## United States Senate

	GRADE	SCORE
ALABAMA Sessions		
Shelby		
State Average		
ALASKA Murkowski		
Sullivan		
State Average		
ARIZONA Flake		
McCain		
State Average		
ARKANSAS Boozman		
Cotton		
State Average		
CALIFORNIA Boxer		
Feinstein		
State Average		12%
COLORADO Bennet		
Gardner		
State Average		
CONNECTICUT Blumenthal		
Blumenthal	<u>F</u>	10%
Murphy	F	10%
State Average		
DELAWARE Carper	-	250/
Coons	F	25%
State Average		
		2170
FLORIDA Nelson	-	170/
Rubio		
State Average		
		72 /0
GEORGIA Isakson	D	76%
Perdue		
State Average		
HAWAII		
Hirono	F	11%
Schatz	F	
State Average		
IDVHU		
Crapo	A	84%
Risch		
State Average		84%
ILLINOIS		
Durbin	F	12%
Kirk	C	53%
State Average		33%
INDIANA		
Coats	В	75%
Donnelly		
State Average		50%

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	GRADE	SCORE
IOWA		
IOWA Ernst	B+	79%
Grassley		
State Average		
KANSAS Moran		
Moran	B	76%
Roberts		
State Average		
KENTUCKY McConnell		
McConnell	N/A	N/A
Paul		
State Average		
LOUISIANA Cassidy	D.	000/
Vitter	B+	80%
State Average		
•		
MAINE Collins	D	270/.
King	D	13%
State Average	!	25%
MARYLAND Cardin	F	13%
Mikulski	F	10%
Mikulski State Average		12%
MASSACHUSET Markey	F	14%
Warren	F	17%
State Average		16%
MICHIGAN		
MICHIGAN Peters	F	9%
Stabenow		
State Average		9%
MINNESOTA FrankenKlobuchar		
Franken	F	10%
Klobuchar	F	10%
State Average		10%
MISSISSIPPI Cochran		
Cochran	B	69%
Wicker	B	72%
State Average		71%
MISSOURI Blunt	D.	720/
McCaskill		
State Average		
MONTANA Daines	R.	82%
Tester		
State Average		
NEDDACKA		
Fisher	B+	82%
Sasse		
State Average		
NEVADA Heller	В	73%
Reid		

GRADE S	CORE
NEW HAMPSHIRE AyotteC	
AyotteC	.57%
Shaheen <b>F</b>	
State Average	
NEW JERSEY BookerF	
BookerF	.14%
Menendez F	
State Average	.14%
NEW MEXICO HeinrichF	
Udall F	
State Average	
NEW YORK GillibrandF	1.40/
Schumer	14%
State Average	
NORTH CAROLINA BurrB	7/10/_
TillisB	
State Average	
NORTH DAKOTA	
HeitkampF	28%
HoevenB	.72%
State Average	
OIIIO	
Brown F	.13%
PortmanB	
State Average	
OKLAHOMA InhofeB+	
Lankford A	
State Average	.82%
OREGON	450/
OREGON           Merkley         F           Wyden         F	.15%
State Average	.21%
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PENNSYLVANIA CaseyF	1 5 0/-
Toomey A	24%
State Average	
RHODE ISLAND	
ReedF	.14%
WhitehouseF	.10%
State Average	
SOUTH CAROLINA	
Graham	
Scott A	
State Average	.74%
SOUTH DAKOTA RoundsB	
Thune B	
State Average	./3%
TENNESSEE AlexanderC+	CE0/
Alexander C+	
	.//% <b>71%</b>

	GRADE	SCORE
TEXAS		
Cornyn	В	74%
Cruz		
State Average		83%
UTAH		
Hatch		
Lee	A	89%
State Average		80%
VERMONT		
Leahy		
Sanders	F	20%
State Average		15%
VIRGINIA Kaine		
Kaine	F	15%
Warner	F	22%
State Average		19%
WASHINGTON		
Cantwell	F	
Murray		
State Average		
WEST VIRGINIA Capito	A	
Capito	B	67%
Manchin	D	38%
State Average		53%
WISCONSIN		
Baldwin	F	10%
Johnson		
State Average		43%
WYOMING		
Barrasso		
Enzi		
State Average		76%

## SENATE KEY

SCORE GR	ADE	COMMENTS
83% or more	e A	Taxpayers' Friend
78%-82%	B+	
72%-77%	В	Good
67%-71%	B-	
62%-66%	C+	
56%-61%	C	Satisfactory
50%-55%	C-	
33%-49%	D	Poor
32% or less	F	Big Spender
		than 90%, but more than tal of votes cast.
		than 75%, but more than otal of votes cast.

