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RADICALS RUNNING FOR OFFICE

What Voters, Churches
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Need to Know

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The 2026 election cycle is bringing forward candidates who will have the opportunity to **significantly reshape** healthcare, taxation, immigration enforcement, education, abortion policy, gender-related policy, foreign affairs, and the reach of government. From IFA's biblical and constitutional perspective, several of these agendas **raise serious concerns** about the protection of life and children, parental authority, religious liberty, public safety, fiscal responsibility, the rule of law, Israel, and the proper limits of government.

This guide **profiles twelve candidates on the November 3, 2026 ballot** whose platforms, records, or public statements conflict with a biblical worldview in one or more of these areas: socialism and expansive government, Islam, abortion, LGBTQ and parental rights, using faith as a tool to deceive, hostility toward Israel, and environmentalism.

Each profile includes the candidate's platform positions, notable associations, concerning policies and views, stated goals, recent shifts or points of balance, and specific prayer points. **This is not an exhaustive list, but representative** of the radical cross-section of candidates on the ballot across the nation at every level. **We included these icons to show the areas in which the candidate displays radical views that counter scripture.**



Islamic



Socialist
Policies



Pro-Abortion



Pro-LGBTQ



Anti-Israel



Twists
Scripture



Radical
Green

We selected these races because the ideas, records and affiliations involved deserve careful scrutiny. This report uses candidates' own campaign materials, public statements, legislative records and documented sources to show readers what is actually being proposed. **Let this be a warning about the movement of radicalism springing up across the nation and in local government as well.** This needs discernment, education, prayer--and definitely action. We pray it would light a fire under the Church to engage in the elections as **informed voters** supporting godly leadership and rejecting radical views. **There are radicals running for office--and we need to know, inform others, show up to vote, and protect our nation.**



Prayer Points

Pray that truth would be brought into the light and that voters would seek reliable information. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and integrity among candidates, voters, journalists, and public officials. (Lk 12:2; Jas 1:5)

Pray that people of faith would rise up to engage in their civic duty and vote in record numbers. (Jer. 29:7)

ABDUL EL-SAYED | U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE | MICHIGAN



Opponent: Mike Rogers (R)



El-Sayed's associations are as much a concern as the radical views he holds as a progressive. A counterterrorism analyst testified that El-Sayed's candidacy raises **homeland security concerns** rooted in his father-in-law's alleged ties to **Muslim Brotherhood-linked organizations** and El-Sayed's own documented connections to a **CAIR-affiliated** voter-engagement group. El-Sayed was introduced at a campaign rally by Amir Makled, a man who previously celebrated dead members of the terrorist organization **Hezbollah** as "martyr[s]." A few months later, at a mosque opening, El-Sayed shared a stage

with Sheikh Fadhel al-Sahlani, a cleric who has previously **praised Hamas' Oct. 7 attack** and made remarks **minimizing the number of Jews killed in the Holocaust**.

Platform Positions

- Universal childcare. Universal education. Universal healthcare. Abolish ICE. Pro- LGBTQ and Pro- Abortion. Embraces the Green New Deal. Anti-Israel.

Associations

- EMGAGE--the Islamic Voter Engagement group, DSA, CAIR, ISNA, Planned Parenthood, MoveOn.org, Indivisible, communist Working Families Party, pro-LGBTQ Human Rights Campaign.
- El-Sayed's campaign reportedly received more than \$115,000 from at least **41 individuals connected to CAIR**
- **George Soros's nephew** helped pay for El-Sayed's education

Concerning Policies and Views

- **Israel:** Anti-Israel. Calls the Gaza war a "genocide," says he does not "believe in ethno-states," and wants to end unconditional U.S. aid to Israel.
- **Abortion:** Firmly pro-abortion and would codify national abortion again
- **LGBTQ:** Supports LGBTQ/Transgendering for adults and children (with parental support) and advocates for bathrooms, locker rooms, and sports teams of choice not by biological gender.
- **Hasan Piker:** Campaigned with Twitch streamer Hasan Piker, who once said "America deserved 9/11" before recanting and has been criticized for antisemitic rhetoric. El-Sayed has repeatedly declined to disavow Piker, calling the criticism "cancel culture."
- **A practicing Muslim with family terror ties**, and sympathetic to socialism in the mold of Zohran Mamdani.

