He won the Republican primary runoff election with 62.8% of the vote, and subsequently won Alabama's 7th District in the general election against Kathy Warner-Stanton (D)

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Albany State University Profiles



Sen. Jon Ossoff (D-GA)

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Education

London School of Economics (UK), M.S., 2013; Georgetown University School of Foreign Service (DC), B.S., 2009; Paideia School, Atlanta, GA, 2005

Professional Career

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Insight TWI, 2013-2021; Legislative Assistant and Correspondent, Office of U.S. Rep. Henry C. Johnson 2007-2012; Intern, Office of U.S. Rep. John R. Lewis (GA05 D)

Background

Born and raised in Atlanta, Ossoff began his career in politics as an intern in the office of late Rep. John Lewis (D-GA5), whom he considered a mentor and "spiritual guide." Ossoff then worked on Rep. Hank Johnson's (D-GA4) first campaign and joined his congressional office, rising to the role of senior legislative assistant; handled issues related to foreign policy, national security, and the economy.

Most recently served as CEO of investigative journalism outlet Insight TWI, where he produced documentaries for BBC on topics such as ISIS, human trafficking, and corruption.

Ossoff first ran for office in 2017, when he lost a special election against Fmr. Rep. Karen Handel (R-GA6) despite a large advantage in fundraising. He won the 2020 Democratic primary to challenge Fmr. Sen. David Perdue (R-GA) and won the general runoff election in a race that drew significant national attention.

Ossoff's general priorities include investment in infrastructure, equitable COVID-19 relief, improved access to health care, climate change, and government accountability.



Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA)

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Education

Morehouse College (GA), B.A., 1991; Sol C. Johnson High School (GA), 1987; Union Theological Seminary (NY), M.Phil, M.Div, Ph.D.

Professional Career

Paster, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA, 2005-2021; Youth Paster and Assistant Pastor, Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York, NY; Ordained Baptist Minister; Pastor, Douglas Memorial Community Church, Baltimore, MD

Background

Warnock grew up in Savannah public housing; attended Morehouse College in Atlanta with the help of Pell Grants and low-interest student loans before obtaining a master's degree and PhD from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. As the Senior Pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, the position held by Martin Luther King Jr. from 1960 to 1968, Warnock has an elevated stature as a civil rights and religious leader.

He became a favorite to run for the seat in 2020, and he received endorsements from top state and national Democratic figures. He won Isakson's seat in the 2020 election, defeating incumbent Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-GA) in both the general election and the runoff; Warnock defended his Senate seat in a December 2022 runoff against Hershel Walker (R).

Supports investments for underserved urban and rural areas, education from pre-K to workforce training, and infrastructure to make the state more resilient to climate change while transitioning to a greener economy; strongly advocates for health care reforms protecting underserved communities.

Albany State University Profiles



Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-GA-2)

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Education

Emory University Law School (GA), J.D., 1971; Morehouse College (GA), B.A., 1968

Professional Career

Partner, Bishop & Buckner, 1972-1992

Background

Bishop was raised in Mobile, Alabama to a librarian mother and a father who served as the first president of Bishop State Community College, an HBCU.

After graduating from Emory Law School, Bishop practiced civil rights law and represented inmates at the Reidsville state prison, advocating for better conditions for Black prisoners.

At age 29, he was elected to the Georgia House, where he served for 13 years advocating fiscal responsibility before joining the state Senate; he ran for Congress in 1993 and has represented the district ever since.

In Congress, he has protected his district's most important crop, peanuts, serving as co-chair of the Congressional Peanuts Caucus; he integrated provisions into the 2008 Farm Bill to design a peanut-rotation program and successfully worked to prevent airlines from banning peanuts.

As chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, he spearheaded disaster relief efforts to ensure rural communities, farmers, and ranchers receive resources to recover from storms; Bishop pushes to expand market access for farmers and advance agricultural research.

He is active on military and veterans' issues as the ranking member on the Appropriations Subcommittee; he was the lead House sponsor of the Hiring Heroes Act and has introduced legislation to allow retired, disabled veterans to received both retired pay and disability compensation.

Bishop helped relocated two Army units to Fort Benning in Columbus, the fifth-largest military base and home of the Army's Maneuver Center; he also worked to protect the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany from realignment and closure in 2005.

Alcorn State University Profiles



Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS)

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Education

University of Southern Mississippi, 1981; Copiah-Lincoln Community College (MS), A.A., 1979; Lawrence County Academy (MS)

Professional Career

Partner, Lincoln County Livestock, Brookhaven; Cattle Farmer

Background

After attending community college, Hyde-Smith earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. She served in the state Senate from 2000 to 2012 and chaired the Agriculture Committee; from 2012 to 2018, Hyde-Smith was the state's commissioner of agriculture and commerce, where she focused on increasing protections and limiting regulations for farmers.

In 2010, she Switched her political party affiliation from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party, explaining that she had always held conservative views

In 2018, Hyde-Smith was appointed to fill Sen. Thad Cochran's (R-MS) seat after he stepped down. She was elected to a full 6-year term in 2020, defeating her opponent, former Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy (D-MS).

Favors fiscal responsibility, deregulations, and investments in infrastructure for rural communities; has sponsored a constitutional amendment to mandate a balanced budget.

On January 6, 2021, Hyde-Smith objected to the certification of electoral college votes from Arizona and Pennsylvania; was one of a handful of senators who maintained such opposition after insurrectionists broke into the Capitol.



Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)

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Education

University of Mississippi, J.D., 1975; University of Mississippi, B.A., 1973; Pontotoc High School (MS)

Professional Career

Judge Pro Tempore, Tupelo City (MS), 1986-1987; Public Defender, Lee County (MS), 1984-1987; Attorney, Sparks, Wicker and Colburn, 1982-1994; Staff Assistant, Office of U.S. Rep. Trent Lott (MS05 R), 1980-1982

Background

A Mississippi native, Wicker's father served as a state senator and circuit court judge. He started working in politics when he was 16 as a page for then-Rep. Jamie Whitten (D-MS1); much later, Wicker won Whitten's seat when he stepped down after 28 terms. After serving in the Air Force, Wicker was a staff assistant for then-Rep. Trent Lott (R-MS5) for two years before practicing law; successfully ran for the state Senate in 1987.

He won his bid for the US House in 1994, and served until 2007, when he was appointed by Gov. Haley Barbour (R) to replace then-Sen. Trent Lott (R-MS) after Lott's resignation.

Through the Commerce Committee, Wicker has worked to pass bipartisan legislation related to fisheries and agriculture, ocean research, and technology issues such as 5G and data privacy. He also chaired the National Republican Senatorial Committee from 2015 to 2017. As the previous chair of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Wicker is highly engaged in relevant foreign policy matters; in early 2021, he traveled to Ukraine with bipartisan Senate delegation to meet with top Ukrainian officials.

Alcorn State University Profiles



Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS-2)

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Education

Jackson State University (MS), M.S., 1972; Tougaloo College (MS), B.A., 1968; Hinds County Agriculture High School (MS)

Professional Career

Public School Teacher and Adjunct Professor

Background

A Mississippi native, Thompson grew up in the town of Bolton; he earned his bachelor's degree from Tougaloo College, where he became involved in civil rights activism through participating in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee's (SNCC) voter registration drives.

Thompson briefly worked as a school teacher, but inspiration from his past activism steered him towards running for elected office in Bolton; he served as alderman from 1969 to 1972, mayor from 1973 to 1980, and county supervisor from 1980 to 1993.

He was a plaintiff in the case filed by Jake Ayers Sr. in 1975, which alleged that the state of Mississippi was discriminating by funding other state colleges more than HBCUs; the lawsuit was settled in 2001, providing $500 million to Mississippi's HBCUs.

Thompson ran for Congress in a 1993 special election; during his time in Congress, he has championed policies that aim to mitigate racial disparities, such as creating the National Center for Minority Health and Health Care Disparities in 2000, and pushed for disaster relief following Hurricane Katrina.

Since obtaining a leadership position on the Homeland Security Committee in 2005, Thompson has focused on bolstering disaster response by reforming FEMA; he has also called for greater scrutiny of radical white nationalist groups and domestic terrorists.

In wake of racial justice protests that swept the country following the murder of George Floyd in 2020, Thompson has vocally advocated for police reform and the removal of Confederate monuments.

He entered the national spotlight in the 117th Congress as chair of the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack, and he has led public committee hearings to present witness testimony and reveal details from the investigation.

Bluefield State College Profiles



Sen. Shelley Capito (R-WV)

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Education

University of Virginia, M.Ed., 1976; Duke University (NC), B.S., 1975

Professional Career

Career Counselor, West Virginia State College, 1976-1978

Background

Born in West Virginia, Capito is the daughter of former Rep. and three-term Gov. Arch Moore Jr. (R-WV). Capito began her career in the West Virginia State University system as a college counselor before entering state politics; she served two terms in the state House of Delegates and decided to run for federal office.

Elected to the US House in 2000 and the US Senate in 2014, Capito was the first Republican to win a House race in West Virginia in nearly 20 years and later became the state's first woman senator.

Champions the state's coal industry and is a leading advocate for natural gas development through the proposed Appalachian Storage Hub. As ranking member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Capito encourages investment in West Virginia's highway and water infrastructure and promotes public-private partnerships to advance broadband access.

Capito gained media attention alongside Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) in the spring of 2021 for her role in negotiating with Democrats' on the Biden administration's American Jobs Plan infrastructure package, seeking reduced costs and focusing on physical core infrastructure rather than "social infrastructure" like child care.



Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV)

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Education

West Virginia University, B.S., 1970; Farmington High School (WV), 1965

Professional Career

President, Marion County Rescue Squad, 2000-2004; Owner and Operator, Manchin's Carpet Center, 1970; Owner, Enersystems Inc.

Background

Manchin has held different elected offices in West Virginia for nearly 31 years; a Democrat from a deep red state whose refusal to toe the party line has earned him an independent reputation back home and given him political power in the Senate, particularly as the swing vote in a narrow Democratic majority.

As governor, he worked to expand health care to vulnerable populations and fought for increased protections for coal miners. In the Senate, Manchin maintains a strong commitment to bipartisanship, forging several key relationships with Republicans.

He focuses on policies that address issues in rural communities, including expansion of rural broadband and combatting opioid crisis. He also supports policies benefitting state's coal industry and its miners, like securing permanent health care and pension benefits.

As one of the most conservative members of a narrow Democratic Senate majority, Manchin's vote is pivotal to passing President Joe Biden's legislative agenda; he has sought to reduce the overall size of the Democratic reconciliation bill, add means-testing to certain programs within it, and protect fossil fuels that are vital to West Virginia's economy.

Bluefield State College Profiles



Rep. Carol Miller (R-WV-1)

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Education

Columbia College (SC), B.S., 1972; Bexley High School, Columbus (OH)

Professional Career

Owner, Swann Ridge Bison Farmer; Self-Employed, Real Estate Manager

Background

A bison farmer with extensive political experience, Miller represents a solidly pro-Trump district where she found a niche in transportation and infrastructure.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, Miller is the daughter of the late Rep. Samuel Devine (R-OH12) who inspired her interest in politics. Miller currently manages real estate and owns and operates Swann Ridge Bison Farm.

Served in the West Virginia House of Delegates for 22 years where she rose to the rank of majority whip and chaired the Small Business Committee. As a delegate, she received national attention from advocacy groups for her work on "justice reinvestment," a movement to enroll low-level drug offenders in treatment while they serve out their sentences; the county she lives in has the highest opioid-related overdose death rate in the country.

In Congress, she serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and touts her work securing funding for local projects to build waterlines, stabilize floodwalls, improve pipeline safety efforts, and update public transportation; passed legislation in the House that requires small airports to maintain lactation areas for nursing mothers.

Voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election.

Bowie State University Profiles



Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)

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Education

Villa Julie College (MD), LL.D., 2007; University of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1967; University of Pittsburgh (PA), B.A., 1964; Baltimore City College High School (MD), 1961

Professional Career

Attorney, Rosen and Esterson, 1967-1978

Background

Born in Baltimore, Cardin has been referred to as the former "boy wonder" of Maryland politics, having been elected to the House of Delegates at age 23 and elevated to Speaker by age 35.

In the House and in the Senate, Cardin has worked to integrate human rights into foreign policy, including by sanctioning countries like Russia and China for human rights abuses. As the lead Democrat on the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, has pushed for policies that increase business opportunity for minority communities. Cardin is a leader on legislation surrounding retirement security through 401(k) expansion.

Supports protecting and expanding Medicare and the Affordable Care Act (ACA), including by adding coverage for cancer screenings and pediatric dental services. Cardin frequently cosponsors legislation with Republicans and has become well-known for his bipartisanship.

Engages with international organizations on strategies to enhance cooperation and security, representing the U.S. at organizations including the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.



Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

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Education

Georgetown University (DC), J.D., 1990; John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (MA), M.P.P., 1985; Swarthmore College (PA), B.A., 1982

Professional Career

Attorney, Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn, 1991-2002; Senior Advisor, Office of Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer, 1988-1991; Staff Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, 1987-1989; Legislative Assistant, Office of U.S. Sen. Charles Mathias (MD R), 1982-1987

Background

Born in Pakistan to a US Ambassador and a State Department officer, Van Hollen grew up in Asia before he moved to the US to attend boarding school. After earning his MPP from Harvard, Van Hollen began his political career by working for Sen. Charles Mathias (R-MD) and later for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He was elected to the MD House of Delegates in 1990 and to the MD Senate four years later; successfully ran for Congress in 2002 and campaigned with the support of progressive organizations that focused on the environment and gun control. During his 7th-term in the House, Van Hollen managed candidate recruitment and served as chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC); while DCCC chair, Van Hollen was selected to be an assistant to Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA14).

After Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) announced her retirement in 2015, Van Hollen ran for her seat and won. He has served as chair of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC) during his first two years in the Senate.

Bowie State University Profiles



Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD-5)

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Education

Georgetown University Law Center (DC), J.D., 1966; University of Maryland, B.S., 1963; Suitland High School (MD)

Professional Career

Associate, Hoyer, Fannon and Johnson, 1969-1981; Associate, Haislip and Yewell, 1966-1969; Executive Assistant, Office of U.S. Sen. Daniel Brewster (MD D), 1962-1966

Background

Hoyer has extensive congressional leadership experience; he has served as Minority Whip as well as Majority Leader in various sessions from 2003 onwards, stepping down from leadership in January 2023.

He rose quickly in the Democratic House through his highly-regarded constituent services, key position on the Appropriations Committee, and moderate policy approach.

He is a proponent of government accountability who frequently criticizes the Trump Administration.

Hoyer is committed to public service, particularly regarding wife's priorities: education and epilepsy advocacy.

He represents a district in southern Maryland that includes the Washington DC metropolitan area.

Central State University Profiles



Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

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Education

Ohio State University, M.P.A., 1981; Ohio State University, M.A., 1979; Yale University (CT), B.A., 1974

Professional Career

Faculty Associate, Mershon Center, Ohio State University, 1981-1993; Political Science Instructor, Ohio State University, Mansfield, 1979-1980; Officer, Sherrod Brown Elections Enterprises, Inc.

Background

Tapped by the Ohio Democratic party as a viable candidate for the state House while attending college; won first election at the age of 22, making Brown the youngest legislator in Ohio history.

Regularly visited the United Steelworkers' union hall while working in the state legislature and has cited this as his formative moment that led him to adopt union issues.

Brown went on to serve as the Ohio secretary of state and a state representative, accumulating over 16 years state government before running for the US House. Brown is a staunch progressive whose political philosophy revolves around idea that the role of government should be to support working people reflect their concerns; frequently hosts roundtable discussions with constituents to gauge their concerns before proceeding

As chair of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, he has prioritized strengthening unemployment programs including an expansion of Supplemental Security Income and revitalizing urban buses and trains



Sen. J.D. Vance (R-OH)

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Education

Yale Law School (CT), J.D., 2013; Ohio State University, B.A., 2009; Middletown High School, 2003

Professional Career

Co-Founder and Partner, Narya, 2019-Present; Managing Director, Revolution, Dates 2017-2019; Principal, Mithril Capital Management, 2016-2017; Author, HarperCollins Publishers, 2013-Present; Enlisted Marine, US Marine Corps, 2003-2007

Background

Born in Ohio to a mother who struggled with substance abuse, Vance joined the Marine Corps after high school and served in Iraq; attended Yale Law school, where one of his mentors encouraged him to write a memoir. After a stint in corporate law, he moved to San Francisco to work for Mithril Capital Management, a fund founded by Paypal co-founder and conservative political donor Peter Thiel.

In 2016, Vance published his best-selling memoir, Hillbilly Elegy, which received praise for its empathetic portrayal of poor, white Americans; Vance gained national attention for his perspective on the cultural and economic forces that shaped his and his family's lives.

Founded Narya Capital, a nonprofit focused on the opioid epidemic and a venture-capital firm to invest in midwestern startups. Vance announced his candidacy for retiring Sen. Rob Portman's seat in 2021. Once a Trump critic, Vance has embraced the former president; Trump endorsed Vance in April 2022, boosting his candidacy in the primary's final stretch. After winning the tightly contested Republican primary in May, Vance won the general election for Senate in November 2022 against Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH13).

Central State University Profiles



Rep. Mike Turner (R-OH-10)

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Education

Georgetown University (DC), Doct. Deg., 2022; University of Dayton (OH), M.B.A., 1992; Case Western Reserve University School of Law (OH), J.D., 1985; Ohio Northern University, B.A., 1982; Belmont High School (OH), 1978

Professional Career

Corporate Counsel, MTC International; President, JMD Development; Attorney, Pickrel, Schaeffer and Ebeling Co., LPA; Attorney, O'Diam, Turner, McNamee, Hill and Stone LPA

Background

Turner is a lifelong resident of southwest Ohio; he began his career as a lawyer and opened his own private practice specializing in real estate and corporate law.

Turner first entered politics in 1993 when he was elected mayor of Dayton; during his two terms as mayor, Turner gained recognition for his work to balance the budget, fund public safety, and improve housing.

He cites his creation of Rehabarama, a public-private partnership to revitalize housing in Dayton, as a signature achievement from his time as mayor.

Elected to Congress in 2002, Turner cites federal funding for the district's Wright-Patterson Air Force base as one of his top legislative priorities and reports that his work has brought $230 million and 1,000 new jobs to the installation; he consistently opposes defense budget cuts and sequestration for defense spending and has advocated for increased investment in defense technology, like unmanned aerial vehicles, at Wright-Patt and other bases.

Vocal on national security issues, he focuses on policies that support military families, leading efforts on military child custody rights and military sexual assault prevention; Turner is closely involved with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

He prioritizes health care reform, advocating for repeal and replacement of the ACA and sponsoring several pieces of legislation to repeal the medical device tax and eliminate the employer and individual mandates; however, Turner voted against Republicans' 2017 American Health Care Act to repeal the ACA, stating that it would put his constituents' health benefits at risk.

Following the resignation of former Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA-22), who left Congress to become CEO of fmr. President Trump's media company, Turner took over the ranking member position on the House Intelligence Committee.

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science Profiles



Sen. Laphonza Butler (D-CA)

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Education

Jackson State University (MS), B.A., 2001

Professional Career

President, EMILYs List, 2021-2023; Director, Airbnb, 2020-2021; Partner, SCRB Strategies, 2019-2020; President, SEIU Local 2015, 2010-2019

Background

Raised in Magnolia, Mississippi, Butler served as president for multiple branches of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) for over a decade, beginning in 2010 as the president of SEIU Local 2015, which represented over 325,000 nursing home and home-care workers in California. Butler was also president of the SEIU United Long-Term Care Workers and the SEIU California State Council, which is the state's largest labor organization. She then worked as a partner for SCRB Strategies, now named Bearstar Strategies, a firm that focuses on communications issues for political campaigns and companies from 2019-2020.

In 2016, Butler was a senior advisor for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign, and in 2020 was an advisor for now Vice President Kamala Harris' presidential campaign.

Became president of EMILY's List in 2021, a PAC dedicated to helping Democratic women who support abortion rights to get elected to office.

California's Governor Gavin Newsom announced on October 1, 2023, that Butler would replace the late Diane Feinstein in the US Senate, making her the first Black lesbian to openly serve in the Senate.



Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)

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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), B.S., 1994; San Fernando Senior High School

Professional Career

Education Counselor, University of the Pacific (CA), 1994; Engineer, Hughes Aircraft, 1991-1992; Former Staff Member, Office of U.S. Senator Diana Feinstein; Former Staff Member, Office of CA State Assemblyman Tony Cardenas

Background

Padilla earned a degree in mechanical engineering from MIT and worked for the aerospace company Hughes Aircraft. He spent his early political career as a campaign manager for several successful "dark horse" Democratic state assembly candidates, in addition to serving as a staffer for Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA).

Mounted a successful campaign for the Los Angeles City Council at the age of 26 to represent his east San Fernando Valley neighborhood and became the youngest council president in city history; tenure was marked by the passage of an infrastructure project to modernize Los Angeles International Airport and a brief stint as acting mayor after 9/11.

In the state Senate, he chaired the Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Communications and authored over 70 bills signed into law with a focus on climate-related infrastructure, safety and testing standards for driverless cars, and addressing public health concerns.

Padilla was elected twice as California's secretary of state, becoming the first Latino to hold the office, before he was appointed by Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) to serve out Vice President Kamala Harris' Senate term, making him California's first Latino Senator.

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science Profiles



Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA-43)

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Education

California State University, Los Angeles, B.A., 1970

Professional Career

Employee, Garment Factory and Telephone Company; Teacher and Volunteer Coordinator, Head Start

Background

Waters worked as an assistant teacher in the Head Start Program before attending college and working in local politics.

She joined the California Assembly in 1976 and championed divestment efforts in South Africa.

Waters was elected to serve as the Representative for South-Central in 1990 and has now served in the House for more than three decades.

She is known for being one of the most partisan Democrats in leadership; Waters has objected to every GOP presidential victory since she was elected to office, and she has often been accused of engaging in highly partisan and divisive rhetoric, especially against the Trump Administration.

Her foreign policy approach consistently encourages non-intervention; she actively and vocally opposes war and occupation in Cuba, Iraq, and Haiti.

Waters is a vocal leader on racial justice issues including affordable housing, D.C. statehood, criminal justice reform, and police demilitarization; she is a major advocate in support of the George Floyd protests, which drew heavy criticism from conservative outlets.

Her career-long focus on consumer protections informs her current position as Financial Services Committee chair; Waters frequently holds hearings on a breadth of issues, including cryptocurrency, equity, financial enforcement, and COVID-19 related services like the rental assistance program.

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania Profiles



Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)

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Education

Catholic University of America (DC), J.D., 1988; College of the Holy Cross (MA), B.A., 1982

Professional Career

Attorney, Haggerty McDonnell and O'Brien, 1991-1996; Elementary Teacher and Basketball Coach, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Philadelphia, PA, 1982-1983

Background

Casey was raised in Scranton, PA, the son of a popular Pennsylvania governor. A former personal injury lawyer who has spent the majority of his career in the civil service, serving in state-wide financial roles from 1996 until 2006, when he chose to challenge incumbent Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA).

As auditor general, major achievements included audit of state retirement fund and of compliance with federal law to notify public regarding registered sex offenders; continues the fight for government programs and protections for children as Senator.

Prioritizes strengthening Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, including through expanding Medicaid and opposing funding caps; as chair of the Senate Aging Committee, Casey has also worked to expand government resources for seniors. He is recognized as advocate for children, and has introduced legislation to strengthen early learning and promote children's health. Casey is also a leader on disability rights, pushing for programs to help individuals save for their future, attend school, and secure employment.

Casey is well-connected to influential state- and national-level Dems, including Joe Biden.



Sen. John Fetterman (D-PA)

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Education

Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, M.P.P., 1999; University of Connecticut, M.B.A., 1993; Albright College, B.A., 1991; Central York High School, 1987

Professional Career

Lieutenant Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 2019-2023; Mayor of Braddock, Pennsylvania, 2006-2019; Risk Management Underwriter, Chubb Corporation, 1993-1995; AmeriCorps

Background

Fetterman was raised by two middle-class teenage parents in York, PA. He spent his early career working as an underwriter for an insurance company and teaching local General Education Development courses to out-of-work youths.

After becoming mayor of Braddock, Fetterman founded a non-profit, Braddock Redux, to develop and implement community-based projects. He rose to national recognition in 2009 for his efforts to revitalize Braddock and his unconventional demeanor; this attention resulted in $1.5M in funding from Levi Strauss Company to support community projects.

Unsuccessfully ran for PA's US Senate seat in 2016 on an inequality-focused platform, but won the race for lieutenant governor in 2018 with a similar message. Announced his candidacy for the Senate seat opened by the retirement of Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA), and positioned himself as a progressive who can appeal to Republican voters. Recovering from a stroke he had in earlier in the year, Fetterman went on to win his November 2022 election against Mehmet Oz (R).

