



# Ohio Republican Voter Guide

## Ohio voter's guide

Quick look at the Nov. 4 election, with emphasis on the candidates for governor.



### Governor

Issue:	Ed Fitzgerald (D)	John Kasich, Incumbent (R)	Anita Rios (Green)
Abortion rights	in favor	against	in favor
Affordable Care Act	in favor	against	unknown
Increased education funding, K-12	in favor	against	in favor
Increased education funding, higher education	in favor	against	in favor
Increased gun restrictions	unknown	against	in favor
Increased minimum wage	in favor	against	in favor
Legalized marijuana	medical	against	in favor
Medicaid expansion	in favor	in favor	in favor
Same-sex marriage	in favor	against	in favor

"Our age group doesn't understand how important voting is and how much of an impact that it can have on issues that they feel strongly about."  
-Tori Vore, second-year, nursing

### Attorney General

David Pepper (D)	Mike DeWine, Incumbent (R)
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### Secretary of State

Nina Turner (D)	Kevin Knedler (Libertarian)	Jon Husted, Incumbent (R)
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### State Treasurer

Connie Pillich (D)	Josh Mandel, Incumbent (R)
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### State Auditor

John Patrick Carney (D)	Bob Bridges (Libertarian)	Dave Yost, Incumbent (R)
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"What's changed in the last 20 years or so is the partisan composition of those groups. So the older voters have gotten more and more republican and the younger, minority voters have gotten more and more democratic."  
-Vlad Kogan, Assistant professor, political science

Sources: [campuselect.org](http://campuselect.org), [sos.state.oh.us](http://sos.state.oh.us), [votesmart.org](http://votesmart.org), [ohiogreens.org](http://ohiogreens.org), reporting

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**Ohio Republican voter guide** serves as an essential resource for voters in Ohio who align with the Republican Party's values and policies. As elections approach, it's crucial to equip yourself with the necessary information to make informed decisions at the ballot box. This guide will provide insights into key issues, candidates, and voting logistics, ensuring that Ohio Republican voters are well-prepared for the upcoming elections.

## Understanding the Republican Party in Ohio

The Republican Party has a long-standing presence in Ohio, often regarded as a bellwether state due to its pivotal role in national elections. Over the years, Ohio Republicans have focused on various issues that resonate with their constituents, including fiscal conservatism, limited government, and support for business and job growth.

# Core Values of Ohio Republicans

Ohio Republicans typically champion the following core values:

- **Economic Growth:** Advocating for policies that stimulate job creation and reduce taxes.
- **Education Reform:** Supporting school choice and charter schools to enhance educational opportunities.
- **Public Safety:** Emphasizing law enforcement funding and policies that ensure community safety.
- **Healthcare:** Promoting free-market solutions to healthcare challenges.
- **Second Amendment Rights:** Defending the right to bear arms as a fundamental freedom.

## Key Issues in the Upcoming Election

As Ohio heads into the next election cycle, several key issues are likely to dominate discussions among Republican voters. Understanding these issues will help voters align their choices with their values and priorities.

### 1. Economy and Jobs

The state of Ohio has experienced significant economic changes over the past decade. Republican candidates are likely to focus on:

- Tax cuts to stimulate small business growth.
- Regulatory reforms to simplify the business environment.
- Infrastructure investments to attract new industries.

### 2. Education

Education is a top priority for many Ohioans. Republican candidates may advocate for:

- Increased funding for charter and private schools.
- Curriculum reforms that emphasize STEM education.
- Parental choice in educational decisions.

### **3. Healthcare**

Healthcare remains a contentious issue. Republican candidates often propose:

- Repealing the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).
- Expanding health savings accounts (HSAs).
- Encouraging competition among insurance providers to lower costs.

### **4. Public Safety**

Public safety is a major concern for voters. Key proposals might include:

- Increased funding for local police departments.
- Tougher penalties for violent crimes.
- Community policing initiatives to strengthen relationships between law enforcement and communities.

