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This legislator voted constitutionally on **0%** of the votes shown below.

CPH: Estimated cost per household.

★ Pro-liberty	✗ Anti-liberty	? Did not Vote	CPH	Vote
1. SB954 Sexual Education (Passed 31 to 9 on 8/31/2024). Mandates free condom access for grades 9-12 starting in 2025-26, promotes partnerships with health organizations, allocates \$5 million for community distribution, and prohibits age-based restrictions on nonprescription contraception.				
			\$3	Yes
2. SB1297 Automated Traffic Enforcement (Passed 36 to 4 on 8/30/2024). Allows the city of Malibu to launch a speed-camera pilot program on the Pacific Coast Highway until 2032, using automated systems to ticket drivers.				
				Yes
3. AB1992 Carbon Sequestration (Passed 31 to 9 on 8/29/2024). Allows for the development of "blue carbon" and "teal carbon" demonstration projects to study and quantify the carbon-sequestration potential of coastal and wetland ecosystems.				
				Yes
4. AB2655 Free Speech Violation (Passed 31 to 9 on 8/27/2024). Forces large online platforms to censor or label election-related content deemed "deceptive," including deepfakes, during election periods.				
				Yes
5. SB965 Firearms Dealer Oversight (Passed 38 to 0 on 5/24/2024). Requires the California Department of Justice to include detailed data on firearm-dealer inspections and handgun-roster updates in its annual report to the Legislature.				
				Yes
6. SB233 Abortion (Passed 31 to 8 on 5/21/2024). Allowed licensed Arizona physicians to temporarily practice in California to provide abortion-related care to Arizona residents traveling from Arizona.				
				Yes



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Sen. Dave Cortese
Lifetime Score: **0%**

CA Scorecard 2024
2023 Regular Session Score

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U.S. Constitution, Amendment I --- 11 C.F.R. §114(4)(c)(4) --- 616 F.2d 45 (2d Cir. 1980)

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1. Sexual Education

SB954 mandates free condom distribution in California high schools (grades 9–12) starting 2025–26, ensures proper usage education, and prohibits restrictions on health centers providing condoms. It allocates \$5 million for community distribution, protects youth access to nonprescription contraception, aligns with the California Healthy Youth Act, and offers cost reimbursement to local agencies if funded by the state.

The California State Senate passed SB954 on August 31, 2024 by a vote of 31 to 9. We have assigned pluses to the nays because the responsibility for the upbringing, education, and care of children, particularly on sensitive issues like sexual education, rests with parents—not the government. The Constitution's Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment firmly protect parental rights, recognizing them as fundamental to liberty.

2. Automated Traffic Enforcement

SB1297 allows the city of Malibu to launch a speed-camera pilot program on the Pacific Coast Highway until 2032, using automated systems to ticket drivers. The program would issue warning notices and require a public information campaign before implementation.

The California State Senate passed SB1297 on August 30, 2024 by a vote of 36 to 4. We have assigned pluses to the nays because traffic-monitoring systems undermine due process by removing human oversight and presuming guilt before innocence, violating principles protected by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments. These systems also risk infringing on Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches and seizures.

3. Carbon Sequestration

AB1992 allows for the development of "blue carbon" and "teal carbon" demonstration projects to study and quantify the carbon-sequestration potential of coastal and wetland ecosystems, aiding California's "climate resilience strategies."

The California State Senate passed AB1992 on August 29, 2024 by a vote of 31 to 9. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this expands government, and tax dollars should not go toward complying with any aspect of the United Nations Agenda 2030. These projects prioritize globalist interests over national sovereignty.

4. Free Speech Violation

AB2655 forces large online platforms to censor or label election-related content deemed "deceptive," including deepfakes, during election periods. It requires platforms to let residents report content and allows candidates and officials to sue noncompliant platforms, prioritizing such cases in court.

The California State Senate passed AB2655 on August 27, 2024 by a vote of 31 to 9. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation undermines the fundamental right to free speech protected by the First Amendment. By forcing platforms to censor or label content deemed "deceptive," the bill opens the door to subjective interpretations of what constitutes misinformation, effectively silencing dissenting voices.

5. Firearms Dealer Oversight

SB965 requires the California Department of Justice to include detailed information in its annual firearms report to the Legislature, starting July 1, 2025. This includes data on staffing for firearms dealer and ammunition vendor inspections, inspection results, and actions taken on handgun roster updates (e.g., additions, removals, and denials). The initial report will cover data from 2020–2024, with subsequent reports covering the prior year. This bill enhances "transparency" in firearm-dealer compliance and handgun-roster management.

The California State Senate passed SB965 on May 24, 2024 by a vote of 38 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because the fundamental right of the American people to keep and bear arms is protected by the U.S. Constitution, particularly in the 2nd, 9th, and 10th Amendments, and should not be infringed. SB965 is a gross infringement on that right.

6. Abortion

SB233 allowed licensed Arizona physicians to temporarily practice in California to provide abortion-related care to Arizona residents traveling from Arizona. This authorization, effective through November 30, 2024, required physicians to register with the California Medical Board, meet specific requirements, and submit proof of their good standing in Arizona.

The California State Senate passed SB233 on May 21, 2024 by a vote of 31 to 8. We have assigned pluses to the nays because the care of human life—not its destruction—is the greatest responsibility of government. California ought to forbid all methods of abortion and other grotesque methods of population control entirely and uphold the sanctity of life for every person, especially preborn children. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and protected by the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.