


NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2018 PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR'S RACE

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Abortion: Mostly ban or mostly legal?	Ban. Co-sponsor of bill to ban after 20 weeks, with exceptions only to save life of mother, not for rape or incest.	Legal. Vetoed post-20-week ban. Make sure “that women continue to have the right to make their own decisions.”
Campaign Finance: Tighten campaign finance rules?	May be open to idea. Supports increased limits on lobbyists.	Yes, limit contributions. Add same-day voting, automatic voter registration & nonpartisan redistricting.
Climate Change: Consider climate change a serious threat?	No. Earlier suggested heat from human bodies & planet moving closer to the sun were causes of global warming. Recently acknowledged human impact.	Yes. “The science of climate change is settled... Reduce Pennsylvania’s carbon emissions... by promoting a cleaner energy mix.”
Climate Change: Support government limits on greenhouse gases? Support participation in US Climate Alliance , a coalition of states committed to climate change action.	No. Opposes regulatory overregulation. Government should also pare down regulations on natural gas drilling industry.	Supports limiting greenhouse gases, but hasn’t joined Climate Alliance. Says PA is on target to exceed the Paris climate agreement without joining the Alliance.
Contraception: Can employers withhold contraceptive coverage if disagree with it?	No public statement found.	No. Supports state law requiring employers to cover birth control at no cost.
Courts: Support Judge Kavanaugh nomination? (before recent allegations)	Yes. “I’m 100% pro-life & I support the President’s pick.”	No. “Could undo key rulings” that “protect a woman’s right to choose as well as the rights of LGBTQ Americans.”
Education: Increase funding for K-12 education?	Unclear. Has said PA spends “enough money” on public schools. More recently has talked of increase. Save money by cutting teacher benefits.	Yes. Worked to restore previous administration’s budget cuts—would like to increase funding.
Education: Support vouchers to help parents send children to private schools?	Yes. Parents should have choice of where to send child.	No. Oppose any program that diverts state funding away from public schools.
Education: Increase state funding for higher education?	Unclear. But unless pensions & health benefits are cut, predicts financial death of all 14 state colleges by 2022.	Yes, but may not be able to get past legislature. Increased in 2015-2016, recent budget increases PSSHE schools, but only minor increases for others.
Elections: Support nonpartisan redistricting to address charges of partisan gerrymandering?	No. Supports current system where state lawmakers draw legislative & congressional districts.	Yes. Supports independent redistricting commission. Proposed special session for redistricting reform.
Gay Marriage: Support gay marriage?	Yes.	Yes.

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Gun Control: Support more restrictive gun control legislation?	No. Opposes gun restrictions.	Yes. Expand background checks, ban bump stocks, & restrict access for domestic violence perpetrators.
Healthcare: Support or Repeal ACA, aka Obamacare? Accept ACA’s Medicaid expansion to subsidize low-income participants?	Repeal. Would repeal ACA & roll back Medicaid expansion.	Support & expand ACA. Expanding healthcare is good for the economy & creates jobs. Accepted Medicaid expansion for PA.
Healthcare: Let Planned Parenthood receive public funds for non-abortion health care?	No. Co-sponsored bill to defund.	Yes.
Healthcare: Require people to work to receive Medicaid?	Yes. Will incentivize people to work & get healthcare from their employers.	No. Vetoed a work requirement bill.
Immigration: Support legal status for “DACA” recipients or “Dreamers,” who grew up in the US after being brought here as children?	No statements found on DREAM Act.	Yes. Supports having a Pennsylvania DREAM Act.
Labor: Enact right-to-work law, eliminating the right of unions to mandate dues for workers they represent?	Yes. Praised Supreme Court decision allowing government employees who opt out of a union to not be charged for the cost of collective bargaining.	No. “I’m not sure what gives the minority the right to say ‘we’ll take advantage of the benefits of the unions, but we’re not going to pay for the cost’.”
Marijuana: Legalize or decriminalize legalize marijuana?	Supports legal medical marijuana but not recreational.	Supports legal medical marijuana ; does not support legalizing recreational at this time, wait on experience of other states.
Minimum Wage: Raise the state minimum wage from \$7.25?	Yes. Supports raising to between \$8.75 & \$9.50/hr, but not higher.	Yes. Increase to \$12/hr.
Net Neutrality: Require internet providers to provide equal access to all users?	No public statements found.	Yes. “Keeping the internet free & open is essential to a healthy democracy.”
Renewable Energy: Support government subsidies for renewable energy?	No. Does not support subsidizing renewables or clean energy. Need to let market decide.	Yes. Has supported loans & grants for solar energy. Also financing mechanism for low-cost funding for energy efficiency, renewable energy, & water conservation upgrades to commercial properties.
Taxes: Support severance tax on oil & gas extraction?	No. Would drive drillers to other states.	Yes. Only gas-producing state that doesn’t have this kind of tax, though drillers do pay comparable impact fee. Would raise \$250 million in first year.
Voting Rights: Support stricter voting rules such as voter ID requirements even if they prevent some people from voting?	No public statements found.	No. Supports same-day & automatic voter registration & modernizing absentee voting. Refused Trump Administration request for personal information of every registered PA voter.

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