# 2016 Democrats Position Cheat Sheet

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| Auto Rescue | **Voted for the $14 billion auto rescue bill in 2008 (bill did not become law).** [Associated Press, [12/12/08](http://www.foxnews.com/printer_friendly_wires/2008Dec12/0%2C4675%2CSenateRollCallAutos%2C00.html)] | **Supported auto rescue as Vice President.****Did not vote on the $14 billion auto rescue bill in 2008 (bill did not become law).** [Associated Press, [12/12/08](http://www.foxnews.com/printer_friendly_wires/2008Dec12/0%2C4675%2CSenateRollCallAutos%2C00.html)] | **Supported the auto rescue.** [Talking Points Memo, [5/7/12](http://talkingpointsmemo.com/election2012/why-obama-is-running-on-the-auto-rescue)] | **Voted for the $14 billion auto rescue bill in 2008 (bill did not become law).** [Associated Press, [12/12/08](http://www.foxnews.com/printer_friendly_wires/2008Dec12/0%2C4675%2CSenateRollCallAutos%2C00.html)] |  | **Voted for the $14 billion auto rescue bill in 2008 (bill did not become law).** [Associated Press, [12/12/08](http://www.foxnews.com/printer_friendly_wires/2008Dec12/0%2C4675%2CSenateRollCallAutos%2C00.html)] |  |
| Minimum Wage | **Supports raising the minimum wage.** [The Hill, [4/30/14](http://thehill.com/blogs/ballot-box/presidential-races/204772-group-touts-hillary-clintons-minimum-wage-efforts)] | **Supports raising the minimum wage.** [Weekly Address, White House, [3/29/14](http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/03/28/weekly-address-raise-minimum-wage-it-s-right-thing-do-hardworking-americ)] | **Signed minimum wage increase bill.** [Washington Post, [5/5/14](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/md-gov-omalley-signs-minimum-wage-increase-hundreds-of-other-bills-into-law/2014/05/05/98df84de-d46a-11e3-8a78-8fe50322a72c_story.html)] | **2012: Introduced bill to raise minimum wage.** [WTVR, [7/31/12](http://wtvr.com/2012/07/31/virginia-senator-jim-webb-proposes-minimum-wage-increase/)] | **Supports raising the minimum wage.** [Office of Senator Warren, [1/7/15](http://www.warren.senate.gov/files/documents/2015-1-7_AFL-CIO_Raising_Wages_Summit.pdf)] | **Supports raising the minimum wage.** [Office of Senator Sanders, [2/12/14](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/recent-business/raise-the-minimum-wage0212)] | **Signed minimum wage increase bill.** [Reuters, [7/3/14](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/03/us-usa-rhode-island-minimumwage-idUSKBN0F82AK20140703)] |

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| Ethanol | **Supported ethanol subsidies during 2008 campaign.** [New York Times, [2/28/08](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/28/us/politics/28ethanol.html?pagewanted=all)]**Opposed ethanol subsidies until 2006.** [New York Times, [2/28/08](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/28/us/politics/28ethanol.html?pagewanted=all)] | **2007: Supported “capping subsidies and encouraging renewable energy efforts.”** [Associated Press, 11/10/07]**2007: Supported research and investment in the “next generation of ethanol.”** [Indiana AgriNews, 11/23/07] | **As governor, announced plans to build ethanol pump stations for vehicle refueling around Maryland.** [Baltimore Sun, [8/6/08](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2008-08-06/news/0808050137_1_ethanol-fuel-e-85)] | **Opposes ethanol subsidies and wants to end them.** [WHSV, [11/30/10](http://www.whsv.com/home/headlines/Senator_Webb_Calls_For_An_End_Ethanol_Subsidies_111077844.html)]**2011: Voted to end ethanol subsidies.** [S.Amdt. 476, S.782, Vote 90, 112th Congress, [6/16/11](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=1&vote=00090)]**2011: Did not vote with most other Democrats against ending ethanol subsidies, who objected on procedural grounds**. [S.Amdt. 436, S. 782, Vote 89, 112th Congress, [6/14/11](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=1&vote=00089); The Hill, [6/15/11](http://thehill.com/blogs/floor-action/senate/166369-senate-votes-to-preserve-6-billion-in-ethanol-subsidies)] |  | **2013: Opposed continuation of ethanol subsidies.** [Burlington Free Press, [11/15/13](http://archive.burlingtonfreepress.com/article/20131117/GREEN01/311170007/Welch-calls-ethanol-well-intentioned-flop-)]**2011: Voted to end ethanol subsidies.** [S.Amdt. 476, S.782, Vote 90, 112th Congress, [6/16/11](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=1&vote=00090)]**2011: Voted with most other Democrats against ending ethanol subsidies due to procedural objections**. [S.Amdt. 436, S. 782, Vote 89, 112th Congress, [6/14/11](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=1&vote=00089); The Hill, [6/15/11](http://thehill.com/blogs/floor-action/senate/166369-senate-votes-to-preserve-6-billion-in-ethanol-subsidies)] |  |
| Keystone | **Has not officially weighed in on Keystone.** [Christian Science Monitor, [4/13/15](http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy/2015/0413/Hillary-Clinton-has-a-Keystone-XL-problem-video)] | **Has not officially weighed in on Keystone.** [Politico, [5/9/13](http://www.politico.com/story/2013/05/joe-biden-anti-keystone-91132.html)] | **Opposed Keystone.** [Washington Post, [11/17/14](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/omalley-voices-opposition-to-keystone-pipeline-in-posts-on-facebook-and-twitter/2014/11/17/4bc68636-6e7d-11e4-ad12-3734c461eab6_story.html)] | **Voted to approve Keystone in 2012 (bill did not become law.)** [S. Amdt. 1537 to S. 1813, Vote 34, 112th Congress, [3/8/12](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=2&vote=00034)] | **Voted against approving Keystone in 2014 (bill did not become law.)** [S. 2280, Vote 280, 113th Congress, [11/18/14](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=2&vote=00280)] | **Voted against approving Keystone in 2014 (bill did not become law.)** [S. 2280, Vote 280, 113th Congress, [11/18/14](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=2&vote=00280)]**Voted against approving Keystone in 2012 (bill did not become law.)** [S. Amdt. 1537 to S. 1813, Vote 34, 112th Congress, [3/8/12](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=2&vote=00034)] |  |
| RFS | **2015: Said the US should support and improve the RFS.** [Clinton op-ed, The Gazette, [5/28/15](http://thegazette.com/subject/opinion/guest-columnists/clinton-invest-in-rural-clean-energy-20150528)]**2015: Supported RFS in 2008 and did not appear to have changed positions.** [Wall Street Journal, [3/5/15](http://www.wsj.com/articles/gop-presidential-hopefuls-risk-iowans-ire-on-ethanol-1425583534)]**Supported raising renewable fuels standard to 60 billion gallons/year by 2030 in 2008 campaign.** [Platts Oilgram News, 2/25/08]**Voted for the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which expanded the RFS program.** [H.R. 6, Vote 226, 110th Congress, [6/21/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00226)]**Voted against the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which established the RFS program.** [H.R. 6, Vote 213, 109th Congress, [7/29/05](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=1&vote=00213)] | **May have advocated for weakening RFS by slashing amount of ethanol that must be blended into gasoline in 2014.** [Reuters, [5/12/14](http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/05/12/us-oil-ethanol-lobby-idUSBREA4B01O20140512?feedType=RSS&feedName=politicsNews)]**Voted for the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which expanded the RFS program.** [H.R. 6, Vote 226, 110th Congress, [6/21/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00226)]**Voted against the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which established the RFS program.** [H.R. 6, Vote 213, 109th Congress, [7/29/05](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=1&vote=00213)] | **Supported keeping the RFS.** [Des Moines Register, [4/9/15](http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/politics/2015/03/22/democrat-martin-omalley/25198063/)]**Urged the EPA to temporarily waive RFS in 2012.** [Associated Press, [8/10/12](http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2012/08/10/gov-omalley-del-governor-seek-epa-help-with-corn-prices/)] | **Urged the EPA to temporarily waive RFS in 2012.** [Office of Senator Warner, [8/9/12](http://www.warner.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ContentRecord_id=19ecf892-7d7c-4754-a3a1-77fa7650f560)]**Voted for the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which expanded the RFS program.** [H.R. 6, Vote 226, 110th Congress, [6/21/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00226)] | **Urged to EPA not to weaken RFS standards in 2014.** [Office of Senator Durbin, [1/23/14](http://www.durbin.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=6f31c445-2af9-4fca-a877-a2f8c07672ff)] | **Voted for the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which expanded the RFS program.** [H.R. 6, Vote 226, 110th Congress, [6/21/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00226)] | **Voted against the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which established the RFS program.** [H.R. 6, Vote 213, 109th Congress, [7/29/05](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=1&vote=00213)] |
| Wind Tax Credits | **“By 2025, I Will Make The Production Tax Credit For Wind And Solar Permanent.”** [Speech in Cedar Rapids, IA, Council on Foreign Relations, [11/5/07](http://www.cfr.org/climate-change/hillary-clintons-speech-energy-climate-change/p14715)] | **Attacked Mitt Romney for wanting to get rid of wind tax credits.** [Think Progress, [6/28/12](http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/06/28/507894/biden-slams-romney-over-wind-tax-credits-in-iowa/)] | **Supported wind tax credit.** [Des Moines Register, [4/9/15](http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/politics/2015/03/22/democrat-martin-omalley/25198063/)] | **2012: Voted against the extension of wind tax credit.** [S.2204, Vote 63, 112th Congress, [3/29/12](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=2&vote=00063)]**2012: Opposed tax credits for renewable technologies because “government should avoid picking winners and losers.”** [Think Progress, [3/30/12](http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/03/30/455722/47-senators-side-with-big-oil-and-vote-to-kill-37000-american-wind-jobs/)] |  | **2012: Voted for the extension of wind tax credit.** [S.2204, Vote 63, 112th Congress, [3/29/12](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=2&vote=00063)] | **Supported extension of wind tax credit.** [NewsOK, [11/17/11](http://newsok.com/governors-support-wind-energy-tax-credit/article/3623887)] |
| Climate Change | **Under Secretary Clinton, State Department Appointed The First Special Envoy For Climate Change.** [State Department, [1/26/09](http://www.state.gov/secretary/20092013clinton/rm/2009a/01/115409.htm)]**Secretary Clinton: “I Believe That American Leadership Is Essential To Meeting The Challenges Of The 21st Century…And Chief Among Those Is The Complex, Urgent, And Global Threat Of Climate Change.”** [State Department, [1/26/09](http://www.state.gov/secretary/20092013clinton/rm/2009a/01/115409.htm)]**Proposed To “Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions 80 Percent From 1990 Levels By 2050” As President.** [Speech in Cedar Rapids, IA, Council on Foreign Relations, [11/5/07](http://www.cfr.org/climate-change/hillary-clintons-speech-energy-climate-change/p14715)]**“The Senate Passed My Legislation To Require The Department Of Defense To Integrate [The Threat From]** **Global Warming’ Into Our Planning.”** [Speech in Cedar Rapids, IA, Council on Foreign Relations, [11/5/07](http://www.cfr.org/climate-change/hillary-clintons-speech-energy-climate-change/p14715)] | **Equated denying climate change with denying gravity.** [Salon, [3/6/15](http://www.salon.com/2015/03/06/joe_biden_on_climate_deniers_its_almost_like_denying_gravity/)] | **O’Malley called international collaboration to confront climate change a “security imperative.”** [Washington Post, [3/16/15](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/martin-omalley-sounds-like-hes-running/2015/03/16/81bc4922-c9c4-11e4-b2a1-bed1aaea2816_story.html)] | **Opposed 2009 Copenhagen agreement, citing lack of congressional approval.** [Vox, [3/9/15](http://www.vox.com/2015/3/9/8161145/jim-webb-interview)] |  | **Believed climate change was manmade and wanted America to lead the world on Climate Change.** [Washington Post, [5/1/15](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/plum-line/wp/2015/05/01/bernie-sanders-signals-aggressive-challenge-to-hillary-clinton/?postshare=5071430700012739)] | **Believed climate change was manmade.** [Associated Press, [2/21/14](http://www.turnto10.com/story/24786738/chafee-to-create-council-on-climate-change)] |
| EPA power plant regulations | **Appeared to support 2014 EPA power plant regulations.** [Washington Post, [12/12/14](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/plum-line/wp/2014/12/12/keep-talking-about-climate-change-democrats/)] | **Supported 2014 EPA power plant regulations, while acknowledging they would hurt coal jobs.** [Daily Caller, [3/11/15](http://dailycaller.com/2015/03/11/biden-on-coal-regs-a-lot-of-people-are-going-to-get-hurt/)] | **Supported 2014 EPA power plant regulations.** [Office of Governor O’Malley, [6/2/14](https://news.maryland.gov/mde/2014/06/02/governor-omalley-issues-statement-on-president-obamas-proposal-to-reduce-carbon-dioxide-pollution/)] | **Appeared to oppose all EPA carbon regulations under the Clean Air Act.** [Think Progress, [3/31/11](http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2011/03/31/207799/jim-webb-dead-wrong-on-global-warming-pollution/)] |  | **Supported 2014 EPA power plant regulations.** [Office of Senator Sanders, [7/30/14](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/sanders-backs-epa-curbs-on-power-plant-pollution)] | **Supported 2014 EPA power plant regulations.** [Office of Governor Chafee, [6/2/14](http://www.ri.gov/press/view/22091)] |
| Yucca Mountain | **Opposed Yucca Mountain.** [Las Vegas Review Journal, [1/17/08](http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/elections/clinton-declares-yucca-mountain-will-be-table-forever)]**2002: Voted against opening Yucca Mountain.** [S.J. Res 34, Vote 167, 107th Congress, [6/9/02](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=107&session=2&vote=00167)] | **Opposed Yucca Mountain.** [Las Vegas Sun, [2008](http://lasvegassun.com/politics/voterguide/2008/joe-biden/issues/yucca/)]**2002: Voted against opening Yucca Mountain.** [S.J. Res 34, Vote 167, 107th Congress, [6/9/02](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=107&session=2&vote=00167)] |  | **2009: Voted in favor of energy appropriations.** [H.R. 3183, Vote 322, 111th Congress, [10/15/09](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=111&session=1&vote=00322)] **2009: Voted in favor of energy appropriations bill that “fund[ed the Obama] administration’s decision to permanently bar nuclear waste disposal at Yucca Mountain.”** [Virginian-Pilot, 10/19/09] |  | **Opposed Yucca Mountain and nuclear power in general.** [Brattleboro Reformer, [5/6/10](http://www.reformer.com/localnews/ci_15027405?source=rss)]**2009: Voted in favor of energy appropriations.** [H.R. 3183, Vote 322, 111th Congress, [10/15/09](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=111&session=1&vote=00322)]**2006: Voted against funding website to promote Yucca Mountain.** [H.R. 5247, Vote 200, 109th Congress, [5/24/06](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2006/roll200.xml)]**2002: Voted against opening Yucca Mountain.** [H.J. Res 87, Vote 133, 107th Congress, [5/8/02](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2002/roll133.xml)] | **2002: Voted against opening Yucca Mountain.** [S.J. Res 34, Vote 167, 107th Congress, [6/9/02](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=107&session=2&vote=00167)] |
| Offshore drilling | **2006: Voted to end offshore drilling ban.** [S. 3711, Vote 219, 109th Congress, [8/1/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00219); League of Conservation Votes, accessed [6/2/15](http://scorecard.lcv.org/roll-call-vote/2006-219-offshore-drilling)] | **2006: Voted against ending offshore drilling ban.** [S. 3711, Vote 219, 109th Congress, [8/1/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00219); League of Conservation Votes, accessed [6/2/15](http://scorecard.lcv.org/roll-call-vote/2006-219-offshore-drilling)] | **Opposed offshore drilling, including President Obama’s 2015 plan.** [O’Malley op-ed, New York Times, [2/2/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/02/opinion/dont-drill-along-the-east-coast.html)] | **2011: Supported offshore drilling in Virginia.** [Washington Post, [7/6/11](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/virginia-politics/post/webb-warner-introduce-bill-to-drill-off-va-coast/2011/07/06/gIQAPvHx0H_blog.html)] |  | **2010: Opposed offshore drilling.** [Office of Senator Sanders, [12/1/10](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/recent-business/offshore-drilling)]**2006: Voted against ending offshore drilling ban.** [H.R.4761, Vote 356, 109th Congress, [6/29/06](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2006/roll356.xml); Associated Press, [6/29/06](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/06/29/AR2006062900308.html)] | **2006: Voted to end offshore drilling ban.** [S. 3711, Vote 219, 109th Congress, [8/1/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00219); League of Conservation Votes, accessed [6/2/15](http://scorecard.lcv.org/roll-call-vote/2006-219-offshore-drilling) |

