

2026 Ohio Governor Race



ACLU OF OHIO POSITION

The ACLU firmly opposes the SAVE Act as it would disenfranchise millions of eligible voters through unnecessary, restrictive documentary proof-of-citizenship requirements for voter registration.

Voting is the cornerstone of our democracy.

ENGAGED DEMOCRACY

INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS AND DIGNITY

The ACLU of Ohio played a pivotal role in the 2023 campaign to secure passage of The Ohio Reproductive Freedom Amendment.

Every person should have the freedom and power to make deeply personal decisions about their body and future, free from government interference.

FREE SPEECH, FREE COUNTRY

The ACLU opposes additional funding for ICE and calls for safeguards against racial profiling, detention of children, and warrantless arrests.

Regardless of immigration status, everyone has basic rights that are protected by the U.S. Constitution.

SMART JUSTICE

The ACLU of Ohio strongly opposes the death penalty, works to abolish capital punishment and advocates for executive clemency.



AMY ACTON (D)

Education
Northeast Ohio University College of Medicine (Medical Degree, 1990)
Ohio State University (M.P.H., 1996)

Work Experience
- Columbus Foundation, Director of Kind Columbus Initiative
- Director of Ohio Department of Public Health
- Professor, Ohio State University

VS



VIVEK RAMASWAMY (R)

Education
Harvard University (B.A., 2007)
Yale Law School (J.D., 2013)

Work Experience
- 2024 U.S. Presidential Candidate
- Founder and CEO, Roivant Sciences

As of May 2026, Amy Acton's stance on The SAVE Act and voter ID laws is not publicly available.

"The SAVE America Act is a welcome proposal...Now is the time to finish the job and enshrine voter ID into our constitution A constitutional requirement for photo ID to vote is common-sense and popular."

Acton endorsed The Ohio Reproductive Freedom Amendment in 2023.

"Every Ohioan deserves the right to make their own reproductive health care decisions, free from government interference, plain and simple."

Ramaswamy opposed The Ohio Reproductive Freedom Amendment in 2023.

"I am pro-life. I believe that unborn life is life. That is part of my personal value system."

"If people are here as criminals, if people are here illegally, we need to enforce the laws of this country and the laws of the state of Ohio. But we need to do that lawfully... Quite frankly, the Statehouse is not fully funding the local funds [for law enforcement training]. As governor, I'm going to be investing in that. But we need [ICE activity] to be lawful."

"I will never separate parents from children, but we would take the family unit and return them to their country of origin as respectfully and humanely as possible. I think we will provide a path back through legal meritocratic immigration for those who have demonstrated themselves to be law-abiding, contributing citizens of this country."

Acton has stated that she would continue Governor DeWine's moratorium on executions until the state legislature can at least agree on a bipartisan solution to the problems with Ohio's current death-penalty system.

Ramaswamy believes the death penalty "is appropriate in the most egregious of offenses," but only if there is "absolute certainty" about the facts of the case and the law. If elected, he has indicated that he doesn't want to change Ohio's death-penalty laws, stating "This is not an area where I'm looking to change the status quo in the state."