

(AZ-06) Message #1 Backup

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Ciscomani Was On The Board Of Directors Of Patriot Academy For 14 Years

2007-2021: Ciscomani Was A Member Of Torch Of Freedom Foundation’s Board. According to Torch of Freedom Foundation’s 990 filings and website, Ciscomani served as a board member of the organization since fiscal year 2007. [Torch of Freedom 990 Filings via ProPublica, [12/31/20](#); [12/31/19](#); [12/31/18](#); [12/31/17](#); [12/31/16](#); [12/31/15](#); [12/31/14](#); [12/31/13](#); [6/30/13](#) [6/30/12](#); [6/30/11](#); [2/24/10](#); [6/30/09](#); [6/30/08](#); Patriot Academy, accessed [6/9/23](#)]

Ciscomani Worked Zero To One Hours Weekly And Was Not Paid As A Torch Of Freedom Foundation Board Member. [Torch of Freedom 990 Filings via ProPublica, [Torch of Freedom 990 Filings via ProPublica, [12/31/20](#); [12/31/19](#); [12/31/18](#); [12/31/17](#); [12/31/16](#); [12/31/15](#); [12/31/14](#); [12/31/13](#); [6/30/13](#) [6/30/12](#); [6/30/11](#); [2/24/10](#); [6/30/09](#); [6/30/08](#)]

FY 2011 – FY 2019: Ciscomani Was A Director Of Torch Of Freedom Foundation. According to Torch of Freedom Foundation’s 990 filings, Ciscomani served as the organization’s director from fiscal year 2011 to fiscal year 2019. [Torch of Freedom 990 Filings via ProPublica, [Torch of Freedom 990 Filings via ProPublica, [12/31/20](#); [12/31/19](#); [12/31/18](#); [12/31/17](#); [12/31/16](#); [12/31/15](#); [12/31/14](#); [12/31/13](#); [6/30/13](#) [6/30/12](#); [6/30/11](#); [2/24/10](#); [6/30/09](#); [6/30/08](#)]

July 2024: Patriot Academy’s Constitution Coach Branch Still Listed Juan Ciscomani As A Member Of The Board Of Directors. [Patriot Academy; Constitution Coach, Academy Leadership, accessed [7/16/24](#)]

Our Board of Directors

Rick Green, Founder and President



Juan Ciscomani

Juan Ciscomani is a 3-time alumnus and former Gov. of Patriot Academy. He is a proud first generation American citizen, having immigrated from Mexico as a young boy. After graduating Cum Laude from the Univ. of AZ, Juan served as a Legislative Assist. in the U.S. Congress. He later ran as a Republican candidate for State Representative. He is focused on servant-leadership and economic opportunity. He currently serves in a key staff position for the AZ Governor. Juan resides in Tucson with his wife Laura, and their six children.

[Patriot Academy; Constitution Coach, Academy Leadership, accessed [7/16/24](#)]

Torch Of Freedom Filed To Do Business As Patriot Academy In 2009 And As Constitution Coach In 2020

June 2000: Torch Of Freedom Foundation Filed To Incorporate In Texas. [Nexis Comprehensive Business Report, accessed [7/16/21](#)]

September 2009: Torch Of Freedom Foundation Filed To Do Business As Patriot Academy. [Nexis Comprehensive Business Report, accessed [7/16/21](#)]

May 2020: Torch Of Freedom Foundation Filed To Do Business As Constitution Coach. [Nexis Comprehensive Business Report, accessed [7/16/21](#)]

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Torch Of Freedom Foundation “[Laid] The Groundwork For Patriot Academy.” “Rick shared his idea with friends and leaders, and in 2000 they formed The Torch of Freedom Foundation...the first step in realizing their vision. Members of the board began to lay the groundwork for Patriot Academy – Capitol Boot Camps, a weeklong summer program to train students in conservative principles and practical politics, with an emphasis on Godly character. [...] The first Patriot Academy was held at the Texas State Capitol in 2003.” [Patriot Academy, accessed [7/16/21](#)]

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Ciscomani Said That He Brought Patriot Academy To Arizona. CISCOMANI: “Thank you for bringing up Patriot Academy. This is a program that Laura and I have been involved with for gosh, since I was 26, so that’s a long time ago. But this is a program that started in Texas that Laura and I brought to Arizona and it trains young people to engage in the civic process and they play the role of a state senator, a state representative in the capitol here in Phoenix and they have to go through bills and guess what they have to do? They have to read them. They have to read the bills and we also train them on the LIFT principles. L being limited government, I being individual responsibility, F being free enterprise, and T being timeless truths. And these are the lift principles that we train

young people in so they can go out and engage and that's what Laura and have done before.” [Speech at Pima County Republican Club Meeting, 3/29/22] (AUDIO)

- **2013: Regional Patriot Academy Capitol Boot Camps Began At The Arizona State Capitol.** “The inaugural Patriot Academy occurred at the Texas Capitol in 2003 with thirty students. In 2013, regional Patriot Academy Capitol Boot Camps began in the Southwest at the Arizona State Capitol and in the Northwest at the Idaho State Capitol. Regional academies are now also taking place in the Southeast at the Florida State Capitol, the Northeast at the Delaware State Capitol, the Midwest at the Indiana State Capitol, and on college campuses in Colorado and Tennessee.” [Patriot Academy, 2020 Impact Report, pg. 3, accessed [1/30/24](#)]

2013: Juan And Laura Ciscomani Hosted Patriot Academy Arizona. “Juan Ciscomani attended Patriot Academy in 2006, 2007, and 2008. [...] Juan and his wife Laura, also an Alumnus, hosted PA Arizona in the summer of 2013.” [Patriot Academy, 2013 Torch of Freedom Impact Report, page 11, accessed [1/29/24](#)]

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



JUAN CISCOMANI
Juan Ciscomani attended Patriot Academy in 2006, 2007, and 2008. Even though Juan had a degree in political science, PA revolutionized the very core of his beliefs about government. Since then, Juan has run for the Arizona State Legislature, been appointed by the Governor of Arizona to the Arizona Civil Rights Advisory Council Board and appointed to the Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments. Today, at the age of 30, Juan is the Director of Membership at the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and speaks about America's godly heritage in Spanish-speaking churches. Juan and his wife Laura, also an Alumnus, hosted PA Arizona in the summer of 2013.



JENNIFER LACKEY
Jennifer Lackey attended Patriot Academy in 2006 and served as the Speaker of the House for PA 2007. Since then, Jennifer has served as a

[Patriot Academy, 2013 Torch of Freedom Impact Report, page 11, accessed [1/29/24](#)]

2013: Sophie Johnson Posted On Facebook That Juan And Laura Ciscomani Facilitated The Patriot Academy's Inaugural Class In Arizona. “The amazing Juan Ciscomani and Laura Ciscomani family. WOW! This couple (with the help of Juan's mom) facilitated the Patriot Academy's Inaugural Class in Arizona and took care of their family of three young children all at once. Unbelievable!! Way to go, Juan and Laura (and mom). ♥” [Sophie Johnson, Facebook, [7/19/13](#)]



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Patriot Academy Believes We Should Rewrite The Constitution To Establish A Christian Nation And Considers The Separation Of Church And State A “Myth.”

