



RATING RICK

As the Governor gears up for his second legislative session, the Florida Democratic Party is issuing a report card on Scott's first year in office and the results are a resounding "F".

Seven issues. Seven grades. Seven reasons

Scott has failed the people of Florida.

On issue after issue, Scott has failed to keep his promise on jobs and education, has violated the state's constitution and Sunshine laws, and rolled back years of protections on Florida's Everglades and wetlands.

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Jobs & Economy

Rick Scott ran for office promising to create jobs, but in his first legislative session he actually made cuts that slashed thousands jobs in Florida and rejected 24,000 new ones, and the state's unemployment rate is currently among the highest in the country. With nearly one million Floridians out of work, the Governor has pursued his extreme agenda over job creation even backtracking publicly on his 7-7-7 jobs plan.

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Education

Rick Scott has waged a war on education that could hurt Florida's future workforce and our children and grandchildren by increasing class size, forcing one size fits all regulation on local schools, and promoting school vouchers that drain millions of dollars from public schools.

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Environment & Land Management

Scott has failed to protect the state's precious land and water, stating he would support drilling in the Everglades and backing reforms that reverse a quarter-century of state growth management policy. After only one year in office his actions have impacted Florida's environment for the worse.

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Ethics & Corruption

Scott was corrupt in his business and runs government by the same standard—rewarding political allies with multi-million dollar contracts and refusing to follow the same rules as everyone else. From protecting the corrupt ways of Tallahassee to awarding his cronies with large government contracts, Scott has become part of the problem instead of the solution.

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Sunshine Laws & Open Government

Scott has spent much of his first year pursuing a power grab in the courts through costly, taxpayer funded lawsuits and ignoring Florida's Public Record Laws by permanently deleting emails from his office. Rick Scott's first act as Governor was to ignore the open-records laws that apply to all elected officials by deleting all of his communications with the special interest groups that gave him millions of dollars in campaign contributions.

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Quality of Life

Rick Scott and the legislature have gutted measures that protect Floridian's quality of life – potentially repelling companies that create good paying jobs. Florida ranks in the bottom half of the states for median family income, percentage of citizens who have a college degree and gross state product per capita.

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Immigration

After making immigration reform a central element of his campaign and calling his biggest regret of last session a failure to pass a radical Arizona-style immigration policy in Florida, Scott has completely abandoned the Tea Party measure in the face of an election year. Scott's unwillingness to crack down on employers while pandering to his Tea Party base gives insight into Scott's 48-percent approval rating among members of his own party.