

*Voters across Colorado need to see that a vote for Joe O’Dea is a vote for Donald Trump, Mitch McConnell and the MAGA agenda.*

*MAGA Republicans are focused on gaining power so they can reward the wealthy and corporate special interests, endanger Social Security and Medicare, and support a nationwide abortion ban.*

*Over the course of the campaign, voters in Denver also need to see O’Dea and MAGA Republicans stand with the gun lobby and oppose laws to keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers and violent, mentally ill people.*

## **JOE O’DEA SUPPORTED DONALD TRUMP AND HIS POLICIES**

### **JOE O’DEA SAID HE WOULD SUPPORT TRUMP IF HE WERE THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE IN 2024**

**Joe O’Dea Said He Would Support Trump If He Were The Republican Presidential Nominee in 2024.** “Both O’Dea and Hanks said they would support Trump for president if he is the Republican presidential nominee in 2024. ‘There’s a lot of really good candidates that can serve an eight-year term,’ O’Dea said. ‘I really like (Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis), I like some of the other Republicans that are coming through. But if Donald Trump happens to be the Republican nominee, then I definitely won’t vote for Biden.’” [Colorado Sun, [6/21/22](#)]

- **Joe O’Dea: “But President Trump’s Pretty Personable, He Seems To Really Have Grabbed The Grassroots Movement That He’s Caused.”** O’DEA: “Both of those guys kind of had a mission, and I think they knew where they wanted to go. But President Trump’s pretty personable, he seems to really have grabbed the grassroots movement that he’s caused. Biden, on the other hand, I’m kind of curious what he’s talking about sometimes.” [Jon of All Trades Podcast, [5/17/22](#)] (audio)

### **JOE O’DEA “THOUGHT A LOT OF [DONALD TRUMP’S] POLICIES WERE REALLY GOOD”**

**Joe O’Dea: “I Thought A Lot Of [Donald Trump’s] Policies Were Really Good.”** O’DEA: “Well, there’s a lot of good policies that I thought the Trump administration put in place. He really worked hard on the border issue, which we can see now that’s a complete debacle by the Biden administration. He worked well on China trade, he boosted wages across the country, he got the government out of the way, I thought a lot of his policies were really good.” [Jon of All Trades Podcast, [5/17/22](#)] (AUDIO)

### **JOE O’DEA SUPPORTED TRUMP’S TAX CUTS**

**Joe O’Dea: “[Trump] Had Some Tax Cuts There That Helped To Push More Money Into The Pockets Of Working Americans. And So You Know, I Support Those Conservative Values.”** O’DEA: “Great. I actually thought that the President did a really good job with some of the policies that he put in place. He kept China in check. He had some tax cuts there that helped to push more money into the pockets of working Americans. And so you know, I support those conservative values. I’m not too big on all the rhetoric, you won’t find me with a tweeter account that’s gonna send out a bunch of messages. I’m gonna stay away from it.” [KOA, Mandy Connell Show, [2/18/22](#)] (AUDIO)

## **MAGA REPUBLICANS ARE FOCUSED ON GAINING POWER SO THEY CAN REWARD THE WEALTHY AND CORPORATE SPECIAL INTERESTS, CUT SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE, AND SUPPORT MCCONNELL’S NATIONWIDE ABORTION BAN**

### **MAGA REPUBLICANS HAVE PASSED TAX CUTS FOR THE WEALTHY AND BIG CORPORATIONS IN THE PAST AND ONE OF THEIR LEADERS NOW WANTS TO RAISE TAXES ON LOW-INCOME AMERICANS**

### **WHEN REPUBLICANS HELD THE SENATE MAJORITY THEY PASSED A TAX BILL THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY BENEFITED THE WEALTHY AND BIG CORPORATIONS**

**12/2/17: All But One Senate Republican Voted To Pass The Trump Tax Bill.** According to CQ, Bennet voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would revise the federal income tax system by lowering individual and corporate tax rates, repealing various deductions through 2025, specifically by eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes through 2025, increasing the deduction for pass-through entities and raising the child tax credit through 2025. It