- Voted on 50% or less of weighted total of votes cast; score and grade not issued. Based on every roll call vote affecting fiscal policy; see back page for methodology.

State Average......45%

	GRADE	SCORE
ALABAMA		
Aderholt		-
Brooks, M Byrne		
Palmer	B+	83%
Roby		
Rogers, M	B	72%
Sewell		
State Average		
ALASKA		
ALASKA Young, Don	C	61%
ARIZONA Franks	Α.	86%
Gallego		13%
Gosar		86%
Grijalva		16%
Kirkpatrick		27%
McSally		74%
Salmon		
Schweikert		
SinemaState Average		
ARKANSAS Crawford	R	760/
Hill		
Westerman		
Womack	B	67%
State Average		75%
CALIFORNIA Aguilar		
		19%
Bass		13%
Becerra Bera		16% 23%
Brownley		17%
Calvert		
Capps		14%
Cárdenas		19%
Chu		14%
Cook Costa		
Davis, S		38% 17%
Denham		
DeSaulnier		14%
Eshoo	F	15%
Farr		17%
Garamendi		17%
Hahn Honda		16% 13%
Huffman		15%
Hunter		74%
lssa		77%
Knight	B	72%
LaMalfa		
Lee		16%*
Lieu		17%
Lofgren Lowenthal		15%* 13%
Matsui		13%
McCarthy		77%
McClintock	A	89%
McNerney		17%
Napolitano		13%
Nunes		68%
Pelosi Peters		13% 27%
Rohrabacher		27%
Roybal-Allard		12%
Royce	B	76%
Ruiz		13%*

	GRADE	
Sánchez, Linda		12%
Sanchez, Loretta		18%*
Sherman		13% 17%
Speier		17%
Swalwell		19%
Takano		13%
Thompson, M		14%
Torres		17%
Valadao	C+	65%
Vargas		14%
Walters		
Waters		
State Average		31%
COLORADO		222/#
Buck		
Coffman DeGette		
Lamborn		85%
Perlmutter		20%
Polis		24%
Tipton		
State Average		
CONNECTICUT		
Courtney	F	14%
DeLauro	F	15%
Esty		16%
Himes		21%
Larson		13%
State Average		16%
<b>DELAWARE</b> Carney		400/
Carney	F	19%
FLORIDA Bilirakis	D.	700/
Brown		14%
Buchanan		
Castor		15%
Clawson		84%
Crenshaw		
Curbelo		58%
DeSantis		86%
Deutch		14%
Diaz-Balart		
FrankelGraham		14% 33%
Grayson		18%
Hastings		13%
Jolly	C+	
Mica		
Miller, J		87%
Murphy, P		25%
Nugent		75%
Posey		
Rooney		78%
Ros-Lehtinen Ross		61%
Wasserman Schultz		12%*
Webster		74%
Wilson, F		
Yoho		
State Average		53%
GEORGIA Allen	B+	79%
Bishop, S	D	33%
Carter, B		
Collins, D	B+	83%
Graves, THice		
Iohnson U		

	GRADE	SCORE		GRADE	SCORE
Sánchez, Linda	F	12%	Lewis		
Sanchez, Loretta			Loudermilk		
Schiff			Price, T	B+	82%
Sherman	F	17%	Scott, A		
Speier	F	18%	Scott, D	F	24%
· Swalwell			Westmoreland		
Takano	F	13%	Woodall	B+	83%
Thompson, M			State Average		65%
Torres					
Valadao			Gabbard	F	17%
Vargas	F	14%	Takai		
Walters			State Average		
Waters					
State Average			IDAHO Labrador	Α.	000/
_					
COLORADO Buck	Λ	QQ0/,*	Simpson		
Coffman			State Average		
DeGette			Bost		
Lamborn					
			Bustos		
Perlmutter Polis			Davis, D		
			Davis, R		
Tipton			Dold		
State Average			Duckworth		
CONNECTICUT Courtney			Foster		
Courtney	F	14%	Gutiérrez		
DeLauro			Hultgren	B	78%
Esty			Kelly, R	F	15%
Himes			Kinzinger		
Larson			LaHood	N/A	N/A
State Average		16%	Lipinski	F	25%
DELAWARE			Quigley		
Carney	F	19%	Roskam		
FLORIDA			Rush	F	16%*
FLORIDA Bilirakis	R <sub>+</sub>	79%	Schakowsky		
Brown			Shimkus		
Buchanan			State Average		40%
Castor			INDIANA Brooks, S		
Clawson			Brooks, S.	B-	69%
Crenshaw			Bucshon		
Curbelo			Carson		
DeSantis			Messer		
Deutch			Rokita		
Diaz-Balart			Stutzman		
Frankel			Visclosky		
Graham			Walorski		
Grayson			Young, T		
Hastings			State Average		
Jolly			101114		
Mica			IOWA Blum	D .	020/
Miller, J					
Murphy, P			King, S Loebsack		
Nugent			Young, David		
Posey			_		
Rooney			State Average		00%
Ros-Lehtinen			KANSAS Huelskamp		
Ross					
Wasserman Schultz.			Jenkins, L		
Webster			Pompeo		
Wilson, F			Yoder		
			State Average		85%
Yoho State Average			KENTUCKY		
		55%	Barr	В	77%
GEORGIA			Guthrie	B	78%
Allen			Massie	A	90%
Bishop, S			Rogers, H	C+	65%
Carter, B			Whitfield	B	67%
Collins, D			Yarmouth		
Graves, T			State Average		65%
Hice			LOUIGIANIA		
Johnson, H	F	15%	Abraham	В	77%

