

Candidate: Rick Scott

Office: US Senate

Party: R

Constitutionally Limited Government: _____

2nd Amendment: TPM Score: 5

NRA rating A+ as of Feb 2018

“Long a holder of the [National Rifle Association](#)’s top rating of A+, [Mr. Scott](#) has backed the state’s laws in favor of concealed carry permits, sales tax waivers on licenses, and even allowing people without a concealed carry license to be armed during emergencies like hurricanes.”

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/jun/10/rick-scott-holds-firm-to-gun-rights-in-senate-camp/>

Pro-life: TPM Score: 5

- Florida **Right to Life** in 2010 gave Scott an **A**
<https://votesmart.org/candidate/evaluations/124204/rick-scott-.W1n3FmTAqWB>
- NARAL **Pro-Choice America** in 2013 gave Scott a 0% out of 100
<https://votesmart.org/candidate/evaluations/124204/rick-scott-.W1n3FmTAqWB>

Immigration: TPM Score: 4

- **Will fight immigration amnesty:**
"Rick is opposed to amnesty and will fight amnesty for lawbreakers."
<https://www.politifact.com/florida/promises/scott-o-meter/subjects/immigration/>
- But Scott signed bill authorizing in-state tuition for non-citizens in 2014.
<https://votesmart.org/candidate/key-votes/124204/rick-scott/40/immigration#.W7KoLGhKhPY>

Fiscal Responsibility: Taxes/Spending TPM Score: 5 _____

- Cato Institute in 2016: Spending Score: 71%; Overall Fiscal Policy Score: 68%
<https://votesmart.org/candidate/evaluations/124204/rick-scott-.W1n3FmTAqWB>
- His FB page contains a bunch of short ads with statements like these: CUT TAXES EVERY YEAR AS GOVERNOR; and his ad Make Washington Work Plan: Full-Time Salary for Full-Time Work (The Senate Takes Almost Every Friday Off. And Voting Usually Begins Monday Evening. <https://www.facebook.com/scottforflorida/videos/2003367906354320/>
- Part of his campaign site links to a series of pix and headlines: Under TAX: \$180 million tax cuts #SecuringFLsFutureBudget;
- <https://www.instagram.com/scottforflorida/>
- “Governor Scott will work to require Congress to pass an annual budget and meet appropriations bill deadlines, or they will be required to forgo their own salaries until the job is done – **no budget, no pay.**” <https://rickscottforflorida.com/make-washington-work/>

- “Just like Governor Scott championed this year in Florida, he will work to **require a supermajority vote** of two-thirds of each house of Congress **to approve any tax or fee increase** before it can become law. This proposal helps ensure Congress rightfully treats tax and fee increases as an absolute last resort, not as a knee-jerk reaction to fund government waste. Governor Scott is committed to make it harder for politicians to raise your taxes and believes that keeping more money in the hands of hardworking taxpayers and job creators is the best way to ensure long-term economic growth.” <https://rickscottforflorida.com/make-washington-work/>

Free Market Solutions: _____

Educ choice: TPM Score: 5

Part of his campaign site links to a series of pix and headlines: Under Education: \$21.4 billion Education #SecuringFLsFutureBudget; <https://www.instagram.com/scottforflorida/>

The Center for Education Reform in 2014 rating: 100%

Healthcare: TPM Score: 5

“Repealing the failure of Obamacare and replacing it with a plan that actually provides affordable and quality health care for families is something that I focused on long before I became governor. In 2009, when I was a private citizen, I launched [Conservatives for Patients’ Rights](#) because I was concerned about the ramifications Obamacare could have for our nation. What I fought hard against immediately came true. Under Obamacare, costs have skyrocketed and families cannot keep the doctors they like. Obamacare was [sold on a lie](#), plain and simple.”

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2017/04/03/republicans-cannot-give-up-health-care-rick-scott-column/99976368/>

"I believe that free-market principles will solve our health-care problems," Scott said, adding that he was successful in cutting costs and improving customer satisfaction at both Columbia/HCA and his Solantic clinics." <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/05/10/AR2009051002243.html>

Pro-Biz: TPM Score: 5

He promotes jobs and tourism:

“Governor Scott is also vetoing HB 5501 which decreased funding to VISIT FLORIDA by over 60 percent.

Florida Job Growth Grant Fund: Governor Scott is proposing to establish the new Florida Job Growth Grant Fund to promote public infrastructure and individual job training which will encourage more businesses to choose Florida as a destination to grow jobs. Governor Scott is calling on the Florida Legislature to fund it at \$85 million.

Increase VISIT FLORIDA Funding: Governor Scott has been focused on funding VISIT FLORIDA at \$76 million in order to bring more tourists and support for Florida small businesses. The Governor is calling on the legislature to pass legislation that funds VISIT FLORIDA at a total of \$76 million and includes comprehensive transparency and accountability measures at the organization.

Speaker Richard Corcoran said, "I am proud to stand with Governor Scott as we fight for continued strong job creation, giving every child a competitive and world class education, ensuring Florida competes as a tourist destination, and faithfully stewarding taxpayer dollars -- goals that

unify us.” <https://votesmart.org/public-statement/1166862/gov-scott-calls-special-session-to-fight-for-students-and-jobs#.W1nuU2TAqWA>

Candidate’s Top 3 Issues:

Scott’s top issues include Healthcare, Immigration, Jobs. For others see <https://rickscottforflorida.com/issues>

Total TPM Score: 34

Summary Comments:

Rick Scott has a NRA rating of A, a NARAL Pro-choice rating of 0 (That’s GREAT!), and opposes funding sanctuary cities. He also cut \$10 billion in taxes, supported more parental choice (Center for Education Reform in 2014 rating: 100%), he opposes Obamacare, and is endorsed by NFIB.

Ballotpedia says, “Based on analysis of [multiple outside rankings](#), Bill Nelson is an average Democratic member of Congress, meaning he will vote with the Democratic Party on the majority of bills.” [https://ballotpedia.org/Bill_Nelson_\(Florida\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Bill_Nelson_(Florida))

Nelson votes against business so consistently the Club for Growth gave Nelson a 0; yet he says creating jobs is one of his top issues.

Contrasting Nelson’s ratings from the groups listed to Scott’s ratings, the choice couldn’t be clearer. Scott will protect our freedoms and tax dollars. Nelson will reduce our freedoms and grab more tax dollars. **TPM strongly endorses Rick Scott for US Senate.**

Other Topics/ Actions/Positions held

Look at Scott’s record of bills signed and vetoed here:

<https://votesmart.org/candidate/key-votes/124204/rick-scott#.W1nvEmTAqWC>

Signed SB 436 to protect religious discrimination in schools <https://votesmart.org/public-statement/1166862/gov-scott-calls-special-session-to-fight-for-students-and-jobs#.W1nuU2TAqWA>

Supporters/Endorsements include:

- President Trump
<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/06/22/florida-governor-race-heats-up-with-trump-endorsement-fbi-probe-look-at-candidates.html>
- Florida Police Chiefs Association
- Nat’l Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)
- 55 Sheriffs across FL (061118) including 9 Dems
<http://postonpolitics.blog.mypalmbeachpost.com/2018/06/11/nine-democrats-among-55-sheriffs-endorsing-republican-rick-scotts-senate-bid/>
- Marco Rubio--Not endorsed, but supported by:
“Please join me in contributing to, voting for & supporting @ScottforFlorida“
<http://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2018/04/09/rubio-asks-followers-to-support-rick-scott/>