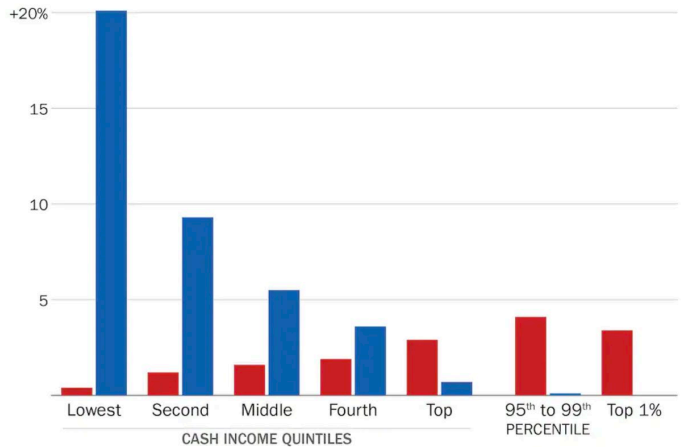
would also open parts of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling." [CQ [12/2/17](#); H.R. 1, Vote 303, [12/2/17](#)]

- **HEADLINE: "Trump Tax Cuts Helped Billionaires Pay Less Taxes Than The Working Class In 2018"** [Forbes, [10/10/19](#)]
- **HEADLINE: "Twice As Many Companies Paying Zero Taxes Under Trump Tax Plan"** [NBC News, [4/11/19](#)]

### Trump's Tax Cuts Disproportionately Went To The Wealthy.

Percent change in after-tax income

● Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, 2017 ● American Rescue Plan Act, 2021

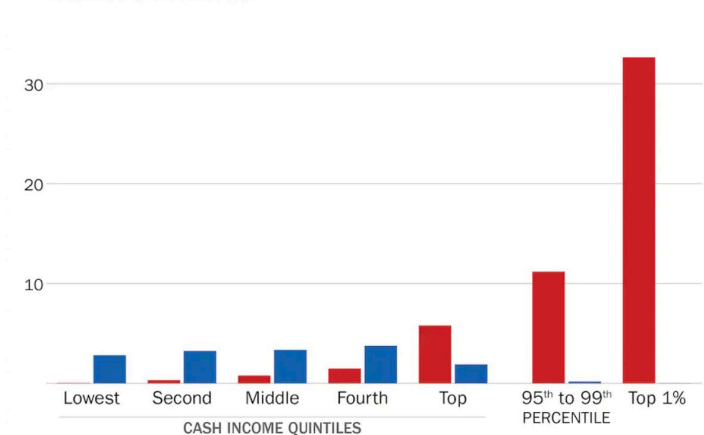


Source: Tax Policy Center THE WASHINGTON POST

### Average federal tax change

● Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, 2017 ● American Rescue Plan Act, 2021

\$40 THOUSANDS IN TAX REDUCTION



Source: Tax Policy Center THE WASHINGTON POST

[Washington Post, [3/9/21](#)]

## REPUBLICAN SENATOR RICK SCOTT PROPOSED RAISING TAXES ON LOW-INCOME AMERICANS

**HEADLINE: "Senator Rick Scott's Plan To Raise Taxes On Low Income Americans"** [WAMC, [4/1/22](#)]

**Joint Economic Committee Said Rick Scott's Plan Would Raise Taxes On Working Families And Seniors And Cause Them Financial Pain And Hardship** "A plan from Senator Rick Scott, the chair of the Senate Republicans' campaign committee, proposes a number of policies that would raise taxes and put vital programs in peril. The Scott plan proposes instituting a federal minimum income tax, defunding federal support for state and local programs and sunsetting all federal legislation. [...] A federal minimum tax would hurt working families, seniors and active-duty service members and slow long-term economic growth. The Scott plan to raise taxes on working families, seniors and active-duty military would impose financial pain and hardship on many Americans. Recent analysis by the Tax Policy Center shows that

imposing a federal minimum income tax of \$100 for single filers and \$200 for couples filing jointly would be a severe economic burden on many Americans. It would especially burden the millions of families and workers who receive the refundable Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit. In addition, millions of seniors on Social Security who are currently exempt from federal income tax and active-duty military receiving tax-exempt combat pay would have to 'pay some income tax to have skin in the game' according to Senator Scott." [Joint Economic Committee, [4/13/22](#)]

