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New “Freedom Index” Grades Every Congressman

Our newly published “Freedom Index” shows how every member of the House and Senate voted on key issues, such as the TARP funding to bail out financial institutions, SCHIP (children’s health insurance), the federal budget, and the economic stimulus package.



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The average House score for this index is a dismal 38 percent and the average Senate score is an even worse 34 percent. Three representatives earned perfect scores: John Duncan (R-Tenn.), Jeff Flake (R.-Ariz.), and Ron Paul (R.-Texas). In the Senate, Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) scored 100 percent. The overall results should be much higher, of course, considering that our standard for rating lawmakers is the U.S. Constitution and every member of Congress takes an oath to uphold the Constitution.

Please examine how your own U.S. representative and senators voted on each key issue in the current “Freedom Index” as well as overall. To download a free copy of the “Freedom Index” from the July 20 issue of TNA, [click here](#). We also encourage readers to commend legislators for their constitutional votes and to urge improvement where needed.

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