

# Missouri Governor



## THE ISSUES

**NICOLE GALLOWAY**

DEMOCRAT



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<b>AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA)</b> Supported 2020 ballot measure to expand Medicaid, an option available as part of ACA, known as Obamacare?	Yes. Backed Medicaid expansion <a href="#">“to give over 200,000 ... Missourians the health care they deserve, return 100,000 eligible kids their insurance and keep our rural hospitals open.”</a>	No. Called Medicaid expansion a <a href="#">“massive tax increase that Missourians cannot afford.”</a> <a href="#">“I don’t think it’s the time to be expanding anything in the state of Missouri right now.”</a>
<b>CAMPAIGN FINANCE</b> Require more disclosure about the sources of campaign financing?	Yes. <a href="#">“As auditor, I’ve witnessed firsthand how our government works for insiders and special interests. ... That’s why I’m making campaign finance reform a priority.”</a>	No. <a href="#">Opposed 2018’s Constitutional Amendment One</a> , which subjects lawmakers to open-records laws, limits lobbyist gifts, and limits partisan legislative redistricting.
<b>COVID-19</b> Tighter or looser restrictions to control pandemic?	Tighter. Wants new strategy including <a href="#">a mask requirement, “universal testing,” more PPE and better guidance for schools. “We need a plan that keeps all Missouri families safe.”</a> Infected children, <a href="#">risk infecting</a> teachers, bus drivers, janitors, food service workers, parents, grandparents and neighbors.	Looser. Against mask requirements. <a href="#">“I don’t think that it is government’s role to mandate who wears one.”</a> For early school reopening. Some kids will catch COVID at school but <a href="#">“will get over it.”</a> <a href="#">They won’t have to go to hospitals or doctor’s offices.</a>
<b>COVID-19 ECONOMIC RESPONSE</b> Focus of economic response to coronavirus pandemic?	Galloway’s <a href="#">Covid-19 recovery plan</a> includes paid sick leave, unemployment benefits, increased funding for county governments and support for small businesses.	June <a href="#">recovery plan</a> calls for “no statewide public health order — Missouri will be fully open for business.” Offers guidance including social distancing in workplace.
<b>EDUCATION</b> Increase K-12 public funding? Stand on higher ed funding?	Yes. <a href="#">Eliminate big business giveaways. Put more money in classrooms, pay teachers what they deserve, expand pre-kindergarten.</a> Students deserve <a href="#">to pursue higher education without accruing mountains of debt.</a>	No. Made cuts in state K-12 budget <a href="#">and higher ed</a> to meet COVID-related shortfalls. <a href="#">“We’ve had to face the reality of the situation and make some extremely difficult decisions.”</a>
<b>EDUCATION</b> Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	No. <a href="#">Wants tighter oversight of charter schools. “Using tax \$ to fund charter schools” weakens public schools.</a> Will “strengthen the state’s commitment to public schools.”	Yes. <a href="#">Declared week of Jan. 26 “Missouri School Choice Week”</a> as a “nonpartisan” effort to shine a “positive spotlight on effective education options for students.”
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Tighten or loosen environmental regulations?	No position found.	Loosen. Signed law barring localities from issuing environmental rules on large farms to <a href="#">“keep ... agriculture production in our state.”</a>
<b>GUN RULES</b> Enact more restrictive legislation on guns?	Some. For <a href="#">“common sense gun safety reforms”</a> including <a href="#">universal background checks and closing loopholes on private sale of firearms.</a>	Mixed. <a href="#">Co-sponsored</a> stand-your-ground law <a href="#">expanding allowable deadly force to protect property.</a> <a href="#">Supported conceal carry for school employees.</a> <a href="#">But supported restrictions on ownership by minors and violent offenders.</a>

