



THIRD WAY



PENNSYLVANIA



Election Day: November 8 | In-Person Absentee until November 8

Elections for U.S. Senate, U.S. House, statewide elected offices, State Senate, State House, 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 Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania Government Make Up



Governor
Tom Wolf (D)
Elected in 2014



Attorney General
Josh Shapiro (D)
Elected in 2016



Legislature
State Senate
28 Republicans | 21 Democrats
State House of Representatives
113 Republicans | 90 Democrats

Current State of Abortion in Pennsylvania

Abortion in Pennsylvania is currently legal up until viability. Following the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision, Gov. Wolf issued an executive order protecting abortion patients and providers in Pennsylvania. In contrast, the state legislature has proposed several abortion bans, including a fetal heartbeat bill with no exceptions, and has vowed to make those bills into binding law if Republicans control Pennsylvania's legislature and governor's office.

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.

Governor's Race

"[I] have always fought to protect reproductive rights—and as governor, I will continue to stand with women, protect Pennsylvania's current laws, and expand access to reproductive health care here in Pennsylvania."

– Democratic Gov. Nominee & A.G. Josh Shapiro



"My body, my choice is ridiculous nonsense."

– Republican Gov. Nominee & State Senator Doug Mastriano

Senate Race

"I'm proud to say that my governor and myself stood as that line of defense to make sure that women's reproductive freedom is guarded and secure in Pennsylvania. It is a fundamental right that cannot change and must ensure in this country."

– Democratic Senate Nominee & Lt. Gov. John Fetterman



"I do believe life starts at conception, and I've said that multiple times. If life starts at conception, why do you care what age the heart starts beating at? It's, you know, it's still murder if you were to terminate a child whether their heart is beating or not."

– Republican Senate Nominee Mehmet Oz

Pro-Choice Candidates

U.S. House:

- Ehasz (PA-01)
- Boyle (PA-02)
- Evans (PA-03)
- Dean (PA-04)
- Scanlon (PA-05)
- Houlahan (PA-06)

Statewide:

- Wild (PA-07)
- Daniels (PA-10)
- Lee (PA-12)
- Pastore (PA-16)
- Deluzio (PA-17)

- Josh Shapiro (D-Governor)
- John Fetterman (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.

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