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| Hobby Lobby | **Opposed SCOTUS Hobby Lobby ruling.** [CBS News, [9/19/14](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/hillary-clinton-urges-women-to-turn-out-for-2014-midterms/)] | **Admitted shortcomings in the ACA’s contraception mandate.** [Politico, [3/1/12](http://www.politico.com/politico44/2012/03/biden-we-screwed-up-contraception-debate-116128.html)] | **Opposed SCOTUS Hobby Lobby ruling.** [Baltimore Sun, [6/30/14](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2014-06-30/news/bal-omalley-criticizes-supreme-court-on-contraception-case-20140630_1_contraception-coverage-o-malley-hobby-lobby)] |  | **Opposed SCOTUS Hobby Lobby ruling.** [@elizabethforma, Twitter, [6/30/14](https://twitter.com/elizabethforma/status/483638466543357953)] | **Opposed SCOTUS Hobby Lobby ruling.** [Office of Senator Sanders, [6/30/14](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/sanders-calls-supreme-court_ruling-an-attack-on-women-workers)] |  |
| Equal Pay  | **Supports Equal Pay.** [Correct the Record, accessed [1/22/15](http://correctrecord.org/hillary-clinton-a-fighter-for-equal-pay/)]**Introduced 2005 and 2007 Paycheck Fairness Act.** [Correct the Record, accessed [1/22/15](http://correctrecord.org/hillary-clinton-a-fighter-for-equal-pay/)] | **Supports Equal Pay.** [C-SPAN, [7/20/10](http://www.c-span.org/video/?c3071447/clip-paycheck-fairness-act)] | **Supports Equal Pay.** [Huffington Post, [6/8/14](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/gov-martin-omalley/equal-pay-day---making-ma_b_5112829.html)] | **Voted for cloture on 2012 Paycheck Fairness Act (bill did not become law.)** [S. 3220, Vote 115, 112th Congress, [6/5/12](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=2&vote=00115)] | **Voted for cloture on 2014 Paycheck Fairness Act (bill did not become law.)** [S. 2199, Vote 262, 113th Congress, [9/15/14](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=2&vote=00262)] | **Voted for cloture on 2014 Paycheck Fairness Act (bill did not become law.)** [S. 2199, Vote 262, 113th Congress, [9/15/14](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=2&vote=00262)] |  |
| VAWA | **Supports VAWA.** [New York Times, [4/2/13](http://thecaucus.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/04/02/clinton-speaks-up-for-womens-issues/)]**2005: VAWA Reauthorization passed the Senate by unanimous consent.** [H.R. 3402, 109th Congress, [12/16/05](https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/3402/actions?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22%5C%22H.R.+3402%5C%22%22%5D%7D)]**Bill Clinton signed original VAWA.** [White House, [9/17/12](http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2012/09/17/18th-anniversary-violence-against-women-act)] | **Introduced the original VAWA in 1994.** [Congressional Research Service, [3/6/14](https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42499.pdf)]**Voted for VAWA in 1994.** [H.R. 3355, Vote 295, 103rd Congress, [8/25/94](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=103&session=2&vote=00295)] | **Supports VAWA.** [@GovernorOMalley, Twitter, [2/28/13](https://twitter.com/GovernorOMalley/status/307223930488356864)] | **Voted for VAWA reauthorization in 2012 (bill did not become law).** [S. 1925, Vote 87, 112th Congress, [4/26/12](http://politics.nytimes.com/congress/votes/112/senate/2/87)] | **Voted for VAWA reauthorization in 2013.** [S. 47, Vote 19, 113th Congress, [2/12/13](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00019)] | **Voted for VAWA reauthorization in 2013.** [S. 47, Vote 19, 113th Congress, [2/12/13](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00019)] | **2005: VAWA Reauthorization passed the Senate by unanimous consent.** [H.R. 3402, 109th Congress, [12/16/05](https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/house-bill/3402/actions?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22%5C%22H.R.+3402%5C%22%22%5D%7D)] |

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| ENDA | **Co-sponsored ENDA in 2001.** [S.1284, 107th Congress, [7/31/01](https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/senate-bill/1284/cosponsors)] | **Supported federal nondiscrimination legislation.** [Washington Blade, [3/6/15](http://www.washingtonblade.com/2015/03/06/biden-lgbt-rights-basic-movement-civil-rights-struggle/)]**Co-sponsored ENDA in 2001.** [S.1284, 107th Congress, [7/31/01](https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/senate-bill/1284/cosponsors)] | **Supported ENDA and as governor, signed Maryland employment nondiscrimination laws.** [Huffington Post, [5/28/14](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/gov-martin-omalley/maryland-notches-another_b_5051443.html)] | **Co-sponsored ENDA in 2010.** [S. 1584, 111th Congress [3/10/10](https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/1584/cosponsors)] | **Voted for ENDA in 2013.** [S. 815, Vote 229, 113th Congress, [11/4/13](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00229)] | **Voted for ENDA in 2013.** [S. 815, Vote 229, 113th Congress, [11/4/13](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00229)] | **Co-sponsored ENDA in 2001.** [S.1284, 107th Congress, [7/31/01](https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/senate-bill/1284/cosponsors)] |

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| Common Core | **No stated position.** [New York Times, [3/25/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/25/us/politics/hillary-clinton-caught-between-dueling-forces-on-education-teachers-and-wealthy-donors.html)]**In 2007, “Introduced Legislation To Create A Voluntary National Curriculum And Standards For Math And Science Education.”** [Education Week, [3/3/15](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2015/03/04/hillary-clintons-k-12-record-could-be-campaign.html?cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS2)] |  | **Supported Common Core Standards.** [USA Today, [2/26/15](http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2015/02/26/2016-presidential-hopefuls-common-core/24047069/)]**Under O’Malley, Maryland was one of the first states to adopt common core.** [CBS, [11/20/14](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/the-common-core-conundrum-for-2016/)] |  |  |  | **Under Chafee, Rhode Island began implementing common core.** [Deborah Gist, Providence Journal, [2/22/15](http://www.providencejournal.com/article/20150222/OPINION/150229853)]**Chafee generally distanced himself from the debate over common core.** [Brown Daily Herald, [10/18/13](http://www.browndailyherald.com/2013/10/18/nation-embraces-testing-r-leaders-offer-tepid-support/)] |
| Testing | **Was “sympathetic that the test regime has become very burdensome in driving the education system.”** [New York Times, [3/25/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/25/us/politics/hillary-clinton-caught-between-dueling-forces-on-education-teachers-and-wealthy-donors.html)]**2008: Supported rewarding entire schools, not individual teachers, based on test scores and other metrics.** [Education Week, [3/3/15](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2015/03/04/hillary-clintons-k-12-record-could-be-campaign.html?cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS2)]**2007: Opposed the heavy use of testing under No Child Left Behind.** [Education Week, [3/3/15](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2015/03/04/hillary-clintons-k-12-record-could-be-campaign.html?cmp=ENL-EU-NEWS2)] | **2007: Opposed the heavy use of testing under No Child Left Behind.** [YouTube, [12/26/07](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cg4PbJs6N3k)] | **2014: Opposed a moratorium on state standardized tests.** [Baltimore Sun, [1/14/14](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2014-01-14/news/bs-md-msa-bill-20140114_1_maryland-state-education-association-state-testing-montgomery-democrat)]**2010: Proposed broader use of standardized test scores to evaluate teachers.** [Washington Post, [2/20/10](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/02/19/AR2010021902610.html)] | **Introduced legislation to give states temporary reprieve from federal testing standards.** [Washington Post, [3/21/07](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/03/21/AR2007032102309.html)] |  |  | **2014: Allowed a moratorium on the use of standardized tests as a graduation requirement in Rhode Island to become law, although he did not sign the bill.** [Associated Press, [7/1/14](http://wpri.com/2014/07/01/necap-moratorium-becomes-law-in-rhode-island/)]**Support the use of standardized testing but backed down due to General Assembly opposition.** [WPRI, [7/22/14](http://wpri.com/2014/07/22/as-term-nears-end-gov-chafee-sees-progress-on-education/)] |
| Free Community College | **Supported free community college plan.** [Fusion, [4/14/15](http://fusion.net/story/120148/hillary-clinton-thinks-community-college-should-be-free/)] | **Supported free community college plan.** [The White House, YouTube, [4/11/15](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZwcirxVf7g)]  | **Received the Champion For Maryland Community Colleges Award in 2014.** [@GovernorOMalley, Twitter, [12/5/14](https://twitter.com/GovernorOMalley/status/541038953303138304)] |  |  | **Supported free community college but thought it should go farther to include two free years of public college.** [The Hill, [2/17/15](http://thehill.com/policy/finance/232998-sanders-proposes-two-years-of-free-tuition-at-public-colleges-universities)] |  |
| College affordability | **2014: Said more needs to be done to make college more affordable.** [Las Vegas Review-Journal, [10/13/14](http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/las-vegas/clinton-raises-campaign-cash-advocates-affordable-education)]**2007: Called for student borrower’s bill of rights.** [New York Times, [11/24/07](http://thecaucus.blogs.nytimes.com/2007/11/24/clinton-takes-on-student-loan-industry/?_r=0)] | **Supported Obama’s efforts to ease student loan burdens as Vice President.** [KABC, [1/23/15](http://abc7.com/politics/vice-president-joe-biden-visits-west-los-angeles-college/486989/)] | **Called for using federal aid and student loan policies to bring about debt-free college.** [Martin O’Malley op-ed, Washington Post, [4/23/15](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/federal-solutions-to-our-student-loan-problem/2015/04/23/a9ab9f6c-e69a-11e4-9767-6276fc9b0ada_story.html)] | **Voted against Democratic-backed legislation to keep student loan interest rates from doubling.** [Huffington Post, [4/27/15](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/stephen-dash/jim-webbs-surprisingly-bi_b_7154274.html)] |  | **Supported free community college but thought it should go farther to include two free years of public college.** [The Hill, [2/17/15](http://thehill.com/policy/finance/232998-sanders-proposes-two-years-of-free-tuition-at-public-colleges-universities)] | **2014: Presided over three consecutive years of tuition freezes at public colleges as Rhode Island governor.** [WPRI, [7/22/14](http://wpri.com/2014/07/22/as-term-nears-end-gov-chafee-sees-progress-on-education/)] |
| For-profit colleges | **Criticized for-profit colleges as predatory.** [Huffington Post, [4/14/15](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/davidhalperin/video-in-iowa-clinton-str_b_7065662.html)]**Bill Clinton served as an honorary chancellor of a for-profit college.** [Bloomberg, [4/24/15](http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2015-04-24/bill-clinton-leaves-for-profit-college-position)] | **Served as Vice President when the Obama administration sought to curb for-profit college abuses.** [White House, [10/30/14](https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2014/10/30/what-you-need-know-about-new-rules-protect-students-poor-performing-career-college-p)] | **Signed a law curbing for-profit college abuses as governor of Maryland.** [S.B. 695, Maryland General Assembly, [5/10/11](http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?ys=2011RS/billfile/SB0695.htm)] | **Criticized some for-profit colleges for abusive practices towards veterans.** [Office of Senator Webb, [3/22/12](http://www.wsls.com/story/20855148/sen-jim-webb-working-to-prevent-gi-bill-abuse-by-for-profit-colleges)] |  | **Criticized some for-profit colleges for abusive practices towards veterans.** [Office of Senator Murphy, [4/24/15](http://www.murphy.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/murphy-blumenthal-18-other-senators-urge-education-secretary-to-expose-for-profit-college-loophole-that-harms-veteran-and-military-students-and-taxpayers)] | **Signed a law requiring for-profit colleges to provide students with refunds and access to academic records before closing.** [Providence Journal, [7/24/13](http://www.providencejournal.com/breaking-news/content/20130724-chafee-signs-bill-requiring-for-profit-ri-colleges-to-provide-refunds-records-prior-to-closure.ece)] |

