

## Reed's Ratings from Lobbying Groups

### Executive Summary

Tom Reed receives ratings from lobbying groups with conservative and liberal ideologies. Conservative lobbying groups generally give Tom Reed highly favorable ratings. Notable ratings from conservative groups include:

- The business friendly United States Chamber of Commerce determined that Reed voted for bills they support 97% of the time;
- Americans for Prosperity (AFP), founded in 2004 and funded by the Koch brothers, is a libertarian/conservative political advocacy group and one of the most influential American conservative organizations. It organized significant opposition to Obama administration initiatives such as global warming regulation, the Affordable Care Act, the expansion of Medicaid and the post-Great Recession economic stimulus. AFP rated Reed at 79%;
- In 2017-18, the American Farm Bureau Federation - Congressional Scorecard and Voting Record – gave Reed a rating of 100%; and
- In 2016, The National Rifle Association - Candidate Positions on Gun Rights - rated Congressman Reed as agreeing with their positions 93% of the time.

Liberal leaning lobbying groups tend to give Reed low ratings. Notable ratings from liberal groups include:

- The American Civil Liberties Union gave Reed a rating of 17%;
- The AFL-CIO's Labor Scorecard is compiled to inform constituents about their representative's stand on issues important to working families. Specific issues include strengthening Social Security and Medicare, protecting worker freedom to join a union, and workplace safety. Congressman Reed has a 34% lifetime record of voting for such bills according to the AFL-CIO;
- The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence - Brady Rating on Expanding Background Checks gave Reed a rating of 0% in 2015-16; and
- Common Cause - Positions - rated Congressman Reed at 11% in 2016.

**Reed’s Ratings by Industry and Group<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Lobbying Group</b>	<b>Rating</b>
<i>Agriculture and Food</i>		
2017-18	American Farm Bureau Federation - "Congressional Scorecard & Voting Record"	100%
2017	Food Policy Action - Positions	20%
<i>Animals and Wildlife</i>		
2017-2018	Animal Welfare Institute - "Compassion Index"	26%
2017	Food Policy Action - Positions	20%
2016	Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund - Positions	0%
<i>Arts, Entertainment, and History</i>		
2016	Americans for the Arts Action Fund - Positions	27%
2015-2016	National Parks Action Fund - Positions	9%
<i>Business and Consumers</i>		
2017-2018	Associated Builders & Contractors - Positions	100%
2017-2018	Associated General Contractors of America - Positions	100%
2017-2018	National Electrical Contractors Association - Positions	100%
2017-2018	National Federation of Independent Business - Positions [2/23]	100%
2016	United States Chamber of Commerce - Positions (Cumulative)	97%
2016	United States Chamber of Commerce - Positions	100%
2015-2016	American Forest and Paper Association - Positions	100%
2017-2018	Associated Builders & Contractors - Positions	100%
2017-2018	Associated General Contractors of America - Positions	100%
<i>Campaign Finance and Elections</i>		
2016	Common Cause - Positions	11%

<sup>1</sup> Rating information obtained from: [www.VoteSmart.org](http://www.VoteSmart.org). More information on VoteSmart is available in the “References” section at the end of this report.

*Conservative*

2017-2018	Americans for Prosperity - Positions	86%
2017-2018	Americans for Prosperity - Lifetime Positions	79%

*Crime*

2015-2016	National Association of Police Organizations - Positions	80%
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*Defense*

2015-2016	Center for Security Policy - Positions	100%
2015	Council for a Livable World - Positions	0%

*Education*

2016	Americans for the Arts Action Fund - Positions	27%
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*Employment and Affirmative Action*

2015-2016	National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association - Lifetime Score	27%
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*Entitlements and the Safety Net*

2016	Alliance for Retired Americans - Positions	0%
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*Environment*

2017	Environment America - Positions	15%
2017	Food Policy Action - Positions	20%

*Finance and Banking*

2015	Financial Executives International - Positions	100%
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*Government Budget and Spending*

2016	Council for Citizens Against Government Waste - Positions	71%
2016	National Taxpayers Union - Positions	70%

*Guns*

2016	National Rifle Association - Candidate Positions on Gun Rights	93%
2015-2016	Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence - Brady Rating on Expanding Background Checks	0%

*Health Insurance*

2012	Service Employees International Union (SEIU) - Positions	4%
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*Higher Education*

2015-2016	American Association of University Women - Positions	22%
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*Immigration*

2017-2018	NumbersUSA - Positions [2/23]	27%
2017	National Iranian American Council - Positions	25%

*Legal*

2013-2014	American Immigration Lawyers Association - Positions	0%
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*Liberal*

2016	Americans for Democratic Action - "Congressional Voting Record"	0%
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*National Security*

2017	National Iranian American Council - Positions	25%
2015-2016	Center for Security Policy - Positions	100%

*Oil and Gas*

2015-2016	EnerVest - "Petroleum & Natural Gas Issues"	100%
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*Religion*

