

TED BUDD ELECTION RESEARCH

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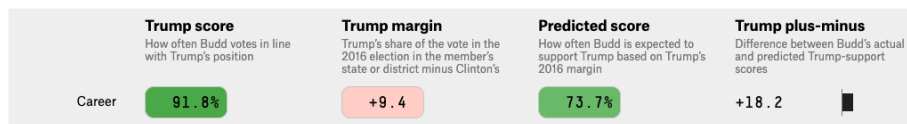
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FiveThirtyEight: Budd Voted In Line With Trump's Position 91.8 Percent Of The Time.

Ted Budd

R Republican representative for North Carolina's 13th District



[FiveThirtyEight, Accessed [8/20/21](#)]

2021: Ted Budd Was Ranked 394th Out Of 435 U.S Congress People For Bipartisanship, Meaning He Was In The Bottom 10% For Bipartisanship. [Lugar Center, Bipartisan Index For 2021, Accessed [5/12/22](#)]

Budd Said That His Commitment To America First Policies Was Key Reason That Trump Endorsed Him And That Trump Had Spoken To Him About How He Had Never Wavered On Those Issues. "Budd reflected on how his stance on election integrity was key in securing Trump's endorsement last summer — a coveted endorsement which voters say makes them more likely to vote for Budd over his competitors. 'But when it comes to [election integrity] I'm the only one that hasn't wavered on this. And that's why President Trump endorsed me. He told me before he endorsed me — he said, 'Ted, lots of candidates have wavered, but you've never wavered on America First policies or on the important issues,' and that's why he endorsed me,' Budd continued." [Breitbart, [4/6/22](#)]

Budd Credited Trump's Endorsement As The "Single Biggest Factor" That Helped To Advance His Campaign. "Budd credited Trump's endorsement as "the single biggest factor to help advance and get attention on this campaign." [The Associated Press, [4/9/22](#)]

Budd, One Of Trump's Earliest Endorsements, Voted Not To Certify Some Of The Election Results. "The current frontrunner in this race is Rep. Ted Budd, who earned one of Trump's earliest endorsements. He has said that Biden is the legitimate president and received more votes, but he was also among a group of Republicans in Congress who voted not to certify some of the election results." [FiveThirtyEight, [5/16/22](#)]

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Ted Budd Generally Agreed With The Major Points Of Rick Scott’s 11-Point Plan. “Senator Rick Scott, a member of McConnell’s leadership team and in charge of the National Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, released an 11-point plan that includes raising taxes on nearly half of Americans and ending the Medicare and Social Security guarantee. Let’s be clear: Rick Scott laid out his blueprint for the American people – raising taxes for half the country, including seniors and retirees – and everyone from elected Republicans to Senate candidates are lining up to support it: ... Fox 8 WGPH: North Carolina Senate candidate Ted Budd “generally agreed with some of [the Scott plan’s] major points.” [Press Release, Democrats, [5/10/22](#)]

- **The Rick Scott Plan Wanted To Require Voter ID.** “Voter ID, requiring a voter to validate their identity, must be the law. Democrats support requiring ID to get a COVID test, vaccination card, or enter a restaurant. All arguments against Voter ID are in favor of fraud.” [Rick Scott, 11 Point Plan To Rescue America, Accessed [8/26/22](#)]
- **The Rick Scott Plan Wanted No Same-Day Registration.** “There must be no same-day registration, as this does not allow election officials to verify the validity and accuracy of voter information.” [Rick Scott, 11 Point Plan To Rescue America, Accessed [8/26/22](#)]
- **The Rick Scott Plan Wanted No Automatic Registration.** “No one should be automatically registered without their consent or knowledge, as this opens the way for multiple registrations by the same individual and registration of ineligible voters.” [Rick Scott, 11 Point Plan To Rescue America, Accessed [8/26/22](#)]

Ted Budd: “We Need To Have Voter ID Across The Nation.” “So look, we need to get it back. We need to have voter ID across the nation as determined and remember, elections are controlled by the states, and that Schumer's problem that's Biden's problem, that's Nancy Pelosi' s problem. They want to nationalize it, so they can make it like California. Because as California goes, so goes the nation. And that's what they want, is to push that radical agenda in all other 49 states, and that's what they're trying to do right now. [VIDEO; Ted Budd, Morning With Maria [.01/13/22](#)]

VOTER ID LAWS DECREASE BLACK, LATINO, AND MULTI-RACIAL TURNOUT

University Of California Political Scientists Said There Are Strong Signs That Voter ID Laws Decrease Latino, Black, And Multi-Racial Turnout. “But a trio of political scientists at the University of California San Diego say they’re getting closer to the truth about the impact of voter ID laws: ‘For Latinos, Blacks, and multi-racial Americans there are strong signs that strict photo identification laws decrease turnout.’” [Bloomberg, [2/5/16](#)]

