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## [Most Liberal Members of Congress](#) By [Carrie Mihalcik](#)

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Nine senators tied for most liberal in *National Journal's* 2010 Vote Ratings issue. Here's a look at the 10 most-liberal senators:

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Tied for first—Sen. **Sherrod Brown**, D-Ohio

Although he could face a tough reelection battle in 2012, Brown shows no signs of trimming his sails. He was tied as the most-liberal senator in 2009, making it two years straight he's been tied for most liberal.

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Tied for first—Sen. **Ben Cardin**, D-Md.

Both Maryland senators tied most-liberal senator in the 2010 vote ratings. Cardin also tied for most-liberal senator in 2009.

Tied for first—Sen. **Patrick Leahy**, D-Vt.

Leahy was the 29th most-liberal senator in 2009 with a composite score of 73.8.

Tied for first—Sen. **Carl Levin**, D-Mich.

Levin tied for 11th most liberal in the 2009 vote ratings with a composite score of 84.3.

Tied for first—Sen. **Barbara Mikulski**, D-Md.

Mikulski ranked eighth most liberal in 2009 with a composite score of 85.2, which was a more-liberal score than the 83.3 that tied her for most liberal in 2010.

Tied for first—Senate Majority Leader **Harry Reid**, D-Nev.

Reid made a big jump to tie as the most-liberal senator in the 2010 ratings. He was 22nd most

liberal in 2009 and the 25th most liberal in 2008.

Tied for first—Sen. **Bernie Sanders**, I-Vt.

Sanders is the only independent senator with a most-liberal vote rating in 2010.

Tied for first—Sen. **Debbie Stabenow**, D-Mich.

Stabenow ranked the 21st most-liberal senator in 2009 with a composite score of 78.3.

Tied for first—Sen. **Sheldon Whitehouse**, D-R.I.

Whitehouse also tied for the title of most-liberal senator in 2009.

Tied for 10th—(left to right) Sens. **Kirsten Gillibrand**, D-N.Y., **Chuck Schumer**, D-N.Y., and **Jack Reed**, D-R.I.

Senators from seven states had identical liberal scores. Gillibrand and Schumer are one set of the pairs.

## Top Ten Liberal Representatives

Tied for first—Reps. **Tammy Baldwin**, D-Wis., **Judy Chu**, D-Calif., **John Lewis**, D-Ga., **Jerrold Nadler**, D-N.Y., **John Olver**, D-Mass., **Jan Schakowsky**, D-Ill., and **Linda Sanchez**, D-Calif.

In 2010, four of the 10 most-liberal members of the House were women (pictured above). Rep. **Niki Tsongas**, D-Mass., almost made the list as the 11th most-liberal member in 2010, a big jump from the 51st most liberal in 2009.

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Tied for eighth—(left to right) Reps. **Edward Markey**, D-Mass., **George Miller**, D-Calif., and **Jim McGovern**, D-Mass.

With composite scores of 95.3, Markey, Miller, and McGovern round out the 10 most-liberal members of the House. All three members had a composite score in the 80s in the 2009 vote ratings.

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