# **Scott Brown**

# BACKGROUND

#### **Current Residence**

\*\*Via Nexis.com Public Records Search

#### Education

**High School Diploma, Wakefield High School, 1977.** "Scott Brown graduated from Wakefield High School in 1977 and joined the Massachusetts Army National Guard at age 19, attending ROTC classes first at Northwestern University, and then Tufts University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history with honors." ("Scott Brown," <u>Biography.com</u>, Accessed 11/20/16)

B.A., Tufts University, 1981 ("Raw Data Scott Brown Biography," Fox News 1/19/10)

J.D., Boston College Law School, 1985 ("Raw Data Scott Brown Biography," Fox News, 1/19/10)

#### **Timeline**

September 12, 1959: Born In Kittery, Maine. ("Scott Brown," Biography.com, Accessed 11/20/16)

1977: Graduates From Wakefield High School. ("Scott Brown," Biography.com Accessed 11/20/16)

<u>1978</u>: Joins The Massachusetts Army National Guard, Attending ROTC Classes While In College. "Scott Brown graduated from Wakefield High School in 1977 and joined the Massachusetts Army National Guard at age 19, attending ROTC classes first at Northwestern University, and then Tufts University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history with honors." ("Scott Brown," Biography.com, Accessed 11/20/16)

<u>1981</u>: Graduates From Tufts University With A Bachelor's Degree In History. ("Raw Data Scott Brown Biography," Fox News, 1/19/10)

**<u>1982</u>: Brown Wins** *Cosmopolitan's* **"America's Sexiest Man" Contest.** "While at Boston College, the 22-year-old Brown also became known for his good looks when he won Cosmopolitan magazine's 'America's Sexiest Man' contest. He was featured as a nude centerfold in the magazine, and in the accompanying interview article Scott described his patriotic tendencies and political ambitions." ("Scott Brown," Biography.com, Accessed 11/20/16)

August 1983: Brown Completes Airborne Training At Fort Bragg, N.C. ("Raw Data Scott Brown Biography," Fox News, 1/19/10)

<u>1985</u>: Brown Graduates With A J.D. From Boston College Law School. ("Raw Data Scott Brown Biography," <u>Fox News</u>, 1/19/10)

**<u>1992</u>: Brown Elected Assessor In Wrentham, MA.** "Brown's political career started in 1992 when he was elected assessor in Wrentham, the Massachusetts town where he and his family live." ("Raw Data Scott Brown Biography," <u>Fox News</u> 1/19/10)

<u>1995</u>: Brown Elected To The Wrentham, MA Board Of Selectmen. "In 1995, [Brown] was elected to the Wrentham Board of Selectmen (the executive arm of New England towns, like a town council)." ("Scott Brown," <u>Biography.com</u>, Accessed 11/20/16)

<u>1998</u>: Brown Elected To The Massachusetts House Of Representatives Out Of The 9<sup>th</sup> District. "Then, in 1998, [Brown] successfully ran for Massachusetts House of Representatives for the 9<sup>th</sup> Norfolk District." ("Scott Brown," <u>Biography.com</u> Accessed 11/20/16)

• "[Brown] Served For Three Terms In The Position." ("Scott Brown," Biography.com Accessed 11/20/16)

<u>March 2004</u>: Brown Wins A Special Election To The Massachusetts State Senate. "Brown moved up the ladder in state politics when he won a special election to the State Senate to replace Democrat Cheryl Jacques in March 2004." ("Scott Brown," <u>Biography.com</u> Accessed 11/20/16)

• "[Brown] Was Reelected That November, And Again In 2006, Running Without Opposition Each Time." ("Scott Brown," Biography.com, Accessed 11/20/16)

**2006:** Brown Promoted To Lieutenant Colonel. "[Brown] was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 2006." ("Raw Data Scott Brown Biography," Fox News 1/19/10)

