

Results of JAC Races in the 2012 Election: Thanks to the hard work of JAC members across the country, 92% of JAC-endorsed candidates were elected to the House and Senate in 2012. A record number of women will serve in the US Senate. JAC's efforts helped bring about the defeat of some of the most extreme anti-choice, anti-separation members of Congress. Click [here](#) for a list of JAC-supported candidates who won.

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Races to Watch in 2012

SENATE STATISTICS

51 Democrats 47 Republicans - 2 Independents (who caucus with the Dems)

(111th had 58 Democrats, 40 Republicans, 2 Independents)

- 16 first-term senators: 13 Republicans, 3 Democrats, 1 woman
- Five of the first-term Senators are under 50; the youngest, at 39, is Marco Rubio (R-FL); the oldest, Dan Coats (R-IN), is 67. Nine are lawyers; one is a doctor. One is Jewish, Richard Blumenthal (D-CT).
- Dan Coats served in the House of Representatives from 1981-89 and in the Senate from 1989-99.
- Chris Coons (DE), Mark Kirk (IL) and Joe Manchin (WV) were sworn in before the rest of the freshman class; they replaced appointed senators.

For the GOP to win the majority, they need a net gain of 4 seats. Democrats have to defend 23 seats, Republicans only 10. The JAC-supported Democrats are: [Dianne Feinstein](#) (CA), [Tom Carper](#) (DE), [Ben Cardin](#) (MD), [Kirsten Gillibrand](#) (D-NY), [Amy Klobuchar](#) (MN), [Bob Menendez](#)

(NJ),
[Sheldon Whitehouse](#)

(RI),
[Debbie Stabenow](#)

(MI),
[Jon Tester](#)

(MT),
[Maria Cantwell](#)

(WA),
[Bill Nelson](#)

(FL),
[Claire McCaskill](#)

(MO) and
[Sherrod Brown](#)

(OH). JAC-supported Republican, Olympia Snowe (R-ME), the lone pro-choice incumbent Republican senator up in 2012, is retiring.

Retirements in addition to Snowe are Kent Conrad (D-ND), Ben Nelson (D-NE), Joe Lieberman (D-CT), Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), Daniel Akaka (D-HI), Jim Webb (D-VA) Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Herb Kohl (D-WI) and Jon Kyl (R-AZ).

HOUSE STATISTICS 193 Democrats 242 Republicans

(111th Congress had 257 Democrats, 178 Republicans)

- 94 first-term representatives: 85 Republicans, 9 Democrats, 13 women
- Fifty-six first-term members are under the age of 50; the youngest is Justin Amash (R-MI) who was 30 in April; the oldest is Frederica Wilson (D-FL) who was 68 in November.
- There are 7 African-Americans, 2 of whom are Republicans. Three are Hispanic and 1 is Asian. One new member is Jewish, David Cicilline (D-RI).
- Thirty-eight are lawyers; 6 doctors, 1 dentist.
- Four are former members who were defeated in 2006 or 2008.

Sixty-three seats changed parties in 2010, giving the Republicans a 24-seat majority following the election. Due to resignations and current vacancies, Republicans now have a 23-seat majority. Democrats need to net 27 seats in 2012 to get back to the barest majority (218). This could prove even more difficult than it has been in the past. The mid-term elections gave Republicans control of many state legislatures, allowing them to dominate the redistricting process. Many districts have been altered substantially, especially in states losing population: Illinois, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania. The Democratic Party is likely to lose at least 11 seats because of redistricting and retirements. In Michigan, California and possibly Pennsylvania, redistricting has put two Democratic incumbents in the same district. In states where

Republicans control the new district maps, some “safe” Democrats are now in GOP districts. Only in Illinois, where Democrats control both houses of the legislature, does redistricting mean that Democrats could increase the numbers in their delegation. In the states losing seats, both parties appear to lose equally. In the states gaining seats, Republicans are likely to come out on top. Three of the four new Texas seats are likely Republican as are new seats in Utah, South Carolina and Georgia. The nonpartisan redistricting commission in Arizona drew a seat that could go either way. Florida’s Republican legislature and Republican governor were constrained by a new “fair districts” state constitutional amendment. In Nevada and Washington, Democrats are expected to pick up the new seats. The first priority for Republicans was to shore up the 85 GOP freshmen, those who defeated incumbent Democrats and those who won open seats in districts that are marginally favorable to Republicans.

