



NATIONAL TAXPAYERS UNION

Rates Congress

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About NTU Rates Congress

Every year National Taxpayers Union (NTU) rates U.S. Representatives and Senators on their actual votes—every vote that affects taxes, spending, and debt. Unlike most organizations that publish ratings, we refuse to play the “rating game” of focusing on only a handful of congressional votes on selected issues. The NTU voting study is the fairest and most accurate guide available on congressional spending. It is a completely unbiased accounting of votes.

NTU has no partisan axe to grind. All members of Congress are treated the same regardless of political affiliation. Our only constituency is the overburdened American taxpayer. Grades are given impartially, based on the Taxpayer Score.

Taxpayer Score

The Taxpayer Score measures the strength of support for reducing spending and opposing higher taxes. In general, a higher score is better because it means a member of Congress voted to spend less money.

The Taxpayer Score can range between zero and 100. We do not expect anyone to score a 100, nor has any legislator ever scored a perfect 100 -- without missing a single vote -- in the decades-long history of the comprehensive NTU scoring system. A high score does not mean that the member of Congress was opposed to all spending or all programs. High-scoring members have indicated that they would vote for many programs if the amount of spending were lower or if the budget were balanced. A member who wants to increase spending on some programs can achieve a high score if he or she votes for offsetting cuts in other programs. A zero score would indicate that the member of Congress approved every spending proposal and opposed every pro-taxpayer reform.

Taxpayer Scores		
Senate		House
27%	Average	42%
27%	Median	21%
100%	High	96%
0%	Low	2%
Party Scores		
Senate Democrats Avg.		3%
House Democrats Avg.		9%
Senate Republicans Avg.		48%
House Republicans Avg.		81%

NTU believes a score qualifying for a grade of “A” indicates the member is one of the strongest supporters of responsible tax and spending policies. We are pleased to give these members of Congress our “Taxpayers’ Friend Award.” To receive a Taxpayers’ Friend Award, a member of Congress must have not only achieved a grade of an A, but also voted on a minimum of 90 percent of weighted total votes in the House or 75 percent of weighted total votes in the Senate (due to the inability to cast proxy votes in the Senate this year).

A score qualifying for a grade of “B” represents a “good” voting record on controlling spending and taxes. A “B” grade indicates that the member voted for taxpayers most of the time, but slightly less than those who attained the grade of “A.”

A score qualifying for a grade of “C” represents a minimally acceptable voting record on controlling taxes and spending. To qualify for a grade of “C” a member must have a Taxpayer Score of at least 50 percent. While such score may be “satisfactory,” there is clearly room for improvement.

We also issue pluses and minuses for the grades of “B” and “C” in order to better recognize the differences in the voting records of members with these grades.

A score qualifying for a grade of “D” indicates the member has a “poor” voting record on controlling taxes and spending.

A score significantly below average qualifies for a grade of “F.” This failing grade places the member into the “Big Spender” category.

Computation

NTU’s federal budget experts assigned a weight to each vote. A low weight was assigned to votes that had relatively smaller effect on the size of the federal budget, while a high weight was assigned to votes with the most significant effect on federal spending.

Weights were based on the relative effect of each vote on the total amount of federal spending, taxation, or regulatory impact. Consideration was given to the broader effect of a vote on future fiscal policy, even though relatively little might be immediately at issue.

Scores were computed by dividing the weighted total of votes cast against higher spending (or taxes or for lower spending or taxes), by the weighted total number of spending and tax issues on which the member of Congress voted. Average scores for each state were also computed using the weighted total of votes cast by each state delegation.

In computing these scores, we included only those votes on which the member actually voted for or against a bill, resolution, or amendment. Paired votes, announced positions, and absences were excluded. Due to the pandemic, proxy voting rules in the House of Representatives allowed members to vote without being present in the chamber. However, proxy voting was not permitted in the Senate, which contributed to an extremely small number of votes in that chamber. We urge readers to take into account the lack of suitable proxy voting procedures in the Senate when assessing Senators’ voting attendance and scores. NTU made every effort to do so in the unprecedented and extraordinary circumstances of 2020.