Prayer Points

- Pray that Abdul El-Sayed would encounter Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).
- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for protection of Michigan's Jewish community from rising antisemitism from his candidacy in Michigan (Psalm 122:6).
- Pray that voters see the danger of radical El Sayed as a U.S. Senator and have discernment in this pivotal race. Pray for God's will to be done in the balance of the U.S. Senate (Proverbs 21:1).

JAMES TALARICO | U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE | TEXAS



Opponent: Ken Paxton (R)



Talarico is a Texas state representative and seminary student whose campaign combines progressive economic policy with Christian language. Concerns by Texas conservatives are that he is a “wolf in sheep’s clothing” **using church language while keeping his progressive beliefs intact**, often times blurring the lines and claiming scripture supports his radical views. A dangerous combination for low info voters. In 2023 he opposed Texas legislation restricting puberty blockers, hormones and surgeries for minors. He has said that he firmly

supports transgender children, and stands for codifying abortion into law. Although his public statements on some issues have shifted during the campaign, one need only to hear his statement that **Jesus is not the only way to truth**, to understand he is a mishmash of ideas and values.

Platform Positions

- Advocates codifying Roe v. Wade on his campaign website, supports minors being transgenders and champions it, accuses Israel of war crimes but doesn't call for abolishment of Israel. Has said that capitalism is an oppressive system he wants to dismantle - a socialist economic position.

Associations

- Pro-abortion groups Planned Parenthood and Reproductive Freedom for All. Pro-LGBTQ group Human Rights Campaign. MoveOn.org, Indivisible, communist People for the American Way, Progressive Change Campaign Committee.

Concerning Policies and Views

- **Abortion:** Twists the Bible to defend abortion, saying "the Bible is silent on abortion" and arguing on Joe Rogan's podcast that the Bible permits it.
- **LGBTQ:** Said "God is nonbinary" in a 2021 legislative speech. He is pro-transgendering kids. Doubled down by stating that God is "beyond gender."
- **Faith:** Said his faith grew by studying Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism, which he said are "circling the same truth." Has also said atheists are "more Christ-like than" some Christian colleagues. Says that multiple faiths will get to "heaven." Describes himself as a "Christian who hates Christianity." Calls teaching the Bible in curriculum propaganda yet is for teaching leftist ideology such as LGBTQ ideology and more.

Prayer Points

- *Pray that voters distinguish slogans from legislative details and examine both past votes and current commitments with wisdom.*
- *Pray that James Talarico would embrace the full authority of Scripture and the exclusive truth that salvation is found in Christ alone (2 Timothy 3:16; John 14:6).*
- *Pray for discernment among Texas believers, especially young Christians, to test every teaching against Scripture (1 John 4:1; Acts 17:11).*
- *Pray that he would recognize the personhood of the unborn child as Scripture teaches (Jeremiah 1:5; Luke 1:41-44).*

ANGIE NIXON | U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE | FLORIDA



Opponent: Sen. Ashley Moody (R)



Nixon's campaign proposes a sweeping expansion of federal responsibility for health care, child care, housing, employment and economic policy. Her Working Families Guarantee includes Medicare for All, free child care, paid family and sick leave, national rent stabilization and a universal jobs program. She supports abortion.

On immigration and public safety, Nixon explicitly calls for abolishing ICE and rebuilding immigration enforcement from scratch, a moratorium on deportations pending an audit, demilitarizing policing, and ending for-profit prisons and detention centers. Her economic agenda includes higher taxes on wealthy Americans.

Platform Positions

- Advocates universal healthcare, universal childcare, fully-funded public education, abortion on demand, stripping aid from Israel,

Associations

- **Democratic Socialists:** She joined the DSA during the campaign and is the first DSA member to win a major party statewide nomination. Endorsed by Reps. Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar

Concerning Policies and Views

- **Abortion:** Proudly pledges to protect abortion, even late term abortion and no parental notification.
- **LGBTQ:** She considers opposing transgender treatments as a form of hate.
- **Israel:** Describes Israel's actions in Gaza as genocide and said she would have supported stripping \$3.3 billion in military aid to Israel.
- **Globalism:** Her **UN-first** foreign policy plank is the clearest "globalist" position among these candidates.
- **Immigration:** She is for abolishing ICE