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania Profiles



Rep. Mary Scanlon (D-PA-5)

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Education

University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D., 1984; Colgate University (NY), B.A., 1980

Professional Career

Pro Bono Counsel, Ballard Spahr; Attorney, Education Law Center of Pennsylvania; Judicial Law Clerk, Superior Court of Pennsylvania

Background

Scanlon worked as a pro bono attorney for 14 years, providing free legal services to low-income clients on issues like voting rights, criminal justice reform, and immigration; the firm also represented the U.S. Women's hockey and soccer teams, working to close the gender wage gap in sports.

A life-long education advocate, Scanlon led two class action lawsuits on behalf of students with disabilities when she was a senior staff attorney at the Education Law Center; she was appointed to two state-wide interagency councils to help implement federal special education laws.

She led a tax commission to increase public school funding when she was the president of her local school board; she continued to advocate for marginalized children's rights as co-chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Commission on Children at Risk.

Scanlon previously served as co-chair of the Voting Rights Task Force for the Association of Pro Bono Counsel, working to combat voter suppression and gerrymandering; in July 2020, she introduced the Accessible Voting Act to expand voting rights for older Americans and Americans with disabilities.

As a member of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, she calls for universal background checks, federally funded research into gun violence prevention, and limits on large-capacity magazines.

Scanlon serves as the vice-chair of the House Judiciary Committee, where she works to "restore faith in our democracy," and has led efforts to hold Trump accountable, including helping oversee the Mueller hearing.

Chicago State University Profiles



Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)

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Education

Northern Illinois University, Att., 2001; George Washington University Elliot School of International Affairs (DC), M.A., 1992; University of Hawaii, B.A., 1989; McKinley High School, 1985; Capella University (MN), Ph.D.

Professional Career

Rep. for Illinois' 8th district, 2013-2017; Illinois Army National Guard, 1996-2014; Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, US DVA, 2009-2011; Director, Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, 2006-2009; US Army Reserve, 1992-1996

Background

Born in Thailand, Duckworth moved to Hawaii with her family at 16. She served in the US Army Reserve and Illinois National Guard, earning the rank of lieutenant colonel and becoming one of the first women to fly combat missions in Iraq; lost her legs and partial use of her arm when her helicopter was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade. She then worked as director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs and as assistant secretary of the federal Department of Veterans Affairs during the Obama administration.

After losing her initial Congressional bid in 2006, Duckworth successfully ran for the US House in 2012, becoming the first Thai American elected to Congress. She successfully challenged incumbent Sen. Mark Kirk (R-IL) in the 2016 Senate race; became first sitting senator to give birth while in office in 2018.

Duckworth champions causes affecting to veterans, working mothers, and environmental policy. During the 2020 campaign, Joe Biden considered Duckworth as a running mate before ultimately selecting Kamala Harris.



Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL)

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Education

Georgetown University Law Center (DC), J.D., 1969; Georgetown University (DC), B.S., 1966; Assumption High School (IL)

Professional Career

Partner, Durbin & Lestikow, 1979-1982; Associate Professor of Medical Humanities, Southern Illinois University, 1978; Legal Counsel, IL Senate Committee on the Judiciary, 1972-1982; Chief Legal Counsel, Office of Lt. Gov. Paul Simon (IL D), 1969-1972; Parliamentarian, State of Illinois, 1969-1972

Background

An Illinois native, Durbin entered politics as an intern for Sen. Paul Douglass (D-IL) and later served as legal counsel for then-Lt. Gov. Paul Simon (D-IL). He began his nearly four decades in Congress by winning his 1982 bid for Illinois' 20th District; moved to the Senate in 1997 after successfully vying for the seat opened by the retirement of Sen. Simon.

One of the most senior Democrats in the Senate, Durbin has been Democratic whip since 2005 and became chair of the powerful Judiciary Committee in 2021. Known on the Hill for his debating skills, stemming from his background as a trial lawyer.

Passionate about social justice, health care, and immigration, Durbin has played a key role in the passage of bipartisan criminal justice reform, the expansion of public health care options; he regularly introduces the DREAM Act. As Judiciary chair in the 118th Congress, Durbin is pushing for comprehensive immigration reform, a diverse bench, voting rights expansion, and electoral reform.

Chicago State University Profiles



Rep. Jonathan Jackson (D-IL-1)

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Education

Northwestern University - Kellogg School of Management (IL), M.B.A., 1991; North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Bach. Deg., 1988; Whitney M. Young Magnet High School, 1984

Professional Career

Professor of Business, Chicago State University, 2013-2015; Professor, City Colleges of Chicago - Kennedy-King College, 2011-2013; Investor, River North Sales + Service, 1998-2011; Investment Banker, Drexel Burnham Lambert, 1988-1989

Background

Jackson grew up working alongside his father, Rev. Jesse Jackson, on human rights missions; he was present when Rev. Jackson negotiated prisoner releases in Syria and Cuba.

He began a career in finance in 1988, working for Drexel Burnham Lambert.

He served as the national spokesman for Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, a civil rights organization founded by his father; when he took the role in 2007, he began advocacy against practices of torture and false convictions by the Chicago Police Department and worked to fight school closures in Chicago.

He launched a campaign for Congress in 2022 to replace retiring incumbent Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL); he won a crowded primary with 28% of the vote.

Jackson's congressional campaign centered on reducing gun violence and investing in a robust slate of social programs to tackle climate change, affordable housing, health care, and education issues; he won Illinois's 1st District in the 2022 general election against Eric Carlson.

Coppin State University Profiles



Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)

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Education

Villa Julie College (MD), LL.D., 2007; University of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1967; University of Pittsburgh (PA), B.A., 1964; Baltimore City College High School (MD), 1961

Professional Career

Attorney, Rosen and Esterson, 1967-1978

Background

Born in Baltimore, Cardin has been referred to as the former "boy wonder" of Maryland politics, having been elected to the House of Delegates at age 23 and elevated to Speaker by age 35.

In the House and in the Senate, Cardin has worked to integrate human rights into foreign policy, including by sanctioning countries like Russia and China for human rights abuses. As the lead Democrat on the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, has pushed for policies that increase business opportunity for minority communities. Cardin is a leader on legislation surrounding retirement security through 401(k) expansion.

Supports protecting and expanding Medicare and the Affordable Care Act (ACA), including by adding coverage for cancer screenings and pediatric dental services. Cardin frequently cosponsors legislation with Republicans and has become well-known for his bipartisanship.

Engages with international organizations on strategies to enhance cooperation and security, representing the U.S. at organizations including the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.



Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

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Education

Georgetown University (DC), J.D., 1990; John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (MA), M.P.P., 1985; Swarthmore College (PA), B.A., 1982

Professional Career

Attorney, Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn, 1991-2002; Senior Advisor, Office of Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer, 1988-1991; Staff Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, 1987-1989; Legislative Assistant, Office of U.S. Sen. Charles Mathias (MD R), 1982-1987

Background

Born in Pakistan to a US Ambassador and a State Department officer, Van Hollen grew up in Asia before he moved to the US to attend boarding school. After earning his MPP from Harvard, Van Hollen began his political career by working for Sen. Charles Mathias (R-MD) and later for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He was elected to the MD House of Delegates in 1990 and to the MD Senate four years later; successfully ran for Congress in 2002 and campaigned with the support of progressive organizations that focused on the environment and gun control. During his 7th-term in the House, Van Hollen managed candidate recruitment and served as chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC); while DCCC chair, Van Hollen was selected to be an assistant to Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA14).
After Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) announced her retirement in 2015, Van Hollen ran for her seat and won. He served as chair of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC) during his first two years in the Senate.

Coppin State University Profiles



Rep. Kweisi Mfume (D-MD-7)

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Education

Johns Hopkins University (MD), M.A., 1984; Morgan State University (MD), B.S., 1976

Professional Career

Managing Director and Principle Investigator, Health Policy Research Consortium in Maryland, 2013-2018; Corporate Business Consultant, AT&T of North America; Executive Director, National Medical Association, 2010-2011; President and Chief Executive Officer, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 1996-2004; Adjunct Professor, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD; Radio Commentator and Program Director, TV personality; Chief Health Equity Officer, CTIS (Capital Technologies Information Systems), Rockville, MD

Background

Originally born Frizzel Gerald Gray, Mfume changed his name in the 1970s to reflect his African heritage.

Raised in a single parent home and later as an orphan, Mfume dropped out of high school and worked three jobs to support his sisters; he later completed his GED and went on to receive undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Mfume had an accomplished career in radio and television broadcasting for over twenty years; he hosted the TV show "The Remarkable Journey" on which he interviewed racially, ethnically, and professionally diverse people to document their experiences overcoming barriers.

He ascended through the local political ranks from Baltimore City Council to Rep. for Maryland's 7th district; he resigned in 1996 to become the president and CEO of the NAACP before returning to the House in May 2020.

During his previous congressional tenure, he served as the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and the Joint Economic Committee of the House and Senate, areas that were integral to his 2020 campaign.

As president and CEO of the NAACP, Mfume brought financial stability while advancing African American civil rights by pushing for economic empowerment, educational opportunities, and affordable health care.

Mfume accumulated leadership roles in health policy, having served as executive director and as a board member of various minority health and health disparities advisory organizations; he continues to legislate for affordable health care and lowering the cost of prescription drugs.

Delaware State University Profiles



Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE)

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Education

University of Delaware, Newark, M.B.A., 1975; Ohio State University, B.A., 1968

Professional Career

Director, National Governors' Association Center for Best Practices, 2000-2001; Governor of Delaware, 1993-2001; Representative for Delaware's At-Large District, 1983-1993; Captain, US Naval Reserve, 1973-1991; Treasurer of Delaware, 1977-1983; Industrial Development Specialist, Division Economic Development, State of Delaware, 1975-1976; Naval Flight Officer, U.S. Navy, 1968-1973

Background

Born in West Virginia, Carper joined the Navy through the ROTC program at the Ohio State University; served three tours in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, and continued to serve in the Naval Reserve as a P-3 aircraft mission commander until 1991.

Carper began his political career in 1976 through being elected to state treasurer; after his treasurer role, Carper spent ten years serving as the US Representative for Delaware, followed by two terms as the governor of Delaware. In 2000, Carper was elected to the US Senate in 2000, where he developed a reputation for bipartisanship and collaboration. Carper is known for his centrist, moderate policy viewpoints that combine progressive desires for environmental protection and accessible health care with business-friendly policies like financial incentives for private companies.

Carper uses his position of leadership on the Environment and Public Works Committee to push for clean energy and revitalized infrastructure.



Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE)

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Education

Yale University Law School, J.D., 1992; Yale University Divinity School, Mast. Deg., 1992; Amherst College (MA), B.A., 1985; University of Nairobi (Kenya); Tower Hill School (DE)

Professional Career

Counsel, W.L. Gore and Associates, Inc., 1996-2004; Volunteer, South African Council of Churches; Relief Worker, Kenya; Employee, Investor Responsibility Research Center; Employee, I Have a Dream Foundation; Employee, Coalition for the Homeless; Law Clerk, Chambers of Judge Jane Richards Roth, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Background

A Connecticut native raised in Delaware, Coons showed an early interest in African politics, studying abroad and volunteering in Kenya during college, and working on the South Africa divestment movement in the early 1990s. He returned to Delaware in 1996 as house counsel for a manufacturing company. In 2000, Coons campaigned for county government in New Castle, DE and became a fiscal policy leader, leading to a budget surplus in 2010.

Coons was elected to the Senate in special election after Joe Biden became Vice President; works to fill Biden's role of fostering relationships across the aisle. Coons is also committed to maintaining U.S. global engagement efforts and effective international development.

An early advocate for Biden's 2020 candidacy, Coons was under consideration to be Secretary of State in the administration. Resistant to progressive initiatives in the Senate, he rejected a $15 minimum wage and has clashed with progressive advocates on addressing climate and healthcare policy.

Delaware State University Profiles



Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE-AL)

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Education

University of Delaware, M.A., 2003; Fairleigh Dickinson University (NJ), Bach. Deg., 1985; Padua Academy (DE), 1980

Professional Career

Senior Executive Leadership and Systems Manager, Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts, Boston, 2012-2015; Management Consultant, Blunt Consulting, 2006-2015; Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League, 2004-2007; State Personnel Director, Office of DE Governor Ruth Ann Minner, 2001-2004; Deputy Secretary of Health and Social Services, Office of DE Governor Tom Carper, 1993-1998; Caseworker, Office of U.S. Rep. Tom Carper (DE01 D); Policy Advisor, Office of DE Governor Tom Carper

Background

Blunt Rochester began her political career as an intern for then-Rep. Tom Carper, and continued with Carper when he was elected governor; served as a policy advisor and eventually secretary of labor in the governor's cabinet, where she focused on connecting employers to resources and jobseekers, particularly formerly incarcerated people.

Served as personnel director under Gov. Ruth Ann Minner (D), where her responsibilities included an investigation of the Delaware State Police, before moving to public policy think tank Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League.

As the co-founder of the Future of Work Caucus, has focused on economic and labor issues, pushing for small business tax credits, higher federal minimum wage, and expansion of overtime rules.

Vocal on criminal justice reform; repeatedly introduced her Clean Slate Act to require courts to seal records for certain arrests and nonviolent offenses involving marijuana.

Advocates for reducing health costs through education programs that inform people of their coverage options on the federal exchange, addressing health disparities, and combating the opioid epidemic; serves as a Member of the Bipartisan Heroin Task Force.

Elizabeth City State University Profiles



Sen. Ted Budd (R-NC)

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Education

Wake Forest University (NC), M.B.A., 2007; Dallas Theological Seminary (TX), M.Th., 1998; Appalachian State University (NC), B.S., 1994; Davie County High School, 1990

Professional Career

Business Owner, ProShots Indoor Range & Training, 2010-Present; Representative for North Carolina's 13th District, 2017-2023; Partner, AgriTiva LLC, 2005-2015; Executive Vice President/Regional Vice President, Board of Directors, The Budd Group, 1998-2005

Background

After receiving a graduate degree from Dallas Theological Seminary and completing a mission trip to the former Soviet Union, Budd worked for his father's facility services company, The Budd Group; he currently owns and operates ProShots, a gun store and shooting range.

Elected in 2016, Budd gained support in the primary race as an outsider with conservative values; backed by conservative organizations such as Club for Growth, which invested $500,000 in his TV advertisements.

Budd serves on the Financial Services Committee, where he uses his business background to advocate against overregulation; he is also a strong opponent of the ACA. Budd voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results from Pennsylvania and Arizona affirming President Joe Biden's election. After handily winning the May 2022 Republican primary, Budd won the general election for Senate against former North Carolina Supreme Court justice Cheri Beasley (D).



Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)

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Education

University of Maryland University College, B.S., 1996; Antioch High School, 1978

Professional Career

Management Consultant, IBM, 2002-2009; Employee, Provident Insurance; Employee, Wang Laboratories; Former Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Background

Tillis got an early start in the business world, delaying college until after he rose to partner at PWC; later joined IBM, consulting on the Bank of America merger in Charlotte. He found quick political success due to his pro-business policies and connections; he ascended to speaker of the NC House after two terms, rallying state Republicans with his leadership savvy and popular platform. Aside from his business focus, led the NC State House in passing socially conservative policies related to abortion, gay marriage, and gun control.

In 2014, Tillis defeated incumbent Sen. Key Hagan (D-NC). In the Senate, he has focused primarily on immigration, financial services, and military issues, particularly those related to veterans; Tillis' Protecting Veterans from Predatory Lending Act of 2018 was signed by President Trump as part of a larger bill that reformed financial regulations instituted by the Dodd-Frank Act.

In 2020, Tillis faces a strong challenge from then-state Senator Cal Cunningham (D); Tillis underperformed President Trump, who won just over 50% of the vote, but defeated Cunningham, who scaled back his campaign in the latter stages of the race following the revelation of his extramarital affair. Tillis' term expires in 2027.

Elizabeth City State University Profiles



Rep. Don Davis (D-NC-1)

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Education

East Carolina University, Ed.D., 2007; East Carolina University, M.A., 2001; Central Michigan University, M.S., 1997; U.S. Air Force Academy (CO), B.S., 1994; MacArthur High School; Presbytery of New Hope

Professional Career

Ministerial Support, Saint James Presbyterian Church, Snow Hill; Sociology Instructor, East Carolina University, 2001-2007; Aerospace Studies Assistant Professor, Commandant of Cadets, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 600, 1998-2001; Sociology Instructor, Lenoir Community College; Sociology Instructor, Pitt Community College

Background

Davis graduated from the US Air Force Academy and spent his early career as an officer before getting involved in politics.

He served as mayor of his hometown Snow Hill, North Carolina, for nearly a decade; he began his term in 2001 at age 29 and chaired the Democratic Party for the surrounding congressional district.

Davis began teaching while serving as mayor, primarily instructing sociology classes at local colleges and universities.

First elected to state Senate in 2008, he lost the following cycle before winning his seat back in 2012; while in office, he has focused on expanding Medicaid, increasing the minimum wage, raising pay for state employees, and reforming the juvenile justice system to improve recidivism rates.

He opted to run for Congress after longtime Rep. GK Butterfield (D-NC) announced his retirement; Davis earned Butterfield's endorsement and successfully fended off a challenge from the left.

Though Davis' district still leans Democratic, redistricting shifted more GOP-friendly Albemarle Sound-adjacent precincts into the district, making it more competitive than in past election cycles.

He won the election for North Carolina's 1st District in November 2022 against Sandy Smith.

Fayetteville State University Profiles



Sen. Ted Budd (R-NC)

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Education

Wake Forest University (NC), M.B.A., 2007; Dallas Theological Seminary (TX), M.Th., 1998; Appalachian State University (NC), B.S., 1994; Davie County High School, 1990

Professional Career

Business Owner, ProShots Indoor Range & Training, 2010-Present; Representative for North Carolina's 13th District, 2017-2023; Partner, AgriTiva LLC, 2005-2015; Executive Vice President/Regional Vice President, Board of Directors, The Budd Group, 1998-2005

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Professional Career

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Fayetteville State University Profiles



Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC-9)

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Education

University of North Carolina, Charlotte, B.A., 1996; Myers Park High School, Charlotte, NC, 1990

Professional Career

Chief of Staff, Office of U.S. Rep. K. Michael Conaway (TX11 R), 2009-2011; Chief of Staff, Office of U.S. Rep. John R. Carter (TX31 R), 2006-2009; Chief of Staff, Office of U.S. Rep. Virginia Foxx (NC05 R), 2005-2006; Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of U.S. Rep. Robin Hayes (NC08 R), 2002-2004; District Director, Office of U.S. Rep. Robin Hayes (NC08 R), 2000-2005; Customer Service Representative, Carolina Power and Light Company, 1997; Owner, Cabarrus Marketing Group

Background

Hudson has been politically active since he was young; he helped his grandfather successfully run for the Roanoke Rapids City Council, was president of the College Republicans at UNC, campaigned for Republican candidates like Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) and gubernatorial candidate Richard Vinroot, and served as deputy chief of staff for then-Rep. Robin Hayes (R-NC8) after graduating college.

He was elected to the House in 2012, defeating Democratic incumbent Larry Kissell, whose conservative Blue Dog platform alienated both conservatives and Black voters.

On the Energy and Commerce Committee, he focuses on health and energy policy; Hudson helped to found the Atlantic Offshore Energy Caucus to explore expanded oil drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf and authored a bill permitting EMTs to dispense medications.

Hudson supports universal health savings accounts, with government contributions for those unable to contribute to their own accounts, as a way to incentivize cost comparison by consumers and ultimately drive down the cost of health care.

He works to increase benefits for active-duty military and veterans, including access to health care and stipends for family caregivers; he enacted an amendment to the FY2019 NDAA to expand eligibility for troops' hazard pay.

His wife Renee was Chief of Staff for White House advisor Kellyanne Conway.

He won the general election in 2020 after a close race against Patricia Timmons-Goodson.

Hudson voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election.

Florida A&M University Profiles



Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)

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Education

University of Miami School of Law, J.D., 1996; University of Florida, B.S., 1993; Santa Fe College, 1991; South Miami Senior High School, 1989; Tarkio College (MO), 1990

Professional Career

Attorney, Sole Practitioner, 2008-2010; Political Analyst, Univision, 2008; Attorney, Tew Cardenas Law Firm, 1996-2000; Visiting Professor, Florida International University; Attorney, Broad and Cassel Law Firm

Background

Raised in West Miami, Rubio became interested in politics while in college, interning and working on a variety of campaigns. He successfully ran for the state House in a 1999 special election, where he pushed for aggressive tax cuts and worked on climate change policy like carbon emission caps. Rubio was elected as speaker of the state House in 2005, becoming the youngest person and first Hispanic American to achieve the position.

After reaching his term limits in the state House, Rubio rode the Tea Party wave into the Senate in 2010; defeated then-Gov. Charlie Crist in the Republican primary and the general election. He gained national media attention in 2012 after being on Mitt Romney's shortlist for vice president. Rubio's leadership positions on the Small Business and Intelligence Committees have enabled Rubio to focus on crafting small business-friendly policy and developing a tough foreign policy towards US adversaries

Aggressively campaigned against Trump during the 2016 primaries, but subsequently supported most of the Trump administration's policies and became a strong ally of the former president; Trump endorsed Rubio's 2022 Senate re-election campaign



Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL)

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Education

Southern Methodist University Law School (TX), J.D., 1978; University of Missouri, Kansas City, B.S., 1975

Professional Career

Co-Founder, Solantic Corporation; Chief Executive Officer and President, Columbia Hospital Corporation of America, 1994-1997; Co-Founder, Columbia Hospital Corporation, 1987-1994; Attorney, Johnson & Swanson Law Firm; Venture Capitalist, Richard L. Scott Investments, LLC; Former Part Owner, Texas Ranger Baseball Team

Background

Originally from Kansas City, Missouri, Scott served in the Navy before earning his law degree. He launched Columbia Hospital Corporation, in 1988, later merging Columbia with the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA); he resigned in 1997.

Scott entered politics in 2009, during the national debate surrounding the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and launched his Florida gubernatorial bid a month after the ACA was enacted in 2010. He leveraged momentum from the Tea Party movement to win the governor's race by 1.1%. As governor, he expanded school voucher programs, coordinated disaster relief efforts, and enacted a controversial law requiring individuals receiving government assistance to be drug-tested. He ran and won against incumbent Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL) in 2018, accusing Nelson of being a socialist.

Voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election.

Florida A&M University Profiles



Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL-2)

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Education

Washington & Lee University (VA), Bach. Deg.; George Washington University Medical School (DC), M.D.

Professional Career

Founder, Panama City Urology Center; Chief of Staff, Gulf Coast Hospital; Founder, Advanced Urology Institute; Director, Bay Medical Center Sacred Heart; Residency, Walter Reed Army Medical Center; Founder, Bay Regional Cancer Center

Background

Dunn served for ten years as an attending urologist in the Army, later practicing medicine in Florida for 25 years; he founded the Advanced Urology Institute to create a centralized partnership of urologists throughout Florida.

He was appointed to the board of directors of Enterprise Florida, a public-private partnership to facilitate economic development, and was the founding Chairman of Summit Bank.

Dunn is a senior member of the Veterans Affairs subcommittee on Health, where he has pushed health care policies for veterans such as providing more options for organ transplants and connecting Veterans Affairs (VA) health care providers to a national network of drug-monitoring programs to combat opioid abuse.

He aims to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act; Dunn supported the American Health Care Act in 2017, due to its expansion to a larger number of insurance providers and budget-conscious repeal of Medicaid expansion to lower government spending.

Dunn voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election.

Fort Valley State University Profiles



Sen. Jon Ossoff (D-GA)

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Education

London School of Economics (UK), M.S., 2013; Georgetown University School of Foreign Service (DC), B.S., 2009; Paideia School, Atlanta, GA, 2005

Professional Career

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Insight TWI, 2013-2021; Legislative Assistant and Correspondent, Office of U.S. Rep. Henry C. Johnson 2007-2012; Intern, Office of U.S. Rep. John R. Lewis (GA05 D)

Background

Born and raised in Atlanta, Ossoff began his career in politics as an intern in the office of late Rep. John Lewis (D-GA5), whom he considered a mentor and "spiritual guide." Ossoff then worked on Rep. Hank Johnson's (D-GA4) first campaign and joined his congressional office, rising to the role of senior legislative assistant; handled issues related to foreign policy, national security, and the economy.

Most recently served as CEO of investigative journalism outlet Insight TWI, where he produced documentaries for BBC on topics such as ISIS, human trafficking, and corruption.

Ossoff first ran for office in 2017, when he lost a special election against Fmr. Rep. Karen Handel (R-GA6) despite a large advantage in fundraising. He won the 2020 Democratic primary to challenge Fmr. Sen. David Perdue (R-GA) and won the general runoff election in a race that drew significant national attention.

Ossoff's general priorities include investment in infrastructure, equitable COVID-19 relief, improved access to health care, climate change, and government accountability.



Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA)

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Education

Morehouse College (GA), B.A., 1991; Sol C. Johnson High School (GA), 1987; Union Theological Seminary (NY), M.Phil, M.Div, Ph.D.

Professional Career

Paster, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA, 2005-2021; Youth Paster and Assistant Pastor, Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York, NY; Ordained Baptist Minister; Pastor, Douglas Memorial Community Church, Baltimore, MD

Background

Warnock grew up in Savannah public housing; attended Morehouse College in Atlanta with the help of Pell Grants and low-interest student loans before obtaining a master's degree and PhD from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. As the Senior Pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, the position held by Martin Luther King Jr. from 1960 to 1968, Warnock has an elevated stature as a civil rights and religious leader.

He became a favorite to run for the seat in 2020, and he received endorsements from top state and national Democratic figures. He won Isakson's seat in the 2020 election, defeating incumbent Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-GA) in both the general election and the runoff; Warnock defended his Senate seat in a December 2022 runoff against Hershel Walker (R).

Supports investments for underserved urban and rural areas, education from pre-K to workforce training, and infrastructure to make the state more resilient to climate change while transitioning to a greener economy; strongly advocates for health care reforms protecting underserved communities.

Fort Valley State University Profiles



Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-GA-2)

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Education

Emory University Law School (GA), J.D., 1971; Morehouse College (GA), B.A., 1968

Professional Career

Partner, Bishop & Buckner, 1972-1992

Background

Bishop was raised in Mobile, Alabama to a librarian mother and a father who served as the first president of Bishop State Community College, an HBCU.

After graduating from Emory Law School, Bishop practiced civil rights law and represented inmates at the Reidsville state prison, advocating for better conditions for Black prisoners.

At age 29, he was elected to the Georgia House, where he served for 13 years advocating fiscal responsibility before joining the state Senate; he ran for Congress in 1993 and has represented the district ever since.

In Congress, he has protected his district's most important crop, peanuts, serving as co-chair of the Congressional Peanuts Caucus; he integrated provisions into the 2008 Farm Bill to design a peanut-rotation program and successfully worked to prevent airlines from banning peanuts.

As chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, he spearheaded disaster relief efforts to ensure rural communities, farmers, and ranchers receive resources to recover from storms; Bishop pushes to expand market access for farmers and advance agricultural research.

He is active on military and veterans' issues as the ranking member on the Appropriations Subcommittee; he was the lead House sponsor of the Hiring Heroes Act and has introduced legislation to allow retired, disabled veterans to received both retired pay and disability compensation.

Bishop helped relocated two Army units to Fort Benning in Columbus, the fifth-largest military base and home of the Army's Maneuver Center; he also worked to protect the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany from realignment and closure in 2005.

Grambling State University Profiles



Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

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Education

Louisiana State University Medical School, M.D., 1983; Louisiana State University, B.S., 1979; Tara High School (LA)

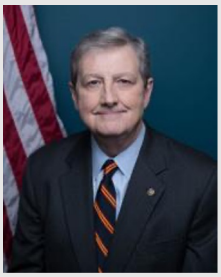
Professional Career

Administrator, Hurricane Katrina K Mart Hospital, 2005; Co-Founder, Baton Rouge Community Clinic, 2001; Associate Professor, Louisiana State University Health Science Center; Physician - Gastroenterologist; Teacher, Earl K. Long Medical Center

Background

Cassidy grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He began working as a doctor, specializing in gastroenterology, working at various LSU medical facilities until 2013. He helped found the Greater Baton Rouge Community Clinic in 1998 to provide free health care to low-income uninsured patients; after Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana in 2005, Cassidy led efforts to form a makeshift clinic in an abandoned K-Mart.

In 2006, Cassidy entered politics as a Republican state senator, and garnered scrutiny for having been registered as a Democrat in the past. Elected to the House in 2008, he served on the Energy and Commerce Committee and supported policies such as incentives for health savings accounts and preventive care, as well as efforts to reduce obesity and prohibit abortion past 20 weeks. He utilizes his background to focus on health care policy; pushed for alternatives to the ACA, and policies to combat opioid addiction, expanded access to mental health care, and incentivize COVID-19 testing. He is one of seven Republican senators who voted to convict fmr. President Trump for inciting the Capitol riots on January 6, 2021; the Louisiana Republican Party censured Cassidy for his vote.



Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA)

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Education

Oxford University (England), B.CL, 1979; University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1977; Vanderbilt University (TN), B.A., 1973; Zachary High School, 1969

Professional Career

Secretary, LA Department of Revenue, 1996-1999; Secretary, LA Governor's Cabinet, 1990-1992; Special Counsel, Office of Governor Buddy Roemer, 1988-1992; Volunteer Substitute Teacher, East Baton Rouge Parish Public Schools; Partner, Attorney, Chafee, McCall, Phillips, Toler & Sarpy, LLP; Adjunct Professor, LA State University Law School

Background

Kennedy was raised in small-town Louisiana and earned law degrees from University of Virginia and Oxford. After a career as a product liability attorney, served as special counsel to Democratic Gov. Buddy Roemer, sparking an interest in politics.

He worked almost two decades as state Treasurer; launched an unsuccessful Senate run in 2004 as a Democrat but was recruited by the state GOP in 2007, running and winning subsequent Treasury campaigns as a Republican. Kennedy prioritizes expanding disaster recovery programs for state population, including through extending and lowering costs of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). He is also considered a watchdog for the taxpayer that pushes for budget cuts and championed the 2017 Republican tax reform bill

Kennedy is a critic of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and has focused on policies that bring transparency to pricing for Medicare-covered drugs. A consistent defender of Trump, Kennedy objected to the certification of electoral votes from Arizona on January 6, 2021.

Grambling State University Profiles



Rep. Julia Letlow (R-LA-5)

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Education

University of South Florida, Ph.D., 2011; University of Louisiana Monroe, M.A., 2005; University of Louisiana Monroe, B.A., 2002; Ouachita Christian High School

Professional Career

Executive Assistant to the President for External Affairs and Community Outreach, University of Louisiana Monroe, 2019-2021; Executive Director of External Affairs and Strategic Communications, University of Louisiana Monroe, 2018-2019; Director of Marketing and Communications, University of Louisiana Monroe, 2015-2018; Instructor, University of Louisiana Monroe, 2014-2021; Director of Education, Director of Resident Patient Safety & Quality Improvement, and Clinical Instructor, Tulane University, 2011-2013; Ombudsperson/Special Projects Coordinator, University of Louisiana Monroe, 2007-2011; Teaching Associate, University of South Florida, 2005-2007; Teaching Associate, University of Louisiana Monroe, 2003-2005

Background

Letlow earned her doctorate degree in communications from the University of South Florida where she specialized in speech communications; she wrote her dissertation on the process of grief and how people find meaning out of loss.

She began her career working at her alma mater, the University of Louisiana-Monroe, as a special projects coordinator, and rose through the ranks to serve as an executive for external affairs and community outreach, where she led communications and lobbying efforts with federal, state, and local government officials.

Letlow briefly taught health communications at Tulane University, working in a variety of capacities to create an innovative clinical education curriculum for the medical school; she instructed medical students on ways to build positive relationships with patients.

She ran to represent Louisiana's 5th District in Congress after her husband, Rep.-elect Luke Letlow (R), died of COVID-19 complications days before he was supposed to be sworn in to the same office; she received endorsements from leading Republican figures, including former President Donald Trump and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA23), and secured a majority of the vote in the crowded 12-person election.

Letlow prioritizes infrastructure, education, and agricultural issues that impact her impoverished district and emphasized her commitment to expanding rural broadband access.

Harris-Stowe State University Profiles



Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO)

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Education

Yale Law School, J.D., 2006; Stanford University, A.B., 2002; Rockhurst High School (MO)

Professional Career

Founder and Former President, Missouri Liberty Project; Senior Counsel, The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty; Attorney, Hogan Lovells US LLP, Washington, DC; Law Clerk for Judge Michael W. McConnell, U.S Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit; Law Clerk for Chief Justice John Roberts, U.S. Supreme Court; Associate Professor, University of Missouri Law School

Background

Raised in the Kansas City exurbs by politically active Republicans, Hawley studied Constitutional Law at Stanford before attending Yale Law School and clerking for Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts; working for a religious freedom non-profit, he helped argue a case in which the Supreme Court ruled that certain companies did not have to cover birth control through their insurance plans under the ACA.

Hawley ran successfully for attorney general in 2016; and was lobbied by prominent Republicans to run for Senate in 2018. During the campaign, Hawley embraced President Trump, and won against incumbent Claire McKaskill (D-MO). In the Senate, Hawley is a critic of big technology firms and an advocate for internet privacy; Hawley has also spoken out against the Chinese government for suppressing free speech in Hong Kong and its response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and supports placing sanctions on Chinese officials.

A leader of congressional objections to the certification of Biden's election, Hawley faced widespread condemnation following the violent riot of January 6.



Sen. Eric Schmitt (R-MO)

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Education

Truman State University (MO), B.A., 1997; St. Louis University Law School (MO), J.D., 2000; DeSmet Jesuit High School, 1993

Professional Career

Attorney; Partner, Lathrop and Gage LLP

Background

After law school, Schmitt worked in Clayton, Missouri as an attorney before he campaigned to be an alderman of Glendale, MO in 2005 and served in the local office until 2008. He joined the MO state Senate in 2009; led the bipartisan effort to ban traffic ticket quotas and limit fine revenue, after a traffic stop led to a deadly shooting in Ferguson in 2014 amid racial justice protests. Schmitt also led major state tax policy reforms, including creating automatic tax cuts that triggered when revenues rose.

After reaching term limit, Schmitt ran for Missouri state treasurer where he continued pursuing tax cuts; in 2018, Schmitt championed efforts to create the state's "Show-Me Checkbook," a website detailing state revenues and expenditures.

Appointed to attorney general in 2019, filling a vacancy left by Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO), he was elected to a full term in 2020; his tenure as attorney general focused on advancing GOP priorities through legal challenges, such as issues related to the ACA, COVID-19 public health measures, LGBTQ+ rights, and efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election results.

Schmitt ran for Senate in 2022 to fill a vacancy left by Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO), and won the general election for Senate in November 2022 against Trudy Busch Valentine (D).

Harris-Stowe State University Profiles



Rep. Cori Bush (D-MO-1)

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Education

Lutheran School of Nursing (MO), 2008; Harris-Stowe State University (MO), Att., 1996

Professional Career

Nurse and Co-Director, Truth Telling Project, 2015; Nonviolence 365 Ambassador, The King Center, 2015; Nursing Supervisor, Hopewell Health Center, 2013; Pastor, Kingdom Embassy International Church, 2011-2014; Registered Nurse, Saint Louis University Hospital, 2008-2011

Background

Bush's father, Errol Bush, is a longtime local politician and community organizer who brought her to protests and marches as a child.

She is a nurse and ordained pastor who founded a church in St. Louis, MO.

Bush helped organize protests in Ferguson, MO after the fatal police shooting of Michael Brown, including providing support as a medic and holding worship services in a local school; she eventually became a leader in the Black Lives Matter movement.

She co-founded The Truth Telling Project, an organization that shares the stories of people who have experienced police violence.

She was encouraged to run for office by fellow protestors; Bush ran for Senate in 2016 and lost in the primary to former Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kander.

Bush challenged Rep. William Lacy Clay Jr. in 2018 and lost; she challenged him again in 2020, successfully defeating him in the primary and subsequently winning the general election.

She advocates for progressive policies like the Green New Deal, Medicare for All, and universal basic income.

Bush represents a majority African-American district considered safely Democratic that encompasses St. Louis and its inner-suburbs.

In her first days in Congress, Bush called for the expulsion of Republican lawmakers that "incited" the riots at the Capitol; she introduced a resolution, cosponsored by nearly 50 Democrats, to remove lawmakers that voted to overturn the 2020 election.

Howard University Profiles



Del. Eleanor Norton (D-DC)

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Education

Yale University School of Law (CT), J.D., 1964; Yale University (CT), M.A., 1963; Antioch College (OH), B.A., 1960; Dunbar High School (DC), 1955

Professional Career

Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center, 1982-1991; Senior Fellow, The Urban Institute, 1981-1982; Executive Assistant, Office of Mayor John V. Lindsay (NY), 1971-1974; Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law, New York University Law School, 1970-1971; Assistant Legal Director, American Civil Liberties Union, 1965-1971; Law Clerk, Office of the Federal District Court Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, 1964-1965

Background

Norton is a third generation Washingtonian and daughter of a District government employee and a school teacher; considers herself "deep DC."

Prior to running for Congress, she dedicated her professional career to racial and gender equality, working at the American Civil Liberties Union, the New York City Commission on Human Rights, and as a law professor; at the New York City Commission on Human Rights, held the first public hearings in the country on discrimination against women.

Served as head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in the Carter administration, where she issued the first federal guidelines on what constitutes sexual harassment.

Elected in 1990, Norton is a non-voting delegate; vocal proponent of DC statehood, advocating for full congressional representation and ending the need for congressional review of local DC laws.

Focuses on initiatives to grow the District's economy, including through DC homebuyer tax credits, business tax incentives, wage credits for employing DC residents, and scholarships for high school graduates.

Chair of the House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, where she has pushed for green transportation and greater use of technology to reduce congestion.

Jackson State University Profiles



Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS)

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Education

University of Southern Mississippi, 1981; Copiah-Lincoln Community College (MS), A.A., 1979; Lawrence County Academy (MS)

Professional Career

Partner, Lincoln County Livestock, Brookhaven; Cattle Farmer

Background

After attending community college, Hyde-Smith earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. She served in the state Senate from 2000 to 2012 and chaired the Agriculture Committee; from 2012 to 2018, Hyde-Smith was the state's commissioner of agriculture and commerce, where she focused on increasing protections and limiting regulations for farmers.

In 2010, she Switched her political party affiliation from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party, explaining that she had always held conservative views

In 2018, Hyde-Smith was appointed to fill Sen. Thad Cochran's (R-MS) seat after he stepped down. She was elected to a full 6-year term in 2020, defeating her opponent, former Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy (D-MS).

Favors fiscal responsibility, deregulations, and investments in infrastructure for rural communities; has sponsored a constitutional amendment to mandate a balanced budget.

On January 6, 2021, Hyde-Smith objected to the certification of electoral college votes from Arizona and Pennsylvania; was one of a handful of senators who maintained such opposition after insurrectionists broke into the Capitol.



Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)

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Education

University of Mississippi, J.D., 1975; University of Mississippi, B.A., 1973; Pontotoc High School (MS)

Professional Career

Judge Pro Tempore, Tupelo City (MS), 1986-1987; Public Defender, Lee County (MS), 1984-1987; Attorney, Sparks, Wicker and Colburn, 1982-1994; Staff Assistant, Office of U.S. Rep. Trent Lott (MS05 R), 1980-1982

Background

A Mississippi native, Wicker's father served as a state senator and circuit court judge. He started working in politics when he was 16 as a page for then-Rep. Jamie Whitten (D-MS1); much later, Wicker won Whitten's seat when he stepped down after 28 terms. After serving in the Air Force, Wicker was a staff assistant for then-Rep. Trent Lott (R-MS5) for two years before practicing law; successfully ran for the state Senate in 1987.

He won his bid for the US House in 1994, and served until 2007, when he was appointed by Gov. Haley Barbour (R) to replace then-Sen. Trent Lott (R-MS) after Lott's resignation.

Through the Commerce Committee, Wicker has worked to pass bipartisan legislation related to fisheries and agriculture, ocean research, and technology issues such as 5G and data privacy. He also chaired the National Republican Senatorial Committee from 2015 to 2017. As the previous chair of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Wicker is highly engaged in relevant foreign policy matters; in early 2021, he traveled to Ukraine with bipartisan Senate delegation to meet with top Ukrainian officials.

Jackson State University Profiles



Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS-2)

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Education

Jackson State University (MS), M.S., 1972; Tougaloo College (MS), B.A., 1968; Hinds County Agriculture High School (MS)

Professional Career

Public School Teacher and Adjunct Professor

Background

A Mississippi native, Thompson grew up in the town of Bolton; he earned his bachelor's degree from Tougaloo College, where he became involved in civil rights activism through participating in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee's (SNCC) voter registration drives.

Thompson briefly worked as a school teacher, but inspiration from his past activism steered him towards running for elected office in Bolton; he served as alderman from 1969 to 1972, mayor from 1973 to 1980, and county supervisor from 1980 to 1993.

He was a plaintiff in the case filed by Jake Ayers Sr. in 1975, which alleged that the state of Mississippi was discriminating by funding other state colleges more than HBCUs; the lawsuit was settled in 2001, providing $500 million to Mississippi's HBCUs.

Thompson ran for Congress in a 1993 special election; during his time in Congress, he has championed policies that aim to mitigate racial disparities, such as creating the National Center for Minority Health and Health Care Disparities in 2000, and pushed for disaster relief following Hurricane Katrina.

Since obtaining a leadership position on the Homeland Security Committee in 2005, Thompson has focused on bolstering disaster response by reforming FEMA; he has also called for greater scrutiny of radical white nationalist groups and domestic terrorists.

In wake of racial justice protests that swept the country following the murder of George Floyd in 2020, Thompson has vocally advocated for police reform and the removal of Confederate monuments.

He entered the national spotlight in the 117th Congress as chair of the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack, and he has led public committee hearings to present witness testimony and reveal details from the investigation.

Kentucky State University Profiles



Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

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Education

University of Kentucky Law School, J.D., 1967; University of Louisville (KY), B.A., 1964; Manual High School (KY), 1960

Professional Career

Judge, Jefferson County, 1978-1985; Attorney, Private Practice, 1970-1974; Chief Legislative Assistant, Office of U.S. Sen. Marlow Cook (KY R), 1968-1970

Background

Born in Alabama and educated in Kentucky, McConnell first came to Capitol Hill as an intern to Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R-KY), and returned as a legislative assistant to Sen. Marlow Cook (R-KY) after law school. After two terms as judge in Jefferson County, KY, McConnell won his first race for Senate against incumbent Walter Huddleston (D) in 1984.

McConnell's first senate leadership position was as chair of the National Republican Senatorial Committee; became whip for the caucus in 2002, and minority leader in 2007 after Republicans lost their majority. He lead Senate Republicans through the entire Obama presidency, using his hold over the GOP caucus to block much of Obama's legislative agenda.

As majority leader, he forged a strong partnership with the Trump White House. Following the January 6 riot at the US Capitol, McConnell condemned Trump's provocation of the rioters but ultimately voted to acquit him.

With Biden in the White House and Democrats in control of Congress, he is largely reprising his role from the Obama era, and has supported various bipartisan legislation.



Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)

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Education

Duke University (NC), M.D., 1988; Baylor University (TX), 1984

Professional Career

Founder, Southern Kentucky Lions Eye Clinic, 1995; Residency in Ophthalmology, Duke University Medical Center, 1993; Ophthalmologist, Ophthalmology Practice, 1993-2010; Internship, Georgia Baptist Medical Center

Background

Paul grew up in Texas, where his father Ron Paul began serving as a US Representative; Paul spent summers interning in his father's office. After medical school, Paul gained significant political experience working on his father's 2008 presidential campaign.

Successfully ran for an open Senate seat in 2010, highlighting the libertarian viewpoints that he shared with his father and leveraging the popularity of the Tea Party movement; beat the GOP establishment candidate, the Kentucky secretary of state backed by Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY), in the primary election. He also ran a brief, unsuccessful presidential campaign during the 2016 election cycle; noninterventionist foreign policy viewpoints failed to gain traction during a period of increasing terrorist threats abroad.

Known for his libertarian principles, particularly related to fiscal policy and privacy rights; vehemently opposed to financial bailouts, and is outspoken about his disapproval of policies that increase government surveillance powers, such as the PATRIOT Act.

Paul is a noninterventionist who has staunchly criticized American military actions in the Middle East; broke with President Trump on the issue of arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

Kentucky State University Profiles



Rep. James Comer (R-KY-1)

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Education

Western Kentucky University, B.S., 1993; Monroe County High School (KY)

Professional Career

Founder, Owner, James Comer, Jr. Farms; Co-Owner, Comer Land and Cattle Company; President, CFB Foods, Inc

Background

Comer grew up in Monroe County, Kentucky, where he dreamed of opening a farm; upon graduating from Western Kentucky University, he purchased and built one of the largest cattle farming operations in the area.

He entered politics at a young age, winning a seat in the Kentucky House of Representatives at 28 years old; he served for six terms in the legislature where he earned the title of National Republican Freshman Legislator of the Year, during his first term, for his work creating mobile science center programs to educate students about farming.

Comer was elected as Kentucky's Commissioner of Agriculture in 2011, focusing his time in office on eliminating wasteful spending and legalizing industrial hemp; he brought his agricultural experience to Congress in 2016 where he introduced measures in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 to nationally reclassify hemp as an agricultural crop.

As ranking member of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, Comer is a powerful advocate for reigning in government spending; he passed the EQUALS Act through the House to extend the probationary period for civil service appointments.

He prioritizes expanding rural broadband as a ranking member of the Education and Labor Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services, emphasizing its importance for education and workforce development; he introduced a bill to secure continued access to nutritious school lunches for students while schools were closed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Langston University Profiles



Sen. James Lankford (R-OK)

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Education

Southwestern Theological Baptist Seminary, M.Div., 1994; University of Texas, B.S., 1990

Professional Career

Staff Member, Baptist General Convention Oklahoma, 1996-2009; Director, Falls Creek Summer Youth Camp, 1996-2009; Coordinator, Mission and Community Service Project

Background

Lankford was raised in Texas by a single mother. Before entering politics, he worked for Falls Creek Christian Youth summer camp, one of largest religious camps in the world; launched his political campaign with grassroots support from the Christian community.

Prioritizes budgetary policies intended to save taxpayer money and prevent government shutdowns; releases annual "Federal Fumbles" report identifying wasteful spending and negative regulations that impact the economy. Lankford is the chair of the Senate Ethics Committee with fellow Christian Chris Coons (D-DE).

Lankford is outspoken on the importance of religious freedom and pushes for US efforts abroad to protect religious freedom through the US Commission on International Religious Freedom.

Following the 2020 election, Lankford signed onto a letter with Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) to oppose the Electoral College results unless a commission was formed to evaluate claims of voter fraud; following the January 6 riot at the Capitol, he withdrew his objection and issued an apology to Black constituents who viewed his decision to support Trump's effort to overturn the election as an attempt to disenfranchise Black voters.



Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)

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Education

Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology, A.A.S., 2010; Missouri Valley College, Att., 1996; Stillwell High School, Stillwell, OK

Professional Career

Owner, Mullin Services; Owner, Mullin Properties; Producer and Host, House Talk; Owner, Mullin Plumbing; Owner, Mullin Farms; Rancher

Background

Mullin grew up on his family's farm in Oklahoma and began running his father's plumbing business after attending college. He ran for Congress after the retirement of Rep. Dan Boren (D-OK2), highlighting his outsider status as a local businessman.

Mullin sits on the Energy and Commerce Committee's Health, Environment, and Climate Change and Communications and Technology subcommittees, he also serves on the Committee on Intelligence and several of its subcommittees. He has worked on bills to give Native American tribes access to grant programs to combat opioid addiction, awarded grants to rural electric cooperatives to better utilize renewable energy, and established an FCC program to promote rural broadband networks.

Mullin voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election.

Following Sen. Jim Inhofe's (R-OK) retirement announcement, Mullin declared his candidacy to replace him, citing a need to represent "America First" perspectives in the Senate. Focused his 2022 campaign on salient economic and social issues. He won the election for Senate in November 2022 against Democrat Kendra Horn.

Langston University Profiles



Rep. Stephanie Bice (R-OK-5)

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Education

Oklahoma State University, B.S., 1995; Putnam City High School (OK)

Professional Career

Director of Business Development, Smirk New Media, 2013-2015; Marketing Manager, Netfast Technology Solutions (Technology Company, Family Owned), 2004-2013

Background

Bice is a fourth-generation Oklahoman born and raised in her district; helped run the family technology company and later worked for a digital marketing company.

Elected to the state Senate in 2014, Bice served for two years as assistant majority floor leader, becoming the first Republican woman in the role; chaired the Finance Committee, where she focused on controlling state spending.

In the state legislature, Bice gained recognition for her work to modernize Oklahoma's liquor law and to enact bipartisan criminal justice reform; the latter bill streamlined select Oklahoma drug possession laws and reduced the maximum sentences for those convicted of certain drug-related crimes.

Launched 2020 bid for the House of Representatives, challenging Rep. Kendra Horn (D-OK5), who won was the first Democrat elected to Congress from Oklahoma since 2010; Bice successfully flipped the district in 2020.

Campaign platform prioritized transportation issues, calling them essential to economic growth; cited her work in the state Senate to ensure funding for the state's eight-year infrastructure construction plan and promised to continue funding Oklahoma infrastructure priorities, including I-48, I-44, and I-45, in Congress.

