


## NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE FOR VIRGINIA SENATE RACE

<p>For more detailed information on candidate positions visit their respective pages at <a href="http://VotSMART.org">VotSMART.org</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">Mark Warner</a> VoteSmart pages <a href="#">Ed Gillespie</a> VoteSmart pages <a href="#">Robert Sarvis</a> VoteSmart pages</p>	<p><b>Mark Warner (Incumbent-D)</b></p> 	<p><b>Ed Gillespie (R)</b></p> 	<p><b>Robert Sarvis Libertarian</b></p> 
<b>Budget:</b> Did you support raising the Federal debt ceiling with no strings attached?	Yes	No	Unknown
<b>Budget:</b> Do you support a Constitutional Balanced Budget Amendment?	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Campaign Finance:</b> Do you support the DISCLOSE Act, which would require key funders of political ads to put their names on those ads?	Yes	No	Unknown
<b>Campaign Finance:</b> Do you support the Supreme Court's <i>Citizens United</i> decision, which allowed unlimited independent political expenditures by corporations and unions?	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Economy:</b> Do you support raising the minimum wage?	Yes	No	No
<b>Economy:</b> Do you support extending unemployment benefits beyond 26 weeks?	Yes	Unknown	No
<b>Economy:</b> Do you support the Dodd-Frank act, which established the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and sought to increase regulation of Wall Street corporations and other financial institutions?	Yes	No	Unknown
<b>Economy:</b> Do you support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?	Yes	No	No
<b>Education:</b> Do you support refinancing of student loans at lower rates, paid for by increasing taxes on income over a million dollars?	Yes	Unknown	Unknown
<b>Environment:</b> Do you believe that human activity is a major factor contributing to climate change?	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Environment:</b> Do you support government action to limit the levels of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere?	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Environment:</b> Do you support government mandates and/or subsidies for renewable energy?	Yes	Unknown. Has lobbied against increased auto mileage standards.	No
<b>Gay Marriage:</b> Do you support gay marriage?	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Gun Control:</b> Do you support enacting more restrictive gun control legislation?	Yes	No	No

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<b>Healthcare:</b> Do you support repealing the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare?	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Healthcare:</b> Did you support shutting down the federal government in order to defund Obamacare in 2013?	No	Yes	No
<b>Immigration:</b> Do you support the D.R.E.A.M. Act, which Would allow children brought into the country illegally to achieve legal status if they've graduated from high school, have a clean legal record, and attend college or serve in the military?	Yes	Unknown	No
<b>Immigration:</b> Do you support the comprehensive immigration plan passed by the Senate in 2013, which includes a pathway to citizenship and increased funding for border security?	Yes	Yes	Unknown
<b>Iraq:</b> Should the US recommit troops to Iraq to combat the rise in insurgency?	Unknown. Wants to "keep all options on the table."	Unknown	No
<b>Marijuana:</b> Do you support efforts to decriminalize and/or legalize marijuana?	Unknown, though says his views have changed	Unknown	Supports decriminalization
<b>Social Issues:</b> Should abortion be highly restricted?	No	Yes	No
<b>Social Issues:</b> Should employers be able to withhold contraceptive coverage from employees if they disagree with it morally?	No	Yes	Unknown
<b>Social Issues:</b> Should Planned Parenthood receive public funds for non-abortion health services?	Yes	No	Unknown
<b>Social Security:</b> Do you support partial privatization of Social Security?	No	Yes	Unknown
<b>Taxes:</b> Have you signed the Americans for Tax Reform Pledge to oppose any tax increases to raise revenue? <sup>1</sup>	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Taxes:</b> Would you increase taxes on corporations and/or high-income individuals to pay for public services?	Yes	No	No

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<sup>1</sup> The answer to this question is taken from the database of signatories of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, created by Americans for Tax Reform ([www.atr.org](http://www.atr.org)). Signers to the pledge promise to oppose "any and all tax increases" meant to generate additional revenue