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## Austin Smith

Arizona

Representative, HD-029 (R)

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## AZ Legislative Scorecard 2024

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

★ Constitutional	✗ Unconstitutional	? Did not Vote	Vote
★			YES
1. <b>HB2375 Prohibit Guaranteed Income Programs (Passed 31 to 28 on 2/22/2024).</b> Prohibits a municipality or a county from establishing or enforcing a guaranteed income program.			★
			NO
2. <b>SB1039 Government Intrusion in Private College (Passed 50 to 8 on 4/4/2024).</b> Extends the State Board for Private Postsecondary Education for eight more years, until July 1, 2032. The Board is responsible for licensing and regulating private vocational and degree programs, investigating complaints, and managing the Student Tuition Recovery Fund.			★
			YES
3. <b>HB2843 Personal Defense (Passed 31 to 28 on 2/22/2024).</b> Broadens the meaning of "premises" to include any kind of property or structure, whether it's movable or fixed, permanent or temporary, occupied or not. It also clarifies when physical or deadly force can be used to defend against trespassing and act in self-defense outside of one's home.			★
			YES
4. <b>HB2629 Victims of Communism Day (Passed 33 to 26 on 2/22/2024).</b> Designates November 7 as Victims of Communism Day. High school American government courses must include at least 45 minutes of instruction on the history of global communist regimes, covering figures like Mao Zedong, Joseph Stalin, and Fidel Castro.			★
			YES
5. <b>HB2788 United Nations' Agenda 2030 Ban (Passed 31 to 28 on 2/28/2024).</b> Prevents Arizona from using public funds to adopt, implement, or enforce the goals set by the United Nations in its 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.			★
			NO
6. <b>HB2677 Repeal Abortion Ban (Passed 32 to 28 on 4/24/2024).</b> Removes the punishment of 2-5 years in prison for anyone who causes a miscarriage that isn't needed to save the woman's life.			★

**Scorecard Votes: 100%**

# Why do these votes matter?

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## 1. Prohibit Guaranteed Income Programs

HB2375 prohibits a municipality or a county from establishing or enforcing a guaranteed income program.

The Arizona State House of Representatives passed HB2375 on February 22, 2024 by a vote of 31 to 28. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the concept of a “guaranteed income” relies on the immoral and anti-constitutional act of government-imposed theft disguised as taxation, which takes from citizens the wages they have rightfully earned. This manifestly socialist wealth-redistribution scheme violates both the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment.

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## 2. Government Intrusion in Private College

SB1039 extends the State Board for Private Postsecondary Education for eight more years. The Board is responsible for licensing and regulating private vocational and degree programs, investigating complaints, and managing the Student Tuition Recovery Fund.

The Arizona State House of Representatives passed SB1039 on April 4, 2024 by a vote of 50 to 8. We have assigned pluses to the nays because extending the State Board for Private Postsecondary Education introduces unnecessary bureaucratic oversight and increased government involvement in private institutions. This additional regulation imposes constraints on private educational institutions and extends government control.

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## 3. Personal Defense

HB2843 broadens the meaning of "premises" to include any kind of property or structure, whether it's movable or fixed, permanent or temporary, occupied or not. It also clarifies when physical or deadly force can be used to defend against trespassing and act in self-defense outside of one's home.

The Arizona State House of Representatives passed HB2843 on February 22, 2024 by a vote of 31 to 28. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because it upholds the fundamental right to defend oneself and one's property, as protected under the Second, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution. It reinforces these constitutional protections by ensuring that individuals can effectively safeguard their property against unlawful intrusion and defend their personal safety.

## 4. Victims of Communism Day

HB2629, vetoed by the Governor, designates November 7 as Victims of Communism Day, a non-legal holiday. Schools must observe this day on the nearest school day if it falls on a non-school day. The State Board of Education (SBE) would create a recommended list of resources for teaching the history of communist regimes and set up a process for schools to suggest additional materials. High school American government courses must include at least 45 minutes of instruction on the history of global communist regimes.

The Arizona State House of Representatives passed HB2629 on February 22, 2024 by a vote of 33 to 26. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because communism is dangerous, centralizing power, leading to authoritarian rule, and suppressing individual freedoms—values our Founders opposed. It causes economic failure and poverty, and stifles innovation. History shows communist regimes undermine liberty, and lead to oppression. This legislation counters school indoctrination by exposing communism's dangers and the costs of resisting it, as seen in the experiences of John Birch and others.

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## 5. United Nations' Agenda 2030 Ban

HB2788 prevents Arizona from using public funds to adopt, implement, or enforce the goals set by the United Nations in its 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Arizona State House of Representatives passed HB2788 on February 28, 2024 by a vote of 31 to 28. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill protects national and state sovereignty and local control. It prevents international goals and regulations from encroaching on state and local policies, thus safeguarding individual freedoms and limiting federal and international overreach. By blocking the adoption of the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the bill helps resist unconstitutional globalist agendas and preserve American independence.

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## 6. Repeal Abortion Ban

HB2677 removes the punishment of 2-5 years in prison for anyone who causes a miscarriage that isn't needed to save the woman's life.

The Arizona State House of Representatives passed HB2677 on April 24, 2024 by a vote of 32 to 28. We have assigned pluses to the nays because Arizona should act to prohibit the practice of abortion entirely and secure the right to life for all persons. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the 5th and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.