

# Ohio US Senate 2024

## THE ISSUES

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<b>ABORTION</b> Ban or legal?	<b>Legal. Supports</b> “abortion access for all women.” “ <a href="#">Ohioans</a> ...don’t want politicians interfering in their personal medical decisions.” Would <a href="#">restore</a> the Roe v. Wade abortion protections.	<b>Ban.</b> In 2022 <a href="#">was</a> “absolutely pro-life, no exceptions.” “Abortion is the <a href="#">murder</a> of an innocent baby.” In 2024 <a href="#">said</a> he supports “reasonable exceptions.” <a href="#">Donated</a> \$100,000 to a group opposing Ohio’s 2023 abortion rights initiative.
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Should climate change be a top priority?	<b>Yes.</b> Supports taking “ <a href="#">aggressive action</a> to combat climate change.” Supports increasing <a href="#">renewable</a> and <a href="#">clean</a> energy jobs. <a href="#">Voted</a> to fund <a href="#">\$369 billion</a> in climate and clean energy initiatives. <a href="#">Voted for</a> \$1.2 trillion in <a href="#">infrastructure</a> , part of which <a href="#">reduces</a> greenhouse gas emissions.	<b>No.</b> Would <a href="#">increase</a> domestic coal, natural gas, and oil production. “We need to <a href="#">unleash</a> American energy.” <a href="#">Opposed</a> funding <a href="#">\$369 billion</a> in climate and clean energy initiatives. <a href="#">Opposes</a> incentives for solar, wind, and electric vehicle industries.
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b> How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	<a href="#">Would</a> give officers the “resources, training, and support they need.” Sponsored bills to <a href="#">provide police</a> with de-escalation training, and to <a href="#">end racial profiling</a> , <a href="#">ban</a> chokeholds and no-knock warrants, and improve community relations. “ <a href="#">Has worked</a> ...to increase diversity in the justice system.”	“ <a href="#">Empower</a> local law enforcement.” <a href="#">Would</a> maintain policies that <a href="#">protect police</a> from civil lawsuits around use of excessive force. “Will always <a href="#">support</a> law and order.” “ <a href="#">Demoralizing</a> the police” is the goal of “the radical left.”
<b>ECONOMY</b> Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	<b>Increase.</b> <a href="#">Supported</a> \$1.2 trillion infrastructure <a href="#">bill</a> . “We need to <a href="#">create</a> jobs, invest in our small businesses and American manufacturing, and raise wages and benefits.”	<b>Decrease.</b> Wants to “ <a href="#">massively reduce</a> anti-growth regulations, cut government spending, and end inflation,” and “allow free markets to work.”
<b>ELECTIONS</b> Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?	<b>Yes.</b> “President-Elect Joe Biden’s <a href="#">election</a> proves that our country is choosing truth and unity over lies and division.”	<b>Mixed.</b> In <a href="#">2020</a> said “To my conservative friends: accept the results of 140m+ votes cast.... Was there probably *some* fraud, illegal votes, etc, yes. Was it anywhere near enough to change the result, no.” In <a href="#">2022</a> said “President Trump says the election was stolen, and he’s right.”
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	<b>Tighten.</b> Is “ <a href="#">taking on</a> corporate polluters.” “ <a href="#">Environmental stewardship</a> is an ongoing responsibility.” <a href="#">Praised</a> requiring companies to disclose greenhouse gas emission information. <a href="#">Introduced</a> a bill to clean and protect the Great Lakes.	<b>Loosen.</b> <a href="#">Calls</a> for “permits for new drilling” of oil. <a href="#">Opposes</a> “this Green New Deal, this idea that all of us should drive an electric car.”

