



Hold Your Congressmen Accountable to the Constitution!

Do you know how your congressmen voted on important legislation?

Learn how they voted by reading the [fourth \(and final\) "Freedom Index" for the 118th Congress](#), which was published in the January 27, 2025 issue of *The New American* magazine. Also, please print and distribute our [Congressional Scorecards](#), which are an easy way to inform others about how your congressmen are voting.

We live at a time when our federal government [routinely usurps](#) powers not granted to it by the Constitution. This is leading to an increasingly out-of-control Big Government that routinely infringes on our basic rights (property rights, privacy rights, religious liberties, right to bear arms, etc.). These infringements have grown worse with the Covid-19 overreach, climate-change tyranny, and Great Reset implementation that are betraying the very foundation of our Republic.

The solution is for more and more voters to hold their representatives and senators in Congress accountable to the Constitution. *The New American* magazine has been publishing the "Freedom Index: A Congressional Scorecard Based on the U.S. Constitution" and its predecessor, "The Conservative Index," since 1971. The "Freedom Index" provides scorecards for every member of Congress on ten key votes several times every two-year session of Congress.

You can help return our federal government to its constitutional moorings by using the "Freedom Index" to learn how constitutionally your representative and two senators are voting, taking the appropriate actions to influence them to vote constitutionally, and then spreading the word to others in your sphere of influence about how to use the "Freedom Index" to hold their congressmen accountable to the Constitution. **Physical print copies, as well as digital download, copies of the current edition of the Freedom Index can be purchased [here](#) at [ShopJBS.org](#).**

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A Congressional Scorecard Based on the U.S. Constitution

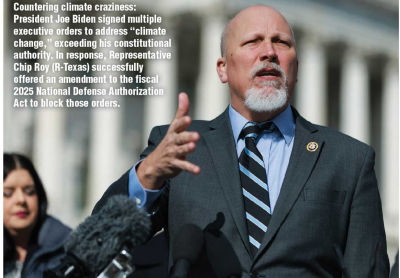
Our fourth (and final) look at the 118th Congress shows how every member of the House and Senate voted on key issues such as federal spending, immigration, UN funding (House only), and DEI (House only).

House Vote Descriptions

31 Climate-change Executive Orders. During consideration of the fiscal 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 8070), Representative Chip Roy (R-Texas) offered an amendment to prohibit funds authorized by this bill from being used to implement President Joe Biden's climate-change executive orders, which focused on tackling "climate change," promoting "clean energy," "conserving" natural resources, "improving" refugee programs, boosting domestic semiconductor production, and ensuring "environmental justice" for "underserved communities." Biden's key goals with his executive orders included net-zero emissions by 2050, renewable-energy expansion, and stronger protections for "vulnerable populations."

The House adopted Roy's amendment on June 12, 2024 by a vote of 215 to 210 (Roll Call 256). We have assigned pluses

Countering climate craziness: President Joe Biden signed multiple executive orders to address "climate change," exceeding his constitutional authority. In response, Representative Chip Roy (R-Texas) successfully offered an amendment to the fiscal 2025 National Defense Authorization Act to block these orders.



to the years because Biden's climate orders exceed the president's constitutional authority, reduce U.S. energy independence, violate free-market principles, and promote global environmental policies that undermine U.S. sovereignty, such as the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

32 Ukraine Assistance. During consideration of the fiscal 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 8070), Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) offered an amendment specifying that "none of the funds made available by this Act may be used for assistance to Ukraine." She noted on the House floor,

About This Index

The Freedom Index: A Congressional Scorecard Based on the U.S. Constitution rates members of Congress based on their adherence to constitutional principles of limited government, fiscal responsibility, national sovereignty, and a traditional foreign policy of avoiding foreign entanglements. To learn how any representative or senator voted on the key measures described herein, look him or her up in the vote charts.

The scores are derived by dividing a congressman's constitutional votes (pluses) by the total number he cast (pluses and minuses) and multiplying by 100. The average House score for this index is 34 percent (67 percent for the Republicans and zero percent for the Democrats), and the average Senate score is 42 percent (86 percent for the Republicans and one percent for the Democrats). Seventeen

representatives and 10 senators earned 100 percent. We encourage readers to examine how their own legislators voted on each of the 10 key measures. We also encourage readers to commend legislators for their constitutional votes, and to urge improvement where needed.

This is our fourth (and final) index for the 118th Congress, which served during 2023-24. Our first index for the current Congress (votes 1-10) appeared in our August 14, 2023 issue, our second index (votes 11-20) in our January 15, 2024 issue, and our third index (votes 21-30) in our July 29, 2024 issue. An online version of the Freedom Index is also available (click on Freedom Index at [TheNewAmerican.com](#)), as are Congressional Scorecards on individual members of the House and Senate and Legislative Scorecards on state legislators (see ad on page 36). ■

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Click on the image at left to download a **FREE PDF of the Freedom Index** for the 118th Congress covering 20 important votes within the past year. Ten votes are analyzed for the House (pp. 1-7) and ten for the Senate (pp. 9-12). Scores are listed for all 435 representatives and 100 senators. You'll find them listed alphabetically by state, then district. The average score in the House was 34 percent, and in the Senate it was 42 percent.

Contact your U.S. representative and senators to inform them of their latest "Freedom Index" voting score. Thank them if they have a perfect score, and ask for explanations when their votes violate the Constitution. Remember that it is your responsibility as a voter to hold your senators and representative accountable to the Constitution.

As Robert Welch once wrote, "Education is our total strategy, and truth is our only weapon." The Freedom Index is a vital tool to educate the electorate on both the voting habits of their congressmen and on what the Constitution says about a wide range of important issues.