



To Eliminate  
Nuclear Weapons

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## **2001-2004 Voting Record** **Senate National Security Index**

Since the end of the Cold War, few Senators have focused on national security issues or challenging national military priorities. In 2002, for example, there was not a single major national security vote until the Senate approved the use of force in Iraq in October.

This abdication of traditional Senatorial power came despite the increasing danger of nuclear weapons proliferation around the world, the nuclear crises in Iran and North Korea, the massive legacy stockpiles of nuclear weapons in the United States and Russia, and Bush Administration plans to launch research into a new generation of nuclear weapons and to deploy a national missile defense by October 2004.

Using primarily votes

taken in 2003 and 2004, Council for a Livable World has produced a four-year voting scorecard for all Senators. The results reflect the extreme partisan split in the Senate on a broad range of issue. Out of 51 Republican Senators, 48 scored a zero in an analysis of 12 key national security votes. Sen. Lincoln Chafee (RI) was the highest scoring Republican with a weak 33%. Two other Republicans -- Snowe (ME) and Gregg (NH) -- finished with 8%. In the Council's last voting record in the 1999-2000 session, five Republican Senators finished with 25% or above.

Nine Democrats finished with a perfect 100%: Boxer (CA), Corzine (NJ), Durbin (IL), Kennedy (MA), Lautenberg (NJ), Murray

(WA), Reed (RI), Stabenow (MI) and Wyden (OR).

Nine Democrats finished with 92%: Akaka (HI), Bingaman (NM), Dayton (MN), Feingold (WI), Harkin (IA), Levin (MI), Mikulski (MD), Sarbanes (MD) and Schumer (NY).

The lowest-scoring Democrats were: Miller (GA) 0%, Bayh (IN) 25%, Nelson (NE) 33%, Kerry (MA) 33%, Graham (FL) 50% and Nelson (FL) 50%.

It should be noted that Senators receive a positive score only if they vote in accord with the Council position; absenteeism counts against a Senator's scores. Candidates campaigning for President, for example Kerry, Edwards and Graham, missed many votes and, as a result, received lower scores.



	Military Spending	Boiton	Iraq Force	Moscow Treaty	Moscow Treaty	Nuclear Weapons	Nuclear Weapons	Iraqi Intelligence	Nuclear Weapons	Missile Defense	Missile Defense	Missile Defense	Total
<b>New Hampshire</b>													
Sununu (R-NH)	N	N	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Gregg (R-NH)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
<b>New Jersey</b>													
Corzine (D-NJ)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Lautenberg (D-NJ)	N	N	N	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
<b>New Mexico</b>													
Domenici (R-NM)	-	-	-	A	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Bingaman (D-N)	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
<b>New York</b>													
Clinton (D-NY)	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	75%
Schumer (D-NY)	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
<b>North Carolina</b>													
Dole (R-NC)	N	N	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Edwards (D-NC)	-	+	-	+	+	A	A	+	+	+	+	+	67%
<b>North Dakota</b>													
Conrad (D-ND)	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	83%
Dorgan (D-ND)	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83%
<b>Ohio</b>													
DeWine (R-OH)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Voinovich (R-OH)	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>Oklahoma</b>													
Nickles (R-OK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Inhofe (R-OK)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>Oregon</b>													
Wyden (D-OR)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Smith (R-OR)	-	-	-	A	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>Pennsylvania</b>													
Specter (R-PA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Santorum (R-PA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>Rhode Island</b>													
Reed (D-RI)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Chafee (R-RI)	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	33%
<b>South Carolina</b>													
Graham (R-SC)	N	N	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Hollings (D-DC)	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	75%
<b>South Dakota</b>													
Daschle (D-SD)	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83%
Johnson (D-SD)	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83%
<b>Tennessee</b>													
Alexander (R-TN)	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Frist (R-TN)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>Texas</b>													
Cornyn (R-TX)	N	N	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Hutchison (R-TX)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>Utah</b>													
Hatch (R-UT)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Bennett (R-UT)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>Vermont</b>													
Leahy (D-VT)	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	#	+	+	83%
Jeffords (I-VT)	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	75%
<b>Virginia</b>													
Warner (R-VA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Allen (R-VA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
<b>Washington</b>													
Cantwell (D-WA)	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83%
Murray (D-WA)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
<b>West Virginia</b>													
Byrd (D-WV)	-	+	+	#	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83%
Rockefeller (D-WV)	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83%
<b>Wisconsin</b>													
Kohl (D-WI)	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	83%
Feingold (D-WI)	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
<b>Wyoming</b>													
Thomas (R-WY)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Enzi (R-WY)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%