Patriot Academy Teaches Its Students That America Is On The Brink Of “Godless Communism” And Only A Conservative Effort To Rewrite The Constitution Will Save It. “Patriot Academy’s Leadership Congress camp for young people continues not just in Texas but in state Capitol buildings across the country. A separate series of leadership congresses for veterans kicked off in 2017. Slickly produced video courses, with names like Constitution Alive! and Biblical Citizenship, allow students of any age to learn Barton’s worldview in living rooms and churches throughout America. Through it all, an undercurrent of concern carries students toward a worrying conclusion: America currently teeters on the brink of godless authoritarian communism, and only something as radical as the well-funded and rapidly growing conservative effort to rewrite the Constitution can save it.” [The New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]

2008: Patriot Academy Called The Separation Of Church And State A ‘Myth.’ ‘Understand the Philosophy Develop a firm grasp of the Founding Fathers' vision for America and how that vision remains applicable today In-depth and relevant focus on your rights, namely the following: The Source of your freedoms The myth of separation of church and state The right to bear arms Bill of Rights Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness’ [Patriot Academy, captured [5/11/08](#)]

July 2021: Patriot Academy Stated Its Mission Was To ‘Restore America’s Constitutional Republic By Renewing Our Biblical Principles Of Liberty Upon Which The Nation Was Built.’ ‘Patriot Academy’s purpose is to encourage, educate, and equip young leaders who share the stated mission of The Torch of Freedom Foundation: to restore America’s Constitutional Republic by renewing our Biblical principles of liberty upon which the nation was built. Applicants must demonstrate a mindset in line with this mission, a willingness to learn more about accomplishing such a mission; and a strong work ethic through preparation, fundraising, and service.’ [Patriot Academy, accessed [7/19/21](#)]

Patriot Academy Automatically Enrolled Attendees Of Its Constitutional Defense Courses In “Biblical Citizen” Classes. “This moral marketing began before the class did. Upon registration, Patriot Academy automatically enrolled us in Biblical Citizenship, an eight-week online course hosted by Rick Green and a man

named Mark Meckler.” [The New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]

- **Biblical Citizenship Classes Explicitly Argue Against The Separation Of Church And State.** In Green’s Biblical Citizenship series, which Meckler has both hosted and promoted, Barton explicitly argues against the separation of church and state. Instead, he believes freedom of religion protects the expression of religion in the public sphere. “If we think we should pay adoration to God by hanging the Ten Commandments in public, what business is that of the state?” he asks. [The New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]
- **Biblical Citizenship Classes Taught That The Survival Of The “Constitutional Republic” Was Not Possible Without Citizens With A Biblical Worldview.** “‘Benjamin Rush said if you don’t teach the Bible in every generation to the children, a constitutional republic will not survive,’ Rick Green told my Constitutional Defense course in his opening lecture. ‘Because, without religion, you don’t have morality. And without morality, you don’t have liberty.’ ‘Biblical principles are what produce freedom of society,’ Barton proclaims in Patriot Academy’s Biblical Citizenship class. ‘But you won’t have biblical principles in society in which you don’t have citizens with a biblical worldview.’” [The New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]

The Patriot Academy Trains Children As Young As Eleven Years Old To Use Lethal Force

Patriot Academy Sought To Rewrite America’s Constitution, While Training Its Supporters In Firearms.

“Patriot Academy is engaged in a life-and-death struggle to rewrite America’s Constitution—and teaching its supporters how to defend themselves with a handgun, just in case.” [The New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]

New Republic: Patriot Academy Was “Engaged In A Life-And-Death Struggle To Rewrite America’s Constitution—And Teaching Its Supporters How To Defend Themselves With A Handgun, Just In Case.”

“Patriot Academy is engaged in a life-and-death struggle to rewrite America’s Constitution—and teaching its supporters how to defend themselves with a handgun, just in case.” [The New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]

A “Handgun Foundations Class” Was The “Required, Introductory Class” For The Constitutional Defense Program. “The Handgun Foundations Class is the required, introductory class for the Constitutional Defense Program (see tabs below for additional, advanced classes). All first time students must attend either a 3-Day or 5-Day Handgun Foundations course, where you will learn not only a long list of self-defense skills, but you will get an overview of our training philosophy.” [Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense Course, Accessed [5/24/23](#)]

- **Patriot Academy Claimed That, Following Its Handgun Class, Participants Will Be Able To Deliver Two Shots To A Vital Area With A Concealed Weapon In Under 2 Seconds.** “By the end of these classes, you will be able to spot a threat, present your sidearm from concealment and fire two controlled shots to the vital area on the threat in just 1.5 seconds!” [Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense Course, Accessed [5/24/23](#)]

Patriot Academy’s Advanced Handgun Training Class Sought To Train Member In “Tactical Techniques” To “Confidently Engage Targets” In Challenging Situations Including At Night Or In The Dark. “Having proven your skills during your Constitutional Defense handgun class, it’s time to develop your handgun repertoire with the addition of new skills and increasing challenges. The Intermediate Handgun Class will hone your existing skills and provide you with additional tools to prevail in a gunfight. Additional tactical techniques and the use of alternative shooting platforms will allow you to confidently engage targets in more challenging situations, including hostage rescue shots and shots at ranges out to 50 yards. You’ll also learn various flashlight and other low-light shooting techniques to allow you to prevail even in the dark. Progressively more challenging range drills will keep you on your toes and train your ability to adapt to changing circumstances. Days 2 & 3 start and end later, so that the low-light shooting can take place in the evening.” [Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense Course, Accessed [5/24/23](#)]

Patriot Academy’s Rifle Course Sought To Teach Members Rifle Handling Techniques And Alternative Shooting Positions. “The Rifle Cross-Trainer will give you the ability and confidence to use your rifle as an

effective defensive weapon. Building on the skills you learned with your handgun during your Handgun Foundations Class, you'll apply the same techniques and philosophies to a rifle, learning to use it to protect yourself and your loved ones. You'll learn how to perform all of the skills you learned with the handgun with a rifle, starting with fundamental gun handling techniques like chamber check and magazine check, and working through malfunctions, reloads, alternative shooting positions, and more. You'll spend ample time on the firing line, learning, practicing, and refining, while testing your limits with timed and scored events. You'll conclude the course with the Standard Rifle Skills Test to identify your strengths and weaknesses, and give you a measure of your overall proficiency." [Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense Course, Accessed [5/24/23](#)]