**Joint Economic Committee Said Rick Scott's Plan Would Raise Taxes On Almost 43 Percent Of Individuals And Families.** "A plan from Senator Rick Scott, the chair of the Senate Republicans' campaign committee, proposes a number of policies that would raise taxes and put vital programs in peril. The Scott plan proposes instituting a federal minimum income tax, defunding federal support for state and local programs and sunseting all federal legislation. [...] A new federal minimum income tax would raise taxes on almost 43% of individuals and families and would increase taxes by an average of \$450 for middle-income households. A new federal minimum tax of \$100 for each adult would increase federal income taxes by \$100 billion in 2022, and approximately 97% of the cost would fall on households making under \$100,000. It would create financial pain and hardship by raising taxes on families, workers and seniors who already shoulder a disproportionate share of state, local and payroll tax burdens." [Joint Economic Committee, [4/13/22](#)]

**Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy Said Rick Scott's Tax Plan Would Increase Taxes By More Than \$1,000 On Average For The Poorest 40 Percent Of Americans.** "A recent suggestion from Sen. Rick Scott, the chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC), to require all Americans to pay federal personal income taxes would increase taxes by more than \$1,000 on average for the poorest 40 percent of Americans." [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, [3/7/22](#)]

## **MAGA REPUBLICANS WOULD PUT SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE AT RISK**

**Joint Economic Committee Said Rick Scott's Plan To Sunset All Federal Legislation Every Five Years Would Put Social Security And Medicare At Risk And Create Uncertainty For Americans Who Rely On Those Programs.** "A plan from Senator Rick Scott, the chair of the Senate Republicans' campaign committee, proposes a number of policies that would raise taxes and put vital programs in peril. The Scott plan proposes instituting a federal minimum income tax, defunding federal support for state and local programs and sunseting all federal legislation. [...] The Scott proposal to sunset all legislation every five years would create uncertainty for Americans who rely on Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and veterans' benefits. Forcing Congress to vote every five years to re-enact every law would put vital programs like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid in peril, as many Republicans in Congress have voted or expressed their support for cutting or privatizing one or more of these programs. Under current law, programs like Social Security, Medicare and veterans' benefits provide benefits to all eligible individuals. But under the Scott proposal, continued funding for these programs would not be guaranteed, and millions of recipients would face financial insecurity." [Joint Economic Committee, [4/13/22](#)]

## **MAGA REPUBLICANS SUPPORT A NATIONWIDE ABORTION BAN**

### **REPUBLICAN SENATORS HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN DISCUSSING INTRODUCING NATIONWIDE ABORTION BAN LEGISLATION**

**HEADLINE: "With Roe Likely To Fall, Senate Republicans Weigh Nationwide Abortion Restrictions"** [NBC News, [5/5/22](#)]

**Washington Post Reported That Republican Senators Had Been Discussing A Nationwide Abortion Ban As Anti-Abortion Groups Planned To Push For One If Roe V. Wade Was Overturned.** "Leading antiabortion groups and their allies in Congress have been meeting behind the scenes to plan a national strategy that would kick in if the Supreme Court rolls back abortion rights this summer, including a push for a strict nationwide ban on the procedure if Republicans retake power in Washington. [...] A group of Republican senators has discussed at multiple meetings the possibility of banning abortion at around six weeks, said Sen. James Lankford (Okla.), who was in attendance and said he would support the legislation. Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) will introduce the legislation in the Senate, according to an antiabortion advocate with knowledge of the discussions who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal strategy. Ernst did not respond to a request for comment." [Washington Post, [5/2/22](#)]