<u>September 2009</u>: Brown Announces His Intention To Run For The U.S. Senate In The Special Election Upon The Death Of Sen. Ted Kennedy. "In September 2009, Scott Brown announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat that had become vacant upon the death of Ted Kennedy, proclaiming that he would fulfill Massachusetts' need for an 'independent thinker." ("Scott Brown," Biography.com, Accessed 11/20/16)

January 19, 2010: Brown Elected To The U.S. Senate. "Brown won the election on January 19, 2010, by a 52-to-47 percent margin." ("Scott Brown," Biography.com Accessed 11/20/16)

**<u>2012</u>: Brown Loses Race For Reelection To The U.S. Senate To Democrat Elizabeth Warren.</u> "Brown ran for re-election in 2012, losing his Senate seat to Democrat Elizabeth Warren, a former assistant to President Barack Obama, 54%-46%." ("Scott Brown," <u>Biography.com</u> Accessed 11/20/16)** 

**February 2013: Brown Named An On-Air Contributor To Fox News Channel.** "The Fox News Channel confirmed Wednesday that it would be enlisting former Massachusetts Republican Sen. Scott Brown as an on-air contributor." (Jeff Poor, "Former Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown Signs On With Fox News," <u>The Daily</u> Caller, 2/13/13)

<u>March 2013</u>: Brown Joins Nixon Peabody With A Focus "On Matters Relating To The Financial Services Industry And Commercial Real Estate." "Brown joined Nixon Peabody in March 2013, after losing his Senate seat to Democrat Elizabeth Warren the previous November. At the time, his legal work there was said to be focusing on matters relating to the financial services industry and commercial real estate." (Joshua Miller, "Brown No Longer At Nixon Peabody Law Firm, Officials Say," <u>Boston Globe</u>, 4/2/14)

**April 2014**: **Brown Leaves Nixon Peabody**. "Officials at Nixon Peabody LLP say that Scott Brown, who has been exploring a run for US Senate in New Hampshire, is no longer working for the law firm. The news of Brown's departure from the firm's Boston office was confirmed both by the firm and by an aide to the former Massachusetts senator." (Joshua Miller, "Brown No Longer At Nixon Peabody Law Firm, Officials Say," *Boston Globe* 4/2/14)

**2014: Brown Retired From The Army National Guard With The Rank Of Colonel.** "In addition to his legislative experience, Brown served 35 years in the Army National Guard,

retiring in 2014 with the rank of colonel." ("Scott Brown To Speak At Tisch College, Tufts University On March 11," <u>Tufts</u> <u>Now</u> 3/4/15)

<u>2014</u>: Brown Loses Race For U.S. Senate In New Hampshire To Democrat Jeanne Shaheen. (Joshua Miller, "Shaheen Defeats Brown In N.H.," <u>Boston Globe</u> 11/4/14)

## **TOP QUESTIONS FOR RP INTERVIEW (TO ADD)**

To Add

#### **TRUMP-PENCE CRITICISM**

**Brown Was An Early Endorser Of Trump, Coming Out To Support Him In Early February 2016.** "Former Massachusetts senator Scott P. Brown, a moderate Republican who two years ago ran for Senate in New Hampshire, will endorse Donald Trump at a rally here Tuesday night, one week before the state's presidential primary." (Robert Costa, "Scott Brown To Endorse Trump," *The Washington Post*, 2/2/16)

**Brown Criticized Comments Trump Made About The Khan Family.** "Former Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown has criticized Donald Trump's controversial statements about the family of a fallen Muslim-American soldier, despite Brown's vocal support of the Republican presidential nominee. ... But the former senator told the New York Daily News in a report that appeared Monday that Trump was out of line in his comments over the weekend about Khizr and Ghazala Khan." (Jeremy C. Fox, "Scott Brown Criticizes Trump Attacks On Parents Of Fallen US Soldier," *Boston Globe* 8/1/16)

