

## OHIO SENATE CANDIDATE COMPARISON

*A Nonpartisan Guide for Voters in the 2022 Midterm Election*



Catholic Social Justice teaches that we have a responsibility to participate in politics out of concern for and commitment to the common good.

We are called to vote, inform ourselves about the issues of the day, and engage in serious conversations about our nation's future.

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

*We invite you to consider this information prayerfully.*



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**November 8, 2022**

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Yes. Trump <u>"clearly lost," yet encouraged people "to attack the US Capitol Building.... to try to steal an election."</u>	<b>Elections</b> <i>Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?</i>	No. The election was stolen from Trump. <u>"We had a massive effort to shift the election by very powerful people in this country."</u> Calling January 6 an insurrection is the <u>"dumbest thing in the world."</u>
Increase investment. Voted for <u>the Build Back Better Act</u> , to finance education, childcare, healthcare and environment. Also backed the <u>infrastructure bill to finance</u> railroads and electric grid improvements.	<b>Economy</b> <i>Decrease or increase government investment and regulation of the economy?</i>	Decrease investment. <u>"We can't spend money that we don't have."</u> Opposed infrastructure bill. <u>"We can't let some good parts of a bill justify spending hundreds of billions of dollars that we don't have on bad priorities."</u>
No. <u>Cosponsored the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act</u> , which would prevent state discrimination against minority voters. <u>"The right to vote is a cornerstone of our democracy and it must be protected."</u>	<b>Voting Rights</b> <i>Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?</i>	Yes. Supports <u>voter ID, signature verification on absentee ballots, and limiting mail-in and early voting.</u> <u>"We need to go back to having an election day in this country, not an election season."</u>
Yes. <u>"The threat of global climate change is one of the most critical issues facing our nation."</u> Voted for <u>infrastructure bill</u> offering Ohioans <u>"historic investments in cleaner, more convenient transportation."</u>	<b>Climate Change</b> <i>Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?</i>	Mostly no. <u>"Certainly the climate is changing. I think the big question is, how much is man causing it?"</u> If <u>people were serious about addressing climate change, they should turn to nuclear power.</u>
More restrictive. <u>"We are not completely powerless to prevent future tragedies."</u> Calls for <u>universal background checks, "red flag" laws, and an assault weapons ban.</u>	<b>Gun Laws</b> <i>Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?</i>	Less restrictive. <u>"I will fight the gun grabbers, whether they're federal bureaucrats enacting regulations or multinational companies punishing people for exercising their rights."</u>
Yes. <u>"Proud supporter of the Affordable Care Act."</u> <u>"It is unacceptable that anyone should go broke because they had to go to the hospital."</u>	<b>Health Care</b> <i>Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, or promoting COVID safety?</i>	No. Medicaid should be <u>"a safety net" for people who fall on hard times or can't work. Need work requirements. Don't "deincentivize" people getting a better job with a "benefits cliff"</u>
Make legal immigration easier. Create <u>"a path to citizenship for the workers and small business owners" already in the US. Increase support for DACA participants.</u>	<b>Immigration</b> <i>How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for "DACA" participants brought to the US as children?</i>	<u>"The open-border policy of President Biden and his Democrat allies have already led to rising crime, lower wages for American citizens and a drug epidemic crushing too many Ohio families."</u> No position found on DACA.
More. <u>Opposed the \$1.5 trillion 2017 tax bill, which cut corporate tax rates and top-bracket income taxes. Increase taxes on billionaires while increasing the child tax credit for working families. "A tax system that lets the super-rich off the hook while working families are struggling just to stay afloat is a system that's broken."</u>	<b>Taxes</b> <i>Should corporations and wealthier individuals pay less or more taxes?</i>	Mixed on corporations, less for individuals. <u>"Let's cut the taxes of the companies that invest in our country. But... raise taxes on companies that ship jobs overseas and use their money to fund anti-American radical movements."</u> Calls Ryan's push for middle class tax cuts <u>"a gimmick,"</u> criticizes his opposing 2017 tax cuts.
Legal. <u>Cosponsored a bill to codify Roe v. Wade. "Every Ohioan should be able to access the health care that's right for them... that includes... a safe, legal abortion."</u>	<b>Abortion</b> <i>Ban or legal?</i>	Ban. <u>"100 percent pro-life.... Eliminating abortion is ...about protecting the unborn, but it's also about making our society more pro-child and pro-family."</u> No exceptions for rape or incest. <u>"Two wrongs don't make a right."</u>

**"We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life."**

- Pope Francis, General Audience, June 3, 2020

