



Washington – CPAC Scorecard

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Summary

The latest edition of the Washington CPAC Scorecard assesses 29 votes in the Washington State House and 27 votes in the Washington State Senate from the 2024 session. The Washington Republicans earned an average conservative rating of 80% and Washington Democrats averaged a dismal 1%. This was an improvement from 2023 when Washington Republicans scored just 74%. These scores demonstrate Washington's position as one of America's most leftist state legislatures, with Democrats consistently advancing radical progressive policies that undermine constitutional freedoms.

In 2024 the Washington legislature passed an extreme leftist agenda. Democrats successfully enacted 25 of the 29 radical bills CPAC opposed, transforming Washington into a laboratory for progressive extremism. From incentivizing frivolous hate crime litigation to expanding gun-free zones and mandating leftist indoctrination in schools, Washington showed what happens when radical Democrats control every lever of government power.

Key Takeaways

Destroying Second Amendment Rights

Washington's war on gun rights reached new extremes in 2024. Senate Bill 5444 expanded gun-free zones to include libraries, zoos, aquariums, and transit facilities, leaving law-abiding citizens defenseless in more public spaces. House Bill 2118 imposed crushing new requirements on firearms merchants, including mandatory security upgrades and burdensome certifications designed to drive gun stores out of business. These attacks on constitutional rights make Washington communities less safe while punishing law-abiding gun owners.

Encouraging “Hate Crime” Hoaxes

Democrats passed Senate Bill 5427 which offers \$2,000 bounties to people who report so-called “hate crimes,” creating financial incentives for false accusations. CPAC opposes the concept of “hate crimes” and believes that all people should be treated equally under the law. Dr. Wilfred Reilly of Kentucky State University has shown that a huge number of alleged hate crime incidents are actually hoaxes. Washington's new legislation creates a financial incentive for

even more hate crime hoaxes. SB 5917 expanded hate crime laws to include property defacement.

Indoctrinating Children with Leftist Propaganda

Washington Democrats further cemented the role of government schools as indoctrination centers through comprehensive curriculum mandates. Senate Bill 5462 requires schools to adopt DEI curricula, forcing divisive identity politics on children. House Bill 2331 prevents parents and school boards from removing pornographic materials if they relate to "protected classes," which means that LGBT pornographic books cannot be removed from school libraries. These measures represent a fundamental assault on parental rights and childhood innocence.

Highlighted Votes Analyzed

HB 1889 Licensing Washington's Illegal Immigrants.

This bill requires the government to give licenses to illegal immigrants that would otherwise qualify for the license were it not for their citizenship status. CPAC opposes measures that incentivize illegal immigration and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on February 9, 2024 by a vote of 66-31 and the bill later became law.

HB 1954 Protecting Abortionists in Washington.

This bill clarifies that the performance of abortions and radical gender surgeries may not be used as a reason to deny a physician licensure. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, opposes its protection, and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on January 25, 2024 by a vote of 56-37 and the bill later became law.

HB 2270 Vastly Expanding Washington's Intrusion into the Housing Market.

This bill establishes a new Department of Housing. CPAC opposes large expansions to the bureaucracy, opposes government interference in the housing market, and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on February 9, 2024 by a vote of 58-39 but the bill stalled in the Senate.

Trends and Observations

Republicans Improved Since 2023

Washington Republicans improved from a 74% average conservative rating in 2023 to an 80% average rating in 2024. Overall, Republicans were weaker on economic issues than social issues. Some Republicans joined Democrats to pass HB 1054 which increased housing regulations, and HB 2114 which implemented rent control.

Workplace Control and Union Empowerment

Democrats weaponized labor law to give unions unprecedented control over private workplaces. Senate Bill 5778 prohibits employers from holding mandatory meetings about political or religious matters, effectively banning companies from communicating their own values to employees. SB 5632 requires taxpayers to develop healthcare plans specifically for striking workers, subsidizing labor disputes with public funds. These measures prioritize union power over business autonomy and worker freedom.

Democrats Will Continue to Control Washington For the Foreseeable Future

Democrats hold large majorities in both the Washington House and Senate and this is unlikely to change in the next election cycle. Republicans in the Washington legislature cannot do much to stop leftist legislation, but they can slow down the process and force Democrats to publicly defend their unpopular positions. Even in blue states like Washington, most people do not support child sex change procedures or transgender men playing in women's sports. As the minority, Republicans must raise public awareness of these issues even when they don't have the votes to deal with them through legislation. In the 2024 session, Democrats hid their unpopular position on child sex changes by bundling it with the abortion legislation (HB 1954). Republicans could have proposed an amendment to that bill to remove the part about child sex changes. The amendment would have been voted down, but it would put the Democrats on the record defending child sex changes.

Conservative Excellence - Senate

Shelly Short - 92%

Conservative Excellence - House

Leonard Christian - 90%

Cyndy Jacobsen - 90%

**Stephanie McClintock -
90%**

Conservative Achievement - Senate

Matt Boenke - 81%

John Braun - 81%

Perry Dozier - 85%

Phil Fortunato - 89%

Brad Hawkins - 81%

Drew MacEwen - 85%

Jim McCune - 88%

Mark Padden - 89%

Mark Schoesler - 81%

Keith Wagoner - 89%

Lynda Wilson - 85%

Conservative Achievement - House

Peter Abbarno - 83%

Andrew Barkis - 82%

Chris Corry - 81%

Travis Couture - 83%

Tom Dent - 83%

Mary Dye - 84%

Jenny Graham - 89%

Mark Klicker - 86%

Joel Kretz - 86%

**Jacquelin Maycumber -
86%**

Joel McEntire - 87%

Ed Orcutt - 86%

Eric Robertson - 86%

Joe Schmick - 83%

Suzanne Schmidt - 83%

Drew Stokesbary - 83%

Mike Volz - 87%

Jim Walsh - 86%