### **MITCH MCCONNELL SAID IT WAS "POSSIBLE" THE SENATE COULD TAKE UP A NATIONAL ABORTION BAN IF ROE V. WADE WAS OVERTURNED**

**Mitch McConnell Said It Was "Possible" The U.S. Senate Could Take Up A National Abortion Ban If Roe V. Wade Was Overturned.** "Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) said in an interview with USA Today that a national

abortion ban is 'possible' if Roe v. Wade gets overturned this summer. 'If the leaked opinion became the final opinion, legislative bodies — not only at the state level but at the federal level — certainly could legislate in that area,' McConnell told USA Today when asked if a national abortion ban is 'worthy of debate.' 'And if this were the final decision, that was the point that it should be resolved one way or another in the legislative process. So yeah, it's possible,' he concluded." [The Hill, [5/7/22](#)]

- **Washington Post Reported That Anti-Abortion Groups And Republican Senators Had Been Discussing A National Abortion Ban Should The Supreme Court Overturn Roe V. Wade.** "Leading antiabortion groups and their allies in Congress have been meeting behind the scenes to plan a national strategy that would kick in if the Supreme Court rolls back abortion rights this summer, including a push for a strict nationwide ban on the procedure if Republicans retake power in Washington. [...] A group of Republican senators has discussed at multiple meetings the possibility of banning abortion at around six weeks, said Sen. James Lankford (Okla.), who was in attendance and said he would support the legislation. Sen. Joni Ernst (Iowa) will introduce the legislation in the Senate, according to an antiabortion advocate with knowledge of the discussions who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal strategy. Ernst did not respond to a request for comment." [Washington Post, [5/2/22](#)]

## **INDEPENDENT JOURNALISTS REPORTED THAT MITCH MCCONNELL SPENT YEARS REMAKING THE FEDERAL COURTS TO BE MORE CONSERVATIVE**

**HEADLINE: "McConnell Closes In On Roe After Years Of Pushing The Courts Rightward"** [Politico, [5/3/22](#)]

**Politico: "[McConnell's] Allies Said That There's No Way Roe V. Wade Would Be In Imminent Danger Without A Series Of Decisions McConnell Made Over Roughly A Decade Reflecting His Single-Minded Focus On Installing A Conservative Judicial Majority."** "Yet his allies said that there's no way Roe v. Wade would be in imminent danger without a series of decisions McConnell made over roughly a decade reflecting his single-minded focus on installing a conservative judicial majority. Stopping Garland and installing Justice Neil Gorsuch kept the court from tilting to the liberals. And installing Justices Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett cemented a court almost sure to be hostile to abortion rights." [Politico, [5/3/22](#)]

**Vanity Fair Reported That Mitch McConnell Spent Years Helping Remake The Judiciary That Is Poised To Overturn Roe V. Wade.** "[McConnell] has already spent years helping remake the judiciary that now, according to Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito's draft opinion, appears likely to strike down the 1973 landmark decision guaranteeing a woman's right to choose. And in 2017, under his leadership, Republicans scrapped the 60-vote threshold for Supreme Court nominees to advance the confirmation of Neil Gorsuch, Donald Trump's first pick." [Vanity Fair, [5/8/22](#)]

## **REPUBLICAN SENATORS HAVE SAID THEY DON'T SUPPORT MAKING EXCEPTIONS FOR ABORTION FOR CASES OF RAPE AND INCEST**

**Republican Senator Steve Daines Opposed Abortion Even In Cases Of Rape And Incest.** "The two men differ greatly on the issue of abortion: Walsh supports abortion rights, and Daines opposes abortion even in cases of rape and incest. [...] t's true that Daines 'opposes abortion in all instances except life of mother,' as his spokesman Brock Lowrance told us in an email." [Factcheck.org, [5/22/14](#)]

