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Ohio Government Make Up

**Governor**
Mike DeWine (R)
Elected in 2018

**Attorney General**
Dave Yost (R)
Elected in 2018

**Legislature**
State Senate
25 Republicans | 8 Democrats

State Assembly
64 Republicans | 35 Democrats

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The Party Divide on Reproductive Rights Conversations

Democrats this election cycle are talking about protecting a person's reproductive rights, and Republicans want to criminalize reproductive choice and prevent access to care.

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- Democratic A.G. Nominee Jeffrey Grossman

"Women are free citizens here in the United States and this is the largest governmental overreach in our lifetime. I look forward to getting to the Senate...and making sure we pass the Women’s Health Protection Act and codify Roe v. Wade."
- Rep. Tim Ryan, Democratic Senate Nominee

"Roe was poorly reasoned, a doctrine of shifting sands that invited perpetual litigation."
- Republican A.G. Dave Yost

"Ohio has a heartbeat bill [heartbeat bills ban abortion at about six weeks]. I think that's a good bill."
- Republican Senate Nominee J.D. Vance

Pro-Choice Candidates

**U.S. House:**
- Landsman (OH-01)
- Beatty (OH-03)
- Sykes (OH-03)
- Brown (OH-11)

**Statewide:**
- Tim Ryan (D-Senate)

These candidates have been endorsed by reproductive rights groups such as NARAL and Planned Parenthood. This list is not inclusive of all pro-choice candidates in the state.

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