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| DREAM Act | **Supported DREAM Act.** [CBS, [10/30/14](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/hillary-clinton-heckled-by-immigration-protesters/)]**2007: Voted for comprehensive immigration reform.** [S. 1639, Vote 235, 110th Congress, [6/28/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00235)] | **Supported DREAM Act as Vice President.** [ABC News, [6/20/13](http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics/2013/06/vice-president-joe-biden-takes-on-immigration-reform-foes/)]**2007: Voted for comprehensive immigration reform.** [S. 1639, Vote 235, 110th Congress, [6/28/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00235)] | **Signed Maryland DREAM Act.** [WBAL, [5/10/11](http://www.wbal.com/article/72718/2/template-story)] | **2010: Voted for the DREAM Act (bill did not become law).** [New York Times, H.R. 5281, S. 278, 111th Congress, [12/18/10](http://politics.nytimes.com/congress/votes/111/senate/2/278)] | **Supports the DREAM Act.** [Elizabeth Warren For Senate, [6/25/12](http://elizabethwarren.com/news/press-releases/statement-from-warren-campaign-regarding-supreme-courts-decision-on-arizona-immigration-law)] | **2010: Voted for the DREAM Act (bill did not become law).** [New York Times, H.R. 5281, S. 278, 111th Congress, [12/18/10](http://politics.nytimes.com/congress/votes/111/senate/2/278)] | **Supports federal DREAM Act.** [Providence Journal, 2/16/11] |
| Comprehensive Immigration Reform & Senate bill specifically | **2007: Voted for comprehensive immigration reform.** [S. 1639, Vote 235, 110th Congress, [6/28/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00235)] | **2007: Voted for comprehensive immigration reform.** [S. 1639, Vote 235, 110th Congress, [6/28/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00235)] | **Supported comprehensive immigration reform.** [Baltimore Sun, [9/11/14](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2014-09-11/news/bal-omalley-touts-progress-on-immigration-in-md-20140911_1_o-malley-comprehensive-immigration-reform-maryland-court)] | **2014: Supported comprehensive immigration reform.** [Washington Post, [12/3/14](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/jim-webb-says-democratic-party-has-lost-its-way/2014/12/03/d973e490-7aff-11e4-84d4-7c896b90abdc_story.html)]**2007: Voted against comprehensive immigration reform.** [S. 1639, Vote 235, 110th Congress, [6/28/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00235)] | **2013: Voted for comprehensive immigration reform.** [S. 744, Vote 167, [6/27/13](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00167)] | **2013: Voted for comprehensive immigration reform.** [S. 744, Vote 167, 113th Congress, [6/27/13](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00167)]**2007: Voted against comprehensive immigration reform.** [S. 1639, Vote 235, 110th Congress, [6/28/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00235)] | **Lincoln Chafee: “I Have Been Pushing For****Comprehensive Immigration Reform At The Federal Level Since My Time In The U.S. Senate, When I Worked In Support Of Senators Mccain And Kennedy's Bipartisan Legislation.”** [Providence Journal, 1/29/13] |
| Dorgan amendment (“poison pill” amendment to Bush’s 2007 comprehensive immigration reform bill that significantly cut the guest worker program. It was offered first in 2006, but did not pass until 2007.) | **2007: Voted for the Dorgan amendment.** [S.Amdt. 1316, S.Amdt. 1150, S.1348, Vote 201, 110th Congress, [6/6/07]](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00201)**2006: Voted for the Dorgan amendment.** [S.Amdt. 4095, S. 2611,Vote 150, 109th Congress, [5/24/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00150)] | **2007: Voted for the Dorgan amendment.** [S.Amdt. 1316, S.Amdt. 1150, S.1348, Vote 201, 110th Congress, [6/6/07]](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00201)**2006: Voted for the Dorgan amendment.** [S.Amdt. 4095, S. 2611,Vote 150, 109th Congress, [5/24/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00150)] |  | **2007: Voted for the Dorgan amendment.** [S.Amdt. 1316, S.Amdt. 1150, S.1348, Vote 201, 110th Congress, [6/6/07]](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00201) |  | **2007: Voted for the Dorgan amendment.** [S.Amdt. 1316, S.Amdt. 1150, S.1348, Vote 201, 110th Congress, [6/6/07]](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00201) | **2006: Voted for the Dorgan amendment.** [S.Amdt. 4095, S. 2611,Vote 150, 109th Congress, [5/24/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00150)] |
| Executive action | **Supported immigration action.** [MSNBC, [11/22/14](http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/hillary-clinton-obama-immigration-order-historic-step)] | **Supported immigration action as Vice President.** [CNN, [11/26/14](http://www.cnn.com/2014/11/26/politics/biden-immigration/)] | **Supported immigration action.** [Talking Points Memo, [11/21/14](http://talkingpointsmemo.com/dc/democrats-2016-unite-behind-obama-immigration-move)] | **Believed immigration action was within presidential powers.** [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [12/3/14](http://www.roanoke.com/news/politics/jim-webb-outlines-array-of-policy-positions-at-media-gathering/article_839437b4-f3ab-5924-992d-3c1841c61a86.html)] |  | **Supported immigration action.** [Press Release, Office of Senator Sanders, [11/20/14](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/statement-on-immigration-reform-and-network-blackout)] |  |
| Approach for handling children at the border | **Supported sending unaccompanied minors back to home countries.** [Huffington Post, [6/18/14](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/06/18/hillary-clinton-immigration_n_5507630.html)] | **Supported sending unaccompanied minors back to home countries.** [White House, [6/20/14](https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/06/20/remarks-press-qa-vice-president-joe-biden-guatemala)] | **Opposed sending unaccompanied minors back to home countries.** [Washington Post, [7/16/14](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/omalley-obama-administration-still-sparring-over-immigration-policies/2014/07/16/5d30e622-0c9a-11e4-8c9a-923ecc0c7d23_story.html)] |  |  | **Supported housing children, called crisis a refugee and not an immigration issue.** [Ed Show, MSNBC, 7/16/14] | **Said he would look to place unaccompanied minors in Rhode Island, but was not asked to do so by a federal agency.** [Washington Post, [7/23/14](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/govbeat/wp/2014/07/23/at-least-32-governors-have-weighed-in-on-the-border-crisis-heres-what-each-has-said/)] |
| Driver’s licenses for undocumented immigrants. | **2015: Supported driver’s licenses for undocumented immigrants.** [Huffington Post, [4/16/15](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/04/16/clinton-drivers-licenses-undocumented_n_7072570.html?ncid=tweetlnkushpmg00000067)]**2008: Opposed driver’s licenses for undocumented immigrants after equivocating on the issue at a Democratic primary debate.** [Huffington Post, [4/16/15](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/04/16/clinton-drivers-licenses-undocumented_n_7072570.html?ncid=tweetlnkushpmg00000067)] | **2007: Opposed driver’s licenses for undocumented immigrants without comprehensive immigration reform.** [Democratic Primary Debate, [11/15/07](http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=76041)] | **Supported driver’s licenses for undocumented immigrants.** [@GovernorOMalley, Twitter, [4/17/15](https://twitter.com/GovernorOMalley/status/589069395240099841)] |  |  | **Voted against a bill that sought to crack down on illegal immigrant drivers.** [NBC News, [2/10/05](http://www.nbcnews.com/id/6942834/ns/politics-tom_curry/t/house-cracks-down-illegal-immigrant-drivers/#.VUuSvflViko)] | **Supported driver’s licenses for undocumented immigrants.** [Associated Press, [2/4/14](http://www.turnto10.com/story/24633156/chafee-immigrant-drivers-license-bill-has-broad-support)] |
| Guest workers / H1B visas | **2007: Supported raising the cap on H1B visas.** [Computer World, [4/14/15](http://www.computerworld.com/article/2909983/it-outsourcing/heres-where-clinton-and-rubio-stand-on-the-h-1b-visa-issue.html)]**2009: As Secretary of State, did not firmly support H1B visas, echoing Obama administration hesitation.** [Computer World, [4/14/15](http://www.computerworld.com/article/2909983/it-outsourcing/heres-where-clinton-and-rubio-stand-on-the-h-1b-visa-issue.html)] |  |  |  |  | **Opposed expansion of H1B visas. “**The bottom line is that I feel, very much, that a lot of the initiative behind these guest workers programs, a very large expansion of guest worker programs — H2B visas would go up to as many as 195,000, H1B to as many as 205,000 a year — is coming from large corporations who want cheap labor from abroad.” [Washington Post, [5/25/13](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/05/25/this-is-a-massive-effort-to-attract-cheap-labor-why-sen-bernie-sanders-is-skeptical-of-guest-workers/)]**Wanted to rein in guest worker program.** [New York Times, [5/1/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/01/us/politics/bernie-sanders-on-the-issues.html)] | **Supported guest-worker program.** [New York Times, [6/3/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/04/us/politics/lincoln-chafee-on-the-issues.html?partner=rss&emc=rss)] |

