

United States Senator Roy Blunt (Mo.)

Building on a background as a public servant, university president, and teacher, United States Senator Roy Blunt was elected by the people of Missouri to the United States Senate in 2010.

Senator Blunt is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee; the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee; the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; and the Senate Rules Committee. He serves as the Ranking Republican on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies. Blunt is also the Ranking Republican on the Commerce Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion.

Less than one year after he was sworn into the U.S. Senate, Blunt was chosen by his colleagues to serve as a member of the Senate leadership as the Vice Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference. Blunt also serves as a member of the Senate Republican Whip Team.

From 1996-2008, the people of Southwest Missouri overwhelmingly elected Blunt seven times to the U.S. House of Representatives. Blunt was elected by his colleagues to serve as House Majority Whip and Republican Whip three times, and he became the Majority Whip earlier in his career than any Member of Congress in eight decades. As Whip, the second highest Republican in the House, he led a team of deputies and assistants that columnist Robert Novak described as “the most efficient party whip operation in congressional history.”

Before serving in Congress, he was a history teacher, a county official, and in 1984 became the first Republican elected as Missouri’s Secretary of State in more than 50 years. Senator Blunt also served four years as the president of his alma mater, Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri.

Senator Blunt is a member of the Smithsonian Council for American Art and is a Trustee of the State Historical Society of Missouri.

The Senator is married to Abigail Blunt and has four children: Matt Blunt, Missouri’s 54th Governor; Amy Blunt, an attorney in Kansas City, Mo.; Andy Blunt, an attorney in Jefferson City; and Charlie (age 8). Blunt has six grandchildren: Davis Mosby, Ben Blunt, Branch Blunt, Eva Mosby, Allyson Blunt, and Brooks Blunt.