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U.S. House, District 23

Incumbent Nick Langworthy (R) seeks reelection.



Aaron Gies

DEMOCRAT · CHALLENGER

St. Bonaventure University theology professor and former nonprofit leader; also on the Working Families line.



Nick Langworthy

REPUBLICAN · INCUMBENT

U.S. Representative since 2023; former New York Republican Party chairman.

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)

AARON GIES

Responding to the January 2026 U.S. military action in Venezuela, said "We must not ask another generation to fight wars driven by political convenience."

[1] Gies reacts to military action, Maduro arrest

NICK LANGWORTHY

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

Iran war powers resolutions, Mar.–Sept. 2026 (six House votes): **No** Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Sept.

No Ukraine Support Act (H.R. 2913), June 2026 — authorizes support for Ukraine

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

AARON GIES

Supports raising wages and "strengthening workers' bargaining power," privacy protections against AI surveillance, and opposes "irresponsible data center buildout."

[1] Aaron Gies for Congress

NICK LANGWORTHY

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

No Protect America's Workforce Act (H.R. 2550), Dec. 2025 — nullifies the executive order ending union bargaining for many federal workers

Yes Faster Labor Contracts Act (H.R. 5408), June 2026 — sets deadlines for reaching first union contracts

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

AARON GIES

Opposes cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, VA benefits and rural health systems, and would lift the cap on Social Security payroll taxes for earnings above $185,000.

[1] Aaron Gies for Congress

NICK LANGWORTHY

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

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

No Breaking the Gridlock Act (H.R. 1834), Jan. 2026 — extends enhanced ACA premium tax credits through 2028

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

AARON GIES

After the Supreme Court's Louisiana v. Callais ruling, called for federal legislation to abolish gerrymandering.

[1] Aaron Gies for Congress: Press

NICK LANGWORTHY

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

Yes SAVE America Act (House amendment to S. 1383), Feb. 2026 — requires documentary proof of citizenship to register and photo ID to vote in federal elections

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

AARON GIES

Supports codifying Roe and would vote against a national abortion ban, saying "we can best support a culture of life not by criminalizing choice, but by actively supporting women, children and families."

[1] Aaron Gies for Congress

NICK LANGWORTHY

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

VOTING RECORD

Yes Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 21), Jan. 2025 — requires care for infants born alive after an attempted abortion

Yes Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act (H.R. 6945), Jan. 2026 — lets states use TANF funds for pregnancy centers

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

AARON GIES

No public position found.

NICK LANGWORTHY

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

AARON GIES

Supports "strong, secure borders and fair treatment for law-abiding immigrants," including due process for undocumented people, a guest worker program and consistent enforcement.

[1] Aaron Gies for Congress

NICK LANGWORTHY

No campaign statement found. See voting record below.

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

No Haiti TPS bill (H.R. 1689), Apr. 2026 — requires temporary protected status for Haitians

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

AARON GIES

No public position found.

NICK LANGWORTHY

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

AARON GIES

Says "all economies are built on ecologies"; backs federal funds for renewable energy and clean water, and opposes fracking and new nuclear projects.

[1] Aaron Gies for Congress

NICK LANGWORTHY

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VOTING RECORD

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

Yes Homeowner Energy Freedom Act (H.R. 4758), Feb. 2026 — repeals home-electrification rebates from the 2022 climate law

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