## **GENERAL CONTROVERSY**

### Brown Was Decried For Not Getting Much Accomplished While In The Massachusetts Legislature

**Brown Only Had Seven Bills Become Law In His 11 Years In The Massachusetts House And Senate.** "The intelligence, however, doesn't extend to policy Brown has sought to enact. This is borne out by his voting record. Of the 187 bills he filed during his 11 years in the Massachusetts House and Senate, only seven became law, according to InstaTrac and House and Senate journals. All seven dealt with the most mundane of issues: municipal aid, which is rarely, if ever, debated on the chamber floor and almost always passes unanimously." (Paul Kix, "Scott Brown Is The Most \_\_\_\_\_\_\* Man In America," *Boston Magazine*, 5/10)

**Democrats And Republicans In Beacon Hill Describe Brown As Not Being Interested Or Involved In Policy While In Office.** "Democratic state Senator Mark Montigny, who sat next to Brown on the Senate floor, disagrees. Montigny, who likes Brown and is friendly with the man, says, 'You can be a policy guru in the minority party. You can absolutely have an effect...but I didn't see [Brown] being heavily involved in the policy stuff.' Adds a person close to the state's Republican Party, 'He wasn't around enough to make a difference.'" (Paul Kix, "Scott Brown Is The Most \_\_\_\_\_\_\* Man In America," *Boston Magazine* 5/10)

#### In 2008 Brown Suggested President Obama Was Born Out Of Wedlock

In 2008 Scott Brown Suggested President Obama Was Born Out Of Wedlock Because His Mother Gave Birth When She Was 18. "Could this be a Sunday Surprise that is, a new and salacious media narrative only days before the contentious Massachusetts election? Sure, nudie pics didn't derail the Scott Brown campaign, but a clip of the would-be Senator making the rounds on the blogs this weekend shows him wondering if Barack Obama might have been born out of wedlock. It's problematic because the infamous so-called 'birther' movement believes the same thing. While questioning Obama's mother for giving birth at the age of 18, Brown's counterpart interjects that Obama's mother was married, before Brown responds, 'Well, I don't know about that.'" (Joe Coscarelli, "Scott Brown s 2008 Birther Rhetoric Obama Born Out Of Wedlock?," <u>Mediaite</u> 1/17/10)

#### Scott Brown Suggested Poor Students Were Bused To A High School To Help The Sports Teams

#### Metco Is A State Plan That Buses Poor Urban Students To Rich Suburban Schools In

**Massachusetts.** "Yet Brown's most revealing change involved Metco, the state plan that buses poor urban students to rich suburban school districts. After initially voting against an increase in Metco funding while a state rep, Brown, as a state senator, not only voted for funding increases but also went on to cochair Metco's legislative caucus." (Paul Kix, "Scott Brown Is The Most \_\_\_\_\_\_\* Man In America," *Boston Magazine* 5/10)

**In 2005 Brown "Wondered Aloud If Metco Students Had Been Brought To" A Suburban High School As A Potential Boon To The Athletics Program."** "His sudden advocacy came after a visit to Wayland High School in 2005, Metco officials believe. ... In the next civics class, things got worse. Brown wondered aloud if Metco students had been brought to Wayland High as a potential boon to the athletics program." (Paul Kix, "Scott Brown Is The Most \_\_\_\_\_\_\* Man In America," *Boston Magazine*, 5/10)





**In 2016 Brown Said "Elizabeth Warren Should 'Take A DNA Test' If She Wants To Prove Her Native American Heritage."** "Former Sen. Scott Brown on Monday stepped into the attack dog role for Donald Trump, saying his former Senate opponent Elizabeth Warren should 'take a DNA test' if she wants to prove her Native American heritage." (Betsy Klein, "Scott Brown On Elizabeth Warren s Heritage She Can Take A DNA Test," <u>CNN</u>, 6/27/16)

In 2011 Brown Had To Apologize After He Said "Thank God" Elizabeth Warren Didn't Have To Take Off Her Clothes To Pay For College. "Republican U.S. Sen. Scott Brown of

Massachusetts says he was 'joking' when he said 'Thank God' Democratic rival Elizabeth Warren didn't take her clothes off to pay for college. Brown told reporters Friday he was responding to a 'wisecrack' from Warren about a decision he made to pay for school." ("Scott Brown Says He Was 'Joking With Controversial Remarks About Elizabeth Warren," *The Associated Press*, 10/8/11)