Comparing Voter Turnout Rates Between States With Voter ID Laws And Those Without Found That, “No Other Demographic Has As Much Difficulty As Black And Brown Voters Under These Laws.” “This was a key finding in a new working paper from UCSD researchers Zoltan Hajnal, Nazita Lajevardi, and Lindsay Nielson, who compared voter turnout rates between states with voter ID laws and those without. According to their analysis, no other demographic has as much difficulty as black and brown voters under these laws. ‘The results are clear,’ the researchers state plainly in the paper.” [Bloomberg, [2/5/16](#)]

Voter Turnout Rates Between Whites And Non-Whites Under Voter ID Laws, The Laws Intensified The Imbalance Between The Groups. “When looking at the voter turnout rates between whites and non-whites under voter ID laws, the guidelines continued to have a dampening effect. White voters already generally cast ballots at higher rates than Latino and black voters in most states, but that imbalance is intensified by voter ID requirements.” [Bloomberg, [2/5/16](#)]

BUDD SUPPORTED A HOST OF BILLS THAT WOULD MAKE VOTING MORE DIFFICULT

Budd Co-Sponsored H.R. 322 the Save Democracy Act Which Prohibits The Use Of Automatic Voter Registration Systems And Requires Proof Of Citizenship To Register To Vote. “This bill addresses issues involving voter registration, casting of ballots, and tabulation of ballots in federal elections. Specifically, regarding voter registration for federal elections, the bill prohibits the use of automatic voter registration systems, requires individuals to provide documentary proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote, requires individuals to provide their full Social Security number on their voter registration application, and requires courts to notify state election officials when an individual is recused from jury duty because the individual is not a U.S. citizen.” [Congress.gov, [1/15/21](#)]

- **The Bill Also Requires Individuals To Provide Proof Of Identification For Absentee And In-Person Voting, Prohibits States From Mailing Unrequested Absentee Ballots, And Restricts The Use Of A Drop Box For Collecting Voted Absentee Ballots.** “This bill addresses issues involving voter registration, casting of ballots, and tabulation of ballots in federal elections. Specifically, regarding voter registration for federal elections, the bill [...] requires individuals to provide proof of identification for absentee and in-person voting, prohibits states from mailing unrequested absentee ballots, prohibits the use of a drop box for collecting voted absentee ballots unless it is located inside of a building that serves as an office for the election official, restricts the delivery of ballots by third parties (i.e., prohibits ballot harvesting), requires that absentee ballots be received before the polls close on election day, and requires states to use Social Security numbers to verify the identification of each individual who casts a ballot.” [Congress.gov, [1/15/21](#)]

Budd Co-Sponsored H.R.7117 The Protect American Election Administration Act Of 2022 Which Prohibits A State From Using Funds From A Private Entity For Programs Related To Voter Education, Outreach, And Registration. “This bill generally prohibits a state from soliciting, receiving, or expending any payment or donation of funds, property, or personal services from a private entity for the purpose of administering a federal election. For example, the bill prohibits the use of these payments or donations for programs related to voter education, outreach, and registration. The prohibition shall not apply to a state's acceptance and use of a private entity's donation of space to be used for a polling place or an early voting site.” [Congress.gov, [3/18/22](#)]

In July Of 2022, Budd Introduced H.R. 8461 Which Prohibited Government Agencies From Working With Nongovernmental Organizations To Conduct Voter Registration Or Voter Mobilization Activities On The Property Or Website Of The Agency. “To prohibit agencies of the government from soliciting or entering into agreements with nongovernmental organizations to conduct voter registration or voter mobilization activities on the property or website of the agency or from using Federal funds to carry out activities directed under Executive Order 14019, and for other purposes.” [Congress.gov, [7/21/22](#)]

- **Budd Introduced The Promoting Free And Fair Elections Act “To Prevent Funding For President Biden’s Overreaching And Unconstitutional Executive Order Ordering Federal Agencies To Participate In Partisan Get-Out-The-Vote Operations.”** “H.R. 8461, the Promoting Free and Fair Elections Act, with Representative Ted Budd to prevent funding for President Biden’s overreaching and unconstitutional Executive Order ordering federal agencies to participate in partisan get-out-the-vote operations.” [Oneida Dispatch, [8/13/22](#)]

And Wants To Allow Republican Officials To Be Able To Overturn Election Results If They Don’t Like The Outcome

TED BUDD TRIED TO OVERTURN THE OUTCOME OF THE 2020 ELECTION; OBJECTING TO THE 2020 ELECTORAL VOTES FROM PENNSYLVANIA AND ARIZONA