Additionally, because some members either missed votes frequently, cast certain votes to permit the usage of procedural tools, or otherwise abstained from voting yes or no, their scores may not accurately reflect spending attitudes. The members falling into this category are noted.

We analyzed every roll call vote taken in the Second Session of the 116th Congress and selected all votes that could significantly affect the amounts of federal taxes, spending, debt, or regulatory impact. A total of 17 Senate and 178 House votes were selected. It should be noted that this year’s Rating includes much fewer Senate votes than normal because of the pandemic and also because there were many votes regarding issues not directly related to fiscal policy, including judicial nominations and procedural matters.

We included votes cast on appropriations bills, authorization bills, budget target resolutions, tax bills, amendments, and certain procedural and policy votes that could affect the burden on taxpayers. Votes that simply shifted equal amounts of spending from one area to another were excluded. Also excluded were unanimous votes and votes where there was a significant difference of opinion on how to vote to reduce or control the size of government.

United States Senate

SENATE KEY		
SCORE	GRADE	COMMENTS
87 or more	A	Taxpayers' Friend
80-86	B+	Good
70 - 79	B	
65 - 69	B-	
60 - 64	C+	Satisfactory
50 - 59	C	
40 - 49	C-	
20 - 39	D	Poor
Less than 20	F	Big Spender
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N/A Voted on 50% or less of total weighted votes cast; score and grade not issued.		
Based on every roll call vote affecting fiscal policy; see front pages for methodology.		