Prayer Points

- *Pray that Angie Nixon would know Jesus Christ personally and that the Lord would turn her heart toward His ways (Proverbs 21:1).*
- *Pray that her understanding of "reproductive freedom" would be transformed by a recognition of the unborn child as fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5).*
- *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for her stated belief in Israel's right to exist to grow into genuine support for the Jewish people (Psalm 122:6).*
- *Pray that America's foreign policy would be guided by God-given wisdom and national sovereignty rather than by dependence on global institutions (Proverbs 11:14).*
- *Pray for Florida voters to have discernment, and for God to raise up leaders who fear Him (Proverbs 29:2).*

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DSA-LA'S "SHAKE UP LA" STRATEGY

BUILDING A COORDINATED SOCIALIST ELECTORAL BLOC

DSA-LA describes its 2026 effort as a coordinated electoral strategy to build democratic-socialist power across Los Angeles. By voting in a bloc of DSA members it can flip a district or strengthen a soft district into the grips of the DSA in one election. Watch for this in other urban areas where DSA policies are rampant on city councils.

WHAT THE ORGANIZATION SAYS

- DSA-LA says it has endorsed nine candidates for the 2026 general election.
- Its stated goal is to knock thousands of doors and "build democratic socialist power."
- California DSA describes the strategy as seeking to "win office, build a governing majority." in just one election cycle.

2026 SLATE IDENTIFIED BY DSA-LA / CALIFORNIA DSA

Marissa Roy — Los Angeles City Attorney

Estuardo Mazariegos — Los Angeles City Council District 9

Nithya Raman — Los Angeles Mayor

Angela Gonzales-Torres — U.S. House, CA-34

Nolan Southerland — Burbank City Council

Mike Van Gorder — Burbank City Council

Stephen Post — West Hollywood City Council

Estefany Castañeda — Centinela Valley UHSD Trustee

Yaritza A. Gonzalez — Inglewood USD Trustee

IFA READERS: EXAMINE YOUR OWN CITY ELECTIONS

Watch your city areas for an increase in DSA candidates in local elections and coordinated slates. Local government is one key area that can make impactful decisions affecting daily life and these elections and candidates are often overlooked for more up-ballot races. Do your homework on what these people stand for!

ALEX KRAFT | MAYORAL CANDIDATE | EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA



Opponent: Incumbent Mayor Bill Wells (R)



Alex Kraft is a self-described socialist, a member of the **socialist Peace and Freedom Party** and **running as a candidate in that party**, not the Democrat Party. He is backed and supported by the **communist Working Families Party** as well as the local **San Diego Democratic Socialists of America**. He has stated that he wants to “bring a socialist change to El Cajon.” He caters heavily on the workers party platform, with many of the talking points of the communist and socialist platforms. He also favors unions and has been a labor organizer for the SEIU.

Platform Positions

- The Peace and Freedom Party under which Kraft is campaigning, advocates for abortion on demand, Medicare for All, universal child care, anti-Israel policies and more. Wants to invite more unions into California.

Associations

- **Democratic Socialists, socialist Peace and Freedom Party and the communist Working Families Party**

Concerning Policies and Views

- **Abortion:** Supports no restrictions abortions--any abortion at any time.
- **Gender ideology:** Supports LGBTQ ideology and full embrace of all aspects of the agenda
- **Israel:** Considers himself “anti-Zionist” as he embraces the Palestinian agenda
- **Environment:** Promotes environmental legislation and green causes.
- **Public Funding:** Kraft is for government-funded healthcare, housing and education.

Prayer Points

- *Pray that Alex Kraft would know Jesus Christ personally and that the Lord would turn his heart toward God’s ways (Proverbs 21:1).*
- *Pray for discernment among El Cajon voters to understand the governing philosophy behind Kraft’s proposals and carefully consider their practical consequences. (Proverbs 14:15)*
- *Pray for wisdom concerning socialism and the proper role of government, and that policies would not open the door for more radical policies and leadership in El Cajon and other California cities. (Micah 6:8; Proverbs 21:5)*
- *Pray for public safety and the rule of law as El Cajon considers Kraft’s proposals to end police cooperation with ICE and redirect some police resources toward community and mental-health programs.*

ADAM HAMILTON | U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE | KANSAS



Opponent: Sen. Roger Marshall (R)



Hamilton is a nationally-known **United Methodist pastor** running as the Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate in Kansas. His campaign focuses on healthcare costs, housing, bi-partisanship, but his radical views on many issues are not as “bi-partisan” and harmless as he portrays them to be.

