

2026 Ohio Governor Race

ACLU
Ohio

ACLU OF OHIO POSITION

The ACLU of Ohio opposes State Issue 3 because Ohio already has extremely strict photo ID laws in place. Every eligible voter should be able to cast a ballot free from government interference.

Voting is the cornerstone of our democracy.

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.

The ACLU opposes additional funding for Immigration & Customs Enforcement (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.

The ACLU of Ohio is committed to advancing community reentry by working to eliminate barriers that prevent people recently released from prison from leading successful lives.

We must give our neighbors meaningful opportunities and necessary support systems to rebuild their lives after incarceration.

AMY ACTON (D)



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

Work Experience

- Columbus Foundation, Director of Kind Columbus Init.
- Director of Ohio Department of Public Health
- Professor, Ohio State University

Acton supports strict voter ID laws and supports Ohio's upcoming State Issue 3.

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."

When questioned about immigration enforcement, Acton stated,

"We always work with the federal law enforcement, and we will do so – whatever it takes to keep Ohioans safe."

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.

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

Ramaswamy supports strict voter ID laws and supports Ohio's upcoming State Issue 3.

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."

"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."

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.

DONALD KISSICK (L)



Education
Ferris State University (B.A., 1998)

Work Experience

- 2018-present: County Development Coordinator for the Libertarian Party of Ohio
- Served six years in the U.S. Navy, deploying twice to the Middle East during Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

"I oppose Issue 3 because showing identification to vote already is law in Ohio. Baking it into the state constitution opens the door to more legislation — thus — more chances for unintended consequences impacting residents' basic right to vote in Ohio."

"The Ohio voters made that decision a couple years back (to pass an abortion-rights state constitutional amendment in 2023). ...Any attempt to circumvent that is unconstitutional, and I would not sign it."

"We strongly oppose ICE being that they are an unaccountable federal enforcement agency that illegally detains people without cause, are hidden behind masks, and operate without clear identification. We believe that due process applies to everyone and that immigration enforcement should be civil not militarized."

As of August 2026, Kissick's stance on the death penalty is not public available.

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