

Representative Joseph Chaplik

District 3



Legislative Biography

AZ Rep. Joseph Chaplik is a Representative in the Arizona State Legislature who represents the 3rd district and received 39.4% of the vote in his last election. He is the Chair of the Regulatory Affairs committee, and a member of the Capital Review and Budget committees.

He works most frequently on Law (95 bills), Crime and Law Enforcement (93 bills), Education (54 bills), Economics and Public Finance (53 bills), and Health (25 bills). He has sponsored 22 bills in his

last four year(s) in office, voting with his party 83.1% of the time, getting 63.64% of his bills out of committee, and 27.27% of his sponsored bills enacted.

Rep. Chaplik most frequently works on legislation with Jake Hoffman (R-AZ-15) (125 bills), Beverly Pingerelli (R-AZ-28) (112 bills), and Leo Biasiucci (R-AZ-30) (95 bills). He most frequently votes with Rachel Keshel (R-AZ-17) (90.36%), Ralph Heap (R-AZ-10) (89.66%), and Justin Olson (R-AZ-10) (88.97%).

Before entering politics, Rep. Chaplik was involved in business. He received a degree from Bowling Green State University (OH).

About

Assumed Office - 2021

Next Election - 2026

Residence - Scottsdale, AZ

Term - 3rd term

Previous Experience

President, Joseph Bernard Investment Real Estate 2005-Current

Member, Maricopa County Sheriff's Memorial Fund 2013-Current

Secretary, One Hundred Hills Homeowners Association Board 2015-Current

Member, US Marshals Posse District of Arizona 2016-Current

Undermining American Democracy

Activity	Description	Category	Role
HB 2794	Bans election officials from altering voting deadlines	Voter Suppression	Co-sponsored
HCR 2023	Resolution opposing "For the People" Act	Voter Suppression	Co-sponsored
HB 2905	Restricts mail ballot from being sent to all voters	Voter Suppression	Co-sponsored, Voted Yes
SB 1485	Allows purging voters from Permanent Early Voting List	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
HCR 2033	Decertifying AZ's 2020 Presidential Electors	Voter Suppression	Co-Sponsored
HB 2596	Eliminates early voting, allows legislature to reject election results	Voter Suppression	Co-Sponsored
HB 2238	Ban Ballot Drop Boxes	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
HB 2289	Eliminates Mall Voting/Early Voting/Vote Center and requires hand counting ballots	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
HB 2492	Proof of citizenship required for voting	Voter Suppression	Co-sponsored; Voted Yes
HB 2319	"Transparency in elections"	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
SB 1011	Makes municipal elections partisan	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
HB 2415	Easier removal from voter lists	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
SB 1021	Attorney General is required to defend all bills passed by legislature unless granted permission by legislature	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
SB 1268	Imposes onerous red tape on unions	Anti-Labor	Voted Yes, Voted Yes in Committee
SB 1377	Grants immunity from COVID-19-related liability	Anti-Labor	Co-sponsored, Voted Yes
HCR 2031	Preempts local wage and benefit ordinances	Anti-Labor	Voted Yes
HB 2001	Prohibits local ordinances on labor productivity	Anti-Labor	Voted Yes
SB 1278	Onerous paperwork for labor unions	Anti-Labor	Voted Yes
HCR 2016	Article V Convention - Term Limits	Anti-Labor	Voted Yes
HB 2309	Criminalizes protests of seven or more people	Anti-First Amendment	Co-sponsored, Voted Yes
SB 1532	Prohibits teachers from discussing so-called "divisive issues" such as racism, sexism, bias and other social issues	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
SB 1456	Suppresses teaching of sex ed and gender identity	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
SB 1074	Bans public sector trainings on race, sex discrimination	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
SB 1165	Bans transgender students from participating on girls sports teams	Anti-First Amendment	Co-sponsored, Voted Yes
SB 1138	Bans medical care for transgender youth	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes

HB 2161	Requires teachers to report LGBTQ student to parents	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
HB 2112	Bans instruction on race, ethnicity, or sex, threatening teachers with fines and losing their licenses	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
HCR 2001	Bans Critical Race Theory Through Constitutional Amendment	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
SB 1305	Ban on critical race theory	Culture War	Voted Yes
SB 1001	Pronoun bill	Culture War	Voted Yes
SB 1040	Anti-trans bathroom bill	Culture War	Voted Yes
SB 1005	Eliminates penalties for parents suing teachers over curriculum and losing	Culture War	Voted Yes

