

MATT ROSENDALE – “RADICAL LEFT” FACT CHECK

OVERVIEW

- Jon Tester has been recognized as a successful bipartisan lawmaker, and has even had 20 bills signed into law by President Trump this Congress and voted for nearly two-thirds of his judicial nominees. He bucks his party when it's right for Montana and pushed back against Obama Administration proposals to impose an internet sales tax, regulate farm dust, restrict Montanans' Second Amendment rights, and extend the Patriot Act.
- Matt Rosendale brought the swamp to Montana – he's propped up by more than \$10 million in outside and dark money spending, which is no surprise considering his record of voting against increasing campaign finance transparency in our elections. As state auditor, he has proven he is out for himself by dropping charges against a top donor after taking office.

CLAIMS

FACTS

MATT ROSENDALE DISCLAIMER

V/O: Confront them where they eat

O/S: CONFRONT WHERE THEY EAT

V/O: Where they sleep

O/S: CONFRONT WHERE THEY WORK

V/O: Where they work

O/S: CONFRONT WHERE THEY WORK

V/O: That's the radical left

O/S: THE RADICAL LEFT

JON TESTER HAS BEEN PRAISED FOR HIS WORK ACROSS THE AISLE AND BUCKS HIS PARTY WHEN IT'S RIGHT FOR MONTANA

JON TESTER VOTED TO CONFIRM 63 PERCENT OF PRESIDENT TRUMP'S CURRENT CABINET

Jon Tester Has Voted For 14 Of 22 Confirmable Officials In President Trump's Current Cabinet, Or 63.6 Percent. [PN 48, Vote 65, [2/14/17](#); PN 41, Vote 89, [3/15/17](#); PN 50, 51, Vote 33, [1/24/17](#); PN 90, Vote 112, [4/24/17](#); PN 32, Vote 73, [2/27/17](#); PN 29, Vote 29, [1/20/17](#); PN 36, Vote 79, [3/2/17](#); PN 1095, Vote 305, [12/5/17](#); PN 34, Vote 77, [3/2/17](#); PN 31, Vote 75, [3/1/17](#); PN 88, Vote 116, [4/27/17](#); PN 35, Vote 35, [1/31/17](#); PN 42, Vote 127, [5/11/17](#); PN 2179, Vote 163, [7/26/18](#); The Cabinet, White House, accessed [10/11/18](#)]

JON TESTER VOTED TO CONFIRM BOTH OF PRESIDENT TRUMP'S NOMINEES FOR SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Jon Tester Voted To Confirm David Shulkin As Secretary Of Veterans Affairs. On February 13, 2017, Jon Tester voted in favor of “Confirmation of President Donald Trump's nomination of David J. Shulkin of Pennsylvania to be secretary of Veterans Affairs.” The nominee was confirmed by a vote of 100-0. [CQ, [2/13/17](#); PN 39, Vote 64, [2/13/17](#)]

Jon Tester Voted To Confirm Robert Wilke To Be The Secretary Of Veterans Affairs. [Vote 163, PN 2179, [7/23/18](#)]

JON TESTER VOTED FOR NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF JUDICIAL NOMINEES

MTN News: “Tester Has Voted To Confirm About Two-Thirds Of Trump's Nominees To Serve As Judges On The Federal Bench, For Both District And Appellate Circuit Courts.” [MTN News, [10/10/18](#)]

JON TESTER HAS BEEN PRAISED FOR HIS BIPARTISAN WORK

HEADLINE: “Tester The Statesman Montana Needs.” [Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Editorial, [10/7/18](#)]

