

# Ed Markey on the Issues

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**Civil Rights and Women's Rights** - Ed Markey has *always* been a steadfast supporter of women's rights and LGBT equality.

- He has a 100% rating by Human Rights Campaign (HRC), indicating a Pro-Gay/Lesbian Rights voting record
- He has a 100% rating by NAACP, indicating a Pro-Affirmative Action voting record
- He has a 100% rating by NARAL, indicating a Pro-Choice voting record. (in contrast, Stephen Lynch has a 10% rating by NARAL)
- He has an 87% rating by the ACLU, indicating a Pro-Civil Rights voting record. (in contrast, Lynch has a 50% rating by the ACLU)

**The Environment and Energy Policy** - Ed Markey has been a progressive leader on energy and environmental policy throughout his political career

- He now serves on two energy committees
- He's a former chairman of the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming.
- He wrote the only climate change bill to pass any chamber of Congress.
- He voted NO on the approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline
- He has a 100% rating by the League of Conservation Voters, indicating a pro-environment voting record

**Corporate Influence on Our Democracy**

- He has a 100% rating by the AFL-CIO indicating a pro-union voting record.
- The US Chamber, a [right-leaning advocacy group](#), [funded by](#) mega-corporations and the Kochs, gives him a 13% rating
- He opposes the toxic effects of big money in our politics and supports reversing the effects of "Citizens United"

**Education** - Ed Markey has a 92% rating by the NEA, indicating a pro-public education record.

**Gun Control** - The NRA rates his record an "F," indicating a pro-gun control voting record.

**Healthcare** - Ed Markey voted YES on the Affordable Care Act Final and supported the President's health care reform agenda *throughout* the contentious process. (In contrast, Stephen Lynch voted against health care reform, citing contradictory and inconsistent reasons.)

**War and Peace** - Ed Markey is rated "A" by [IAVA](#), the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America and 93% by [Peace Action](#).

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**Ed Markey will continue to be a progressive leader for  
Massachusetts and the nation once elected to the US Senate**