

**Name: Elizabeth Warren**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4Bg5KbGOVQ>

**State:** Born: Oklahoma

Current resident: MA

**Current Position:** US senator since 2013

- **Committees**

- Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
  - Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection
  - Economic Policy
  - Securities, Insurance and Investment
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)
  - Employment and Workplace Safety
  - Primary Health and Retirement Security
- Aging
- Armed Services
  - Airland
  - Personnel
  - Strategic Force

- **Education:**

- University of Houston and graduated in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science degree in speech pathology and audiology
- Rutgers Law School

- **Experience:**

- Taught degree in speech pathology and audiology for a year
- Academic focused on bankruptcy law, where she focused primarily on empiric decision-making of the public following legal changes.
- Taught at several law schools, including the University of Houston, the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Pennsylvania, and Harvard University
- 2017 Vice Chair of the Senate Democratic Caucus

- **Position on Issues:**

- **Crime**
  - major player in the establishment of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau for which she served as the first Special Advisor.
  - legislation she has introduced to further eliminate white-collar crime.

- a law enforcement unit to specifically investigate crimes at big banks and financial institutions
  - require senior executives of banks with more than \$10 billion in assets to certify each year that they "found no criminal conduct or civil fraud within the financial institutions
  - introduced legislation with [Republican Senator James Lankford \(OK\)](#) requiring federal agencies to release more information in regards to closed federal investigations and cases against bad corporate actors.
- **Drug costs**
    - Warren has advocated for the U.S. government to begin producing prescription drugs as a way to lower drug costs in the U.S. She has introduced legislation that would give the government the ability to produce generic versions of certain drugs, the name-brand versions of which are much more expensive
- **Economy**
    - she is "a capitalist to my bones"
    - Warren has cosponsored a bill raising the [U.S. minimum wage](#) to \$15 an hour.<sup>[22]</sup>
    - opposing what eventually became a [2005 act restricting bankruptcy access for individuals](#)
    - proposal to help Porto Rico recover from its debt problems
- **Healthcare**
    - Warren supports a proposal by [Senator Bernie Sanders](#) that would require the U.S. government to provide health insurance to every U.S. citizen, a program known as [Medicare-for-all](#).
- **Housing**
    - Warren has supports federal funding for the construction of millions of new homes.
    - She has also introduced legislation that would reward local governments for relaxing restrictive zoning codes that prevent the building of new homes. The plan also calls for further investment in affordable-housing projects, with a specific focus on assisting black families who have historically been hurt by federal housing guidelines.
- **Monopolies and government intervention**
    - She does not support U.S. government-takeover of certain industries. Instead, she wants to restructure markets, reflecting her view that the

economy has been dominated by a select few individuals and that the government can reform it to make it more competitive.

- Focus has been specifically on breaking up what, in her view, are monopolies in the technology sector through stronger antitrust enforcement. She has specifically called out [Apple](#), [Google](#), and [Amazon](#). She has also pushed for more competition and government involvement in the healthcare industry.

- **Opioid epidemic response**

- In response to the national [opioid epidemic](#), Warren has called for the U.S. government to assist in the treatment of more addicted Americans. Additionally, her plan calls for \$100 billion in federal funds to be directed into fighting the opioid crisis over 10 years

- **Working class**

- Warren supports transferring corporate power to workers. She considers herself a defender of the middle class, saying in her announcement video that "America's middle class is under attack." Recent legislation she has submitted would make it easier for Americans to form and join labor unions.<sup>[22]</sup>
- She recently introduced legislation that would require U.S. corporations worth more than \$1 billion to allow their employees to select 40% of their board of directors. This is an attempt to get more money flowing back into the pockets of regular workers instead of corporate leaders.
- require that shareholders approve any corporate funds being donated to political candidates