

# North Carolina Governor 2024

## THE ISSUES

**MARK  
ROBINSON**  
REPUBLICAN



**JOSH  
STEIN**  
DEMOCRAT

See <a href="https://guides.vote">guides.vote</a> for online guides with links and sources.	<a href="https://markrobinsonfornc.com">markrobinsonfornc.com</a>	<a href="https://joshstein.org">joshstein.org</a>
<b>ABORTION</b> Ban or legal?	<b>Ban.</b> In 2020 <a href="#">advocated</a> for a complete ban, no exceptions. In 2024 <a href="#">supports</a> exceptions for rape, incest, and the life of the mother. “I want North Carolina to be the most pro-life state in the nation.... <a href="#">Abortion is murder.</a> ”	<b>Legal.</b> Would “ <a href="#">defend</a> women’s rights” to “contraception, IVF or abortion.” Would “ <a href="#">never</a> stop fighting” for “women’s reproductive freedom.” <a href="#">Called</a> “many” parts of NC’s new abortion law “unconstitutional.”
<b>CLIMATE</b> Should climate change be a top priority?	<b>No.</b> Climate change is “ <a href="#">junk science.</a> ” Educators who teach climate science are “ <a href="#">liars.</a> ” Will “keep <a href="#">the climate change cabal</a> out of this state.” “We have now allowed those folks to dictate what we do based on <a href="#">pseudoscience.</a> ”	<b>Yes.</b> Sees a “climate emergency.” “We need to <a href="#">take swift action</a> to protect our planet.” <a href="#">Will</a> “work to prepare our state for the impacts of climate change.” Supported incentives for rooftop solar and <a href="#">would work</a> to dramatically reduce carbon emissions in North Carolina.
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b> How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	Would <a href="#">support</a> “our law enforcement officers” and “have their back.” “ <a href="#">Elected officials</a> are not backing up police officers.” Is “ <a href="#">committed to ensuring</a> they are trained, equipped, and held to the highest professional standard.”	Will “ <a href="#">build genuine trust</a> between law enforcement and the communities they serve.” Will “recruit and retain more <a href="#">public-spirited officers.</a> ” System should <a href="#">treat every</a> North Carolinian “fairly, no matter their race or economic status.”
<b>EDUCATION</b> Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	<b>Yes.</b> Expand <a href="#">voucher programs</a> so that public schools might become “a thing of the past.” If schools “won’t do right,” parents should remove their children and “ <a href="#">make your own school.</a> ” Public school teachers are “ <a href="#">wicked people.</a> ”	<b>No.</b> A publicly funded voucher program “sucks money out of the public schools,” putting rural counties without a large tax base “ <a href="#">behind the eight ball.</a> ” “We need every marginal dollar we can find in the budget <a href="#">to invest in our public schools.</a> ”
<b>EDUCATION</b> Limit teaching about racism and gender identity?	<b>Yes.</b> <a href="#">Supported</a> a bill limiting what students can be taught about racism; “Indoctrination” about racism is “in our classrooms.” Children should not be told about “ <a href="#">transgenderism, homosexuality,</a> any of that filth.”	<b>No.</b> “Unfair” treatment based on “race, sexual orientation” <a href="#">harms students</a> “in ways that reverberate long after they leave school.” <a href="#">Urges</a> the “federal government...to make sure our young people are treated fairly.”
<b>EDUCATION</b> Increase funding for K–12 and higher education?	<b>No.</b> “Cutting the fat” out of the <a href="#">education budget</a> is “essential.” “School systems get better results on <a href="#">less money.</a> ”	<b>Yes.</b> North Carolina is 49th out of the 50 states in “ <a href="#">public school funding</a> as a share of our state’s economy.” <a href="#">Will</a> “fight to fully fund our public schools and <a href="#">pay</a> our educators more.”
<b>ELECTIONS</b> Did Joe Biden win the 2020 Presidential election?	<b>No.</b> On January 6, people were “so mad” because Biden “ <a href="#">stole the election.</a> ”	<b>Yes.</b> The claim that Biden stole the election is “ <a href="#">downright dangerous.</a> ” “Three years ago today, a violent mob attacked...the peaceful transfer of power and democracy itself.”
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	<b>Loosen.</b> <a href="#">Wants</a> “responsible development of fossil fuels.” “God is the one who has <a href="#">blessed us</a> to have all this fuel under our feet. And not taking advantage of it . . . is an affront to him.”	<b>Tighten.</b> “Environmental protections” are “ <a href="#">important safeguards</a> for North Carolina’s natural resources.” “Fought to preserve” them and will “continue to push for clean air and clean water.”