Scott Brown Was Accused Of Carpetbagging In His Run For New Hampshire Senate

**Brown Was Accused Of Moving To New Hampshire From Massachusetts For The Sole Purpose Of Running For U.S. Senate In A More Friendly Seat.** "For a year, the hottest question in New Hampshire politics was whether or not former Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown would run for the Granite State Senate seat held by Democrat Jeanne Shaheen. He answered that question when he officially entered the race seven weeks ago. The hottest question since is whether Brown is a carpetbagger candidate." (James Pindell, "So What If Scott Brown Is A Carpetbagger?," *Politico*, 6/9/14)

# **CONTROVERSIAL POLICY STANCES/STATEMENTS**

## **Gay Rights**

In 2001 Brown Said The Idea Of Gay Partners Having Children Was "Not Normal" And Called He Familial Obligations "Alleged Family Responsibilities." "There's the incendiary: In 2001, he called it 'not normal' for former state Senator Cheryl Jacques and her gay partner to have children. He then belittled the idea that Jacques could step away from public life for familial reasons, calling her new career her 'alleged family responsibilities."" (Paul Kix, "Scott Brown Is The Most \_\_\_\_\_\_\* Man In America," *Boston Magazine* 5/10)

 "Brown Later Apologized For Those Remarks." (Paul Kix, "Scott Brown Is The Most \_\_\_\_\_\* Man In America," <u>Boston Magazine</u> 5/10)

"[Brown] Also Voted In Support Of Repealing The 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Policy That Banned Openly Gay Military Members." (Dan Ring, "U.S. Sen. Scott Brown Of Massachusetts Shaped By Turbulent And Painful Past," *Springfield Republican* 2/19/12)

## Healthcare

**Brown Voted For Romneycare In Massachusetts In 2006.** "But while the future of a health care overhaul remains unclear, experts are divided as to how to read the tea leaves in public opinion on the issue following a vote from a state that already has universal health care. Brown, then a state senator, voted in favor of the measure when the Massachusetts legislature passed it in 2006." (Joseph Brownstein, "Health Care Overhaul s Uncertain, Super Majority Free Future," <u>ABC News</u> 1/21/10)

# Foreign Policy

Brown Supports The Use Of Enhanced Interrogation Techniques, Including

**Waterboarding, On Terror Suspects.** "State Senator Scott Brown, the Republican candidate for US Senate, endorsed yesterday the use of enhanced interrogation techniques - including the practice of simulated drowning known as waterboarding - in questioning terror suspects. The point drew a quick rebuke from the campaign of his Democratic rival, Attorney General Martha Coakley, which said she supports President Obama's ban on waterboarding." (Brian C. Mooney, "Brown And Coakley Clash Over Terror Suspects Rights," *Boston Globe* 1/5/10)

**Brown Supports A Two-State Solution On The Israel-Palestine Conflict.** "Brown supports a two-state solution that reaffirms Israel's right to exist and provides the Palestinians with a place of their own where both sides can live in peace and security." (Alex Pappas, "Where Senator Elect Scott Brown Stands On Issues Other Than Health Care," *The Daily Caller*, 1/19/10)

**Brown Wants Suspected Terrorists Tried In Military Tribunals, Not Civilian Courts.** "In the campaign, Brown takes a more hawkish line against terrorism than does the Democratic nominee, Attorney General Martha Coakley. Brown supports President Obama's troop surge in Afghanistan and wants suspected terrorists tried in military tribunals, not civilian courts." (Brian C. Mooney, "Guard Service A Key To Candidate Brown," *Boston Globe* 1/7/10)

## **POLITICAL ACTIVITY**

According To GOP Data Center, Scott Brown Is Listed As A Registered Republican Voter In Rockingham County, NH.