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Ted Budd: “The People That Are Allowed To Make Changes To Election Laws Are The State Legislature, Not Governors, Not Judges, Not Secretaries Of State, Not Other Local Officials, Not Elections Boards” “The people that are allowed to make changes to election laws are the state legislature, not governors, not judges, not Secretaries of State, not other local officials, not elections boards, and those people in Pennsylvania and other places have a happy anniversary by the way. Those are the people that were unconstitutionally making changes. So I want the state legislatures whether it be Pennsylvania or the other 49 States be the ones that make changes. And I don’t federally want to be the ones that make those changes.” [VIDEO; Ted Budd; Pitt County Meet and Greet [.02/19/22](#)]

THE ARGUMENT THAT ONLY STATE LEGISLATURES CAN DETERMINE ELECTION LAW HAS “BEEN USED AS POLITICAL COVER TO TRY AND OVERTURN ELECTIONS”

Republican Lawyers Have Argued The Independent State Legislature (ISL) Doctrine, Which “Proposes That State Lawmakers Have Virtually Unrestricted Power Over Elections And Electors” And Cannot Be Limited By State Courts Or State Constitutions. “Republican lawyers, taking note of their structural advantage among battleground-state lawmakers, set forth the ‘independent state legislature’ (ISL) doctrine. The doctrine is based on a tendentious reading of two constitutional clauses, which assign control of the ‘Manner’ of congressional elections and the appointment of presidential electors in each state to ‘the Legislature thereof.’ Based on that language, the doctrine proposes that state lawmakers have virtually unrestricted power over elections and electors. State courts and state constitutions, by this reading, hold no legitimate authority over legislatures in the conduct of their U.S. constitutional functions.” [Atlantic, [7/29/22](#)]

The ISL Doctrine Is A “Genuine Radical Proposition.” “That is a genuinely radical proposition. It has never been accepted by any state or federal court, and the Supreme Court itself ruled as recently as 2019, in *Rucho v. Common Cause*, that ‘state constitutions can provide standards and guidance for state courts to apply’ in redistricting cases. In another redistricting case four years earlier, the Court confirmed long-standing precedent that ‘legislative’ powers are defined and controlled by state constitutions.” [Atlantic, [7/29/22](#)]

ISL Or the Idea That Legislatures Have This Unlimited Power Is “A Fringe Debating Point Invented For Republican Political Advantage. “The idea that legislatures stand unbound by any limit from their own founding documents is a fringe debating point invented for Republican political advantage.” [Atlantic, [7/29/22](#)]

The Independent State Legislature (ISL) Doctrine Could “Let State Lawmakers Overturn Voters’ Choice In Presidential Elections.” “Late last month, in one of its final acts of the term, the [Supreme Court](#) queued up another potentially precedent-wrecking decision for next year. The Court’s agreement to hear *Moore v. Harper*, a North Carolina redistricting case, isn’t just bad news for efforts to control gerrymandering. The Court’s right-wing supermajority is poised to let state lawmakers overturn voters’ choice in presidential elections.” [Atlantic, [7/29/22](#)]

ISL Has “Been Used As Political Cover To Try To Overturn Elections.” “The independent state legislature theory is a reading of the Constitution, pushed in recent years by a small group of advocates, that would give state legislatures wide authority to gerrymander electoral maps and pass voter suppression laws. It has even been used as political cover to try to overturn elections.” [Brennan Center, [6/6/22](#)]

A Legislature Could Invoke ISL As “A Pretext To Refuse To Certify The Results Of A Presidential election And Instead Select Its Own Slate Of Electors.” “The nightmare scenario is that a legislature, displeased with how an election official on the ground has interpreted her state’s election laws, would invoke the theory as a pretext to refuse to certify the results of a presidential election and instead select its own slate of electors. Indeed, this isn’t far from the plan attempted by Trump allies following his loss in the 2020 election. And, according to former federal judge J. Michael Luttig — a distinguished conservative jurist — the theory is a part of the “Republican blueprint to steal the 2024 election.” [Brennan Center, [6/6/22](#)]

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Budd Said Americans Should “Take A Real Look At What Happened On Jan. 6,” Adding That “It Was Nothing. And It Was Just Patriots Standing Up.” “Budd, meanwhile, has tied himself as closely as any candidate to Trump, featuring the former president in his Senate campaign ad. He voted against creating a bipartisan commission to investigate the Jan. 6 insurrection, although his adviser, Felts, said the congressman ‘has consistently criticized those who broke the law that day and encouraged full investigations and prosecutions of the rioters.’ While saying it was a ‘bad day’ for the country, Budd said there was no organized plot and sounded dismissive of the event during an Aug. 21 appearance on conservative commentator Todd Starnes’s radio show. Americans should ‘take a real look at what happened on Jan. 6,’ Budd said. ‘It was nothing. And it was just patriots standing up.’” [Washington Post, [8/30/21](#)]

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