<p>V/O: And Jon Tester's with them</p> <p>V/O: Tester lied, smeared Trump's pick, destroyed a career for politics</p> <p>O/S: JON TESTER LIED</p> <p>O/S: "THE SMEARING OF RONNY JACKSON IS A DISGRACE"</p> <p>SOURCE: CNN 5/1/18</p> <p>V/O: Then they attacked Judge Kavanaugh.</p> <p>V/O: Unfounded claims</p> <p>V/O: A media circus</p> <p>V/O: Jon Tester invented it</p> <p>V/O: Diane Feinstein perfected it</p> <p>V/O: It's Washington at it's worst</p> <p>O/S: WASHINGTON AT ITS WORST</p> <p>V/O: If you've had enough it's time to defeat Jon Tester</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bozeman Daily Chronicle Editorial: Tester “Has A Demonstrated Record Of Statesmanship – Reaching Out To The Other Party And Looking For The Middle Ground On Issues Important To Montanans.” [Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Editorial, 10/7/18] • Bozeman Daily Chronicle Editorial: Tester “Has Voted With The Opposing Party When He Sees It As The Right Thing To Do And Against It When He Does Not. He Is An Independent Thinker.” [Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Editorial, 10/7/18] <p>HEADLINE: “Tester’s Bipartisan Efforts Serving Our Veterans.” [Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Editorial, 7/14/17]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bozeman Daily Chronicle Editorial: Jon Tester Was “Singled Out As A Key Player” In Successful Bipartisan Veterans Legislation And “Commended” For Working Across The Aisle. [Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Editorial, 7/14/17] <p>HEADLINE: “Tester Named One Of Congress’ Most Effective Senators.” [Missoula Current, 9/29/17]</p> <p>2017: Center For Effective Lawmaking Named Jon Tester Among The Most Effective Lawmakers In Congress. [News Release, Center for Effective Lawmaking, 9/26/17]</p> <p>HEADLINE: “Tester Clearheaded On Issues Montanans Care About.” [Editorial, Montana Standard, 2/22/18]</p> <p>Daily Inter Lake Editor Frank Miele: “Sen. Tester Should Be Commended For Finding A Way To Get Things Done That Are Important.” [Frank Miele, Daily Inter Lake, 10/28/17]</p> <p><u>JON TESTER OPPOSED AN OBAMA-SUPPORTED ONLINE SALES TAX</u></p> <p>Jon Tester Opposed The Marketplace Fairness Act, Which Would Impose A Nationwide Sales Tax On Online Retailers. [Vote 113, S. 743, 5/6/13; Billings Gazette, 4/23/13]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Obama Supported The Marketplace Fairness Act. [New York Times, 4/23/13] <p><u>JON TESTER SUCCESSFULLY PUSHED BACK ON OBAMA-ADMINISTRATION ATTEMPT TO REGULATE FARM DUST</u></p> <p>Jon Tester Joined A Bipartisan Group Of Senators To Urge The EPA Not To Impose New Air Standards That Could Regulate Farm Dust. [Letter to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, 2/15/11]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billings Gazette: EPA Released New Clean Air Regulations With No Mention Of Farm Dust After “Jon Tester...Pressed EPA To Leave Farm Dust Alone.” [Billings Gazette, 12/15/12] <p><u>JON TESTER PUSHED BACK AGAINST OBAMA-ADMINISTRATION ATTEMPTS TO RESTRICT MONTANANS’ SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS</u></p>
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O/S: DEFEAT
TESTER

Jon Tester Voted Against Obama Administration-Supported Measure That Would Have Required A Background Check For Almost Any Sale Or Transfer Of A Firearm. [Vote 104, H.R. 2578, [6/20/16](#); Washington Post, [6/20/16](#)]

- **Jon Tester Voted Against The Murphy Amendment Because It Would Have Blocked Family Members From Buying And Selling To One Another And Jeopardized Law-Abiding Citizens Second Amendment Rights.** [Missoulian, [6/21/16](#)]

Jon Tester Voted To Disapprove Of And Nullify An Obama Administration Rule Requiring Certain Mentally Ill Social Security Beneficiaries Be Reported To The National Instant Criminal Background Check System. [Vote 66, H.J. Res. 40, [2/15/17](#); CQ, [2/15/17](#)]

Jon Tester Led Opposition To Obama Administration-Supported UN Arms Trade Treaty, Arguing It Could Give An International Body Authority Over U.S. Arms Sales Protected By The Second Amendment. [U.S. News & World Report, [7/26/11](#)]

