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## Dianne Feinstein, Oldest Senator With Worst Voting Record, to Retire

[A moment of confusion arose on Tuesday](#) when California's senior senator, Dianne Feinstein, said she hadn't decided about whether to run for reelection in 2024, and then, when informed by one of her staff that her office had already made the announcement that she wouldn't, she confirmed the fact.

One reporter witnessing her confusion wrote:

Asked by reporters about her announcement to resign, [Feinstein] says "If I haven't made that decision, I haven't released anything." A staffer then told the senator that a statement had been released. Feinstein responded saying "I didn't know they put it out."



AP Images  
Dianne Feinstein

Another reporter confirmed Feinstein's confusion:

Feinstein: I haven't made that decision. I haven't released anything.

Staffer: We put out the statement.

Feinstein: You put out the statement? I didn't know they put it out.

After 30 years in the senate, at age 89, Feinstein is the oldest sitting U.S. senator and member of Congress, and has managed another record: the poorest voting record. According to [The Freedom Index](#) compiled by *The New American*, Feinstein's "lifetime" average voting record, on a scale of 0 to 100, rates a 12. This reflects her utter disregard for the U.S. Constitution and her oath to support and defend it. In two terms, she scored just a three out of 100; in another two terms she scored a five; and in the latest Congress, the 117th, her voting record, compared to the Constitution, was a zero.

In the statement that Feinstein's staff issued, she said:

I am announcing today [that] I will not run for reelection in 2024....

Each of us was sent here to solve problems. That's what I've done for the last 30 years.

What's she's done over the last 30 years is toe the liberal/socialist/progressive party line to the detriment of America. Consider her comment on her failed attempt to pass a federal gun ban:



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If I could have gotten 51 votes in the Senate of the United States for an outright ban [on firearms], picking up every one of them ... "Mr. and Mrs. America, turn 'em all in," I would have done it.

She succeeded in passing the 1994 Federal Assault Weapons ban. And when it expired 10 years later (without proof that it had any salutary impact on gun violence) she tried to have it renewed.

On immigration she has long pushed for granting citizenship to illegals, even those convicted of horrific crimes — aggravated felonies, domestic violence, stalking, violation of protection orders, crimes against children, and crimes relating to illegal possession of firearms.

She has repeatedly voted in favor of using taxpayer monies to fund abortions, both here and abroad. She voted against a ban on partial-birth/late-term abortions. She supported fetal cell tissue research.

On energy development, she voted consistently against approving the Keystone XL Pipeline, delaying its construction until the primary contractor finally gave it up.

On federal spending, she repeatedly voted against a balanced budget amendment, preferring instead to fund all manner of unconstitutional programs.

On healthcare, she voted for ObamaCare and against any suggestion of reining it in after it became operational.

She voted for the Real ID Act, against an amendment declaring English to be the national language, and against the Defense of Marriage Act.

During Senate confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett, Feinstein attacked her and implied her Catholic faith would negatively impact her rulings:

Why is it that so many of us on this [Democratic] side have this very uncomfortable feeling that dogma and law are two different things, and I think whatever a religion is, it has its own dogma. The law is totally different. The conclusion one draws is that the dogma lives loudly within you.

In another incident showing her perfidy, Feinstein withheld evidence alleging that Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh had unspecified but untoward relations with an unnamed accuser 36 years earlier. She withheld it for six weeks, waiting for one week before the committee was to vote on his confirmation, hoping to derail his nomination.

Four far-left pols have leaped into the vacuum left by Feinstein's exit: Adam Schiff (Freedom Index rating 16), Ro Khanna (FI rating 18), Barbara Lee (FI rating 27), and Katie Porter (FI rating 7).

At the moment, prognosticators are predicting Porter will win the prize for being the most liberal/communist/socialist/progressive candidate to replace Feinstein in 2024.



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