

# 2022 U.S. Senate – Political Contribution Analysis

## Arizona

Democratic incumbent, and husband of Gabby Giffords, Mark Kelly is generally running ahead of gun-toting Blake Masters in most polls. And when I say gun-toting, I mean **GUN-TOTING**, as Masters' campaign ad shows:



But recent results from CNN and CBS show the race tightening. And Kelly didn't close well in 2020. With the possibility of all Arizona state offices in charge of elections going Republican in 2022, with the result that any Democrat who is elected may not, in the state's eyes, win, it seems that the best strategy is to give Kelly all the ammunition he needs to make this a landslide and, thus, less likely to be contested

**Donation importance: GOOD; Potential return on donation investment: EXCELLENT**

| Source                   | Date       | Sample         | Kelly*       | Masters      |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Average of 5 Polls*      |            |                | <b>49.0%</b> | <b>41.4%</b> |
| ○ OH Predictive Insights | 10/12/2022 | 674 LV ±3.8%   | 46%          | 33%          |
| CNN                      | 10/06/2022 | 795 LV ±4.6%   | 51%          | 45%          |
| CBS   YouGov             | 10/05/2022 | 1,164 RV ±3.8% | 51%          | 48%          |
| ○ Fox News               | 9/29/2022  | 1,008 LV ±3%   | 46%          | 40%          |
| Marist College           | 9/28/2022  | 1,260 RV ±3.6% | 51%          | 41%          |
| Suffolk University       | 9/27/2022  | 500 LV ±4.4%   | 49%          | 42%          |
| Fabrizio Ward            | 9/23/2022  | 500 LV ±4.4%   | 50%          | 42%          |
| Data for Progress        | 9/22/2022  | 768 LV ±4%     | 48%          | 47%          |
| OH Predictive Insights   | 9/21/2022  | 654 LV ±3.8%   | 47%          | 35%          |
| ○ Trafalgar Group        | 9/18/2022  | 1,080 LV ±2.9% | 47%          | 45%          |

## Florida

As much as I hate to say it, and despite the dozens of emails I get each day from Val Demings' campaign saying "just a few more dollars will put me over the top," or "we're in a dead heat with Marco Rubio," most of the polls I've looked at don't support the claims (although a few do). I would hate to see Rubio, a blowing-in-the-wind phony with one of the worst attendance records in the Senate retain his seat, so this is a tough one. As a Florida Democrat, I have and will donate; for non-Floridians, it's a tougher choice.

**Donation importance: HIGH; Potential return on donation investment: MODEST TO POOR**

| Source                   | Date       | Sample         | Demings      | Rubio*       |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Average of 5 Polls*      |            |                | <b>42.2%</b> | <b>47.8%</b> |
| ○ Mason-Dixon            | 10/04/2022 | 800 LV ±3.5%   | 41%          | 47%          |
| Siena College            | 10/03/2022 | 669 LV ±4.5%   | 41%          | 48%          |
| Civiqs                   | 9/21/2022  | 617 LV ±4.5%   | 47%          | 49%          |
| ○ Suffolk University     | 9/21/2022  | 500 LV ±4.4%   | 41%          | 45%          |
| Echelon Insights         | 9/13/2022  | 815 LV ±4.3%   | 41%          | 50%          |
| InsiderAdvantage         | 9/09/2022  | 550 LV ±4.2%   | 44%          | 46%          |
| ○ Susquehanna Polling    | 9/07/2022  | 500 LV ±4.3%   | 44%          | 47%          |
| Fabrizio Ward            | 9/07/2022  | 500 LV ±4.4%   | 47%          | 49%          |
| ○ Univ. of North Florida | 8/16/2022  | 1,534 LV ±3.4% | 48%          | 44%          |
| Public Policy            | 6/01/2022  | 655 LV         | 41%          | 47%          |

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As hard as it is to believe, the race between incumbent Democratic senator Raphael Warnock and Herschel Walker, is a dead heat. I won't go into any position specifics because, well, Walker has none. They will debate each other on Friday, October 14; the person I feel most sorry for is the signer for the hearing impaired. Can you imagine trying to sign anything Walker says? But I'm being silly (not really), and this is serious business; another seat Democrats cannot lose.