Disinformation

Critical Race Theory

Here is an example of Representative Joseph Chaplik's social media posts misrepresenting Critical Race Theory to distort and, ultimately, silence arguments for racial justice & equality in the United States:

February 17th, 2022 - RT @Leo4AzHouse: *The Arizona House, in a party line vote, just banned Critical Race Theory in our schools. This racial propaganda does not belong in our schools and I'm proud to have voted to ban it.* <https://t.co/5Oy5gyUNjf>

QAnon

Here are examples of Representative Joseph Chaplik's social media posts spreading dangerous QAnon conspiracy theories:

June 12th, 2022 - *If the tee ball coach was pushing this kind of filth, he'd be arrested. And rightfully so. Keep this away from our kids*
 @ScottsdaleUSD#parentalrights#groomer#grooming#azright@azgop <https://t.co/GTvC3gToTx>

May 14th, 2022 - RT @GarretLewis: *Grooming happening at Tucson Magnet HS. Counselor that organized the school approved drag show was arrested for having sex with 15 year old student. Maybe don't approve drag shows at school and just teach class?*
<https://t.co/0ZBU11xd8vh><https://t.co/A1hMsGy85C>

Other

Chaplik falsely accused House Majority Leader Michael Carbone of throwing items from his desk during a heated disagreement. Video evidence disproved Joseph Chaplik's accusation that Majority Leader Michael Carbone grabbed and threw items off his desk. According to the Daily Arizona Independent, "According to Arizona State Representative Joseph Chaplik, a disagreement with the House Majority Leader became so heated that the Leader, Michael Carbone, grabbed items

from Chaplik's desk on the House floor and threw them on the floor. Chaplik's accusation was quickly circulated throughout the Capitol by those looking to portray the Republican caucus in disarray. The charge prompted a House investigation that included a review of video of the House floor, which revealed Chaplik made up the charges. Carbone never grabbed or threw any of his items. 'Chaplik lied, and it was a dumb lie because, of course, there is video, so he got busted lying in full color,' said one Capitol insider." [Arizona Daily Independent, [02/15/2025](#)]

Chaplik's co-sponsorship of House Bill 2031 is a direct assault on workers, consumers, and public services, all under the false pretense of "cutting government waste." House Bill 2031, pushed by Chaplik and Rep. Alexander Kolodin, is legislation to reduce the number of state boards and commissions. The bill seeks to eliminate entities within the state's regulatory framework that are deemed outdated or redundant. This bill would dismantle critical oversight by eliminating state boards that regulate professional licensing, uphold workplace safety, and support essential public programs. It targets working-class professions like barbers and cosmetologists by stripping licensing requirements and threatening industry standards and worker protections. The bill also proposed the elimination of the Arizona Commission on the Arts. Established to support and advance the arts statewide, the commission provides grants and resources to artists, educational programs, and community initiatives. By championing this reckless deregulation, Chaplik is making it clear: his priority is gutting protections for workers and the public to serve an extremist anti-regulation agenda. [Arizona Globe, [02/26/2025](#)]

Chaplik's legislation, House Bill 2681 and House Bill 2439 are a direct attack on reproductive rights in Arizona. HB 2681 imposes severe restrictions on abortion-inducing drugs, mandating in-person examinations, extensive documentation, and mandatory follow-up visits by physicians while also banning the distribution of these medications by mail or courier. The bill goes even further by introducing civil liability for violations, effectively punishing both physicians and patients. HB 2439 takes a different approach, forcing state health agencies to provide information on pregnancy support and adoption services, yet completely excluding any resources related to abortion care. Throughout Chaplik's career, he has supported numerous bills that restrict abortion access, including voting against repealing Arizona's outdated 1864 abortion ban and banning abortions after 15 weeks. Furthermore, he co-sponsored a bill requiring physicians to attempt to preserve the life of any infant born alive—despite the fact that infanticide is already illegal—and another that mandates public disclosure of companies that fund organizations advocating for abortion. [[AZ H.B. 2681](#), [AZ H.B. 2439](#); Arizona Choice Tracker, [2025](#)]