**Republican Senator Marco Rubio Said He Did Not Support Abortion Exceptions For Rape And Incest.** RUBIO: "Well first of all Megan, I'm not sure that's a correct assessment of my record. I would go on to add that I believe all human life—" MEGYN KELLY: "You don't favor a rape an incest exception?" RUBIO: "I have never said that and I have never advocated that. What I have advocated is that we pass a law in this country that says all human life at every stage of its development is worthy of protection. In fact I think that law already exists. It's called the constitution of the United States. Let me go further. I believe every single human being is entitled to the protection of our laws whether they can vote or not, whether they can speak or not, whether they can hire a lawyer or not, whether they have a birth certificate or not. And I think future generations will look back at the history of this country and call [INAUDIBLE] for murdering millions of babies who we never gave a chance to live." [Republican Presidential Debate, Fox News, [8/5/15](#)] (video)

**Ted Cruz Suggested That A Woman Who Was Raped Shouldn't Be Able To Get An Abortion.** "Last year, Marco Rubio raised a few eyebrows when he argued that if a woman is impregnated by a rapist, the government has the authority to force her to take the pregnancy to term, regardless of her wishes. This week, Ted Cruz made clear he has the same position. During an interview with Fox News' Megyn Kelly, the host sought clarification from the Texas senator about this controversial aspect of his platform. From the transcript via Lexis Nexis: KELLY: '[Y]ou don't favor a rape or an incest exception to abortion and for people like me, this may be a problem in getting behind President Ted Cruz. They think you may be too far right on social issues.' CRUZ: 'Well, listen, let's talk -- you know, when it comes to rape, I've spent a lot of

years in law enforcement. I was the solicitor general in the state of Texas and I have handled cases with horrific cases of rape, of people who committed child rape, people -- I went before the U.S. Supreme Court and argued in defense of state laws imposing capital punishment for the very worst child rapists. And when it comes to rape, rape is a horrific crime against the humanity of a person and needs to be punished and punished severely but at the same time, as horrible as that crime is, I don't believe it's the child's fault. And we weep at the crime. We want to do everything we can to prevent the crime on the front end and to punish the criminal, but I don't believe it makes sense to blame the child." [MSNBC, [4/6/16](#)]

## REPUBLICANS SENATORS SUPPORT PERSONHOOD BILLS THAT WOULD RECOGNIZE A FETUS AS A PERSON WITH FULL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FROM THE MOMENT OF FERTILIZATION

**Rand Paul Introduced The Life At Conception Act, Which Would Declare That Fertilized Eggs Are “Persons” And Entitled To Legal Protection.** "A decade after Mississippi rejected the opportunity to adopt the most anti-abortion law in the nation, though, a national anti-abortion group is working with a top Republican U.S. senator to push a national version of the Personhood amendment. In a letter U.S. Sen. Rand Paul sent to conservative voters nationwide in October, the Kentucky Republican explained that 'the pro-life movement' no longer needs to feel 'limited to protecting a life here and there' or 'passing some limited law to slightly control abortion in the more outrageous cases.' 'Now the time to grovel before the Supreme Court is over,' Paul wrote in the letter in coordination with the Springfield, Va.,-based National Pro-Life Alliance. The letters include petitions addressed to each of the recipients' representatives in Congress, asking them to support the 'Life at Conception Act.' Like Mississippi's failed Personhood Amendment, the bill would declare even fertilized eggs as 'persons.' 'A Life at Conception Act declares unborn children 'persons' as defined by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, entitled to legal protection,' Paul's letter says." [Jackson Free Press, [11/17/21](#)]

- **Rand Paul's Personhood Bill Has 18 Co-Sponsors, All Republicans.** [Congress.gov, S.99, Introduced [1/28/21](#)]

