# 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/2008Dec12/0,4675,SenateRollCallAutos,00.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/2008Dec12/0,4675,SenateRollCallAutos,00.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/2008Dec12/0,4675,SenateRollCallAutos,00.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/2008Dec12/0,4675,SenateRollCallAutos,00.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)] |  | **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, [6/16/11](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=1&vote=00090)] |  |
| Keystone | **Has not officially weighed in on Keystone.** [Washington Post, [6/16/14](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2014/06/16/hillary-clinton-has-a-keystone-xl-catch-22/)] | **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, [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, [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, [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, [3/8/12](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=2&vote=00034)] |  |
| RFS | **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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [5/24/06](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2006/roll200.xml)]  **2002: Voted against opening Yucca Mountain.** [H.J. Res 87, Vote 133, [5/8/02](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2002/roll133.xml)] | **2002: Voted against opening Yucca Mountain.** [S.J. Res 34, Vote 167, [6/9/02](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=107&session=2&vote=00167)] |

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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, [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, [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, [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, [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)] | **Sponsored the original VAWA in 1994.**  **Voted for VAWA in 1994.** [H.R. 3355, Vote 295, [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, [4/26/12](http://politics.nytimes.com/congress/votes/112/senate/2/87)] | **Voted for VAWA reauthorization in 2013.** [S. 47, Vote 19, [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, [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, [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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| Marriage Equality | **Supported marriage equality.** [CNN Town Hall, [6/17/14](http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/1406/17/se.01.html)] | **Supported marriage equality.** [Think Progress, [5/6/12](http://thinkprogress.org/lgbt/2012/05/06/478786/biden-marriage/)] | **Supported marriage equality, signed into law.** [Washington Post, [12/6/12](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/md-politics/omalley-to-celebrate-with-same-sex-marriage-supporters-at-mansion/2012/12/06/5ff7aafa-3fbc-11e2-bca3-aadc9b7e29c5_story.html)] | **Said marriage equality is best done state by state.** [NBC News, [10/5/14](http://www.nbcnews.com/watch/meet-the-press/jim-webb-says-states-deciding-gay-marriage-is-best-338023491905)] | **Supported marriage equality.** [Politico, [3/22/12](http://www.politico.com/politico44/2012/03/elizabeth-warren-to-obama-evolve-already-118346.html)] | **Supported marriage equality.** [Office of Senator Sanders, [5/9/12](http://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/sanders-statement-on-president-obamas-support-of-marriage-equality)] | **Supported marriage equality since 2004.** [Lincoln Chafee op-ed, New York Times, [5/1/13](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/01/opinion/why-i-am-signing-marriage-equality-into-law-in-rhode-island.html)] |
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| Iraq (support for going in/comments on withdrawal) | **Voted to authorize the invasion of Iraq.** [H.J. Res. 114, Vote 237, [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, [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.**  **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, [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] |
| 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] |  |  |  |
| 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] |  |  |  |

# 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] |

# GUNS

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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, [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, [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, [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.** [CNN, [6/17/14](https://iqmediacorp.com/ClipPlayer/?ClipID=e18a00cb-6593-4286-b40f-ff6562ac9501)]  **2004: Voted for renewal of federal assault weapons ban (bill did not become law).** [S. Amdt. 2637, S. 1805, Vote 24, [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, [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. 715, S.649, Vote 97, [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 assault weapons ban.** [S.Amdt. 715, S.649, Vote 97, [4/17/13](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00097)] | **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, [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, [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, [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, [10/20/05](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2005/roll534.xml)] | **2005: Voted against Protection of Lawful Commerce In Arms Act, which shields gun manufacturers from liability suits.** [S. 397, Vote 534, [10/20/05](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2005/roll534.xml)] | **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, [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, [10/20/05](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2005/roll534.xml)] | **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, [10/20/05](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2005/roll534.xml)] |

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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, [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, [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, [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, [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)] | **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/)] | **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)]  **2007: Supported committing more of worker’s income.** [MSNBC, [9/26/07](http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=75796)]  **2007: Opposed raising retirement age.** [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)] | **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,17624)] |
| 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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [12/9/06](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=109&session=2&vote=00279)] |

# HEALTHCARE

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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, [12/24/09](http://politics.nytimes.com/congress/votes/111/senate/1/396)] | **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, [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)]  **Voted for repeal of medical device tax.** [S. Amdt. 297, S Con. Res. 8, Vote 47, [3/21/13](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00047)] | **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, [12/24/09](http://politics.nytimes.com/congress/votes/111/senate/1/396)]  **Voted against repeal of medical device tax.** [S. Amdt. 297, S Con. Res. 8, Vote 47, [3/21/13](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00047)] | **Issued an executive order to establish a state health exchange as governor and appeared to support the ACA.** [Associated Press, 6/21/12] |

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| 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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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 570, [11/4/99](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/1999/roll570.xml)] | **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, [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, [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, [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 lowest 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, [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] | **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, [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, [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 149, [5/26/01](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2001/roll149.xml)]  **Voted Against The Bush Tax Cuts In 2003.** [H.R. 2, Vote 225, [5/23/03](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2003/roll225.xml)]  **Voted Against Extending The Bush Tax Cuts In 2006.** [H.R. 4297, Vote 135, [5/10/06](http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2006/roll135.xml)] | **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, [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: Supported a gas tax increase as part of an infrastructure bill.** [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 as Vice President.** | **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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [4/16/12](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=112&session=2&vote=00065)] |

# DRUGS

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| 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/)] |  |

# TRADE

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| **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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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, [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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| **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)] |