

NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2018 MAINE GOVERNOR'S RACE

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Abortion: Mostly ban or mostly legal?	Legal. Backed bill advancing access in rural & low-income communities. " I will fight any attempt to undermine or roll back a woman's right to choose. "	Ban. During 2010 campaign said it was a private choice. Now ban, with exceptions for rape, incest or life of the mother.
Campaign Finance: Support <i>Citizens United</i> decision, allowing unlimited political donations from corporations & unions?	No. Allowing untold, undisclosed money into our politics is corrosive to democracy. Overturn Citizens United.	No position found.
Climate Change: Consider climate change a serious threat? Should government limit the levels of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere?	Yes. " Global climate change demands immediate action... I [will use] the authority of my office to address the problem in a meaningful way. "	No. Doesn't believe human activity contributes to climate change. Says he will balance protecting Maine's environment and having a stable regulatory structure for job creators.
Contraception: Allow employers to withhold contraceptive coverage from employees if disagree with it morally?	No. " Employers should not be able to interfere in these most personal decisions of their employees. "	Unknown.
Courts: Support Supreme Court nomination of Brett Kavanaugh ?	No. Concerned by "tone and tenor" of his testimony and don't trust him to protect women's abortion rights.	Took no position when asked. Said it's up to Maine's duly elected Senators, not him.
Education: Increase funding for K-12 education?	Yes. Restore full state funding at voter-mandated 55% level. Otherwise damaging lower-income communities.	Reduce education costs. " The 55% to me... is more of an arbitrary number than it is fact-based. "
Environment: Support Trump administration's Environmental Protection Administration cutbacks?	No. Joined legal challenges. Defend " important EPA regulations against attacks. "	Unclear. General advocate for fewer regulations, though his company took steps like installing solar panels.
Gay Marriage: Support gay marriage?	Yes. Proud that ME voters were first state to approve marriage equality at the ballot box.	Not personally. " Marriage is one man & one woman. " Opposed marriage equality law, but in 2010 campaign, said he would "respect the will of voters."
Gun Control: Support more restrictive gun control legislation? Restrict semi-automatic weapons?	Yes. Ban bump stocks and high-capacity magazines. Spent career fighting for sensible gun safety laws, including related to domestic violence.	No. Supports ME Constitution's statement that right to keep and bear arms " shall never be questioned. "

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Healthcare: Support or Repeal ACA, aka Obamacare? Accept ACA's Medicaid expansion to subsidize low-income participants, as mandated in 2017 initiative?	Strong support. Opposed Trump's " unconscionable " attempts to undermine. Implement Medicaid expansion, yielding " lower healthcare costs, healthier citizens, more stable hospital systems " and stronger economy ."	Repeal ACA, which is " collapsing under its own weight ." Also repeal Medicaid expansion. " We can't afford it, we can't pay for it. And it doesn't help the people that need it most ."
Healthcare: Require people to work to receive Medicaid?	No. " Cynical attempt to score political points by taking healthcare away from people who need it ."	Yes. " Will result in self-sufficiency, while protecting our most vulnerable populations ."
Immigration: Support legal status for " DACA recipients " or "Dreamers," who grew up in the US after being brought here as children?	Yes. joined lawsuits against Trump's ending DACA protections, calling it " despicable " to remove them " from the only country they've ever known ."	No direct statements on DACA. Work " to comply with federal law & prohibit sanctuary cities in Maine ."
Marijuana: Support ME's 2016 ballot initiative that legalized recreational marijuana use?	Yes. Properly implemented, could bring millions into our state economy, create jobs, and end unjust & costly war on drugs ."	Opposes, part of corrupt initiative process that led him to run for office. Can't test impairment, so legalization is a liability for employers ."
Minimum Wage: Raise the minimum wage above current \$7.25/hour?	Yes. Preserve recent increase passed by voters, to \$12/hr by 2020 ."	No . Roll back recent increase. This is among the initiatives he opposed.
Net Neutrality: Support requiring internet providers to provide equal access to all users?	Yes. " Rollback of net neutrality is a transparent giveaway to a few huge corporations ."	Unknown.
President Trump: Response to President Trump's actions & policies?	Vocal critic who has filed multiple legal challenges to Trump policies ."	Governor LePage is "an outsider... a businessman... President Trump is an outsider, a businessman. I'm an outsider. I'm a businessman" ."
Renewable Energy: Support government subsidies for renewable energy?	Yes. " Make Maine a leader ." Invest in solar and wind, lift cap on community solar. Incentivize rooftop solar generation ."	No. " Renewable energy can play an important role...but we cannot subsidize high-priced sources of energy, or special interests ."
Taxes: Support ME's 2016 ballot initiative that instituted new tax on the wealthy to fund K-12 education, which was later repealed by Maine legislature?	Supported initiative to replace LePage's tax plan, which " slashed income tax for the wealthiest Mainers, and then paid for it by shifting the financial burden to cities & towns ."	Opposed ballot initiative. Citizen-mandated tax increases " would be devastating to Maine's small businesses ."
Taxes: Support President Trump's tax cuts ?	No. Transferred wealth "from working- & middle-class Mainers and Americans, to... a handful of giant corporations and ultra-wealthy individuals" ."	Yes. Especially decreasing business taxes . Work to decrease Maine income tax ."
Voting Rights: Support stricter voting rules even if they prevent some people from voting?	No. Opposed bill prohibiting students from voting at campus address unless already municipal residents ."	Unknown.

Other gubernatorial candidates include [Alan Caron \(independent\)](#) and [Teresea Hayes \(Independent\)](#). Due to limited space, we can only include responses of those polling 15% or more, but encourage you to check out websites.

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