

Rep. Marsha W. Blackburn (R-TN)

Red Flags:

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Blackburn Said There Are Things Donald Trump Should Have Said Differently Or Not Have Said At All And Criticized A Number Of Comments Trump Made During The Campaign. (MSNBC, "[MSNBC Live](#)" 9/28/16)

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Blackburn Does Not Believe In The Theory Of Evolution. (Roger Harrabin, "Pope Unlikely To Sway Top US Critics On Climate," [BBC](#) 9/24/15)

BACKGROUND

Personal Information:

Marsha Wedgeworth Blackburn

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Education:

Mississippi State University, BS, 1973

Starkville, MS ([Mississippi State](#), Accessed 11/28/16)

Work Experience:

2003 – Present: U.S. House Of Representatives, Congresswoman, 7th District ([U.S. House](#) Accessed 11/28/16)

1998 – 2002: Tennessee State Senate, Senator, 23rd District ([Mississippi State](#) Accessed 11/28/16)

1995 – 1997: Tennessee Film, Entertainment, and Music Commission, Executive Director ([Mississippi State](#) Accessed 11/28/16)

1978 – Present: Marketing Strategies Inc., Owner ([Mississippi State](#), Accessed 11/28/16)

1975 – 1978: Mercantile Stores Inc., Caster Knott Co. Division, Director of Retail Fashion and Special Events ([Mississippi State](#), Accessed 11/28/16)

1973 – 1975: Times Mirror Inc., Sales Manager ([Mississippi State](#) Accessed 11/28/16)

Early 1970s: Southwestern Company, Salesperson ([Mississippi State](#) Accessed 11/28/16)

QUESTIONS FOR MARSHA BLACKBURN

Political Vulnerabilities

FEC Compliant

Background: In 2008, a Washington, D.C.-based “good government group” filed a federal election commission alleging Blackburn’s campaign and her treasurer violated federal campaign finance law. The complaint was formally dismissed.

- **Are there any discrepancies and unknown issues surrounding the inquiry into the possibility you committed campaign finance violations in 2008?**
- **Are there any other similar predicaments that could surface should you join the administration?**

Criticisms of President-elect

Background: Blackburn has criticized some of the statements made by the President-elect during the campaign.

- **Given the tumultuous nature of this campaign season, would you commit to standing by the President-elect and expressing full public support for his agenda during the time you would serve in the administration?**
- **Do you have any specific reservations to putting full support behind the President-elect’s issues agenda and policy platform?**

Business Conflict of Interests

Background: Blackburn owns and operates a promotion-event and management consulting company.

- **Would there be any immediate conflicts of interests from your current consulting business should you join the administration?**
- **Would you agree to temporarily cease involvement with your consulting firm during the duration of your time in the administration?**

Policy Questions

Supported of Current U.S. Trade Agreements

Background: Blackburn voted for and supported several of President Obama’s free trade agreements, including those with Colombia, Panama, and South Korea. Blackburn also voted in support of granting President Obama trade promotion authority which was seen as the first step of Obama passing TPP.

- **Are you willing to support the President-elect’s plan to renegotiate the majority of the U.S. foreign trade agreements, or completely pull out of them?**
- **Are you willing to assist in renegotiation efforts of certain trade agreements if called upon by the President-elect?**

General Department of Labor Policy

- **What is your general philosophy when it comes to the government’s role in ensuring worker’s protections and rights?**
 - **Do you believe U.S. businesses are over-regulated or under-regulated when it comes to labor policy/workers protections?**

- Do you believe as the potential leader for labor regulatory policy you could strike the proper balance needed to both protect American workers while also helping stimulate U.S.-based businesses?
- What is your position on the Obama administration's new overtime rule, which raised the salary threshold requiring overtime pay for those who work over 40 hours a week?
- Can you identify specific labor regulations or areas of focus that you believe need some sort of reform?
- Even if the administration looks to minimize the DOL's role in the U.S. economy, will you still be able to abide by DOL's responsibilities to investigate specific worker's rights violations and ensure worker's safety?