Illinois

Duckworth	0%	F
Durbin	0%	F
<i>State Average</i>	0%	

Indiana

Braun	87%	A
Young, T.	35%	D
<i>State Average</i>	61%	

Iowa

Ernst	38%	D
Grassley	39%	D
<i>State Average</i>	39%	

Kansas

Moran	48%	C-
Roberts	37%	D
<i>State Average</i>	43%	

Kentucky

McConnell	N/A	N/A
Paul	97%	A
<i>State Average</i>	97%	

Louisiana

Cassidy	51%	C
Kennedy, J.	87%	A
<i>State Average</i>	69%	

Maine

Collins	11%	F
King, A.	0%	F
<i>State Average</i>	6%	

Maryland

Cardin	0%	F
Van Hollen	0%	F
<i>State Average</i>	0%	

Massachusetts

Markey*	27%	D
Warren*	25%	D
<i>State Average</i>	26%	

Michigan

Peters, G.	0%	F
Stabenow	0%	F
<i>State Average</i>	0%	

Alabama

Jones	0%	F
Shelby	58%	C
<i>State Average</i>	29%	

Alaska

Murkowski	25%	D
Sullivan	39%	D
<i>State Average</i>	32%	

Arizona

Kelly	N/A	N/A
McSally**	20%	D
Sinema	0%	F
<i>State Average</i>	10%	

Arkansas

Boozman	37%	D
Cotton	45%	C-
<i>State Average</i>	41%	

California

Feinstein	0%	F
Harris, K.**	7%	F
<i>State Average</i>	4%	

Colorado

Bennet	0%	F
Gardner*	14%	F
<i>State Average</i>	7%	

Connecticut

Blumenthal	0%	F
Murphy, C.	0%	F
<i>State Average</i>	0%	

Delaware

Carper	0%	F
Coons	0%	F
<i>State Average</i>	0%	

Florida

Rubio	30%	D
Scott, R.*	48%	C-
<i>State Average</i>	39%	

Georgia

Loeffler*	50%	C
Perdue	56%	C
<i>State Average</i>	53%	

Hawaii

Hirono	0%	F
Schatz	0%	F
<i>State Average</i>	0%	

Idaho

Crapo	60%	C+
Risch	60%	C+
<i>State Average</i>	60%	

United States Senate

Minnesota			North Carolina			Texas		
Klobuchar	0%	F	Burr	37%	D	Cornyn	44%	C-
Smith, T.	0%	F	Tillis	40%	C-	Cruz	80%	B+
State Average	0%		State Average	39%		State Average	62%	
Mississippi			North Dakota			Utah		
Hyde-Smith	45%	C-	Cramer	37%	D	Lee, M.*	100%	A
Wicker	37%	D	Hoeven	37%	D	Romney	49%	C-
State Average	41%		State Average	37%		State Average	75%	
Missouri			Ohio			Vermont		
Blunt	37%	D	Brown, S.	5%	F	Leahy	5%	F
Hawley	51%	C	Portman	32%	D	Sanders**	28%	D
State Average	44%		State Average	19%		State Average	17%	
Montana			Oklahoma			Virginia		
Daines	49%	C-	Inhofe	49%	C-	Kaine	0%	F
Tester	0%	F	Lankford	63%	C+	Warner	0%	F
State Average	25%		State Average	56%		State Average	0%	
Nebraska			Oregon			Washington		
Fischer	51%	C	Merkley	21%	D	Cantwell	0%	F
Sasse	53%	C	Wyden	21%	D	Murray	0%	F
State Average	52%		State Average	21%		State Average	0%	
Nevada			Pennsylvania			West Virginia		
Cortez Masto	0%	F	Casey	0%	F	Capito	32%	D
Rosen	0%	F	Toomey	74%	B	Manchin	4%	F
State Average	0%		State Average	37%		State Average	18%	
New Hampshire			Rhode Island			Wisconsin		
Hassan	0%	F	Reed, J.	0%	F	Baldwin	0%	F
Shaheen	0%	F	Whitehouse	0%	F	Johnson, R.	63%	C+
State Average	0%		State Average	0%		State Average	32%	
New Jersey			South Carolina			Wyoming		
Booker	21%	D	Graham*	37%	D	Barrasso	51%	C
Menendez	0%	F	Scott, T.	43%	C-	Enzi*	58%	C
State Average	11%		State Average	40%		State Average	55%	
New Mexico			South Dakota					
Heinrich	0%	F	Rounds*	55%	C			
Udall	0%	F	Thune	37%	D			
State Average	0%		State Average	46%				
New York			Tennessee					
Gillibrand	5%	F	Alexander	31%	D			
Schumer	0%	F	Blackburn	63%	C+			
State Average	3%		State Average	47%				

United States House of Representatives

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Matsui	6%	F
McCarthy	80%	B
McClintock	96%	A
McNerney	6%	F
Napolitano	6%	F
Nunes	82%	B
Panetta	4%	F
Pelosi	N/A	N/A
Peters, S.	4%	F
Porter	6%	F
Rouda	4%	F
Roybal-Allard	4%	F
Ruiz	4%	F
Sanchez	6%	F
Schiff	6%	F
Sherman	6%	F
Speier	5%	F
Swalwell	4%	F
Takano	8%	F
Thompson, M.	4%	F
Torres	4%	F
Vargas	12%	F
Waters	9%	F
<i>State Average</i>	<i>17%</i>	

Alabama		
Aderholt	85%	B+
Brooks, M.	89%	B+
Byrne**	86%	B+
Palmer	91%	A
Roby**	78%	B-
Rogers, M.*	81%	B
Sewell	5%	F
<i>State Average</i>	<i>73%</i>	

California		
Aguilar	4%	F
Barragan	14%	F
Bass	6%	F
Bera	4%	F
Brownley	4%	F
Calvert	77%	B-
Carbajal	3%	F
Cardenas	5%	F
Chu	11%	F
Cisneros	4%	F
Cook*	76%	B-
Correa	7%	F
Costa	4%	F
Cox	4%	F
Davis, S.	4%	F
DeSaulnier	18%	F
Eshoo	6%	F
Garamendi	4%	F
Garcia**	73%	C+
Gomez	19%	F
Harder	4%	F
Huffman	13%	F
Khanna	23%	D
LaMalfa	85%	B+
Lee, B.	17%	F
Levin	4%	F
Lieu	10%	F
Lofgren	13%	F
Lowenthal	9%	F

Alaska		
Young	55%	C
<i>State Average</i>	<i>55%</i>	

Arizona		
Biggs	94%	A
Gallego	4%	F
Gosar*	94%	A
Grijalva	8%	F
Kirkpatrick*	6%	F
Lesko	86%	B+
O'Halleran	3%	F
Schweikert	93%	A
Stanton	4%	F
<i>State Average</i>	<i>44%</i>	

Arkansas		
Crawford	80%	B
Hill, F.	82%	B
Westerman	86%	B+
Womack	80%	B
<i>State Average</i>	<i>82%</i>	

