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The Passing of Senator Dianne Feinstein

California's Senator Dianne Feinstein, the longest-serving woman senator in history, passed away last night in her Washington, DC, home, at the age of 90. A former mayor of San Francisco and California gubernatorial candidate, Feinstein was first elected to the Senate in 1992. In the more than 30 years since, she built up a formidable legislative record, having a leading role in a broad range of initiatives, from the creation of the nationwide Amber Alert system, to the criminalizing of cross-border smuggling tunnels, to the preservation of the Mojave Desert and other conservation-related initiatives.

Unfortunately, Feinstein also devoted much of her energy to causes subversive to the Constitution and to traditional American values. She was the prime force behind the now-infamous 10 year federal "assault weapons" ban, which criminalized the sale of a broad range of firearms, including AR-15s, and was one of the most consistent advocates of gun control in Washington, DC. She also was one of the most dedicated supporters of the homosexual advocacy movement.

In "The Freedom Index," *The New American's* congressional scorecard based on the U.S. Constitution, she [scored](#) a paltry 12 percent., despite the fact that she (like all other members of Congress) took an oath to uphold the Constitution.

Although she was no champion of constitutional government, Feinstein was regarded by all in Washington as courteous and respectful, even of those with whom she disagreed. As one of her frequent legislative foes, Florida Senator Marcio Rubio, remarked on X, "Intelligent, hard working [and] always treated everyone with courtesy [and] respect. May God grant her eternal rest."



FILE - Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., speaks during a Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism hearing, Oct. 31, 2017m on Capitol Hill in Washington. Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California has died. She was 90. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik, File)



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