### **5. Immigration and Border Security**

Republican candidates frequently emphasize:

- Strengthening border security measures.
- Reforming immigration policies to prioritize legal immigration.
- Addressing the impact of illegal immigration on local communities.

## **Important Candidates and Races in Ohio**

As elections approach, it's vital to familiarize yourself with the candidates running for office. Below is a list of key races and potential candidates in the upcoming elections.

### **1. U.S. Senate Race**

The U.S. Senate race is always a significant event in Ohio. Key Republican candidates may include:

- Incumbent senators seeking re-election.
- Prominent state politicians or business leaders.

### **2. Governor's Race**

Ohio's gubernatorial election is critical for shaping state policies. Look for candidates who focus on:

- Economic recovery and job creation.
- Educational reform.
- Public health initiatives.

### **3. State Legislature**

The Ohio House and Senate races are crucial for maintaining Republican control. Focus on:

- Candidates who advocate for conservative values.
- Local issues that resonate with your community.

## **Voting Logistics in Ohio**

Being informed about the voting process is essential for all voters. Here's what you need to know about voting in Ohio.

### **1. Voter Registration**

To vote in Ohio, you must be registered. Here are the steps to register:

- Visit the Ohio Secretary of State's website.
- Complete the online registration form or download a paper form.
- Ensure you register at least 30 days before the election.

### **2. Early Voting**

Ohio offers early voting options for those who cannot vote on Election Day. Important points include:

- Early voting typically starts 28 days before the election.
- You can vote at designated early voting locations in your county.

### **3. Voting by Mail**

If you prefer to vote by mail, follow these steps:

- Request an absentee ballot through the Ohio Secretary of State's website.
- Fill out the ballot and return it by mail or in person before the deadline.

## 4. Election Day Voting

If you choose to vote on Election Day, remember to:

- Locate your polling place, which can be found on the Ohio Secretary of State's website.
- Bring a valid form of identification, such as a driver's license or state ID.

## Final Thoughts

The **Ohio Republican voter guide** is a vital resource for understanding the political landscape, key issues, and candidates in Ohio. By staying informed and engaged, Republican voters can ensure their voices are heard and their values are represented in the upcoming elections. Whether it's through early voting, mail-in ballots, or voting on Election Day, participating in the democratic process is crucial for shaping the future of Ohio. Make sure to share this guide with fellow voters to encourage informed decision-making in your community.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Ohio Republican Voter Guide?

The Ohio Republican Voter Guide is a resource that provides information on Republican candidates, their platforms, and key issues relevant to voters in Ohio during elections.

### How can I access the Ohio Republican Voter Guide?

You can access the Ohio Republican Voter Guide online through the Ohio Republican Party's official website or through local party offices.

### What types of information are included in the voter guide?

The voter guide typically includes candidate biographies, positions on key issues, endorsements, and voting records, if applicable.

### Is the Ohio Republican Voter Guide nonpartisan?

No, the Ohio Republican Voter Guide is specifically designed to support Republican candidates and inform Republican voters about their options.

### When is the Ohio Republican Voter Guide released?

The Ohio Republican Voter Guide is usually released a few weeks before an election to give voters ample time to research candidates and issues.

## How can I verify the accuracy of the information in the voter guide?

You can verify the information by cross-referencing with official campaign websites, reputable news sources, and voting records from state election boards.

## Are there any local versions of the Ohio Republican Voter Guide?

Yes, many county Republican parties in Ohio produce their own localized voter guides that may include specific endorsements and local issues.

## Can I find information about ballot measures in the Ohio Republican Voter Guide?

Yes, the guide often includes information about ballot measures and how Republican candidates and the party view them.

## Is there a mobile app for the Ohio Republican Voter Guide?

Currently, there isn't a dedicated mobile app for the Ohio Republican Voter Guide, but the information can be accessed via mobile-friendly websites.

## How does the Ohio Republican Party choose which candidates to endorse in the voter guide?

The Ohio Republican Party typically conducts interviews, reviews candidates' positions, and considers their electability before making endorsements for the voter guide.

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