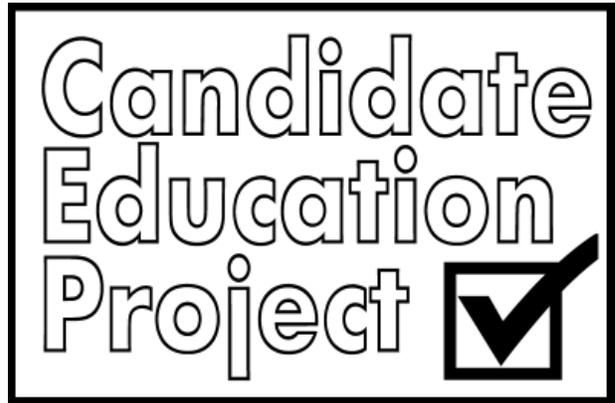


Choosing Ohio's next Governor

Wealthy people influence government and elections through powerful institutions like banking, insurance, real estate, healthcare, manufacturing and of course energy and utility companies.

But powerful people don't always agree. Some favor supporting Republicans, while others favor Democrats; many support both parties just to be safe. They think of the hundreds of millions of dollars pumped into campaigns as investments in a future that favors their interests. Just prior to the 2016 election, this arrangement broke down as more people realized the system is rigged, giving populist outliers like Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders greater traction.

Ohio operates much the same way. However, during election season voters have a chance to counter the influence of those focused only on profit with informed



ballot choices. If we are to create a future that provides good jobs, consumer rights, sustainable clean energy, and a clean and safe environment we must elect people who share our vision of that future.

Ohio Citizen Action and Ohio Citizen Action Education Fund are non-partisan and don't endorse candidates. We know that given the facts, Ohioans will elect candidates who represent the public's interests.

Meet the two major party candidates

Mike DeWine (R)	Richard Cordray (D)
Ohio Attorney General 2011-18; US Senator 1995-2007 Lt Governor 1991-1994 U.S. Congressman 1983-91 Ohio State Senator 1981-82 County Prosecutor 1977-81	US Consumer Protection Bureau 2012-17 Ohio Attorney General 2009-10 Ohio Treasurer 2007-08 Franklin County Treasurer 2002-07 Ohio Solicitor General 1993-96 Ohio State Representative 1991-92

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Meet their major campaign contributors

	Mike DeWine (R) for 3 races	Richard Cordray (D) for 5 races
Party (GOP or Democrats)	7,969,796	5,425,934
Unknown	7,681,654	4,508,297
Candidate's own money	2,904,245	364,523
Lawyers and lobbyists	2,603,282	2,291,250
Finance, insurance & real estate	1,677,508	1,225,561
General business	1,530,558	462,672
Gov't agencies, education	921,775	663,845
Healthcare	733,424	160,806
Energy, natural resources	696,029	216,276
Construction	587,336	176,983
Agriculture	328,255	17,770
Transportation	202,343	101,311
Communication/electronics	116,667	193,781
Labor	72,333	2,212,309
TOTAL	28,079,849	18,099,573

Source: National Institute on Money in Politics

With respect to campaign funds from the energy and utility sector, Mike DeWine has accepted more than three times as much campaign money as Rich Cordray, with FirstEnergy listed as his fourth most generous donor. He also accepted money from Murray Energy, which has recently been exposed as funding opposition to the Icebreaker Wind project on Lake Erie. In the first quarter of 2018, DeWine got \$75,000 from fossil fuel and utility interests. Cordray has also taken money from FirstEnergy lobbyists- about \$30,000- but counts 40 unions among his top 100 donors.

While Mike DeWine hasn't spoken much about energy in this campaign, his record as a U.S. Congressman is mixed, with multiple votes against drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, in addition to votes against regulating mercury from coal plants and for mountaintop removal coal mining. Rich Cordray has spoken during this campaign about his opposition to a ban on fracking for natural gas but also pledges to double Ohio's renewable energy targets by 2025 and supports removing the legislative obstacle to new wind power development.

Besides vote, what can you do?

Attend events where the candidates will speak and ask questions about energy and the environment. You can learn more on our website at ohiocitizen.org/2018CandidateEd

Engage with the candidates on social media about energy and environmental issues. Tag them (and us) for maximum impact @RichCordray, @MikeDeWine, @OHIOCitizenAct

Do more research on your own. Here are links to the National Institute on Money in Politics' Follow the Money project for both candidates across all their races.

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