Patriot Academy's Shotgun Course Sought To Teach Members Shotgun Handling Techniques And Alternative Shooting Positions. "The Shotgun Cross-Trainer will give you the ability and confidence to use your shotgun as an effective defensive weapon. Building on the skills you learned with your handgun during your Handgun Foundations Class, you'll apply the same techniques and philosophies to a shotgun, learning to use it to protect yourself and your loved ones. You'll learn how to perform all of the skills you learned with the handgun with a shotgun, starting with fundamental gun handling techniques like chamber check and magazine check, and working through malfunctions, reloads, alternative shooting positions, and more. You'll spend ample time on the firing line, learning, practicing, and refining, while testing your limits with timed and scored events. You'll conclude the course with the Standard Shotgun Skills Test to identify your strengths and weaknesses, and give you a measure of your overall proficiency." [Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense Course, Accessed [5/24/23](#)]

Patriot Academy Encouraged Children As Young As 11 To Take Their Firearms Training Courses. "This class is for everyone, whether you have never held a weapon before or are extremely experienced. We are a family-friendly training program. Minors 11-17 are welcome to attend, but must be accompanied by a parent. We have had multiple families join us with 11 year olds who did outstanding!" [Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense Course, Accessed [5/24/23](#)]

Patriot Academy Believes We Should Abolish Gay Marriage And Is Against Abortion With No Exceptions.

Patriot Academy Promoted Material Saying Gay Marriage Was "Scripturally Sinful" And That Churches Supporting Gay Marriage Were Being Attacked By The Devil

2019: Patriot Academy Published A Blog Post That Said Marriage Equality 'Regardless Of Opinions, Is Scripturally Sinful' And Stated That 'The Church' Was Being 'Blatantly Attacked By The Devil.' 'Now do not get me wrong, I know all Churches are not like this. But some huge Church sects have turned willingly to openly supporting 'gay marriage' and transgenderism. The Church is being blatantly attacked, as it always has been, by the devil. Gay marriage, regardless of opinions, is scripturally sinful.' [Patriot Academy, Patriot Press Blog, [2/18/19](#)]

- **The Blog Post Denied That Matthew Shepard's Murder Was A Hate Crime.** 'According to a journalist named Stephen Jimenez, author of 'The Book of Matt: Hidden Truths About the Murder of Matthew Shepard', who spent 13 years investigating the murder and interviewing hundreds of people related to it, found information that pointed to Matthew being a drug addict. Apparently, he had involvement in the crystal methamphetamine drug problem going on in Denver at the time. Other sad findings point to him also being used as a prostitute. Even more tragic because he was at one time a grade A student.(1)(2) Apparently, one of his murderers was someone that he knew, a man named Aaron McKinney. There is apparent evidence of sexual relations with this young man before the tragedy as well.(3) All this information leads to the realization that the men who killed him were not just 'white men' who wanted to kill him because he was gay. Rather, they were men who knew him and had been involved with him on drug runs and past alleged sexual relationships.(4)(5) There is compelling proof that this was the case, and if true, it destroys the narrative of it being just a hate crime against gays.'" [Patriot Academy, Patriot Press Blog, [2/18/19](#)]

Patriot Academy Is Against Abortion With No Exceptions

2024: President Rick Green Stated That He'd "Love To Pass An Act Of Legislation Or Pass A Constitutional Amendment To Outlaw Abortion" "I'd love to pass an act of legislation or pass a constitutional amendment to outlaw abortion and it would be done for all 50 states. I can use language in the constitution to say that it should be illegal to take a life even in the womb." [Patriot Academy, Twitter, [4/18/24](#)]

2021: Patriot Academy Tweeted "Life Begins At Conception And Should Always Be Guarded" "Human life - precious, fragile, and constantly under attack in today's society. The understanding that life begins at conception and should always be guarded is not just a modern in opposition to abortion." [Patriot Academy, Twitter, [3/8/21](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Would Grant Equal Protection Under The 14th Amendment To Fetuses, Effectively Banning Abortion With No Exceptions And Eliminating Medical Choices Including In Vitro Fertilization. "H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and 'preborn' human person. 'Human person' is defined as: [...] each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being. The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization. The bill would not allow for prosecution of any pregnant person for the 'death' of their 'unborn child.'" [Rewire, [9/28/19](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Would Criminalize All Abortions, Including In Cases Of Rape, Incest, Or Risk To The Pregnant Woman. "The Life at Conception Act, co-sponsored by Hinson, would outlaw all abortions with no exceptions in cases of rape, incest or risk to the pregnant person. The bill in question does eliminate the possibility for criminal charges for individuals who receive an abortion, but it does not provide the same guarantees for others. [...] But the broad scope of the personhood law does have implications for criminalization of abortion." [Gazette, [7/11/22](#)]

Personhood Bills That Define Human Life To Begin At Conception Would Severely Impact Infertility Treatments, Especially IVF. "Personhood bills aim to define human life to begin at the moment of fertilization or conception and grant constitutional rights and privileges to all persons from that moment. If these proposals were to become personhood laws, they would severely impact infertility treatments, especially IVF." [Arc Fertility, What Do Personhood Bills & Laws Mean in IVF, accessed [2/23/24](#)]

Arc Fertility: If Fertilized Eggs/Embryos Are Considered Full Humans, Anything That Puts An Embryo At Risk Could Be A Criminal Violation, Including IVF Treatments. "As outlined by RESOLVE, with Personhood legislation, however, the legality of effective pro-pregnancy fertility treatments such as IVF could be called into question: if microscopic fertilized eggs/embryos are full humans, anything that puts an embryo at risk could be a criminal violation, even if its goal is the undeniable social good of helping someone have a baby." [Arc Fertility, What Do Personhood Bills & Laws Mean in IVF, accessed [2/23/24](#)]

(AZ-06) Message #2 Backup

Ciscomani has voted for national abortion restrictions and supports allowing politicians to ban abortion with no exceptions for rape and incest. Ciscomani strongly supports Donald Trump, who says states should have the right to monitor every woman who gets pregnant in the state to make sure they have not had an illegal abortion.

Ciscomani Has Voted For National Abortion Restrictions And Supports Allowing Politicians To Ban Abortion With No Exceptions For Rape And Incest. Ciscomani Strongly Supports Donald Trump, Who Says States Should Have The Right To Monitor Every Woman Who Gets Pregnant In The State To Make Sure They Have Not Had An Illegal Abortion.