Hamilton has publicly supported marriage equality and described **an evolution in his theological position** on sexuality. In fact he was a central voice in the UMC for including LGBTQ in the pastorate and congregational support in the denomination. His church, Church of the Resurrection UMC, **funded a drag queen story hour for children.**

His stated goal is to flip a Republican seat by appealing to moderate and cross-party voters.

Platform Positions

- Hamilton’s platform positions align with the radical Democrat party, but with a twist--he is using Scripture to support his views on policy in key areas: anti-life, anti-traditional marriage, anti-God-determined gender as well as even questioning scripture itself.

Associations

- United Methodist Church, The Obama White House as he delivered the sermon at Obama’s inaugural prayer service and served as an appointee in the Obama Faith-based Advisory Council, CAIR Action, Jewish Democratic Council of America, and multiple organized labor groups.

Concerning Policies and Views

- **Abortion:** Supports "safe and legal access to abortion" and voted against Kansas's 2022 Value Them Both pro-life amendment.
- **Sexuality and marriage:** Has supported LGBTQ+ clergy in the UMC since at least 2019; his church has a Queer Inclusive Collective ministry and participates in Pride events.
- **Scripture:** At a 2015 LGBTQ-affirming panel, he remarked "here I think Paul's wrong." He also uses scripture to support abortion, as well supporting unfettered illegal immigration.
- **Salvation:** Taught in a 2022 sermon that people of other religions will not be kept from heaven (inclusivism).
- **Israel:** Supports Israel’s right to exist but calls for reduced U.S. funding and military support.

Prayer Points

- *Pray that Adam Hamilton would hold firmly to the full authority of God's Word and proclaim that salvation is found in no one else but Jesus (Acts 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16).*
- *Pray for the members of Church of the Resurrection to be rooted and grounded in sound doctrine on issues such as life, biblical marriage, and Israel. (Titus 1:9).*
- *Pray that he would come to see every unborn child as a person worthy of protection (Psalm 139:13-16).*
- *Pray that he would uphold God's design for marriage between one man and one woman (Matthew 19:4-6).*

BRAD LANDER | U.S. HOUSE CANDIDATE | NEW YORK 10



Opponent: Jennifer Moore (R)



Lander, the former New York City comptroller, is running for Congress on a progressive platform that would expand federal involvement in health care, housing, labor, immigration, abortion and climate policy. He supports Medicare for All, a higher federal minimum wage, stronger union control, and federal housing.

On immigration, Lander has called for abolishing ICE and restructuring immigration enforcement. His campaign supports codifying pro-abortion legislation, and repealing the bi-partisan Hyde Amendment, along with supporting radical Green New Deal-style climate and energy policies.

Platform Positions

- Lander's positions align with the progressive Democrat positions on all the usual issues such as pro-abortion, pro-transgendering kids, anti-immigration enforcement, pro-public funding of housing and healthcare.

Associations

- Supported by NYC Mayor Mamdani, is a former DSA member

Concerning Policies and Views

- **Abortion:** Favors unrestricted abortion and wants to repeal the Hyde Amendment.
- **LGBTQ:** Has supported LGBTQ+ and has funded drag queen story hour events in his district. Wants to make NYC a "Transgender Sanctuary State." Opposed federal efforts to restrict transgender participation in sports.
- **Israel:** Opposes all military aid to Israel until it "complies with international law" and backs the Block the Bombs Act to curtail weapons sales. Wants to support Palestine in Congress, although calls himself a "progressive Zionist."
- **Parental Rights:** Wants to **ban biblical therapy** that parents could seek that would help kids understand their God-designed identity, referred to as "conversion therapy."

Prayer Points

- *Pray that Brad Lander, who is Jewish, would come to know Yeshua as Messiah (Romans 10:1).*
- *Pray that his stated belief in Israel as a Jewish state would shape his votes, and for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6).*
- *Pray for the safety of the Jewish community in New York City amid rising antisemitism.*
- *Pray for wisdom in immigration enforcement that honors the law and our sovereignty (Romans 13:1-4).*
- *Pray for New York City churches to be a strong witness for Christ.*

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ISLAM, SHARIA, & POLITICAL CANDIDATES

Muslims are running for office in record numbers this cycle, a trend accelerated by Zohran Mamdani's 2025 win as New York City mayor. Muslim advocacy groups describe this as a "Mamdani effect." More than three dozen of the 76 Muslim candidates tracked by CAIR and CAIR Action won in the 2025 off-year elections. **CAIR is a terror-tied organization.** CAIR's 2026 directory now counts a record 255 current Muslim elected officials in 26 states, at nearly every level of government. Most of that growth is local: **98 of them are CAIR members**, or 38.4% of the total.