## **United States Housi**

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BoustanyFleming		
Graves, G		
Richmond		
Scalise	B+	80%
State Average		68%
MAINE		
Pingree	F	14%
Poliquin		
State Average		39%
MARYLAND Cummings		12%
Delaney	F	26%
Edwards		13%
Harris		84%
Hoyer		13%
Ruppersberger		19%
Sarbanes Van Hollen		13%
State Average		14%
MASSACHUSET1		24 /0
Capuano		16%
Clark		18%
Keating		18%
Kennedy		16%
Lynch		16%
McGovern		14%
Moulton Neal		17% 16%
Tsongas		15%
State Average		
MICHIGAN		
Amash		89%
Benishek		
Bishop, M Conyers		75% 14%
Dingell		14%
Huizenga		
Kildee		16%
Lawrence		14%
Levin		
Miller, C Moolenaar		
Trott	B R-	72% 71%
Upton		
Walberg		
State Average		
MINNESOTA Ellison		
Emmer Kline		75%
McCollum		13%
Nolan		21%
Paulsen		73%
Peterson		48%
Walz		21%
State Average		
MISSISSIPPI Harper	D	C70/
Harper Kelly, T	B−	b/% 76%**
Palazzo		
Thompson, B	F	16%
State Average		
MISSOURI		
Clay		
Cleaver	F	15%*
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## OF REPRESENTATIVES

1	CDADE	CCORE
Crayes	GRADE	SCORE
Graves, S		
Hartzler		
Long		
Luetkemeyer		
Smith, J	<b>A</b>	84%
Wagner	B	75%*
State Average		
MONTANA	P.	720/
Zinke	R	/3%
NEBRASKA Ashford		
Ashford	D	47%
Fortenberry	B-	69%
Smith, Adrian		
State Average		
_		00%
NEVADA		
Amodei		
Hardy	B	70%
Heck, J		
Titus		
State Average		
		00 /0
NEW HAMPSH	IRE	
Guinta		
Kuster	F	20%
State Average		46%
NEW JERSEY Frelinghuysen	C:	660/
Garrett		
Lance		75%
LoBiondo		56%
MacArthur	C	60%
Norcross	F	16%
Pallone		13%
Pascrell		15%
Payne		11%*
Sires		11%
Smith, C		59%
Watson Coleman		13%
State Average		41%
NEW MEXICO		
Luján	F	13%
Lujan Grisham		
Pearce		
State Average		
NEW YORK Clarke		
Collins, C		
Crowley	F	14%
Donovan	C	58%**
Engel	E	15%
		56%
Gibson		
Hann.		
Hanna	C	58%
Higgins	C F	58% 14%
HigginsIsrael	C F	58%
Higgins	C F	58% 14%
HigginsIsrael	C F F	58% 14% 14%
Higgins Israel Jeffries Katko	CF	58% 14% 14%
Higgins Israel Jeffries Katko King, P.	C	58% 14% 13% 59% 60%
Higgins Israel Jeffries Katko King, P Lowey	C F C C C C	58%14%13%59%60%17%
Higgins Israel Jeffries Katko King, P. Lowey Maloney, C	FF	58%14%13%59%60%17%16%
Higgins Israel Jeffries Katko King, P Lowey Maloney, C	C F C C C F C F	58% 14% 13% 59% 60% 17% 16% 24%
Higgins Israel Jeffries Katko King, P Lowey Maloney, C Maloney, S Meeks	C	58%14%13%59%60%17%16%24%
Higgins Israel Jeffries Katko King, P Lowey Maloney, C Maloney, S Meeks Meng	C F C F C F	58%14%13%59%60%17%16%24%22%*16%
Higgins Israel Jeffries Katko King, P Lowey Maloney, C Maloney, S Meeks	C F C F C F	58%14%13%59%60%17%16%24%
Higgins Israel Jeffries Katko King, P Lowey Maloney, C Maloney, S Meeks Meng	C	58%14%13%59%60%17%16%24%22%*16%
Higgins	C F C F	58%14%13%59%60%17%16%24%22%*16%14%
Higgins	C F	58%14%13%59%60%17%16%24%22%*16%14%14%
Higgins		58%14%13%59%60%17%16%24%22%*16%14%