General Department of Energy Policy Questions

- How would you prioritize diversity in our energy portfolio, and what energy source do you think has the most potential for growth?
- What is your position on the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline, and how would you proceed in suggesting and approving future pipelines?
- Would you place an emphasis on research and development into renewable energy, or would your department focus on existing energy sources?
- The current Secretary of Energy Ernie Moniz played a critical role in the negotiations behind the Iran nuclear deal. Since the National Nuclear Security Administration is a component of the Department of Energy, what role do you see for your department in developing, implanting, and enforcing future nuclear accords?
- Would you suggest maintaining ratification of the Paris Agreement and continue pursuing international agreements regarding greenhouse gases, or would you take a different approach?
- The Department of Energy oversees removal of materials that could potentially be used to construct weapons of mass destruction, such as enriched uranium. What region or material would you prioritize, and how would you work with the international community or partners to achieve this goal?
- With regards to the national labs overseen by the Department of Energy, what priority would you place on financing new infrastructure for the facilities so that they can be up to date and secure?

TRUMP-PENCE CRITICISM

Blackburn Has Expressed Regret Over Some Of Trump's More Controversial Statements

Marsha Blackburn Said There Are Things Donald Trump Should Have Said Differently Or Maybe Not Said At All. BLACKBURN: "There are things that Donald Trump has said that I wish he had said differently or maybe not said, but I have to tell you Hallie, that I am a lot less worried about what he says and much more worried about what Hilary Clinton does or will do." (MSNBC, "[MSNBC Live](#)" 9/28/16)

Marsha Blackburn Said It Was Not Helpful To Call A Woman Miss Piggy. JACKSON: "So calling a Woman Miss Piggy, having this story come out, how does that help him appeal to that demographic?" BLACKBURN: "It is not helpful and there are some things that can be less than helpful, I'm certain Hillary

Clinton right now is thinking maybe I should have not have been so vindictive toward some of those woman.” (MSNBC, “[MSNBC Live](#)” 9/28/16)

Blackburn Said Donald Trump’s Response To Disavow David Duke Was Not An Acceptable Answer. TAPPER: “I asked Donald Trump three times if he would disavow the support of David Duke and the Ku Klux Klan. He did not, and he said he didn’t know enough about them. Is that an acceptable answer to you?” BLACKBURN: “To me, that would not be an acceptable answer. I think that should have been an easy answer for him to give, but I’m not somebody that’s advising Donald Trump,” (CNN s “[State Of The Union](#)” 2/28/16)

Blackburn Said The Trump Campaign Needs To Clearly Present His Vision For The Country In Order To Garner More Support. “I think it is such a miniscule amount at this point, maybe 3 percent of the people in the party that are saying that they won’t support Mr. Trump,’ she said. ‘Some of those, you know, maybe they were in it for themselves or they just felt they had been in charge for a long time and that it was important to them to kind of keep that control.’ Blackburn said the Trump campaign needs to clearly present his vision for the country in order to garner more support.” (Julie Grace Brufke, “Marsha Blackburn Calls Trump A ‘Problem Solver, Confident He Will Unite The Party,” [Daily Caller](#) 7/20/16)

Blackburn Said She Will Still Vote For Donald Trump Despite His Comments About Women. “Marsha Blackburn will not defend Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump’s comments about women made public over the weekend, but says she will still vote for him in November.” (J.R. Lind, “Marsha Blackburn Condemns Donald Trump But Won t Drop Support,” [Brentwood Patch](#) 11/28/16)

CHAIRMAN/ RNC COMMENTS

No Relevant Records Found.

GENERAL CONTROVERSY

Criminal History

No Records Found. (Lexis, Accessed 11/28/16)

Criminal Filings - 0 records found

Bankruptcy

No Records Found. (Lexis, Accessed 11/28/16)

Bankruptcy Information - 0 records found

Liens

No Records Found. (Lexis, Accessed 11/28/16)

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FEC Complaint

In 2008, A Washington, D.C.-Based “Good Government Group” Filed A Federal Election Commission Alleging Blackburn’s Campaign And Her Treasurer Violated Federal Campaign Finance Law. “A Washington, D.C.-based good government group filed a complaint Wednesday with the Federal Election Commission alleging Congressman Marsha Blackburn’s campaign and her treasurer violated federal campaign finance law.” (“FEC Complaint Filed Against Blackburn,” [The Nashville City Paper](#), 6/12/08)

