

## NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2018 OHIO GOVERNOR'S RACE

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<b>Abortion:</b> Mostly ban or mostly legal?	<a href="#">Legal</a> . Women should have the right to make their own personal decisions.	Ban. <a href="#">Would have supported "heartbeat bill," banning abortion at 6 weeks with no exceptions for rape or incest.</a>
<b>Campaign Finance:</b> Limit political donations from corporations & unions?	Yes. <a href="#">Supported McCain-Feingold bill. Also supports public financing of campaigns.</a>	No. <a href="#">Voted against McCain-Feingold.</a>
<b>Climate Change:</b> Consider climate change a critical threat? Limit or tax production of greenhouse gases?	Yes. Clean energy & energy efficiency are job engines, but also <a href="#">"keys to addressing climate change that threatens the Great Lakes &amp; Ohio farmland."</a>	No. <a href="#">Challenged Obama Administration's Clean Power Plan: "Will dramatically increase Ohioans' electric rates while... offering less reliable service &amp; few tangible environmental benefits."</a>
<b>Contraception:</b> Allow employers to withhold contraceptive coverage from employees if they disagree with it morally?	No. <a href="#">Require employers to provide coverage of contraception in health insurance plans. Considers it key element of women's health care.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Considers this an issue of religious freedom for employers.</a>
<b>Drugs:</b> Legalize or decriminalize marijuana? Support Ohio Ballot Issue 1, <a href="#">which reduces first &amp; second arrests for simple drug possession to non-jail time misdemeanors?</a> Related, how to best address opioid crisis?	<a href="#">Would legalize</a> . <a href="#">Supports Issue 1 (See Politifact check)</a> as alternative to failed drug & incarceration policies. <a href="#">"Can't arrest way out of opioid crisis," so fund treatment &amp; prevention programs, train law enforcement, &amp; boost state support for families.</a>	Opposes recreational marijuana legalization or decriminalization. <a href="#">Sued Toledo when the city passed municipal decriminalization.</a> Also opposes Issue 1. To help address opioid crisis, <a href="#">expand substance-abuse &amp; early intervention programs, and add drug courts.</a>
<b>Economy:</b> Support expanded regulatory role for federal government?	Yes. <a href="#">Ran Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which forced financial institutions to return \$12 billion to consumers. Has challenged Ohio payday lending industry.</a>	No. <a href="#">Make Ohio a low tax, low regulation state that's attractive to businesses. Let governor suspend regulations that adversely affect job creation.</a>
<b>Education:</b> Increase funding for K-12 & pre-K education?	<a href="#">Yes</a> . Advocates increased funding for universal pre-K (\$140 million per year) & more equitable funding of primary & secondary schools.	Unclear on general K-12. <a href="#">Supports increased pre-K funding, but when in Senate opposed Head Start funding.</a>
<b>Education:</b> Increase state funding for higher education?	Yes. <a href="#">Proposes free community college for all Ohioans. Expand Columbus State Preferred Pathways program that guarantees admission to partner 4-year colleges &amp; enables students to easily transfer credits.</a>	Unclear. <a href="#">Wants improved college affordability, new funding to produce more computer science teachers, &amp; tying part of state funding to "post-graduate job attainment." Might consider free community college.</a>

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<b>Education:</b> Support privately operated but publicly funded charter schools & programs like vouchers which allow parents to help pay for private schools?	No. <a href="#">“The for-profit charter schools have been a scandal... We've got \$70 million missing in Columbus that we're never going to see again.”</a>	<a href="#">Yes.</a> Says charters can be <a href="#">cost efficient &amp; higher performing.</a> Also supports <a href="#">vouchers.</a>
<b>Gay Marriage:</b> Support gay marriage?	Yes. <a href="#">“Long-term supporter.”</a>	No. <a href="#">Also opposed including sexual identity in anti-discrimination laws.</a>
<b>Gun Control:</b> Support more restrictive gun control legislation? Restrict semi-automatic weapons?	<a href="#">Previous history of opposing restriction. Supports universal background checks &amp; bump stock ban. Opposes assault weapons ban.</a>	<a href="#">More previous support for restrictions. Now supports “stand your ground” law, opposes banning bump stocks or assault weapons. Would let judges seize guns from people at risk.</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Support or Repeal ACA, aka Obamacare? Accept ACA's Medicaid expansion to subsidize low-income participants?	Supports ACA. On Medicaid expansion, <a href="#">700,000 Ohioans have access to health care “who will not have it if it goes away.”</a>	Repeal ACA, believes could still keep pre-existing condition coverage. <a href="#">“Medicaid expansion is financially unsustainable,”</a> but would keep for now with added work requirements.
<b>Healthcare:</b> Let Planned Parenthood receive public funds for non-abortion health care?	Yes. <a href="#">Will work to restore funding.</a>	No. <a href="#">Nothing requires Ohio to support abortion providers.</a>
<b>Immigration:</b> Support DREAM Act (DACA), allowing “Dreamers” who grew up in US after arriving illegally as children, to achieve legal status?	Yes. Embrace DACA recipients & create <a href="#">“pathways to citizenship for all immigrants who love &amp; respect our nation.”</a>	Co-sponsored 2005 DREAM Act, & let DACA recipients apply for driver’s licenses, but <a href="#">defended Trump’s executive orders on immigration.</a>
<b>Labor:</b> Enact right-to-work law, eliminating the right of unions to mandate dues for workers they represent?	No. <a href="#">“Would do everything to stop.”</a>	<a href="#">“Should be decided by Ohio voters.”</a>
<b>Minimum Wage:</b> Raise the minimum wage?	Yes. <a href="#">Fight to raise Ohio minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2025. Will go to voters if needed.</a>	Undecided. Says he’s <a href="#">“open to taking a look at”</a> whether the question should go to voters.” <a href="#">As US Senator increased to \$7.25 when coupled with increased cap on estate tax. As Attorney General opposed Ohio cities’ enacting minimum wage higher than the state’s.</a>
<b>Net Neutrality:</b> Require internet providers to provide equal access to all users?	Yes. <a href="#">Would require for any company contracting with OH.</a>	Probable no. <a href="#">As Attorney General declined to join lawsuit preserving it.</a>
<b>Renewable Energy:</b> Government support for renewable energy?	Yes. <a href="#">Increase requirement for utilities to generate electricity from renewable sources. Believes this can play key role in revitalizing economy.</a>	No stand found.
<b>Taxes:</b> Support <a href="#">President Trump’s tax cuts?</a> Ohio tax policy?	No. <a href="#">A “terrible deal” that helps the wealthy. No current plan to increase OH taxes, but shift some allocations.</a>	Supports Trump tax cuts. <a href="#">No tax increases for OH. Exempt capital gains taxes for investment in economically distressed communities.</a>
<b>Voting Rights:</b> Support stricter voting rules such major voter purges, even if they prevent some people from voting?	No. <a href="#">“The right to vote is vital to our democracy.” Make it “more accessible to Ohioans,” don’t take it away.”</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Applauds US Supreme Court decision upholding Ohio’s strict method for purging voter rolls.</a>

Other candidates include: [Constance Gadell-Newton \(Green Party\)](#), [Collin Hill \(Independent\)](#), & [Travis Irvine \(Libertarian\)](#). Due to limited space, we can’t include candidates polling at less than 15%, but encourage you to check out their websites.

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