# FOREIGN POLICY

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| 2016 Dem Position | **Hillary Clinton**Senator: 2001-2009 | **Joe Biden**Senator: 1973-2009VP: 2009- | **Martin O’Malley**Governor: 2007-2015 | **Jim Webb**Senator: 2007-2013 | **Elizabeth Warren**Senator: 2013- | **Bernie Sanders**Rep.: 1991-2007Senator: 2007- | **Lincoln Chafee**Senator: 1999-2007Governor: 2011-2015 |
| Iraq (support for going in/comments on withdrawal) | **Voted to authorize the invasion of Iraq.** [H.J. Res. 114, Vote 237, 107th Congress, [10/11/02](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=107&session=2&vote=00237)]**Said the invasion of Iraq was a mistake.** [Fusion, America with Jorge Ramos, 7/29/14]**Pushed to keep more forces in Iraq as U.S. withdrew.** [Daily Beast, [6/18/14](http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2014/06/18/hillary-clinton-pushed-obama-to-keep-troops-in-iraq.html)] | **Voted to authorize the invasion of Iraq.** [H.J. Res. 114, Vote 237, 107th Congress, [10/11/02](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=107&session=2&vote=00237)]**Supported the withdrawal from Iraq as Vice President.** [Guardian, [5/26/12](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2012/may/26/joe-biden-withdrawal-iran-afghanistan)] | **Opposed the Iraq War.** [Washington Post, [12/16/11](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/maryland-politics/post/omalley-thanks-obama-for-ending-iraq-war/2011/12/16/gIQACS2fyO_blog.html)]**Supported withdrawal from Iraq.** [Washington Post, [12/16/11](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/maryland-politics/post/omalley-thanks-obama-for-ending-iraq-war/2011/12/16/gIQACS2fyO_blog.html)] | **Opposed entering the Iraq War.** [Washington Post, 9/4/02]**Called for withdrawal from Iraq in 2007.** [Daily Press, [3/11/07](http://articles.dailypress.com/2007-03-11/news/0703110046_1_webb-gilmore-s-guys-jim-gilmore)]**Supported withdrawal from Iraq.** [James Webb, accessed [1/22/15](http://www.jameswebb.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/114889005-Senator-Webb-s-Six-Year-Legislative-Report-2007-2012.pdf)] |  | **Voted against authorization the invasion of Iraq.** [Associated Press, [10/10/02](http://www.nytimes.com/2002/10/10/international/10AP-IROL.html)]**Supported withdrawal from Iraq.** [Office of Senator Sanders, [10/21/11](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/statement-from-sen-sanders-on-president-obamas-iraq-withdrawal-announcement)] | **Voted against authorizing the invasion of Iraq.** [H.J. Res. 114, Vote 237, 107th Congress, [10/11/02](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=107&session=2&vote=00237)] |
| Afghanistan (support for going in/comments on withdrawal) | **Opposed a quick withdrawal of NATO troops.** [CBS News, [4/14/11](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/clinton-warns-nato-on-speedy-afghan-withdrawal/)] | **Supported the withdrawal as Vice President.** [Guardian, [5/26/12](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2012/may/26/joe-biden-withdrawal-iran-afghanistan)] | **Supported the withdrawal.** [Charlie Rose, 9/4/12] | **Supported quick and total withdrawal from Afghanistan.** [Hardball, MSNBC, 6/4/14]**Did not have an issue with announcing a withdrawal date from Afghanistan.** [Hardball, MSNBC, 6/4/14] |  | **Warned against U.S. involvement in Afghanistan before invasion.** [New York Times, [5/1/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/01/us/politics/bernie-sanders-on-the-issues.html)] | **Supported withdrawal from Afghanistan.** [WPRI, YouTube, [4/20/12](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hP2nyreOM-c)] |
| 2009 Afghanistan surge | **Supported the surge.** [TIME, [1/14/14](http://swampland.time.com/2014/01/14/hillary-clintons-unapologetically-hawkish-record-faces-2016-test/)] | **Opposed the surge.** [Yahoo, [6/25/12](http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/OTUS/biden-warned-obama-2009-troop-surge-memo/story?id=16642873)] | **Supported the surge.** [Charlie Rose, 9/4/12] | **Opposed the surge.** [Jim Webb, Washington Post, [12/4/09](http://www.jameswebb.com/articles/foreign-policy-national-security/a-plan-in-need-of-clarity-afghanistan)]  |  | **Appeared to oppose the surge.** [Office of Senator Sanders, [12/1/09](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/newswatch/120109)] |  |
| Fight against ISIL | **Supported Obama’s ISIL strategy.** [CBS News, [9/25/14](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/bill-hillary-clinton-back-obamas-isis-strategy/)] | **Supported as Vice President.****Defended progress against ISIL under Obama.** [New York Times, [4/10/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/10/world/middleeast/biden-cites-progress-in-iraqs-war-with-isis.html?_r=0)] | **Supported ISIL coalition.** [Salon, [3/13/15](http://www.salon.com/2015/03/13/a_lot_of_us_are_disappointed_and_angry_martin_o%E2%80%99malley_makes_his_case_to_salon/)] | **Supported a military “policy” against ISIS, but says we are “reaping the consequence” of Iraq occupation.** [PBS Newshour, 2/26/15] |  | **Wanted fight against ISIL to be led by Saudi Arabia and neighbors.** [New York Times, [5/1/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/01/us/politics/bernie-sanders-on-the-issues.html)] | **Said rise of ISIS was a result of the Iraq invasion.** [New Day, CNN, 4/16/15]**2014: Appeared not to support air strikes against ISIS.** [Crossfire, CNN, 6/18/14] |
| Libya intervention | **Spearheaded the U.S. decision to intervene in Libya.** [New York Times, [3/18/11](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/19/world/africa/19policy.html?pagewanted=all)] | **Appeared skeptical of the decision to intervene in Libya.** [Rolling Stone, [10/13/11](http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/inside-obamas-war-room-20111013)] | **Appeared not to support U.S intervention to remove Gadhafi.** [Salon, [3/13/15](http://www.salon.com/2015/03/13/a_lot_of_us_are_disappointed_and_angry_martin_o%E2%80%99malley_makes_his_case_to_salon/)] | **Opposed unilateral intervention in Libya, specifically citing lack of Congressional approval.** [Vox, [3/9/15](http://www.vox.com/2015/3/9/8161145/jim-webb-interview)] |  | **Said he had reservations about intervention in Libya.** [Real Clear Politics, [6/8/11](http://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2011/06/08/interview_with_senator_bernie_sanders_110147.html)] | **Opposed the intervention in Libya.** [WPRI, [4/14/11](http://wpri.com/blog/2011/04/14/chafee-im-open-to-running-as-a-democrat-in-2014/)] |
| Benghazi |  | **Defended the Administration in 2012 campaign, saying Congress cut diplomatic security funding.** [Guardian, [10/12/12](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2012/oct/12/benghazi-attack-investigation-democrats-biden)] | **Defended President’s characterization of Benghazi during 2012 campaign.** [Starting Point, CNN, 10/17/12] | **Implied that Benghazi was a result of the misguided intervention of Libya.** [State of the Union, CNN, 6/1/14] |  | **Called the Benghazi attacks a tragedy and criticized Republicans for politicizing it.** [Office of Senator Sanders, [5/16/13](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/recent-business/the-new-normal)] |  |
| Putin | **Said she was among the most skeptical of Putin.** [Politico, [7/26/14](http://www.politico.com/story/2014/07/hillary-clinton-vladimir-putin-cnn-interview-109387.html)]**Urged Europe to be more aggressive in confronting Putin.** [CNN, [2/13/15](http://www.cnn.com/2015/02/13/politics/hillary-clinton-boris-johnson/)] | **Forcefully denounced Russian aggression in Ukraine, calling on Russia to leave.** [CNN, [2/7/15](http://www.cnn.com/2015/02/07/politics/joe-biden-putin-ukraine/)]**Apparently said to Putin “I don’t think you have a soul.”** [Salon, [7/21/14](http://www.salon.com/2014/07/21/joe_biden_to_vladimir_putin_i_dont_think_you_have_a_soul/)] |  | **Supported the Obama Administration’s approach to Ukraine.** [National Press Club, 9/23/14]**Supported approaching Putin’s aggression through sanctions and working with European partners.** [National Press Club, 9/23/14] |  | **Supports sanctions against Russia over Ukraine policies.** [New York Times, [5/1/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/01/us/politics/bernie-sanders-on-the-issues.html)] | **Supported the idea of a Russia “reset” but said it was blundered.** [New Day, CNN, 4/16/15] |
| Iranian missiles | **2007: Voted for a bill stating the policy of the U.S. was to “develop and deploy…an effective defense” against Iranian ballistic missiles.** [S.Amdt. 2024, S.Amdt. 2011, H.R. 1585, Vote 245, 110th Congress, [7/12/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00245); New York Times, [5/27/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/28/upshot/the-senate-votes-that-divided-hillary-clinton-and-bernie-sanders.html?abt=0002&abg=0)] |  |  |  |  | **2007: Voted against a bill stating the policy of the U.S. was to “develop and deploy…an effective defense” against Iranian ballistic missiles.** [S.Amdt. 2024, S.Amdt. 2011, H.R. 1585, Vote 245, 110th Congress, [7/12/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00245); New York Times, [5/27/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/28/upshot/the-senate-votes-that-divided-hillary-clinton-and-bernie-sanders.html?abt=0002&abg=0)] |  |
| Iran’s Green Movement | **Regretted not speaking out more forcefully in support of the Green Movement.** [Hillary Clinton, Hard Choices, 6/10/14] | **Expressed skepticism over the results of election that kept Ahmadinejad in power and launched the Green Movement.** [Meet the Press, NBC, 6/14/09] |  | **Supported President Obama’s response to the Green Movement.** [Ed Show, MSNBC, 6/18/09] |  |  |  |
| Iranian influence in Iraq | **2007: Voted in favor of setting U.S. policy to combat Iran-backed violence in Iraq.** [S.Amdt. 3017, S. Amdt. 2011, H.R. 1585, Vote 349, 110th Congress, [9/26/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00349); New York Times, [5/27/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/28/upshot/the-senate-votes-that-divided-hillary-clinton-and-bernie-sanders.html?abt=0002&abg=0)] |  |  |  |  | **2007: Voted against setting U.S. policy to combat Iran-backed violence in Iraq.** [S.Amdt. 3017, S. Amdt. 2011, H.R. 1585, Vote 349, 110th Congress, [9/26/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00349); New York Times, [5/27/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/28/upshot/the-senate-votes-that-divided-hillary-clinton-and-bernie-sanders.html?abt=0002&abg=0)] |  |
| Negotiating with terrorists | **2007: “We cannot negotiate with individual terrorists.”** [New York Times, [10/15/07](http://thecaucus.blogs.nytimes.com/2007/10/15/clinton-details-foreign-policy-agenda/)] |  |  | **In supporting engagement with authoritarian regimes, appeared open to negotiation with terrorists.** [Meet the Press, NBC, 5/18/08] |  |  |  |
| Guantanamo | **2007: Voted to block transfer of Guantanamo detainees to the U.S.** [S.Amdt. 2351, S.Amdt. 2327, H.R. 2669, Vote 259, 110th Congress, [7/19/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00259); New York Times, [5/27/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/28/upshot/the-senate-votes-that-divided-hillary-clinton-and-bernie-sanders.html?abt=0002&abg=0)] |  |  |  |  | **2007: Voted against blocking transfer of Guantanamo detainees to the U.S.** [S.Amdt. 2351, S.Amdt. 2327, H.R. 2669, Vote 259, 110th Congress, [7/19/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00259); New York Times, [5/27/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/28/upshot/the-senate-votes-that-divided-hillary-clinton-and-bernie-sanders.html?abt=0002&abg=0)] |  |
| Indian nuclear deal | **2008: Voted for Indian nuclear deal.** [H.R. 7081, Vote 211, 110th Congress, [10/1/08](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=2&vote=00211)] |  |  |  |  | **2008: Voted against Indian nuclear deal.** [H.R. 7081, Vote 211, 110th Congress, [10/1/08](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=2&vote=00211)] |  |

# INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

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| NSA | **Endorsed USA Freedom Act, which would roll back domestic surveillance.** [MSNBC, [5/7/15](http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/hillary-clinton-endorses-nsa-reform-bill)]**Supported scaling back domestic surveillance.** [Atlantic, [2/25/15](http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2015/02/hillary-clintons-evasive-position-on-nsa-spying/386024/)] | **2006: Opposed bulk collection of metadata.** [Business Insider, [7/5/13](http://www.businessinsider.com/joe-bidens-comments-about-nsa-spying-in-2006-2013-7)] | **Did not appear to oppose NSA surveillance.** [Politico, [2/17/14](http://www.politico.com/story/2014/02/hillary-clinton-nsa-surveillance-103576.html)] | **Believed bulk data collected on Americans not accused of terrorism or crime should be destroyed.** [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [12/3/14](http://www.roanoke.com/news/politics/jim-webb-outlines-array-of-policy-positions-at-media-gathering/article_839437b4-f3ab-5924-992d-3c1841c61a86.html)] |  | **Opposed bulk collection of metadata.** [Office of Senator Sanders, [5/7/15](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/sanders-welcomes-court-ruling-on-nsa)] | **Opposes bulk collection of metadata.** [US News, 4/10/15] |
| Snowden | **Said she could never condone Snowden’s leaks.** [The Week, [2/25/15](http://theweek.com/speedreads/541067/hillary-clinton-never-condone-snowdens-whistleblowing)] | **Called Snowden a “fugitive of American justice” and urged Ecuador not to grant him asylum.** [Cleveland Plain Dealer, [6/29/13](http://www.cleveland.com/world/index.ssf/2013/06/vice_president_joe_biden_asks.html)] | **Called Snowden an “internal threat.”** [Associated Press, 7/9/14] |  |  | **Defended Snowden and said he deserved leniency.** [USA Today, [1/6/14](http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/01/06/snowden-clemency-sanders-nsa/4344467/)] | **Hinted he may be open to pardoning Snowden, and would announce a position on the matter.** [US News, 4/10/15] |