2017-2018	The John Birch Society - "Freedom Index"	60%
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*Citizens*

2016	Alliance for Retired Americans - Positions	0%
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*Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity*

2015-2016	Human Rights Campaign - Positions	48%
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*Technology and Communication*

2017-2018	National Electrical Contractors Association - Positions	100%
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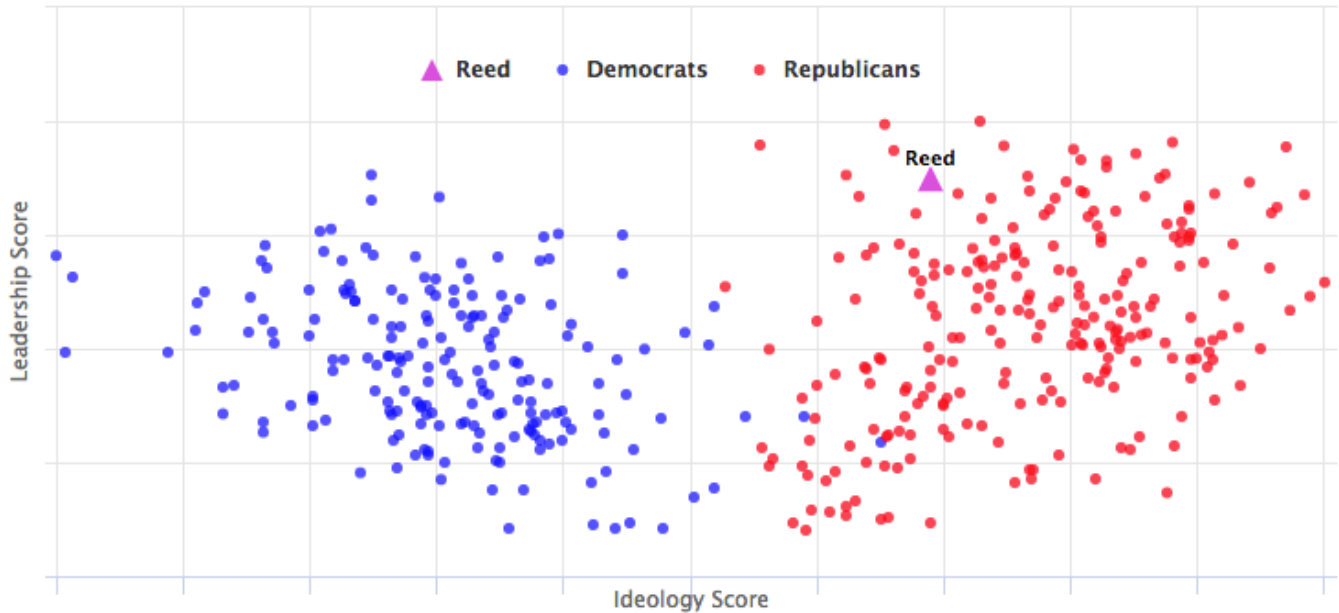
*Unemployed and Low-Income*

2015-2016	Bread for the World - Positions	100%
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2015-2016	RESULTS - Positions	50%
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### Ideology and Leadership Chart<sup>2</sup>



Each dot in the above chart is representative of a member of the House of Representatives positioned according to a liberal – conservative ideology score (left to right) and a leadership score (leaders are toward the top). Tom Reed is represented by the purple triangle. Congressman Reed is located in the conservative side of the chart.

<sup>2</sup> Obtained from Govtrack.us

## References

<https://votesmart.org/candidate/evaluations/127046/tom-reed-ii#.WpYcVi25uUk>

*VoteSmart.org maintains detailed records on federal officials voting records. The information below is for recent ratings for Congressman Reed – from 2015-2018 only. Vote Smart displays all known interest group ratings for each candidate and official, regardless of issue or bias.*

*Keep in mind that ratings done by special interest groups often do not represent a non-partisan stance. In addition, some groups select votes that tend to favor members of one political party over another, rather than choosing votes based solely on issues concerns. Nevertheless, they can be invaluable in showing where an incumbent has stood on a series of votes in the past one or two years, especially when ratings by groups on all sides of an issue are compared. Website links, if available, and descriptions of the organizations offering performance evaluations are accessible by clicking on the name of the group.*

*Most performance evaluations are displayed in a percentage format. However, some organizations present their ratings in the form of a letter grade or endorsement based on voting records, interviews, survey results and/or sources of campaign funding. For consistency and ease in understanding, Vote Smart converts all scores into a percentage when possible. Please visit the group's website or call 1-888-VOTESMART for more specific information.*

<https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/congressional-scorecard#/NY/307/>

<https://aflcio.org/what-unions-do/social-economic-justice/advocacy/scorecard>

[https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/tom\\_reed/412393/report-card/2017](https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/tom_reed/412393/report-card/2017)