## JOE O'DEA AND MAGA REPUBLICANS STAND WITH THE GUN LOBBY AND OPPOSE COMMON SENSE GUN REFORM

### JOE O'DEA PROUDLY TOUTED HIS ENDORSEMENT FROM THE COLORADO NRA

**Joe O'Dea Touted That He Had Been Endorsed By The “States Top Gun Rights Organization” The Colorado State Shooting Association, Which Was The Official State Chapter Of The NRA.** "Construction CEO Joe O'Dea announced Monday his U.S. Senate campaign has been endorsed by the state's top gun rights organization and over a dozen Sheriffs from all across Colorado. The Colorado State Shooting Association, the official state chapter of the National Rifle Association (NRA), said in their endorsement: 'Joe O'Dea is a proven leader, not a flip-flopping politician. He will support the 2nd Amendment.'" [Joe O'Dea for Senate, Accessed [6/28/22](#)]

**O'Dea: “I've Been Endorsed By The NRA, I'm The Only Candidate In This Race That Was Endorsed By The Colorado Shooting Association.”** [630 KHOW, Dan Caplis Show, [6/17/22](#)] (AUDIO) 00:04:51

**O'Dea: “I'm The Only One Sitting Here That's Been Endorsed By The Colorado Shooting Association, Which Is The NRA Here Colorado.”** O'DEA: "Well, I would just answer that with go to our website, The Real Ron hanks.com All the documents are on there that people can see to see that your flip flopped several times. Heard it again today on your abortion stance flip flop. I'm the only one sitting here that's been endorsed by the Colorado Shooting Association, which is the NRA here Colorado. Go check it out." [CBS/Colorado Sun Debate, U.S. Senate GOP Primary Debate, [6/21/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:51:52

### JOE O'DEA SAID WE SHOULDN'T PUT “ANY MORE GUN LAWS ON THE BOOKS”

**Joe O'Dea: “I Don't Believe In Putting Any More Gun Laws On The Books.”** According to a questionnaire Joe O'Dea filled out: "2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless 'Constitutional carry'?" [O'Dea Responded] I don't believe in putting any more gun laws on the books." [Churches Voter Guide, [6/5/22](#)]

- **Joe O'Dea: “We Don't Need Any More [Gun Control] Laws. We Need To Enforce The Ones We Have.”** O'DEA: "We don't need any more laws. We need to enforce the ones we have. We have hundreds and hundreds of laws on the books over gun control. We need to enforce them. We really need to focus on mental health here in Colorado, we've got to you can see that's a problem and we've got to get these people the treatment that they



need. We need to identify them early. But we don't need any more laws." [710 KNUS Newstalk, Steffan Tubbs Show, [4/27/22](#)] (audio)

- **Joe O'Dea: "But I Also Believe That We've Got Tons Of Laws On The Books Right Now That We Need To Enforce. You Cannot Legislate Against Evil."** O'DEA: "Well, first off, what we've had going on in our country with the shootings is just tragic. But I also believe that we've got tons of laws on the books right now that we need to enforce. You cannot legislate against evil. I mean, somebody wants to do something, whether it's a car they use, and run over a crowd or whatever they do. So I think we should focus on the mental health aspect of this, we shouldn't have people that are mentally incompetent or deranged, be able to get a hold of these guns." [630 KHOW, Leland Conway Show, [6/8/22](#)] (audio)

## JOE O'DEA OPPOSED THE 2022 BIPARTISAN GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

**Asked If He Supported The Bipartisan Gun Package, O'Dea Said "We've Got Law After Law After Law In The Books Right Now, You Cannot Legislate Against Evil. It's Impossible."** SPEAKER 1: "Okay. Also gun control is a big issue right now, as we speak, particularly in the Senate, Congress is working on a package of gun control bills after the horrific shootings in both Uvalde. And in Buffalo. Do you support any of the new gun laws that the Senate in the house are talking about?" O'DEA: "Look, we've got law after law after law in the books right now, you cannot legislate against evil. It's impossible. We've got to get the moral fabric back in our country, we need parents in the house, we need to get these kids to help that they need. We need to do some things around mental health that we haven't done. The other thing I believe that we can do is we need to fortify our schools. I would be a proponent of arming, having policemen in the schools. You know, we got Denver right now to kick them out. So that's a viable target when people know that we needed to get these police back in the schools." [Fox 31 News, Sunday, [6/12/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:16:06