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| Background checks | **Supports universal background checks.** [TIME, [6/17/14](http://time.com/2891821/hillary-clinton-2016-gun-control/)] | **Supports universal background checks.** [Biden op-ed, Houston Chronicle, [5/3/13](http://www.chron.com/opinion/outlook/article/Biden-Background-checks-are-key-to-gun-safety-4487170.php)] | **Called for federal gun control legislation.** [Baltimore Sun, [9/20/13](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2013-09-20/news/bal-omalley-calls-for-federal-action-on-gun-control-20130920_1_o-malley-calls-universal-background-checks-gun-control)] | **Opposes gun control.** [Bloomberg, [9/7/14](http://www.bloombergview.com/articles/2014-09-07/could-jim-webb-mount-credible-challenge-to-clinton)] | **2013: Voted for universal background checks (bill did not become law).** [S.Amdt. 715, S.649, Vote 97, 113th Congress, [4/17/13](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00097)] | **2013: Voted for universal background checks (bill did not become law).** [S.Amdt. 715, S.649, Vote 97, 113th Congress, [4/17/13](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00097)]**1993: Voted against universal background checks.** [H.R. 1025, Vote 614, 103rd Congress, [11/22/93](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/1993/roll614.xml)] | **2013: Supported reviewing sources used in background checks in Rhode Island.** [Associated Press, [5/15/13](http://www.turnto10.com/story/22126553/ri-lawmakers-to-review-gun-control-bills)] |
| Assault weapons ban | **Supports assault weapons ban.** [Politico, [6/17/14](http://www.politico.com/story/2014/06/hillary-clinton-benghazi-107976_Page2.html)]**2004: Voted for renewal of federal assault weapons ban (bill did not become law).** [S. Amdt. 2637, S. 1805, Vote 24, 108th Congress, [3/2/04](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=108&session=2&vote=00024)] | **Supports assault weapons ban.** [The Hill, [3/20/13](http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/289401-biden-still-pushing-for-assault-weapons-ban-to-pass)]**2004: Voted for renewal of federal assault weapons ban (bill did not become law).** [S. Amdt. 2637, S. 1805, Vote 24, 108th Congress, [3/2/04](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=108&session=2&vote=00024)] | **Signed assault weapons ban law.** [NBC, [7/25/14](http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Governor-Martin-OMalley-to-sign-gun-control-legislation--207695891.html)] | **Opposes gun control.** [Bloomberg, [9/7/14](http://www.bloombergview.com/articles/2014-09-07/could-jim-webb-mount-credible-challenge-to-clinton)] | **2013: Voted for assault weapons ban.** [S.Amdt. 711, S. 649, Vote 101, 113th Congress [4/17/13](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00101)] | **2013: Voted for assault weapons ban.** [S.Amdt. 711, S. 649, Vote 101, 113th Congress [4/17/13](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00101)] | **2013: Supported assault weapon ban in Rhode Island.** [Associated Press, [5/15/13](http://www.turnto10.com/story/22126553/ri-lawmakers-to-review-gun-control-bills)]**2004: Voted for renewal of federal assault weapons ban (bill did not become law).** [S. Amdt. 2637, S. 1805, Vote 24, 108th Congress, [3/2/04](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=108&session=2&vote=00024)] |
| High capacity magazine ban | **Supports high capacity magazine ban.** [CNN, [6/17/14](https://iqmediacorp.com/ClipPlayer/?ClipID=e18a00cb-6593-4286-b40f-ff6562ac9501)] | **Supports high capacity magazine ban.** [NBC News, [1/24/13](http://firstread.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/01/24/16682888-biden-downplays-assault-weapons-ban-emphasizes-background-checks-and-magazine-restrictions)] | **Signed high capacity magazine ban law.** [NBC, [7/25/14](http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Governor-Martin-OMalley-to-sign-gun-control-legislation--207695891.html)] | **Opposes gun control.** [Bloomberg, [9/7/14](http://www.bloombergview.com/articles/2014-09-07/could-jim-webb-mount-credible-challenge-to-clinton)] | **2013: Voted to ban high capacity magazines.** [S.Amdt. 714, S. 649, Vote 103, 113th Congress, [4/17/13](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00103)] | **2013: Voted to ban high capacity magazines.** [S.Amdt. 714, S. 649, Vote 103, 113th Congress, [4/17/13](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00103)] | **Supported high capacity magazine ban law.** [Associated Press, [5/15/13](http://www.turnto10.com/story/22126553/ri-lawmakers-to-review-gun-control-bills)] |
| Other | **2005: Voted against Protection of Lawful Commerce In Arms Act, which shields gun manufacturers from liability suits.** [S. 397, Vote 534, 109th Congress, [10/20/05](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2005/roll534.xml); TIME, [12/24/12](http://ideas.time.com/2012/12/24/why-is-congress-protecting-the-gun-industry/)] | **2005: Voted against Protection of Lawful Commerce In Arms Act, which shields gun manufacturers from liability suits.** [S. 397, Vote 534, 109th Congress, [10/20/05](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2005/roll534.xml); TIME, [12/24/12](http://ideas.time.com/2012/12/24/why-is-congress-protecting-the-gun-industry/)] | **Signed fingerprinting for handgun purchase law.** [NBC, [7/25/14](http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Governor-Martin-OMalley-to-sign-gun-control-legislation--207695891.html)] | **2009: Voted to repeal DC gun restrictions (bill did not become law).** [S.Amdt. 575, S.160, Vote 72, 111th Congress, [2/26/09](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=111&session=1&vote=00072)] |  | **2009: Voted against repeal of DC gun restrictions (bill did not become law).** [S.Amdt. 575, S.160, Vote 72, [2/26/09](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=111&session=1&vote=00072)]**2005: Voted for Protection of Lawful Commerce In Arms Act, which shields gun manufacturers from liability suits.** [S. 397, Vote 534, 109th Congress, [10/20/05](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2005/roll534.xml); TIME, [12/24/12](http://ideas.time.com/2012/12/24/why-is-congress-protecting-the-gun-industry/)] | **Supported placing handgun permitting in the power of the state attorney general instead of local police in Rhode Island.** [Associated Press, [5/15/13](http://www.turnto10.com/story/22126553/ri-lawmakers-to-review-gun-control-bills)]**2005: Voted against Protection of Lawful Commerce In Arms Act, which shields gun manufacturers from liability suits.** [S. 397, Vote 534, 109th Congress, [10/20/05](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2005/roll534.xml); TIME, [12/24/12](http://ideas.time.com/2012/12/24/why-is-congress-protecting-the-gun-industry/)] |

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| Voter ID  | **Opposed voter ID laws.** [Politico, [8/13/13](http://www.politico.com/story/2013/08/hillary-clinton-attacks-vra-ruling-95461.html)]**2007: Voted against bill to require photo IDs for federal elections.** [S.Amdt. 1170, S.Amdt. 1150, S.1348, Vote 184, 110th Congress, [6/5/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00184)] | **Opposed voter ID laws.** [CBS News, [7/24/14](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/joe-biden-voter-id-laws-an-attempt-to-repress-minority-voting/)]**2007: Did not vote on bill to require photo IDs for federal elections.** [S.Amdt. 1170, S.Amdt. 1150, S.1348, Vote 184, 110th Congress, [6/5/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00184)] | **Opposed voter ID laws.** [Huffington Post, [5/2/13](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/gov-martin-omalley/strengthening-our-democra_b_3199673.html)] | **2007: Voted against bill to require photo IDs for federal elections.** [S.Amdt. 1170, S.Amdt. 1150, S.1348, Vote 184, 110th Congress, [6/5/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00184)] |  | **2007: Voted against bill to require photo IDs for federal elections.** [S.Amdt. 1170, S.Amdt. 1150, S.1348, Vote 184, 110th Congress, [6/5/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00184)] | **Signed voter ID into law in Rhode Island.** [Press Release, State of Rhode Island, [7/6/11](http://www.ri.gov/press/view/14229)] |

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| **Sequester** | **Opposed the sequester.** [CBS News, [6/14/13](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/hillary-clinton-blasts-impact-of-sequester-on-research/)] | **Called the sequester unnecessary.** [San Antonio Express-News, 10/31/13]**Negotiated the fiscal cliff deal that left the sequester in place.** [Congressional Quarterly News, 12/11/13] | **Opposed the sequester.** [Politico, [2/24/13](http://www.politico.com/blogs/politico-live/2013/02/omalley-mcdonnell-congress-must-avoid-sequester-157707.html)] | **Voted for the Budget Control Act.** [S. 365, Vote 123, [8/2/11](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=1&vote=00123)]**Opposed the sequester.** [Politico, [7/30/12](http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0712/79170.html)] |  | **Voted against the Budget Control Act.** [S. 365, Vote 123, [8/2/11](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=1&vote=00123)]**Opposed the sequester.** [Military Times, [3/11/15](http://www.militarytimes.com/story/military/capitol-hill/2015/03/11/sanders-defense-only-sequestration/70161148/)] | **Appeared to oppose the sequester.** [Associated Press, [11/19/13](http://www.thewesterlysun.com/news/latestnews/2890204-129/gov-chafee-still-enjoying-the-hard-work.html)] **Criticized cuts to defense spending under the sequester.** [Providence Journal, 2/28/13] |
| **Defense cuts** | **Criticized cuts to defense spending under the sequester.** [The Hill, [8/16/10](http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/177045-panetta-proposed-defense-cuts-would-break-faith-with-troops)]**2007: Voted for bill to only cut military funding if it did not undermine troop safety or mission.** [S.Con.Res. 20, Vote 77, 110th Congress, [3/15/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00077)] | **2014: Opposed the idea that it was “inherently more important to spend money on the military than on domestic needs.”** [TIME, [7/16/14](http://time.com/2993511/biden-cheney/)]**2012: Criticized Romney for wanting to raise defense spending by $2 trillion.** [CNN, [10/12/12](http://money.cnn.com/2012/10/12/news/economy/biden-ryan-defense/)] | **Criticized cuts to defense spending under the sequester.** [Face the Nation, CBS, 2/24/13] | **2010: Criticized Pentagon plans to close the Joint Forces Command headquartered in Virginia.** [Boston Globe, [8/10/10](http://www.boston.com/news/nation/washington/articles/2010/08/10/gates_announces_major_cuts_in_military_spending/)]**1988: Resigned as Navy Secretary over cutbacks in the Reagan administration’s defense budget.** [Los Angeles Times, [2/23/88](http://articles.latimes.com/1988-02-23/news/mn-44732_1_navy-secretary)] |  | **2015: Opposed increases in defense spending at the expense of domestic programs.** [Defense News, [1/16/15](http://www.defensenews.com/story/defense/policy-budget/congress/2015/01/16/sanders-defense-budget-social-security/21864183/)]**2007: Voted against bill to only cut military funding if it did not undermine troop safety or mission.** [S.Con.Res. 20, Vote 77, 110th Congress, [3/15/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00077)] | **Criticized cuts to defense spending under the sequester.** [Providence Journal, 2/28/13] |
| **National debt** | **2010: Said the national debt was a national security threat and weakened the country.** [Fox News, [9/8/10](http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2010/09/08/clinton-calls-diplomatic-strategy-best-hope-dangerous-world/)] | **2013: Cited debt reduction as a goal of the administration.** [White House, [2/2/13](https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/02/02/remarks-vice-president-joe-biden-munich-security-conference-hotel-bayeri)]**Called Romney and Ryan hypocritical for focusing on debt reduction but being unwilling to raise taxes on millionaires.** [Democratic National Convention, [9/6/12](http://www.npr.org/2012/09/06/160713378/transcript-vice-president-bidens-convention-speech)] | **Said the Bush tax cuts were the primary driver of the national debt.** [Stateline, 2/28/12] | **Proposed taxing high bonuses in order to help pay down national debt.** [Virginian-Pilot, 3/10/10] |  | **Said Social Security had not contributed a dime to the national debt.** [@SenSanders, Twitter, [7/3/13](https://twitter.com/SenSanders/status/352483347445972993)]**Said that we cannot continue tax breaks for billionaires with such a high national debt.** [@SenSanders, Twitter, [7/25/12](https://twitter.com/SenSanders/status/228260970668118016)] | **2006: Said it was “extremely important” to make debt reduction a priority.** [Lincoln Chafee, New York Times, [11/12/06](http://www.nytimes.com/2006/11/12/opinion/12chafee.html)] |