The Group, Citizens For Responsibility And Ethics In Washington (CREW), Said Blackburn Failed To Report More Than \$100,000 In Contributions And About \$286,000 In Spending Dating Back To 2002. “Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) said Blackburn (R-Brentwood) violated campaign finance law through failing to report more than \$100,000 in contributions and about \$286,000 in spending dating back to 2002.” (“FEC Complaint Filed Against Blackburn,” [The Nashville City Paper](#), 6/12/08)

In Response To The Complaint, Blackburn’s Campaign Issued A Statement Saying That The Campaign Began A “Self-Initiated” Reconciliation Of Campaign Accounts, And “Confirmed That All Funds Were Properly Raised And Properly Spent. “In response to the complaint, the Blackburn campaign issued a written statement saying, ‘all funds were properly raised and properly spent.’ ‘Rep. Blackburn, in holding her campaign to a strict ethical standard, self-initiated a reconciliation of her campaign accounts,’ campaign spokeswoman Darcy Anderson said in a statement. ‘The reconciliation confirmed that all funds were properly raised and properly spent. She is confident that FEC review of those records will agree with this assessment.’” (“FEC Complaint Filed Against Blackburn,” [The Nashville City Paper](#), 6/12/08)

The FEC Complaint Against Blackburn Was Subsequently Dismissed. “A Federal Election Commission complaint against U.S. Rep. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., filed by a Germantown woman and a good-government watchdog group, has been dismissed. ‘I’m very sorry to hear that,’ said Barbara Kaye Ginsberg, a resident of the 7th Congressional district since 1977. ‘I really believe she misused funds.’ Blackburn said Thursday that the complaint was ‘baseless,’ and that the FEC signed off on her campaign committee’s ‘transparent reconciliation.’ ‘It makes all the sense in the world that it would be dismissed,’ she said.” (Bartholomew Sullivan, “Blackburn Complaint Cleared,” [The Commercial Appeal](#), 2/13/09)

CONTROVERSIAL POLICY STANCES/STATEMENTS

Veterans Affairs Accountability

Blackburn Voted In Favor Of H.R. 1994, The VA Accountability Act Of 2015. “Congressman Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) today joined her House colleagues in approving legislation to improve accountability at the Department of Veterans Affairs and ensure our nation’s Veterans receive the care they deserve. H.R. 1994, the VA Accountability Act of 2015, would provide the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) increased flexibility in removing VA employees for performance misconduct. H.R. 1994 would strengthen accountability and performance for VA Senior Executive Service (SES) employees. It would also provide improved protections for whistleblowers including restricting bonus awards for supervisors who retaliate against whistleblowers.” (Press Release, “Blackburn Supports Effort To Improve Care For Tennessee Veterans,” [Rep. Marsha Blackburn](#) 7/29/15)

In A Press Release, Blackburn Said It Was “Outrageous” That Only Three People Had Been Fired From The VA, Following The VA Scandal. “It is outrageous that in the year since the VA scandal broke, only THREE people have actually been fired from their positions. This is unacceptable and our veterans deserve better,” Blackburn said. “We have an obligation to honor the sacrifices our veterans

have made to keep our nation free by working to ensure they are treated with the care and dignity they have earned. This legislation is about protecting the rights of those veterans using services at the VA versus protecting bureaucrats at the VA who underserve them. It takes important steps to implement necessary reforms that ensure America keeps its promise to our veterans.” (Press Release, “Blackburn Supports Effort To Improve Care For Tennessee Veterans,” [Rep. Marsha Blackburn](#) 7/29/15)

On October 5, 2016 Congresswoman Blackburn Posted On Facebook That “The Administration Refuses To Hold The VA Accountable” And “That’s Why It Is So Important For Congress To Continue Forcing Them To Comply.” ([Facebook](#), 10/5/16)



Marsha Blackburn
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Hundreds Of Veterans Died Waiting For Care At Phoenix Va Hospital, Watchdog Report Finds
More than 200 veterans have died while waiting for medical care at the Department of Veterans Affairs hospital in Phoenix, two years after the facility was at the...
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Blackburn Has Voted In Favor Of Free Trade Agreements And The TPA