## Key to Votes

- +** Supported Council position
- Opposed Council position
- A** Absent
- N** Was not in office at the time of the vote
- #** Announced in favor of Council's position
- ^** Announced against Council's position

**SCORING:** Only a "+" gains points. For those Senators not elected until 2002, only votes 4-12 are counted

**Vote 1:** Military spending: Warner (R-VA) amendment to the Budget Resolution to increase military spending by \$8.5 billion. Amendment adopted 84-16, April 4, 2001. (A "no" vote supports the Council position)

**Vote 2:** Bolton nomination: Confirmation of John Bolton to be Undersecretary of State for arms control and international security. Nomination confirmed 57-43, May 8, 2001. (A "no" vote supports the Council position)

**Vote 3:** Iraq use of Force: Passage of the joint resolution to authorize the use of force against Iraq. Resolution passed 77-23, October 11, 2002. (A "no" vote supports the Council position)

**Vote 4:** Withdrawal from Treaty of Moscow: Levin (D-MI) amendment to the Treaty of Moscow to require the President to consult with Congress before any decision to withdraw from the treaty. Amendment failed 44-50, March 6, 2003. (A "yes" vote supports the Council position)

**Vote 5:** Compliance with Treaty of Moscow: Kerry (D-MA) amendment to the Treaty of Moscow to add compliance requirements. Amendment failed 45-50, March 6, 2003. (A "yes" vote supports the Council position)

**Vote 6:** Low yield nuclear weapons: Allard (R-CO) amendment to table (kill) the Feinstein (D-CA) amendment that would have continued the prohibition on developmental work on low yield nuclear weapons. Motion adopted 51-43, May 20, 2003. (A "no" vote supports the Council position)

**Vote 7:** Low yield nuclear weapons: Warner (R-VA) amendment to permit work on low yield nuclear weapons to proceed beyond research. Amendment adopted 59-38, May 21, 2003. (A "no" vote supports the Council position)

**Vote 8:** Iraqi intelligence commission: Stevens (R-AK) motion to kill the Corzine (D-NJ) amendment that would have created an independent 12 member commission to investigate the role of policy makers in the development and use of intelligence before the war in Iraq. Motion agreed to 51-45, July 16, 2003. (A "no" vote supports the Council position)

**Vote 9:** Nuclear weapons: Kennedy (D-MA) - Feinstein (D-CA) amendment to bar spending on a Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator (nuclear bunker buster) and additional nuclear weapons research. Amendment rejected 42-55, June 15, 2004. (A "yes" vote supports the Council position)

**Vote 10:** Missile defense: Boxer (D-CA) amendment to bar deployment of a national missile defense until operationally realistic testing of the system confirms that it works. Amendment rejected 42-57, June 17, 2004. (A "yes" vote supports the Council position)

**Vote 11:** Missile defense: Levin (D-MI) amendment that would shift \$515.5 million in the defense authorization bill from national missile defense to nuclear nonproliferation programs and other homeland security and anti terrorism activities. Amendment rejected 44-56, June 22, 2004. (A "yes" vote supports the Council position)

**Vote 12:** Missile defense: Reed (D-RI) amendment that would condition \$550.5 million of the Missile Defense Agency's request for ground based midcourse interceptors on certification by the Pentagon's Operational Testing and Evaluation office that the system is effective and suitable for combat. Amendment rejected 43-53, June 23, 2004. (A "yes" vote supports the Council position)