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| Social Security | **2007: Opposed cutting benefits.** [The Hill, [8/24/14](http://thehill.com/blogs/ballot-box/presidential-races/215817-clinton-vs-warren-where-they-disagree)]**2007: Opposed privatization.** [The Hill, [8/24/14](http://thehill.com/blogs/ballot-box/presidential-races/215817-clinton-vs-warren-where-they-disagree)]**2007: Opposed raising retirement age.** [The Hill, [8/24/14](http://thehill.com/blogs/ballot-box/presidential-races/215817-clinton-vs-warren-where-they-disagree)]**2007: Would consider committing more of workers’ income.** [The Hill, [8/24/14](http://thehill.com/blogs/ballot-box/presidential-races/215817-clinton-vs-warren-where-they-disagree)] | **2012: Promised no change to Social Security.** [NBC News, [8/14/12](http://firstread.nbcnews.com/_news/2012/08/14/13282109-biden-guarantees-there-will-be-no-changes-in-social-security)]**2008: Opposed raising retirement age.** [Remarks at Early Vote for Change Rally, 10/29/08]**2007: Supported committing more of worker’s income.** [MSNBC, [9/26/07](http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=75796)] | **Supports expanding Social Security benefits.** [Salon, [3/13/15](http://www.salon.com/2015/03/13/a_lot_of_us_are_disappointed_and_angry_martin_o%E2%80%99malley_makes_his_case_to_salon/)]**Opposed Social Security cuts.** [Washington Post, [8/19/14](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/omalley-teams-up-with-nh-senator-on-petition-for-no-cuts-to-social-security/2014/08/19/60faa6f4-27dd-11e4-8593-da634b334390_story.html)] | **Did not sign letter opposing Social Security cuts as part of deficit grand bargain.** [The Hill, [9/20/12](http://thehill.com/policy/finance/250767-reid-majority-of-senate-dems-oppose-social-security-cuts-in-debt-deal)] | **Supports expanding Social Security benefits.** [Politico, [11/18/13](http://www.politico.com/story/2013/11/warren-slams-wapo-social-security-editorial-100010.html)] | **Opposed Social Security cuts as part of deficit grand bargain.** [The Hill, [9/20/12](http://thehill.com/policy/finance/250767-reid-majority-of-senate-dems-oppose-social-security-cuts-in-debt-deal)]**Wanted to raise the income cap on Social Security tax, have people making more than $250,000 pay into it.** [Situation Room, CNN, 6/4/15] | **2011: Signaled that he supported President Obama’s compromise to raise the retirement age.** [Providence Journal, 8/12/11]**2005: Supported Bush plan to cut Social Security for “all but low-income workers.”** [Associated Press, [5/6/05](http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/1397964/posts)]**2005: Appeared to support raising taxable income cap on Social Security.** [Providence Business News, [4/1/05](http://pbn.com/stories/Chafee-tackles-litigation-Social-Security-reforms%2C17624)] |
| Medicare cuts/expansion | **2007: Supported expanding Medicare as part of her proposed health plan.** [Associated Press, [9/17/07](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/09/17/AR2007091700118.html)] | **Supported the ACA as Vice President, which slowed Medicare spending while closing the “doughnut hole” coverage gap and expanding some benefits.** [Politifact, [8/25/14](http://www.politifact.com/virginia/statements/2014/sep/08/ed-gillespie/gillespie-says-obamacare-cuts-seniors-medicare/)]**2008: Supported expanding Medicare.** [Wall Street Journal, [8/25/08](http://blogs.wsj.com/health/2008/08/25/biden-expand-medicare-and-fill-the-doughnut-hole/)] | **Opposed Republican efforts to voucherize Medicare.** [MSNBC, 10/12/12] | **Initially opposed the ACA out of feat it would cut Medicare.** [Nightly News, NBC, 12/18/09] |  | **Supports expanding Medicare to all Americans (i.e., he wants a single-payer Medicare-like system for everyone).** [Bernie Sanders op-ed, Guardian, [9/30/13](http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/sep/30/single-payer-cure-healthcare-reform)] | **Criticized Republicans under Bush for “expanding the cost of Medicare…and failing to pay.”** [Providence Journal, 9/5/12] |
| Doc fix | **2008: Voted for the doc-fix.** [H.R.6331, Vote 177, 110th Congress, [7/15/08](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=2&vote=00177)] | **2008: Voted for the doc-fix.** [H.R.6331, Vote 177, 110th Congress, [7/15/08](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=2&vote=00177)] |  | **2008: Voted for the doc-fix.** [H.R.6331, Vote 177, 110th Congress, [7/15/08](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=2&vote=00177)] | **2015: Voted for the doc-fix.** [H.R. 2, Vote 144, 114th Congress, [4/14/15](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=114&session=1&vote=00144)] | **2015: Voted for the doc-fix.** [H.R. 2, Vote 144, 114th Congress, [4/14/15](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=114&session=1&vote=00144)]**2008: Voted for the doc-fix.** [H.R.6331, Vote 177, 110th Congress, [7/15/08](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=2&vote=00177)] | **2006: Voted for the doc-fix.** [H.R. 6111, Vote 279, 109th Congress, [12/9/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00279)] |

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| Medicaid Expansion | **Supported Arkansas’ public-private Medicaid expansion plan.** [Politico, [3/5/14](http://www.politico.com/story/2014/03/hillary-clinton-obamacare-too-important-104314.html)]  | **Supported Medicaid expansion.** [Politico, [1/23/14](http://www.politico.com/story/2014/01/joe-biden-obamacare-defense-102513.html)] | **Expanded Medicaid as governor.** [Kaiser Family Foundation, [12/17/14](http://kff.org/health-reform/state-indicator/state-activity-around-expanding-medicaid-under-the-affordable-care-act/)] | **Voted for ACA.** [H.R. 3590, Vote 396, 111th Congress, [12/24/09](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=111&session=1&vote=00396)] | **Supported Medicaid Expansion**. [Elizabeth Warren, Facebook, [7/2/14](https://www.facebook.com/ElizabethWarren/posts/10152299051193687)] | **Supported Medicaid expansion.** [Office of Senator Sanders, accessed [1/26/15](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/kentucky-tennessee-medicaid)] | **Expanded Medicaid as governor.** [Kaiser Family Foundation, [1/6/14](http://kff.org/health-reform/fact-sheet/state-profiles-uninsured-under-aca-rhode-island/)] |
| Obamacare | **Supported the ACA but is willing to make adjustments.** [CNN, [6/25/14](http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2014/06/25/hillary-clinton-wants-2014-democrats-to-run-on-obamacare/)]**2008: Said people must be able to keep pre-reform plans.** [Editorial, New York Times, [1/25/08](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/01/25/opinion/25fri1.html?pagewanted=all)] | **Supported ACA as Vice President.** [CBS News, [3/21/14](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/biden-envisions-the-publics-take-on-obamacare-in-20-years/)] | **Supported the ACA.** [Martin O’Malley op-ed, Baltimore Sun, [5/3/12](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2012-05-03/news/bs-ed-omalley-aca-20120503_1_health-reform-businesses-that-offer-coverage-health-care)] | **Supported the ACA but says it needs to be changed.** [The Hill, [9/23/14](http://thehill.com/blogs/ballot-box/218654-former-sen-jim-webb-seriously-looking-at-presidential-run)]**Voted for ACA.** [H.R. 3590, Vote 396, 111th Congress, [12/24/09](http://politics.nytimes.com/congress/votes/111/senate/1/396)] | **Supported the ACA but was willing to make adjustments.** [Office of Senator Warren, [1/22/15](http://www.warren.senate.gov/files/documents/2015-1-22_Warren_Remarks_to_Families_USA.pdf)] | **Supported the ACA but believes we need a single-payer system.** [Huffington Post, [10/1/13](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rep-bernie-sanders/a-single-payer-system-lik_b_4021534.html)]**Voted for ACA.** [H.R. 3590, Vote 396, 111th Congress, [12/24/09](http://politics.nytimes.com/congress/votes/111/senate/1/396)] | **Issued an executive order to establish a state health exchange as governor and appeared to support the ACA.** [Associated Press, 6/21/12] |
| Veterans’ health | **2008: Criticized President Bush for not adequately funding the VA.** [Buzzfeed, [5/29/14](http://www.buzzfeed.com/andrewkaczynski/hillary-clinton-criticized-va-care-of-veterans-under-bush#.dxQKdajd7)]**2006: Introduced legislation provide mental health services for returning National Guard and reserve veterans.** [S.Amdt. 4868, H.R. 5631, 109th Congress, [8/3/06](https://www.congress.gov/amendment/109th-congress/senate-amendment/4868)]**As senator, worked with Lindsey Graham to “expand veterans’ health benefits to reservists and National Guard members.”** [Yahoo, [4/12/15](https://www.yahoo.com/politics/the-hillary-clinton-record-in-the-senate-she-116148327116.html)] | **2014: Strongly urged Congress to pass VA reform.** [Politico, [7/21/14](http://www.politico.com/story/2014/07/joe-biden-veterans-affairs-robert-mcdonald-109185.html)] | **2008: Signed into law a bill that sought to address behavioral needs of veterans with “trauma-related brain injuries and stress disorders.”** [State of Maryland, [1/31/11](http://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc5300/sc5339/000113/013000/013639/unrestricted/20110467e.pdf)] | **2015: Criticized long wait times for veterans care.** [Des Moines Register, [4/11/15](http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/elections/presidential/caucus/2015/04/11/jim-webb-veterans-museum-waterloo/25643773/)]**As a senator, advocated for mental and physical health programs aimed at allowing veterans to properly transition into civilian life. He also supported veteran suicide prevention programs.** [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [5/14/12](http://www.richmond.com/archive/article_b32f655b-b8d7-5ed7-ba35-1e6713c6f964.html)] | **2014: Voted for the veterans health care bill that reformed the VA.** [H.R. 3230, Vote 254, 113th Congress, [7/31/14](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=2&vote=00254)] | **2014: Voted for the veterans health care bill that reformed the VA.** [H.R. 3230, Vote 254, 113th Congress, [7/31/14](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=2&vote=00254)] | **2013: While governor, Rhode Island won federal approval for construction of a new Veteran’s Home.** [Office of Governor Chafee, 9/4/13] |