Vocal opponent of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) who calls for general health care reform to lower insurance premiums; does not support state Medicaid expansion due to concerns that the federal government will change its policies on matching state support, which she says would put financial stress on Oklahoma.

Active on education issues, Bice advocates for funding vocational schools, training programs, and higher education scholarship programs; supports expanding rural broadband to increase access to education.

Voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election.

Lincoln University Profiles



Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO)

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Education

Yale Law School, J.D., 2006; Stanford University, A.B., 2002; Rockhurst High School (MO)

Professional Career

Founder and Former President, Missouri Liberty Project; Senior Counsel, The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty; Attorney, Hogan Lovells US LLP, Washington, DC; Law Clerk for Judge Michael W. McConnell, U.S Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit; Law Clerk for Chief Justice John Roberts, U.S. Supreme Court; Associate Professor, University of Missouri Law School

Background

Raised in the Kansas City exurbs by politically active Republicans, Hawley studied Constitutional Law at Stanford before attending Yale Law School and clerking for Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts; working for a religious freedom non-profit, he helped argue a case in which the Supreme Court ruled that certain companies did not have to cover birth control through their insurance plans under the ACA.

Hawley ran successfully for attorney general in 2016; and was lobbied by prominent Republicans to run for Senate in 2018. During the campaign, Hawley embraced President Trump, and won against incumbent Claire McKaskill (D-MO). In the Senate, Hawley is a critic of big technology firms and an advocate for internet privacy; Hawley has also spoken out against the Chinese government for suppressing free speech in Hong Kong and its response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and supports placing sanctions on Chinese officials.

A leader of congressional objections to the certification of Biden's election, Hawley faced widespread condemnation following the violent riot of January 6.



Sen. Eric Schmitt (R-MO)

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Education

Truman State University (MO), B.A., 1997; St. Louis University Law School (MO), J.D., 2000; DeSmet Jesuit High School, 1993

Professional Career

Attorney; Partner, Lathrop and Gage LLP

Background

After law school, Schmitt worked in Clayton, Missouri as an attorney before he campaigned to be an alderman of Glendale, MO in 2005 and served in the local office until 2008. He joined the MO state Senate in 2009; led the bipartisan effort to ban traffic ticket quotas and limit fine revenue, after a traffic stop led to a deadly shooting in Ferguson in 2014 amid racial justice protests. Schmitt also led major state tax policy reforms, including creating automatic tax cuts that triggered when revenues rose.

After reaching term limit, Schmitt ran for Missouri state treasurer where he continued pursuing tax cuts; in 2018, Schmitt championed efforts to create the state's "Show-Me Checkbook," a website detailing state revenues and expenditures.

Appointed to attorney general in 2019, filling a vacancy left by Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO), he was elected to a full term in 2020; his tenure as attorney general focused on advancing GOP priorities through legal challenges, such as issues related to the ACA, COVID-19 public health measures, LGBTQ+ rights, and efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election results.

Schmitt ran for Senate in 2022 to fill a vacancy left by Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO), and won the general election for Senate in November 2022 against Trudy Busch Valentine (D).

Lincoln University Profiles



Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO-3)

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Education

Lincoln University (MO), B.A., 1974; St. Elizabeth High School (MO), 1970

Professional Career

Insurance Agent and Owner, Luetkemeyer Insurance Agency, 1988-2009; Vice President and Loan Officer, Bank of St. Elizabeth, 1976-2009; Bank Examiner, State of Missouri, 1974-1976; Rancher, St. Elizabeth, MO, 1968-1988

Background

Luetkemeyer left a State Bank Examiner position in 1976 to simultaneously work at a community bank, 160-acre farm, and insurance agency until he was elected to the State House.

He was an active legislator in the Missouri House who pushed through conservative reforms, including conceal-carry and the state amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman.

He is one of the wealthiest members of Congress and self-financed his 2008 House race.

Luetkemeyer joined the Tea Party Caucus and has consistently organized support for tax cuts and reforming Dodd-Frank and the CFPB.

He gained notoriety as a rising star in the Republican party when he introduced a law that raised the debt limit for bank holding companies; he serves as Vice Chair of the House Small Business Committee in the 118th Congress.

Luetkemeyer voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election.

Lincoln University of Pennsylvania Profiles



Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)

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Education

Catholic University of America (DC), J.D., 1988; College of the Holy Cross (MA), B.A., 1982

Professional Career

Attorney, Haggerty McDonnell and O'Brien, 1991-1996; Elementary Teacher and Basketball Coach, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Philadelphia, PA, 1982-1983

Background

Casey was raised in Scranton, PA, the son of a popular Pennsylvania governor. A former personal injury lawyer who has spent the majority of his career in the civil service, serving in state-wide financial roles from 1996 until 2006, when he chose to challenge incumbent Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA).

As auditor general, major achievements included audit of state retirement fund and of compliance with federal law to notify public regarding registered sex offenders; continues the fight for government programs and protections for children as Senator.

Prioritizes strengthening Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, including through expanding Medicaid and opposing funding caps; as chair of the Senate Aging Committee, Casey has also worked to expand government resources for seniors. He is recognized as advocate for children, and has introduced legislation to strengthen early learning and promote children's health. Casey is also a leader on disability rights, pushing for programs to help individuals save for their future, attend school, and secure employment.

Casey is well-connected to influential state- and national-level Dems, including Joe Biden.



Sen. John Fetterman (D-PA)

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Education

Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, M.P.P., 1999; University of Connecticut, M.B.A., 1993; Albright College, B.A., 1991; Central York High School, 1987

Professional Career

Lieutenant Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 2019-2023; Mayor of Braddock, Pennsylvania, 2006-2019; Risk Management Underwriter, Chubb Corporation, 1993-1995; AmeriCorps

Background

Fetterman was raised by two middle-class teenage parents in York, PA. He spent his early career working as an underwriter for an insurance company and teaching local General Education Development courses to out-of-work youths.

After becoming mayor of Braddock, Fetterman founded a non-profit, Braddock Redux, to develop and implement community-based projects. He rose to national recognition in 2009 for his efforts to revitalize Braddock and his unconventional demeanor; this attention resulted in $1.5M in funding from Levi Strauss Company to support community projects.

Unsuccessfully ran for PA's US Senate seat in 2016 on an inequality-focused platform, but won the race for lieutenant governor in 2018 with a similar message. Announced his candidacy for the Senate seat opened by the retirement of Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA), and positioned himself as a progressive who can appeal to Republican voters. Recovering from a stroke he had in earlier in the year, Fetterman went on to win his election in November 2022 against Mehmet Oz (R).

Lincoln University of Pennsylvania Profiles



Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA-6)

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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, M.S., 1994; Stanford University (CA), B.S., 1989

Professional Career

Member, Teach for America Corps; Founding Chief Operating Officer, B-Lab; Chemistry Teacher in North Philadelphia; Chief Operating Officer, AND1 Basketball; President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, Springboard Collaborative

Background

After her active-duty service and a brief career in the private sector, Houlahan sought to address problems in the US educational system, informed by her experiences at Teach for America, teaching 11th grade science, and at Springboard Collaborative, a nonprofit focused on early childhood literacy in underserved communities.

In 2018, Houlahan ran for the open seat in Pennsylvania's 6th District, an affluent area then represented by a Republican (Rep. Ryan Costello opted against reelection) that became friendlier to Democrats after the state Supreme Court drew new congressional maps; she won the general election by a strong 12-point margin.

She joined a Democratic freshman class alongside several other women with military national security experience; with Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ-11), a Navy veteran, Houlahan took on a leadership role in the moderate New Democrat Coalition.

She advocates for LGBTQ+ equality, supporting same-sex marriage and the Equality Act; she opposed former President Trump's ban on transgender individuals in the military.

Houlahan’s work often centers on women's advancement; she co-chairs both the Servicewomen and Female Veterans Caucus and Women in STEM Caucus.

She supports increasing benefits to service members through raising pay, improving military family housing and childcare, and investing in research and development to address emerging threats.

In 2021, Houlahan reportedly considered running for the Democratic nomination in Pennsylvania's open 2022 Senate race; she ultimately declined, citing the importance of her duties as a representative.

Medgar Evers College Profiles



Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)

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Education

University of California, Los Angeles, J.D., 1991; Dartmouth College (NH), B.A., 1988; Emma Willard High School (NY), 1984

Professional Career

Member, Department of Defense - Army, US Military Academy, Board of Visitors, 2013-2020; Partner, Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, 2001-2007; Special Counsel, U.S. Department Housing & Urban Development, 2000-2001; Law Clerk, Chambers of Judge Roger J. Miner, U.S. Court Appeals for the Second Circuit, 1992-1993; Associate, Davis, Polk & Wardwell LLP, 1991-2000

Background

Gillibrand is an Albany native whose parents were both attorneys. She entered politics in 2006 by unseating popular Republican John Sweeney in a conservative upstate New York district amid growing dissatisfaction with the Bush administration.

During her tenure in the House, she was closely aligned with moderate Blue Dog Coalition; argued for stricter immigration laws and maintained high ratings from the NRA, which later swung to an F after she joined the Senate. She was selected by Gov. David Paterson (D) to fill Hillary Clinton's Senate seat after she was chosen to serve as secretary of state in 2009; reelected in a 2010 special election and in 2012 to serve a full six-year term. Gillibrand shifted to the left on policy stances after her Senate appointment. She is a stark advocate for women's rights and government transparency.

Briefly ran in the 2020 Democratic presidential primary with a progressive platform focused largely on women's equality.



Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY)

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Education

Harvard University, J.D., 1974; Harvard University, B.A., 1971; Madison High School (NY)

Professional Career

Staff Aide, Office of U.S. Sen. Claiborne Pell (RI D), 1973; Associate, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison

Background

Schumer is a Brooklyn native who considers the borough to be an immutable part of his identity. He entered politics with desire to help the middle class; draws inspiration from witnessing father's struggles and relentless work ethic running an extermination business.

Prolific fundraiser who receives significant support from Wall Street bankers and financiers, Schumer is also known for frequent engagement with media, using the press as problem-solving mechanism.

As minority leader, he balanced party factions by emphasizing ideological diversity in leadership and building relationships with every member of the caucus to ensure their concerns were met; also used close relationship with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA12) to guarantee Democratic unity between chambers in opposition to the policies of the Trump administration.

Elevated to majority leader by Democratic gains in the 2020 elections, Schumer aims to keep Democrats united as they attempt to pass President Joe Biden's expansive legislative agenda over near-unanimous Republican opposition.

Medgar Evers College Profiles



Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-NY-9)

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Education

Oberlin College (OH), 1986; State University of New York, Medgar Evers College; Edward R. Murrow High School (NY)

Professional Career

Director Business Development, Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, 1997-2001; Youth Programs Director, Hospital League/1199 Training and Upgrading Fund, 1993-1997; Executive Assistant, Office of NY State Rep. Barbara M. Clark (D), 1991; Legislative Aide, Office of NY State Sen. Velmanette Montgomery (D), 1989-1991; Executive Assistant, Office of NY State Assemblywomen Barbra Clark, 1988; Child Care Specialist and Family Day Care Coordinator, Erasmus Neighborhood Federation, Inc., 1987-1989; Legislative Aide, Office of NY Sen. Velmanette Montgomery, 1986-1988; Intern, Office of U.S. Rep. Major R. Owens (NY11 D); Confidential Assistant, Office of NY Compensation Board Chair Barbara Patton; Loan Executive, NY State Job Development Authority

Background

Clarke worked as a state legislative aide for NY State Senator Velmanette Montgomery, her first experience working in politics, and later succeeded her mother, Una Clarke, in the New York City Council after she hit term limits in 2002.

Clarke served as Congressional Black Caucus chair and co-chair of the Congressional Caribbean Caucus; she fought to prevent gentrification in the district, which has caused division between large Black and Caribbean populations and newer white residents.

She co-chairs the Multicultural Media Caucus and the Smart Cities Caucus, emphasizing her focus on bringing media and technology opportunities to minority constituents and ensuring that advancements in tech include minorities.

Clarke prioritizes immigration issues and supports using the DREAM Act to provide in-state college tuition breaks and other benefits to children of illegal immigrants; she drafted legislation that would create an appeals process for individuals who allege denial of rights in homeland security investigations.

Mississippi Valley State University Profiles



Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS)

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Education

University of Southern Mississippi, 1981; Copiah-Lincoln Community College (MS), A.A., 1979; Lawrence County Academy (MS)

Professional Career

Partner, Lincoln County Livestock, Brookhaven; Cattle Farmer

Background

After attending community college, Hyde-Smith earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. She served in the state Senate from 2000 to 2012 and chaired the Agriculture Committee; from 2012 to 2018, Hyde-Smith was the state's commissioner of agriculture and commerce, where she focused on increasing protections and limiting regulations for farmers.

In 2010, she Switched her political party affiliation from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party, explaining that she had always held conservative views

In 2018, Hyde-Smith was appointed to fill Sen. Thad Cochran's (R-MS) seat after he stepped down. She was elected to a full 6-year term in 2020, defeating her opponent, former Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy (D-MS).

Favors fiscal responsibility, deregulations, and investments in infrastructure for rural communities; has sponsored a constitutional amendment to mandate a balanced budget.

On January 6, 2021, Hyde-Smith objected to the certification of electoral college votes from Arizona and Pennsylvania; was one of a handful of senators who maintained such opposition after insurrectionists broke into the Capitol.



Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)

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Education

University of Mississippi, J.D., 1975; University of Mississippi, B.A., 1973; Pontotoc High School (MS)

Professional Career

Judge Pro Tempore, Tupelo City (MS), 1986-1987; Public Defender, Lee County (MS), 1984-1987; Attorney, Sparks, Wicker and Colburn, 1982-1994; Staff Assistant, Office of U.S. Rep. Trent Lott (MS05 R), 1980-1982

Background

A Mississippi native, Wicker's father served as a state senator and circuit court judge. He started working in politics when he was 16 as a page for then-Rep. Jamie Whitten (D-MS1); much later, Wicker won Whitten's seat when he stepped down after 28 terms. After serving in the Air Force, Wicker was a staff assistant for then-Rep. Trent Lott (R-MS5) for two years before practicing law; successfully ran for the state Senate in 1987.

He won his bid for the US House in 1994, and served until 2007, when he was appointed by Gov. Haley Barbour (R) to replace then-Sen. Trent Lott (R-MS) after Lott's resignation.

Through the Commerce Committee, Wicker has worked to pass bipartisan legislation related to fisheries and agriculture, ocean research, and technology issues such as 5G and data privacy. He also chaired the National Republican Senatorial Committee from 2015 to 2017. As the previous chair of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Wicker is highly engaged in relevant foreign policy matters; in early 2021, he traveled to Ukraine with bipartisan Senate delegation to meet with top Ukrainian officials.

Mississippi Valley State University Profiles



Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS-2)

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Education

Jackson State University (MS), M.S., 1972; Tougaloo College (MS), B.A., 1968; Hinds County Agriculture High School (MS)

Professional Career

Public School Teacher and Adjunct Professor

Background

A Mississippi native, Thompson grew up in the town of Bolton; he earned his bachelor's degree from Tougaloo College, where he became involved in civil rights activism through participating in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee's (SNCC) voter registration drives.

Thompson briefly worked as a school teacher, but inspiration from his past activism steered him towards running for elected office in Bolton; he served as alderman from 1969 to 1972, mayor from 1973 to 1980, and county supervisor from 1980 to 1993.

He was a plaintiff in the case filed by Jake Ayers Sr. in 1975, which alleged that the state of Mississippi was discriminating by funding other state colleges more than HBCUs; the lawsuit was settled in 2001, providing $500 million to Mississippi's HBCUs.

Thompson ran for Congress in a 1993 special election; during his time in Congress, he has championed policies that aim to mitigate racial disparities, such as creating the National Center for Minority Health and Health Care Disparities in 2000, and pushed for disaster relief following Hurricane Katrina.

Since obtaining a leadership position on the Homeland Security Committee in 2005, Thompson has focused on bolstering disaster response by reforming FEMA; he has also called for greater scrutiny of radical white nationalist groups and domestic terrorists.

In wake of racial justice protests that swept the country following the murder of George Floyd in 2020, Thompson has vocally advocated for police reform and the removal of Confederate monuments.

He entered the national spotlight in the 117th Congress as chair of the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack, and he has led public committee hearings to present witness testimony and reveal details from the investigation.

Morgan State University Profiles



Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)

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Education

Villa Julie College (MD), LL.D., 2007; University of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1967; University of Pittsburgh (PA), B.A., 1964; Baltimore City College High School (MD), 1961

Professional Career

Attorney, Rosen and Esterson, 1967-1978

Background

Born in Baltimore, Cardin has been referred to as the former "boy wonder" of Maryland politics, having been elected to the House of Delegates at age 23 and elevated to Speaker by age 35.

In the House and in the Senate, Cardin has worked to integrate human rights into foreign policy, including by sanctioning countries like Russia and China for human rights abuses. As the lead Democrat on the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, has pushed for policies that increase business opportunity for minority communities. Cardin is a leader on legislation surrounding retirement security through 401(k) expansion.

Supports protecting and expanding Medicare and the Affordable Care Act (ACA), including by adding coverage for cancer screenings and pediatric dental services. Cardin frequently cosponsors legislation with Republicans and has become well-known for his bipartisanship.

Engages with international organizations on strategies to enhance cooperation and security, representing the U.S. at organizations including the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.



Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

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Education

Georgetown University (DC), J.D., 1990; John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (MA), M.P.P., 1985; Swarthmore College (PA), B.A., 1982

Professional Career

Attorney, Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn, 1991-2002; Senior Advisor, Office of Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer, 1988-1991; Staff Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, 1987-1989; Legislative Assistant, Office of U.S. Sen. Charles Mathias (MD R), 1982-1987

Background

Born in Pakistan to a US Ambassador and a State Department officer, Van Hollen grew up in Asia before he moved to the US to attend boarding school. After earning his MPP from Harvard, Van Hollen began his political career by working for Sen. Charles Mathias (R-MD) and later for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He was elected to the MD House of Delegates in 1990 and to the MD Senate four years later; successfully ran for Congress in 2002 and campaigned with the support of progressive organizations that focused on the environment and gun control. During his 7th-term in the House, Van Hollen managed candidate recruitment and served as chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC); while DCCC chair, Van Hollen was selected to be an assistant to Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA14).
After Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) announced her retirement in 2015, Van Hollen ran for her seat and won. He served as chair of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC) during his first two years in the Senate.

Morgan State University Profiles



Rep. Kweisi Mfume (D-MD-7)

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Education

Johns Hopkins University (MD), M.A., 1984; Morgan State University (MD), B.S., 1976

Professional Career

Managing Director and Principle Investigator, Health Policy Research Consortium in Maryland, 2013-2018; Corporate Business Consultant, AT&T of North America; Executive Director, National Medical Association, 2010-2011; President and Chief Executive Officer, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 1996-2004; Adjunct Professor, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD; Radio Commentator and Program Director, TV personality; Chief Health Equity Officer, CTIS (Capital Technologies Information Systems), Rockville, MD

Background

Originally born Frizzel Gerald Gray, Mfume changed his name in the 1970s to reflect his African heritage.

Raised in a single parent home and later as an orphan, Mfume dropped out of high school and worked three jobs to support his sisters; he later completed his GED and went on to receive undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Mfume had an accomplished career in radio and television broadcasting for over twenty years; he hosted the TV show "The Remarkable Journey" on which he interviewed racially, ethnically, and professionally diverse people to document their experiences overcoming barriers.

He ascended through the local political ranks from Baltimore City Council to Rep. for Maryland's 7th district; he resigned in 1996 to become the president and CEO of the NAACP before returning to the House in May 2020.

During his previous congressional tenure, he served as the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and the Joint Economic Committee of the House and Senate, areas that were integral to his 2020 campaign.

As president and CEO of the NAACP, Mfume brought financial stability while advancing African American civil rights by pushing for economic empowerment, educational opportunities, and affordable health care.

Mfume accumulated leadership roles in health policy, having served as executive director and as a board member of various minority health and health disparities advisory organizations; he continues to legislate for affordable health care and lowering the cost of prescription drugs.

Norfolk State University Profiles



Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA)

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Education

Harvard Law School, J.D., 1983; University of Missouri, A.B., 1979; Rockhurst High School

Professional Career

Attorney, MS Candich & Kaine PC; Professor of Legal Ethics, University of Richmond Law School

Background

Kaine served as an educator and missionary in Honduras before law school, working with a Jesuit organization in a technical school. After graduating from Harvard Law, he worked as a civil rights attorney, fighting against racially discriminatory housing practices.

Kaine was inspired to run for office by his father-in-law, Linwood Holton, who held the VA governorship during integration; first served on Richmond's city council and then as mayor. He campaigned for Governor of Virginia on quality of life improvements, including infrastructure development; he faced difficulty with Republican majorities in the legislature, who opposed tax increases to fund projects.

Was recruited to run for Senate by President Obama; popularity as a Democratic figure won him the VP nomination in 2016. Kaine is one of relatively few officials to serve at local, state, and federal levels of government.

Worked to negotiate Biden's Build Back Better Agenda in the Senate and has served as a key leader in ensuring some of the priorities remain in budgetary measures; specifically emphasizes that aspects of the bill's health care, education, and workforce support policies will remain a priority for the Senate.



Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA)

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Education

Harvard University Law School, J.D., 1980; George Washington University (DC), B.A., 1977

Professional Career

Founding Partner and Managing Director, Columbia Capital Corporation, 1989-2002; Democratic Fundraiser, 1980-1982; Intern, Office of U.S. Sen. Christopher Dodd (CT D); Co-Founder, Capital Cellular Corporation; Intern, Office of U.S. Sen. Abe Ribicoff (CT D); Intern, Office of U.S. Rep. Ella Grasso (CT06 D)

Background

Warner worked for several Connecticut politicos while completing his undergraduate degree in DC. In his early career, Warner built his own businesses before founding his own venture capital firm; he also worked in the Virginia political sphere, serving within the state party and on the state transportation board.

After a failed Senate campaign in 1996, Warner ran for governor in 2001, emphasizing rural priorities. As Governor, Warner focused on fiscal issues, working to maintain Virginia's credit rating through balancing the state budget without raising taxes statewide. He ran for Senate in 2008, with the endorsement of the exiting GOP incumbent, and won.

His first Senate term heavily focused on financial policy, while his second term pivoted to current tech and cybersecurity focus. He identifies strongly with entrepreneurial and tech communities. Warner is one of the wealthiest members of Congress with an estimated net worth of around $200M, primarily from early investments in mobile phone franchise licenses and tech companies. Warner has made substantial efforts to build bipartisan coalitions.

Norfolk State University Profiles



Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA-3)

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Education

Boston College School of Law (MA), J.D., 1973; Harvard University (MA), B.A., 1969; Groton High School (VA)

Professional Career

Attorney, in Newport News, VA, 1973-1991

Background

Scott is a proponent of federal government intervention and investment to promote equity in society; his priorities include labor unions, public education, and expanding the federal safety net.

He is the son of a prominent Black doctor and politician in Newport News; his father became first Black person elected to the school board, and Scott has said he emulates his style of governance.

Scott supports sweeping progressive overhauls (e.g. Medicare for All) but is willing to pass more limited legislation benefitting marginalized and working-class communities.

He has a track record of working with Republican colleagues on criminal justice reform.

Scott is currently serving his fifth term as the Democratic leader in the Committee on Education and the Workforce; he has supported bills to lower college costs and boost labor unions with broad support from House Democrats.

Shipbuilding is vital to his district; Scott advocates for naval investment in his region and maintains shipbuilding industry ties.

North Carolina A&T State University Profiles



Sen. Ted Budd (R-NC)

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Education

Wake Forest University (NC), M.B.A., 2007; Dallas Theological Seminary (TX), M.Th., 1998; Appalachian State University (NC), B.S., 1994; Davie County High School, 1990

Professional Career

Business Owner, ProShots Indoor Range & Training, 2010-Present; Representative for North Carolina's 13th District, 2017-2023; Partner, AgriTiva LLC, 2005-2015; Executive Vice President/Regional Vice President, Board of Directors, The Budd Group, 1998-2005

Background

After receiving a graduate degree from Dallas Theological Seminary and completing a mission trip to the former Soviet Union, Budd worked for his father's facility services company, The Budd Group; he currently owns and operates ProShots, a gun store and shooting range.

Elected in 2016, Budd gained support in the primary race as an outsider with conservative values; backed by conservative organizations such as Club for Growth, which invested $500,000 in his TV advertisements.

Budd serves on the Financial Services Committee, where he uses his business background to advocate against overregulation; he is also a strong opponent of the ACA. Budd voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results from Pennsylvania and Arizona affirming President Joe Biden's election. After handily winning the May 2022 Republican primary, Budd won the general election for Senate against former North Carolina Supreme Court justice Cheri Beasley (D).



Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)

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Education

University of Maryland University College, B.S., 1996; Antioch High School, 1978

Professional Career

Management Consultant, IBM, 2002-2009; Employee, Provident Insurance; Employee, Wang Laboratories; Former Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Background

Tillis got an early start in the business world, delaying college until after he rose to partner at PWC; later joined IBM, consulting on the Bank of America merger in Charlotte. He found quick political success due to his pro-business policies and connections; he ascended to speaker of the NC House after two terms, rallying state Republicans with his leadership savvy and popular platform. Aside from his business focus, led the NC State House in passing socially conservative policies related to abortion, gay marriage, and gun control.

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In 2020, Tillis faces a strong challenge from then-state Senator Cal Cunningham (D); Tillis underperformed President Trump, who won just over 50% of the vote, but defeated Cunningham, who scaled back his campaign in the latter stages of the race following the revelation of his extramarital affair. Tillis' term expires in 2027.

North Carolina A&T State University Profiles



Rep. Kathy Manning (D-NC-6)

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Education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 1981; Harvard University (MA), A.B., 1978

Professional Career

Partner, Manning and Associates PLLC, Greensboro, NC, 2004-2020; Partner, Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP, Greensboro, NC, 1987-2003

Background

Manning was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. Her father was a longtime employee at Ford Motor Company and her mother was a public school teacher; she graduated from Harvard University and earned a law degree at Michigan State University.

She moved to her husband's hometown of Greensboro, North Carolina, and practiced immigration law as a partner for 15 years before opening her own firm; Manning described her work as helping small businesses, religious organizations, schools, and hospitals navigate the complex immigration system.

Deeply involved in local nonprofits and community development, Manning has served on the leadership of organizations such as United Way, Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, the National Conference for Community and Justice, as well as the local university; she says her efforts involved providing job retraining, mortgage assistance, food, and healthcare to those impacted by the Great Recession, as well as promote school readiness and college affordability for underprivileged students.

She was heavily involved in Greensboro economic development, leading efforts to build and fundraise for projects such as the local children's museum and performing arts venues.

Manning made her first bid for elected office in 2018, challenging a first-term GOP incumbent in North Carolina's 13th District by criticizing his attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act; despite prolific fundraising and promotion by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, her challenge was unsuccessful.

Following the 2019 redistricting of North Carolina's congressional districts, Manning announced her candidacy in the newly-drawn, Democratic-friendly sixth district, which is dubbed the "Triad" and includes Greensboro, High Point, and Winston-Salem; she won by a large margin.

North Carolina Central University Profiles



Sen. Ted Budd (R-NC)

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Education

Wake Forest University (NC), M.B.A., 2007; Dallas Theological Seminary (TX), M.Th., 1998; Appalachian State University (NC), B.S., 1994; Davie County High School, 1990

Professional Career

Business Owner, ProShots Indoor Range & Training, 2010-Present; Representative for North Carolina's 13th District, 2017-2023; Partner, AgriTiva LLC, 2005-2015; Executive Vice President/Regional Vice President, Board of Directors, The Budd Group, 1998-2005

Background

After receiving a graduate degree from Dallas Theological Seminary and completing a mission trip to the former Soviet Union, Budd worked for his father's facility services company, The Budd Group; he currently owns and operates ProShots, a gun store and shooting range.

Elected in 2016, Budd gained support in the primary race as an outsider with conservative values; backed by conservative organizations such as Club for Growth, which invested $500,000 in his TV advertisements.

Budd serves on the Financial Services Committee, where he uses his business background to advocate against overregulation; he is also a strong opponent of the ACA. Budd voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results from Pennsylvania and Arizona affirming President Joe Biden's election. After handily winning the May 2022 Republican primary, Budd won the general election for Senate against former North Carolina Supreme Court justice Cheri Beasley (D).



Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)

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Education

University of Maryland University College, B.S., 1996; Antioch High School, 1978

Professional Career

Management Consultant, IBM, 2002-2009; Employee, Provident Insurance; Employee, Wang Laboratories; Former Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers

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North Carolina Central University Profiles



Rep. Valerie Foushee (D-NC-4)

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Education

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Bach. Deg., 2008; Leadership Triangle Goodman Fellow, 2005; Chapel Hill High School (NC), 1974

Professional Career

Supervisor, Administrator, Chapel Hill Police Department

Background

A North Carolina native, Foushee grew up in a working-class family with her five siblings and attended racially segregated schools until sixth grade.

She began serving on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education in 1997, before being the first Black woman elected to the Orange County Board of Commissioners; as commissioner, she notably worked to shutdown a county landfill that had negatively impacted a Black community.

She was elected to the state House in 2012, but served for less than a year before local Democrats selected her to replace state Sen. Eleanor Kinnaird (D-NC23) following Kinnaird's resignation in 2013.

During her state Senate tenure, Foushee focused on criminal justice reform, greater voting access, quality education, women's and reproductive rights, and affordable health care.

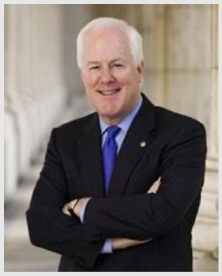
Foushee launched campaign for Congress in 2021, aiming to replace the retiring Rep. David Price (D-NC4); she campaigned on a platform to continue the initiatives she pursued in the state Senate.

She is passionate about criminal justice reform and racial justice initiatives and hopes to decriminalize marijuana and end cash bail; in Congress, Foushee supported efforts to pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, For the People Act, and John Lewis Voting Rights Act

Foushee supports the passage of the Green New Deal; she aims to strengthen environmental regulations, increase funding for the Environmental Protection Agency, and prioritize renewable energy development.

She won the Democratic primary on May 17, 2022 with 46% of the vote, followed by contender Nida Allam with 37% and American Idol runner-up Clay Aiken with 7.4%; she won the 2022 general election against Courtney Geels to represent North Carolina's 4th District.

Prairie View A&M University Profiles



Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)

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Education

University of Virginia, LL.M., 1995; St. Mary's School of Law (TX), J.D., 1977; Trinity University (TX), B.A., 1973

Professional Career

Chairman, James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Board of Trustees, 2009-2021; Presiding Judge, 4th Administrative Judicial Region, 1989-1992; Judge, Bexer County 37th District Court, 1985-1990; Partner and Associate, Groce, Locke and Hebden, 1977-1984; Associate, Thompson and Knight

Background

Born in Texas, Cornyn's father worked in the Air Force, and the family relocated to Japan while Cornyn was in high school. After a stint in malpractice law, Cornyn ran for the district court and won a district judge position in San Antonio, often taking a pro-business stance in decisions. He eventually won election to the Texas Supreme Court.

After one term as the attorney general of Texas, he successfully ran for Senate in 2002. Cornyn vocally supported Bush's judicial nominees, and led opposition to Obama's.

Cornyn entered GOP leadership during his first term, became whip during his third term under Mitch McConnell, holding the position until 2019; Cornyn has expressed interest in succeeding McConnell as minority leader. Cornyn has led a push to maintain conservative stances on immigration policy through his position on the immigration, citizenship, and border security subcommittee. As the ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee's trade subcommittee, he has advocated for the US to rejoin the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal. In the 2020 election, defeated Air Force veteran MJ Hegar (D).



Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)

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Education

Harvard Law School (MA), J.D., 1995; Princeton University (NJ), A.B., 1992; Second Baptist High School (TX)

Professional Career

Attorney, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, 2008-2012; Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Texas at Austin, 2004-2009; Associate Deputy Attorney General, U.S. DOJ, 2001; Director for the Office of Policy Planning, U.S. FTC, 2001-2003; Associate, Cooper, Carvin & Rosenthal PLLC, 1997-1999; Law Clerk, Chambers of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, U.S. Supreme Court, 1996-1997; Law Clerk for Judge J. Michael Luttig, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1995-1996

Background

Born in Canada, Cruz grew up in Texas. He became involved in public service working for the Bush campaign and administration; left that role to be Texas' Solicitor General where he argued high-profile cases to the US Supreme Court in support of conservative causes.

Cruz led an underdog anti-establishment campaign in 2012 to replace Sen. Kay Hutchison (R-TX); successfully triggered and won a run-off against Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst (R).

In 2016, Cruz ran for the GOP nomination and outlasted every Republican except for eventual nominee Donald Trump; strongly opposed Trump's candidacy for much of the campaign but endorsed him in September 2016 and became an ardent supporter.

Voted in Congress on Jan. 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election. Now, Cruz is one of the highest-profile foes of President Biden in the Senate.

Prairie View A&M University Profiles



Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX-10)

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Education

Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government (MA), Att., 2002; St. Mary's University School of Law (TX), J.D., 1987; Trinity University (TX), B.A., 1984

Professional Career

Deputy Attorney General, Criminal Justice, Office of TX Attorney General; Special Assistant, Office of TX Attorney General, 1999-2000; Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas; Project Director, TX Exile; Lawyer, private practice; Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section

Background

After graduating from undergraduate and law school at universities in San Antonio, McCaul started his career as a federal prosecutor; he also served as deputy to then-Texas Attorney General John Cornyn and played a vital role in establishing the office's cyberterrorism efforts.

He previously led the Joint Terrorism Task Force at the Western District of Texas US Attorney's office, where he worked to counter terrorist activity and promote communication and intelligence sharing.

In his first campaign for Congress in 2004, he emphasized his national security credentials, stating that that he would not have a "learning curve" on the issues.

McCaul represents the 10th District, which stretches from Austin to Houston; the high concentration of tech companies in the district led him to found the High-Tech Caucus and drives his support of national investment in semiconductor manufacturing

McCaul prioritizes foreign policy and national security to advance US global leadership and competitiveness, particularly towards China; has also focused on cybersecurity issues related to the southern border

He is passionate about treating pediatric rare diseases and cancer, founding the influential Childhood Cancer Caucus in 2009.

An ambitious politician, McCaul has expressed interest in running for a Senate seat and discussed with former President Trump the possibility of becoming secretary of homeland security; he currently serves as the Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Savannah State University Profiles



Sen. Jon Ossoff (D-GA)

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Education

London School of Economics (UK), M.S., 2013; Georgetown University School of Foreign Service (DC), B.S., 2009; Paideia School, Atlanta, GA, 2005

Professional Career

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Insight TWI, 2013-2021; Legislative Assistant and Correspondent, Office of U.S. Rep. Henry C. Johnson 2007-2012; Intern, Office of U.S. Rep. John R. Lewis (GA05 D)

Background

Born and raised in Atlanta, Ossoff began his career in politics as an intern in the office of late Rep. John Lewis (D-GA5), whom he considered a mentor and "spiritual guide." Ossoff then worked on Rep. Hank Johnson's (D-GA4) first campaign and joined his congressional office, rising to the role of senior legislative assistant; handled issues related to foreign policy, national security, and the economy.

Most recently served as CEO of investigative journalism outlet Insight TWI, where he produced documentaries for BBC on topics such as ISIS, human trafficking, and corruption.

Ossoff first ran for office in 2017, when he lost a special election against Fmr. Rep. Karen Handel (R-GA6) despite a large advantage in fundraising. He won the 2020 Democratic primary to challenge Fmr. Sen. David Perdue (R-GA) and won the general runoff election in a race that drew significant national attention.

Ossoff's general priorities include investment in infrastructure, equitable COVID-19 relief, improved access to health care, climate change, and government accountability.



Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA)

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Education

Morehouse College (GA), B.A., 1991; Sol C. Johnson High School (GA), 1987; Union Theological Seminary (NY), M.Phil, M.Div, Ph.D.

Professional Career

Paster, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA, 2005-2021; Youth Paster and Assistant Pastor, Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York, NY; Ordained Baptist Minister; Pastor, Douglas Memorial Community Church, Baltimore, MD

Background

Warnock grew up in Savannah public housing; attended Morehouse College in Atlanta with the help of Pell Grants and low-interest student loans before obtaining a master's degree and PhD from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. As the Senior Pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, the position held by Martin Luther King Jr. from 1960 to 1968, Warnock has an elevated stature as a civil rights and religious leader.

He became a favorite to run for the seat in 2020, and he received endorsements from top state and national Democratic figures. He won Isakson's seat in the 2020 election, defeating incumbent Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-GA) in both the general election and the runoff; Warnock defended his Senate seat in a December 2022 runoff against Hershel Walker (R).

Supports investments for underserved urban and rural areas, education from pre-K to workforce training, and infrastructure to make the state more resilient to climate change while transitioning to a greener economy; strongly advocates for health care reforms to protect underserved communities.

Savannah State University Profiles



Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA-1)

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Education

University of Georgia School of Pharmacy (GA), B.S., 1980; Young Harris College (GA), A.S., 1977; Robert W. Groves High School, Garden City, GA, 1975

Professional Career

Owner, Carter's Pharmacy, Inc, 1988-1997; Staff Pharmacist and Pharmacy Manager, Rupert Heller's Prescriptions, 1980-1988

Background

In 1996, Carter successfully ran for mayor of Pooler, Georgia after serving on the city's council; his five-term tenure was marked by savvy business decisions that advanced pro-job policies and attracted DaimlerChrysler to build a $750 million cargo van plant, which fell through after his term.

Following his mayorship, he served in the state House for four years and then in the state Senate, eventually rising to deputy whip; he managed issues of water supply, updating sewer infrastructure, and expanding the Savannah Harbor.

As the only pharmacist serving in Congress, Carter acts as co-chair of the Community Pharmacy Caucus, where he has called to remove barriers that prevent many state and private health care plans from compensating pharmacists for patient-care service; in 2018, President Trump signed into law Carter's bill to repeal the "gag clause," which had allowed pharmacy benefit managers to bar pharmacists from informing patients of the cheapest drug options.

He staunchly supports repealing the ACA and is part of the Republican Study Committee's Health Care Taskforce to craft market-oriented legislative alternatives.

He is a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, where he pushes for energy policies to create job opportunities; he avidly supported the Keystone XL Pipeline.

His district covers the entire Georgia coastline, securing Carter a spot on the Select Committee on Climate Change where he promotes beach restoration policies.

Carter voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election.

South Carolina State University Profiles



Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)

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Education

University of South Carolina Law School, Columbia, J.D., 1981; University of South Carolina, M.P.A., 1978; University of South Carolina, Columbia, B.S., 1977; D.W. Daniel High School (SC)

Professional Career

Base Staff Judge Advocate, McEntire Air National Guard Base, SC, 1989-1994; Attorney, Private Practice, 1988-1994; Base legal Office and Area Defense Counsel, U.S. Air Force, Rhein Main Air Force Base, Germany; Circuit Trial Counsel, U.S. Air Force

Background

Graham served in the Air Force Reserves and trained as a member of the Judge Advocate General Corps before becoming a trial attorney. He was inspired to become a politician by Reagan, and was recruited to the South Carolina legislature by GOP activist Ed Mitchell. Prior to Trump's presidency, Graham was seen as a bipartisan senator.

His views on President Trump have evolved significantly; he criticized the future president during the primaries and voted against him in the 2016 election, but later became an advocate against impeachment and a staunch supporter of Trump's policies. Graham defended the certification of the 2020 election; after the Jan. 6 capitol riot, Graham made comments that were widely perceived as a rejection of Trump.

Won reelection in 2020 following an expensive race against Jaime Harrison. During the Biden administration, Graham worked with a group of centrist Democrats and Republicans to craft a bipartisan infrastructure bill that passed both chambers of Congress, and has demonstrated his continued support for Trump.



Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC)

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Education

Charleston Southern University (SC), B.S., 1988; Presbyterian College (SC), Att., 1984

Professional Career

Financial Adviser; Owner, Tim Scott Allstate Insurance Agency; Partner, Pathway Real Estate Group, LLC

Background

The son of low-income single mother, Scott developed profound belief in the power of hard work and education. He officially became a Republican to run for Charleston County Council in 1994; served on the council for thirteen years, eventually becoming chairman.

After one term in the state House, Scott ran for an open Congressional seat in 2010; he defeated Paul Thurmond in the primary and won the general election. He was appointed to his seat by then-Gov. Nikki Haley (R-SC) to finish the term of fmr. Sen. Jim deMint (R-SC); Scott was elected to a full-term with over 60% of the vote in 2016.

In the Senate, Scott has promoted a conservative anti-poverty agenda, including school choice and tax breaks for investment in low-income areas, and been a key participant in bipartisan racial and criminal justice measures, like the 2018 First STEP Act and the 2018 bill to make lynching a federal hate crime.

Scott's influence has steadily risen in the GOP, where he has become a prominent messenger to minority communities and a negotiator on criminal justice and civil rights issues; spoke at the 2020 Republican convention and delivered a rebuttal to

Biden's first speech to a Joint Session of Congress.

Scott entered the 2024 presidential race in May 2023.

South Carolina State University Profiles



Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC-6)

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Education

South Carolina University Law School, 1974; South Carolina State University, B.S., 1962; Mather Academy, Camden (SC), 1957; South Carolina Executive Institute, 1957

Professional Career

Staff Member, Office of Gov. John C. West (SC), 1971-1974; Executive Director, SC Commission for Farm Workers, 1968-1971; Director, Charleston County Neighborhood Youth Corps and New Careers Projects, 1966-1968; Employment Counselor, SC Employment Security Commission, 1965-1966; Teacher, Charleston County Public School Systems

Background

Clyburn is an ambitious party leader who uses his influence to promote equal rights both on the federal and state level.

He began his career as an outspoken civil rights activist who was a leading member of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). Clyburn is currently the highest ranking Black member of Congress and key voice on issues concerning race; frequently engages with national media on current events and initiatives.

Clyburn is an influential Democrat in South Carolina whose support is highly coveted in the state's Democratic presidential primary. His core focus during public service career has been securing funding for development programs to underserved Black communities and to provide Black Americans a path to political leadership.

Key supporter of Vice President Joe Biden; Clyburn's endorsement in the SC primary was critical in turning the tide of the Democratic primary campaign.

Southern University and A&M College Profiles



Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

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Education

Louisiana State University Medical School, M.D., 1983; Louisiana State University, B.S., 1979; Tara High School (LA)

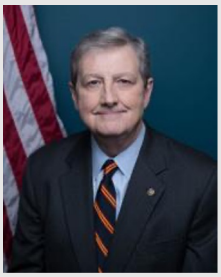
Professional Career

Administrator, Hurricane Katrina K Mart Hospital, 2005; Co-Founder, Baton Rouge Community Clinic, 2001; Associate Professor, Louisiana State University Health Science Center; Physician - Gastroenterologist; Teacher, Earl K. Long Medical Center

Background

Cassidy grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He began working as a doctor, specializing in gastroenterology, working at various LSU medical facilities until 2013. He helped found the Greater Baton Rouge Community Clinic in 1998 to provide free health care to low-income uninsured patients; after Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana in 2005, Cassidy led efforts to form a makeshift clinic in an abandoned K-Mart.

In 2006, Cassidy entered politics as a Republican state senator, and garnered scrutiny for having been registered as a Democrat in the past. Elected to the House in 2008, he served on the Energy and Commerce Committee and supported policies such as incentives for health savings accounts and preventive care, as well as efforts to reduce obesity and prohibit abortion past 20 weeks. He utilizes his background to focus on health care policy; pushed for alternatives to the ACA, and policies to combat opioid addiction, expanded access to mental health care, and incentivize COVID-19 testing. He is one of seven Republican senators who voted to convict fmr. President Trump for inciting the Capitol riots on January 6, 2021; the Louisiana Republican Party censured Cassidy for his vote.



Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA)

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Education

Oxford University (England), B.CL, 1979; University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1977; Vanderbilt University (TN), B.A., 1973; Zachary High School, 1969

Professional Career

Secretary, LA Department of Revenue, 1996-1999; Secretary, LA Governor's Cabinet, 1990-1992; Special Counsel, Office of Governor Buddy Roemer, 1988-1992; Volunteer Substitute Teacher, East Baton Rouge Parish Public Schools; Partner, Attorney, Chafee, McCall, Phillips, Toler & Sarpy, LLP; Adjunct Professor, LA State University Law School

Background

Kennedy was raised in small-town Louisiana and earned law degrees from University of Virginia and Oxford. After a career as a product liability attorney, served as special counsel to Democratic Gov. Buddy Roemer, sparking an interest in politics.

He worked almost two decades as state Treasurer; launched an unsuccessful Senate run in 2004 as a Democrat but was recruited by the state GOP in 2007, running and winning subsequent Treasury campaigns as a Republican. Kennedy prioritizes expanding disaster recovery programs for state population, including through extending and lowering costs of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). He is also considered a watchdog for the taxpayer that pushes for budget cuts and championed the 2017 Republican tax reform bill

Kennedy is a critic of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and has focused on policies that bring transparency to pricing for Medicare-covered drugs. A consistent defender of Trump, Kennedy objected to the certification of electoral votes from Arizona on January 6, 2021.

Southern University and A&M College Profiles



Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA-6)

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Education

American University (DC), Att., 1996; Louisiana Tech University, Att., 1995; Alabama University, Att., 1991; Catholic High School, Baton Rouge, LA, 1990

Professional Career

Director of Office of Coastal Activities, Office of Gov. Bobby Jindal, 2010-2010; Professional Staff Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, 2008; Staff Director, U.S. Senate Committee on Science and Transportation, Subcommittee on Global Climate Changes and Impact, 2007; Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Billy Tauzin (LA03 R), 2004; Staff, Office of U.S. Sen. John Breaux (LA R); Staff, Office of U.S. Sen. David Vitter (LA R); Staff, U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Background

A Baton Rouge native, Graves was born and raised in his district.

He began his political career steeped in Louisiana politics while working for several members of the state's congressional delegation including Sen. John Breaux (D), Rep. Billy Tauzin (R-LA03), and Sen. David Vitter (R); he later worked on the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Graves was elected by then-Governor Bobby Jindal (R-LA) to chair the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority in 2008, where he created a $50 billion plan to repair coastal areas over 50 years, improved the state's hurricane preparedness, and coordinated its response to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

In Congress, he heavily prioritized flood protection legislation and federal disaster response policy as ranking member of the House's former Select Committee on the Climate Crisis and former chair of the Subcommittee on Water Resources; he has secured over $500 million for coastal restoration and flood protection projects for Louisiana.

One of the foremost congressional Republican climate change activists, Graves advocates for US renewable energy innovation, updating the electricity grid system and investing in energy storage technologies; he supported US withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord because of its lenient emissions targets for China.

Graves is committed to the modernization of communication between American citizens and the federal government; he has enacted legislation to allow citizens to digitally request assistance from their congressional representative and more easily apply for FEMA grants electronically.

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Southern University at New Orleans Profiles



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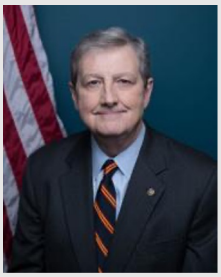
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Southern University at New Orleans Profiles



Rep. Troy Carter (D-LA-2)

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Education

University of Holy Cross (LA), M.B.A., 2021; Xavier University of Louisiana, B.A., 1986; Carnegie-Mellon's Graduate School of Urban and Public Affairs (PA); Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government; University of Virginia Darden School of Business; O. Perry Walker Senior High

Professional Career

Founding Managing Partner, OPES Consigli, LLC, 2013-2019; Senior Management Consultant, Henry Consulting, LLC, 2006-2009; Managing Partner, Policy and Planning Partners, Limited Liability Company, 2002-2021; Managing Director, Family Holdings, Commonwealth Investments; President, News and Brews, Limited Liability Company, 1996-2003; Vice President of Marketing, Materials Management Group, Inc., 1992-1994; Executive Assistant / Legislative Director, Office of New Orleans Mayor Sidney Barthelemy (D), 1986-1992; Former Adjunct Instructor of Political Science, Xavier University of Louisiana

Background

Carter started his political career as an executive assistant for former Mayor of New Orleans Sidney Barthelemy (D), working with him for six years, In 1992, Carter was elected to Louisiana's House of Representatives to represent the 102nd District, becoming the first Black individual and youngest floor leader elected to represent the district in the state House; worked on education, infrastructure, and cultural affairs reform projects.

Carter served on New Orleans' City Council for eight years, representing the French Quarter and the New Orleans Westbank; under Carter's tenure, crime rates in his district decreased, large buses were banned from the French Quarter, and he secured more than $100 million in street repairs for park and playgrounds.

After running an unsuccessful campaign in 2006 for the seat he is currently seeking, Carter took a break from Louisiana politics, working as the managing partner of Policy & Planning Partners and as CEO of Commonwealth Investments; returned to the public sphere in 2016 after being elected to Louisiana's state senate to represent the 7th District.

During the campaign for Louisiana's 2nd District, vacated by White House Advisor Cedric Richmond, Carter emphasized his prior lawmaking experience and bipartisan style; earned endorsements from several prominent members of Congress, such as Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-SC6) and Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY8). He defeated state Sen. Karen Peterson (D) in the April 24, 2021 runoff election.

