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U.S. Senate

Roger Marshall seeks a second term. Rated Toss Up by Cook Political Report (Oct. 2026); an Oct. 26–28 Emerson College poll showed Hamilton 49%, Marshall 45%.



Adam Hamilton

DEMOCRAT · CHALLENGER

Founding senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in the Kansas City area.



Roger Marshall

REPUBLICAN · INCUMBENT

U.S. Senator since 2021; former U.S. Representative and OB-GYN physician.

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)

ADAM HAMILTON

Wants the U.S. out of the Iran war quickly — "war is a measure of last resort." Would stop some weapons transfers to Israel, citing harm to civilians; called the Russia diesel deal "selling out" Ukraine.

[1] Kansas News Service/HPPR: Marshall and Hamilton clash at last debate
[2] The Contrarian: Interview with Adam Hamilton

ROGER MARSHALL

Wants the Iran war over "as soon as possible" but says "we cannot let Iran have a nuclear weapon"; calls Israel a key ally and backs Trump's diesel deal with Russia if it ends the Ukraine war.

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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

ADAM HAMILTON

Calls AI "a potential existential threat" needing rules; would protect workers from "AI-only employment decisions" and strengthen the right to organize, including the Faster Labor Contracts Act.

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ROGER MARSHALL

Favors a "light touch" on AI regulation so the U.S. stays ahead of China, while calling for transparency and protections for children and privacy.

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[2] KCUR: Where Marshall and Hamilton stand on everyday issues

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

ADAM HAMILTON

Would reverse the 2025 law's Medicaid cuts, restore enhanced ACA tax credits and oppose SNAP cuts; says Medicare for All is not the answer.

[1] Hamilton campaign: Issues
[2] FOX4 Kansas City: Takeaways from the Marshall–Hamilton debate

ROGER MARSHALL

Says Medicaid is broken, backed the 2025 reconciliation law and its Medicaid work requirements, and supports SNAP work requirements for able-bodied adults without young children; says the ACA was not affordable.

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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

ADAM HAMILTON

No public position found.

ROGER MARSHALL

Joined the January 2021 objection to the 2020 Electoral College count, saying states that "disregarded the law" must be held accountable. Backs the SAVE Act's proof-of-citizenship requirement.

[1] Kansas Reflector: Kansas delegation joins Electoral College challenge
[2] Sen. Marshall: Floor remarks on election integrity and the SAVE Act

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

ADAM HAMILTON

Says that while he personally holds an anti-abortion view, he would protect reproductive freedom; would codify access to contraception and require insurers to cover over-the-counter birth control.

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[2] Hamilton campaign: Issues

ROGER MARSHALL

Describes himself as "staunchly pro-life" and opposes taxpayer funding of abortion.

[1] Ballotpedia: Roger Marshall
[2] KCUR: Where Marshall and Hamilton stand on everyday issues

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

ADAM HAMILTON

No public position found.

ROGER MARSHALL

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

ADAM HAMILTON

Says "I believe in strong and secure borders" and calls Biden-era policy "a disaster," but says ICE "has been politicized, it's been militarized"; backs a path to legal status for existing farmworkers.

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ROGER MARSHALL

Says Trump's immigration crackdowns "have happened for a reason" and touts secure borders; in Sept. 2026 said ICE "needs to coordinate with our local law enforcement" when operating in Kansas.

[1] KCUR: Senate candidates tangle over Trump, agriculture and immigration at fair debate
[2] Kansas News Service/HPPR: Marshall and Hamilton clash at last debate
[3] Newsweek: Roger Marshall speaks out on ICE

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

ADAM HAMILTON

No public position found.

ROGER MARSHALL

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

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

ADAM HAMILTON

"Supports all of the above energy production," year-round E15 and restored energy tax credits; wants data centers to pay their share of electricity costs.

[1] Hamilton campaign: Issues

ROGER MARSHALL

Blames Green New Deal policies for reliance on diesel imports; praises rollbacks of the Waters of the U.S. rule and Endangered Species Act regulations and backs year-round E15.

[1] FOX4 Kansas City: Takeaways from the Marshall–Hamilton debate
[2] Sen. Marshall: KCMO Radio interview (Aug. 2026)

VOTING RECORD

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

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