**Donation importance: EXTREME; Potential return on donation investment: EXCELLENT**

| Source                  | Date       | Sample         | Warnock* | Walker |
|-------------------------|------------|----------------|----------|--------|
| Average of 6 Polls*     |            |                | 47.7%    | 44.0%  |
| ○ Quinnipiac            | 10/12/2022 | 1,157 LV ±2.9% | 52%      | 45%    |
| ○ University of Georgia | 10/12/2022 | 1,030 LV ±3.1% | 43%      | 46%    |
| ○ Trafalgar Group       | 10/11/2022 | 1,084 LV ±2.9% | 46%      | 45%    |
| ○ Emerson College       | 10/11/2022 | 1,000 LV ±3%   | 48%      | 46%    |
| ○ SurveyUSA             | 10/05/2022 | 1,076 LV ±3.7% | 50%      | 38%    |
| ○ InsiderAdvantage      | 10/05/2022 | 550 LV ±4.2%   | 47%      | 44%    |
| ○ Fox News              | 9/28/2022  | 1,011 LV ±3%   | 46%      | 41%    |
| Data for Progress       | 9/22/2022  | 1,006 LV ±3%   | 46%      | 46%    |
| CBS   YouGov            | 9/21/2022  | 1,178 RV ±4%   | 51%      | 49%    |
| Marist College          | 9/20/2022  | 1,202 RV ±3.6% | 47%      | 42%    |

### Iowa

This is a tough one for me because of my Navy ties. Retired Vice Admiral Mike Franken is challenging 89-year old Republican Chuck Grassley who is seeking his eighth term in the Senate, having already served as a senator for 42 years, preceded by 22 years in the U.S. House. If he wins, and lives that long, he will end the upcoming term at 95 after 48 years in office (70 if you count his time as a Congressman). I guess enough is not enough for Hawkeyes.

- Grassley approved of the 2022 overturning of Roe v. Wade
- Has an 'A' rating from the NRA
- Voted against creating an independent commission to investigate the January 6 United States Capitol attack.
- Opposes the Affordable Care Act and has voted to repeal it.
- Said that while Russian interference in U.S. elections was "bothersome" but the United States did not have clean hands and had, for instance, interfered with the 1948(!!!) Italian election
- Has chaired the Senate Committee on Aging (I guess that makes sense)

Unfortunately, Admiral Franken campaign has not gotten much traction, in part because Grassley's campaign has accused him of not being a "true Iowan" because he was absent from the state so much. This smear, of course, does not take into account the fact that Franken was absent from Iowa because he was on active duty in the United States Navy protecting his fellow citizens. I guess Grassley doesn't know that there are very few Navy bases in Iowa.

No matter, as the polls indicate, this race is, unfortunately out of reach.

**Donation importance: SYMBOLIC; Potential return on donation investment: BAD**

| Source              | Date       | Sample       | Franken | Grassley* |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|---------|-----------|
| Average of 2 Polls* |            |              | 39.0%   | 51.5%     |
| Emerson College     | 10/07/2022 | 959 LV ±3.1% | 38%     | 49%       |
| ○ Cygnal            | 10/05/2022 | 600 LV ±4%   | 40%     | 54%       |
| Cygnal              | 7/21/2022  | 600 LV ±4%   | 43%     | 52%       |
| Selzer & Co.        | 7/17/2022  | 597 LV ±4%   | 39%     | 47%       |

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## NEVADA

Incumbent Democrat Catherine Cortez Masto is running against former GOP Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt.

Cortez Masto has been endorsed by: American Israel Public Affairs Committee, AAPI Victory Fund, EMILY's List, End Citizens United, Feminist Majority PAC, Humane Society of the United States Legislative Fund, Jewish Dems, Latino Victory, League of Conservation Voters, Let America Vote, NARAL Pro-Choice America, National Wildlife Federation, Natural Resources Defense Council, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, Women's Political Committee, Population Connection Action Fund, Pro-Israel America, Sierra Club, Las Vegas Sun, Culinary Workers Union, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees local 720, Nevada AFL–CIO, Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association, and the United Auto Workers.

Laxalt, on the other hand, has been endorsed by, Donald Trump, Mike Pompeo, Michael Flynn, Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Tom Cotton (R-AR), Ted Cruz (R-TX), Josh Hawley (R-MO), Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Rick Scott (R-FL), Florida governor Ron DeSantis, Donald Trump Jr., Republican Jewish Coalition FreedomWorks for America, Senate Conservatives Fund, Gun Owners of America, National Rifle Association, National Association of Police Organizations, Nevada Fraternal Order of Police, Public Safety Alliance of Nevada, Las Vegas Peace Officers Association. (Enough said).

