



Tom Malinowski is the Democrat candidate of this race. As a child, he immigrated to the US from Communist Poland. Raised in

central NJ, he served in the executive branch under Clinton and Obama, leading a bipartisan effort to ban torture as chief advocate for the Human Rights Watch. His campaign focuses on standing up for the middle class, to Trump's policies, and to "dictators like Putin and Kim Jong-un".

Source: Tom Malinowski Campaign Website



Leonard Lance is the Republican candidate and incumbent of this race. Raised in Hunterdon County, he served in the state legislature before

working in Washington DC on the Energy and Commerce Committee and as a co-chairman of the Republican Israel Caucus. He has championed low-tax, limited government, and conservative policies, campaigning on smaller government, less spending, and "real reform in Washington".

Source: Leonard Lance Campaign Website

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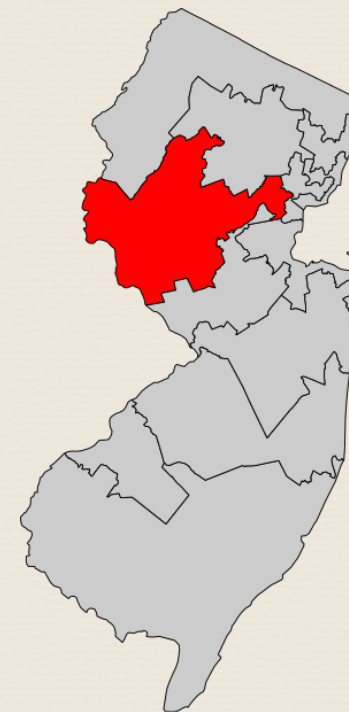
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Tom Malinowski's Stance	Issue	Leonard Lance's Stance
Malinowski advocates for access to safe, legal abortions on grounds of autonomy, receiving endorsements from Planned Parenthood Action Fund and NARAL Pro-Choice America.	Abortion	Lance voted yes on banning federal health coverage that includes abortion in 2011 and on the anti-abortion bill in 2017. He has suggested Planned Parenthood to separate its abortion and women's health service branches.
Malinowski supports LGBT rights (endorsed by pro-LGBT Equality PAC), racial equality, and gender equality.	Civil Rights	Lance voted for LGBT rights and racial equality. He has also voted for protection of women against violence.
Malinowski supports legalizing marijuana, and criticized Lance's vote for defunding opioid crisis response and taking \$150k from the Pharma companies responsible.	Controlled Substances	Lance has used legislation to address counterfeit drugs and the opioid crisis, promoting his bipartisan measure with Joe Kennedy on "opioid-related infectious diseases".
Malinowski supports modernizing infrastructure, \$15 minimum wage, and wage protection for women.	Economy	Lance supports most of Trump's budget and investing in infrastructure; his stance on minimum wage is unclear.
Malinowski supports teacher unions, Pre-K and STEM education, reducing higher education costs, and reforming standardized tests; he opposes "school choice".	Education	Lance voted yes on \$40 billion for green public schools in 2009. Lance opposes Common Core State Standards and requiring states to adopt federal education standards.
Malinowski strongly opposes gerrymandering and voter suppression; his party supports campaign finance reform, though he has also received funds from large donors.	Electoral Issues	Lance strongly opposed a constitutional amendment to prevent gerrymandering in 2016. He supports campaign finance reform but also received funds from large donors.
Malinowski believes in Climate Change, supporting the Paris Agreement and EPA, and opposing offshore drilling and the PennEast and Pilgrim pipelines	Environment	Lance is on the Climate Solutions Caucus; he supports conservation and EPA, opposes carbon taxes and offshore drilling.
Malinowski supports free trade when fair to workers and businesses, pledges to be tough on trade rules violations, and opposes the Chinese trade war.	Free Trade	Lance supports free trade and believes it helps New Jersey companies create jobs and expand exports, opposing the Chinese trade war.
Malinowski supports stronger gun control laws and believes that the NRA is a corrupt organization that promotes unsafe gun laws for their own monetary gain.	Gun Control	Lance generally does not support gun-control legislation, saying he considers such laws individually on their own merits. He has an "A" rating from the NRA.
Malinowski supports Obamacare/ACA but recognizes its flaws, pre-existing conditions coverage, lowering drug prices, and strengthening drug research.	Health Care	Leonard Lance supports lowering prices, increasing health care competition, and pre-existing conditions coverage, but has consistently opposed Obamacare.
Malinowski supports DACA, better border security, and encouraging legal immigration while benefiting the economy, but opposes Trump's wall and family separation.	Immigration Policy	Lance has centrist immigration policies, opposing amnesty and supporting tough border control but also a bill that would be similar to DACA.
Malinowski supports the Iran Deal, Israel, and NATO.	Middle East	Lance supports Israel and NATO but not the Iran Deal
Malinowski supports fighting Russian election interference, maintaining a strong military in conjunction with diplomacy, and the Mueller investigation	National Security	Lance strongly supports spending on the military and Mueller investigation, and deterring Russian election interference, voting to fund those efforts.
Malinowski urges for sanctions and diplomacy to achieve North Korean denuclearization; he supports spreading information to its citizens and protecting human rights.	North Korea	Lance supports North Korean sanctions and the Trump & Kim summit, but cosponsored legislation for active oversight to ensure compliance with the agreement.
Malinowski pledged to "repeal and replace" the GOP tax law (which he vehemently opposes) with "responsible tax reform to preserve middle class tax deductions".	Taxes	Lance is a fiscally conservative moderate, supporting lowered corporate tax rates, but opposed the GOP tax bill because it capped state and local tax deductions.
Malinowski has avoided directly opposing Trump, choosing to instead criticize his individual actions and policies.	Trump Administration	Leonard Lance distanced himself from Trump and the Republican party, challenging them on individual issues. He votes with Trump's position 87.1% of the time.

Malinowski Sources: Tom Malinowski Campaign Website, FEC Official Records, Politico, The New Jersey Globe.

Lance Sources: Leonard Lance Campaign Website, NJ Spotlight, NJTV, Insider NJ, OnTheIssues, Politico, Issue One, NRA, FreeThirtyEight, NJ.com.

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