In October 2011, Congresswoman Blackburn Voted In Favor Of Three Free Trade Agreements With South Korea, Panama, And Columbia. “Congressman Blackburn today voted in support of three vital Free Trade Agreements that will provide new export opportunities for Tennessee agriculture, industrial, and consumer products. These Free Trade Agreements with South Korea, Panama, and Columbia, will create new market access for U.S. exports, while adding several billion dollars a year to the GDP and creating hundreds of thousands of American jobs.” (“Blackburn For Free Trade Agreements,” [U.S. House](#), 10/12/11)

In June 2015, Congresswoman Blackburn Announced Her Support For TPA. “Many have contacted me with their concerns about Trade Promotion Authority. When traveling around my district, I consistently hear ‘Congressman, I support free trade, but I just don’t trust this Administration.’ You know what? I don’t trust him either, but TPA does not give the President one ounce of authority he isn’t already granted by the Constitution. TPA is not about granting power, it is about establishing transparency and oversight. TPA will allow Congress oversight to make sure President Obama is exercising that authority

properly and for the betterment of the United States and the American people.” (“Blackburn The Facts On TPA,” [U.S. House](#), 6/11/15)

Temporary Muslim Ban And Teaching Islam In State Schools

Blackburn “Supported Trump’s Muslim Ban,” And Also Opposed Teaching Of Islam In State Schools Saying There Was A “Big Difference Between Education And Indoctrination.” “Blackburn, a 14-year congresswoman from Tennessee who has supported Trump’s Muslim ban, also opposed teaching of Islam in the state’s schools. ‘There is a big difference between education and indoctrination,’ Blackburn said in a statement in September 2015.” (Talal Ansari, “Here s What The Trump Transition Team Thinks About Islam And Muslims,” [Buzzfeed](#), 11/16/16)

Data Security And Breach Notification Act

In 2015, The House Energy And Commerce Committee Approved A “Controversial Bill” That Aimed To Create National Data Security Standards. “The House Energy and Commerce Committee approved a controversial bill creating national data security standards after a chaotic markup that revealed deep Democratic concerns about the measure. The Data Security and Breach Notification Act appears headed for further changes prior to a vote by the full House. The committee approved it on a party-line vote of 29-20.” (Elise Viebeck, “Controversial Data Breach Bill Passes House Committee,” [The Hill](#) 4/15/15)

Blackburn Had Co-Sponsored The Bill With Rep. Peter Welch, A Democrat From Vermont. “The bill from Reps. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) and Peter Welch (D-Vt.) is designed to replace the patchwork of state data security and breach notification laws. Currently, companies that experience a data breach or hack must comply with a variety of requirements across the country. Lawmakers consider it a priority to at least streamline the requirement for consumer notification.” (Elise Viebeck, “Controversial Data Breach Bill Passes House Committee,” [The Hill](#) 4/15/15)

Democrats And Privacy Groups Argued That Replacing Stronger State Laws With A Federal Standard Would Leave Consumers Vulnerable. “The presence of a national data security standard in the bill has caused problems from the beginning. Democrats and privacy groups argue that replacing stronger state laws will leave consumers vulnerable. A series of Democratic amendments to make the standard more specific, to create a floor for data security requirements and to avoid a level of preemption failed. A manager’s amendment and a change capping federal penalties for some breached companies passed with support from Republicans, along with a handful of other amendments.” (Elise Viebeck, “Controversial Data Breach Bill Passes House Committee,” [The Hill](#) 4/15/15)

The Bill Was Referred To The Subcommittee On Commerce, Manufacturing, And Trade. (Summary, H.R. 1770, [Congress.gov](#) Accessed 11/28/16)

All Actions (6)

Date	
04/17/2015	Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade. Action By: House Energy and Commerce
04/15/2015	Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 29 - 20. Action By: House Energy and Commerce
04/15/2015	Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. Action By: House Energy and Commerce
04/14/2015	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Action By: House of Representatives
04/14/2015	Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. Action By: House Energy and Commerce
04/14/2015	Introduced in House Action By: House of Representatives

Blackburn Led A “Select Investigative Panel” On Planned Parenthood And Abortion Providers

