

# Claire McCaskill

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I'm a moderate. I hang out in the middle. I vote against my party with some regularity and try to compromise. It doesn't appear right now that the Republican Party is welcoming moderates any more.

~Claire McCaskill

[Hillary Clinton] and I are fine. Are we going to be besties for the rest of our lives? No.

~Claire McCaskill

When the Tea Party comes to town, compromise goes out the door.

~Claire McCaskill

The White House has something in common with the rest of America, and that is disdain for Congress. It is hard to blame them.

~Claire McCaskill

If every crime victim had to have perfect judgment, we could empty our prisons.

~Claire McCaskill

You never know what'll happen in politics.

~Claire McCaskill

What? You don't trust me?

~Claire McCaskill

Well, I'm wrestling alligators.

~Claire McCaskill

Mitch McConnell is a professional arm twister. He's done this for many years. He has a lot of power in his caucus.

~Claire McCaskill

For Donald Trump to dismiss out of hand the intelligence community's

fact gathering is, frankly - doesn't bode well for him protecting our country.

~Claire McCaskill

The price of a college education should never include a 1 in 5 chance of being sexually assaulted.

~Claire McCaskill

I think that I was just on the cusp of the generation that was beginning to really challenge some of the assumptions about the role of women and the role of men on campus.

~Claire McCaskill

Even though we know sexual assault is still dramatically underreported, I think women are much more empowered today than they used to be.

~Claire McCaskill

I've been very independent from the day I arrived in Washington.

~Claire McCaskill

The political system loves the extremes, it doesn't so much show a lot of love for the moderates.

~Claire McCaskill

I'm asking regular folks to be my super PAC.

~Claire McCaskill

Do I want Social Security to be there for my kids and my grandkids? Absolutely. Will I fight like a tiger to make sure that we protect Social Security? I absolutely will.

~Claire McCaskill

I'm the only United States Senator in the country that I'm aware of that's had the far left up on TV and the far right up on TV against me at the

same time.

~Claire McCaskill

I think it's important that we show up. I think it's important that we communicate directly with all those working people.

~Claire McCaskill

For Vladimir Putin to be trying to impact our elections, that - we have to - there has to be - he has to be held accountable.

~Claire McCaskill

I think Donald Trump can take major steps towards reassuring the American people that there can't even be appearance of impropriety for pay-to-play schemes under his administration.

~Claire McCaskill

What is most heartbreaking to me is the young women who don't report [being raped] because they were drinking, and they feel like it was their fault that they were drinking. I mean, that is so common.

~Claire McCaskill

I just think it's weird that Donald Trump wants to be an executive producer of a TV show while he's President of the United States. I agree with Newt Gingrich. He doesn't have to do that.

~Claire McCaskill

I believe that sexual assault - if this is possible - was even more underreported when I was in school.

~Claire McCaskill

Obviously, I have been a pro-choice candidate for my entire political career, and obviously there is controversy always surrounding this issue.

~Claire McCaskill

It's very hard from a distance to figure out who has lost their minds. One party, the other party, all of us, the president.

~Claire McCaskill

I worry about the lack of experience that Rex Tillerson has had on the diplomatic front and, frankly, I think that's true for many of the appointments to [Donald] Trump's cabinet.

~Claire McCaskill

My first obligation is my job. It's very hard to really get into campaign mode when you've got to focus on doing the work.

~Claire McCaskill

I think I'm the last Democrat left in the Senate after Russ Feingold was defeated that won't take earmarks.

~Claire McCaskill

They [people from the Donald Trump cabinet] haven't had experience in the areas that they're being asked to manage in a very complicated world and a very complicated government.

~Claire McCaskill

I am a small-town girl.

~Claire McCaskill

No commander in chief would ever say, "I'm not going to listen to the guys on the ground."

~Claire McCaskill

So it is the business community and agricultural community who I think might have the most influence on helping us make this effort more bipartisan.

~Claire McCaskill

Somehow in the public sector, if you start in the mailroom and spend your life getting promoted, it's unseemly.

~Claire McCaskill

Frankly, earmarking is not the problem. It is a symptom of the problem.

~Claire McCaskill

All the movies where I play nice guys don't seem to do very well.

~Claire McCaskill

I think there are certain folks in Missouri that don't trust government. And they haven't trusted government for a long time.

~Claire McCaskill

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