	GRADE	SCORE
Slaughter	F	12%
Stefanik		
Tonko	F	15%
Valázquez	F	15%
Zeldin	C+	64%
NORTH CAROLI Adams		31%
NORTH CAROLI	NA	
Adams	F	12%
butterneru	F	1 3 /0
Ellmers		73%*
Holding		
Hudson		
Jones		
McHenry		
Meadows		
Pittenger	B+	80%
Price, D	F	14%
Rouzer		
Walker		
State Average		
NORTH DAKOTA	<u> </u>	C00/
OHIO Beatty	-	1 /10/
Chabot	F	14% ደ3%
Fudge		
Gibbs		
Johnson, B	B	67%
Jordan		
Joyce		
Kaptur		
Latta		
Renacci		
Ryan, TStivers		
Tiberi		
Turner		
Wenstrup		
State Average		
OKLAHOMA		
Bridenstine		
Cole		
Lucas		
MullinRussell	B	73%
State Average		
OREGON		7070
Blumenauer	E	20%
Bonamici		21%
DeFazio		18%*
Schrader		39%
Walden	C+	64%
State Average		32%
PENNSYLVANIA Barletta		
Boyle		18% 15%
Brady, R Cartwright		15% 12%
Costello		59%
Dent		
Doyle		
Fitzpatrick	C	58%
Kelly, M	B	
Marino		
Meehan	C	59%
Murphy, TPerry	C+	b5% o2n/
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	GRADE	SCORE
Pitts	B	76%
Rothfus	B	76%
Shuster	C+	65%
Thompson, G		
monipson, d	C+	0470
State Average		55%
RHODE ISLAND Cicilline	)	
Cicilline	F	14%
Langevin	E	120/
State Average		13%
SOUTH CAROLI	NA	
SOUTH CAROLI Clyburn	F	17%
Duncan, Jeff	D :	270/
Gowdy		
Mulvaney		
Rice, T	B	78%
Sanford	A	86%
Wilson, J		
State Average		
		/4%
SOUTH DAKOT	A	
Noem	B	76%
TENNESSEE Black		•
Disale		050/
Blackburn		84%
Cohen	F	16%
Cooper	F	30%
DesJarlais	Δ	87%
Duncan, John		
Fincher		
Fleischmann		
Roe	B+	81%*
State Average		69%
TEXAS Babin		
Barton	B	75%
Brady, K	B	76%
Burgess		
Carter, J	D	700/.*
Castro		16%
Conaway	B+	82%
Cuellar	D	47%
Culberson	B	78%
Doggett		
Farenthold		
Flores		84%
Gohmert		85%
Granger	B	73%
Green, A	F	17%
Green, G		22%
Hensarling		
Hinojosa		24%*
Hurd		75%
Jackson Lee	F	17%*
Johnson, E	F	18%
Johnson, S		84%
Marchant		
McCaul		
Neugebauer	A	85%
O'Rourke	F	17%
Olson		
Poe		76%
Ratcliffe		86%
Sessions		
Smith, L	A	84%
Thornberry	B	75%
Veasey		19%
Vela		23%
Weber		
Williams		
State Average		63%