In 2015, Following Undercover Video Regarding The Abortion Practices Of Planned Parenthood, Speaker John Boehner Tapped Blackburn To Lead A “Select Investigative Panel” Tasked With Looking At The “Grisly Practices” Of Abortion Providers. “U.S. Rep. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., will lead a new congressional investigation into ‘big abortion providers,’ an inquiry driven by recent national scrutiny of Planned Parenthood. House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, announced Friday that Blackburn will lead a ‘select investigative panel’ tasked with looking at the ‘grisly practices’ of abortion providers. ‘Chairman Blackburn and our members will have the resources and the subpoena power to get to the bottom of these horrific practices, and build on our work to protect the sanctity of all human life,’ Boehner said in a statement.” (Dave Boucher, “Blackburn To Lead Investigation Of Abortion Providers,” [The Tennessean](#) 10/23/15)

Following The Release Of The Planned Parenthood Tapes, Blackburn Called For A “Complete Federal Defunding Of Planned Parenthood.” “Blackburn and many other Republicans across the country have called for a complete federal defunding of Planned Parenthood in the wake of secretly recorded videos with Planned Parenthood executives. ‘No issue is more deserving of our undivided attention than protecting the dignity of human life,’ Blackburn said in a statement. ‘This will be a broad-based, information gathering, fact finding mission to answer questions about how we treat and protect life in this country.’” (Dave Boucher, “Blackburn To Lead Investigation Of Abortion Providers,” [The Tennessean](#) 10/23/15)

In 2016, Democrats Accused Blackburn And Her Panel Of Abusing Authority And Putting Lives At Risk. “U.S. Rep. Marsha Blackburn insists there’s no partisan agenda behind the investigation she’s leading into the medical procedures and business practices of abortion providers. But the investigation has been roiled with partisan warfare for weeks, with Democrats charging that Blackburn and Republicans on the panel conducting the probe are abusing their authority and putting lives at risk.” (Michael Collins, “Blackburn s Panel On Abortion Providers Under Fire From Democrats,” [The Tennessean](#) 5/29/16)

The Letter, Signed By 181 Of 188 House Democrats, Asked Speaker Paul Ryan To Disband The Panel, And Alleged A “Litany” Of Panel Abuses, Including “Misuse Of Subpoena Power To Intimidate Scientific Researchers, Doctors, Clinics, Health-Care Providers, Universities, And Others.” “Democrats ramped up their attacks last week when they sent a letter to House Speaker Paul Ryan asking him to disband the panel. ‘While the panel’s investigation has never been fair or fact-based, its pattern of reckless disregard for safety has escalated over the past few weeks,’ said the letter, which was signed by 181 of 188 House Democrats. The letter describes a litany of alleged abuses by Blackburn

and GOP investigators, including misuse of subpoena power to intimidate scientific researchers, doctors, clinics, health-care providers, universities and others. The investigation reached 'a new low' earlier this month, the letter says, when the panel issued a press release identifying an abortion provider and his clinic by name." (Michael Collins, "Blackburn's Panel On Abortion Providers Under Fire From Democrats," [The Tennessean](#), 5/29/16)

Climate Change And Global Warming

In 2014, On NBC's Meet The Press, Blackburn And Bill Nye "The Science Guy" Sparred Over The How The U.S. Should Respond To Extreme Weather Events And Global Warming. "Bill Nye 'The Science Guy' told Republican Representative Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee to stop questioning the facts behind climate change on Sunday morning, as the Congresswoman said the 'engineer and actor' didn't know enough about climate science to claim authority. The two sparred over the most appropriate response to extreme weather events and global warming on NBC's Meet the Press, and disagreed on the scientific consensus regarding climate change." (Sam Frizell, "Bill Nye Scolds GOP Congresswoman On Global Warming," [TIME](#) 2/16/14)

Blackburn Maintained There Was No Consensus In The Scientific Community About The Cause Of Global Warming. "Blackburn maintained that there is no consensus in the scientific community about global warming, pointing to two vocal dissenters, Richard Lindzen of MIT and Judith Curry of Georgia Tech, who claim that humans are not causing climate change. 'Neither [Bill Nye] nor I are a climate scientist. He is an engineer and actor, I am a member of Congress. And what we have to do is look at the information that we get from climate scientists,' said Blackburn. 'There is not agreement around the fact of exactly what is causing this.'" (Sam Frizell, "Bill Nye Scolds GOP Congresswoman On Global Warming," [Time](#), 2/16/14)