Ciscomani Voted Repeatedly For National Abortion Restrictions In Congress

June 2023: Ciscomani Voted For The Agricultural Appropriations Bill, Including A Provision Nullifying A Previous FDA Ruling That Allowed For The By-Mail Distribution Of Abortion Medication

June 2023: Ciscomani Voted To Pass The Agricultural Appropriations Bill As Amended Out Of The House Appropriations Committee. In June 2023, Ciscomani voted for a motion in the House Appropriations Committee to “report [H.R. 4368] to the House, as amended.” The motion was adopted by a vote of 34-27. [H.R. 4368, Roll Call #10, pg. 104, [6/14/23](#)]

The House Agricultural Appropriations Bill Included A Provision Nullifying A Previous FDA Ruling That Allowed For The By-Mail Distribution Of The Abortion Medication Mifepristone. “While the Senate Appropriations Committee has passed the 12 bills, the House Appropriations Committee has only passed one. One bill that is still on the floor appropriates funding for the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Rural Development, the Food and Drug Administration and related agencies. As with other appropriation bills, the Republican majority has taken opportunities to slide social priorities into the bill, including one that limits abortion access. Located on page 107 of the 113-page bill, the provision nullifies a previous FDA ruling that allowed for the by-mail distribution of mifepristone, a medication used for abortions.” [Arizona Republic, [8/5/23](#)]

- **Arizona Republic: The Republican Majority Slid Social Priorities Into The Agriculture Appropriations Bill, Including One That Limited Abortion.** “Ciscomani, R-Ariz., is Arizona's only member of Congress who sits on the House Appropriations Committee. [...] While the Senate Appropriations Committee has passed the 12 bills, the House Appropriations Committee has only passed one. One bill that is still on the floor appropriates funding for the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Rural Development, the Food and Drug Administration and related agencies. As with other appropriation bills, the Republican majority has taken opportunities to slide social priorities into the bill, including one that limits abortion access.” [Arizona Republic, [8/5/23](#)]

Tucson Sentinel: “Ciscomani Voted In Favor Of A Controversial Provision In This Year’s Agricultural Appropriations Bill That [Prohibited] Mail Delivery Of Abortion Medication.” “From his seat on the House Appropriations Committee, Ciscomani voted in favor of a controversial provision in this year’s agricultural appropriations bill that prohibits mail delivery of abortion medication. That provision was one reason that lawmakers failed to pass the agricultural spending bill before they recessed for summer in late July.” [Tucson Sentinel, [8/25/23](#)]

Arizona Republic: “Rep. Juan Ciscomani Has Long Been Adamant That Abortion Is A State's Rights Issue, Rather Than A Federal Issue. Now, He's Changing His Stance [...]” “Rep. Juan Ciscomani has long been adamant that abortion is a state's rights issue, rather than a federal issue. Now, he's changing his stance in what he's touting as an effort to avoid a government shutdown.” [Arizona Republic, [8/5/23](#)]

Despite Claims Ciscomani Voted For The Agricultural Appropriations Bill With Abortion Restrictions To Avoid A Government Shutdown, He Also Had Voted Against A Clean Amendment To Remove The Controversial Mifepristone Provision

A House GOP Staffer Claimed Ciscomani Voted To Pass The Bill Out Of Committee Despite The Abortion Provision Because Its Benefits For His District And To Avoid A Government Shutdown...

A House GOP Staff Member Said Ciscomani Voted To Pass The Bill Out Of Committee Despite The Abortion Provision Because Of How Much The Overall Package Would Help His District. “Politico reported last week that a group of 12 ‘moderate Republicans’ are refusing to support the bill unless the provision is removed, and Ciscomani isn't one of them. Ciscomani voted to pass the bill out of committee because of how much the overall package could help his district, despite it contradicting his ideal that abortion is a state issue, a House GOP staff member said.” [Arizona Republic, [8/5/23](#)]

A House GOP Staff Member Said Ciscomani Was Prioritizing Avoiding A Government Shutdown Over Everything Else. “Ciscomani voted to pass the bill out of committee because of how much the overall package could help his district, despite it contradicting his ideal that abortion is a state issue, a House GOP staff member said. [...] Ciscomani is prioritizing avoiding a government shutdown over everything else, the staff member said. When asked about his stance on abortion, the staffer said that Ciscomani's position is the same as before: that he's a father of three girls who wouldn't jeopardize a woman's health. He opposes abortion except for instances of rape, incest or a threat to a mother's life.” [Arizona Republic, [8/5/23](#)]

...Even Though Ciscomani Voted Against A Clean Amendment To Remove The Provision Banning Mail Delivery Of Abortion Medication From The Agricultural Appropriations Bill...

June 2023: Ciscomani Voted Against A Clean Amendment To Remove The Mifepristone Provision From The Agricultural Appropriations Bill. In June 2023, Ciscomani voted against a motion in the House Appropriations Committee to “[strike] a provision nullifying a modification made by FDA to the REMS related to in-person requirements for mifepristone.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 27-33. [H.R. 4368, Roll Call #5, pg. 99, [6/14/23](#)]

...And That The Abortion Provision Was “One Reason That Lawmakers Failed To Pass The Agricultural Spending Bill” Timely, Leading The Country Closer To A Government Shutdown

Tucson Sentinel: The Controversial Mail Delivery Abortion Medication Provision Was “One Reason That Lawmakers Failed To Pass The Agricultural Spending Bill” Before Summer Recess. “From his seat on the House Appropriations Committee, Ciscomani voted in favor of a controversial provision in this year’s agricultural appropriations bill that prohibits mail delivery of abortion medication. That provision was one reason that lawmakers failed to pass the agricultural spending bill before they recessed for summer in late July.” [Tucson Sentinel, [8/25/23](#)]

- **Ciscomani Sat On The Appropriations Committee.** “Ciscomani, R-Ariz., is Arizona's only member of Congress who sits on the House Appropriations Committee. Every year, Congress is tasked with passing 12 appropriation bills that outline how much money the government can spend on nonessential functions. If they fail, federal agencies must cease all nonessential functions in what's known as a government shutdown.” [Arizona Republic, [8/5/23](#)]

Ciscomani Voted In Favor Of Prohibiting The Defense Department From Paying Or Reimbursing Abortion Services For Members Of The Military

Ciscomani Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Paying For Expenses Related To Abortion Services. In July 2023, Ciscomani voted for: “Jackson, R-Texas, amendment no. 5 that would repeal a 2022 Defense Department memorandum regarding access to reproductive health care and prohibit the department from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #300](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

Tucson Sentinel: Ciscomani Voted For Prohibiting The Defense Department From Paying Or Reimbursing

Abortion Services For Members Of The Military. “Ciscomani also voted in favor of HR 2670, which prohibited the Defense Department from paying for or reimbursing abortion services for members of the military, and HR 7, which would prohibit the use of federal funds, such as healthcare insurance subsidies on the ACA marketplace, to pay for coverage that includes abortion care.” [Tucson Sentinel, [8/25/23](#)]