Southern University at Shreveport - Bossier City Profiles



Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

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Education

Louisiana State University Medical School, M.D., 1983; Louisiana State University, B.S., 1979; Tara High School (LA)

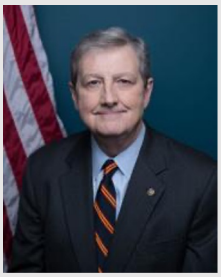
Professional Career

Administrator, Hurricane Katrina K Mart Hospital, 2005; Co-Founder, Baton Rouge Community Clinic, 2001; Associate Professor, Louisiana State University Health Science Center; Physician - Gastroenterologist; Teacher, Earl K. Long Medical Center

Background

Cassidy grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He began working as a doctor, specializing in gastroenterology, working at various LSU medical facilities until 2013. He helped found the Greater Baton Rouge Community Clinic in 1998 to provide free health care to low-income uninsured patients; after Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana in 2005, Cassidy led efforts to form a makeshift clinic in an abandoned K-Mart.

In 2006, Cassidy entered politics as a Republican state senator, and garnered scrutiny for having been registered as a Democrat in the past. Elected to the House in 2008, he served on the Energy and Commerce Committee and supported policies such as incentives for health savings accounts and preventive care, as well as efforts to reduce obesity and prohibit abortion past 20 weeks. He utilizes his background to focus on health care policy; pushed for alternatives to the ACA, and policies to combat opioid addiction, expanded access to mental health care, and incentivize COVID-19 testing. He is one of seven Republican senators who voted to convict fmr. President Trump for inciting the Capitol riots on January 6, 2021; the Louisiana Republican Party censured Cassidy for his vote.



Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA)

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Education

Oxford University (England), B.CL, 1979; University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1977; Vanderbilt University (TN), B.A., 1973; Zachary High School, 1969

Professional Career

Secretary, LA Department of Revenue, 1996-1999; Secretary, LA Governor's Cabinet, 1990-1992; Special Counsel, Office of Governor Buddy Roemer, 1988-1992; Volunteer Substitute Teacher, East Baton Rouge Parish Public Schools; Partner, Attorney, Chafee, McCall, Phillips, Toler & Sarpy, LLP; Adjunct Professor, LA State University Law School

Background

Kennedy was raised in small-town Louisiana and earned law degrees from University of Virginia and Oxford. After a career as a product liability attorney, served as special counsel to Democratic Gov. Buddy Roemer, sparking an interest in politics.

He worked almost two decades as state Treasurer; launched an unsuccessful Senate run in 2004 as a Democrat but was recruited by the state GOP in 2007, running and winning subsequent Treasury campaigns as a Republican. Kennedy prioritizes expanding disaster recovery programs for state population, including through extending and lowering costs of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). He is also considered a watchdog for the taxpayer that pushes for budget cuts and championed the 2017 Republican tax reform bill

Kennedy is a critic of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and has focused on policies that bring transparency to pricing for Medicare-covered drugs. A consistent defender of Trump, Kennedy objected to the certification of electoral votes from Arizona on January 6, 2021.

Southern University at Shreveport - Bossier City Profiles



Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA-4)

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Education

Louisiana State University Law School, J.D., 1998; Louisiana State University, B.S., 1995; Captain Shreve High School (LA), 1990

Professional Career

Chief Counsel, Freedom Guard; Attorney; Partner, Kitchens Law Firm

Background

A lifelong resident of Shreveport, Louisiana, Johnson started his career in constitutional law as a member of the moot court team at Louisiana State University, from which he received his bachelor's and legal degrees

He operated a private law firm where he practiced constitutional law and advocated for conservative principles while representing members of Congress, governors, local politicians, and municipalities in First Amendment cases.

Johnson was elected to the Louisiana State House in 2015, developing a reputation as a dependable social and economic conservative who supported strict religious freedom laws opposing gay marriage and abortion procedures; he helped pass the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act limiting abortion access and sponsored legislation prohibiting government fines against businesses that discriminated against same-sex couples.

He easily won Louisiana's fourth congressional seat in 2016 and has continued to promote religious liberty and free-market ideals in Congress; in 2019, he sponsored the History and Tradition Protection Act to protect religious liberties and expression.

On the House Natural Resources Committee, he advocated for his district's agriculture, natural gas, and steel interests with deregulatory legislation; he sponsored a bill in 2018 that aimed to decrease regulations established in the Endangered Species Act to better support American farmers and ranchers.

After serving as chair of the Republican Study Committee in the 116th Congress, Johnson was the ranking member of the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties; House Republicans also elected Johnson as vice chair of the House Republican Conference in 2020, vowing to take a bold stance in advancing conservative policies.

After more than three weeks without a House Speaker, Johnson was elected as the chamber's new leader on October 25, 2023 by consolidating House Republican support as the fourth nominee since Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA-20) was ousted from the position.

Tennessee State University Profiles



Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)

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Education

Mississippi State University, B.S., 1973

Professional Career

Owner, Marketing Strategies; Director of Retail Fashion and Special Events, Mercantile Stores, Inc., Caster Knott Company Division, 1975-1978; Sales Manager, Times Mirror, Inc., 1973-1975; Student Manager (CA), Southwestern College, 1971-1973

Background

Originally from Mississippi, Blackburn started her career in sales and marketing, becoming interested in running for office after chairing the Williamson County Republican Party from 1989 to 1991, and unsuccessfully ran for Congress in 1992.

Blackburn successfully ran for state Senate in 1998, ultimately rising to the position of minority whip. In state government, she focused on reducing taxes, giving her an anti-tax, pro-business reputation in Tennessee. She won a seat in the House in 2002, and served for eight terms before winning her Senate seat in 2018. A staunch fiscal conservative, Blackburn is a strong supporter of cutting government spending, telecommunications policy, national security issues, and pro-life abortion policies; chaired investigations into Planned Parenthood and advocates for prohibiting federal funding for abortion providers.

Blackburn was a member of former President Trump's transition team; supported his claims of victory regarding the 2020 election and stated she would oppose the Electoral College certification of the results, but reversed her position following the Jan. 6 insurrection on January 6, 2021.



Sen. Bill Hagerty (R-TN)

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Education

Vanderbilt University Law School (TN), J.D., 1984; Vanderbilt University (TN), B.S., 1981; Madisonville North Hopkins High School (KY), 1977

Professional Career

Co-Founder, Managing Director, Hagerty Peterson and Company, LLC, 1997-2017; Private Equity Investor, Trident Capital, 1993-1994; Economic Advisor and White House Fellow, Office of NASA Administrator and Office of Vice President, 1991-1993; International Management Consultant, Senior Expatriate Japan, Boston Consulting Group, Tokyo and Beijing, 1984-1991; Senior Executive, CyMed, Powerwaty Inc., Sound AdviceNEW Customer Services Company; Chief Executive Officer, ALAM, Limited

Background

Hagerty began his business career at Boston Consulting Group as the senior expatriate in the Tokyo office. He joined the George H.W. Bush White House as a fellow and became an associate director of the Council on Economic Competitiveness. Hagerty worked as Mitt Romney's national finance director in 2008 and on his transition team in 2012, and played a significant role in former President Trump's 2016 campaign, running his Tennessee Victory Committee and his presidential appointments team. As ambassador to Japan, he negotiated trade agreements to benefit the US agriculture industry and digital commerce.

In his 2020 campaign, Hagerty closely embraced Trump's policy agenda and easily won his solidly red state. After joining a group of senators who intended to oppose certifying 2020 election results, Hagerty reversed course after the Jan. 6 riot and voted to confirm the election results. He has focused on foreign policy and introduced an Election security bill; he opposes Biden's major legislative proposals On infrastructure and the economy.

Tennessee State University Profiles



Rep. Mark Green (R-TN-7)

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Education

Wright State University (OH), M.D., 1999; University of Southern California, Mast. Deg., 1987; U.S. Military Academy, West Point (NY), B.S., 1986

Professional Career

President and CEO, Linden Risk Management, LLC, 5 Stone Consulting, LLC; Founder, President, and CEO, Align MD, MD Partners, PLLC, 2011-2019; Chief of Staff, Department of Emergency Medicine (various locations); Rep. Green has had an extensive military career, serving as a Special Operation Flight Surgeon, Resident and Chief Resident, Airborne Rifle Company Commander, Battalion Supply, Budget and Logistics Officer, Battalion Human Resources Director, Scout Platoon Leader, and Mechanized Infantry Rifle Platoon Leader

Background

Green grew up in rural Mississippi and worked on a hog farm before attending West Point. He served 20 years in the Army, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel and becoming an emergency care and flight surgeon; he helped with the 2003 capture of Saddam Hussein and wrote a book on the experience.

Upon leaving the military, Green founded a successful emergency department staffing company and opened two free medical clinics in underserved counties in Tennessee.

Elected to the Tennessee state Senate in 2012, Green gained recognition for his legislation to provide health savings accounts to Medicaid beneficiaries and his work to repeal the Hall Income Tax on investments and to pass the Tennessee Teacher Bill of Rights.

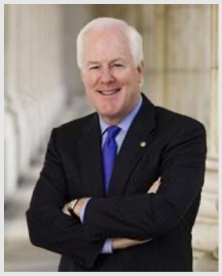
He was nominated for Secretary of the Army in 2017 but withdrew his nomination, citing strong objections from Democrats and what he viewed as "attacks" on his Christian faith. Green briefly considered running for governor before launching his 2018 congressional bid after Martha Blackburn (R-TN) decided to run for Senate.

Green sponsored a series of bills aimed at helping fund and maintain rural hospitals but has opposed Medicaid expansion; he proposed state-level pilot programs to test an alternative Medicaid program leveraging earned income tax credits to incentivize savings and lower health care costs.

His national security priorities include bolstering NATO, strengthening US ties with Israel, and curbing Chinese influence; sponsored a bill to bar Chinese military acquisition of sensitive American technology.

Voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election.

Texas Southern University Profiles



Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)

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Education

University of Virginia, LL.M., 1995; St. Mary's School of Law (TX), J.D., 1977; Trinity University (TX), B.A., 1973

Professional Career

Chairman, James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Board of Trustees, 2009-2021; Presiding Judge, 4th Administrative Judicial Region, 1989-1992; Judge, Bexer County 37th District Court, 1985-1990; Partner and Associate, Groce, Locke and Hebden, 1977-1984; Associate, Thompson and Knight

Background

Born in Texas, Cornyn's father worked in the Air Force, and the family relocated to Japan while Cornyn was in high school. After a stint in malpractice law, Cornyn ran for the district court and won a district judge position in San Antonio, often taking a pro-business stance in decisions. He eventually won election to the Texas Supreme Court.

After one term as the attorney general of Texas, he successfully ran for Senate in 2002. Cornyn vocally supported Bush's judicial nominees, and led opposition to Obama's.

Cornyn entered GOP leadership during his first term, became whip during his third term under Mitch McConnell, holding the position until 2019; Cornyn has expressed interest in succeeding McConnell as minority leader. Cornyn has led a push to maintain conservative stances on immigration policy through his position on the immigration, citizenship, and border security subcommittee. As the ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee's trade subcommittee, he has advocated for the US to rejoin the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal. In the 2020 election, defeated Air Force veteran MJ Hegar (D).



Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)

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Education

Harvard Law School (MA), J.D., 1995; Princeton University (NJ), A.B., 1992; Second Baptist High School (TX)

Professional Career

Attorney, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, 2008-2012; Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Texas at Austin, 2004-2009; Associate Deputy Attorney General, U.S. DOJ, 2001; Director for the Office of Policy Planning, U.S. FTC, 2001-2003; Associate, Cooper, Carvin & Rosenthal PLLC, 1997-1999; Law Clerk, Chambers of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, U.S. Supreme Court, 1996-1997; Law Clerk for Judge J. Michael Luttig, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1995-1996

Background

Born in Canada, Cruz grew up in Texas. He became involved in public service working for the Bush campaign and administration; left that role to be Texas' Solicitor General where he argued high-profile cases to the US Supreme Court in support of conservative causes.

Cruz led an underdog anti-establishment campaign in 2012 to replace Sen. Kay Hutchison (R-TX); successfully triggered and won a run-off against Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst (R).

In 2016, Cruz ran for the GOP nomination and outlasted every Republican except for eventual nominee Donald Trump; strongly opposed Trump's candidacy for much of the campaign but endorsed him in September 2016 and became an ardent supporter. Voted in Congress on Jan. 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election. Now, Cruz is one of the highest-profile foes of President Biden in the Senate.

Texas Southern University Profiles



Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)

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Education

University of Virginia Law School, J.D., 1975; Yale University (CT), B.A., 1972; New York University; Jamaica High School (NY)

Professional Career

Trial Attorney, Fulbright and Jaworski; Trial Attorney, Booker T. Morris; Senior Attorney, United Energy Resources, Inc.; Senior Counsel, U.S. House Select Committee on Assassinations

Background

Jackson Lee styled her career after pioneering politician Barbara Jordan, following a legal career in corporate energy and four years on Houston city council addressing gun control and gang violence.

She is active on homeland security issues; she successfully authored bills regarding reporting risks to U.S. merchant vessels and pipelines.

Her other sponsored bills tackle criminal justice reform through addressing racial bias in law enforcement and reducing youth incarceration.

Jackson Lee's senior membership on the Judiciary Committee gave her a prominent role drafting the articles of impeachment against former President Trump.

She has entered a crowded field of candidates running to become Houston's mayor.

Tuskegee University Profiles



Sen. Katie Britt (R-AL)

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Education

University of Alabama School of Law, J.D., 2013; University of Alabama, B.A., 2004; Enterprise High School, 2000

Professional Career

Chief of Staff, Office of U.S. Sen. Richard C. Shelby (AL R), 2016-2018; Attorney, Butler Snow, LLP, 2014-2016; Attorney, Johnston Barton Proctor & Rose, LLP, 2013-2014; Press Secretary, U.S. Senate, 2004-2007

Background

After serving as the youngest press secretary on Capitol Hill at the time, Britt rose through the ranks of Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)'s office. Notably, she led efforts during the selections of Alabama court judges and Supreme Court justice confirmation hearings of Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh.

A lawyer and CEO of the Business Council of Alabama (BCA), Britt has experience communicating business interests with elected officials. She also prioritizes centering Alabama in state, federal, and international policies, especially in foreign trade, national security, broadband access, and low-cost energy sources.

In 2021, Britt announced her bid to be the next Senator for Alabama with the endorsement of Sen. Shelby. In May 2022, Britt won the largest share of votes in the primary, but failed to capture a majority; prior to the June runoff against Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL5), Britt received former President Trump's endorsement. Britt defeated Brooks in the runoff and then won the general election in November 2022 against Will Boyd (D).



Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL)

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Education

Southern Arkansas University, B.A.E., 1976; Harmony Grove High School, Benton, AR, 1972

Professional Career

Broadcast Staff Member, ESPN; Sen. Tuberville has experience as the head coach or strategic coordinator of a variety of Division I football teams

Background

A retired college football coach well-known in Alabama for his time at Auburn University, Tuberville defeated former Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Sen. Doug Jones to represent Alabama in the Senate.

Tuberville began coaching high school football after graduating, working his way up to college football, eventually becoming head coach at the University of Mississippi, though he is best known for his head coaching tenure at Auburn University.

Moved to Alabama from Florida in 2018 and decided to run for Senate following former Sen. Doug Jones' (D-AL) victory over former chief justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama Roy Moore (R).

During his primary campaign, Tuberville was an ardent supporter of President Trump, whose endorsement helped him secure the nomination in a runoff election over former Alabama Senator and US Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

Running on a conservative platform closely tied to President Trump, he successfully unseated incumbent Doug Jones by 22 points.

Tuskegee University Profiles



Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL-3)

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Education

Birmingham School of Law (AL), J.D., 1991; Jacksonville State University (AL), M.P.A., 1984; Jacksonville State University (AL), B.A., 1981; Saks High School (AL)

Professional Career

Small Business Owner; Associate, Rogers, Young, Wollstein and Hughes, LLC

Background

Rogers began his political career through two terms in the Alabama House of Representatives.

He established relationships with his surrounding Montgomery community, including institutions like Tuskegee and Auburn University.

Rogers focuses on issues that impact the local economy, particularly agriculture and trade; he assesses the impact of trade deals on local industries and promotes bills that subsidize or support farms like those in his district.

He prioritizes homeland security and national defense policy, ranging from immigration to increased U.S. nuclear weapon capacity.

As former Ranking Member on the Committee on Homeland Security, Rogers focused on improving FEMA's disaster response and securing U.S. borders.

He calls attention to U.S. security threats through emphasis on stronger border control and the creation of a Space Force

Rogers was selected to be the Ranking Member for the House Armed Services Committee for the 117th Congress and currently serves as the Committee Chair.

He voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election.

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Profiles



Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)

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Education

Southern College of Optometry (TN), O.D., 1977; University of Arkansas, 1972; North Side High School (AR)

Professional Career

Beef Cattle Producer; Co-Founder, Boozman-Hof Regional Eye Clinic; Optometrist, AR School for the Blind

Background

A fifth-generation Arkansan who played football at the University of Arkansas, Boozman practiced optometry in Arkansas, co-founding a clinic with his brother and volunteering his services to low-income families; helped establish the low-vision program at the Arkansas School for the Blind. Boozman entered politics by successfully running for school board in 1994, eventually working on his brother's unsuccessful campaign for the US Senate four years later.

He ran for the US House unopposed in a special election in 2001 after fmr. Rep. and current Governor Asa Hutchinson (R-AR) resigned to head the Drug Enforcement Agency; Boozman served in the House for a decade before decisively beating incumbent Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D-AR) in 2010. He focuses on the agricultural sector, veterans' services, and accessible public health services, particularly through funding government programs.

Boozman became ranking member of the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee in February 2021.



Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR)

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Education

Harvard Law School (MA), J.D., 2002; Harvard University (MA), A.B., 1999; Claremont Graduate University, Att., 1999; Dardanelle High School (AR), 1995

Professional Career

Operations Officer of a Provincial Reconstruction Team, U.S. Army, 2008-2009; Platoon Leader, The Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery, 2006-2008; Platoon Leader, 101st Airborne, U.S. Army, 2006; Attorney; Management Consultant, McKinsey and Company; Law Clerk, Chambers of Judge Jerry Smith, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Background

Raised in Arkansas on a cattle farm, Cotton earned degrees from Harvard before joining the Army after 9/11. While serving in Iraq as a platoon leader, Cotton attracted significant attention from conservative thought leaders after penning a strongly-worded letter to the New York Times following the paper's publication of sensitive national security information

He left active duty in 2010 and spent two years in consulting before running for Arkansas' 4th District seat in 2012; won the general election by comfortable margins in a traditionally blue district. Cotton joined forces with anti-establishment conservatives, breaking with party leadership on issues like the 2013 bipartisan immigration reform proposal.

In 2014, Cotton defeated incumbent Sen. Mark Pryor (D-AR). In the Senate, Cotton's profile has continued to rise through his outspokenness on issues including immigration, criminal justice, and foreign policy. Cotton remains a strong supporter of former President Trump, who he aligns with on immigration, economic, and foreign policy, but declined to join Republicans who voted against certifying the 2020 election on January 6.

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Profiles



Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR-4)

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Education

Yale University (CT), M.S., 2001; University of Arkansas, B.S., 1990; Fountain Lake High School, Hot Springs, AR, 1986

Professional Career

Consulting Engineer, Mid-South Engineering, 1992-2014; Plant Engineer, Richland Foods, 1991-1992; Staff Member, Office of U.S. Sen. David Pryor (AR R)

Background

Westerman was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and earned a bachelor's degree in biological and agricultural engineering at the University of Arkansas, where he played for the Razorbacks football team.

He completed his master's degree in forestry at Yale University and worked as an engineer and forester at Riceland Food and Mid-South Engineering.

Westerman served two terms in the Arkansas state House, where he became House majority leader during the 2013 GOP takeover of the House; he gained recognition for his fiscal conservatism and strong opposition to the expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

He was initially elected to Congress in 2014, filling a vacancy left by then-Rep. Tom Cotton (R-AR), who opted to run for Senate.

As a former leader on the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee, Westerman tackles infrastructure issues important to his district including wastewater management and access to potable water; the subcommittee's bipartisan 2020 Water Resources Development Act passed the House and included provisions to improve Arkansas waterways.

Westerman served on the minority whip team under the leadership of then-House Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA01); he has served in leadership on the House Natural Resources Committee since 2020 and became chair of the committee in the 2023.

Leading up to the 2022 elections, Westerman outlined a comprehensive plan to reform natural resources policy; he seeks to increase congressional control of environmental processes, mandate leasing for several energy development programs, and streamline environmental review.

University of Maryland Eastern Shore Profiles



Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)

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Education

Villa Julie College (MD), LL.D., 2007; University of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1967; University of Pittsburgh (PA), B.A., 1964; Baltimore City College High School (MD), 1961

Professional Career

Attorney, Rosen and Esterson, 1967-1978

Background

Born in Baltimore, Cardin has been referred to as the former "boy wonder" of Maryland politics, having been elected to the House of Delegates at age 23 and elevated to Speaker by age 35.

In the House and in the Senate, Cardin has worked to integrate human rights into foreign policy, including by sanctioning countries like Russia and China for human rights abuses. As the lead Democrat on the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, has pushed for policies that increase business opportunity for minority communities. Cardin is a leader on legislation surrounding retirement security through 401(k) expansion.

Supports protecting and expanding Medicare and the Affordable Care Act (ACA), including by adding coverage for cancer screenings and pediatric dental services. Cardin frequently cosponsors legislation with Republicans and has become well-known for his bipartisanship.

Engages with international organizations on strategies to enhance cooperation and security, representing the U.S. at organizations including the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.



Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

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Education

Georgetown University (DC), J.D., 1990; John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (MA), M.P.P., 1985; Swarthmore College (PA), B.A., 1982

Professional Career

Attorney, Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn, 1991-2002; Senior Advisor, Office of Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer, 1988-1991; Staff Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, 1987-1989; Legislative Assistant, Office of U.S. Sen. Charles Mathias (MD R), 1982-1987

Background

Born in Pakistan to a US Ambassador and a State Department officer, Van Hollen grew up in Asia before he moved to the US to attend boarding school. After earning his MPP from Harvard, Van Hollen began his political career by working for Sen. Charles Mathias (R-MD) and later for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He was elected to the MD House of Delegates in 1990 and to the MD Senate four years later; successfully ran for Congress in 2002 and campaigned with the support of progressive organizations that focused on the environment and gun control. During his 7th-term in the House, Van Hollen managed candidate recruitment and served as chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC); while DCCC chair, Van Hollen was selected to be an assistant to Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA14).

After Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) announced her retirement in 2015, Van Hollen ran for her seat and won. He served as chair of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC) during his first two years in the Senate.

University of Maryland Eastern Shore Profiles



Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD-1)

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Education

Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Hygiene and Public Health (MD), M.H.S., 1995; Johns Hopkins University (MD), M.D., 1980; Johns Hopkins University (MD), B.S., 1977; Regis High School (NY), 1974; University of Pennsylvania, Att., 1975

Professional Career

Associate Professor of Anesthesiologist and Critical Care Medicine, Johns Hopkins Hospital; Anesthesiologist; Chief of Obstetric Anesthesiology, John Hopkins Hospital

Background

Born in Brooklyn, New York to parents who immigrated from Eastern Europe to escape communism; attended Johns Hopkins for his BS, MD, and Master's in Health Science. Harris served in the US Naval Medical Corps, where he was called up to duty at Bethesda Naval Hospital during Operation Desert Storm.

Defeated the Maryland Senate Minority Leader in the 1998 Republican Primary; while in the state Senate, Harris opposed environmental regulations, state spending, and drivers' licenses and in-state tuition for immigrants who entered the United States illegally.

Defeated former Rep. Wayne Gilchrest, a moderate Republican, in a 2008 primary; ran on a platform of lower taxes and spending and lost narrowly to Democrat Frank Kratovil, whom Gilchrest endorsed. Harris ran again in 2010, winning on a similar platform while attacking Kratovil for failing to commit to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Legislates on biomedical research issues, with bills aimed at prohibiting human cloning and ensuring funding for high-risk, high-reward research; has also introduced numerous niche bills on footwear duties, plant importation paperwork, and bonds for border wall construction. Harris also maintains strong anti-marijuana stance; believes that only limited medical benefits exist, and supports research to uncover what he believes will be detriments and prove a lack of medical uses for the drug.

Criticized Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) for his stay at home order in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, noting his own medical background in deeming conditions safe to begin to reopen Maryland in May 2020.

Voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election.

University of the District of Columbia Profiles



Del. Eleanor Norton (D-DC)

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Education

Yale University School of Law (CT), J.D., 1964; Yale University (CT), M.A., 1963; Antioch College (OH), B.A., 1960; Dunbar High School (DC), 1955

Professional Career

Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center, 1982-1991; Senior Fellow, The Urban Institute, 1981-1982; Executive Assistant, Office of Mayor John V. Lindsay (NY), 1971-1974; Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law, New York University Law School, 1970-1971; Assistant Legal Director, American Civil Liberties Union, 1965-1971; Law Clerk, Office of the Federal District Court Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, 1964-1965

Background

Norton is a third generation Washingtonian and daughter of a District government employee and a school teacher; considers herself "deep DC."

