

Danny Tarkanian Election Record

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1. 2004 Nevada State Senate election - **Loser**

On May 4, 2004, Tarkanian filed to run in Nevada's 11th Senate district against incumbent [Michael A. Schneider](#). Schneider defeated Tarkanian in the general election.^[9]

Following the election, **Tarkanian successfully sued his Democratic opponent for libel and defamation**

2. 2006 Secretary of State election - **Loser**

In December 2005, Tarkanian announced his second bid for public office, this time a statewide election for Nevada Secretary of State.^[12] He defeated Brian Scroggins in the Republican primary and faced Democratic nominee [Ross Miller](#), the son of former Nevada governor [Bob Miller](#) in the general election. Miller defeated Tarkanian in the general election

3. 2010 U.S. Senate election - **Loser**

In 2009, Tarkanian announced that he would run against Democratic U.S. Senator [Harry Reid](#). Before other candidates entered the primary, Tarkanian was the front-runner for the Republican nomination. Former Nevada Republican Chairwoman Sue Lowden and Former Assemblywoman [Sharron Angle](#) entered the primary field shortly after Tarkanian's announcement and quickly overtook him in the polls. Angle won the nomination with Tarkanian finishing third in the field. Angle ultimately lost the general election to Reid.

4. 2012 U.S. House election - **Loser**

In January 2012, he announced he would run in the newly created [Nevada's 4th congressional district](#).^[14]

In June 2012, Tarkanian won the Republican primary with 32% of the vote, defeating eight other candidates. The most notable of these was State Senator [Barbara Cegavske](#), who won the endorsements of the party establishment.^[17] Tarkanian faced Democratic State Senate majority leader [Steven Horsford](#) in the general election. He lost to Horsford, 50–42%.

5. 2014 Nevada System of Higher Education Regent election - **Withdrew**

Tarkanian filed to run for NSHE Regent on March 14, 2014 and withdrew on March 25, 2014 citing that he did not want to oppose a family friend.¹

6. 2016 U.S. House election - **Loser**

Tarkanian ran to represent [Nevada's 3rd congressional district](#) in the 2016 election. He won the Republican primary in June 2016,^[19] and faced Democrat [Jacky Rosen](#) in the November 2016 general election.^[20] Rosen won with 47% of the vote to Tarkanian's 46%. **Tarkanian sued Rosen after the election for defamation and the case is currently pending.**

7. 2018 U.S. Senate election - **Withdrew**

On August 8, 2017, Tarkanian announced on [Fox News](#) that he would run against incumbent Republican [Nevada Senator Dean Heller](#) in the 2018 primary. In October 2017, Tarkanian was photographed with brothel owner [Dennis Hof](#) at a county fair.¹

On March 16, 2018, hours before the filing deadline and at the request of President Trump, Tarkanian announced that he would be withdrawing from the Senate race and would instead run for [Nevada's 3rd congressional district](#).

8. 2018 U.S. House election - **Loser**

Tarkanian had seven times as much campaign funding as any of his primary opponents as of mid-April 2018.^[30] He won the Republican primary on June 12, 2018, with 44.1% of the vote. He faced Democrat [Susie Lee](#) in the general election^[31] and lost 52–43%.