Ciscomani Voted For The FY 2024 National Defense Authorization Act To Fund The Defense Department. In December 2023, Ciscomani voted for: “Rogers, R-Ala., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the conference report to accompany the bill that would authorize \$874.2 billion in discretionary national defense spending, including \$841.5 billion for the Defense Department and \$32.4 billion for national security programs within the Energy Department. It would also provide \$23.2 billion in mandatory defense spending. The bill would authorize approximately \$169.2 billion for weapons and other procurement and \$145.9 billion for military research and development. Within these totals, it would authorize \$32.9 billion for Navy shipbuilding and conversion; \$19.6 billion for Air Force aircraft procurement; \$18 billion for Navy aircraft procurement; \$539 million for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent ballistic missile system; \$564 million for the Missile Defense Agency; and \$382 million for the hypersonic attack cruise missile. It would authorize \$545 million for continued development of Guam missile defense systems, \$80 million for procurement for the Israeli Iron Dome missile defense system and \$4.2 billion for Space Force procurement. Within Energy Department funding, it would authorize \$24 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration, primarily for the maintenance of a nuclear weapons stockpile. It would authorize \$38.3 billion for the Defense Health Program and \$18.2 billion for military construction. It would authorize \$14.7 billion for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative and \$3.6 billion for the European Deterrence Initiative, primarily intended to counter aggression by China and Russia, respectively. For international assistance and cooperation, it would authorize \$300 million in security assistance to Ukraine; \$409 million for the U.S. European Command, \$565 million for the U.S. Africa Command; \$398 million for forces in Syria and Iraq combating the Islamic State group; \$351 million for the Cooperative Threat Reduction program assisting former Soviet Union countries; and \$300 million for cooperative research and development programs with Israel. The bill would authorize a 5.2 percent military pay increase. It would authorize \$7 billion for the Energy Department environmental restoration fund and require the department to undertake various environmental cleanup activities. Among its policy provisions, it would temporarily extend, through April 19, 2024, provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act that allow the U.S. government to collect communications on foreigners outside the U.S.; implement a personnel grade cap of GS-10 for diversity, equity and inclusion positions within the Defense Department; prohibit the creation of new DEI positions in the Defense Department; provide for congressional appointment and removal of the architect of the Capitol; and prohibit the use of funds for any activities involving unidentified anomalous phenomena unless the Defense Department has provided details of such activities to Congress. It would also require the National Archives to establish a UAP records collection, require each government agency to transmit relevant UAP documents to the collection, and require periodic review of such records for public disclosure. The measure is now cleared for the president.” The bill passed by a vote of 310-118. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #723](#), 12/14/23; CQ, [12/14/23](#)]

The House Passed NDAA, Contained A Provision To Bar The Pentagon From Reimbursing Service Members For Travel To Receive Abortion Services. “The House narrowly passed an annual defense policy bill on Friday after Republicans added provisions to bar Pentagon spending on abortion and transgender surgeries — measures that were a nonstarter for Democrats. The legislation, which will have to be reconciled with the Senate version of the bill, passed in a 219-210 vote. [...] The amendments, adopted Thursday, would ban the secretary of defense from paying for or reimbursing service members for abortion-related expenses and transgender surgeries and hormone treatments. The abortion amendment, sponsored by Rep. Ronny Jackson, R-Texas, was approved largely along party lines in a 221-213 vote. Rep. Henry Cuellar, a Texas Democrat, joined Republicans in voting to adopt the amendment, while two Republicans, John Duarte of California and Brian Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania, opposed the measure.” [NBC News, [7/14/23](#)]

Ciscomani Cosponsored H.R. 7, Which Would Prohibit The Use Of Federal Funds, Such As Healthcare Insurance Subsidies, To Pay For Coverage Including Abortion Care

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Subsidies, To Pay For Coverage Including Abortion Care. “Ciscomani is taking heat from national Democrats over his cosponsorship of H.R. 7, referred to as the no abortions with federal money act. [...] H.R. 7 has 163 cosponsors, all Republicans, including five of the six from Arizona. — Rep. David Schweikert being the exception from his state. Sponsorship of such a bill is probably safe for Republicans in districts with a strong Republican majority, but Democrats see an opportunity to highlight the issue in Ciscomani’s district considering how close his last race was. H.R. 7 prohibits using government subsidies, including tax credits, to purchase insurance plans that cover abortions. Women who are serving in the military, veterans or covered under Medicaid, as well as federal employees and those covered by the Indian Health Service, would therefore not be able to use their credits to purchase insurance that covers abortions. About 74,000 military veterans live in the district, according to the U.S.” [Arizona Republic, [6/30/23](#)]

- **April 2023: Ciscomani Cosponsored H.R. 7.** [H.R. 7, Introduced [1/9/23](#)]

H.R. 7 Would Restrict Private Insurers From Covering Abortion For Millions Of People Who Sign Up For Health Insurance Through Obamacare Exchanges. “Several vulnerable House Republicans are backing legislation that would limit abortion access for millions of people who sign up for health insurance through Obamacare exchanges. The bill, H.R. 7, would codify the Hyde Amendment, which since 1976 has been added to federal spending legislation to block Medicaid from paying for abortions. But H.R. 7 would go even further, expanding the restrictions to people who buy private insurance from Affordable Care Act marketplaces. In doing so, it would override laws in eight states – including New York and California – that require most private insurers to cover abortion.” [Messenger, [7/4/23](#)]

HEADLINE: “Vulnerable House Republicans Sign on to Anti-Abortion Bill That Would Limit Insurance Coverage.” [Messenger, [7/4/23](#)]

According To The Kaiser Family Foundation There Were 348,055 People In Arizona Enrolled In The Affordable Care Act Marketplace. [Kaiser Family Foundation, Total Marketplace Enrollment, accessed [4/19/24](#)]

Location	Marketplace Type	Total Consumers Who Have Selected a Marketplace Plan
Arizona	Federally-facilitated Marketplace	348,055

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Ciscomani Supports Allowing Politicians To Ban Abortion With No Exceptions For Rape And Incest.

Ciscomani Celebrated The Overturn Of Roe V. Wade

June 2022: Ciscomani Tweeted That He “Applaud[ed] The Supreme Court’s Decision To Overturn Roe V Wade.” “A historic day! I applaud the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v Wade. #LifeWins” [Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [6/24/22](#)]

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[Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [6/24/22](#)]

- **Ciscomani Tweeted A Graphic About The Overturn Of Roe V Wade, Saying He Would “Always Defend Life As A Member Of Congress.”** “A historic day! I applaud the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. These policies should be set by states and by We The People. I’m proudly Pro-Life and will always defend life as a member of Congress. As a husband and a father, I believe that life is precious, and as a country, we must protect women and children in every way possible.” [Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [6/24/22](#)]