It's important to note that **many people believe Islam to be a religion but in truth, it is a political system and civilization that has a spiritual root.** Islam is all-encompassing and we should be aware of the danger of Islamic officials in any level of government. Their guiding principles such as the Hadith and the Quran are absolutely contrary to our Constitution in many ways. **There is no way that Islam can be compatible with our Constitutional form of government** and our foundations as a western nation. Embracing Islamic candidates is civilizational suicide.

You can find out more about the beliefs, practices, and political system of Sharia, the Hadith, and the Quran in IFA's Special Report, Behind the Spirit of Islam available at IFApray.org.

MUSLIM CANDIDATES TO WATCH

In addition to El-Sayed who is profiled in this report, and notable current members running for re-election, there are more than 200 Muslim candidates running for office across the nation. Here are three of them.

Lateefah Simon

U.S. House, California 12th District | Re-election

She is the first Muslim member of Congress from California and took office in January 2025.

Aisha Wahab

U.S. House, California 14th District | vs. Melissa Hernandez (D)

She is a new face to watch. The California state senator won an August special runoff for Eric Swalwell's former seat. She and Hernandez face each other again in November for a full term. She was endorsed by the California Democratic Party and progressive leaders such as Congressional Progressive Caucus Chair Greg Casar. She is Afghan American and grew up in foster care.

Ruwa Romman

Georgia State Senate, District 7

She dropped her bid for governor in February to run for the state Senate instead. She won the June primary runoff and would become the first Palestinian American in the Georgia Senate. She rose to national prominence when she was denied a speaking slot at the 2024 Democratic National Convention to discuss her Palestinian roots.

You shall not bow down to their gods nor serve them, nor do as they do, but you shall utterly overthrow them and break their pillars in pieces. (Exodus 23:24)

MELAT KIROS | U.S. HOUSE CANDIDATE | COLORADO 1



Opponent: Shimon Blau (R)



Kiros identifies herself as a **democratic socialist** and is endorsed by Democratic Socialists of America, Justice Democrats as well as the **communist Working Families Party**. Her campaign is a litany of all the far left progressive positions such as universal child care, publicly owned utilities, an arms embargo on Israel as well as others.

Kiros has also called for abolishing ICE, a nationwide moratorium on new data centers and an updated Green New Deal. She has described Israel's war in Gaza as genocide.

Platform Positions

- Kiros's positions align with the platforms of the most progressive Democrat groups she is affiliated with including pro-abortion, anti-immigration enforcement, universal healthcare and childcare. She also is a proponent of reparations and universal basic income. Her stated goal is to push the Democrat Party farther leftward.

Associations

- Democratic Socialists of America and Denver DSA, Justice Democrats, communist Colorado Working Families Party, the radical Sunrise Movement, Hamas-affiliated CAIR Action, liberal Jewish Voice for Peace Action, the Islamic group Colorado Palestine Coalition, Bernie Sanders' founded Our Revolution organization and the anti-life Cobalt Abortion Fund.

Concerning Policies and Views

- **Abortion:** Favors unrestricted abortion.
- **Healthcare:** Universal healthcare, cancellation of medical debt and federal drug price caps.
- **Israel:** Supports a full arms embargo on Israel, including defensive systems such as Iron Dome, and has said Israel should no longer be a Jewish state, calling it an "ethnocracy." She was fired from a law firm after her an open letter arguing that calls to eliminate the State of Israel should not automatically be treated as antisemitism.
- **Immigration:** Wants mass amnesty, abolish ICE

Prayer Points

- *Pray that Melat Kiros would encounter the love and truth of Jesus Christ, and that her concern for the poor would be shaped by the gospel rather than by ideology (1 Timothy 2:1-4).*
- *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and that U.S. policy toward Israel would not be driven by hostility toward the Jewish people (Psalm 122:6; Genesis 12:3).*
- *Pray that she would recognize the sanctity of every human life, born and unborn (Psalm 139:13-16).*
- *Pray for Denver churches to be salt and light, and for God to raise up courageous believers to serve in public office (Matthew 5:13-16).*

JANESE LEWIS GEORGE | MAYORAL CANDIDATE | WASHINGTON, D.C.



