



# Indiana Governor

## THE ISSUES



**ERIC HOLCOMB**

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**WOODY MYERS**

DEMOCRAT



**DONALD RAINWATER**

LIBERTARIAN

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<b>AFFORDABLE CARE ACT</b> Support Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obamacare?	Mixed. Continue <a href="#">state Medicaid expansion</a> , but <a href="#">backed House bill that would have cut Medicaid spending</a> . Favors <a href="#">“repealing and replacing Obamacare.”</a>	Yes. Supports <a href="#">ACA. Wants to expand access to Medicaid</a> and <a href="#">“make it easier for Hoosiers to enroll in Indiana Medicaid and Indiana Obamacare.”</a>	No. Supports <a href="#">ACA repeal</a> . <a href="#">“Too much government involvement.”</a> <a href="#">“Hoosiers should not be forced by government mandate to purchase health insurance.”</a>
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Consider human-caused climate change a serious threat?	No recent position found. <a href="#">Role of fossil fuel burning is “debatable.”</a> <a href="#">Human activity “contributes to changes over time.”</a>	Yes. Can’t ignore “climate emergency. [We’re] <a href="#">suffering from a climate pandemic [we] can’t yet fully see, but whose effects we already feel.”</a>	No position found.
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Address as a top priority by taxing or limiting greenhouse gas output?	No. Signed a <a href="#">bill delaying coal plant closures</a> and a <a href="#">bill ending financial credits to solar and wind owners who send excess power back to the grid</a> .	Yes. Will <a href="#">speed retirement of coal plants with new jobs for coal workers, set up greenhouse gas reduction targets and support new renewables</a> .	No position found, but limit government environmental role <a href="#">to protection of individual property rights</a> .
<b>COVID-19</b> Support Trump administration and Governor Holcomb’s response to coronavirus pandemic?	Yes. <a href="#">“The president has Hoosiers’ best interest in mind. I don’t think he wants to ... act prematurely in getting back to work.”</a> Enacted <a href="#">Indiana mask mandate, though without legal penalties</a> .	No. <a href="#">Says he was first to call for school closure, help for working families and more testing</a> . Would also have <a href="#">been more aggressive in securing personal protective equipment, instituted more stringent mask requirement and slowed lifting COVID restrictions</a> .	No on Governor Holcomb’s response. <a href="#">“I am absolutely against mandatory masks,”</a> and <a href="#">“would never use an executive order to shut down ... businesses.”</a>
<b>EDUCATION</b> Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	Yes. <a href="#">124 non-public schools were among those that received state funding in August to help improve remote learning</a> .	No. Not against private charter schools, but supports <a href="#">a proposal to roll back or overturn current levels of public funding for them</a> .	Yes. Ensure funding available <a href="#">“for every child whose parents want it, regardless of their school choice.”</a>
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Tighten or loosen environmental regulations?	Loosen. Supports freeing Indiana from <a href="#">“Washington’s one-size-fits-all overregulation,”</a> and <a href="#">streamlining permitting process</a> .	Tighten. Set <a href="#">standards and incentives for more clean energy and reforestation, while reducing greenhouse gases and erosion</a> .	Loosen. Limit government role <a href="#">“to protection of individual property rights.”</a> <a href="#">Hold polluters accountable through civil action by affected property owners</a> .
<b>GUNS</b> Enact more restrictive legislation on guns?	No. <a href="#">Signed law letting person with gun permit carry a firearm in a school building being used by a church</a> .	Yes. Seeks <a href="#">more extensive background checks, ban on civilian use of semi-automatics and closing gun-show loophole</a> .	No. Seeks a <a href="#">Constitutional Carry law</a> . <a href="#">“Requiring honest Hoosiers to apply for a permit to carry violates the 2nd Amendment.”</a>