ISSUES	GALLOWAY (D)	PARSON (R)
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> Support DACA program for residents brought to U.S. as children?	Yes. Thanks to Supreme Court, <a href="#">“more than 5,500 DREAMers [in state can] live, learn, and work ... without ... fear of deportation.”</a>	No position found. <a href="#">Voted to prohibit</a> state benefits or ability to receive driver’s licenses for illegal aliens.
<b>LABOR</b> Back “right-to-work” laws, eliminating the ability of unions to mandate dues for workers they represent?	No. <a href="#">By rejecting “right-to-work” legislation at the ballot box, Missouri has proved labor “is a force to be reckoned with.” “I’ll always have the back of” working people.</a>	Yes. As governor, backed “right-to-work” ballot measure. When it failed, had his staff explore <a href="#">feasibility of similar county-level laws.</a>
<b>LEGAL ABORTION</b> Keep legal or ban?	Legal. <a href="#">Missouri families need to know they have access to the constitutional rights granted under Roe v. Wade. “I trust women to make their own health care decisions.”</a>	Ban. Wants to make Missouri the <a href="#">“most pro-life state in the country.”</a> Signed bill to <a href="#">ban abortion at eight weeks with only exception to prevent death of the mother, but not for rape or incest.</a>
<b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b> Support same-sex marriage and protection from in employment, education, adoption, credit, housing, and public services.	Yes. <a href="#">“All marriages ... deserve to be respected.”</a> Called Supreme Court decision to protect LGBTQ Americans <a href="#">“an enormous win for equality and fairness.”</a>	Mixed. Has said <a href="#">“I’m old school. I know what’s going to happen to these people.”</a> Clarified since that <a href="#">“I don’t believe in discrimination.” “Anyone [who] ... chooses to live that, that’s their choice.”</a>
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Should state legalize marijuana?	Yes. <a href="#">Supports legalization that includes expunging criminal records.</a>	No. <a href="#">Does not favor recreational legalization. OK with medical use.</a> Criticism about clients of a close ally <a href="#">being favored in securing medical licenses.</a>
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Support raising state minimum wage to \$12 an hour by 2023?	Yes. Supported Proposition B, which will raise state minimum wage to \$12 an hour by 2023. <a href="#">“Every worker deserves a living wage.”</a>	No. Did not support Proposition B and says he <a href="#">does not support raising minimum wage “at this time.”</a>
<b>PLANNED PARENTHOOD</b> Support Planned Parenthood’s receiving public funds for non-abortion-related care?	Yes. <a href="#">“I trust women to make their own health care decisions. ... I’m not scared to say that.” Endorsed by Planned Parenthood.</a>	No. <a href="#">Signed budget that eliminated PP Medicaid reimbursement for non-abortion services like cancer screening, STD testing, and birth control.</a>
<b>POLICE/COMMUNITY ISSUES</b> Restrict police use of force and increase public oversight?	Yes. <a href="#">Supports ban on choke holds and no-knock warrants. “The disparities in our criminal justice system are real.” Must make Missouri accountable to all citizens.</a>	No. <a href="#">“Now is the time to ‘stand up and support’ law enforcement.”</a> Officers need to have the “tools” to fight violent criminals.
<b>TAXES</b> Support cuts in state taxes?	No. As auditor, said, <a href="#">“Years of tax cuts and giveaways” have put state in situation where “downturn will lead to big cuts in education, transportation and other services.”</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Cut income taxes in 2018</a> on top of significant 2014 tax cuts.
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Support stricter ID requirements and other rules on voting?	No. <a href="#">“Missouri’s notary requirement [to vote by mail] is voter suppression — especially during a pandemic. It makes voting absentee more difficult by design.”</a>	Yes. As state senator <a href="#">voted for constitutional amendment to require photo ID and prove citizenship.</a> Signed bill <a href="#">allowing voting by mail only if ballots are notarized, except if the voter is susceptible to COVID.</a>

Other candidates include [Rik Combs](#) (Libertarian) and [Jerome Bauer](#) (Green). Due to limited space, we can only include candidates polling 15%, but check out their websites.

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