Opponent: Robert Gross



Lewis George is a D.C. council member and democratic socialist whose mayoral campaign centers on socialist policies for housing and healthcare.

Her platform also calls for rescinding the Metropolitan Police Department order permitting cooperation and information-sharing with ICE and for using city government to defend D.C. autonomy and statehood. If elected she will be the second socialist mayor of a major U.S. city elected to office and the first of our nation's capitol.

Platform Positions

- Lewis George's positions center mostly around anti-ICE, and her stated goal is to oppose President Trump. She has also voiced that her desire is to push the Democrat Party farther leftward.

Associations

- Democratic Socialists of America and Metro DC DSA, communist Working Families Party and People for the American Way, the radical Sunrise Movement, liberal Jewish Voice for Peace Action, Advocates for Trans Equality, Black Lives Matter, CASA, the Bernie Sanders' founded Our Revolution organization and several pro-Palestinian organizations.

Concerning Policies and Views

- **Abortion:** Favors unrestricted abortion.
- **Healthcare:** Universal healthcare. Abortion as healthcare.
- **Israel:** Has gone on record as a pro-Palestine supporter.
- **Immigration:** Voes to overrule a police chief order allowing D.C. police to cooperate with ICE.
- **LGBTQ:** Supports Trans-equality and the LGBTQ agenda

Prayer Points

- *Pray for the safety of D.C. residents and police officers, and that city leaders would support those who restrain evil and protect the innocent (Romans 13:3-4).*
- *Pray for a peaceable and cooperative relationship between the city and the federal government so that residents may live quiet and godly lives (1 Timothy 2:2).*
- *Pray that economic policies in the capital would reward work and encourage investment and housing growth, blessing families (Proverbs 14:23).*
- *Pray for the churches and pastors of Washington, D.C., to shine brightly in the city where national decisions are made.*
- *Pray that voters would consider how public safety and affordability would change under Lewis George's platform. (Jeremiah 29:7)*

SARAH TRONE GARRIOTT | U.S. HOUSE CANDIDATE | IOWA 3



Opponent: Rep. Zach Nunn (R)



Trone Garriott is an Iowa state senator and ordained Lutheran minister. She presents **progressive positions on abortion, sexuality and gender as compatible with Christian faith**, bringing fundamentally twisted interpretations of biblical teaching into the public square. Her candidacy therefore highlights an increasingly important question for believers—not merely whether a candidate **professes** faith, but if faith is in alignment with the Bible on human life, children, family and the meaning of male and female. Hers is not.

Platform Positions

- Trone Garriott's **supports restoring nationwide abortion**. In the Iowa Senate she voted against legislation prohibiting puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones and gender-transition surgeries for minors, and against restrictions involving transgender sports, school bathrooms and gender-related school policies, making **her views on transgendering kids some of the most radical**.

Associations

- Pro-Abortion groups Emily's List and Reproductive Freedom for All. Pro-LGBTQ Human Rights Campaign and One Iowa Action. Pro-Palestinian JStreetPAC. She also is a favorite of the anti-second amendment Giffords PAC and a coalition of labor unions. She is also a part of the Des Moines Are Religious Council.

Concerning Policies and Views

- **Abortion:** Favors unrestricted abortion, repeal of Dobbs, no parental notification.
- **Healthcare:** Universal healthcare. Abortion as healthcare.
- **Israel:** Has gone on record as a pro-Palestine supporter.
- **Parental Rights:** Supports keeping parents in the dark about minors' abortions and transgender pronouns and transition procedures.
- **LGBTQ:** Supports Trans-equality and the LGBTQ agenda for adults and children

Prayer Points

- *Pray that Sarah Trone Garriott, as an ordained minister, would submit fully to the truth of God's Word on life, marriage, family, and gender (2 Timothy 4:2-4).*
- *Pray for the protection of Iowa children from irreversible gender procedures, and for parents' God-given authority over their children's upbringing (Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Matthew 18:6).*
- *Pray for integrity in public life, that candidates' words would match their records (Proverbs 11:3).*
- *Pray that she would recognize the unborn child as a person made in God's image (Jeremiah 1:5).*
- *Pray for Iowa voters to have discernment in this closely contested race and the kinds of policies and outcomes of voting in these radical ideologies that harm children and families. (James 1:5).*

BY THE NUMBERS

POLITICAL MOVEMENTS & REPRESENTATION TO WATCH

Key indicators from current national tracking show growing influence from ideological movements and issue-driven networks in the 2026 election cycle and beyond.