Prior to running for Congress, she dedicated her professional career to racial and gender equality, working at the American Civil Liberties Union, the New York City Commission on Human Rights, and as a law professor; at the New York City Commission on Human Rights, held the first public hearings in the country on discrimination against women.

Served as head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in the Carter administration, where she issued the first federal guidelines on what constitutes sexual harassment.

Elected in 1990, Norton is a non-voting delegate; vocal proponent of DC statehood, advocating for full congressional representation and ending the need for congressional review of local DC laws.

Focuses on initiatives to grow the District's economy, including through DC homebuyer tax credits, business tax incentives, wage credits for employing DC residents, and scholarships for high school graduates.

Chair of the House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, where she has pushed for green transportation and greater use of technology to reduce congestion.

University of the Virgin Islands Profiles



Del. Stacey Plaskett (D-VI)

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Education

American University, Washington College of Law (DC), J.D., 1994; Georgetown University School of Foreign Service (DC), B.S., 1984

Professional Career

Deputy General Counsel, AmeriChoice, a division of United HealthGroup, 2004-2006; Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, 2002-2004; Legal Counsel, Mitchel Madison Group, 1997-1999; Employee, Jones Day; Attorney, private practice; Counsel, U.S. House Committee on Ethics; Assistant District Attorney, Bronx, NY; General Counsel, Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority; Staff, American Medical Association; Counsel for the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice; Staff, Office of Del. Ron de Lugo (VI), U.S. House of Representatives

Background

Born in Brooklyn, NY and raised by two parents from Saint Croix, US Virgin Islands, Plaskett attended public schools throughout her childhood and was selected to attend Choate Rosemary Hall preparatory school in Connecticut for high school.

She moved to Washington, DC to attend college and eventually earned a law degree while working full-time as a lobbyist with the American Medical Association and the law firm Jones Day.

Plaskett began career as an assistant district attorney in Bronx County, NY where she frequently worked with the narcotics bureau; was later appointed as senior counsel to the deputy attorney general for the Justice Department's civil rights division under the George W. Bush administration, working to increase the number of minority and women attorneys at the Justice Department. She gained experience in the private sector as legal counsel focused on internal corporate investigations for the management consulting firm Mitchell Madison Group and as counsel in the Medicaid and Medicare division of UnitedHealth Group.

Plaskett moved to the Virgin Islands in 2007 and began legal work for the territory's economic development authority before successfully running for Congress in 2014; now in her fourth term as a delegate, Plaskett serves as a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, New Democrat Coalition, and as co-chair of the Congressional Caribbean Caucus.

Though a non-voting member of Congress, Plaskett prioritizes issues related to infrastructure, rural economic development, and higher education for her district; served as a House manager during the second impeachment trial of President Trump, becoming the first non-voting member of Congress to take on the role

Virginia State University Profiles



Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA)

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Education

Harvard Law School, J.D., 1983; University of Missouri, A.B., 1979; Rockhurst High School

Professional Career

Attorney, MS Candich & Kaine PC; Professor of Legal Ethics, University of Richmond Law School

Background

Kaine served as an educator and missionary in Honduras before law school, working with a Jesuit organization in a technical school. After graduating from Harvard Law, he worked as a civil rights attorney, fighting against racially discriminatory housing practices.

Kaine was inspired to run for office by his father-in-law, Linwood Holton, who held the VA governorship during integration; first served on Richmond's city council and then as mayor. He campaigned for Governor of Virginia on quality of life improvements, including infrastructure development; he faced difficulty with Republican majorities in the legislature, who opposed tax increases to fund projects.

Was recruited to run for Senate by President Obama; popularity as a Democratic figure won him the VP nomination in 2016. Kaine is one of relatively few officials to serve at local, state, and federal levels of government.

Worked to negotiate Biden's Build Back Better Agenda in the Senate and has served as a key leader in ensuring some of the priorities remain in budgetary measures; specifically emphasizes that aspects of the bill's health care, education, and workforce support policies will remain a priority for the Senate.



Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA)

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Education

Harvard University Law School, J.D., 1980; George Washington University (DC), B.A., 1977

Professional Career

Founding Partner and Managing Director, Columbia Capital Corporation, 1989-2002; Democratic Fundraiser, 1980-1982; Intern, Office of U.S. Sen. Christopher Dodd (CT D); Co-Founder, Capital Cellular Corporation; Intern, Office of U.S. Sen. Abe Ribicoff (CT D); Intern, Office of U.S. Rep. Ella Grasso (CT06 D)

Background

Warner worked for several Connecticut politicos while completing his undergraduate degree in DC. In his early career, Warner built his own businesses before founding his own venture capital firm; he also worked in the Virginia political sphere, serving within the state party and on the state transportation board.

After a failed Senate campaign in 1996, Warner ran for governor in 2001, emphasizing rural priorities. As Governor, Warner focused on fiscal issues, working to maintain Virginia's credit rating through balancing the state budget without raising taxes statewide. He ran for Senate in 2008, with the endorsement of the exiting GOP incumbent, and won.

His first Senate term heavily focused on financial policy, while his second term pivoted to current tech and cybersecurity focus. He identifies strongly with entrepreneurial and tech communities. Warner is one of the wealthiest members of Congress with an estimated net worth of around $200M, primarily from early investments in mobile phone franchise licenses and tech companies. Warner has made substantial efforts to build bipartisan coalitions.

Virginia State University Profiles



Rep. Jennifer McClellan (D-VA-4)

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Education

Sorensen Institute of Political Leadership, 2001; University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1997; University of Richmond (VA), B.A., 1994; Chesterfield County Public High School

Professional Career

Guest Columnist, Richmond Times Dispatch (during the General Assembly Sessions); Former Assistant General Counsel, Verizon Communications, Mid-Atlantic South; Program Director, Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Prelaw Institute; Associate Attorney, Hunton & Williams, 1997-2002; Former Clerk, VA State Senate Clerk's Office, Gov. Doug Wilder's Policy Office, Richmond Office, U.S. Sen. Chuck Robb

Background

Raised in Petersburg, Virginia, McClellan grew up learning from her parents work in education and activism; inspired by her father, a professor and civil rights activist, and her mother, a counselor, McClellan “dedicated herself to ensuring government was that force of positive change for all.”

She graduated from the University of Richmond in 1994 with degrees in English and political science; as a law student, she served in leadership positions at the Virginia Law Review and University of Virginia School of Law Student Council.

McClellan joined a law firm based in Richmond, Virginia, after graduating from law school in 1997; after working at Hunton & Williams for five years and being named partner, McClellan shifted to a position at Verizon Communications as their in-house counsel.

She won her first election for public office in 2006 as a state delegate for Virginia’s 71st District; she left the Virginia House of Delegates in 2017 to take on the state Senate seat vacated by the Rep. Donald McEachin (D-VA4), as he won election to the US House.

As state senator for Virginia’s 9th District, she became a strong voice for renewable energy, voting rights, workers’ rights, and women’s rights.

She campaigned for governor of Virginia in 2021 but lost in the Democratic primary; after the passing of Rep. McEachin in November 2022, she decided to campaign to replace him and become the first Black woman to represent Virginia in Congress.

McClellan defeated pastor Leon Benjamin (R) in the February 2023 special election to represent Virginia's fourth congressional district.

West Virginia State University Profiles



Sen. Shelley Capito (R-WV)

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Education

University of Virginia, M.Ed., 1976; Duke University (NC), B.S., 1975

Professional Career

Career Counselor, West Virginia State College, 1976-1978

Background

Born in West Virginia, Capito is the daughter of former Rep. and three-term Gov. Arch Moore Jr. (R-WV). Capito began her career in the West Virginia State University system as a college counselor before entering state politics; she served two terms in the state House of Delegates and decided to run for federal office.

Elected to the US House in 2000 and the US Senate in 2014, Capito was the first Republican to win a House race in West Virginia in nearly 20 years and later became the state's first woman senator.

Champions the state's coal industry and is a leading advocate for natural gas development through the proposed Appalachian Storage Hub. As ranking member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Capito encourages investment in West Virginia's highway and water infrastructure and promotes public-private partnerships to advance broadband access.

Capito gained media attention alongside Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) in the spring of 2021 for her role in negotiating with Democrats' on the Biden administration's American Jobs Plan infrastructure package, seeking reduced costs and focusing on physical core infrastructure rather than "social infrastructure" like child care.



Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV)

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Education

West Virginia University, B.S., 1970; Farmington High School (WV), 1965

Professional Career

President, Marion County Rescue Squad, 2000-2004; Owner and Operator, Manchin's Carpet Center, 1970; Owner, Enersystems Inc.

Background

Manchin has held different elected offices in West Virginia for nearly 31 years; a Democrat from a deep red state whose refusal to toe the party line has earned him an independent reputation back home and given him political power in the Senate, particularly as the swing vote in a narrow Democratic majority.

As governor, he worked to expand health care to vulnerable populations and fought for increased protections for coal miners. In the Senate, Manchin maintains a strong commitment to bipartisanship, forging several key relationships with Republicans.

He focuses on policies that address issues in rural communities, including expansion of rural broadband and combatting opioid crisis. He also supports policies benefitting state's coal industry and its miners, like securing permanent health care and pension benefits.

As one of the most conservative members of a narrow Democratic Senate majority, Manchin's vote is pivotal to passing President Joe Biden's legislative agenda; he has sought to reduce the overall size of the Democratic reconciliation bill, add means-testing to certain programs within it, and protect fossil fuels that are vital to his state's economy.

West Virginia State University Profiles



Rep. Carol Miller (R-WV-1)

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Education

Columbia College (SC), B.S., 1972; Bexley High School, Columbus (OH)

Professional Career

Owner, Swann Ridge Bison Farmer; Self-Employed, Real Estate Manager

Background

A bison farmer with extensive political experience, Miller represents a solidly pro-Trump district where she found a niche in transportation and infrastructure.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, Miller is the daughter of the late Rep. Samuel Devine (R-OH12) who inspired her interest in politics. Miller currently manages real estate and owns and operates Swann Ridge Bison Farm.

Served in the West Virginia House of Delegates for 22 years where she rose to the rank of majority whip and chaired the Small Business Committee. As a delegate, she received national attention from advocacy groups for her work on "justice reinvestment," a movement to enroll low-level drug offenders in treatment while they serve out their sentences; the county she lives in has the highest opioid-related overdose death rate in the country.

In Congress, she serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and touts her work securing funding for local projects to build waterlines, stabilize floodwalls, improve pipeline safety efforts, and update public transportation; passed legislation in the House that requires small airports to maintain lactation areas for nursing mothers.

Voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election.

Winston-Salem State University Profiles



Sen. Ted Budd (R-NC)

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Education

Wake Forest University (NC), M.B.A., 2007; Dallas Theological Seminary (TX), M.Th., 1998; Appalachian State University (NC), B.S., 1994; Davie County High School, 1990

Professional Career

Business Owner, ProShots Indoor Range & Training, 2010-Present; Representative for North Carolina's 13th District, 2017-2023; Partner, AgriTiva LLC, 2005-2015; Executive Vice President/Regional Vice President, Board of Directors, The Budd Group, 1998-2005

Background

After receiving a graduate degree from Dallas Theological Seminary and completing a mission trip to the former Soviet Union, Budd worked for his father's facility services company, The Budd Group; he currently owns and operates ProShots, a gun store and shooting range.

Elected in 2016, Budd gained support in the primary race as an outsider with conservative values; backed by conservative organizations such as Club for Growth, which invested $500,000 in his TV advertisements.

Budd serves on the Financial Services Committee, where he uses his business background to advocate against overregulation; he is also a strong opponent of the ACA. Budd voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results from Pennsylvania and Arizona affirming President Joe Biden's election. After handily winning the May 2022 Republican primary, Budd won the general election for Senate against former North Carolina Supreme Court justice Cheri Beasley (D).



Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)

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Education

University of Maryland University College, B.S., 1996; Antioch High School, 1978

Professional Career

Management Consultant, IBM, 2002-2009; Employee, Provident Insurance; Employee, Wang Laboratories; Former Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Background

Tillis got an early start in the business world, delaying college until after he rose to partner at PWC; later joined IBM, consulting on the Bank of America merger in Charlotte. He found quick political success due to his pro-business policies and connections; he ascended to speaker of the NC House after two terms, rallying state Republicans with his leadership savvy and popular platform. Aside from his business focus, led the NC State House in passing socially conservative policies related to abortion, gay marriage, and gun control.

In 2014, Tillis defeated incumbent Sen. Key Hagan (D-NC). In the Senate, he has focused primarily on immigration, financial services, and military issues, particularly those related to veterans; Tillis' Protecting Veterans from Predatory Lending Act of 2018 was signed by President Trump as part of a larger bill that reformed financial regulations instituted by the Dodd-Frank Act.

In 2020, Tillis faces a strong challenge from then-state Senator Cal Cunningham (D); Tillis underperformed President Trump, who won just over 50% of the vote, but defeated Cunningham, who scaled back his campaign in the latter stages of the race following the revelation of his extramarital affair. Tillis' term expires in 2027.

Winston-Salem State University Profiles



Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC-5)

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Education

University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Ed.D., 1985; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, M.A., 1972; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Bach. Deg., 1968; Appalachian State Teachers College (NC), Att., 1963; Lees McRae College (NC), 1961

Professional Career

President and Consultant, Maryland Community College (NC), 1987-1994; Instructor, Caldwell Community College (NC); Sociology Instructor and several administrative positions including Assistant Dean of the General College, Appalachian State University (NC); Owner and Operator, Grandfather Nursery; Owner and Operator, Grandfather Mini-Storage

Background

Foxx had a humble upbringing in the Blue Ridge Mountains, where her home had no power or running water.

Before entering politics, she owned a nursery and landscape company with her husband and worked at several academic institutions; she served as president of Maryland Community College, where she updated curriculum standards and built a child development center.

Foxx was the first woman to chair the Education and Labor committee and has retained her position as Chairwoman in the 118th Congress.

She focuses on locally driven education reform and federal government deregulation, including for for-profit colleges.

Foxx opposes the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and has been active in GOP efforts to draft an alternative that would repeal the ACA and replace it with a market-driven program like the proposed 2017 American Health Care Act.

She advocates for growing the economy by rolling back employer regulations, such as overtime pay requirements, and has sponsored legislation to increase workforce development programs.

Foxx voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election.

York College Profiles



Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)

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Education

University of California, Los Angeles, J.D., 1991; Dartmouth College (NH), B.A., 1988; Emma Willard High School (NY), 1984

Professional Career

Member, Department of Defense - Army, US Military Academy, Board of Visitors, 2013-2020; Partner, Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, 2001-2007; Special Counsel, U.S. Department Housing & Urban Development, 2000-2001; Law Clerk, Chambers of Judge Roger J. Miner, U.S. Court Appeals for the Second Circuit, 1992-1993; Associate, Davis, Polk & Wardwell LLP, 1991-2000

Background

Gillibrand is an Albany native whose parents were both attorneys. She entered politics in 2006 by unseating popular Republican John Sweeney in a conservative upstate New York district amid growing dissatisfaction with the Bush administration.

During her tenure in the House, she was closely aligned with moderate Blue Dog Coalition; argued for stricter immigration laws and maintained high ratings from the NRA, which later swung to an F after she joined the Senate. She was selected by Gov. David Paterson (D) to fill Hillary Clinton's Senate seat after she was chosen to serve as secretary of state in 2009; reelected in a 2010 special election and in 2012 to serve a full six-year term. Gillibrand shifted to the left on policy stances after her Senate appointment. She is a stark advocate for women's rights and government transparency.

Briefly ran in the 2020 Democratic presidential primary with a progressive platform focused largely on women's equality.



Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY)

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Education

Harvard University, J.D., 1974; Harvard University, B.A., 1971; Madison High School (NY)

Professional Career

Staff Aide, Office of U.S. Sen. Claiborne Pell (RI D), 1973; Associate, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison

Background

Schumer is a Brooklyn native who considers the borough to be an immutable part of his identity. He entered politics with desire to help the middle class; draws inspiration from witnessing father's struggles and relentless work ethic running an extermination business.

Prolific fundraiser who receives significant support from Wall Street bankers and financiers, Schumer is also known for frequent engagement with media, using the press as problem-solving mechanism.

As minority leader, he balanced party factions by emphasizing ideological diversity in leadership and building relationships with every member of the caucus to ensure their concerns were met; also used close relationship with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA12) to guarantee Democratic unity between chambers in opposition to the policies of the Trump administration.

Elevated to majority leader by Democratic gains in the 2020 elections, Schumer aims to keep Democrats united as they attempt to pass President Joe Biden's expansive legislative agenda over near-unanimous Republican opposition.

York College Profiles



Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-NY-5)

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Education

Howard University Law School (DC), J.D., 1978; Adelphi University (NY), B.A., 1975; Julia Richman High School (NY)

Professional Career

Judge, NY Workers' Compensation Board, 1985-1987; Hearing Officer, NY Family Court, 1984-1985; Assistant Counsel, NY Commission of Investigations, 1983-1984; Assistant Prosecutor, NY Office of Special Narcotics Prosecutor, 1981-1983; Assistant District Attorney, Queens County, NY, 1978-1981

Background

Meeks was elected following the resignation of friend Floyd Flake in 1997; he positioned himself as a pro-business Democrat with close ties to African-American justice advocates.

Meeks is highly engaged on foreign policy; he voted against the Iraq War in 2003.

A trade supporter, Meeks chairs the New Democrat Coalition Trade Task Force.

He is a representative of the "world's borough" and travels the globe promoting rule and trade-based order.

Meeks' campaign spending and financial disclosure missteps have yielded a fine and a Congressional ethics investigation.

His relationships with New York Democrats give Meeks influence over local politics and development projects.

His moderate policies and fundraising record have drawn the ire of the party's progressive wing.

Meeks' initial endorsement of Michael Bloomberg in the 2020 Democratic primary reflects comfort with establishment figures and a moderate approach; he is Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus PAC and joined group's unanimous endorsement of Joe Biden in April 2020.

In December 2020, Meeks was elected to chair the House Foreign Affairs Committee in the 117th Congress; in a statement, he called for revamping US alliances in Europe, establishing greater cooperation in the Western Hemisphere and Africa, reengaging on human rights and climate change, and bolstering US diplomacy in conjunction with the Biden-Harris administration. He currently serves as Ranking Member on the committee.

Bishop State Community College Profiles



Sen. Katie Britt (R-AL)

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Education

University of Alabama School of Law, J.D., 2013; University of Alabama, B.A., 2004; Enterprise High School, 2000

Professional Career

Chief of Staff, Office of U.S. Sen. Richard C. Shelby (AL R), 2016-2018; Attorney, Butler Snow, LLP, 2014-2016; Attorney, Johnston Barton Proctor & Rose, LLP, 2013-2014; Press Secretary, U.S. Senate, 2004-2007

Background

After serving as the youngest press secretary on Capitol Hill at the time, Britt rose through the ranks of Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)'s office. Notably, she led efforts during the selections of Alabama court judges and Supreme Court justice confirmation hearings of Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh.

A lawyer and CEO of the Business Council of Alabama (BCA), Britt has experience communicating business interests with elected officials. She also prioritizes centering Alabama in state, federal, and international policies, especially in foreign trade, national security, broadband access, and low-cost energy sources.

In 2021, Britt announced her bid to be the next Senator for Alabama with the endorsement of Sen. Shelby. In May 2022, Britt won the largest share of votes in the primary, but failed to capture a majority; prior to the June runoff against Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL5), Britt received former President Trump's endorsement. Britt defeated Brooks in the runoff and then won the general election in November 2022 against Will Boyd (D).



Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL)

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Education

Southern Arkansas University, B.A.E., 1976; Harmony Grove High School, Benton, AR, 1972

Professional Career

Broadcast Staff Member, ESPN; Sen. Tuberville has experience as the head coach or strategic coordinator of a variety of Division I football teams

Background

A retired college football coach well-known in Alabama for his time at Auburn University, Tuberville defeated former Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Sen. Doug Jones to represent Alabama in the Senate.

Tuberville began coaching high school football after graduating, working his way up to college football, eventually becoming head coach at the University of Mississippi, though he is best known for his head coaching tenure at Auburn University.

Moved to Alabama from Florida in 2018 and decided to run for Senate following former Sen. Doug Jones' (D-AL) victory over former chief justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama Roy Moore (R).

During his primary campaign, Tuberville was an ardent supporter of President Trump, whose endorsement helped him secure the nomination in a runoff election over former Alabama Senator and US Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

Running on a conservative platform closely tied to President Trump, he successfully unseated incumbent Doug Jones by 22 points.

Bishop State Community College Profiles



Rep. Jerry Carl (R-AL-1)

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Education

Lake City Community College (FL), Att., 1979

Professional Career

President and Chief Executive Officer, Butterfly and Cricket; Secretary-Treasurer, Family Factor; President and Chief Executive Officer, Family Respiratory Service; President and Chief Executive Officer, Bradberry Healthcare; President and Chief Executive Officer, Carl and Associates; President and Chief Executive Officer, Advanced Limited Liability Company; President and Chief Executive Officer, River Oaks Landing, 2000; Entrepreneur

Background

A Mobile native, Carl left college in 1978 to enter the workforce and a couple of years later, founded the first of his many businesses, Stat Medical; he expanded the company to seven different locations and sold it to Rotech Medical, where he served as a regional manager.

He established multiple companies, including management groups, development associations, pharmacy services, and an organization dedicated to buying and selling timberlands.

In 2012, he launched his largely self-financed campaign for County Commission after becoming bothered by the lack of employment opportunities in Mobile, an economy that led his son to reenlist in the Marines; he opposed a tolling initiative to pay for the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project and worked to invest settlement money from the 2010 BP oil spill into infrastructure projects.

He defeated former state Senator Bill Hightower (R) in the 2020 Republican Primary by over four percentage points; Carl's campaign ads criticized Hightower of affiliating with "Never Trumpers" and claimed he supported higher taxes.

Carl's conservative platform protects gun rights, opposes criminalizing private firearm transfers between friends and family members, and supports national concealed carry reciprocity; he adamantly opposes any federal funding of Planned Parenthood and pledges to support pro-life legislation.

His immigration agenda seeks to fully fund the border wall and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and vocally opposes establishing sanctuary cities in Alabama; he opposes a pathway to citizenship for undocumented individuals and seeks to establish minimum sentencing requirements for crossing the border without proper legal status.

Carl promotes instituting a flat tax and a balanced budget amendment, suggesting that congressional members should forfeit their pay if Congress doesn't pass a balanced budget on time.

He voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election.

Drake State Community and Technical College Profiles



Sen. Katie Britt (R-AL)

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Education

University of Alabama School of Law, J.D., 2013; University of Alabama, B.A., 2004; Enterprise High School, 2000

Professional Career

Chief of Staff, Office of U.S. Sen. Richard C. Shelby (AL R), 2016-2018; Attorney, Butler Snow, LLP, 2014-2016; Attorney, Johnston Barton Proctor & Rose, LLP, 2013-2014; Press Secretary, U.S. Senate, 2004-2007

Background

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Education

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Professional Career

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Drake State Community and Technical College Profiles



Rep. Dale Strong (R-AL-5)

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Education

Athens State University (AL), B.S., 1992

Professional Career

Former Public Relations Professional, First Alabama Bank; Former Emergency Medical Services, City of Huntsville, AL; Former Volunteer Firefighter and EMT, Monrovia Volunteer Fire Department; Former Sales Representative, Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Background

Born and raised in Monrovia, Alabama, Strong worked at his father's gas and grocery shop before going to school; his father started a bus services business to take people on trips throughout the country, which allowed Dale and his two siblings to afford college.

He received his license as an emergency medical technician (EMT) from the University of Alabama-Huntsville and worked for Huntsville Emergency Medical Services as an emergency dispatcher and first responder.

In 1989, Strong received the Medal of Valor for his actions during the tornado on Airport Road in Huntsville, which destroyed dozens of homes and businesses.

In 1992, Strong graduated from Athens State University and began his professional career working in public relations at First Alabama Bank and later as a sales representative with Solvay Pharmaceuticals.

After being elected to serve as a county commissioner in 1996, Strong established new baseball fields, community centers, tornado sirens, and safer intersections; he also led recovery efforts in the aftermath of the 2011 Super Tornado, one of Alabama's largest and deadliest tornado outbreaks.

In 2012, Strong was the first Republican elected to be the chair of the Madison County Commission; his fiscally conservative campaign focused on limited government spending and Christian values.

As chair, Strong encouraged Facebook and Toyota to open projects in Alabama and continued to serve as a volunteer firefighter and EMT in Monrovia.

Strong announced in March 2021 that he would campaign for a House seat in the 2022 election cycle; his campaign focused on fiscal conservatism and immigration.

He won the Republican primary runoff election with 62.8% of the vote and subsequently won Alabama’s 5th District in the general election against Kathy Warner-Stanton (D).

