

U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE COMPARISON - OHIO

A Nonpartisan Resource for Voters in the 2024 Election

Catholic Social Justice teaches that we have a responsibility to participate in politics out of a concern for and commitment to the common good. We are called to engage with openness and empathy, inform ourselves about the issues of the day, partake in serious conversations about our nation’s future, and **vote**.

Here is where the Ohio U.S. Senate candidates stand on the issues.

We invite you to consider this information prayerfully.

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FREEDOM TO LIVE ON A HEALTHY PLANET	Yes. Supports taking “ aggressive action to combat climate change.” Supports increasing renewable and clean energy jobs. Voted to fund \$369 billion in climate and clean energy initiatives. Voted for \$1.2 trillion in infrastructure , part of which reduces greenhouse gas emissions.	Environment Should addressing climate change be a top priority?	No. Would increase domestic coal, natural gas, and oil production. “We need to unleash American energy.” Opposed funding \$369 billion in climate and clean energy initiatives. Opposes incentives for solar, wind, and electric vehicle industries.
	Increase. Supported \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill . “We need to create jobs, invest in our small businesses and American manufacturing, and raise wages and benefits.”	Economy Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Decrease. Wants to “ massively reduce anti-growth regulations, cut government spending, and end inflation,” and “allow free markets to work.”
FREEDOM FROM HARM	Tighten. Calls for “commonsense gun legislation.” Supported legislation expanding background checks, increasing funds for crisis intervention, and disarming domestic abusers. Sponsored a bill banning assault weapons.	Gun Laws Loosen or tighten gun regulations?	Loosen. “I’m an absolutist on the Second Amendment.” Opposes all gun restrictions.
	Expand. Sponsored a bill prohibiting discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Voted to federally protect same-sex marriages. “My commitment to the LGBTQ community hasn’t wavered .”	LGBTQ Rights Limit or expand rights for LGBTQ+ people?	Limit. In 2014 supported the “Gay Games” in Ohio, calling them a “chance ... to celebrate diversity.” In 2021 said he wasn’t familiar with his company’s support for an Ohio bill banning LGBTQ discrimination. In 2024 lists his endorsement by Ohio Value Voters , an organization that opposes same-sex marriage, saying “Homosexual couples embrace an ancient sin.”
	Would give officers the “resources, training, and support they need.” Sponsored bills to provide police with de-escalation training, and to end racial profiling , ban chokeholds and no-knock warrants, and improve community relations. “ Has worked ...to increase diversity in the justice system.”	Criminal Justice How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	“ Empower local law enforcement.” Would maintain policies that protect police from civil lawsuits around use of excessive force. “Will always support law and order.” “ Demoralizing the police” is the goal of “the radical left.”

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FREEDOM TO BE HEALTHY	<p>Increase. “<u>No family</u> 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 <u>cap</u> the cost of insulin at \$35 and <u>reduce</u> drug costs for Medicare participants.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Health Care Increase or decrease government support for health care?</p>	<p>Mostly decrease. <u>Opposes</u> the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. <u>Said</u> it “had zero to do with affordability.” <u>Supports</u> letting “the markets work” to lower costs. “<u>We waste</u> enormous, enormous sums of money on healthcare.”</p>
FREEDOM TO LIVE IN A WELCOMING COUNTRY	<p>Supports: <u>Supports</u> increased border security and additional resources to better support of Border Patrol agents, expedite the asylum process, and keep fentanyl out of the country. <u>Supports</u> providing “certainty for Dreamers,” DACA participants.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Immigration Defend the right to asylum and support a path to citizenship for DACA participants brought to the U.S. as children?</p>	<p>Opposes: Supports “<u>finishing</u> “the wall,” and <u>deporting</u> “anyone here illegally.” In 2016 <u>called for</u> a pathway to residency for people brought to this country as children. In 2024 <u>says</u> the illegal immigrant “invasion of our border” has changed that.</p>
FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY	<p>Easier. <u>Supported expanding</u> early voting, voting by mail, and same-day registration. “<u>Make</u> it (voting) as easy as possible.”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Voting Rights Make voting harder or easier?</p>	<p>Likely harder. <u>Criticized</u> Democrats for fighting against “voter ID laws.” Called for “<u>election integrity</u>.... Easy to vote, hard to cheat.”</p>
FREEDOM TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES	<p>Easier. <u>Joined the picket line</u> with striking UAW workers. <u>Introduced</u> the PRO Act to protect workers’ right to unionize. <u>Introduced</u> a bill <u>protecting</u> U.S. Senate staff’s rights to organize.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Labor Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?</p>	<p>Mostly harder. “<u>Some private sector unions</u> are good at creating high-paying jobs,” but sees the UAW as “holding car companies hostage.” Parents are upset <u>because</u> “teachers unions are in charge of schools.”</p>
	<p>Yes. In 2021 <u>sponsored</u> a bill to gradually increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 by 2025.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Minimum Wage Raise federal minimum from \$7.25/hour?</p>	<p>No. “<u>Minimum wage</u> is never intended to be a livable wage.” “<u>The market</u> should set wages.”</p>
	<p>Yes. <u>Urged</u> Biden to cancel student debt: “NOW is the time.” <u>Opposed</u> an effort to <u>block</u> suspension of and forgiveness of student loan payments.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Student Financial Aid Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?</p>	<p>No. <u>Reposted</u> a video on X mocking student loan forgiveness that ends with: “Tell Congress, stop Biden’s bailout for rich kids.”</p>
	<p>Raise. “Too many <u>workers</u> pay more in taxes than our country’s wealthiest billionaires. Billionaires need to start paying their fair share.” <u>Opposed</u> a 2017 \$1.5 trillion tax bill to lower corporate and top-bracket <u>tax rates</u>.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Taxes Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?</p>	<p>Lower. <u>Supports</u> making permanent the <u>Trump tax cuts</u> that included the largest corporate cuts in U.S. history and major tax cuts for the wealthy. <u>Pledged</u> never to raise taxes.</p>