

# Pennsylvania Governor

## THE ISSUES

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<b>ABORTION</b> Ban or legal?	Ban. Proposed a <a href="#">bill</a> in the PA Senate banning abortion once “heartbeat” is detected (usually at six weeks), with no exception for rape, incest, or the life of the mother. <a href="#">“If the baby has a heartbeat, the abortion cannot be performed.”</a> In 2019 said <a href="#">women who have abortions could be prosecuted for murder.</a>	Legal. Will <a href="#">“veto any bill restricting abortion rights...will expand access to reproductive care.”</a> <a href="#">Filed brief challenging the legality of banning abortion at 15 weeks.</a> <a href="#">“I trust the women of Pennsylvania to make decisions about their own bodies.”</a>
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit the output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?	No. Global warming <a href="#">is not real; it’s “fake science.”</a> How can we <a href="#">“believe what [the weatherman] says for a hundred years from now?”</a> <a href="#">Will take PA out of Regional Greenhouse Gas initiative on day one.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“We need to take real action to address climate change.”</a> <a href="#">Has concerns about Governor Wolf’s carbon tax plan</a> but wants to <a href="#">“chart a path towards a low carbon future”</a> by investing in renewable energy and carbon capture.
<b>EDUCATION</b> How to address the teaching of issues around race and gender identity?	Would place <a href="#">“an immediate ban on Critical Race Theory and Gender Theory studies.”</a> <a href="#">“On day one, CRT is over.”</a>	No position found.
<b>EDUCATION</b> Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	Yes. <a href="#">“Administrative bloat has become commonplace”</a> in PA public schools. Wants to expand scholarship programs <a href="#">so parents can choose public or private schools.</a>	No. Voted <a href="#">against a charter school voucher program in the state house in 2011.</a> As attorney general, filed a brief supporting <a href="#">a lawsuit demanding adequate public school funding.</a>
<b>ELECTIONS</b> Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?	No. The election in PA was <a href="#">“compromised.”</a> <a href="#">Organized and funded buses to the DC January 6 rally and attended himself.</a> Calls his <a href="#">subpoena from the US House January 6 Committee a “badge of honor.”</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“We had a free and fair, safe and secure election, and as attorney general, I... stood up to the attempts to undermine our democracy.”</a>
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	Loosen. Would <a href="#">cut statewide regulations</a> in order to expand fracking and the coal industry.	Tighten. <a href="#">Criminally charged fracking companies for repeated pollution violations.</a> Seeks <a href="#">“stronger laws to hold...companies accountable.”</a>
<b>GUN RULES</b> Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?	Less. Cosponsored a bill <a href="#">to prevent PA officials from enforcing any new federal gun restrictions.</a> <a href="#">“We saw Hitler do the same thing in Germany.”</a> Also cosponsored a bill <a href="#">to allow concealed gun-carry without a license or permit.</a>	More. Supports <a href="#">universal background checks, closing the ghost-gun loophole, and red-flag laws,</a> which allow courts to remove guns from people deemed to pose a threat.

ISSUES	MASTRIANO (R)	SHAPIRO (D)
<b>HEALTH CARE</b> Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, or promoting COVID safety?	No. Would <a href="#">ban any government mask mandates</a> , calling for <a href="#">restoring supporters' "private personal freedom."</a> Sought the <a href="#">suspension of federal medical privacy rules for individuals</a> in the face of the pandemic.	Yes. Defended <a href="#">the Affordable Care Act as a "vital safety net"</a> in <a href="#">"the midst of a resurgent COVID-19 pandemic."</a> In 2021 asked the <a href="#">PA Supreme Court to keep the state's school mask mandate in place.</a>
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for "DACA" participants brought to the US as children?	<a href="#">Supports a border wall</a> and <a href="#">sending PA National Guard to the Mexican border.</a> <a href="#">Opposes sanctuary cities.</a> <a href="#">"We're going to put these DACA lawbreakers ahead of all these good people...trying to come here legally....They should not become citizens. They need to go back home."</a>	Supports <a href="#">DACA</a> , for PA youth brought to the US illegally as children. <a href="#">"Dreamers are Americans."</a> Supports <a href="#">comprehensive immigration reform.</a>
<b>LABOR</b> Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	Harder. <a href="#">Would make PA a right-to-work state</a> , where employees in a unionized workplace are allowed to not pay union dues, which can lessen the union's resources.	<a href="#">Easier.</a> <a href="#">"Pennsylvania workers...deserve a Governor who will...not only protect the right to organize, but expand it, so...every worker has the opportunity to join a union."</a>
<b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b> Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Limit. <a href="#">Gay marriage should not be legal; "I'm for traditional marriage."</a> <a href="#">Gender identity should "absolutely not" be added to anti-discrimination laws.</a> <a href="#">LGBTQ couples should not be allowed to adopt.</a>	Expand. <a href="#">"Expand Pennsylvania's hate crime law to include crimes against our LGBTQ+ people. That's something that I sponsored when I was in the house."</a>
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Should recreational marijuana be banned or legal?	Ban. <a href="#">Legalization causes an increase in violence, mental illness, and driving under the influence.</a> <a href="#">"It's just madness and stupid."</a>	Legal. Legalization will <a href="#">"bring billions of dollars to Pennsylvania."</a> <a href="#">"Expunge the records of those serving time for non-violent marijuana convictions."</a>
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Keep or raise the state minimum from \$7.25 per hour? If raise, how much?	Keep. <a href="#">A minimum wage increase would be a "death knell" to small businesses.</a> <a href="#">Economic drivers should decide "the right wage for the right area."</a>	Raise. <a href="#">"We need...nothing less than [a] 15-dollar minimum wage."</a> <a href="#">"Pennsylvania's minimum wage is \$7.25.... under the federal poverty line. Every working Pennsylvanian deserves a living wage."</a>
<b>POLICE AND COMMUNITY</b> How to address police use of force?	No position found on use of force. <a href="#">Supports increased police funding.</a>	Supported a 2020 law that <a href="#">requires law enforcement agencies to consult a statewide police database with access to any misconduct and disciplinary records of officers that they're seeking to hire.</a>
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support lowering interest on student loans or forgiving them?	No position found.	Likely yes. Co-led litigation <a href="#">in a lawsuit with 39 attorneys general that resulted in the cancellation of \$1.7 billion in student loan balances</a> at a major student loan servicer.
<b>TAXES</b> Should corporations pay less or more taxes?	Less. Will attract <a href="#">"new employers to PA by reducing the Corporate Net Income Tax Rate."</a>	Mixed. Will <a href="#">lower corporate net income tax, while closing tax loopholes.</a>
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?	Yes. Will <a href="#">eliminate no-excuse mail-in voting and ballot drop boxes, and enact universal voter ID.</a> Will <a href="#">delete PA voter rolls and make all voters re-register to vote.</a>	No. Will <a href="#">"expand early voting and set up automatic voter registration."</a> Will <a href="#">"veto any efforts to restrict mail-in voting."</a> Is willing <a href="#">to discuss voter ID "in good faith."</a>

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