- **2011: Jon Tester Cosigned Bipartisan Letter Warning That “The Establishment Of Any Sort Of International Gun Registry That Could Impede Upon The Privacy Rights Of Law-Abiding Gun Owners Is A Non-Starter” In U.N. Arms Trade Treaty Negotiations.** [Letter to President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton, [7/26/11](#)]
- **2012: Jon Tester Cosigned Bipartisan Letter Expressing Concern That The U.N. Arms Trade Draft Paper Suggested The Creation Of A U.N.-Based Firearms Registry For All Firearms Either Imported Into Or Transit Across National Territory.** [Letter to President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton, [7/26/12](#)]

JON TESTER VOTED AGAINST EXTENDING OBAMA-SUPPORTED PATRIOT ACT POWERS

Jon Tester Voted Against Obama-Supported Measure Extending Patriot Act Powers For Four More Years. [Vote 84, S. 990, [5/26/11](#); Associated Press, [5/27/11](#)]

MATT ROSENDALE BROUGHT THE SWAMP TO MONTANA AND WOULD BE NOTHING MORE THAN A RUBBER-STAMP FOR HIS DARK MONEY BACKERS

MATT ROSENDALE’S CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN PROPPED UP BY MILLIONS IN OUTSIDE SPENDING ATTACKING JON TESTER AND BOOSTING HIM

9/25/18: Outside Groups Had Spent \$10 Million Attacking Jon Tester And Propping Up Matt Rosendale’s Campaign. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [9/25/18](#)]

NBC News: “Koch-Backed Americans For Prosperity Is Launching A Six-Figure Ad Campaign In Montana Supporting Republican Senate Candidate Matt Rosendale...Bring[ing] The Group’s Total Spending In The State To More Than \$1 Million.” [NBC News, [8/28/18](#)]

- **2015: Matt Rosendale Earned A 100 Percent Score From Americans For Prosperity For His Voting Record In The Montana State Senate.** [2015 Legislative Scorecard, Americans for Prosperity – Montana, captured [7/19/17](#)]

MATT ROSENDALE VOTED AGAINST EXPANDING CAMPAIGN FINANCE
TRANSPARENCY IN OUR ELECTIONS

HEADLINE: “Montana House Backs Bill To Require ‘Dark Money’ Groups Disclose Donors.” [Missoulian, [3/26/15](#)]

- **Matt Rosendale Voted Against The Montana Disclose Act, Requiring Dark Money Groups Participating In Elections To Disclose Their Donors And Campaign Expenditures.** [KRTV, [4/22/15](#); Vote 1560, SB 289, [4/15/15](#)]

HEADLINE: “Montana Senate Backs Bill Requiring ‘Dark Money’ Groups To ID Donors.” [Missoulian, [3/26/13](#)]

- **2013: Matt Rosendale Voted Against The Bipartisan TRACE Act, Which Would Require Anonymous Dark Money Political Groups To Disclose Their Donors.** [Vote 1148, SB 375, [3/27/13](#); Missoulian, [3/26/13](#)]

MATT ROSENDALE HAS PUSHED POLICIES THAT BENEFIT HIS BIG DONORS

HEADLINE: “State Auditor Drops Fines Against Top Campaign Donor.”
[Montana Free Press, [9/25/18](#)]

- **Insurance Commissioner Matt Rosendale Dismissed Two Of Three Charges Against Friedel, LLC The Day After An In-Person Meeting With The Company, Whose Employees Had Donated \$13,000 To Rosendale’s Political Campaigns.** [Montana Free Press, [9/25/18](#)]
- **“Longtime Government Ethics Watchdog” Bob Stern: “The Appearance Is Terrible [...] The Appearance Is That [Rosendale] Made The Decision To Drop The Lawsuit Because These People Gave His Campaign A Bunch Of Money.”** [Montana Free Press, [9/25/18](#)]

MTN News: Matt Rosendale Raised \$16,000 From Short-Term Health Insurance Executives And Then Supported Short-Term Health Insurance Plans. [MTN News, [9/5/18](#)]

- **MTN News: “The Money Raised...Was Used To Pay Off The Debt From [Rosendale’s] 2014 U.S. House Race...So The Money To Pay It Off Goes To Rosendale.”** [MTN News, [9/5/18](#)]