This race is a dead heat. Democrats cannot let this seat be flipped.

**Donation importance: EXTREME Potential return on donation investment: GOOD**

| Source                   | Date       | Sample         | Cortez Masto* | Laxalt |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|--------|
| Average of 6 Polls†      |            |                | 44.5%         | 46.2%  |
| ○ Suffolk University     | 10/12/2022 | 500 LV ±4.4%   | 46%           | 44%    |
| CNN                      | 10/06/2022 | 828 LV ±5%     | 46%           | 48%    |
| ○ OH Predictive Insights | 10/02/2022 | 741 LV ±3.6%   | 43%           | 45%    |
| InsiderAdvantage         | 9/22/2022  | 550 LV ±4.2%   | 43%           | 46%    |
| Data for Progress        | 9/22/2022  | 874 LV ±3%     | 46%           | 47%    |
| ○ Trafalgar Group        | 9/22/2022  | 1,086 LV ±2.9% | 43%           | 47%    |
| ○ Emerson College        | 9/13/2022  | 1,000 LV ±3%   | 41%           | 42%    |
| Fabrizio Ward            | 9/01/2022  | 500 LV ±4.4%   | 44%           | 40%    |
| Suffolk University       | 8/21/2022  | 500 LV ±4.4%   | 45%           | 38%    |
| Trafalgar Group          | 8/19/2022  | 1,082 LV ±2.9% | 44%           | 47%    |

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### New Hampshire

Most recent polls show Democratic incumbent Maggie Hassan comfortably ahead of GOP challenger, retired Army general and all-around wingnut, Donald Bolduc. Bolduc opposes legal abortion and hailed the Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, calling it an occasion to "rejoice." Bolduc is a vehement 2020 presidential election denier continuing to promote the false claim that the election was stolen and that Trump actually won; in an August 2022 primary debate, he said of his signing of a May 2021 letter claiming the election was rigged in Biden's favor: "damn it, I stand by [it]. Until he didn't. After much pushback, two days after winning the Republican primary, Bolduc reversed himself, saying, "I have come to the conclusion, and I want to be definitive on this, the election was not stolen." Let me ask this: do we really need a crazy ex-general in the Senate with the convictions of Emily Litella? "Never mind."

Donation importance: **GOOD**; Potential return on donation investment: **EXCELLENT**

| Source                  | Date       | Sample         | Hassan* | Bolduc |
|-------------------------|------------|----------------|---------|--------|
| Average of 5 Polls†     |            |                | 49.8%   | 43.4%  |
| Fabrizio Ward           | 10/12/2022 | 500 LV ±4.4%   | 52%     | 45%    |
| ○ Saint Anselm College  | 10/05/2022 | 901 RV ±3.3%   | 49%     | 43%    |
| ○ Trafalgar Group       | 10/04/2022 | 1,081 LV ±2.9% | 48%     | 45%    |
| Data for Progress       | 10/04/2022 | 1,147 LV ±3%   | 50%     | 43%    |
| Suffolk University      | 9/29/2022  | 500 LV ±4.4%   | 50%     | 41%    |
| ○ Granite State Poll    | 9/22/2022  | 870 LV ±3.3%   | 49%     | 41%    |
| American Research Group | 9/21/2022  | 555 RV ±4.2%   | 53%     | 40%    |
| Emerson College         | 9/16/2022  | 800 LV ±3.4%   | 51%     | 40%    |
| Granite State Poll      | 4/21/2022  | 868 LV ±3.5%   | 47%     | 46%    |
| Phillips Academy        | 4/11/2022  | 471 RV ±4.5%   | 54%     | 39%    |

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## North Carolina

Another flippable seat for Democrats, another dead heat. Former Chief Justice of the NC Supreme Court, Democrat Cheri Beasley is facing off against Republican congressman, Ted Budd, to fill the seat of retiring GOP Senator Richard Burr.

Budd co-sponsored a House bill ban abortion nationwide after 15 weeks of pregnancy. Budd opposes the Affordable Care Act and voted to repeal it in 2017. He signed an amicus brief contesting the results of the 2020 presidential election, in four states, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin Biden won. Enough said. But wait there's more: Budd opposes the For the People Act, intended to expand voting rights.