Blackburn Argued That Responding To Climate Change Would Need A Cost-Benefit Analysis "Balancing The Costs Of Not Preventing Climate Change With The Benefits Of Continuing At High Rates Of Carbon Emissions." "Blackburn argued that responding to climate change will involve balancing the costs of not preventing climate change with the benefits of continuing at high rates of carbon emissions. 'One of the things that we have to remember is cost-benefit analysis has to take place,' said the Congresswoman. 'And it is unfortunate that some of the federal agencies are not conducting that cost-benefit analysis.'" (Sam Frizell, "Bill Nye Scolds GOP Congresswoman On Global Warming," [TIME](#) 2/16/14)

In An Exchange With *The Huffington Post*, Blackburn Said She Did Not Believe In Climate Change, And That She Thought The Earth Was Cooling. HUFFPOST: "During the debate Donald Trump definitively said that he never once said that climate change is a hoax perpetrated by the Chinese. But here is a tweet where he says just that." [We attempt to show her the tweet.] BLACKBURN: "Well, I don't have my glasses on." HP: "Come on! OK, I'll read it." [We read it.] BLACKBURN: "Well, many times when we talk about issues related to the climate, y'all have countries that would not be forced to come into compliance with some of these agreements. Then they will say they don't have to abide by that, they plan to buy more coal." HP: "Do you believe that climate change is a hoax?" BLACKBURN: "I do not believe in climate change. I think the Earth is in a cooling trend. It is not in a warming trend." (Steve Benen, "House GOP Leader 'I Think The Earth Is In A Cooling Trend,'" [MSNBC](#) 9/28/16)

Blackburn Said That, Over The Past 10 Years, The Earth Has Seen "A Little Bit Of Cooling." "The right-wing congresswoman wasn't kidding. Blackburn went on to argue that the planet 'is in a cooling trend. It has cooled for about the past 10 years.' Reminded that nine of the hottest years in the history of the planet have been recorded in the past decade, the Tennessee lawmaker once again insisted, 'We have also seen the past 10 years a little bit of a cooling.'" (Steve Benen, "House GOP Leader 'I Think The Earth Is In A Cooling Trend,'" [MSNBC](#), 9/28/16)

EPA Greenhouse Emissions

In 2011, Blackburn Introduced A Bill That Aimed To Stop The EPA's New Rules For Greenhouse Gas Emissions. "On the climate side, with top-ranking Republicans promising to pass legislation that would block agency actions they see as harmful to the economy, there are already plenty of options on

the table. Reps. Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee, Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia and Ted Poe of Texas opened up the new session by introducing bills that take different approaches to stopping EPA's new rules for greenhouse gas emissions." (Gabriel Nelson, "Newly Empowered Republicans Float Bills To Block EPA's Air Regs," [The New York Times](#), 1/7/11)

Blackburn's Bill Would Specify That Greenhouse Gases Are Not Covered By The Clean Air Act. "The Blackburn bill would specify that greenhouse gases aren't covered by the Clean Air Act at all, effectively reversing a Supreme Court decision that said they could fit into the statute's definition of 'pollutant.' And the Poe bill, which was introduced once before during the waning days of the last Congress, would make a political statement by barring EPA from creating a cap-and-trade regime like the one that was imagined by the climate and energy bill that passed the House in 2009 but did not get voted on in the Senate." (Gabriel Nelson, "Newly Empowered Republicans Float Bills To Block EPA's Air Regs," [The New York Times](#), 1/7/11)

Syrian Refugees

Regarding Syrian Refugees, Blackburn Said It Was "Inappropriate To Bring Them Onto U.S. Soil Where Their Intent Is To Harm Our Citizens And Our Way Of Life." "House Republicans are expected to pass a bill on Thursday, with possibly some Democratic support, that will step-up background checks on refugees from Syria. France's president said despite attacks on his people in Paris he still plans to allow 30,000 Syrian refugees across the nation's borders in the next two years. The tone here in the U.S. is much different. 'It is inappropriate to bring them onto U.S. soil where their intent is to harm our citizens and our way of life,' Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) said." (Alex Schuman, "House Republicans To Pass Refugee Background Check Bill," [KROU News](#) 11/18/15)