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| Bailout | **2008: Voted for bank bailout.** [H.R. 1424, Vote 213, 110th Congress, [10/1/08](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=2&vote=00213)]**2009: Voted to continue TARP.** [S.J. Res. 5, Vote 5, 111th Congress, [1/15/09](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=111&session=1&vote=00005); New York Times, [5/27/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/28/upshot/the-senate-votes-that-divided-hillary-clinton-and-bernie-sanders.html?abt=0002&abg=0)] |  |  |  |  | **2008: Voted against bank bailout.** [H.R. 1424, Vote 213, [10/1/08](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=2&vote=00213)]**2009: Voted to stop continuation of TARP.** [S.J. Res. 5, Vote 5, 111th Congress, [1/15/09](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=111&session=1&vote=00005); New York Times, [5/27/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/28/upshot/the-senate-votes-that-divided-hillary-clinton-and-bernie-sanders.html?abt=0002&abg=0)] |  |
| Wall Street | **Said the business community helped end 2013 shutdown.** [Boston Globe, [7/27/14](http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2014/07/26/clinton-appeals-for-political-compromise/iPDWe9rQEPmBvKnPsI3oPI/story.html)] | **Criticized opponents of Wall Street reform.** [Associated Press, [8/21/12](http://bigstory.ap.org/article/biden-wall-st-reform-critics-squealing-pigs)] | **Vocal critic of Wall Street.** [Washington Post, [4/16/15](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2015/04/16/omalley-to-speak-out-against-trade-deal-as-he-outlines-economic-priorities-at-harvard/)] | **Proposed tax on Wall Street bonuses for bailed-out companies.** [The Hill, [3/3/10](http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/84623-blizzard-of-bad-news-on-jobs)] | **Vocal critic of Wall Street.** [Politico, [11/11/13](http://www.politico.com/story/2013/11/wall-street-elizabeth-warren-president-2016-elections-99697.html)] | **Vocal critic of Wall Street.** [Washington Post, [9/14/14](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2014/09/14/bernie-sanders-would-run-for-president-against-wall-street-not-hillary-clinton/)]**Wanted to break up the six biggest banks.** [New York Times, [5/1/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/01/us/politics/bernie-sanders-on-the-issues.html)]**Wanted to bar bank CEOs from serving on Federal Reserve boards.** [New York Times, [5/1/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/01/us/politics/bernie-sanders-on-the-issues.html)] | **Criticized Clinton for being “too close to Wall St.”** [Politico, [4/10/15](http://www.politico.com/story/2015/04/lincoln-chafee-criticize-hillary-clinton-116841.html)] |
| Carried interest rule | **2015: Indirectly advocated eliminating carried interest loophole when she criticized hedge fund managers for paying low tax rates.** [CNN, [4/16/15](http://www.cnn.com/2015/04/16/politics/hillary-clinton-hedge-fund/)] | **2012: Denounced the carried interest loophole.** [Vice Presidential Debate, [10/11/12](http://www.npr.org/2012/10/11/162754053/transcript-biden-ryan-vice-presidential-debate)] | **Supports eliminating carried interest loophole.** [Salon, [3/13/15](http://www.salon.com/2015/03/13/a_lot_of_us_are_disappointed_and_angry_martin_o%E2%80%99malley_makes_his_case_to_salon/)] | **Supports eliminating carried interest loophole.** [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [7/12/11](http://politics.blogs.timesdispatch.com/2011/07/12/webb-for-closing-loopholes-but-not-income-tax-hikes/)] |  | **Supported eliminating carried interest loophole.** [Office of Senator Sanders, [3/5/15](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/sanders-asks-obama-to-close-six-egregious-corporate-tax-loopholes)] |  |
| Dodd-Frank | **Opposed weakening Dodd-Frank.** [Bloomberg, [1/16/15](http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2015-01-16/clinton-defends-doddfrank-as-republicans-move-to-change-law)] | **Supported Dodd-Frank as Vice President.** [Associated Press, [8/21/12](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/08/21/joe-biden-wall-street-reform_n_1820366.html)] | **Accused other Democrats of supporting “Dodd-Frank lite.”** [Salon, [3/13/15](http://www.salon.com/2015/03/13/a_lot_of_us_are_disappointed_and_angry_martin_o%E2%80%99malley_makes_his_case_to_salon/)]**Opposed weakening Dodd-Frank.** [@GovernorOMalley, Twitter, [12/12/14](https://twitter.com/governoromalley/status/543459706732544000)] | **Voted for Dodd-Frank.** [H.R. 4173, Vote 208, 111th Congress, [7/15/10](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=111&session=2&vote=00208)] | **Supports Dodd-Frank but thinks it did not go far enough.** [MSNBC, [12/12/14](http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/elizabeth-warren-slams-spending-bill-dodd-frank-provision)] | **Voted for Dodd-Frank.** [H.R. 4173, Vote 208, 111th Congress, [7/15/10](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=111&session=2&vote=00208)] |  |
| Offshoring penalties | **2005: Voted for offshoring penalties.** [S.Amdt. 210, S.Con.Res. 18, Vote 63, 109th Congress, [3/17/05](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=1&vote=00063)] | **2005: Voted for offshoring penalties.** [S.Amdt. 210, S.Con.Res. 18, Vote 63, 109th Congress, [3/17/05](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=1&vote=00063)] |  |  | **2014: Voted for offshoring penalties.** [S.2569, Vote 249, 113th Congress, [7/30/14](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=2&vote=00249)] | **2014: Voted for offshoring penalties.** [S.2569, Vote 249, 113th Congress, [7/30/14](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=2&vote=00249)] | **2005: Voted against offshoring penalties.** [S.Amdt. 210, S.Con.Res. 18, Vote 63, 109th Congress, [3/17/05](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=1&vote=00063)] |
| Reinstating Glass Steagall | **Has not called for reinstating Glass-Steagall.** [New Republic, [4/10/15](http://www.newrepublic.com/article/121385/hillary-clinton-announcement-dont-expect-populist-policies)]**President Clinton signed repeal of part of Glass-Steagall.** [New Republic, [4/10/15](http://www.newrepublic.com/article/121385/hillary-clinton-announcement-dont-expect-populist-policies)] | **1999: Voted for a bill that repealed part of Glass-Steagall.** [S.900, Vote 354, 106th Congress, [11/4/99](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=106&session=1&vote=00354)] | **Supported reinstating Glass-Steagall.** [Bloomberg, [3/23/15](http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2015-03-23/martin-o-malley-wants-to-be-the-glass-steagall-candidate)] |  |  | **Supported reinstating Glass-Steagall.** [Washington Post, [5/1/15](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/plum-line/wp/2015/05/01/bernie-sanders-signals-aggressive-challenge-to-hillary-clinton/)]**1999: Voted against a bill that repealed part of Glass-Steagall.** [S.900, Vote 354, 106th Congress, [11/4/99](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=106&session=1&vote=00354)] | **Regretted voting to repeal Glass-Steagall.** [MSNBC, [4/11/15](http://www.msnbc.com/up/watch/chafee-regrets-vote-to-repeal-glass-steagall-426680899592)]**1999: Voted for a bill that repealed part of Glass-Steagall.** [S.900, Vote 354, 106th Congress, [11/4/99](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=106&session=1&vote=00354)] |

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| Capital gains tax | **2008: Supported raising top rate to 20% at most (from 15%)** [New York Times, [3/13/15](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/14/upshot/will-hillary-clinton-follow-democrats-on-capital-gains.html?_r=1&referrer=&abt=0002&abg=0)]**2006: Voted to end lower rates for the capital gains tax.** [S.Amdt. 2737, S.Amdt. 2707, H.R. 4297, Vote 8, 109th Congress, [2/2/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00008)] | **Reached a deal with McConnell to raise the top rate to 20% in 2013 (from 15%).** [New York Times, [1/1/13](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2013/01/01/us/the-mcconnell-biden-plan.html)]**2006: Voted to end lower rates for the capital gains tax.** [S.Amdt. 2737, S.Amdt. 2707, H.R. 4297, Vote 8, 109th Congress, [2/2/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00008)] | **Supported raising the lower tax rate on capital gains.** [Salon, [3/13/15](http://www.salon.com/2015/03/13/a_lot_of_us_are_disappointed_and_angry_martin_o%E2%80%99malley_makes_his_case_to_salon/)] | **Supported increasing capital gains tax.** [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [12/3/14](http://www.roanoke.com/news/politics/jim-webb-outlines-array-of-policy-positions-at-media-gathering/article_839437b4-f3ab-5924-992d-3c1841c61a86.html)] |  | **Supported raising capital gains tax to match corporate tax.** [Office of Senator Sanders, [7/10/13](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/sanders-details-tax-plan)] | **2006: Voted to end lower rates for the capital gains tax.** [S.Amdt. 2737, S.Amdt. 2707, H.R. 4297, Vote 8, 109th Congress, [2/2/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00008)]**Voted against Bush tax cuts, which lowered capital gains tax.** [Associated Press, 8/30/06] |
| Corporate tax |  | **Supported lowering the corporate income tax rate to pay for infrastructure spending.** [The State, [2/18/15](http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article13958567.html)] | **2007: Raised the Maryland corporate income tax.** [Washington Post, [10/11/14](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/local/wp/2014/10/11/tax-and-fee-increases-in-maryland-from-2007-to-2014/)] | **Supported reducing corporate income tax.** [Richmond Times-Dispatch, [12/3/14](http://www.roanoke.com/news/politics/jim-webb-outlines-array-of-policy-positions-at-media-gathering/article_839437b4-f3ab-5924-992d-3c1841c61a86.html)] |  | **Supported reforming the tax code so that corporations pay more (a larger percent of federal revenue).** [Politifact, [8/28/14](http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2014/aug/28/bernie-s/bernie-sanders-says-tax-share-paid-corporations-ha/)] | **Reduced state corporate income tax rate from 9 to 7 percent.** [Providence Journal, 1/1/15] |
| Bush tax cuts | **2007: Supported extending the Bush tax cuts only for taxpayers earning less than $250,000.** [Forbes, [4/13/15](http://www.forbes.com/sites/anthonynitti/2015/04/13/what-hillary-clintons-voting-record-reveals-about-her-tax-plan/2/)]**Voted Against The Bush Tax Cuts In 2001.** [H.R.1836, Vote 170, 107th Congress, [5/26/01](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=107&session=1&vote=00170)]**Voted Against The Bush Tax Cuts In 2003.** [H.R.2, Vote 196, 108th Congress, [5/23/03](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=108&session=1&vote=00196)]**Voted Against Extending The Bush Tax Cuts In 2006.** [H.R.4297, Vote 118, 109th Congress, [5/11/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00118)] | **Voted Against The Bush Tax Cuts In 2001.** [H.R.1836, Vote 170, 107th Congress, [5/26/01](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=107&session=1&vote=00170)]**Voted Against The Bush Tax Cuts In 2003.** [H.R.2, Vote 196, 108th Congress, [5/23/03](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=108&session=1&vote=00196)]**Voted Against Extending The Bush Tax Cuts In 2006.** [H.R.4297, Vote 118, 109th Congress, [5/11/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00118)] | **Said the Bush tax cuts were a major driver of the deficit.** [Charlie Rose, PBS, 9/4/12] | **2012: Supported extending all Bush tax cuts.** [Washington Post, [7/25/12](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/mcconnell-pulls-back-from-filibuster-on-senate-tax-cut-vote/2012/07/25/gJQAxGpL9W_story.html)] |  | **Voted Against The Bush Tax Cuts In 2001.** [H.R.1836, Vote 170, 107th Congress, [5/26/01](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=107&session=1&vote=00170)]**Voted Against The Bush Tax Cuts In 2003.** [H.R.2, Vote 196, 108th Congress, [5/23/03](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=108&session=1&vote=00196)]**Voted Against Extending The Bush Tax Cuts In 2006.** [H.R.4297, Vote 118, 109th Congress, [5/11/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00118)] | **Voted Against The Bush Tax Cuts In 2001.** [H.R.1836, Vote 170, 107th Congress, [5/26/01](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=107&session=1&vote=00170)]**Voted Against The Bush Tax Cuts In 2003.** [H.R.2, Vote 196, 108th Congress, [5/23/03](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=108&session=1&vote=00196)]**Voted Against Extending The Bush Tax Cuts In 2006.** [H.R.4297, Vote 118, 109th Congress, [5/11/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00118)] |
| Gas tax | **2008: Proposed suspending federal gas tax temporarily.** [New York Times, [4/29/08](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/04/29/us/politics/29campaign.html)] | **2014: Appeared to supported a gas tax increase as part of an infrastructure bill, even though this was opposed by the Obama administration.** [The Hill, [8/6/14](http://thehill.com/policy/transportation/214535-biden-rips-congress-for-short-term-highway-bill)] | **Signed a gas tax increase into law.** [NBC Washington, [5/16/13](http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Governor-Martin-OMalley-Signs-Gas-Tax-Announces-Projects-207760101.html)] | **2006: Wanted Virginia to “get back every dollar it sends to the federal government in the form of gas tax revenue” because of the low rate of return.** [Washington Post, [10/30/06](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/10/29/AR2006102900871.html)] |  | **2015: Proposed a $1 trillion infrastructure bill without funding from a gas tax that Congress had been debating.** [The Hill, [1/27/15](http://thehill.com/policy/transportation/230866-sen-sanders-files-1t-infrastructure-bill)]**2008: Proposed suspending federal and state gas tax for 6 months.** [Office of Senator Sanders, [5/6/08](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/must-read/sanders-says-gas-tax-should-be-suspended-replaced-with-tax-on-oil-companies-vermont-public-radio)] | **2014: Signed a 1-cent gas tax increase into law as governor.** [State of Rhode Island General Assembly, [6/19/14](http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/pressrelease/_layouts/RIL.PressRelease.ListStructure/Forms/DisplayForm.aspx?List=c8baae31-3c10-431c-8dcd-9dbbe21ce3e9&ID=9973&Web=2bab1515-0dcc-4176-a2f8-8d4beebdf488)] |
| Medical device tax | **2014: Did not take a stance.** [The Hill, [10/8/14](http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/220204-hillary-clinton-declines-to-take-position-on-medical-device-tax)] | **Supported ACA as Vice President.** [CBS News, [3/21/14](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/biden-envisions-the-publics-take-on-obamacare-in-20-years/)] | **Supported Maryland tax credit for biotech companies as governor and emphasized their role as medical device innovators.** [Baltimore Sun, [7/1/14](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2014-07-01/business/bs-bz-biotech-tax-credits-20140701_1_maryland-biotech-companies-biotech-investors-state-tax-credits)] | **2010: Voted to table an amendment to strike the medical device tax from an early version of the Affordable Care Act.** [S.Amdt. 3579, H.R. 4872, Vote 79, 111th Congress, [3/24/10](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=111&session=2&vote=00079)] | **2013: Voted for medical device tax repeal.** [S.Amdt. 297, S.Con.Res. 8, Vote 47, 113th Congress, [3/21/13](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00047)] | **2013: Voted against medical device tax repeal.** [S.Amdt. 297, S.Con.Res. 8, Vote 47, 113th Congress, [3/21/13](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00047)] | **Expanded sales tax in Rhode Island but exempted medical devices.** [Providence Journal, 3/16/11] |
| Buffett Rule |  | **Supported the Buffett Rule.** [Union Leader, 5/17/12] |  | **2012: Voted to proceed on consideration of the Buffett Rule.** [S.2230, Vote 65, 112th Congress, [4/16/12](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=2&vote=00065)]**Supported the Buffett Rule but preferred to raise capital gains tax instead.** [Office of Senator Webb, 4/24/12] |  | **2012: Voted to proceed on consideration of the Buffett Rule.** [S.2230, Vote 65, 112th Congress, [4/16/12](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=2&vote=00065)] | **2012: Voted to proceed on consideration of the Buffett Rule.** [S.2230, Vote 65, 112th Congress, [4/16/12](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=2&vote=00065)] |
| Estate tax | **2008: “Advocated making the wealthiest Americans pay more estate tax by capping the per-person exemption at $3.5 million and setting the top rate at 45 percent.”** [CBS News, [6/17/14](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/after-touting-estate-tax-bill-and-hillary-clinton-seize-on-loopholes/)]**2007: Voted against an amendment that would raise the estate tax exemption to $5 million instead of letting it drop to $1 million.** [S. Amdt. 583, S. Con. Res. 21, Vote 102, 110th Congress, [3/23/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00102); Associated Press, [3/23/07](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/senate-passes-democrats-budget-plan/)]**2006: Voted against repeal of the estate tax.** [H.R. 8, Vote 164, 109th Congress, [6/8/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00164)] | **2013: The Biden-McConnell Fiscal Cliff Compromise “Permanently Increase[d] Tax Rates To 40 Percent From 35 Percent On The Value Of Estates Over $5 Million.”** [New York Times, [1/1/13](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2013/01/01/us/the-mcconnell-biden-plan.html)]**2007: Voted against an amendment that would raise the estate tax exemption to $5 million instead of letting it drop to $1 million.** [S. Amdt. 583, S. Con. Res. 21, Vote 102, 110th Congress, [3/23/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00102); Associated Press, [3/23/07](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/senate-passes-democrats-budget-plan/)]**2006: Voted against repeal of the estate tax.** [H.R. 8, Vote 164, 109th Congress, [6/8/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00164)] | **2014: As governor, signed into law a bill that “will gradually cut the number of taxpayers subject to the estate tax by more than 80 percent” in Maryland.** [Baltimore Sun, [5/15/14](http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/politics/blog/bs-md-last-signing-20140514-story.html)] | **2007: Voted against an amendment that would raise the estate tax exemption to $5 million instead of letting it drop to $1 million.** [S. Amdt. 583, S. Con. Res. 21, Vote 102, 110th Congress, [3/23/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00102); Associated Press, [3/23/07](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/senate-passes-democrats-budget-plan/)] |  | **Supports the estate tax on individuals above $3.5 million.** [Bernie Sanders, Huffington Post, [9/8/14](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rep-bernie-sanders/a-progressive-estate-tax_b_5784892.html)]**2007: Voted against an amendment that would raise the estate tax exemption to $5 million instead of letting it drop to $1 million.** [S. Amdt. 583, S. Con. Res. 21, Vote 102, 110th Congress, [3/23/07](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=110&session=1&vote=00102); Associated Press, [3/23/07](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/senate-passes-democrats-budget-plan/)]] | **2014: Signed into law an increase in the amount of income exempted from the estate tax as governor.** [Associated Press, 6/20/14]**2006: Voted against repeal of the estate tax.** [H.R. 8, Vote 164,109th Congress, [6/8/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00164)] |