In comparison, Beasley was the first Black woman to win election to statewide office in North Carolina and the first African American woman to serve as chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. She has been endorsed by: State Employees Association of North Carolina, North Carolina Advocates for Justice, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, Equality North Carolina, NARAL Pro-Choice America, Color of Change, Human Rights Campaign, NextGen PAC, Black Economic Alliance PAC, League of Conservation Voters Action Fund, Sierra Club, End Citizens United, Climate Hawks Vote, Congressional Black Caucus PAC, Democracy for America and EMILY's List.

There's one more thing to keep in mind. While NC Democrats are bullish about Beasley's prospects, the Democratic Senate Majority PAC has not made North Carolina the priority some other states are. That's why your donations are more important than ever; you can help to flip this seat and make this incredibly talented candidate, running against another empty-headed Trumper, the junior senator from an increasingly Blue, North Carolina.

**Donation importance: EXTREME Potential return on donation investment: GOOD**

| Source                          | Date       | Sample         | Beasley | Budd  |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------------|---------|-------|
| Average of 5 Polls <sup>†</sup> |            |                | 43.8%   | 44.4% |
| ○ SurveyUSA                     | 10/03/2022 | 677 LV ±4.4%   | 42%     | 43%   |
| ○ Cygnal                        | 9/29/2022  | 650 LV ±3.8%   | 44%     | 44%   |
| Meredith College                | 9/29/2022  | 731 RV ±3.3%   | 41%     | 41%   |
| Civiqs                          | 9/21/2022  | 586 LV ±5.5%   | 49%     | 48%   |
| ○ Emerson College               | 9/20/2022  | 1,000 LV ±3%   | 43%     | 46%   |
| ○ East Carolina University      | 9/13/2022  | 1,020 LV ±3.6% | 46%     | 49%   |
| ○ Trafalgar Group               | 9/08/2022  | 1,079 LV ±2.9% | 44%     | 47%   |
| Public Policy                   | 8/31/2022  | 601 LV ±4%     | 42%     | 41%   |
| Cygnal                          | 8/18/2022  | 615 LV ±3.9%   | 42%     | 42%   |
| Blueprint Polling               | 8/09/2022  | 656 LV ±3.8%   | 46%     | 42%   |

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## Ohio

In the past several election cycles, Ohio has gone from a toss-up to pretty Red. This year it might be different. Democratic Congressman Tim Ryan is running against Silicon Valley/Hillbilly Elegy carpet bagger, J.D. Vance. Like many others, at this point the polls suggest that this is a toss-up.

Ryan, from the “rust belt” Youngstown area of NE Ohio is somewhat of a Democratic maverick; he doesn’t always adhere to the party line. He is an advocate of economic protectionism, unionization, and steps to reduce income inequality. A critic of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and globalization, he has criticized George W. Bush's and Barack Obama's trade policies while supporting many of the tariffs passed during the Trump administration. OK, not a perfect progressive, but in a state like Ohio, those policies are winners. And compared to Vance, he’s a must regarding your support if Democrats are to take the current GOP seat being vacated by Rob Portman.

Vance, who made billions in Silicon Valley has been described as a right-wing populist, national conservative, backed by venture capitalist Peter Thiel and endorsed by Tucker Carlson. That’s probably all you need to know. But, in case you’re interested, Vance is influenced by fellow Senate candidate ‘gun-toting’ Blake Masters (See Arizona above). He opposes all abortions and is opposed to same-sex marriage. It’s not clear if he had these same views when he was a Northern California liberal.

Donation importance: **EXTREME**; Potential return on donation investment: **GOOD**

| Source                          | Date      | Sample         | Ryan  | Vance |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------|-------|
| Average of 5 Polls <sup>†</sup> |           |                | 44.8% | 45.2% |
| Siena College                   | 9/26/2022 | 642 LV ±4.4%   | 46%   | 43%   |
| Baldwin Wallace                 | 9/21/2022 | 855 V ±4.1%    | 48%   | 45%   |
| Marist College                  | 9/21/2022 | 1,200 RV ±3.6% | 45%   | 46%   |
| ○ Emerson College               | 9/16/2022 | 1,000 LV ±3%   | 40%   | 44%   |
| Civiqs                          | 9/15/2022 | 780 LV ±4%     | 45%   | 48%   |
| Echelon Insights                | 9/13/2022 | 831 LV ±4.3%   | 45%   | 39%   |
| ○ Suffolk University            | 9/12/2022 | 500 LV ±4.4%   | 47%   | 46%   |
| Trafalgar Group                 | 8/22/2022 | 1,087 LV ±2.9% | 45%   | 50%   |
| Emerson College                 | 8/17/2022 | 925 LV ±3.2%   | 42%   | 45%   |
| Suffolk University              | 6/02/2022 | 500 LV ±4.4%   | 39%   | 42%   |

