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Sen. Robert Torricelli

Former Senator for New Jersey

Torricelli was a senator from [New Jersey](#) and was a Democrat. He served from 1997 to 2002.

He was previously the representative for [New Jersey](#)'s 9th congressional district as a Democrat from 1983 to 1996.



Misconduct

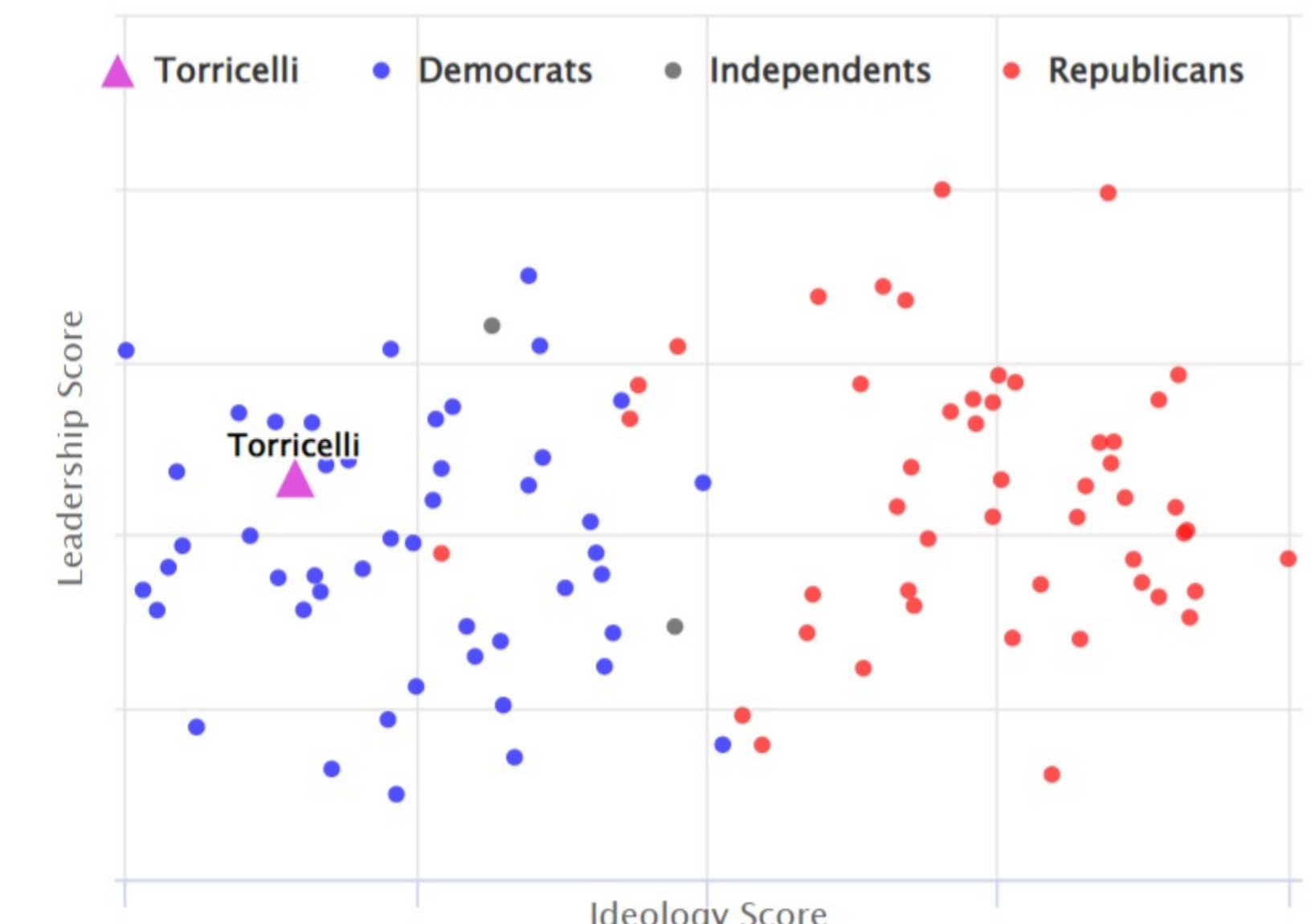
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Analysis

Ideology–Leadership Chart

Torricelli is shown as a purple triangle ▲ in our ideology-leadership chart below. Each dot was a member of the Senate in 2002 positioned according to our ideology score (left to right) and our leadership score (leaders are toward the top).