Blackburn Said That Current Background Checks Did Not Do Enough. "Congresswoman Blackburn is one of the House Republicans determined to stop Syrian refugees from reaching the U.S. She said the background checks already in place don't do enough. 'Who are you going to call in Syria?' Blackburn said. 'What 800 number do you call to figure out if someone is who they say they are?'" (Alex Schuman, "House Republicans To Pass Refugee Background Check Bill," [KROU News](#) 11/18/15)

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Health Care Choice Act

In 2015, Blackburn Introduced Legislation, The Health Care Choice Act Of 2015, That Aimed To "Empower Consumers By Giving Them The Ability To Purchase Affordable Health Insurance Coverage With A Range Of Options. "Congressman Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) today renewed her fight to repeal Obamacare and replace it with her proposal to allow consumers to shop for insurance across state lines. Blackburn introduced H.R. 543, the Health Care Choice Act of 2015, which would empower consumers by giving them the ability to purchase affordable health insurance coverage with a range of options. The bill has 14 original cosponsors." (Press Release, "Blackburn Reintroduces Health Care Choice Act," [Rep. Marsha Blackburn](#) 1/27/15)

Blackburn Said Her Bill Would Offer A “Common Sense Solution” To Replace Washington Mandates With Interstate Competition. “We all know that the consumer can make better choices for their health care than a Washington bureaucrat,” Blackburn said. “The Health Care Choice Act offers a common sense solution that will replace Washington mandates with interstate competition by allowing consumers to shop for health insurance just like they do for other insurance products online, by mail, over the phone, or in consultation with an insurance agent in their hometown. Instead of requiring every health plan to carry so many mandates that it becomes unaffordable, the Health Care Choice Act frees insurance companies to compete for your business across state lines, offering better options for lower prices.” (Press Release, “Blackburn Reintroduces Health Care Choice Act,” [Rep. Marsha Blackburn](#) 1/27/15)

Blackburn Does Not Believe In Evolution

In 2015, Blackburn Rejected The Theory Of Evolution. “Republican Marsha Blackburn, the second-highest ranking member on the House energy committee, says the jury is still out on global warming. Pope Francis is to speak on the subject in an address to Congress on Thursday. He told a White House audience on Wednesday the problem could ‘no longer be left to a future generation.’ Speaking earlier this year as part of a forthcoming Radio 4 documentary series ‘Climate Change - Are we Feeling Lucky?’ she asserted that the earth had cooled in the last 13 years by 1F. And she said no evidence would persuade her of man-made warming. She also rejected the theory of evolution. Scientists say her views are ‘complete nonsense.’” (Roger Harrabin, “Pope Unlikely To Sway Top US Critics On Climate,” [BBC](#), 9/24/15)

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Political Affiliation

According to GOP Data Center, Marsha Blackburn Is Registered As An Unaffiliated Party Voter In Williamson County, TN, But Is Classified As A Hard Republican. (GOP Data Center, Accessed 11/28/16)

VOTER INFO		
<u>Registration Status</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>	
Registered	9/19/1978	
<u>Official Party</u>	<u>Observed Party</u>	<u>Calculated Party</u>
Unaffiliated	1 - Hard Republican	1 - Hard Republican

Political Contributions To Democrats Or Trump’s 2016 Primary Opponents

No Relevant Records Found.

BUSINESSES/ASSOCIATIONS

Marsha Blackburn Is The Current Owner Of Marketing Strategies, Inc. “She held this position until 1978, when, she became the owner of Marketing Strategies, a promotion-event management firm. She continues to run this business to this day.” (“About Marsha Blackburn Collection,” [Mississippi State](#) Accessed 11/28/16)

Lobbying

No Records Found. ([Opensecrets](#) Accessed 11/26/16)

Search Results

No lobbying income or spending found.

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Federal Contracts

No Records Found. ([USASpending.gov](#), Accessed 11/28/16)

ADVANCED DATA SEARCH

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RESULTS SUMMARY

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Filters: Contracts, Grants, Loans, Other Financial Assistance; FY 2017, FY 2016, FY 2015, FY 2014, FY 2013, FY 2011, FY 2010, FY 2009, FY 2008; "Marketing Strategies inc"

Total Number of Transactions 0	Total Prime Recipient Transaction Amount \$0	Total Sub-Award Transaction Amount \$0	
0 Contracts	0 Grants	0 Loans	0 Other Financial Assistance

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