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## Pennsylvania

The race in Pennsylvania has turned into a circus. In the quest to replace retiring GOP Senator Pat Toomey, the Democrats had a real chance given the GOP, Trump-picked candidate is TV doctor, magic cure pushing, dog murdering, charlatan and New Jersey resident, Mehmet Oz. But two days before he won the primary, Democratic Lt. Governor, John Fetterman, suffered a stroke. While Fetterman is back on the campaign trail, there's no concrete evidence that he's fully recovered, and his campaign has been stingy about going public with his full medical records. The last poll, below, was on October 4 which still shows him in the lead, but it has been a shrinking lead. The only Fetterman-Oz debate is scheduled for October 25, one week before the election. This is a flippable seat. Donate now or wait. Will donations a week ahead make a difference? You need to make the call.

Donation importance: **EXTREME**; Potential return on donation investment: **UNSURE**

| Source                | Date       | Sample         | Fetterman | Oz    |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------|-----------|-------|
| Average of 5 Polls*   |            |                | 46.4%     | 42.0% |
| ○ Suffolk University  | 10/04/2022 | 500 LV ±4.4%   | 46%       | 40%   |
| ○ Emerson College     | 9/30/2022  | 1,000 LV ±3%   | 45%       | 43%   |
| ○ Franklin & Marshall | 9/29/2022  | 517 RV ±5.6%   | 45%       | 42%   |
| ○ Fox News            | 9/28/2022  | 1,008 LV ±3%   | 45%       | 41%   |
| Marist College        | 9/27/2022  | 1,043 LV ±3.8% | 51%       | 44%   |
| InsiderAdvantage      | 9/26/2022  | 550 LV ±4.2%   | 45%       | 42%   |
| Muhlenberg College    | 9/22/2022  | 420 LV ±6%     | 49%       | 44%   |
| ○ Trafalgar Group     | 9/16/2022  | 1,078 LV ±2.9% | 48%       | 46%   |
| CBS   YouGov          | 9/14/2022  | 1,194 RV ±3.8% | 52%       | 47%   |
| Echelon Insights      | 9/13/2022  | 828 LV ±4.1%   | 57%       | 36%   |

## WISCONSIN

Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes is challenging incumbent Republican Ron Johnson. Despite his (arguably) all-American looks, Johnson is one of the dumbest people in the Senate.

Some of the more recent polls showing a statistical tie (the Fox News poll does seem like an outlier) in a seat Democrats can flip.

Here are Barnes' positions on some key issues: He supports legislation that would codify federal protections of abortion rights nationwide, "to make Roe v Wade the law of the land." Supports red-flag laws, universal background checks for gun sales, and bans on ghost guns, assault weapons, and high-capacity magazines. Supports Medicare for All saying, "I've been on BadgerCare, and I've seen how critical it is for working people." Supports a Green New Deal, a \$15/hour minimum wage, eliminating cash bail nationwide and legalizing marijuana.

And Johnson: He rejects the scientific consensus on climate change,[7] describing it in 2021 as "bullshit. He defended tax cuts, falsely claiming that they reduced the deficit. He was one of 12 Republican senators to sign a letter threatening to filibuster any newly introduced gun control legislation. Johnson opposes the Affordable Care Act and has voted to repeal it. And if that's not enough, he voted against the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which passed the Senate by a vote of **90–8**.

Donation importance: **EXTREME**; Potential return on donation investment: **GOOD**

| Source              | Date       | Sample         | Barnes | Johnson* |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|--------|----------|
| Average of 5 Polls* |            |                | 46.8%  | 49.2%    |
| CBS   YouGov        | 10/09/2022 | 1,138 RV ±3.7% | 49%    | 50%      |
| Data for Progress   | 9/30/2022  | 999 LV ±3%     | 48%    | 50%      |
| ○ Fox News          | 9/29/2022  | 1,012 LV ±3%   | 44%    | 48%      |
| Fabrizio Ward       | 9/29/2022  | 500 LV ±4.4%   | 46%    | 51%      |
| Public Policy       | 9/28/2022  | 574 LV         | 47%    | 47%      |