

FACT SHEET

Mark Norris was nominated by President Donald Trump to serve on the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee. Norris has an appalling record on immigration, LGBTQ rights, workers' rights, reproductive rights, and more. Alliance for Justice opposes his nomination to the federal bench.

IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEES

As a state senator, Norris supported legislation that would make it harder for documented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses and opposed bipartisan legislation to help DREAMers attend college.

Norris was instrumental in passing a state law that criminalized undocumented immigrants in Tennessee, despite the fact that courts have struck down similar laws.

Norris has made ignorant and offensive comments about Muslims, implying that being Muslim is synonymous with being a terrorist. For example, he set up a petition and website that used images of refugees alongside pictures of ISIS terrorists.

Norris tried to keep the federal government from settling refugees in Tennessee – filing a lawsuit that even Jeff Sessions's Justice Department said was baseless.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Norris has supported several efforts to curtail reproductive rights in Tennessee. Most recently, he supported the "Tennessee Infants Protection Act," which requires a doctor to test for the viability and gestational age of the fetus, bans abortion after 20

weeks, and provides that a doctor violating the law could face Class C felony charges. Tennessee's Republican state attorney general has noted that "the new Act [is] constitutionally suspect."

LGBTQ RIGHTS

Norris has fought against marriage equality, supporting state legislation that became known as the "LGBTQ Erasure bill" for its goal to undermine the Supreme Court's decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* in Tennessee.

Norris supported legislation that allows mental health counselors to discriminate against LGBTQ clients.

Norris supported legislation that prohibits cities from protecting gay and lesbian Tennesseans from being discriminated against based on their sexual orientation.

RACIAL EQUITY

Norris was instrumental in weakening Memphis schools, attended largely by African-American children. He authored legislation that allowed wealthy suburban school districts to withdraw from the Shelby County school district, devastating the district's funding scheme and forcing Memphis urban schools to cut millions from their budgets.

Norris, as a co-sponsor of the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act of 2016, led the effort to prohibit local communities from removing monuments to Confederate leaders from parks or public spaces.

WORKERS' RIGHTS

Norris pushed legislation that has made it far harder for workers to pursue compensation claims in Tennessee, including barring the cases from trial courts. He also advanced legislation that overturned living wage laws in Memphis and Shelby County.

VOTING RIGHTS

Norris was an ardent supporter of a strict voter ID law, which took effect in 2012 and which the GAO found led to a drop in voter turnout. He also pushed an amendment that would have allowed election officials to require proof of citizenship to vote, which opponents said would result in racial profiling.

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