

With only 25 days to go until Election Day, here are the 25 most important things you need to know about Congressman Kevin Cramer.

1. Cramer continues to embarrass North Dakota, making national headlines with his callous comments regarding sexual assault.

CNN: [GOP Senate nominee: Kavanaugh accusation 'absurd' because they were drunk and assault attempt 'never went anywhere'](#)

Politico: [Cramer questions whether Kavanaugh assault allegation is disqualifying – even if true](#)

CNN: [GOP Senate candidate on Kavanaugh accuser: 'I mean, how many 15-year-olds handle a lot of alcohol?'](#)

NDxPlains: [Cramer Struggles to Clarify Comments](#)

Hankinson News-Monitor: [Cramer's comments are shameful](#)

2. Cramer [wasn't Republicans' first choice](#) to run for Senate. One reason: [his "Akin-like" tendencies](#). Those fears have become reality thanks to his multiple gaffes and bizarre comments, including suggesting that there's ["nothing inhumane" about children in chain-link fence cages](#) and [describing women dressed in white as having a "disease."](#)

3. Cramer only entered the race after [an out-of-state billionaire](#) promised to help him fundraise.

4. Cramer [pledged to vote with the president 100 percent of the time](#) once he entered the race – and he's shown North Dakotans that his pledge applies even when it goes against their best interests.

5. Cramer compared voting against the president's agenda to [cheating on your spouse](#).

6. Cramer was involved in a pay-to-play scandal during his time on the Public Service Commission where he willingly took ["improper campaign contributions"](#) from industries he was charged with regulating. Cramer was sued and the judge in charge of the case admonished his actions as "ill-advised, devoid of common sense, and raises legitimate questions as to the appearance of impropriety."

7. Cramer uses campaign funds to ["enrich \[himself\] and \[his\] family,"](#) a practice described as ["morally kind of sticky."](#)

8. Cramer voted to repeal or undermine the current health care law 65 times, threatening protections for people with pre-existing conditions, jeopardizing access to affordable care in rural communities, and allowing insurance companies to charge older North Dakotans ages 50-64 five times more for their care than younger people. He's now ["play\[ing\] defense"](#) on his health care record, signing onto [two toothless resolutions](#) that would take no concrete action to protect folks with pre-existing conditions.

9. Cramer supports the reckless, partisan lawsuit that could lead to insurance companies denying care to the more than 300,000 North Dakotans who have a pre-existing condition.
10. Cramer [accused](#) folks with pre-existing conditions of trying to “game” and “abuse” the health care system.
11. Cramer got [three Pinocchios](#) for his false claim that the health care bill he voted for guarded against price discrimination for folks with pre-existing conditions.
12. Cramer’s office [threatened constituents with physical removal](#) when several concerned North Dakotans attended a ‘set the record straight’ press conference on Cramer’s health care record.
13. Cramer has repeatedly called for tweaks to Social Security and Medicare, such as raising the eligibility age and increasing means testing, which [experts say “could be interpreted as calls for cuts,”](#) a position Cramer “has held... for years.”
14. Cramer flip-flopped on his previously held position on tariffs in order to kowtow to the president. When China announced retaliatory tariffs on \$50 billion worth of U.S. goods, including soybeans, Cramer tweeted his opposition to a trade war but, that same day, he [deleted the previous post and replaced it](#) with a statement claiming the president is “right to stand up to China” with regard to the trade war. Since then, Cramer has been a rubber stamp and blindly supported the trade war.
15. Cramer accused farmers of being [hysterical](#) over the trade war and told them they [“don’t have a very high pain threshold.”](#)
16. Cramer created a self-imposed deadline of September for when he’d become [“concerned”](#) enough to stand with North Dakota against the administration’s reckless trade war. It’s been more than [41 days](#) and Cramer has yet to take meaningful action.
17. Cramer’s actions and rhetoric [“almost derailed”](#) grain grading trade negotiations with Canada.
18. Cramer has a history of playing politics with the Farm Bill. In 2014, Cramer was criticized for holding up passage over his politics with the [Williston Herald](#) calling on Cramer to “take a lesson from Hoeven and Sen. Heidi Heitkamp” and the [Grand Forks Herald](#) Editorial Board slamming him as an “ideologu[e] who value[s] purity above results.”
19. Cramer campaigns on being a deficit hawk, but voted for the partisan tax bill that would balloon the national debt by nearly \$2 trillion.

20. Cramer earned the moniker “[one of the best fudge masters in Washington, D.C.](#)” because he has spent this entire campaign misleading North Dakotans about his own record, as well as lying about Heidi’s.

*HEADLINE: [PolitiFact](#): Kevin Cramer distorts record on government shutdown
“We rate this statement Mostly False.”*

*HEADLINE: [Washington Post](#): N.D. Republican’s Senate campaign ‘fact-checking’ website promotes false claim on CBO estimates
“Four Pinocchios”*

*HEADLINE: [PolitiFact](#): Kevin Cramer distorts Heidi Heitkamp's record on banking regulations
“We rate this statement False.”*

*HEADLINE: [Washington Post](#): [Would the House GOP plan have prevented ‘price discrimination’ against people with preexisting conditions?](#)
“Three Pinocchios”*

[Valley News Live](#): Cramer’s Ad “Misleading”

21. Cramer continually takes credit for Heidi’s work, such as when he “[overstated how much he did](#)” in lifting the oil export ban.

22. Cramer has declined seven debates with Heidi, including an [ag-specific forum](#) at Big Iron.

23. Cramer has said that military service is often “[a result of lack of other opportunity for employment or revenue.](#)” And in 2014, Cramer [drew condemnation from veterans](#) for using footage of a VA cemetery in an ad without seeking permission from the VA or the fallen service members' families. His actions [jeopardized](#) the cemetery’s funding.

24. Cramer has taken more than \$21,000 in campaign contributions from the DeVos family. During her tumultuous confirmation process, Cramer stated his support for DeVos despite [overwhelming opposition](#) to her in North Dakota.

25. Cramer fought against the inclusion of a 2013 provision in VAWA that allowed tribal councils to prosecute non-Indian defendants accused of violence against American Indian women. At an event discussing the provision, Cramer’s remarks grew violent and he allegedly said he would like to “[\[w\]ring the Tribal council’s neck and slam them against the wall](#)” as he addressed a domestic violence survivor.

BOTTOM LINE: Cramer is a political opportunist who has always, and will always, put himself and his political capital over North Dakota’s interests. That’s why he’s unfit to be our Senator.