Chaplik co-sponsored Senate Bill 1098, which introduced restrictive measures on Arizona's election processes. The bill requires individuals delivering early ballots to present identification and attest to their relationship with the voter, with violations punishable as a Class 5 felony. This provision could severely limit voter participation by creating unnecessary barriers for those assisting others with their ballots, particularly in communities with limited access to transportation or polling places. Additionally, SB 1098 mandates using state-owned facilities as voting locations starting in 2026, which could further limit access for marginalized communities. The bill also consolidates polling places and imposes stricter election regulations, complicating the voting

process and increasing the likelihood of confusion and disenfranchisement. By supporting this bill, Chaplik is championing measures that undermine Arizona voters' right to accessible and fair elections. [[AZ S.B. 1098](#)]

Chaplik co-sponsored House Bill 2670, a deeply concerning piece of legislation that mandates fetal development instruction in Arizona's classrooms for students in grades seven and eight. The bill politicizes health education by introducing discussions on fetal development, despite the public's strong support for reproductive rights. It is part of a larger trend of legislation aiming to regulate what students are taught, particularly on sensitive topics like reproductive health. This bill mirrors efforts to bend educational institutions occurring at the national level. Critics of the bill, including lobbyists from Planned Parenthood Advocates of Arizona and Reproductive Freedom for All, noted that Arizona law does not require sex education in schools. They said they thought it did not make sense for the state to require instruction on fetal development without comprehensive sex education. These efforts will inhibit academic freedom and, in the case of the fetal development bill, open teachers up to prosecution. By supporting this bill, Chaplik is helping to impose ideological control over education, furthering the erosion of reproductive freedom in Arizona. [AZ Central, [03/03/2025](#) , [AZ H.B. 2670](#)]

Chaplik's co-sponsorship of House Bill 2438 represents a direct violation of individual rights and government overreach into personal identity. By explicitly prohibiting changes to the sex designation on birth certificates due to sex change surgery, this legislation strips Arizonans of the ability to obtain accurate legal documentation, denying them recognition under the law. The bill not only eliminates a critical provision for those who have undergone gender-affirming procedures but also restricts judicial authority, barring pro tempore judges and commissioners from issuing orders to amend birth certificates under certain conditions. By supporting this measure, Chaplik is championing a policy disregarding personal freedom, medical realities, and the fundamental right to self-identification, setting a dangerous precedent for state interference in private lives. [[AZ H.B. 2438](#)]

Chaplik refused to investigate an ethics complaint against Rep. Austin Smith, shielding a fellow Republican from accountability despite serious allegations of petition signature fraud. Smith, a far-right lawmaker and former Turning Point Action official, was accused of personally forging over 100 petition signatures to qualify for the 2024 ballot. The accusations were serious enough that state election officials referred them to the Arizona Attorney General's Office for possible criminal investigation. Despite this, Chaplik, who chairs the House Ethics Committee, dismissed the ethics complaint filed by Democratic lawmakers, arguing that the committee is not a law enforcement body and that the complaint lacked firsthand knowledge of wrongdoing. This weak justification ignores the committee's duty to uphold the integrity of the legislature and hold its members accountable. Instead of investigating, Chaplik effectively gave Smith a free pass, allowing partisan interests to override ethical responsibility. His inaction sends a clear message: Arizona's Republican leadership is more interested in protecting its own than ensuring transparency and accountability in government. [AZ Mirror, [05/20/2024](#)]

Chaplik has become a central figure in Arizona's controversial push for harsh immigration legislation that many critics accuse of fostering racial discrimination and xenophobia. By sponsoring bills that empower local authorities to arrest and deport migrants, Chaplik perpetuates a narrative that vilifies immigrant communities as the source of crime and societal issues. His support for legislation that echoes Arizona's notorious "show me your papers" law raises serious concerns about the potential for widespread racial profiling and injustice, further alienating vulnerable populations. As protests escalate, fueled by the outrage of Latino advocates and Democratic lawmakers, Chaplik's actions exemplify a troubling trend of exploiting immigration policy for political gain. Chaplik has marketed the proposals as a necessary defense against a wave of criminal activity, using xenophobic language to villainize migrants and accuse them of being responsible for a multitude of problems. [AZ Mirror, [05/21/2024](#)]

