

# The Facts: Rev. Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff

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## Rev. Raphael Warnock

### Healthcare:

- Raphael Warnock understands the everyday struggles that most Georgians face. He came from humble beginnings and does not believe that any American should have to choose between putting food on the table or visiting the doctor.
- In the Senate, Warnock will work to expand upon the Affordable Care Act, create a public healthcare option, lower prescription drug prices, and improve the VA healthcare system.

### Social and Environmental Issues:

- Warnock is a pastor and shares many of the same values as Jewish Democrats, including Tikkun Olam, welcoming the stranger, and social justice. In the Senate, Warnock will support legislation to close the gender pay gap, end racial profiling, enact justice in policing, and promote racial unity. Warnock supports comprehensive measures to end climate change and supports re-joining the Paris Climate Agreement.
- Warnock believes that no American should die from senseless gun violence. He supports passing universal background checks, a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, closing loopholes, and preventing domestic abusers from obtaining access to a weapon.

## **Israel & anti-Semitism:**

- Warnock has been a long-time friend to the Jewish community and condemns all acts of antisemitism, violence, bigotry, and hatred. He supports a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, strongly opposes the BDS movement and conditioning or cutting aid to Israel, and will work to preserve the strong US-Israel partnership and to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons
- In a recent op-ed titled “I Stand with Israel,” Warnock, who is the Senior Pastor at Martin Luther King Jr.’s church wrote: “I wholeheartedly and unabashedly echo Dr. King’s declaration that ‘Israel’s right to exist as a state in security is incontestable’.” Warnock stated unequivocally that he does not believe that Israel is an apartheid state and fully supports the Obama-Biden administration’s 2016 Memorandum of Understanding to support Israel’s qualitative military edge.

### **IF ASKED:**

- Warnock has never said anything even remotely anti-Semitic, and he never defended any anti-Israel or anti-Semitic comments made by Jeremiah Wright.
- Yes, Warnock has delivered sermons sharply critical of some actions of Israel’s government in the West Bank. But his solution to what he sees as mistreatment of Palestinians is not BDS and not conditioning or cutting aid to Israel. Rather, his answer is a two-state solution, which is the bipartisan pro-Israel consensus.
- The letter from the National Council of Churches that Warnock signed uses the word “apartheid” but does not call Israel an apartheid state. Rather, it notes some similarities between certain aspects of the West Bank. Warnock has made very clear that he does not believe Israel is an apartheid state. He strongly opposes BDS and conditioning or cutting aid to Israel.

## **Opponent–Kelly Loeffler:**

- **Sen. Kelly Loeffler has embraced the endorsement of anti-Semitic QAnon conspiracy supporter Marjorie Taylor Greene. Greene has repeated anti-Semitic conspiracies about George Soros and has appeared in videos making both racist and Islamophobic statements.**
- **Loeffler has repeatedly denounced the Black Lives Matter movement and knowingly participated in an interview on OANN with white-supremacist and neo-Nazi tied, Jack Posobiec.**
- **Loeffler has repeatedly refused to speak out against President Trump’s refusal to condemn white supremacists. Loeffler is a co-owner of the WNBA team the “Atlanta Dream.” Loeffler called on the WNBA to drop its support of BLM and replace the BLM logo on jerseys with the American flag, instead.**
- **As a result of her anti-BLM views, players from her team and within the league publicly endorsed Warnock and asked for Loeffler’s removal as co-owner. Loeffler told FOX News that the Black Lives Matter movement is “an organization that seeks to destroy American principles” and believes that politics should be removed from sports. Loeffler also introduced legislation called the “Holding Rioters Accountable Act” which would withhold funding from district attorneys who refuse to prosecute crimes arising from protests.**
- **Loeffler has supported measures to attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act and believes the United States Supreme Court should overturn Roe v. Wade. Loeffler has proposed the “Modernizing Americans’ Health Care Plan” which does not explicitly outline any policies or measures to ensure that insurance companies cannot deny coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions.**

# Jon Ossoff

## Healthcare:

- **Jon Ossoff believes the link between health and wealth should be broken and will work to strengthen and expand Medicare, create a stable public healthcare option, and defend those with pre-existing conditions from being denied coverage.**

## Social and Environmental Issues:

- **Ossoff is committed to protecting Roe v. Wade. In the Senate, he will only vote to confirm federal judges who pledge to uphold Roe v. Wade.**
- **He will mitigate the harmful effects of climate change and support a historic infrastructure plan that includes massive investments in clean energy, energy efficiency, and environmental protection.**
- **Ossoff will improve education and lower the financial burden of college with a generous forgiveness program for those struggling to pay off their student loans.**

## Protecting Democracy:

- **Ossoff ran a media company dedicated to exposing corruption in foreign countries. He will be a staunch defender of democratic institutions here in the US.**

## **Israel & anti-Semitism:**

- **We know firsthand that Ossoff, who is Jewish, is committed to fighting anti-Semitism. He joined JDCA for a candidate forum where he spoke about his strong commitment to fighting anti-Semitism and white nationalism and he is a strong supporter of the U.S.-Israel relationship.**
- **Ossoff opposes the BDS movement, supports a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and will advocate for both pro-Israel and Democratic values as a member of Congress.**
- **Ossoff knows how dangerous anti-Semitism is. His opponent, Sen. David Perdue, photoshopped an image of Ossoff to enlarge his nose and claimed he and Sen. Schumer are trying to “buy the election,” employing two of the oldest and most vile anti-Semitic tropes in history.**

### **IF ASKED:**

- **Yes, Jon Ossoff did work for Congressman Hank Johnson.**
- **Ossoff has never used the derogatory language that Johnson used to describe settlements or settlers, and Johnson did apologize for those comments.**
- **Ossoff is a proven friend of the Jewish and pro-Israel communities.**

## **Opponent–David Perdue:**

- Aside from creating doctored anti-semitic images of Ossoff, Sen. Perdue mocked the Vice-President-elect's name by intentionally mispronouncing it at a campaign rally. Perdue's actions can only be viewed as the following: anti-Semitic and racist.**
- Perdue has been a loyal supporter of President Trump and has repeatedly failed to denounce the President's refusal to condemn white supremacy.**
- Sen. Perdue urged President Trump to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement and is a climate change denier. In 2015, Perdue voted against an amendment to affirm that the United States believes that climate change is a real man-made issue.**