The chart is based on the bills Torricelli sponsored and cosponsored from Jan 7, 1997 to Nov 20, 2002. See full [analysis methodology](#).

Enacted Legislation

Torricelli was the primary sponsor of 6 bills that were enacted:

- [S. 1026 \(107th\): A bill to designate the United States Post Office located at 60 Third Avenue in Long Branch, New Jersey, as the “Pat King Post Office Building”.](#)
- [S. 1771 \(107th\): A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 65 North Main Street in Cranbury, New Jersey, as the “Todd Beamer Post ...](#)
- [S. 302 \(106th\): A bill for the relief of Kerantha Poole-Christian.](#)
- [S. 985 \(105th\): A bill to designate the post office located at 194 Ward Street in Patterson, New Jersey, as the “Larry Doby Post Office”.](#)
- [H.R. 3775 \(98th\): A bill to recognize the organization known as the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Incorporated.](#)
- [H.J.Res. 200 \(98th\): A joint resolution designating March 21, 1984, as “National Single Parent Day”.](#)

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Does 6 not sound like a lot? Very few bills are ever enacted — most legislators sponsor only a handful that are signed into law. But there are other legislative activities that we don’t track that are also important, including offering amendments, committee work and oversight of the other branches, and constituent services.

We consider a bill enacted if one of the following is true: a) it is enacted itself, b) it has a companion bill in the other chamber (as identified by Congress) which was enacted, or c) if at least about half of its provisions were incorporated into bills that were enacted (as determined by an automated text analysis, applicable beginning with bills in the 110th Congress).

Bills Sponsored

Issue Areas

Torricelli sponsored bills primarily in these issue areas:

- [Government Operations and Politics](#) (22%)
- [Economics and Public Finance](#) (14%)
- [Commerce](#) (13%)
- [Health](#) (13%)
- [Law](#) (12%)
- [Crime and Law Enforcement](#) (11%)
- [Science, Technology, Communications](#) (8%)
- [Social Welfare](#) (7%)

Recently Introduced Bills

Torricelli recently introduced the following legislation:

- [S. 2991 \(107th\): A bill for the relief of Sharif Kesbeh, Asmaa Sharif Kesbeh, Batool ...](#)
- [S.Con.Res. 139 \(107th\): A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that there should be ...](#)
- [S. 2923 \(107th\): Infertility Research Centers Act of 2002](#)
- [S. 2836 \(107th\): A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on manganese metal.](#)
- [S. 2871 \(107th\): Act to Save America’s Forests](#)
- [S. 2851 \(107th\): A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase ...](#)
- [S. 2852 \(107th\): A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide ...](#)

