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Governor

Open seat (Gov. Kay Ivey term-limited). Rated Solid Republican by Cook Political Report and Sabato's Crystal Ball (Oct 2026).



Doug Jones

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

Former U.S. Senator (2018–2021) and U.S. Attorney who prosecuted the 1963 Birmingham church bombing case.



Tommy Tuberville

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

U.S. Senator since 2021; former Auburn University head football coach.

Where the candidates stand on the issues Pope Leo XIV has raised, in their own words and votes. Bracketed numbers link to sources. We do not rate, score, or endorse candidates.

WAR & PEACE

POPE LEO XIV *Leo invited citizens of every country involved in the war with Iran to contact their leaders and members of Congress "to work for peace and to reject war and violence."* Remarks at Castel Gandolfo, Apr. 7, 2026 (Vatican News via The Good Newsroom)

DOUG JONES

No public position found.

TOMMY TUBERVILLE

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

No Iran war powers resolution (H.Con.Res. 86), June 2026
No Iran war powers resolution (H.Con.Res. 89), Sept. 2026
Yes Russia sanctions bill (H.R. 5334), Aug. 2026

AI & THE DIGNITY OF WORK

POPE LEO XIV *"No one can be reduced to productivity, to cognitive performance, or to mere data."* Magnifica Humanitas presentation, May 25, 2026

DOUG JONES

Calls for a one-year moratorium on new data centers; proposes raising the minimum wage, ending state taxes on tips and overtime, and more support for organized labor.

[1] ABC 33/40: Doug Jones outlines policy agenda (Jul 2026)
[2] Doug Jones campaign: Priorities

TOMMY TUBERVILLE

Pledges to cut red tape and "bring more manufacturing jobs back to Alabama," plus trade-focused workforce high schools. No stated position found on AI.

[1] Tuberville campaign: Issues
[2] Stateside: Tommy Tuberville governor profile

THE POOR & THE SAFETY NET

POPE LEO XIV *The preferential choice for the poor is "a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society."* Dilexi Te, Oct. 4, 2025

DOUG JONES

Pledges to expand Medicaid to cover more than 154,000 working Alabamians, by executive order if needed; criticizes new SNAP requirements in the 2025 reconciliation law.

[1] Doug Jones campaign: Priorities
[2] PostIndustrial: Doug Jones kicks off campaign (Dec 2025)
[3] Alabama Reflector/APR: Jones holds forum with absent Tuberville (Oct 2026)

TOMMY TUBERVILLE

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VOTING RECORD

Yes One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), July 2025 — tax cuts with Medicaid and SNAP changes

ELECTIONS & CIVIC LIFE

POPE LEO XIV *Authentic democracy, "far from being a mere procedure," "recognizes the dignity of every person and calls each citizen to participate responsibly in the pursuit of the common good."* Message to the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, Apr. 9, 2026

DOUG JONES

Wants to end straight-ticket voting and expand early voting; says Alabama's elections have been secure but is concerned about efforts "to challenge voters" at polls.

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TOMMY TUBERVILLE

Objected to certifying the 2020 presidential election results in January 2021.

[1] Stateside: Tommy Tuberville governor profile
[2] OnTheIssues: Tommy Tuberville on principles and values

VOTING RECORD

Yes Objection to counting Arizona's 2020 electoral votes, Jan. 6, 2021 — a Yes vote supported the objection (failed, 6–93)

Yes Objection to counting Pennsylvania's 2020 electoral votes, Jan. 7, 2021 — a Yes vote supported the objection (failed, 7–92)

No For the People Act (S. 2093), June 2021 — vote to begin debate (failed, 50–50; 60 needed)

Yes SAVE America Act (S. 1383), Mar. 2026 — motion to take up the bill requiring proof of citizenship to register and photo ID to vote (passed, 51–48)

Yes Photo ID amendment to the SAVE America Act, Mar. 2026 — vote to end debate on requiring photo ID to vote (failed, 53–47; 60 needed)

LIFE OF THE UNBORN

POPE LEO XIV *Abortion "cuts short a growing life and refuses to welcome the gift of life."* Address to the Diplomatic Corps, Jan. 9, 2026

DOUG JONES

Proposes a state constitutional amendment protecting IVF and contraception; as a senator he backed abortion rights, calling it "a woman's freedom to choose."

[1] ABC 33/40: Doug Jones outlines policy agenda (Jul 2026)
[2] OnTheIssues: Doug Jones on abortion

TOMMY TUBERVILLE

Says "every life is sacred and created by God" and "zero taxpayer dollars should go towards abortions"; in 2020 backed an exception only for the mother's life.

[1] Tuberville campaign: Issues
[2] OnTheIssues: Tommy Tuberville on abortion

VOTING RECORD

Yes Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (S. 6), Jan. 2025 — vote to advance the bill (failed, 52–47; 60 needed)

THE DEATH PENALTY

POPE LEO XIV *Someone who opposes abortion but favors the death penalty "is not really pro-life."* AP via PBS NewsHour, Sept. 30, 2025

DOUG JONES

No public position found.

TOMMY TUBERVILLE

No public position found.

IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES

POPE LEO XIV *"Defending human life also includes welcoming, protecting and assisting immigrants."* Letter on the 250th Anniversary of the United States, June 25, 2026

DOUG JONES

No public position found.

TOMMY TUBERVILLE

Pledges to "work with President Trump to deport illegal alien criminals" and says Alabamians should not lose jobs or benefits to illegal immigrants.

[1] Tuberville campaign: Issues

VOTING RECORD

Yes Laken Riley Act (S. 5), Jan. 2025 — requires detention of undocumented immigrants charged with theft and certain crimes

Yes Secure America Act (S. 2), June 2026 — reconciliation funding for ICE and Customs and Border Protection

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY & EDUCATION

POPE LEO XIV *Religious freedom is "the right of every person to worship according to conscience."* Letter on the 250th Anniversary of the United States, June 25, 2026

DOUG JONES

Would phase out the CHOOSE Act education savings accounts: "taking money out of local schools and giving it to private schools, is unfair."

[1] 1819 News: Jones rails against CHOOSE Act (Jul 2026)

TOMMY TUBERVILLE

Says "parents, not the government, are in charge" of education and pledges to support "charter, magnet, private, public, and homeschools."

[1] Tuberville campaign: Issues
[2] Stateside: Tommy Tuberville governor profile

VOTING RECORD

Yes One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), July 2025 — created a federal tax credit for donations to K–12 scholarship organizations

CARE FOR CREATION

POPE LEO XIV *"We cannot love God, whom we cannot see, while despising his creatures."* AP, Oct. 1, 2025

DOUG JONES

Wants data center safeguards on electricity demand, water use and environmental impacts, and more public representation in Public Service Commission utility decisions.

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TOMMY TUBERVILLE

Called for repealing an EPA methane fee he called a "disastrous methane tax" (2025); in 2020 said "only God changes climate."

[1] OnTheIssues: Tommy Tuberville on environment
[2] OnTheIssues: Tommy Tuberville on energy

VOTING RECORD

Yes Resolution overturning EPA approval of California vehicle-emission rules (H.J.Res. 87), May 2025

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