2012 SENATE RACES OF INTEREST TO JAC

The current Senate lineup is 51 Democrats, 47 Republicans, 2 Independents. Twenty-three (23) Democratic seats are up (includes Sen. Joe Lieberman, Independent from Connecticut), 10 Republican seats.

ARIZONA - JAC Supports Dr. Richard Carmona

This is an OPEN seat. GOP Sen. Jon Kyl is retiring. The demographics strongly favor Republicans. Rep. Jeff Flake (R) won the GOP primary. The Democratic nominee is former U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona. Carmona is a very attractive candidate. He has a compelling life story. The son of immigrants, he dropped out of high school, joined the Army, served in Vietnam, trained as a medic; earned high school and college diplomas and a medical degree. He became U.S. surgeon general in the Bush administration. A majority of the GOP Jewish community in Arizona, who has supported retiring Sen. Kyl, could have trouble backing Flake, whose votes on Israel have not always been good. Although the GOP is still favored, Carmona makes this a race to watch and could give Democrats a pick-up opportunity. Race rating: Likely R

CALIFORNIA - JAC supports Senator Dianne Feinstein

Dem. [Sen. Dianne Feinstein](#) is running for a 5th term. She won her last election in 2006 with 59% of the vote. Sen. Feinstein is 79 years old but has given no indication that she plans to retire. A former campaign consultant embezzled approximately \$5 million in campaign funds and the Senator recently contributed \$5 million of her own money to cover the loss. Her opponent is Elizabeth Emken, former Autism Speaks executive who ran unsuccessfully for

Congress in 2010. Race rating: Safe D

CONNECTICUT - JAC supports Rep. Chris Murphy

This is an OPEN seat. Independent Sen. Joe Lieberman is retiring. With the exception of votes for the Iraq war, Sen. Lieberman has almost always caucused and voted with Democrats. There were contested primaries for both parties. Rep. Chris Murphy is the Democratic nominee. 2010 Senate nominee and World Wrestling Federation head Linda McMahon is the GOP nominee. She defeated former Rep. Chris Shays (R), whom JAC supported when he was in Congress. Shays was defeated in 2008 after having served for 11 terms. He was the last of the moderate northeastern Republicans to be defeated. McMahon lost to now Sen. Richard Blumenthal 55%-45%. Connecticut is considered a blue state, favoring Democrats, but it has a Republican Governor now and has had Republican senators in the past, all from the moderate wing of the Party which barely exists anymore. Race rating: Leans D.

DELAWARE - JAC supports Senator Tom Carper

Dem. Sen. [Tom Carper](#) is running for his second term. He won in 2006 with 67%. Carper has been both the state's governor and the state's at-large representative. Businessman Kevin Wade is the only declared opponent and the Senator looks safe for re-election. Race rating: Safe D.

FLORIDA - JAC supports Senator Bill Nelson

Senator [Bill Nelson](#) (D) was first elected in 2000 and won his second term in 2006 with 60%. He has been an excellent vote on JAC's issues. Rep. Connie Mack won the GOP primary. This is one of the battleground states that could determine the outcome of the presidential election, which would affect those lower down on the ballot. Mack has gotten into some trouble over road rage and other behaviors that point to a temperament that could make him unsuitable for elective office, but the Mack name still has magic to old-time baseball lovers. Race rating: Toss-up

HAWAII

This is an OPEN seat. Senator Daniel Akaka (D) is retiring. Following contested primaries in both parties, the race is between Rep. Mazie Hirono (D) and former GOP Gov. Linda Lingle. Lingle was a recruiting coup for Republicans. JAC has no position papers on file and has not been contacted by the Lingle campaign. She is on the record as supporting "a woman's right to choose," but she opposes "partial-birth abortions" and supports requiring "parental notification." Hirono's voting record is totally consistent with JAC's criteria. Race rating: Toss-up.

MAINE

This is an OPEN seat created by the retirement of JAC-supported GOP Sen. Olympia Snowe after three terms. St. Sen. Cynthia Dill won the Democratic nomination and Sec. of State Charlie Summers won the GOP nod. There are four Independent candidates running: Tea Party activist Andrew Ian Dodge, businessman Steve Woods, Danny Dalton and former Gov. Angus King. King is way out in front in the polls. He has said that he will not decide which party he will caucus with in the Senate until after the election. Race rating: Likely I (Independent).