Brown Has Held And Run For Elected Office As A Republican Since 1992. ("Raw Data Scott Brown Biography," Fox News, 1/19/10)

# **BUSINESSES/ASSOCIATIONS**

Brown Was A Professional Politician From 1992-2012. ("Scott Brown," Biography.com, Accessed 11/20/16)

Brown Worked At Nixon Peabody, A Law Firm, From March 2013-April 2014 With A Focus "On Matters Relating To The Financial Services Industry And Commercial Real Estate." "Officials at Nixon Peabody LLP say that Scott Brown, who has been exploring a run for US Senate in New Hampshire, is no longer working for the law firm. The news of Brown's departure from the firm's Boston office was confirmed both by the firm and by an aide to the former Massachusetts senator. ... Brown joined Nixon Peabody in March 2013, after losing his Senate seat to Democrat Elizabeth Warren the previous November. At the time, his legal work there was said to be focusing on matters relating to the financial services industry and commercial real estate." (Joshua Miller, "Brown No Longer At Nixon Peabody Law Firm, Officials Say," <u>Boston Globe</u>, 4/2/14)

• In 2014 Brown Was The Subject Of A Campaign Finance Complaint Over His Nondisclosure Of His Client List While At Nixon Peabody. "As first reported in Time today, the American Democracy Legal Fund has filed a complaint with the Senate Select Committee on Ethics requesting an investigation into whether New Hampshire Senate candidate Scott Brown violated federal law by failing to disclose the identities of his clients from his time as legal counsel at lobbying firm Nixon Peabody." ("New Senate Ethics Complaint Filed Against Scott Brown," American Democracy Legal Fund, 9/12/14)

# **Global Digital Solutions**

**In Fall 2013 Brown Joined The Advisory Board Of Global Digital Solutions And Was Given Shares Valued At \$1.3 Million At The Time.** "The Globe reported on Sunday that Brown received 1.5 million shares of stock in Global Digital when he was announced as a member of its advisory board last fall. Brown has said he has not sold the stock, which company filings say would vest between January and September of this year. Following months of decline, the initial value of \$1.3 million had dropped to \$455,000 as of Wednesday, or 35 cents a share." (Todd Wallack And Noah Bierman, "Scott Brown Cuts Ties To Florida Company," *Boston Globe*, 6/4/14)

**Global Digital Solutions Has Gone Through Several Iterations, First As A Beauty Supply Company, Then A Wireless Data Firm And Finally A Gun-Technology Compnay.** "Global Digital Solutions was founded as a beauty supply company in New Jersey, selling hair spray, conditioners, and shampoos, before reinventing itself as a wireless data firm based in California, and then again last year as a South Florida-based firearms maker and gun-technology innovator." (Todd Wallack And Noah Bierman, "Scott Brown Cuts Ties To Florida Company," *Boston Globe*, 6/4/14)

• "The Publicly Traded Company Has No Revenue, No Products, No Trademarks, No Patents, And Only A 'Virtual Office' Space In West Palm Beach." (Todd Wallack And Noah Bierman, "Scott Brown Cuts Ties To Florida Company," *Boston Globe*, 6/4/14)

"Accountants Said The Company Is A Highly Risky Investment And That Its Business Practices Raise Numerous Red Flags." (Todd Wallack And Noah Bierman, "Scott Brown Cuts Ties To Florida Company," Boston Globe 6/4/14) Brown Resigned From The Company After Being Barraged With Questions About His Role In The Firm Just Hours After A Media Event Highlighting His Entry Into The New Hampshire Senate Race. "Republican Scott Brown abruptly resigned Wednesday from an obscure Florida company and gave up stock initially valued at \$1.3 million after facing a barrage of questions about his role as a 'senior adviser,' a controversy that had dogged his US Senate campaign in New Hampshire. Brown's resignation from the advisory board of Global Digital Solutions Inc. was announced about two hours after a news media event in the state's capital designed to highlight his official entry into the race." (Todd Wallack And Noah Bierman, "Scott Brown Cuts Ties To Florida Company," *Boston Globe* 6/4/14)