PROJECT PROPOSAL: STATE LEGISLATURE ACCOUNTABILITY DATABASE

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A 2013 Gallup poll found that only 35% percent of all respondents surveyed knew the name of one of their national congressional representatives

Purpose



Reasonable to assume they do not know their state representatives or how their representatives are performing in office



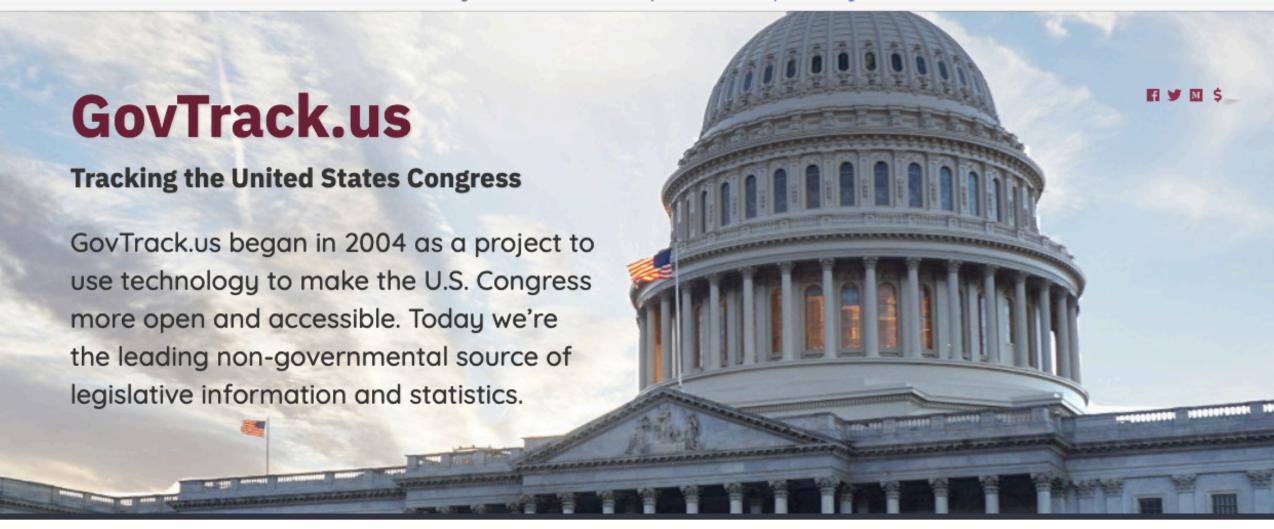
Implications for election turnout and results

WHAT WE HAVE ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Purpose

- Legislative accountability websites exist on the federal level through sites like govtrack.us
 - User-friendly
 - Lots of information in one place
 - Multiple search methods

Still looking for information about the impeachment? See Impeachment.guide.



Find your representative and senators:

Enter your home address:

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Find legislation that affects you:

Select a subject area to search and get alerts:

Select Issue Area





Sen. John Cornyn

Senate Majority Whip and Senator for Texas

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▼ Track Him

Contact Him

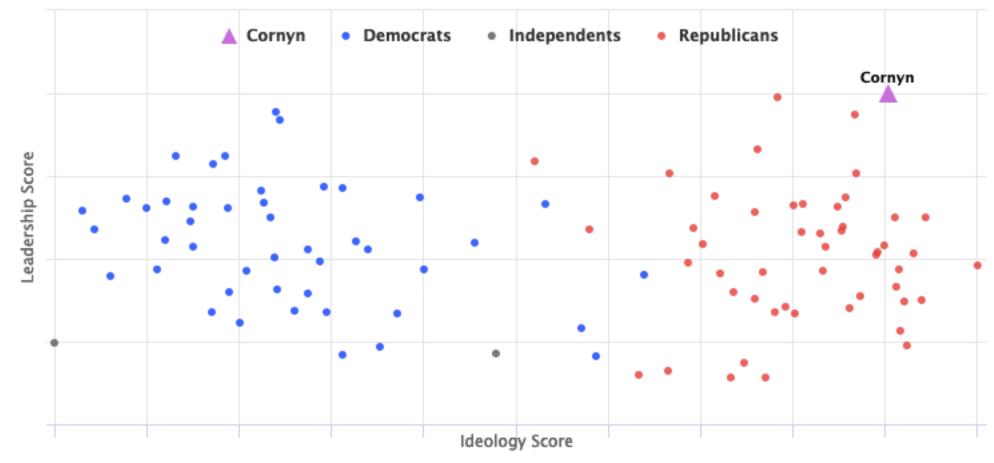
Cornyn is the senior senator from <u>Texas</u> and is a <u>Republican</u>. He has <u>served since</u> Nov 30, 2002. Cornyn is <u>next up for reelection</u> in 2020.