MARYLAND - JAC supports Senator Ben Cardin

Senator [Ben Cardin](#) (D) is running for his second term. A longstanding and great friend to JAC, he is perfect on our issues. He will face former Secret Service agent Daniel Bongino in November, not much of a threat considering Cardin's popularity in blue-state Maryland. Race rating: Safe D.

MASSACHUSETTS JAC supports Elizabeth Warren

This could be one of the most interesting, and possibly expensive, races of the cycle. Senator Scott Brown (R) is running for his first full term. He calls himself a moderate but these days even self-described moderates have to vote the party line or find themselves completely marginalized. He won a special election to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Ted Kennedy (D). He will face former consumer protection agency advisor Elizabeth Warren. She is the top-tier candidate that the DSCC wanted to recruit and other potential candidates dropped out. Race rating: Toss-up

MICHIGAN - JAC supports Senator Debbie Stabenow

Senator [Debbie Stabenow](#) (D) is running for her 3rd term. JAC supported her when she was in the House and has been a supporter in both her previous Senate races. She has been a perfect vote on JAC's issues and is especially vocal on women's issues. She did not have a primary challenge. Former U.S. Rep. and '10 Gov. candidate Peter Hoekstra won a crowded GOP primary. Race rating: Leans D.

MINNESOTA - JAC supports Senator Amy Klobuchar

First-term Senator [Amy Klobuchar](#) (D) was elected in 2006 with 58% of the vote. Her approval ratings have steadily risen since her election. Her quick response to the I-35 bridge collapse in her home city of Minneapolis and her travels around the state have solidified the senator's popularity. The Republican nominee will be state Representative Kurt Bills, an economics teacher with libertarian-leaning views and a supporter of outgoing Rep. Ron Paul. Bills is not considered a threat. Race rating: Safe D.

MISSOURI - JAC supports Senator Claire McCaskill

First-term Senator [Claire McCaskill](#) (D), one of the GOP's top targets, is considered the most vulnerable Democratic senator. Missouri is a swing state that went for McCain in 2008 and elected conservative Republican Roy Blunt (who has been leading the charge against women's health care benefits) to the other Senate seat in 2010. McCaskill won with barely 50% in 2006. She will face U.S. Rep. Todd Akin who did McCaskill a favor when he made the news in August. To bolster his extreme anti-choice with no exceptions view, he said women couldn't get pregnant as the result of rape because their bodies shut down. McCaskill, who is a top-notch campaigner still has her work cut out for her. Race rating: Toss-up

MONTANA - JAC supports Senator Jon Tester

First-term Senator [Jon Tester](#) is a GOP target, sharing top billing in that department with Missouri Senator Claire McCaskill. He will face Republican Dennis Rehberg, the at-large US representative for Montana. Rehberg has been in Congress for 12 years, so his statewide name ID is as good, if not better, than Tester's. Rehberg is anti-choice, negative on separation, and has been in the pocket of coal mining interests. Rehberg has voted to gut coal mining industry environmental and safety regulations. He also advocates for commercial development of much of Montana's open land and has become wealthy by owning a great deal of that land. Tester, who is as dedicated to the land as his opponent is to deregulating protection it, manages his own ranch with the help of his family. Tester's record on JAC's issues has been excellent. Race rating: Toss-up.

NEBRASKA - JAC supports Bob Kerrey Senator Ben Nelson announced the 2nd week in January that he would not seek re-election and moved the seat into the GOP column (which is how he often voted anyway). Former Gov. and former Sen. Bob Kerrey is the Democratic nominee. He will face the surprise winner of a three person GOP primary, st. Sen. Deb Fischer. JAC supported Kerrey when he was in the Senate. His record on Israel was excellent; his votes on choice were mixed. Fischer's choice position is unequivocal. On her website she states, "I am proud to be pro-life and have a 100% pro-life voting record in my 8 years in the Nebraska Legislature. I co-sponsored a bill to provide for additional voluntary and informed consents from a woman prior to an abortion in 2009. I also co-sponsored and passed the Adopt the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act in 2010. I will continue to support a culture of life by supporting pro-life policies in U.S. Senate." Race rating:

Likely R.