282



DSA-BACKED CANDIDATES

2026 election cycle • federal, statewide, state legislative & local races.

Source: Brookings 2026 dataset (DSA chapter endorsements/recommendations)

200+



MUSLIM CANDIDATES

Muslim civic organizations report more than 200 Muslim Americans running for office in the 2026 election cycle, across all levels of government.

Source: Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), Sept. 9, 2026 ("Over 200 are running for office this cycle alone.")

243+



PRO-ABORTION CANDIDATES

Planned Parenthood Action Fund's current 2026 federal endorsement list includes **243** candidates for U.S. House and Senate. Hundreds more state and local candidates are endorsed by Planned Parenthood affiliates and other organizations that support legal abortion.

Source: Planned Parenthood Action Fund, 2026 endorsements (Federal list only; does not include additional state and local endorsements.)

163+



PRO-LGBTQ+ CANDIDATES

LGBTQ+ Victory Fund has endorsed **163** candidates nationwide for the 2026 election cycle across federal, state and local races. The organization is tracking hundreds of additional openly LGBTQ+ candidates.

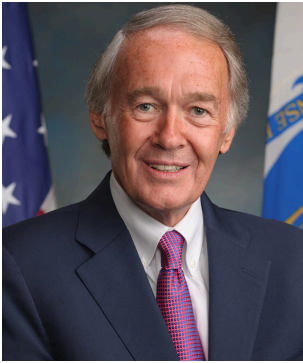
Source: LGBTQ+ Victory Fund, March 2026

METHODOLOGY NOTE: Counts are not directly comparable. Figures reflect publicly available data from organizational endorsements, directories and candidate tracking. DSA figure reflects confirmed chapter endorsements/recommendations in Brookings' 2026 dataset. Muslim candidate figure is from the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA). Pro-abortion figure is a documented minimum based on Planned Parenthood Action Fund's 2026 federal endorsements and does not include additional state and local endorsements. LGBTQ+ figure is from LGBTQ+ Victory Fund. Different organizations use different criteria and timelines, and some candidates may appear on multiple lists.

ED MARKEY | U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE | MASSACHUSETTS



Opponent: John Deaton (R)



Markey has made federal abortion protections and transgender policy major parts of his Senate record. He supports nationwide abortion access and contraception rights. In 2026 he reintroduced a Transgender Bill of Rights establishing a broad federal framework for gender-identity protections. It is one of the central issues of his candidacy.

His policies raise consequential questions about the protection of unborn life, parental authority, the radical transgendering of children, and the appropriate limits of federal power.

Platform Positions

- Markey's supports restoring nationwide abortion protections He has voted against legislation that would prevent puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones and gender-transition surgeries for minors to be federally funded. He considers himself a champion to the trans community and young progressive activists.

Associations

- Pro-Abortion groups Planned Parenthood and Reproductive Freedom for All. Pro-LGBTQ Human Rights Campaign and Advocates for Trans Equality. Pro-Palestinian JStreetPAC. Markey has racked up the support of environmental groups and a coalition of labor unions.

Concerning Policies and Views

- **Abortion:** Favors unrestricted abortion.
- **Environment:** He co-authored the Green New Deal with Alexandria Ocasio Cortez
- **Israel:** Has gone on record as stopping arms sales to Israel but supports its right to exist.
- **Parental Rights:** Supports bypassing parents with respect to transgender minors, calling himself a trans advocate.
- **LGBTQ:** Supports Trans-equality and the LGBTQ agenda for adults and children along with federal funding for it.

Prayer Points

- *Pray that Ed Markey would seek the Lord in this season of his life and instead seek to leave a legacy that honors God (Psalm 90:12).*
- *Pray for the protection of children from harmful gender ideology, and that laws would affirm God's design of male and female (Genesis 1:27; Matthew 18:6).*
- *Pray that Markey would recognize the value of unborn life (Jeremiah 1:5).*
- *Pray for Massachusetts churches and for a spiritual awakening in New England. Pray they would desire and vote for godly leadership.*

GINA HINOJOSA | GOVERNOR CANDIDATE | TEXAS



Opponent: Gov. Greg Abbott (R)



Hinojosa is the Democratic nominee for governor of Texas. Her campaign calls for major changes to state education policy, including repealing the education-savings-account voucher program, and changing leadership at the Texas Education Agency.