He is also Senate Majority Whip, a party leadership role. Party leaders focus more on setting their party's legislative priorties than on introducing legislation.



Ideology-Leadership Chart

Cornyn is shown as a purple triangle A in our ideology-leadership chart below. Each dot is a member of the Senate positioned according to our liberal—conservative ideology score (left to right) and our leadership score (leaders are toward the top).



The chart is based on the bills Cornyn has sponsored and cosponsored from Jan 6, 2015 to Feb 24, 2020. See full analysis methodology.

Ratings from Advocacy Organizations

Americans for Prosperity: 94% United States Chamber of Commerce: 90% FreedomWorks: 76%

The Club for Growth: 58% NumbersUSA: 56% League of Conservation Voters: 7%

American Civil Liberties Union: 5% [Human Rights Campaign: 0%] [NIAC Action: F

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws: F Planned Parenthood Action Fund: 0%

Committee Membership

John Cornyn sits on the following committees:

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control Chair

Senate Committee on Finance

International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness subcommittee Chair

Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, Taxation and IRS Oversight subcommittees

Senate Committee on the Judiciary

Border Security and Immigration subcommittee Chair

the Constitution, Crime and Terrorism, Intellectual Property subcommittees

Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

Enacted Legislation

Cornyn was the primary sponsor of 41 bills that were enacted. The most recent include:

S. 457: President George H.W. Bush and First Spouse Barbara Bush Coin Act

Bills Sponsored

Issue Areas

Cornyn sponsors bills primarily in these issue areas:

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Crime and Law Enforcement (26%) Taxation (14%)

Government Operations and Politics (14%) International Affairs (12%)

Armed Forces and National Security (10%) Science, Technology, Communications (9%)

Transportation and Public Works (8%) Health (8%)
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Recent Bills

Some of Cornyn's most recently sponsored bills include...

S. 3325: PARENTS Act of 2020

S. 3312: Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Act of 2020

S. 3283: A bill to amend part D of title IV of the Social Security ...

S. 3250: DHS Opioid Detection Resilience Act of 2020

S. 3199: Border Patrol Pay Security Act of 2020

S. 3008: Service-Disabled Veterans Small Business Continuation Act

S. 2972: Uighur Intervention and Global Humanitarian Unified Response and Protection Act of 2019

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As Senate Majority Whip, Cornyn may be focused on his responsibilities other than introducing legislation, such as setting the chamber's agenda, uniting his party, and brokering deals.

Voting Record

Key Votes

Cornyn voted Yea

H.J.Res. 31: Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 Conference Report Agreed to 83/16 on Feb 14, 2019.

This bill, in its final form, funded the parts of the federal government whose funding was to lapse on February 15, 2019. On December 22, ...

Cornyn voted Yea

On the Nomination PN1642: Mark Jeremy Bennett, of Hawaii, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit

Nomination Confirmed 72/27 on Jul 10, 2018.

WHAT WE HAVE ON THE STATE LEVEL

Texas House of Representatives

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Bills

Authored/Sponsored 86th Legislature:

Authored (including Joint)

Co-Authored ₽

Sponsored (including Joint)

Co-Sponsored ₽

Committees:

Defense & Veterans' Affairs

Natural Resources

District Analyses:

District Profile Reports

Population Analysis

School Districts

Cities and CDPs

Precincts within Districts

Election Analysis

ZIP Codes by District

Counties Represented:

Dallas (part)

District:

District Map

Data

- The data are public, but accessing information is difficult for the average casual user and statistics are siloed
- capitol.tx.gov is the most comprehensive resource but is not userfriendly
 - Representative pages:
 - List recent bills but not recent votes
 - No advocacy group information
 - Doesn't even list basic information like party affiliation

Proposal

■ Use the data available on the existing Texas legislative website to create a database which will power a site with the usability and accessibility of govtrack for the Texas legislature

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