	GRADE	SCORE
UTAH		
Bishop, R	B+	81%
Chaffetz	B+	83%
Love	B+	83%
Stewart	B+	83%
State Average		83%
VERMONT		
VERMONT Welch VIRGINIA	F	16%
VIRGINIA		
Beyer	F	17%
VIRGINIA BeyerBrat	<b>A</b>	84%
Comstock	B	67%
Connolly	F	21%
Forbes	B+	79%
Goodlatte	B+	81%
Griffith		
Hurt		
Rigell		
Scott, R	F	13%
Wittman		
State Average		
_		
WASHINGTON DelBene	F	23%
Heck, D	F	17%
Herrera Beutler		
Kilmer		
Larsen	F	20%
McDermott	F	
McMorris Rodgers		73%
Newhouse		
Reichert	C	61%
Smith, Adam		
State Average		
WEST VIRGINIA Jenkins, E	<u> </u>	6/10/2
McKinley	CT D_	69%
Mooney	D D	770/
State Average		
WISCONSIN Duffy	D .	000/
Duπy Grothman		
Grounnam		
Kind		25%
Moore		14%
Pocan		13%
Ribble		
Ryan, P		
Sensenbrenner		
State Average		57%
WYOMING Lummis		
Lummis	B+	83%

## House Key

SCORE GI	RADE	COMMENTS
84% or more	Α	Taxpayers' Friend
79%-83%	B+	
73%-78%	В	Good
67%-72%	B-	
62%-66%	C+	
65%-61%	C	Satisfactory
50%-55%	C-	
33%-48%	D	Poor
32% or less	F	Big Spender
<ul> <li>Score based on less than 90%, but more than 75%, of weighted total of votes cast.</li> </ul>		

- \*\* Score based on less than 75%, but more than 50%, of weighted total of votes cast.
- N/A Voted on 50% or less of weighted total of votes caste; score and grade not issued.
  - Based on every roll call vote affecting fiscal policy; see back page for methodology.



# **Methodology**

very year National Taxpayers
Union (NTU) rates U.S.
Representatives and Senators on
their actual votes — every vote
that significantly affects taxes, spending,
debt, and regulatory burdens on consumers
and taxpayers. 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 fiscal policies. It is a completely unbiased accounting of votes.\*

NTU has no partisan ax 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 regulation and opposing higher taxes. In general, a higher score is better because it means a Member of Congress voted to lessen or limit the burden on taxpayers. The Taxpayer Score can range between 0 and 100. We do not expect anyone to score a 100, nor has any legislator ever achieved a 100 in the multi-year 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. 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.

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" (subject to minimum attendance criteria).

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 a score may be "satisfactory," there is clearly room for improvement.

We are also issuing 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.

### **Vote Selection**

We analyzed every roll call vote taken in the First Session of the 114th Congress (through 12/18/2015) and selected all votes that could significantly affect the amounts of federal taxes, spending, debt, or regulatory impact. A total of 141 Senate and 267 House votes were selected. We included votes cast on appropriations bills, authorization bills, budget target resolutions, tax bills, amendments, and certain procedural 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 votes where there was a significant difference of opinion on how to vote to reduce or control government and unanimous votes.

We believe the number of votes used in the analysis, the objective and nonpartisan weighting of the votes, computerized calculations, and many error checks all combine to ensure the highest possible standards of accuracy.

### **OTHER FACTORS**

Although we believe this voting analysis is the most accurate guide available on Congressional fiscal performance, no study of roll call votes can fully evaluate a Member's overall record. A Member's committee work, leadership, and effectiveness with other Members also affect his or her influence on the amount of federal spending, taxes, debt, and regulatory impact. Because of the complexity of the calculations and the number of votes involved, we do not have space to reprint the votes of each Representative and Senator here. A list of votes used in the study, including the weight assigned to each, is available on our website at ntu.org.

#### \* Computation

NTU's federal budget experts assigned a weight to each vote ranging from 0 to 100. A low weight was assigned to votes that had relatively little effect, while a high weight was assigned to votes with the most significant effect on federal spending, taxes, debt, and regulation.

Weights were based solely on the relative effect of each vote on the total amount of federal spending, taxes, debt, or regulatory impact. Consideration was given to the long-term effect of a vote, even though relatively little might be immediately at issue. A vote with average importance should have a weight close to 10.

Scores were computed by dividing the weighted total of votes cast against higher spending, taxes, or regulation or for lower spending, taxes, or regulation, by the weighted total number of fiscal issues on which the Member of Congress voted. Average state scores were also computed, using the weighted total of votes cast by each 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. Because some Members were absent frequently, cast certain votes to permit the usage of procedural tools, or otherwise failed to vote yes or no, their scores and grades (based on relatively few votes) may not accurately reflect fiscal attitudes. The Members falling into this category are noted.

Taxpayer Scores					
SENATE		HOUSE			
48%	Average	50%			
64%	Median	64%			
91%	High	92%			
9%	Low	8%			
	PARTY SCORES				
15%	Democratic Average	17%			
13%	Democratic Median	16%			
76%	Republican Average	75%			
77%	Republican Median	77%			