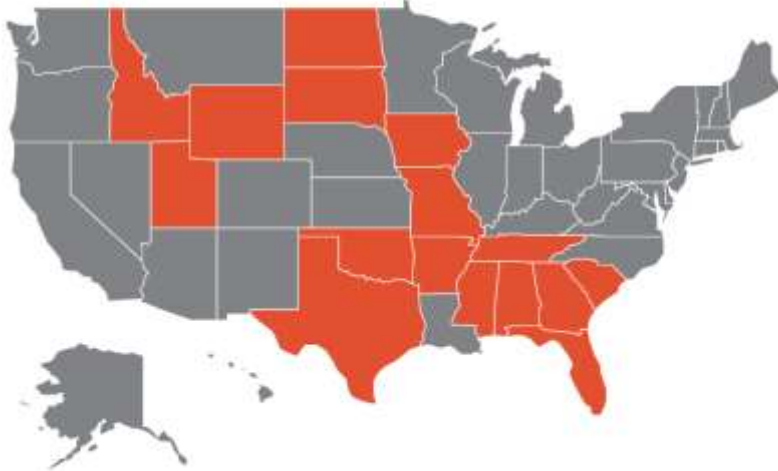
In July 2024, Following The Fall Of Roe v. Wade, 21 States Have Banned Abortion Or Restricted Abortion

21 States Have Banned Or Restricted Abortion Since The Fall Of Roe V. Wade. “Twenty-one states ban abortion or restrict the procedure earlier in pregnancy than the standard set by Roe v. Wade, which governed reproductive rights for nearly half a century until the Supreme Court overturned the decision in 2022.” [The New York Times, [7/1/24](#)]

PolitiFact: As Of May 2022, 16 States Had Passed Laws That Impose Jail Sentences On Doctors Who Violate Abortion Laws. “The list continues. Over a dozen states have ‘trigger’ laws that would take effect if the court overturns Roe v. Wade. Additional states have penalties in their current abortion laws. To the four Republican-controlled states listed above, we can add Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and Wyoming. In each state, a doctor found guilty of breaking the law faces a possible, or in some cases, a mandatory prison sentence.”

16 Republican-controlled states have passed laws that impose jail sentences on doctors who violate abortion laws

This includes states that have passed new abortion bans outright, or "trigger" laws that would go into effect if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*.



Sources: State laws, Kansas Family Foundation, FindLaw

[PolitiFact, [5/5/22](#)]

Under Texas' Trigger Law, Health Care Providers Who Perform Abortions Can Face Five Years To A Life Sentence In Prison

June 2021: Texas Abortion Trigger Law Went Into Effect 30 Days After Supreme Court Overturned *Roe V Wade*. "Texas' so-called trigger ban was signed into law in June 2021 and would make abortions illegal unless the pregnant person's life is threatened or they are at risk of serious injury. The law would go into effect 30 days after the Supreme Court issues a judgment overruling *Roe*." [CNN, [5/3/22](#)]

Texas' Human Life Protection Act Signed Into Law In 2021 Prohibited Any Abortion Except To Save The Life Of The Woman Or Prevent "Substantial Impairment Of A Major Bodily Function." "On June 16, 2021, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed the Human Life Protection Act. It prohibits any abortion, except to save the life of the mother or prevent the 'substantial impairment of a major bodily function.' Under the new law, a person performing an abortion faces a minimum penalty of five years in prison. The maximum penalty is life." [PolitiFact, [5/7/22](#)]

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- **The Human Life Protection Act Was A "Trigger" Ban Designed To Ban All Abortions In Texas If *Roe v. Wade* Was Overturned.** "Less than one week after Gov. Greg Abbott signed a near-complete ban on abortion in the state, the Texas Senate gave final approval to a bill known as a 'trigger' ban, which would prohibit abortion if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade* [...] Texas Alliance for Life and other abortion opponents welcome the recent developments. That includes the Senate's latest action on the trigger bill, known by abortion opponents as the 'Human Life Protection Act,' which is a 'principal goal' for Texas Alliance for

Life, according to the organization’s executive director, Joe Pojman.” [Dallas Morning News, [5/25/21](#)]

Human Life Protection Act Would Take Effect 30 Days After Final SCOTUS Issuance Of Judgment Overturning Roe V Wade; Due To Take Effect August 25, 2022. “Yesterday—July 26, 2022—the United States Supreme Court issued its final judgment in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*. As previously stated in our June 24th Advisory, Texas’s Human Life Protection Act (“the Act”) takes effect on the 30th day after issuance of a judgment in a case overturning *Roe v. Wade*. See H.B. 1280, 87th Reg. Session 2021. Accordingly, we now know with certainty that the Act takes effect on August 25, 2022.” [Updated Advisory, Office of the Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, [7/27/22](#)]

Texas’ 2021 Six Week Abortion Ban Created A Bounty System Rewarding Private Citizens Who Sued Abortion Providers Or Those Who Helped People Obtain Abortions With A \$10,000 Reward Per Illegal Abortion

Texas’ 2021 Six-Week Abortion Ban Allowed Citizens To Sue Health Care Providers And Others Who Violated The Law By Helping People Obtain Abortions With A \$10,000 Reward Per Illegal Abortion For Successful Lawsuits. “People across the country may soon be able to sue abortion clinics, doctors and anyone helping a woman get an abortion in Texas, under a new state law that contains a legal innovation with broad implications for the American court system. The provision passed the State Legislature this spring as part of a bill that bans abortion after a doctor detects a fetal heartbeat, usually at about six weeks of pregnancy. Many states have passed such bans, but the law in Texas is different. Ordinarily, enforcement would be up to government officials, and if clinics wanted to challenge the law’s constitutionality, they would sue those officials in making their case. But the law in Texas prohibits officials from enforcing it. Instead, it takes the opposite approach, effectively deputizing ordinary citizens — including from outside Texas — to sue clinics and others who violate the law. It awards them at least \$10,000 per illegal abortion if they are successful.” [New York Times, [7/9/21](#)]

- **Texas Tribune: Texas Six Week Abortion Ban Allowed Anyone Who Assists With Or Performs An Abortion To Be Sued By “Almost Anyone.”** “Texas’ new abortion law — which bans abortions at about six weeks from the patient’s last menstrual period — rests on the actions of private citizens to enforce the law, rather than the government. While abortion patients themselves can’t be sued under the new law, anyone who performs or aids with the abortion can be sued — and by almost anyone. Legal experts interviewed by The Texas Tribune have said the law dramatically expands the concept of a civil lawsuit and is aimed at keeping providers from using the constitutional right to an abortion under *Roe v. Wade* as a legal defense.” [Texas Tribune, [9/10/21](#)]
- **Texas Six Week Abortion Ban Radically Expanded Legal Standing To Allow Private Citizens With No Relationship To The Case To Sue Family Members And Drivers Who Help Abortion Patients.** “Legal experts have said the law is a ‘radical expansion’ of standing, which is the legal concept that determines whether one person may sue another, usually in order to get compensation for some sort of injury or harm. The new abortion law requires no such relationship to the case in order to have standing. [...] The patient receiving such an abortion cannot be sued under the law, but everyone who helps that patient can be, including, for example, their doctor, driver or family member who helps pay for the procedure.” [Texas Tribune, [9/10/21](#)]
- **Most Women Do Not Know They Are Pregnant At Six Weeks, When Fetal Cardiac Activity, Which Anti-Choice Legislators Called A “Heartbeat,” Can Become Detectable.** “The term ‘fetal heartbeat,’ as used in the anti-abortion law in Texas, is misleading and not based on science, say physicians who specialize in reproductive health. What the ultrasound machine detects in an embryo at six weeks of pregnancy is actually just electrical activity from cells that aren’t yet a heart. [...] In reality, it would be really hard for a woman to know she’s pregnant before the point at which cardiac activity would be detectable by an ultrasound. She would have to be tracking her periods carefully, have regular periods, notice her period was late and then be able to quickly get an appointment with her doctor to confirm a pregnancy.” [NPR, [9/2/21](#)]
- **The Texas Six Week Abortion Ban Made No Exceptions For Cases Involving Rape Or Incest.** “The law