Colorado		
Buck	96%	A
Crow	4%	F
DeGette	9%	F
Lamborn	87%	B+
Neguse	11%	F
Perlmutter	4%	F
Tipton	84%	B
<i>State Average</i>	<i>42%</i>	

Connecticut		
Courtney	4%	F
DeLauro	4%	F
Hayes	6%	F
Himes	4%	F
Larson, J.	4%	F
<i>State Average</i>	<i>4%</i>	

Delaware		
Blunt Rochester	4%	F
<i>State Average</i>	<i>4%</i>	

United States House of Representatives

Florida		
Bilirakis	77%	B-
Buchanan	65%	C+
Castor	6%	F
Crist	4%	F
Demings	4%	F
Deutch	4%	F
Diaz-Balart	69%	C+
Dunn**	86%	B+
Frankel	6%	F
Gaetz*	91%	A
Hastings	6%	F
Lawson	8%	F
Mast	83%	B
Mucarsel-Powell	4%	F
Murphy	9%	F
Posey	91%	A
Rooney	N/A	N/A
Rutherford	74%	C+
Shalala	4%	F
Soto	4%	F
Spano	84%	B
Steube	95%	A
Waltz	76%	B-
Wasserman Schultz	4%	F
Webster*	80%	B
Wilson, F.	7%	F
Yoho	95%	A
State Average	44%	

Georgia		
Allen	89%	B+
Bishop, S.	4%	F
Carter, E.L.	84%	B
Collins, D.*	90%	A
Ferguson	85%	B+
Graves, T.**	88%	B+
Hall	N/A	N/A
Hice*	95%	A
Johnson, H.	13%	F
Lewis, J.	N/A	N/A
Loudermilk**	88%	B+
McBath	8%	F
Scott, A.*	83%	B

Scott, D.	4%	F
Woodall	84%	B
State Average	63%	

Hawaii		
Case	7%	F
Gabbard*	21%	F
State Average	14%	

Idaho		
Fulcher	92%	A
Simpson	75%	B-
State Average	83%	

Illinois		
Bost	71%	C+
Bustos	4%	F
Casten	4%	F
Davis, D.	9%	F
Davis, R.	56%	C
Foster	4%	F
Garcia	23%	D
Kelly, R.	6%	F
Kinzinger	71%	C+
Krishnamoorthi	4%	F
LaHood	81%	B
Lipinski	18%	F
Quigley	3%	F
Rush	6%	F
Schakowsky	13%	F
Schneider	5%	F
Shimkus*	76%	B-
Underwood	4%	F
State Average	25%	

Indiana		
Baird	82%	B
Banks	87%	B+
Brooks, S.	68%	C+
Bucshon	78%	B-
Carson	4%	F
Hollingsworth	85%	B+
Pence, G.	85%	B+
Visclosky	6%	F
Walorski	75%	B-
State Average	63%	

Iowa		
Axne	18%	F
Finkenauer	15%	F
King, S.**	92%	A
Loeb sack	2%	F
State Average	32%	

Kansas		
Dauids	18%	F
Estes	87%	B+
Marshall	82%	B
Watkins	83%	B
State Average	68%	

Kentucky		
Barr A.	81%	B
Comer	85%	B+
Guthrie*	82%	B
Massie	96%	A
Rogers, H.	73%	C+
Yarmuth	6%	F
State Average	71%	

Louisiana		
Abraham	N/A	N/A
Graves, G.	90%	A
Higgins, C.	91%	A
Johnson, M.*	86%	B+
Richmond	10%	F
Scalise	92%	A
State Average	74%	

Maine		
Golden	24%	D
Pingree	6%	F
State Average	15%	

Maryland		
Brown, A.	4%	F
Harris, A.	94%	A
Hoyer	4%	F
Mfume*	7%	F
Raskin	19%	F
Ruppersberger	2%	F
Sarbanes	6%	F
Trone	5%	F
State Average	18%	