- **The Bipartisan Gun Bill Tightened A Federal Ban On Domestic Abusers Buying Firearms And Close The "Boyfriend Loophole."** "Congress gave final approval on Friday to a bipartisan compromise intended to stop dangerous people from accessing firearms, ending nearly three decades of congressional inaction over how to counter gun violence and toughen the nation's gun laws. [...] And the bill tightens a federal ban on domestic abusers buying firearms, including recent or current serious dating partners, to close what has come to be called the boyfriend loophole." [New York Times, [6/24/22](#)]
- **The Bipartisan Gun Bill Provides Incentives For States To Implement Red Flag Laws That Allow Officials To Temporarily Confiscate Guns From People Considered In Court Too Dangerous To Own Them.** "Congress gave final approval on Friday to a bipartisan compromise intended to stop dangerous people from accessing firearms, ending nearly three decades of congressional inaction over how to counter gun violence and toughen the nation's gun laws. [...] It provides millions of dollars for states to implement so-called red flag laws that allow officials to temporarily confiscate guns from people deemed in court to be too dangerous to own them, and other intervention programs. And it strengthens laws against straw purchasing and trafficking of guns." [New York Times, [6/24/22](#)]
- **HEADLINE: "Ted Cruz And Josh Hawley Among 33 Republicans To Oppose Bipartisan Gun Legislation That Passes The Senate"** [Independent, [6/24/22](#)]

**Asked If He Supported Expanded Background Checks, Magazine Capacity Limits Or Age Restrictions, O'Dea Said "I Don't Think We Need Any More Laws On Our Books. And I've Been Very Clear About That."** SPEAKER 1: "Okay, also on this issue. Take a look at this, a brand new NPR, PBS Newshour and Marist poll, it asked Americans what's more important for you controlling gun violence are protecting gun rights, 59% said, controlling gun violence to 35% who said protecting gun rights there it is, right there. It seems that most Americans as of right now, according to some new polling, say something shouldn't be done when it comes to this issue when it comes to a law. So do you support any of the expanded background checks, the magazine capacity limits or even the age restrictions?" O'DEA: "Look, I don't think we need any more laws on our books. And I've been very clear about that. Okay. All right." [Fox 31 News, Sunday, [6/12/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:17:18

## JOE O'DEA SAID HE THOUGHT RED FLAG LAWS WERE "MISSING THE BOAT"

**When Asked About Red Flag Laws, O'Dea Said "I Think They're Missing The Boat."** ROSS KAMINSKY: "So Chuck Schumer is trying to push Republicans to come to some compromise. [...] So I'm thinking there may be two things coming and I want to get your take on one, I suspect they will propose raising the age at which you can buy some kind of rifle either something that they define as a so called assault weapon, or maybe any semi-automatic rifle, they might want to raise the age of that to 21. So that's one thing I suspect will be proposed. And the other thing that I suspect will be proposed is some kind of federal push on states to adopt so-called Red Flag laws. And I'd like to get your take on if you

were in the Senate, how would you vote on either of those things? I know the second one, there'd be a lot of details. And it's hard to say what you would support but maybe you can answer the second one more conceptually." [00:08:27] O'DEA: "Sure. Well, first off, I think they're missing the boat. What we need to do right now to help is let's get the cops back in our schools. I mean, that's where, really the rubber meets the mat. And I think that it shouldn't be optional for schools to have armed cops in them right now, we should make that a mandate and the Fed should fund that." [KOA Newstalk, Ross Kaminsky Show, [6/1/22](#)] (AUDIO) 00:08:27

- **HEADLINE: "Red Flag Laws Are Saving Lives. They Could Save More."** [Pew Charitable Trusts, [10/5/21](#)]