ISSUES	HOLCOMB (R)	MYERS (D)	RAINWATER (L)
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> Create path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the U.S. as children?	Unclear. Signed law <a href="#">allowing immigrants brought to U.S. illegally as children (DACA recipients) to get state professional licenses.</a>	No position found.	Unclear. Suggests <a href="#">“enforcing the laws we have on the books” for the undocumented. If we can’t, “the legislature needs to do its job”</a> and create new laws.
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> Support border walls and limiting immigration?	Unclear. Will keep accepting refugees, but <a href="#">“NOT illegal or unlawful immigrants.” Supported Trump’s 2017 order restricting refugees and immigration.</a>	No. Supports immigration in general. <a href="#">“We’ve got to make sure that people feel welcome.”</a> Against <a href="#">substandard medical care for immigrants.</a>	No recent position found. Has indicated that he is <a href="#">“neutral” as to whether border laws should be enforced and illegal entry prevented.</a>
<b>LABOR</b> Support “right to work” laws, eliminating the ability of unions to mandate dues for workers they represent?	Yes. Touted <a href="#">faster union job growth in Indiana than in Illinois</a> , which is a non-right-to-work state. (Claim <a href="#">supported</a> and <a href="#">opposed.</a> ) <a href="#">Signed into law</a> bill mandating that <a href="#">teachers be informed of non-union options.</a>	No. As governor, <a href="#">would repeal the state’s right-to-work legislation and use executive orders to support worker unions.</a>	Unclear. Seeks a <a href="#">“free market economy.”</a> <a href="#">“Job creation occurs as a result of lower taxes and fewer regulations.”</a>
<b>LEGAL ABORTION</b> Keep legal or ban?	Ban. Signed <a href="#">bill prohibiting abortion procedure used after 13 weeks except when a woman’s health would otherwise be at risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment.</a>	Legal. <a href="#">“Will fully support a woman’s right to make choices about their reproductive lives.”</a>	Ban. <a href="#">Ban except “where the mother’s life is in jeopardy or when the mother has been sexually assaulted.”</a>
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Keep illegal or decriminalize?	Illegal, for now. <a href="#">Doesn’t support legalization until federal law is changed.</a> Is <a href="#">“not convinced other states have made a wise decision.”</a>	Decriminalize. Supports <a href="#">legal medical usage, and decriminalization for recreational, but not “full-on legalization.”</a>	Decriminalize. <a href="#">“Will work with members of the Indiana General Assembly to decriminalize both medical and recreational cannabis.”</a>
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Raise state hourly minimum wage above current \$7.25?	No. Would rather create livable-wage opportunities. <a href="#">“When people start to raise the minimum wage ... that cost is just passed on to the consumer.”</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“A fair minimum wage is fundamental to a fair social/economic system. ... Will support legislation that increases the state’s minimum wage.”</a>	No. <a href="#">Opposes increasing minimum wage.</a>
<b>PLANNED PARENTHOOD</b> Support the group receiving public funds for non-abortion care?	No position found.	Yes. Will <a href="#">“protect Planned Parenthood’s health services.”</a>	No. <a href="#">Doesn’t believe government should fund any private organization, including Planned Parenthood.</a>
<b>POLICE/COMMUNITY ISSUES</b> Restrict police use of force and increase public oversight?	Unclear on use of force. Yes on oversight, <a href="#">requiring body cameras for state police and third-party review of Law Enforcement Academy curriculum.</a>	Yes. Seeks <a href="#">“new training procedures to eliminate excessive force,”</a> choke holds banned, <a href="#">“community-based training,”</a> new <a href="#">“accountability policies and procedures.”</a>	Unclear on use of force. Yes on oversight. <a href="#">“I’m a proponent for body cams — I think it protects both the officer and the citizen. I believe that we need to do better training.”</a>
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Support efforts to make it easier to vote including promoting voting by mail?	No. <a href="#">Sees in-person voting as safe. Encourages people to vote early.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“Make it as easy as possible to vote in a variety of circumstances, as long as there is a paper trail.”</a> Wants <a href="#">statewide vote-by-mail.</a>	No recent position found. In 2016 strongly agreed that <a href="#">people should have photo identification in order to vote.</a>

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