allows private citizens to sue abortion providers and anyone else who helps a woman obtain an abortion — including those who give a woman a ride to a clinic or provide financial assistance to obtain an abortion. Private citizens who bring these suits don't need to show any connection to those they are suing. The law makes no exceptions for cases involving rape or incest.” [NPR, [9/1/21](#)]

Under Texas’ Six-Week Abortion Ban, The Texas Heartbeat Act, Anyone Who “Aids And Abets” An Abortion After Roughly Six Weeks, Including Health Care Providers, Can Be Fined If Someone Else Brings Civil Action Against Them. “Under another new Texas abortion law, someone who "aids or abets" an abortion after cardiac activity can be detected — typically around six weeks — can be subject to at least a \$10,000 fine per occurrence. Anyone can bring that civil action, posing a quandary for physicians and other providers. How do they follow the latest guidelines when numerous other people — from other medical professionals to friends and family members — can question their intent: Are they helping care for a miscarriage or facilitating an abortion?” [NPR, [5/10/22](#)]

Ciscomani Endorsed Donald Trump, Who Said States Should Have The Right To Monitor Every Woman Who Gets Pregnant In The State To Make Sure They Have Not Had An Illegal Abortion.

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Trump Said States Might Monitor Pregnancies To Track Abortions

HEADLINE: “Trump Says States Might Monitor Pregnancies To Track Abortions.” [CBS News, [4/30/24](#)]

Donald Trump Suggested It Was Up To States Whether To Monitor Women’s Pregnancies To Track Abortions. “When asked by TIME Magazine if states should monitor women's pregnancies to track abortions, former President Donald Trump said: ‘I think they might do that. Again, you'll have to speak to the individual states. Look, Roe v. Wade was all about bringing it back to the states.’ Molly Ball and Brakkton Booker join with analysis.” [CBS News, [4/30/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “Trump Says It’s Up To States Whether To Punish, Monitor Women For Abortions.”
[Washington Post, [4/30/24](#)]

Trump Said That He Would Not Intervene In States Seeking To Monitor Women’s Pregnancies. “Former president Donald Trump said in an interview published Tuesday that he would not intervene in state decisions on abortion policy, including in situations where states seek to monitor women’s pregnancies and prosecute those who violate abortion bans.” [Washington Post, [4/30/24](#)]

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The screenshot shows the RSC website with the following content:

- RSC CHAIRMAN KEVIN HERN**
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- MEMBERSHIP**
- ALABAMA**
 - Rep. Robert B. Aderholt
 - Rep. Jerry L. Carl
 - Rep. Barry Moore
 - Rep. Gary J. Palmer
 - Rep. Mike Rogers
 - Rep. Dale W. Strong
- ARKANSAS**
 - Rep. J. French Hill
 - Rep. Bruce Westerman
- ARIZONA**
 - Rep. Juan Ciscomani
 - Rep. Paul A. Gosar
 - Rep. Debbie Lesko
 - Rep. David Schweikort
- CALIFORNIA**
 - Rep. Mike Garcia
 - Rep. Darrell Issa
 - Rep. Kevin Kiley
 - Rep. Doug LaMalfa
 - Rep. Tom McClintock
 - Rep. Jay Obernolte

[Republican Study Committee, Membership, accessed [7/16/24](#)]

The RSC's Budget Called For Raising The Retirement Age

The RSC's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Proposal Raise The Retirement Age For Social Security

Headline: “Social Security Benefits Targeted For Cuts By House Conservatives.” [Bloomberg, [6/14/23](#)]

The RSC's Budget Called For Raising The Retirement Age For Social Security. The RSC Budget would “[...] make modest adjustments to the retirement age for future retirees to account for increases in life expectancy.” “Every Social Security retirement reform supported by the RSC Budget was previously offered in a bipartisan fashion. For instance, the RSC Budget would make modest changes to the primary insurance amount (PIA) benefit formula for individuals who are not near retirement and earn more than the wealthiest PIA benefit factor. It would also make modest adjustments to the retirement age for future retirees to account for increases in life expectancy. Finally, for these individuals, it would limit and phase out auxiliary benefits for high income earners.” [Republican Study Committee, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, [6/14/23](#)]

- **Roll Call: “The Plan Offered By The 175-Member Republican Study Committee Would Gradually Raise The Age At Which Future Retirees Can Start Claiming Full Social Security Benefits From 67 To 69.”** “The plan offered by the 175-member Republican Study Committee would gradually raise the age at which future retirees can start claiming full Social Security benefits from 67 to 69, a politically fraught proposal that's all but certain to appear in Democratic campaign ads.” [Roll Call, [6/14/23](#)]
- **Roll Call: “The Retirement Age Would Reach 69 For Those Who Turn 62 In 2033.”** “Cline said the group has proposed gradually raising the Social Security retirement age, but not for current retirees or those nearing retirement. He said those now aged 59 would see an increase in the retirement age of three months per year beginning in 2026. The retirement age would reach 69 for those who turn 62 in 2033.” [Roll Call, [6/14/23](#)]

The RSC Budget Would End Medicare's Ability To Negotiate Drug Prices And End Guaranteed Medicare Benefits

RSC Budget Called For Repealing The Inflation Reduction Act

The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Advocated For The “Full Repeal Of The Disastrous Inflation Reduction Act.” “The RSC Budget opposes the price controls enacted by the Inflation Reduction Act. Rather than enact reforms to lower costs through increased competition in the pharmaceutical industry, President Biden and Congressional Democrats have embraced socialist price controls that will limit access to life-saving drugs for those who desperately need them. Several companies have already abandoned research into new cures for drugs treating diseases such as blood cancer and Stargardt disease. According to the University of Chicago, the price-control provisions included in the Inflation Reduction Act would reduce medical research and development spending by as much as 60 percent and result in 342 fewer life-saving medical treatments. As part of the full repeal of the disastrous Inflation Reduction Act, the RSC Budget would ensure continued access to these life-saving treatments by removing these price controls.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices, Capped Out-Of-Pocket Medicare Costs And Lowering Health Care Premiums

