



THIRD WAY

OHIO



Election Day: November 8 | Early Voting until November 4

Elections for U.S. Senate, U.S. House, statewide elected offices, State Senate, State Assembly, and other local elections

The November 8th midterm election marks the first time people across the United States have an opportunity to stand up for reproductive freedom following the landmark Supreme Court decision overturning the 50-year abortion rights precedent set by Roe v. Wade. Abortion is quite literally on the ballot and this fact sheet aims to inform voters about what is at stake in Ohio.

## 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

## Current State of Abortion in Ohio

Abortion in Ohio is currently illegal after 22 weeks of pregnancy, while a six-week abortion ban is being litigated. After the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Org. decision, a 2019 six-week abortion ban trigger law took effect. On October 7, a state court judge issued a preliminary injunction, blocking enforcement of the ban while the challenge is being litigated. The right for a person's reproductive choice remains uncertain in Ohio while Republicans continue to pass abortion bans.

## 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.

"As Ohio's next attorney general, I intend to end this crusade against women and protect their constitutional rights. Ohio deserves an attorney general that tells the truth, gets it right, values the lives of Ohioans, and realizes that there are life and death situations caused by this law. I will always stand up to defend our freedoms."  
- Democratic A.G. Nominee Jeffrey Grossman

### Attorney General Race



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

"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

### Senate Race



"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.*

Sources: "2022 Planned Parenthood Action Fund Endorsed Candidates."

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