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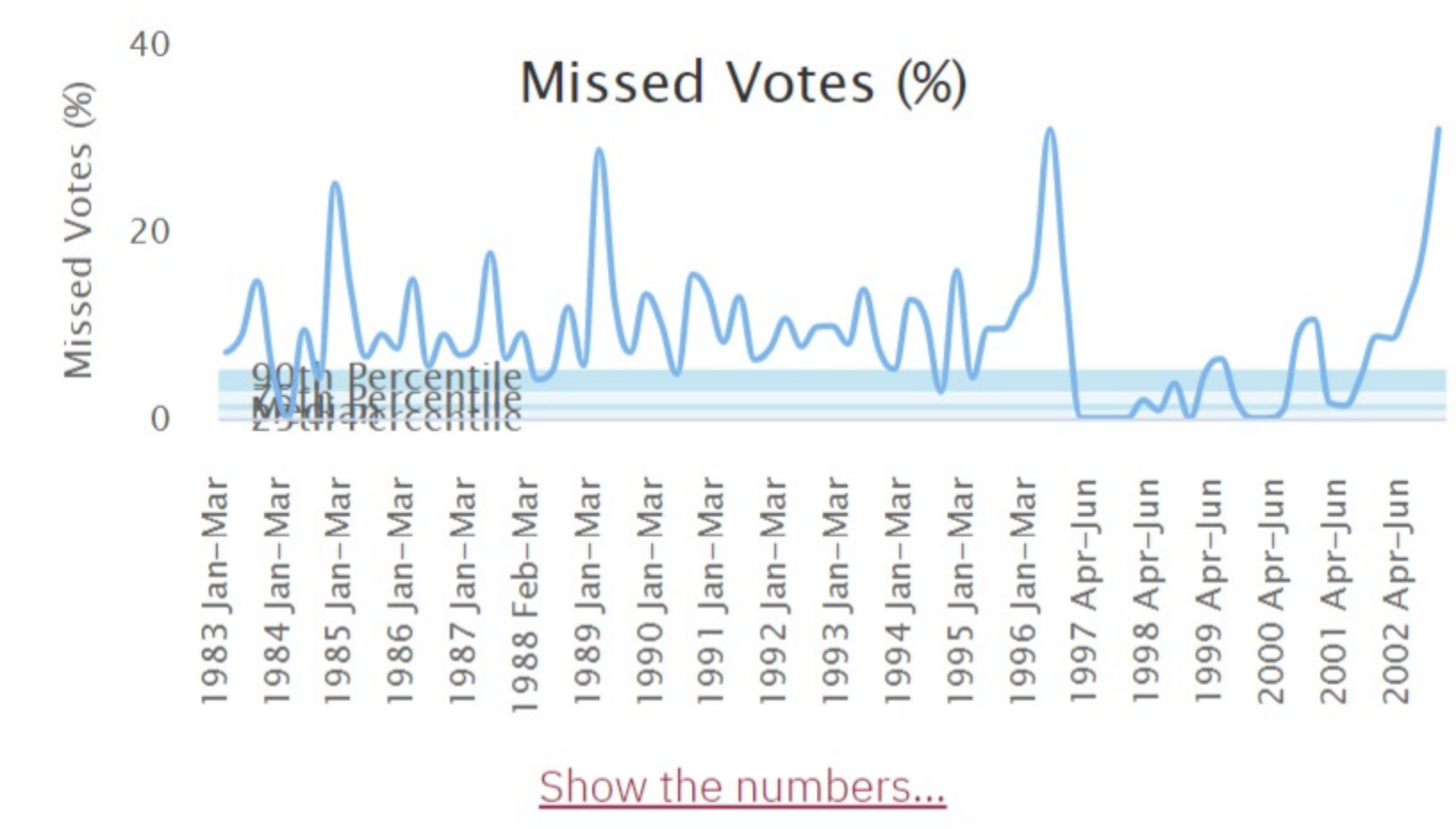
Most legislation has no activity after being introduced.

Voting Record

Missed Votes

From Jan 1997 to Nov 2002, Torricelli missed 83 of 1,917 roll call votes, which is 4.3%. This is much worse than the median of 1.8% among the lifetime records of senators serving in Nov 2002. The chart below reports missed votes over time.

We don’t track why legislators miss votes, but it’s often due to medical absences, major life events, and running for higher office.



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Primary Sources

The information on this page is originally sourced from a variety of materials, including:

- [unitedstates/congress-legislators](#), a community project gathering congressional information
- The [House](#) and [Senate](#) websites, for committee membership and voting records
- [United States Congressional Roll Call Voting Records, 1789-1990](#) by Howard L. Rosenthal and Keith T. Poole.
- Martis’s “The Historical Atlas of Political Parties in the United States Congress”, via Keith Poole’s roll call votes data set, for political party affiliation for Members of Congress from 1789 through about year 2000
- [Congressional Pictorial Directory](#) for the photo
- [GovInfo.gov](#), for sponsored bills

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