The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices. “For the first time in history, Medicare has the ability to directly negotiate the prices of covered prescription drugs due to the Inflation Reduction Act.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Capped Out-Of-Pocket Medicare Costs To \$2,000. “Starting in 2024, there will be a cap on annual out-of-pocket costs in Medicare Part D. In 2025, this annual cap will drop to \$2,000 and will be

indexed annually thereafter. The Inflation Reduction Act also includes other provisions designed to decrease spending for Part D enrollees and taxpayers.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Capped The Cost Of Insulin To \$35 Per Month. “The Inflation Reduction Act caps out-of-pocket spending at \$35 per month’s supply of each insulin product covered under Medicare. These provisions are making insulin more affordable for many people covered by Medicare.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Lowered Premiums For Health Care Plans On HealthCare.gov And State-Based Marketplaces. “The Inflation Reduction Act extends enhanced financial help to purchase plans on HealthCare.gov and State-based Marketplaces, saving enrollees money on their premiums. National estimates show that, on average, consumers receiving tax credits continue to save over \$800 in premiums per year.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]

The RSC Model Would End Guaranteed Medicare Benefits

The RSC Budget Would Implement A Premium Support Model. “To achieve this, the RSC budget would implement a premium support model where private plans would compete with a federal Medicare plan (the ‘Fed Plan’) that would offer the traditional Medicare benefits received through Part A, B, and D.” [Republican Study Committee, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, [6/14/23](#)]

Premium Support Models Shifted Costs Onto Beneficiaries. “In areas where Medicare incurs relatively high costs, the amount of the premium-support payment would equal the cost of a relatively inexpensive private plan, and beneficiaries would have to pay higher premiums to participate in traditional Medicare. In areas with relatively low Medicare spending, beneficiaries who wanted to enroll in a private plan would face higher premiums or fewer benefits, or might find that no private plan was available. [...] The vouchers would purchase less coverage with each passing year, pushing more costs on to beneficiaries. Over time, seniors would have to pay more to keep the health plans and the doctors they like, or they would get fewer benefits.” [Center On Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/28/12](#)]

The RSC Budget Would Cut Taxes By \$175,000 For People Earning More Than \$4.5 Million A Year And Allow The Government To Tax Arizonans’ Healthcare.

The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposed Making The Individual Tax Code Provisions Of The Trump Tax Cuts Permanent

The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Criticized Increasing The Top Corporate Tax Rate. “President Biden has proposed increasing the top corporate tax rate from 21 percent to 28 percent. This would make our corporate tax rate among the most burdensome in the world and drive investment and jobs overseas. In fact, it would be higher and more punitive than that of Communist China (25 percent).” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposed Making The Individual Tax Code Provisions Of Trump’s Tax Scam Permanent. “The RSC Budget would make the individual tax code provisions of the TCJA permanent. This includes important pro-growth features such as lower income tax rates for working families, a broader base that eliminates corrupt special interest carve outs, and tax cuts for small businesses.⁸⁹ As such, the RSC Budget supports Rep. Vern Buchanan’s (FL-R) Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) Permanency Act, which would permanently codify TCJA provisions affecting individual taxpayers and business set to expire at the end of 2025.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

Making The Trump Tax Cuts Permanent Would Cut Taxes By \$175,000 For People Earning More Than \$4.5 Million A Year

White House: Continuation Of Trump Tax Cuts Would Save Those Making More Than \$4.5 Million A Year \$175,000 Per Year. “Their plan would add more than \$3 trillion to deficits over 10 years, while providing tax cuts worth \$175,000 per year to the top 0.1 percent of Americans that have incomes over \$4.5 million.” [White House, [3/7/24](#)]

Extending Trump’s Tax Cuts Would Save The Average Taxpayer In The Top 1% Nearly \$26,000 In The First Year. “[E]xtending the Trump tax cuts would create a windfall for the top 5 percent of income earners, who would receive nearly 40 percent of the benefits in the first year alone, making this legislation one of the most regressive and expensive tax giveaways in history. The average taxpayer in the top 1 percent would save nearly \$26,000 in just that first year.” [United States Senate Committee On The Budget, [5/15/23](#)]

Tax Policy Center: “Making TCJA’s Individual Income Tax Permanent Could Cost \$3.5 Trillion.” “In its latest analysis released this week, the Congressional Budget Office estimated the total cost of extending the individual income tax portions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act to \$3.5 trillion over ten years, from 2024 through 2033. Most of the TCJA’s individual income tax provisions will expire at the end of 2025.” [Tax Policy Center, [5/18/23](#)]

Extending The 2017 GOP Tax Cuts Would Disproportionally Benefit The Richest Americans. “In 2026 the poorest fifth of Americans would receive just 1 percent of that total while the richest fifth of Americans would receive nearly two-thirds of that total. The richest 20 percent would receive 63 percent of the tax cuts in 2026 and the richest 5 percent alone would receive nearly 40 percent of the tax cuts.” [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, [5/4/23](#)]

Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: Extending The 2017 GOP Tax Cuts “Would Provide More Tax Breaks To The Richest 5 Percent Of Americans Than It Would Provide To The Bottom 80 Percent Of Americans.” “The TCJA Permanency Act would provide more tax breaks to the richest 5 percent of Americans than it would provide to the bottom 80 percent of Americans. The richest 5 percent would receive \$112.6 billion in total tax cuts in 2026 compared to \$104.6 billion for the bottom 80 percent.” [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, [5/4/23](#)]

Republican Study Committee Budget Caps The Tax Exclusion On Healthcare, Allowing Healthcare To Be Taxed At Certain Levels

Headline: “GOP Budget Would Cap Tax Exclusion For Employer-Provided Healthcare.” “A new budget proposal from a large group of House Republicans would, among other health policy changes, cap the employee tax exclusion for employer-provided healthcare benefits. The proposal comes from the Republican Study Committee (RSC), a bloc that includes most Republicans in the House, including every member of House leadership. ... The RSC proposal argues that the employee tax exclusion for employer-provided healthcare promotes job lock and lower wages and “has prevented the organic development of a competitive, transparent, and accessible health care market.” Instead of repealing the exclusion entirely, however, the RSC proposes to cap the exclusion at an unspecified level and extend the same tax treatment to everyone regardless of where they purchase coverage. The Alliance to Fight for Health Care, a broad-based coalition initially formed to oppose the Affordable Care Act’s (ACA) now-repealed “Cadillac” tax on employer coverage and of which Mercer is a member, blasted the RSC proposal. It is deeply concerning that the RSC has proposed to tax the health care of working Americans to fund other spending priorities, the group said in a statement. [Mercer, [4/4/24](#)]