Chaplik promoted a debunked conspiracy theory alleging then-President Joe Biden of using a body double. Chaplik reposted a claim from former journalist Sharyl Attkisson suggesting President Joe Biden was using a body double—an assertion with no evidence, pushed by figures known for spreading falsehoods. His actions mirror those of Sen. Wendy Rogers, who has promoted similar baseless claims. Chaplik's refusal to engage with fact-based discourse underscores a troubling pattern among Arizona's Republican leadership: a preference for political theatrics over truth. By spreading discredited conspiracies, Chaplik fuels distrust in democratic institutions and legitimizes dangerous fringe narratives. His silence in the face of multiple requests for comment only further confirms his lack of accountability. Rather than serving his constituents with integrity, Chaplik continues to indulge in the reckless spread of misinformation, prioritizing partisan sensationalism over responsible governance. [AZ Mirror, [07/26/2024](#)]

Chaplik co-founded the Arizona Freedom Caucus. In 2022, Chaplik was among the four Arizona Republican legislators to found the Arizona Freedom Caucus, modeled on its federal counterpart in the U.S. House. The Freedom Caucus seeks to move the legislature towards far-right-wing extremism. [Axios, [7/25/2022](#)]

Chaplik is cosponsoring legislation to make illegally crossing the border a state crime, copying a controversial Texas law. HB 2748, the Arizona Invasion Act, would make it a state crime for anyone to enter the United States from any foreign nation other than at a port of entry. As this is already a federal crime, it would authorize local or state police to enforce the law. According to KJZZ, "Texas is defending itself, and this bill will enable Arizona to defend itself at the border," Rep. Joseph Chaplik (R-Scottsdale) said. He's sponsoring one of three bills that copy parts of a Texas law the U.S. Department of Justice argues is unconstitutional. The Texas law is similar to Arizona's own infamous 2010 immigration policy, SB 1070. Key provisions of that law were thrown out by the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled that Arizona has no right to enforce federal immigration laws." These cruel immigration bills are intended to intimidate and harm the vulnerable. HB 2748 is currently moving through the legislature. [AZ HB 2748, Committee Report: Rules, amended constitutional and in proper form, 5-3-0-1-0-0, 2/19/2024; KAWC, [1/24/2024](#); KJZZ, [2/13/2024](#)]

Chaplik is a member of at least four far-right Facebook groups. According to the Institute for Research and Education on Human Rights' special report, Breach the Mainstream: A National Survey Of Far-Right Membership In State Legislatures, Chaplik belongs to at least four far-right Facebook groups. This report documents public Facebook groups that espouse "election denial, COVID denial, anti-vaccine 'health freedom,' Islamophobia, antisemitic conspiracies, attacks on Black Lives Matter and Black history under the anti-'Critical Race Theory' banner, anti-abortion, 'groomer' anti-LGBTQIA bigotry, and even open appeals to white nationalism." The groups Chaplik is a member of include Arizonans For The Second Amendment, Arizona Patriotic Businesses, Moms for Liberty - Maricopa County, AZ, and Tea Party of Scottsdale. [IREHR, [5/19/2022](#)]

Chaplik threatened to withhold funding from Arizona State University after wildly claiming "institutionalized racism and neo-segregation" had taken over the campus. After a viral [incident](#) where two white students attempted to troll students of color with a "Police Lives Matter" sticker and claiming that "white" is a culture at ASU's multicultural center, where they were calmly asked to leave, 20 Arizona legislators drafted a letter attacking the University and threatened to withhold vital funding. The letter, signed by Rep. Joseph Chaplik, criticizes the incident as "Racially-motivated harassment of two students and their subsequent removal from one of the campus' study facilities that ASU has allowed a culture of institutionalized racism and neo-segregation to take hold on its campus." The signers of the letter vowed to take legislative action, including the threat of withholding funding to the university. [Prescott eNews, [10/5/2021](#)]

Chaplik called for withholding funding from school districts that implement mask mandates. The same day that three state universities announced they would implement mask mandates, 17 Arizona legislators wrote a letter to Governor Ducey calling for him to withhold federal funding to schools that implement such policies. The letter highlights preemption saying that local governments cannot make their own policies and the real issues of, "The Arizona legislature, with the governor concurring, very intentionally enacted the laws at hand to protect Arizonans and Arizona children from the threat of government mandating them to wear a mask or be injected with a vaccine." The letter publicly asks Ducey to withhold funding, provide Empowerment Scholarship Accounts to students, and initiate legal action in those school districts. The following week, Gov. Ducey announced education grants that can only be directed to schools without mask mandates, but the Treasury Department said these grants are "not a permissible use" of federal funding. [Gila Herald, [8/12/2021](#); The Hill, [8/18/2021](#); AP News, [10/5/2021](#)]