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<b>GUN LAWS</b> Loosen or tighten gun regulation?	<b>Tighten.</b> <a href="#">Calls</a> for “commonsense gun legislation.” <a href="#">Supported</a> legislation expanding background checks, increasing funds for crisis intervention, and disarming domestic abusers. <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill banning assault weapons.	<b>Loosen.</b> “I’m an <a href="#">absolutist</a> on the Second Amendment.” <a href="#">Opposes</a> all gun restrictions.
<b>HEALTH CARE</b> Increase or decrease government support for health care?	<b>Increase.</b> “ <a href="#">No family</a> should ever be one emergency room visit away from financial disaster...I refused to accept Congressional health insurance until Congress passed the Affordable Care Act.” Voted to <a href="#">cap</a> the cost of insulin at \$35 and <a href="#">reduce</a> drug costs for Medicare participants.	<b>Mostly decrease.</b> <a href="#">Opposes</a> the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. <a href="#">Said</a> it “had zero to do with affordability.” <a href="#">Supports</a> letting “the markets work” to lower costs. “ <a href="#">We waste</a> enormous, enormous sums of money on healthcare.”
<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> increased border security and additional resources to better support of Border Patrol agents, expedite the asylum process, and keep fentanyl out of the country. <a href="#">Supports</a> providing “certainty for Dreamers,” DACA participants.	Supports “ <a href="#">legal</a> immigration,” <a href="#">finishing</a> “the wall,” and <a href="#">deporting</a> “anyone here illegally.” In 2016 <a href="#">called for</a> a pathway to residency for people brought to this country as children. In 2024 <a href="#">says</a> the illegal immigrant “invasion of our border” has changed that.
<b>LABOR</b> Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	<b>Easier.</b> <a href="#">Joined the picket line</a> with striking UAW workers. <a href="#">Introduced</a> the PRO Act to protect workers’ right to unionize. <a href="#">Introduced</a> a bill <a href="#">protecting</a> U.S. Senate staff’s rights to organize.	<b>Mostly harder.</b> “ <a href="#">Some private sector unions</a> are good at creating high-paying jobs,” but sees the UAW as “holding car companies hostage.” Parents are upset <a href="#">because</a> “teachers unions are in charge of schools.”
<b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b> Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	<b>Expand.</b> <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a bill <a href="#">prohibiting</a> discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity. <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">federally protect</a> same-sex marriages. “My commitment to the LGBTQ community <a href="#">hasn’t wavered.</a> ”	<b>Limit.</b> In 2014 <a href="#">supported</a> the “Gay Games” in Ohio, calling them a “chance ... to celebrate diversity.” In 2021 <a href="#">said</a> he wasn’t familiar with his company’s support for an <a href="#">Ohio bill</a> banning LGBTQ discrimination. In 2024 <a href="#">lists</a> his endorsement by <a href="#">Ohio Value Voters</a> , an organization that <a href="#">opposes</a> same-sex marriage, saying “Homosexual couples embrace an ancient sin.”
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Ban or legal?	<b>Legal.</b> “ <a href="#">I support</a> the federal decriminalization of marijuana.” <a href="#">Supports</a> letting banks do business with the legal cannabis industry.	<b>Ban.</b> “Marijuana leads to <a href="#">schizophrenia</a> , it’s a gateway drug.” <a href="#">Opposes</a> legalization: it’s “going to harm our kids.”
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	<b>Yes.</b> In 2021 <a href="#">sponsored</a> a bill to gradually increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 by 2025.	<b>No.</b> “ <a href="#">Minimum wage</a> is never intended to be a livable wage.” “ <a href="#">The market</a> should set wages.”
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	<b>Yes.</b> <a href="#">Urged</a> Biden to cancel student debt: “NOW is the time.” <a href="#">Opposed</a> an effort to <a href="#">block</a> suspension of and forgiveness of student loan payments.	<b>No.</b> <a href="#">Reposted</a> a video on X mocking student loan forgiveness that ends with: “Tell Congress, stop Biden’s bailout for rich kids.”
<b>TAXES</b> Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	<b>Raise.</b> “Too many <a href="#">workers</a> pay more in taxes than our country’s wealthiest billionaires. Billionaires need to start paying their fair share.” <a href="#">Opposed</a> a 2017 \$1.5 trillion tax bill to lower corporate and top-bracket <a href="#">tax rates</a> .	<b>Lower.</b> <a href="#">Supports</a> making permanent the <a href="#">Trump tax cuts</a> that included the largest corporate cuts in US history and major tax cuts for the wealthy. <a href="#">Pledged</a> never to raise taxes.
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Make voting harder or easier?	<b>Easier.</b> <a href="#">Supported expanding</a> early voting, voting by mail, and same-day registration. “ <a href="#">Make</a> it (voting) as easy as possible.”	<b>Likely harder.</b> <a href="#">Criticized</a> Democrats for fighting against “voter ID laws.” Called for “ <a href="#">election integrity</a> .... Easy to vote, hard to cheat.”

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