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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Legal. Supports “abortion access for all women.” “ Ohioans ...don’t want politicians interfering in their personal medical decisions.” Would restore the Roe v. Wade abortion protections.	Ban. In 2022 was “absolutely pro-life, no exceptions.” “Abortion is the murder of an innocent baby.” In 2024 said he supports “reasonable exceptions.” Donated \$100,000 to a group opposing Ohio’s 2023 abortion rights initiative.
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	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.	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.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	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.”	“ 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.”
ECONOMY Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	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.”	Decrease. Wants to “ massively reduce anti-growth regulations, cut government spending, and end inflation,” and “allow free markets to work.”
ELECTIONS Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?	Yes. “President-Elect Joe Biden’s election proves that our country is choosing truth and unity over lies and division.”	Mixed. In 2020 said “To my conservative friends: accept the results of 140m+ votes cast.... Was there probably *some* fraud, illegal votes, etc, yes. Was it anywhere near enough to change the result, no.” In 2022 said “President Trump says the election was stolen, and he’s right.”
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	Tighten. Is “ taking on corporate polluters.” “ Environmental stewardship is an ongoing responsibility.” Praised requiring companies to disclose greenhouse gas emission information. Introduced a bill to clean and protect the Great Lakes.	Loosen. Calls for “permits for new drilling” of oil. Opposes “this Green New Deal, this idea that all of us should drive an electric car.”

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GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun regulation?	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.	Loosen. “I’m an absolutist on the Second Amendment.” Opposes all gun restrictions.
HEALTH CARE Increase or decrease government support for health care?	Increase. “ No family 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 cap the cost of insulin at \$35 and reduce drug costs for Medicare participants.	Mostly decrease. Opposes the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. Said it “had zero to do with affordability.” Supports letting “the markets work” to lower costs. “ We waste enormous, enormous sums of money on healthcare.”
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?	Supports increased border security and additional resources to better support of Border Patrol agents, expedite the asylum process, and keep fentanyl out of the country. Supports providing “certainty for Dreamers,” DACA participants.	Supports “ legal immigration,” finishing “the wall,” and deporting “anyone here illegally.” In 2016 called for a pathway to residency for people brought to this country as children. In 2024 says the illegal immigrant “invasion of our border” has changed that.
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	Easier. Joined the picket line with striking UAW workers. Introduced the PRO Act to protect workers’ right to unionize. Introduced a bill protecting U.S. Senate staff’s rights to organize.	Mostly harder. “ Some private sector unions are good at creating high-paying jobs,” but sees the UAW as “holding car companies hostage.” Parents are upset because “teachers unions are in charge of schools.”
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	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 .”	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.”
MARIJUANA Ban or legal?	Legal. “ I support the federal decriminalization of marijuana.” Supports letting banks do business with the legal cannabis industry.	Ban. “Marijuana leads to schizophrenia , it’s a gateway drug.” Opposes legalization: it’s “going to harm our kids.”
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	Yes. In 2021 sponsored a bill to gradually increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 by 2025.	No. “ Minimum wage is never intended to be a livable wage.” “ The market should set wages.”
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID Support lowering interest on student loans and/or forgiving them?	Yes. Urged Biden to cancel student debt: “NOW is the time.” Opposed an effort to block suspension of and forgiveness of student loan payments.	No. Reposted a video on X mocking student loan forgiveness that ends with: “Tell Congress, stop Biden’s bailout for rich kids.”
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Raise. “Too many workers pay more in taxes than our country’s wealthiest billionaires. Billionaires need to start paying their fair share.” Opposed a 2017 \$1.5 trillion tax bill to lower corporate and top-bracket tax rates .	Lower. Supports making permanent the Trump tax cuts that included the largest corporate cuts in US history and major tax cuts for the wealthy. Pledged never to raise taxes.
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Easier. Supported expanding early voting, voting by mail, and same-day registration. “ Make it (voting) as easy as possible.”	Likely harder. Criticized Democrats for fighting against “voter ID laws.” Called for “ election integrity Easy to vote, hard to cheat.”

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