ISSUES	ROBINSON (R)	STEIN (D)
<b>GUN LAWS</b> Loosen or tighten gun regulation?	<b>Loosen.</b> More stringent <a href="#">gun regulations</a> will “leave the law-abiding, patriotic citizens of this nation unarmed, and defenseless.” Saw Parkland, Florida shooting survivors who advocate for gun control as “ <a href="#">spoiled,...know it all CHILDREN</a> ” and “ <a href="#">communists</a> .”	<b>Tighten.</b> Supports <a href="#">universal background checks</a> , raising the age to buy an AR-15 rifle from 18 to 21, and <a href="#">red flag laws</a> that allow courts to remove guns from people who pose a threat. North Carolina’s <a href="#">self-defense</a> law is “too loose.”
<b>HEALTHCARE</b> Increase or decrease government support for healthcare? Support Medicaid expansion?	<b>Decrease.</b> “I’m <a href="#">not in favor</a> of Medicaid expansion,” where health care in NC would be “turned over to the federal government.” <a href="#">Would</a> “repeal” Obamacare. “ <a href="#">Healthcare</a> is neither a ‘right’ or a ‘privilege,’ it’s a RESPONSIBILITY that lies with the individual.”	<b>Increase.</b> “Every North Carolinian should be able to <a href="#">get good health care</a> , no matter where you live or how much money you earn.” <a href="#">Worked</a> to “expand Medicaid” and “defend Obamacare.”
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> How to handle immigration?	<a href="#">Applauds</a> TX Governor Abbott’s “efforts to secure our border.” <a href="#">Would</a> “crack down on sanctuary cities.” “Illegal immigrants... come into middle-class and lower-class neighborhoods”...to “ <a href="#">commit</a> human trafficking violations, and sell drugs.”	“I supported the recent, <a href="#">bipartisan border security legislation</a> — the strongest in a generation.” Joined other state attorneys general in a federal <a href="#">court challenge</a> to the Trump decision to end DACA, for those brought to the U.S illegally as children. <a href="#">Opposed</a> the Trump Muslim immigration ban.
<b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b> Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	<b>Limit.</b> “Homosexuality” is “filth.” <a href="#">Transgender women</a> should be arrested for using the bathroom corresponding to their gender identity. <a href="#">Straight couples</a> are “superior” to gay couples. “God formed me” to <a href="#">fight against</a> the push for LGBTQ rights.	<b>Expand.</b> <a href="#">Opposed</a> Trump attempt to eliminate protections for “gender identity or sexual orientation” in federal grant regulations. <a href="#">Fought</a> “attacks against LGBTQ+ North Carolinians.”
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Ban or legal?	<b>Ban.</b> “ <a href="#">Strongly</a> ” <a href="#">opposes</a> marijuana legalization. <a href="#">Struggles</a> with the idea of medical marijuana.	<b>Mostly legal.</b> <a href="#">Would</a> decriminalize simple possession, expunge criminal records. “I’m very much open to studying the idea of <a href="#">legal recreational cannabis</a> .”
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Raise North Carolina minimum from \$7.25/hour?	<b>No position found.</b>	<b>Yes.</b> “I’ll keep working to deliver... economic security” by “ <a href="#">raising</a> the minimum wage.”
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support lower interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	<b>No.</b> “A simple proposition with student loans: if you took out a loan, pay it back. <a href="#">I’ll pay your student loan</a> if you pay my mortgage.”	<b>Yes.</b> <a href="#">Supports</a> student loan forgiveness in exchange for “at least a decade of serving the public.” Secured loan forgiveness for students defrauded by <a href="#">schools</a> and “ <a href="#">deceptive</a> ” <a href="#">loan companies</a> .”
<b>TAXES</b> How to handle state taxation?	“ <a href="#">Cutting taxes</a> and reducing government spending have made us the best state in the country to do business.”	<a href="#">Proposes</a> a “Working Families Tax Cut,” that would reinstate the state Earned Income Tax Credit to give financial relief to those making up to around \$50,000 per year. “ <a href="#">Working people</a> need more money in their pockets.”
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Make voting harder or easier?	<b>Harder.</b> <a href="#">Opposes</a> early voting; there should be “one day to vote,” except for invalids. Supports Voter ID. Any <a href="#">opposition to Voter ID</a> is “a complete insult to any intelligent adult,” and “particularly...black people.”	<b>Easier.</b> <a href="#">Joined</a> other attorneys general to defend provisions of the Voting Rights Act that protect “against racial discrimination in elections.” <a href="#">Supports</a> an independent redistricting commission to end gerrymandering in North Carolina.

[guides.vote](#) is a nonpartisan effort to show where candidates stand. We do not support or oppose any political party or candidate. We have space for candidates polling 15% or more; use the QR code on the right for online versions, including links to credible sources and other candidates. [Vote411.org](#) offers guides to local races and how to vote. For campuses, see Campus Vote Project’s [state-specific guides](#) to student voting rules.

