For pressing races across the country, the AAUW Action Fund Head-to-Head Voter Guides provide nonpartisan information about candidates’ positions on issues like equal pay, education, and civil rights. Blank templates are provided for AAUW Affiliates and Branches with a 501 c4 status to help support non partisan voter education.

These guides are provided as a public service and are not intended to be an endorsement of any candidate or political party. No AAUW policy position is implied by the descriptions of these issues.

Policy Position Terms



**2024 Candidate Research**

**Head-to-Head Voter Guides**

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 Research candidate positions on each issue, relying only on publicly accessible information from official sources (see below).

Three Steps to Complete a Head-to-Head Voter Guide

 Send the completed guide to the campaign via email (prior to publication).

 Share with AAUW at [policy@aauw.org](mailto:policy@aauw.org)

How to Research Candidates

Candidates’ positions on the issues are determined using publicly accessible and published information from the candidate’s own campaign, legislative record and other credible sources.

Where to find information:

 Legislative records (if incumbent), found on [Congress.gov](http://congress.gov/) or a state legislature’s website, including votes and co-sponsorship

 Public statements, including press releases and content on the candidate’s social media

 Campaign position papers and statements, found on the candidate’s campaign website

 Independent news media, for interviews and verified quotes

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**Oppose**: Candidate has explicitly stated their opposition to this policy position on the record with no ambiguity, through statements and/or votes.

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AAUW Election Resources

[**It’s My Vote!**](https://www.aauw.org/itsmyvote)**:** the AAUW Action Fund voter engagement campaign hub.

**AAUW Action Fund** [**website**](https://www.aauwaction.org/): where all election resources are provided for voters.

**Congressional Voting Guide (CVR):** see where members of Congress stand on key issues. *(Stay tuned early October for the 118th Congress.)*

# [Insert Race – e.g. “Candidates for FL-05 Congressional Election”] Published: [MM/DD/YY]

[Candidate Name] [D/R] [Challenger]

Education

Economic Security

Civil Rights

Where the candidates stand on:

[Candidate Name] [D/R] [Incumbent]

Supporting strengthened Title IX protections for student survivors of sexual assault, pregnant students, and LGBTQ+ students

Protecting diversity, equity, & inclusion programs in higher education

Increasing funding for college affordability programs like Pell Grants, and student loan cancelation programs

Strengthening existing employment discrimination laws aimed at promoting pay equity; support for the Paycheck Fairness Act

Supporting a national paid family and medical leave program; support for the FAMILY Act

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Ensuring access to contraception and abortion care

Strengthening legal protections against discriminatory voting policies & practices; support for John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act

Supporting constitutional equity regardless of sex, support publication of the Equal Rights Amendment

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