# DRUGS

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| 2016 Dem Position | **Hillary Clinton**Senator: 2001-2009 | **Joe Biden**Senator: 1973-2009VP: 2009- | **Martin O’Malley**Governor: 2007-2015 | **Jim Webb**Senator: 2007-2013 | **Elizabeth Warren**Senator: 2013- | **Bernie Sanders**Rep.: 1991-2007Senator: 2007- | **Lincoln Chafee**Senator: 1999-2007Governor: 2011-2015 |
| Marijuana | **Neither supports nor opposes medical marijuana.** [KPCC Radio, AirTalk, [7/22/14](http://www.scpr.org/programs/airtalk/2014/07/22/6666/)]**Neither supports nor opposes recreational marijuana.** [KPCC Radio, AirTalk, [7/22/14](http://www.scpr.org/programs/airtalk/2014/07/22/6666/)] | **Opposes legalization of marijuana.** [Time, [2/6/14](http://time.com/5330/marijuana-legalization-joe-biden-pot/)] | **Signed marijuana decriminalization into law in Maryland.** [CBS News, [4/14/14](http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2014/04/14/gov-omalley-to-sign-marijuana-decriminalization-bill/)]**Opposed legalization of marijuana.** [State of the Union, CNN, 1/12/14] | **Indicated that marijuana legalization should be on the table as part of criminal justice reform.** [Huffington Post, [4/27/09](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2009/03/27/jim-webb-pot-legalization_n_180073.html)] | **Supports medical marijuana.** [Think Progress, [9/24/12](http://thinkprogress.org/justice/2012/09/24/901171/elizabeth-warren-expresses-support-for-medical-marijuana-legalization/)] | **Supports medical marijuana.** [Time, [3/5/14](http://time.com/13328/bernie-sanders-hillary-clinton-2016/)]**Neither supports nor opposes recreational marijuana.** [Time, [3/5/14](http://time.com/13328/bernie-sanders-hillary-clinton-2016/)] | **Oversaw marijuana decriminalization as governor.** [KPCC, [7/22/14](http://www.scpr.org/programs/airtalk/2014/07/22/38484/hillary-clinton-on-ukraine-gaza-and-the-hard-choic/)] |

# TRADE

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| 2016 Dem Position | **Hillary Clinton**Senator: 2001-2009 | **Joe Biden**Senator: 1973-2009VP: 2009- | **Martin O’Malley**Governor: 2007-2015 | **Jim Webb**Senator: 2007-2013 | **Elizabeth Warren**Senator: 2013- | **Bernie Sanders**Rep.: 1991-2007Senator: 2007- | **Lincoln Chafee**Senator: 1999-2007Governor: 2011-2015 |
| **Trans-Pacific Partnership** | **2015: Said she would only support a trade deal that protected American workers and strengthened national security.** [@jeneps, Twitter, [4/17/15](https://twitter.com/jeneps/status/589148926927855616)]**Supported TPP as Secretary of State.** [Remarks at Far Eastern Federal University, State Department, [9/8/12](http://www.state.gov/secretary/20092013clinton/rm/2012/09/197519.htm)] | **Supported TPP as Vice President.** [@IsaacDovere, Twitter, [4/17/15](https://twitter.com/IsaacDovere/status/589124593438326784)] | **Opposed TPP.** [@GovernorOMalley, Twitter, [4/17/15](https://twitter.com/GovernorOMalley/status/588832135391399936)] | **2015: Declined to weigh in on TPP until Congress saw the text of the deal.** [Last Word with Lawrence O’Donnell, MSNBC, [4/16/15](http://www.msnbc.com/the-last-word/watch/jim-webb-to-challenge-hillary-clinton--429449795980)]**Cautiously supported TPP as senator.** [Dispatch Japan, [2/6/12](http://www.jameswebb.com/interviews/interview-webb-us-and-japan-paralyzed-over-okinawa)] | **Specifically opposed the Investor-State Dispute Settlement clause of the TPP.** [Elizabeth Warren op-ed, Washington Post, [2/25/15](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/kill-the-dispute-settlement-language-in-the-trans-pacific-partnership/2015/02/25/ec7705a2-bd1e-11e4-b274-e5209a3bc9a9_story.html)] | **Opposed TPP.** [@SenSanders, Twitter, [4/17/15](https://twitter.com/SenSanders/status/589070313868005376)] | **Supported the TPP.** [Providence Journal, 12/30/13] |
| **Trade with China** | **As a senator, pressured China to drop discriminatory trade practices.** [Hillary Clinton, Hard Choices, 6/10/14] | **2012: Promised to “enforc[e] trade laws against China.”** [Joe Biden, USA Today, [10/25/12](http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2012/10/25/joe-biden-obama-agenda/1659191/)]**2011: Emphasized the importance of trade and investment between U.S. and China.** [Joe Biden, New York Times, [9/8/11](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/08/opinion/chinas-rise-isnt-our-demise.html?_r=0)]**2000: Voted in favor of permanent normal trade relations with China.** [H.R. 4444, Vote 251, 106th Congress, [9/19/00](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=106&session=2&vote=00251)] | **2012: Said it was “critical that we move forward now to explore new opportunities for trade and investment” with China, especially in science and technology.** [Baltimore Business Journal, 4/13/12] | **Called on the U.S. to take “concrete steps” to address China’s unfair trade policies.** [Associated Press, [11/5/10](http://news.yahoo.com/us-senator-criticizes-chinas-foreign-policy-actions.html)] |  | **Called for imposing a fee on China for manipulating currency.** [Office of Senator Sanders, accessed [5/8/15](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/top10)]**2000: Voted against permanent normal trade relations with China.** [H.R. 4444, Vote 228, 106th Congress, [5/24/00](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2000/roll228.xml)] | **2000: Voted in favor of permanent normal trade relations with China.** [H.R. 4444, Vote 251, 106th Congress, [9/19/00](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=106&session=2&vote=00251)] |
| **Labeling China a currency manipulator** | **Urged China to let its currency rise as Secretary of State.** [Hillary Clinton, Hard Choices, 6/10/14]**2005: Voted in favor of authorizing action against China if China refused to change currency manipulation practices**. [S.Amdt. 309, S.600, Vote 86, 109th Congress, [4/6/05](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=1&vote=00086)] | **2010: Said U.S. could not make a judgment as to whether China was manipulating its currency.** [Politico, [5/8/15](http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0109/18198.html)]**2005: Voted in favor of authorizing action against China if China refused to change currency manipulation practices**. [S.Amdt. 309, S.600, Vote 86, 109th Congress, [4/6/05](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=1&vote=00086)] |  | **Denounced China for manipulating currency.** [Associated Press, [11/5/10](http://news.yahoo.com/us-senator-criticizes-chinas-foreign-policy-actions.html)] |  | **Called for imposing a fee on China for manipulating currency.** [Office of Senator Sanders, accessed [5/8/15](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/top10)] | **2005: Voted against authorizing action against China if China refused to change currency manipulation practices**. [S.Amdt. 309, S.600, Vote 86, 109th Congress, [4/6/05](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=1&vote=00086)] |

# PERSONAL FINANCES

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| 2016 Dem Position | **Hillary Clinton**Senator: 2001-2009 | **Joe Biden**Senator: 1973-2009VP: 2009- | **Martin O’Malley**Governor: 2007-2015 | **Jim Webb**Senator: 2007-2013 | **Elizabeth Warren**Senator: 2013- | **Bernie Sanders**Rep.: 1991-2007Senator: 2007- | **Lincoln Chafee**Senator: 1999-2007Governor: 2011-2015 |
| **Tax returns** | **2008: Released tax returns or summaries of information from 2001-2007.** [Politico, [4/4/08](http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0408/9393.html)]**1993-2000: Released tax returns from each year of Bill Clinton’s presidency.** [Politico, [4/4/08](http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0408/9393.html)]**1992: Released tax returns from 1980-1991.** [Politico, [4/4/08](http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0408/9393.html)] | **2009-2015: Released tax returns for every year as Vice President.** [Tax History, accessed [5/11/15](http://www.taxhistory.org/www/website.nsf/web/presidentialtaxreturns)]**2008: Released tax returns for 1998-2007.** [New York Times, [9/13/08](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/13/us/politics/13biden.html)] | **2010: Revealed tax returns for 2007-2009, but did not allow reporters to keep or photograph them.** [Baltimore Sun, [9/28/10](http://weblogs.baltimoresun.com/news/local/politics/2010/08/few_surprises_in_omalleys_tax.html)] |  |  |  | **2012: Did not typically release tax returns as governor.** [Providence Journal, 5/2/12] |
| **Personal financial disclosures** | **2001-2012: Released personal financial disclosures as senator and Secretary of State.** [Washington Post, [7/30/14](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2014/07/30/5-million-50-million-or-even-more-just-how-rich-is-hillary-clinton-heres-why-we-dont-know/)] | **1995-2013: Released personal financial disclosures at least as far back as 1995.** [Open Secrets, accessed [5/11/15](http://www.opensecrets.org/pfds/candlook.php?txtName=biden)] | **2007: Financial disclosure forms were only available at the Maryland State Ethics Commission office.** [Washington Examiner, [7/19/07](http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/state-receives-passing-grade-for-financial-disclosure-rules/article/51032)] | **2006-2012: Released personal financial disclosures as senator and candidate.** [Open Secrets, accessed [5/11/15](http://www.opensecrets.org/pfds/candlook.php?txtName=webb)] |  | **Released personal financial disclosures for at least 1990 and years 1995-2013.** [Open Secrets, accessed [5/11/15](https://www.opensecrets.org/pfds/candlook.php?cid=N00000528)] | **Released personal financial disclosures as a senator.** [Open Secrets, [5/11/15](http://www.opensecrets.org/pfds/candlook.php?cid=N00009954)] |