Gadsden State Community College Profiles



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Education

University of Alabama School of Law, J.D., 2013; University of Alabama, B.A., 2004; Enterprise High School, 2000

Professional Career

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Background

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Education

Southern Arkansas University, B.A.E., 1976; Harmony Grove High School, Benton, AR, 1972

Professional Career

Broadcast Staff Member, ESPN; Sen. Tuberville has experience as the head coach or strategic coordinator of a variety of Division I football teams

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Gadsden State Community College Profiles



Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL-4)

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Education

Samford University Cumberland Law School (AL), J.D., 1990; Birmingham-Southern College (AL), B.A., 1987

Professional Career

Assistant Legal Advisor, Office of Gov. Forrest James (AL R), 1995-1996; Practicing Attorney, 1992-1995; City Judge, Haleyville, AL, 1992-1996

Background

An Alabama native, Aderholt entered politics as an aide to then-Gov. Fob James (R-AL) from 1995 to 1996. In 1996, Aderhold was elected to Alabama's 4th congressional District at the age of 31, replacing 30-year Rep. Tom Bevill (D-AL4) following his retirement; has comfortably maintained the seat ever since.

A strong fiscal and social conservative, Aderholt joined the Tea Party Caucus in 2010, aligning himself with the caucus' principles of small government and lower taxes; voted in Congress on January 6, 2021, to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election.

As the ranking member on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science in the 117th Congress, Aderholt has leveraged his position on the committee that is responsible for funding key employers in his district like NASA and the FBI's Alabama field office.

Passionate about allowing public displays of faith, upholding Second Amendment rights, and promoting family values; has emphasized that he is "committed to defending our traditional, conservative Alabama values."

A senior member of the Appropriations Committee, he prioritizes securing federal funds for his state, and has obtained significant highway and water project funding for his district; Aderholt also is a key advocate for greater military spending and domestic energy production for the United States to remain competitive with adversarial nations like China and Russia.

Lawson State Community College Profiles



Sen. Katie Britt (R-AL)

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Education

University of Alabama School of Law, J.D., 2013; University of Alabama, B.A., 2004; Enterprise High School, 2000

Professional Career

Chief of Staff, Office of U.S. Sen. Richard C. Shelby (AL R), 2016-2018; Attorney, Butler Snow, LLP, 2014-2016; Attorney, Johnston Barton Proctor & Rose, LLP, 2013-2014; Press Secretary, U.S. Senate, 2004-2007

Background

After serving as the youngest press secretary on Capitol Hill at the time, Britt rose through the ranks of Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)'s office. Notably, she led efforts during the selections of Alabama court judges and Supreme Court justice confirmation hearings of Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh.

A lawyer and CEO of the Business Council of Alabama (BCA), Britt has experience communicating business interests with elected officials. She also prioritizes centering Alabama in state, federal, and international policies, especially in foreign trade, national security, broadband access, and low-cost energy sources.

In 2021, Britt announced her bid to be the next Senator for Alabama with the endorsement of Sen. Shelby. In May 2022, Britt won the largest share of votes in the primary, but failed to capture a majority; prior to the June runoff against Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL5), Britt received former President Trump's endorsement. Britt defeated Brooks in the runoff and then won the general election in November 2022 against Will Boyd (D).



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Education

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Professional Career

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Background

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Lawson State Community College Profiles



Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL-7)

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Education

Harvard University Law School (MA), J.D., 1992; Oxford University (England), M.A., 1988; Princeton University (NJ), A.B., 1986; Selma High School, Selma, AL, 1982

Professional Career

Partner, Maynard, Cooper & Gale P.C., 2004-2010; Associate, Davis Polk & Wardwell, 1994-2004; Law Clerk to Chief Judge U.W. Clemon, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, 1993; Summer Intern, Office of U.S. Rep. Richard Shelby (AL07 D); Summer Intern, Office of U.S. Sen. Howell Heflin (AL D)

Background

Sewell was exposed to the fight for racial justice as a child; her teachers and preachers were civil rights leaders who worked with Dr. King Jr.

She is the first African American woman elected to Congress from Alabama; she has numerous relationships to political elites from alma maters and her legal career, including the Obamas.

She previously worked as a securities and public finance attorney for 15 years, helping earn her a position on the Ways and Means Committee.

Sewell has secured party leadership roles including President of the 112th Congress' Democratic Freshman Class and later as Chief Deputy Whip; in 2019, she was named co-chair of Ways and Means Committee's Rural and Underserved Communities Health Task Force.

She is a civil rights and racial justice activist who is a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, vice-chair of the Voting Rights Caucus, New Democrat Coalition, and the Congressional HBCU Caucus; she focuses efforts on job creation, racial justice initiatives, and HBCU funding.

Sewell represents a predominantly Black district, geographically composed of three large urban areas and ten rural counties; the main industries are health care and manufacturing.

Shelton State Community College Profiles



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Education

University of Alabama School of Law, J.D., 2013; University of Alabama, B.A., 2004; Enterprise High School, 2000

Professional Career

Chief of Staff, Office of U.S. Sen. Richard C. Shelby (AL R), 2016-2018; Attorney, Butler Snow, LLP, 2014-2016; Attorney, Johnston Barton Proctor & Rose, LLP, 2013-2014; Press Secretary, U.S. Senate, 2004-2007

Background

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Education

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Professional Career

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Professional Career

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Trenholm State Community College Profiles



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Florida A&M College of Law Profiles



Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)

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Education

University of Miami School of Law, J.D., 1996; University of Florida, B.S., 1993; Santa Fe College, 1991; South Miami Senior High School, 1989; Tarkio College (MO), 1990

Professional Career

Attorney, Sole Practitioner, 2008-2010; Political Analyst, Univision, 2008; Attorney, Tew Cardenas Law Firm, 1996-2000; Visiting Professor, Florida International University; Attorney, Broad and Cassel Law Firm

Background

Raised in West Miami, Rubio became interested in politics while in college, interning and working on a variety of campaigns. He successfully ran for the state House in a 1999 special election, where he pushed for aggressive tax cuts and worked on climate change policy like carbon emission caps. Rubio was elected as speaker of the state House in 2005, becoming the youngest person and first Hispanic American to achieve the position.

After reaching his term limits in the state House, Rubio rode the Tea Party wave into the Senate in 2010; defeated then-Gov. Charlie Crist in the Republican primary and the general election. He gained national media attention in 2012 after being on Mitt Romney's shortlist for vice president. Rubio's leadership positions on the Small Business and Intelligence Committees have enabled Rubio to focus on crafting small business-friendly policy and developing a tough foreign policy towards US adversaries

Aggressively campaigned against Trump during the 2016 primaries, but subsequently supported most of the Trump administration's policies and became a strong ally of the former president; Trump endorsed Rubio's 2022 Senate re-election campaign



Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL)

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Education

Southern Methodist University Law School (TX), J.D., 1978; University of Missouri, Kansas City, B.S., 1975

Professional Career

Co-Founder, Solantic Corporation; Chief Executive Officer and President, Columbia Hospital Corporation of America, 1994-1997; Co-Founder, Columbia Hospital Corporation, 1987-1994; Attorney, Johnson & Swanson Law Firm; Venture Capitalist, Richard L. Scott Investments, LLC; Former Part Owner, Texas Ranger Baseball Team

Background

Originally from Kansas City, Missouri, Scott served in the Navy before earning his law degree. He launched Columbia Hospital Corporation, in 1988, later merging Columbia with the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA); he resigned in 1997.

Scott entered politics in 2009, during the national debate surrounding the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and launched his Florida gubernatorial bid a month after the ACA was enacted in 2010. He leveraged momentum from the Tea Party movement to win the governor's race by 1.1%. As governor, he expanded school voucher programs, coordinated disaster relief efforts, and enacted a controversial law requiring individuals receiving government assistance to be drug-tested. He ran and won against incumbent Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL) in 2018, accusing Nelson of being a socialist.

Voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election.

Florida A&M College of Law Profiles



Rep. Maxwell Frost (D-FL-10)

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Education

Osceola County School for the Arts; Valencia College (FL)

Professional Career

National Organizing Specialist, ACLU, 2019-2019; National Organizing Director, March For Our Lives, 2019-2021; Deputy Communications Director, Floridians for a Fair Shake, 2018-2018; Field Manager (Amendment 4) (270 Strategies), ACLU of Florida, 2018-2018; Production Dispatch, Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, 2017-2019; Deputy State Director, MoveOn, 2016-2016; Florida State Organizer, Democracy Spring, 2016-2016; Fellow, Organizing for Action, 2012-2012

Background

As the adopted son of a first-generation Cuban immigrant, Frost focuses on systemic issues, like the ones that affected his biological mother.

Frost was motivated to invest in politics after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2012, when Frost was a 15-year-old high school student.

He worked at the ACLU, where he advocated for abortion rights and pushed for the repeal of the Hyde Amendment; he led the organization's successful ballot initiative efforts to pass Amendment 2, which gradually raises Florida's minimum wage to $15 per hour, and Amendment 4, which restores voting rights to certain people with felony convictions.

Frost advocates for solutions to gun violence in the wake of the Pulse Nightclub and Stoneman Douglas High School shootings, which happened in his current district and state respectively; he served as the national organizing director for March For Our Lives, the gun violence prevention group created by Parkland shooting survivors.

In 2021, when Rep. Val Demings (D-FL-10) announced her candidacy for Senate, Frost, 24-years-old at the time, announced his campaign for her House seat; he turned 25 in January 2022, making him constitutionally eligible to be a representative.

He campaigns for nationally-recognized progressive policies, such as universal health care coverage under Medicare for All and efforts to combat climate change such as through the Green New Deal; he also prioritizes gun violence, affordable housing, criminal justice reform, and reproductive health care.

Frost was endorsed by key members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, environmental protection groups, and gun violence prevention organizations; he won the election for Florida's 10th House seat in November 2022 against Republican Calvin Wimbish.

Howard University School of Law Profiles



Del. Eleanor Norton (D-DC)

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Education

Yale University School of Law (CT), J.D., 1964; Yale University (CT), M.A., 1963; Antioch College (OH), B.A., 1960; Dunbar High School (DC), 1955

Professional Career

Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center, 1982-1991; Senior Fellow, The Urban Institute, 1981-1982; Executive Assistant, Office of Mayor John V. Lindsay (NY), 1971-1974; Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law, New York University Law School, 1970-1971; Assistant Legal Director, American Civil Liberties Union, 1965-1971; Law Clerk, Office of the Federal District Court Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, 1964-1965

Background

Norton is a third generation Washingtonian and daughter of a District government employee and a school teacher; considers herself "deep DC."

Prior to running for Congress, she dedicated her professional career to racial and gender equality, working at the American Civil Liberties Union, the New York City Commission on Human Rights, and as a law professor; at the New York City Commission on Human Rights, held the first public hearings in the country on discrimination against women.

Served as head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in the Carter administration, where she issued the first federal guidelines on what constitutes sexual harassment.

Elected in 1990, Norton is a non-voting delegate; vocal proponent of DC statehood, advocating for full congressional representation and ending the need for congressional review of local DC laws.

Focuses on initiatives to grow the District's economy, including through DC homebuyer tax credits, business tax incentives, wage credits for employing DC residents, and scholarships for high school graduates.

Chair of the House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, where she has pushed for green transportation and greater use of technology to reduce congestion.

North Carolina Central University School of Law Profiles



Sen. Ted Budd (R-NC)

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Education

Wake Forest University (NC), M.B.A., 2007; Dallas Theological Seminary (TX), M.Th., 1998; Appalachian State University (NC), B.S., 1994; Davie County High School, 1990

Professional Career

Business Owner, ProShots Indoor Range & Training, 2010-Present; Representative for North Carolina's 13th District, 2017-2023; Partner, AgriTiva LLC, 2005-2015; Executive Vice President/Regional Vice President, Board of Directors, The Budd Group, 1998-2005

Background

After receiving a graduate degree from Dallas Theological Seminary and completing a mission trip to the former Soviet Union, Budd worked for his father's facility services company, The Budd Group; he currently owns and operates ProShots, a gun store and shooting range.

Elected in 2016, Budd gained support in the primary race as an outsider with conservative values; backed by conservative organizations such as Club for Growth, which invested $500,000 in his TV advertisements.

Budd serves on the Financial Services Committee, where he uses his business background to advocate against overregulation; he is also a strong opponent of the ACA. Budd voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results from Pennsylvania and Arizona affirming President Joe Biden's election. After handily winning the May 2022 Republican primary, Budd won the general election for Senate against former North Carolina Supreme Court justice Cheri Beasley (D).



Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)

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Education

University of Maryland University College, B.S., 1996; Antioch High School, 1978

Professional Career

Management Consultant, IBM, 2002-2009; Employee, Provident Insurance; Employee, Wang Laboratories; Former Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Background

Tillis got an early start in the business world, delaying college until after he rose to partner at PWC; later joined IBM, consulting on the Bank of America merger in Charlotte. He found quick political success due to his pro-business policies and connections; he ascended to speaker of the NC House after two terms, rallying state Republicans with his leadership savvy and popular platform. Aside from his business focus, led the NC State House in passing socially conservative policies related to abortion, gay marriage, and gun control.

In 2014, Tillis defeated incumbent Sen. Key Hagan (D-NC). In the Senate, he has focused primarily on immigration, financial services, and military issues, particularly those related to veterans; Tillis' Protecting Veterans from Predatory Lending Act of 2018 was signed by President Trump as part of a larger bill that reformed financial regulations instituted by the Dodd-Frank Act.

In 2020, Tillis faces a strong challenge from then-state Senator Cal Cunningham (D); Tillis underperformed President Trump, who won just over 50% of the vote, but defeated Cunningham, who scaled back his campaign in the latter stages of the race following the revelation of his extramarital affair. Tillis' term expires in 2027.

North Carolina Central University School of Law Profiles



Rep. Valerie Foushee (D-NC-4)

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Education

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Bach. Deg., 2008; Leadership Triangle Goodman Fellow, 2005; Chapel Hill High School (NC), 1974

Professional Career

Supervisor, Administrator, Chapel Hill Police Department

Background

A North Carolina native, Foushee grew up in a working-class family with her five siblings and attended racially segregated schools until sixth grade.

She began serving on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education in 1997, before being the first Black woman elected to the Orange County Board of Commissioners; as commissioner, she notably worked to shutdown a county landfill that had negatively impacted a Black community.

She was elected to the state House in 2012, but served for less than a year before local Democrats selected her to replace state Sen. Eleanor Kinnaird (D-NC23) following Kinnaird's resignation in 2013.

During her state Senate tenure, Foushee focused on criminal justice reform, greater voting access, quality education, women's and reproductive rights, and affordable health care.

Foushee launched campaign for Congress in 2021, aiming to replace the retiring Rep. David Price (D-NC4); she campaigned on a platform to continue the initiatives she pursued in the state Senate.

She is passionate about criminal justice reform and racial justice initiatives and hopes to decriminalize marijuana and end cash bail; in Congress, Foushee supported efforts to pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, For the People Act, and John Lewis Voting Rights Act

Foushee supports the passage of the Green New Deal; she aims to strengthen environmental regulations, increase funding for the Environmental Protection Agency, and prioritize renewable energy development.

She won the Democratic primary on May 17, 2022 with 46% of the vote, followed by contender Nida Allam with 37% and American Idol runner-up Clay Aiken with 7.4%; she won the 2022 general election against Courtney Geels to represent North Carolina's 4th District.

Southern University Law Center Profiles



Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

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Education

Louisiana State University Medical School, M.D., 1983; Louisiana State University, B.S., 1979; Tara High School (LA)

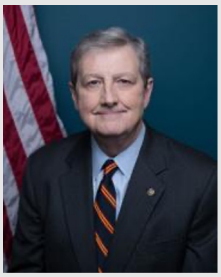
Professional Career

Administrator, Hurricane Katrina K Mart Hospital, 2005; Co-Founder, Baton Rouge Community Clinic, 2001; Associate Professor, Louisiana State University Health Science Center; Physician - Gastroenterologist; Teacher, Earl K. Long Medical Center

Background

Cassidy grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He began working as a doctor, specializing in gastroenterology, working at various LSU medical facilities until 2013. He helped found the Greater Baton Rouge Community Clinic in 1998 to provide free health care to low-income uninsured patients; after Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana in 2005, Cassidy led efforts to form a makeshift clinic in an abandoned K-Mart.

In 2006, Cassidy entered politics as a Republican state senator, and garnered scrutiny for having been registered as a Democrat in the past. Elected to the House in 2008, he served on the Energy and Commerce Committee and supported policies such as incentives for health savings accounts and preventive care, as well as efforts to reduce obesity and prohibit abortion past 20 weeks. He utilizes his background to focus on health care policy; pushed for alternatives to the ACA, and policies to combat opioid addiction, expanded access to mental health care, and incentivize COVID-19 testing. He is one of seven Republican senators who voted to convict fmr. President Trump for inciting the Capitol riots on January 6, 2021; the Louisiana Republican Party censured Cassidy for his vote.



Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA)

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Education

Oxford University (England), B.CL, 1979; University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1977; Vanderbilt University (TN), B.A., 1973; Zachary High School, 1969

Professional Career

Secretary, LA Department of Revenue, 1996-1999; Secretary, LA Governor's Cabinet, 1990-1992; Special Counsel, Office of Governor Buddy Roemer, 1988-1992; Volunteer Substitute Teacher, East Baton Rouge Parish Public Schools; Partner, Attorney, Chafee, McCall, Phillips, Toler & Sarpy, LLP; Adjunct Professor, LA State University Law School

Background

Kennedy was raised in small-town Louisiana and earned law degrees from University of Virginia and Oxford. After a career as a product liability attorney, served as special counsel to Democratic Gov. Buddy Roemer, sparking an interest in politics.

He worked almost two decades as state Treasurer; launched an unsuccessful Senate run in 2004 as a Democrat but was recruited by the state GOP in 2007, running and winning subsequent Treasury campaigns as a Republican. Kennedy prioritizes expanding disaster recovery programs for state population, including through extending and lowering costs of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). He is also considered a watchdog for the taxpayer that pushes for budget cuts and championed the 2017 Republican tax reform bill

Kennedy is a critic of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and has focused on policies that bring transparency to pricing for Medicare-covered drugs. A consistent defender of Trump, Kennedy objected to the certification of electoral votes from Arizona on January 6, 2021.

Southern University Law Center Profiles



Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA-6)

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Education

American University (DC), Att., 1996; Louisiana Tech University, Att., 1995; Alabama University, Att., 1991; Catholic High School, Baton Rouge, LA, 1990

Professional Career

Director of Office of Coastal Activities, Office of Gov. Bobby Jindal, 2010-2010; Professional Staff Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, 2008; Staff Director, U.S. Senate Committee on Science and Transportation, Subcommittee on Global Climate Changes and Impact, 2007; Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Billy Tauzin (LA03 R), 2004; Staff, Office of U.S. Sen. John Breaux (LA R); Staff, Office of U.S. Sen. David Vitter (LA R); Staff, U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce

Background

A Baton Rouge native, Graves was born and raised in his district.

He began his political career steeped in Louisiana politics while working for several members of the state's congressional delegation including Sen. John Breaux (D), Rep. Billy Tauzin (R-LA03), and Sen. David Vitter (R); he later worked on the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Graves was elected by then-Governor Bobby Jindal (R-LA) to chair the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority in 2008, where he created a $50 billion plan to repair coastal areas over 50 years, improved the state's hurricane preparedness, and coordinated its response to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

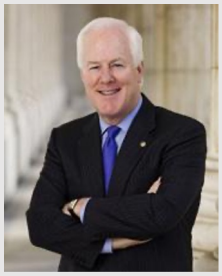
In Congress, he heavily prioritized flood protection legislation and federal disaster response policy as ranking member of the House's former Select Committee on the Climate Crisis and former chair of the Subcommittee on Water Resources; he has secured over $500 million for coastal restoration and flood protection projects for Louisiana.

One of the foremost congressional Republican climate change activists, Graves advocates for US renewable energy innovation, updating the electricity grid system and investing in energy storage technologies; he supported US withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord because of its lenient emissions targets for China.

Graves is committed to the modernization of communication between American citizens and the federal government; he has enacted legislation to allow citizens to digitally request assistance from their congressional representative and more easily apply for FEMA grants electronically.

He voted in Congress on January 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election.

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Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)

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University of Virginia, LL.M., 1995; St. Mary's School of Law (TX), J.D., 1977; Trinity University (TX), B.A., 1973

Professional Career

Chairman, James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Board of Trustees, 2009-2021; Presiding Judge, 4th Administrative Judicial Region, 1989-1992; Judge, Bexer County 37th District Court, 1985-1990; Partner and Associate, Groce, Locke and Hebden, 1977-1984; Associate, Thompson and Knight

Background

Born in Texas, Cornyn's father worked in the Air Force, and the family relocated to Japan while Cornyn was in high school. After a stint in malpractice law, Cornyn ran for the district court and won a district judge position in San Antonio, often taking a pro-business stance in decisions. He eventually won election to the Texas Supreme Court.

After one term as the attorney general of Texas, he successfully ran for Senate in 2002. Cornyn vocally supported Bush's judicial nominees, and led opposition to Obama's.

Cornyn entered GOP leadership during his first term, became whip during his third term under Mitch McConnell, holding the position until 2019; Cornyn has expressed interest in succeeding McConnell as minority leader. Cornyn has led a push to maintain conservative stances on immigration policy through his position on the immigration, citizenship, and border security subcommittee. As the ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee's trade subcommittee, he has advocated for the US to rejoin the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal. In the 2020 election, defeated Air Force veteran MJ Hegar (D).



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Education

Harvard Law School (MA), J.D., 1995; Princeton University (NJ), A.B., 1992; Second Baptist High School (TX)

Professional Career

Attorney, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, 2008-2012; Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Texas at Austin, 2004-2009; Associate Deputy Attorney General, U.S. DOJ, 2001; Director for the Office of Policy Planning, U.S. FTC, 2001-2003; Associate, Cooper, Carvin & Rosenthal PLLC, 1997-1999; Law Clerk, Chambers of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, U.S. Supreme Court, 1996-1997; Law Clerk for Judge J. Michael Luttig, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1995-1996

Background

Born in Canada, Cruz grew up in Texas. He became involved in public service working for the Bush campaign and administration; left that role to be Texas' Solicitor General where he argued high-profile cases to the US Supreme Court in support of conservative causes.

Cruz led an underdog anti-establishment campaign in 2012 to replace Sen. Kay Hutchison (R-TX); successfully triggered and won a run-off against Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst (R).

In 2016, Cruz ran for the GOP nomination and outlasted every Republican except for eventual nominee Donald Trump; strongly opposed Trump's candidacy for much of the campaign but endorsed him in September 2016 and became an ardent supporter. Voted in Congress on Jan. 6, 2021 to object to the certification of Electoral College results affirming President Joe Biden's election. Now, Cruz is one of the highest-profile foes of President Biden in the Senate.

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Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)

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Education

University of Virginia Law School, J.D., 1975; Yale University (CT), B.A., 1972; New York University; Jamaica High School (NY)

Professional Career

Trial Attorney, Fulbright and Jaworski; Trial Attorney, Booker T. Morris; Senior Attorney, United Energy Resources, Inc.; Senior Counsel, U.S. House Select Committee on Assassinations

Background

Jackson Lee styled her career after pioneering politician Barbara Jordan, following a legal career in corporate energy and four years on Houston city council addressing gun control and gang violence.

She is active on homeland security issues; she successfully authored bills regarding reporting risks to U.S. merchant vessels and pipelines.

Her other sponsored bills tackle criminal justice reform through addressing racial bias in law enforcement and reducing youth incarceration.

Jackson Lee's senior membership on the Judiciary Committee gave her a prominent role drafting the articles of impeachment against former President Trump.

She has entered a crowded field of candidates running to become Houston's mayor.

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Del. Eleanor Norton (D-DC)

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Ohio State University, Ph.D., 1981; North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, M.S., 1972; North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, B.S., 1968; West Side High School, Newark, NJ, 1964

Professional Career

College Administrator, Professor of Art, Bennett College (NC); Practicing Artist

Background

Adams was raised in New Jersey by a single mother; worked as an art history professor for 40 years at Bennett College, a black women's college in Greensboro, NC. She was the first African-American woman elected to the Guilford County School Board, inspiring her political career and run for Greensboro City Council; later assisted with the 1988 presidential campaign of Jesse Jackson in Greensboro.

Adams was appointed to the state assembly in 1994, where she chaired the Legislative Black Caucus.

In Congress, Adams serves on the Financial Services Committee, chairs the Workforce Protections subcommittee and is vice chairman of the Agriculture committee, where she prioritizes increasing the minimum wage and instituting equal pay.

Dedicated to improving access to affordable education and increasing teacher pay; founder of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Caucus to increase funding for HBCUs.

Staunch advocate of the Affordable Care Act and of expanding state Medicaid programs; supports the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act, which would lower prescription drug prices and combat inequity in health coverage faced by communities of colors.