



California – CPAC Scorecard

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Summary

The eleventh edition of the California CPAC Scorecard analyzes 21 votes in the California State Senate and 12 votes in the California State Assembly from the 2024 legislative session. The results are nothing short of catastrophic for freedom-loving Californians. The State Senate posted an abysmal **overall average of just 23%**, driven by a jaw-dropping **Democrat average of 5%**—a clear sign that California Democrats have completely abandoned even the pretense of moderation. Meanwhile, **Senate Republicans held the line with a strong 85% average**, though they remain vastly outnumbered.

The Assembly reflected a similarly bleak picture. The **overall average was just 22%**, with **Democrats scoring a disgraceful 4%**, and **Republicans achieving a commendable 84% average**. These figures confirm what Californians already know: their legislature is not just left-leaning—it is completely captured by radical progressivism.

In 2024, California doubled down on its worst instincts, passing bill after bill to criminalize oil production, expand government bureaucracy, crush small businesses under layers of regulation, disarm citizens, and erode election integrity. From green extremism to social engineering, the California Legislature is actively working to make the state more dangerous, more expensive, and less free.

While other states are restoring freedom, California is racing in the opposite direction. The Golden State has become a testing ground for the most unhinged policies of the radical Left. Rather than addressing real crises like crime, homelessness, and economic decline, lawmakers are obsessed with banning gas stoves, forcing "woke" labor mandates, and silencing dissent through regulation.

The numbers don't lie. With Democrats refusing to support even basic protections for parental rights, election integrity, or energy affordability, California has cemented its place as America's cautionary tale. CPAC will continue to expose this agenda—and fight to ensure that freedom still has a future in the West.

Key Takeaways

Crippling America's Energy Independence

California has escalated its war on domestic energy production to new, outrageous levels. Radical bills like **AB 218**, **AB 2716**, and **AB 3233** directly target oil and gas development, criminalize long-standing industrial practices, and hand over even more regulatory power to unelected localities bent on environmental fanaticism. California Democrats are working overtime to shut down energy production—not because it's unsafe, but because they worship at the altar of climate extremism. In doing so, they endanger national security, hike energy prices, and gut blue-collar jobs across the state.

Waging War on Entrepreneurs and Workers

From barbers to pest control businesses to housing developers, Sacramento's obsession with red tape and licensing has reached Soviet levels of control. Bills like **AB 2113** and **AB 2166** pile new licensing requirements and reporting mandates on small businesses, making it nearly impossible for Californians to earn a living without the government's permission. The state's meddling has created a dystopia where innovation is stifled, housing remains unaffordable, and the American Dream is strangled by bureaucracy.

Weaponizing Government Against Gun Owners and Voters

In a direct assault on liberty, the legislature passed AB 2917, expanding the state's confiscatory "red flag" laws by redefining what qualifies as a "dangerous person." At the same time, California doubled down on efforts to undermine election integrity with AB 2127 and SB 1174, which extend automatic voter registration and make verifying identity nearly impossible. This is not voter access—it's voter fraud by design. In California, criminals are coddled while law-abiding citizens are targeted by their own government.

Highlighted Votes Analyzed

AB 218 – Further Reducing America’s Energy Supply

This bill moves up by a year (2026 from 2027) California’s energy mandate to implement restricted oil and gas production in designated “Health Protection Zones.” CPAC views this for what it is—another gimmick whose real purpose is to implement a green agenda that deprives energy consumers of abundant, affordable energy of their choice. The Senate passed the bill on August 31, 2024 by a vote of 30-9 and the bill later became law.

AB 2917 – Expanding California’s Gun Confiscating Law

This bill would expand the definition of a dangerous person who can have their firearm confiscated for up to 5 years to include recent threats or past history of threats or brandishing a firearm, among other provisions. CPAC respects the founding fathers’ belief in the Second Amendment, opposed this violation of the Amendment, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 26, 2024 by a vote of 32-6 and the bill later became law.

AB 2113 – Increasing Obstacles to Starting a Business

Among other provisions, this bill expands the reporting requirements for pest control businesses to include each pesticide rather than only those pesticides labeled for agricultural use. CPAC opposes the elaborate licensing requirements for small businesses that are designed primarily to restrict competition and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 27, 2024 by a vote of 29-9 and the bill later became law.

Trends and Observations

California’s Radical Green Agenda Is Making the State Unlivable

The Golden State’s energy policy is no longer about sustainability—it’s about submission. Legislators are actively dismantling California’s oil and gas infrastructure while simultaneously banning gas services in “decarbonization zones” (**SB 1221**) and handing veto power over energy production to local jurisdictions (**AB 3233**). The result? Skyrocketing utility costs, job losses, and blackouts. California’s climate obsession has turned energy policy into a punitive weapon against working families, and CPAC is sounding the alarm.

Occupational Licensing Is the New Gatekeeper of Poverty

From cosmetology to agriculture, Sacramento has transformed simple professions into state-regulated obstacle courses. **AB 2166** burdens hairstylists with new testing mandates in the name of “equity,” while **AB 2113** tightens regulations on pest control operators to the point of economic suffocation. California’s licensing regime no longer protects consumers—it protects entrenched interests by locking out competitors. This is economic authoritarianism masquerading as public safety.

California Politicians Criminalize Self-Defense, Enable Fraudulent Voting

With **AB 2917**, Democrats gave themselves even more power to strip firearms from law-abiding citizens without due process. Meanwhile, bills like **AB 2127** and **SB 1174** remove guardrails around voter identity and verification, making California a sanctuary for ballot manipulation. The message from Sacramento is clear: if you believe in gun rights, election integrity, or personal responsibility—you are the enemy. This is the behavior of a one-party regime, not a constitutional republic.

Conservative Excellence - Senate

Kelly Seyarto - 97%

Janet Nguyen - 96%

Roger Niello - 96%

Shannon Grove - 93%

Brian W. Jones - 93%

Brian Dahle - 91%

Conservative Excellence - House

Megan Dahle - 100%

James Gallagher - 100%

Joe Patterson - 91%

Kate Sanchez - 90%

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Conservative Achievement - Senate

Brian Dahle - 89%

Shannon Grove - 89%

Janet Nguyen - 89%

Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh - 88%

Conservative Achievement - House

Diane B. Dixon - 89%

Bill Essayli - 89%

Josh Hoover - 88%

Jim Patterson - 88%

Devon Mathis - 86%

Tom Lackey - 83%