NEVADA -JAC supports Rep. Shelley Berkley for Senate

Senator Dean Heller (R) was appointed by the Republican Governor to fill the remainder of

Senator John Ensign's term. Ensign resigned early in 2011. Rep. [Shelley Berkley](#) (D), a JAC member, had declared for this seat before Ensign resigned. She has been a perfect vote on JAC's issues during her tenure in the House and is visible and vocal on any issue concerning Israel. She is always one of the first to initiate a letter or legislation promoting Israel and fighting against its delegitimization. Heller has been a good vote on Israel, but 100% negative on Choice and Separation. Berkley is a strong campaigner and fundraiser but the economy could hurt her in this state with a very high unemployment percentage. She is also under investigation by the House Ethics Committee concerning her advocating for funds for kidney research and kidney clinics in Nevada. Shelley's husband is a nephrologist. She has the support and clout of Sen. Majority Leader Harry Reid on her side. Race rating: Toss-up.

NEW JERSEY - JAC supports Senator Bob Menendez

Senator [Robert Menendez](#) (D) is running for his 3rd term. He was previously in the House and also served as the Senate head of the DSCC. This is a Democratic seat and should remain in the column. He will face state Senator Joe Kyrillos in November. New Jersey's GOP Gov. Chris Christie, always in the news, will try to make this difficult for Menendez. Race rating: Safe D.

NEW MEXICO- JAC supports Rep. Martin Heinrich for Senate

This is an OPEN seat. Senator Jeff Bingaman (D) is retiring. The Democratic nominee is Rep. Martin Heinrich who will face former GOP Rep. Heather Wilson. JAC supported Heinrich in his House races. He has an excellent voting record on JAC's issues and a high approval rating from constituents. Race rating: Toss-up.

NEW YORK - JAC supports Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

Senator [Kirsten Gillibrand](#) is running for her first full term. She was appointed to fill Sec. of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's seat and then ran for the two-year term remaining. Her approval rating is high. She has been visible and vocal on women's and education issues. She has a perfect record on JAC issues. Her opponent in November is attorney Wendy Long, not a top tier challenger. Race rating: Likely D.

NORTH DAKOTA - JAC supports Heidi Heitkamp

This is an Open Seat. Senator Kent Conrad (D) is retiring. Democrats were successful in recruiting former Attorney General and '00 Gov. nominee Heidi Heitkamp. Heitkamp had no primary opposition. U.S. Rep. Rick Berg won the GOP nomination. Heitkamp is extremely popular for a Democrat. Polls show an even race at this point, but North Dakota definitely leans Republican. Race rating: Toss-up.

OHIO - JAC supports Rep. Sherrod Brown

First-term Senator [Sherrod Brown](#) will face state Treasurer Josh Mandel in November. Mandel has received backing from many in the Jewish community although his positions on social issues are far to the right. Brown's position on Israel is excellent and he has a voting record to back it up. With the current political climate and Ohio's difficult economy, this will be a hard race. Brown currently leads in the polls.

Race rating:

Lean D

RHODE ISLAND – JAC supports Senator Sheldon Whitehouse

Senator [Sheldon Whitehouse](#) (D) is running for reelection after defeating now Governor Lincoln Chaffee in the 2006 senate race. He will face Barry Hinckley, a software executive and Tea Party activist. Whitehouse is perfect on JAC's issues and Rhode Island is a blue state.

Race rating: Safe D.

VIRGINIA -JAC supports Tim Kaine

This is an OPEN seat. Senator Jim Webb (D) is retiring. Former Governor and DNC chair Tim Kaine (D) is a very strong candidate. The Republicans have former Senator and Governor George Allen who lost his last race to Webb. Both candidates had nominal primary challenges. The race was always between Kaine and Allen and will be closely watched and fought until election day. Poll numbers go back and forth by two or three percentage points every week in this battleground state. Race rating: Toss-up.

WASHINGTON - JAC supports Maria Cantwell

Two-term Senator [Maria Cantwell](#) (D) is running for a third term and is well liked. The GOP candidate is state Senator Michael Baumgartner, winner of a crowded primary field. Washington leans Democratic. Cantwell is a strong incumbent with longstanding ties to JAC.

She does not accept PAC money but many JAC members support her.

Race rating:

Likely D.

WISCONSIN - JAC supports Tammy Baldwin

This is an OPEN seat. When Senator Herb Kohl (D) announced his retirement, this became a real contest. Rep. [Tammy Baldwin](#) (D) faces former Governor Tommy Thompson (R) who beat back right wing primary opponents. JAC has a long relationship with Baldwin and is

supporting her in this race. Race rating: Toss-up.