



Indiana Governor

THE ISSUES



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

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

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