United States House of Representatives

Massachusetts			Missouri			New Mexico		
Clark, K.	9%	F	Clay	6%	F	Haaland	4%	F
Keating	5%	F	Cleaver*	7%	F	Lujan, B.R.	5%	F
Kennedy	20%	F	Graves, S.	79%	B-	Torres Small	23%	D
Lynch	6%	F	Hartzler	78%	B-	<i>State Average</i>	11%	
McGovern	19%	F	Long	92%	A	New York		
Moulton	4%	F	Luetkemeyer	79%	B-	Brindisi	20%	F
Neal	6%	F	Smith, J.	89%	B+	Clarke, Y.	20%	F
Pressley	23%	D	Wagner	69%	C+	Delgado	4%	F
Trahan	6%	F	<i>State Average</i>	62%		Engel	5%	F
<i>State Average</i>	11%		Montana			Espaillet	19%	F
Michigan			Gianforte	80%	B	Higgins, B.	4%	F
Amash	96%	A	<i>State Average</i>	80%		Jacobs**	59%	C
Bergman	76%	B-	Nebraska			Jeffries	8%	F
Dingell	9%	F	Bacon	68%	C+	Katko	43%	C-
Huizenga	79%	B-	Fortenberry	66%	C+	King, P.	49%	C-
Kildee	14%	F	Smith, A.	88%	B+	Lowey	4%	F
Lawrence	4%	F	<i>State Average</i>	74%		Maloney, C.	19%	F
Levin	19%	F	Nevada			Maloney, S.P.	4%	F
Mitchell**	72%	C+	Amodei	80%	B	Meeks	6%	F
Moolenaar	77%	B-	Horsford	10%	F	Meng	19%	F
Slotkin	6%	F	Lee	4%	F	Morelle	5%	F
Stevens	4%	F	Titus	4%	F	Nadler	17%	F
Tlaib	25%	D	<i>State Average</i>	25%		Ocasio-Cortez	25%	D
Upton	56%	C	New Hampshire			Reed, T.	62%	C
Walberg	83%	B	Kuster	4%	F	Rice, K.	5%	F
<i>State Average</i>	44%		Pappas	4%	F	Rose	10%	F
Minnesota			<i>State Average</i>	4%		Serrano	15%	F
Craig	4%	F	New Jersey			Stefanik	63%	C
Emmer*	78%	B-	Gottheimer	5%	F	Suozzi	4%	F
Hagedorn	84%	B	Kim	4%	F	Tonko	9%	F
McCollum	4%	F	Malinowski	4%	F	Velazquez	16%	F
Omar	25%	D	Norcross	4%	F	Zeldin	74%	C+
Peterson	34%	D	Pallone	6%	F	<i>State Average</i>	22%	
Phillips	10%	F	Pascrell	4%	F	North Carolina		
Stauber	64%	C	Payne	6%	F	Adams	4%	F
<i>State Average</i>	38%		Sherrill	5%	F	Bishop	95%	A
Mississippi			Sires	5%	F	Budd	93%	A
Guest	86%	B+	Smith, C.	36%	D	Butterfield	8%	F
Kelly, T.	90%	A	Van Drew	38%	D	Foxx	81%	B
Palazzo*	83%	B	Watson Coleman	16%	F	Holding**	75%	B-
Thompson	9%	F	<i>State Average</i>	11%		Hudson*	88%	B+
<i>State Average</i>	67%					McHenry*	79%	B-