She supports restoring abortion access in Texas and has said she would fight to reverse the state's pro-life laws. Her positions threaten the role of parents in decisions affecting children, the treatment of children struggling with identity, and the freedom of families to direct their children's education.

Platform Positions

- While Hinojosa is spending her most recent focus on economic issues and school funding, her radical positions and votes in the past are still evidence of how she will govern. She says her focus is not on abortion or transgender issues, but her record indicates when those arise--and they will--her values and strong support are solidly in the pro-abortion, pro-LGBTQ, and anti-Christian category.

Associations

- Pro-Abortion groups Planned Parenthood, EMILY's List, Annie's List and Reproductive Freedom for All. Houston LGBTQ+ Political Caucus and Houston Progressive Caucus. Hinojosa has racked up the support of a coalition of labor unions, herself a card-carrying member of Communications Workers of America.

Concerning Policies and Views

- **Abortion:** Favors unrestricted abortion and would repeal Texas's pro-life laws.
- **School Choice:** Favors removing the successful voucher system and restrict religious schools from the right to participate.
- **Israel:** Supports the anti-Israel Boycott Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) Movement
- **Parental Rights:** Supports bypassing parents with respect to transgender minors, and supports allowing schools to facilitate gender transitions. Supported the position that a parent's refusal to transition their children could be considered neglect.
- **LGBTQ:** Supports Trans-equality and the LGBTQ agenda for adults and children.

Prayer Points

- *Pray that Gina Hinojosa's own experience of choosing life for her daughter would deepen into a conviction that every unborn child deserves protection (Psalm 139:13-16).*
- *Pray for the protection of Texas children from irreversible gender procedures (Matthew 18:6).*
- *Pray for Texas families to have the freedom to direct their children's education, and for teachers and students in Texas public schools (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).*
- *Pray that she would come into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.*
- *Pray for Texas voters to have discernment and for God's will in this race. (Proverbs 14:15)*

TROY JACKSON | U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE | MAINE



Opponent: Sen. Susan Collins (R)



Jackson became the Democratic nominee after primary winner Graham Platner withdrew in July 2026 following a sexual-assault allegation.

Jackson is a former Republican who once held strong pro-life views. In 2010 he wrote that "Abortion should never be legal," a position he attributes to his Catholic upbringing. He has since fully reversed on this and now vigorously supports abortion and same sex marriage. Jackson's campaign explicitly stands for many typical socialist policies although he himself is not a member of the DSA.

Platform Positions

- Jackson has longstanding ties to the progressive and organized-labor movements. He led Bernie Sanders' presidential campaigns in Maine in 2016 and 2020 and is backed by Sanders-founded Our Revolution. His positions are largely in line with Bernie Sanders.

Associations

- Pro-Abortion groups Planned Parenthood, EMILY's List, Annie's List and Reproductive Freedom for All. Maine's Democratic Socialists of America although he is not officially a member. Maine's People's Alliance supports Jackson, as well as many organized labor groups.

Concerning Policies and Views

- **Abortion:** Favors unrestricted abortion at any stage and voted to allow it in Maine. He calls for a federal right to abortion.
- **Israel:** Pro-Palestine and seeks to cease funding to Israel's defense.
- **Parental Rights:** Voted to bypass parents of 16 and 17 year old kids to transition medically without a parent's consent or knowledge, which is now law in Maine.
- **LGBTQ:** Supports the Trans and LGBTQ agenda for adults and children.
- **Immigration:** He is for abolishing ICE
- **Economic:** Jackson is for wealth redistribution and higher taxes

Prayer Points

- *Pray that the pro-life convictions Troy Jackson once held would be restored, and that he would again see the unborn child as made in God's image (Psalm 139:13-16).*
- *Pray that he would embrace God's design for marriage as he once did (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6).*
- *Pray that he would come into a living relationship with Jesus Christ.*
- *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for wise U.S. policy toward Israel (Psalm 122:6).*
- *Pray for Maine voters to have discernment in a race that may decide control of the U.S. Senate (Proverbs 21:1).*
- *Pray for Maine voters to examine the scope, costs and consequences of each of Jackson's positions with wisdom and truth.*

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