Meadows	N/A	N/A	Pennsylvania			South Carolina		
Murphy*	83%	B	Boyle	15%	F	Clyburn	4%	F
Price	4%	F	Cartwright	10%	F	Cunningham	27%	D
Rouzer	91%	A	Dean	4%	F	Duncan	94%	A
Walker**	95%	A	Doyle	13%	F	Norman	96%	A
State Average	66%		Evans	6%	F	Rice, T.	96%	A
North Dakota			Fitzpatrick	30%	D	Timmons**	88%	B+
Armstrong	87%	B+	Houlahan	4%	F	Wilson, J.	80%	B
State Average	87%		Joyce	83%	B	State Average	69%	
Ohio			Keller	85%	B+	South Dakota		
Balderson	73%	C+	Kelly, M.	82%	B	Johnson	79%	B-
Beatty	6%	F	Lamb	21%	F	State Average	79%	
Chabot	83%	B	Meuser	81%	B	Tennessee		
Davidson	96%	A	Perry	95%	A	Burchett	87%	B+
Fudge	10%	F	Reschenthaler*	78%	B-	Cohen	6%	F
Gibbs*	75%	B-	Scanlon	4%	F	Cooper	4%	F
Gonzalez	71%	C+	Smucker	83%	B	DesJarlais	83%	B
Johnson, B.	75%	B-	Thompson, G.	76%	B-	Fleischmann	76%	B-
Jordan	94%	A	Wild	12%	F	Green*	85%	B+
Joyce	61%	C	State Average	43%		Kustoff	80%	B
Kaptur	4%	F	Rhode Island			Roe	82%	B
Latta	84%	B	Cicilline	4%	F	Rose	86%	B+
Ryan	4%	F	Langevin	4%	F	State Average	66%	
Stivers	72%	C+	State Average	4%				
Turner	72%	C+						
Wenstrup	84%	B						
State Average	60%							
Oklahoma								
Cole	75%	B-						
Hern	88%	B+						
Horn	31%	D						
Lucas*	78%	B-						
Mullin**	84%	B						
State Average	71%							
Oregon								
Blumenauer	17%	F						
Bonamici	14%	F						
DeFazio	7%	F						
Schrader	32%	D						
Walden	69%	C+						
State Average	28%							

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Arrington	93%	A
Babin	96%	A
Brady	82%	B
Burgess	78%	B-
Carter, J.**	83%	B
Castro	12%	F
Cloud	96%	A
Conaway	84%	B
Crenshaw	80%	B
Cuellar	14%	F
Doggett	14%	F
Escobar	7%	F
Fletcher	8%	F
Flores	80%	B
Garcia	4%	F
Gohmert*	93%	A
Gonzalez	7%	F
Gooden	96%	A
Granger**	65%	C+
Green, A.	6%	F
Hurd	64%	C
Jackson Lee	6%	F
Johnson, E.B.	7%	F
Marchant	N/A	N/A
McCaul	66%	C+
Olson	79%	B-
Ratcliffe	N/A	N/A
Roy	94%	A
Taylor	85%	B+
Thornberry	82%	B
Veasey	4%	F
Vela	6%	F
Weber*	96%	A
Williams	84%	B
Wright**	91%	A
State Average	55%	

Vermont		
Welch	16%	F
State Average	16%	

Virginia		
Beyer	4%	F
Cline	91%	A
Connolly	4%	F
Griffith	90%	A
Luria	24%	D
McEachin	8%	F
Riggleman*	77%	B-
Scott, R.	4%	F
Spanberger	23%	D
Wexton	4%	F
Wittman	80%	B
State Average	37%	

Washington		
DelBene	4%	F
Heck	6%	F
Herrera Beutler	65%	C+
Jayapal	30%	D
Kilmer	4%	F
Larsen, R.	4%	F
McMorris Rodgers*	80%	B
Newhouse	76%	B-
Schrier	4%	F
Smith, A.	4%	F
State Average	28%	

West Virginia		
McKinley	65%	C+
Miller	83%	B
Mooney	94%	A
State Average	80%	

Wisconsin		
Gallagher*	77%	B-
Grothman	87%	B+
Kind	4%	F
Moore	16%	F
Pocan	17%	F
Sensenbrenner*	92%	A
Steil	77%	B-
Tiffany**	89%	B+
State Average	57%	

Wyoming		
Cheney	80%	B
State Average	80%	

Utah		
Bishop, R.*	87%	B+
Curtis	86%	B+
McAdams	41%	C-
Stewart	83%	B
State Average	74%	

HOUSE KEY		
SCORE	GRADE	COMMENTS
90 or more	A	Taxpayers' Friend
85 - 89	B+	Good
80 - 84	B	
75 - 79	B-	
65 - 74	C+	Satisfactory
50 - 64	C	
40 - 49	C-	
22 - 39	D	Poor
less than 22	F	Big Spender
* Score based on less than 90%, but more than 75%, of weighted total votes cast.		
** Score based on less than 75%, but more than 50%, of weighted total votes.		
N/A Voted on 50% or less of weighted total votes cast; score and grade not issued.		
Based on every roll call vote affecting fiscal policy; see front pages for methodology.		





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