

Dems Make Big Gains in Election; Voters Parse Issues

In an election that saw well over \$60 million spent on the governor's race and statewide ballot issues alone, Ohio voters made carefully considered choices. For example

- Democrats swept *most* of the statewide races – the exception being state auditor which Republican Mary Taylor won. (While this win gives Republicans the majority on the apportionment board when it comes time to redraw state legislative districts they no longer have carte blanche as they had before.)
- Five incumbent Ohio House members lost: three Republicans; two Democrats.
- Two of the statewide ballot issues passed (Issue 2, the minimum wage, and Issue 5, the SmokeFree initiated law) and two failed (Issue 3, the Learn and Earn slots issue, and Issue 4, Smoke Less).

Based on unofficial results posted on the secretary of state's website, the following is an overview of Tuesday's election results. Absentee ballots and provisional ballots may change some of the very close votes but those won't be known for a few days or more:

Statewide Races

- The Democratic ticket of Strickland/Fisher so soundly defeated Republicans Blackwell/Raga (60 percent to 37 percent) that this was one of the first races called after the polls closed.
- Another race called early was the one between Mike DeWine and Sherrod Brown for the U.S. Senate with Brown handily unseating DeWine 56 percent to 44 percent.
- Democrats Jennifer Brunner, Marc Dann and Richard Cordray won secretary of state, attorney general and state treasurer as follows:
 - Brunner over Greg Hartmann – 55 percent to 41 percent.
 - Dann over Betty Montgomery – 52 percent to 48 percent
 - Cordray over Sandra O'Brien – 58 percent to 42 percent.
- Mary Taylor won state auditor over fellow House member Barbara Sykes by a narrow 51 percent to 49 percent.
- Ohio's Supreme Court is now all Republican with wins by Justice Terrence O'Donnell over William O'Neill (59 percent to 41 percent) and Judge Robert Cupp over Ben Espy (54 percent to 46 percent)

Ohio House of Representatives

The House Democrats did better than predicted by Minority Leader Joyce Beatty (Columbus) by picking up eight seats, bringing the Republican/Democratic split for the 127th General Assembly to 52/47. (The current split is 60/39.)

In the process, five incumbents appear to have lost:

- Geoffrey Smith (R) to Ted Celeste (D) (brother of the last Democratic governor Dick Celeste)
- Earl Martin (R) to Matt Lundy (D)

- Dan White (R) (recently named replacement for Katherine Walcher) to Matthew Barrett (D)
- Tim Cassell (D) to Carol-Ann Schindel (R)
- Randy Law (R) to Tom Letson (D)

In addition, the Democrats picked up the following Republican seats:

- Blasdel
- Kilbane
- Taylor
- Hood

Republicans picked up an additional seat with the defeat of Vern Sykes (D), who was seeking to return to the Legislature in his wife's district, by Republican Joseph Crawford.

Ohio Senate

Democrats picked up one seat in the Ohio Senate with Sue Morano's win for the seat currently held by Jeffrey Armbruster. This takes the Republican/Democratic split to 21/12 for the 127th General Assembly.

Lessons learned from this election:

- Lots of money doesn't necessarily mean winning – just look at the Smoke Less and Learn and Earn slots issues.
- Legislators best keep out of legal difficulties (Cassell, V. Sykes and Joy Padgett)
- Running for the opposite house when term limited works. All "crossover" candidates won: Steve Buehrer (R), Lance Mason (D), Tim Schaffer (R) and John Boccieri (D) in the Senate and Bob Hagan (D), Jay Hottinger (R), and Lynn Wachtmann (R) in the House.
- Returning to the General Assembly by former members is not necessarily a given. Barbara Boyd and William Batchleder both won; Vern Sykes and Darrell Opfer, lost.

Governor

* Denotes winner (I) denotes incumbent

Democrats

Republicans

Other

* Ted Strickland

Ken Blackwell

Dr. Williams Peirce
Robert Fittrakis
James Lundeen
Larry Bays**Secretary of State**

* Denotes winner (I) denotes incumbent

Democrats

Republicans

Other

* Jennifer Brunner

Greg Hartmann

Timothy Kettler
John Eastman**Attorney General**

* Denotes winner (I) denotes incumbent

Democrats

Republicans

Other

* Marc Dann

Betty Montgomery

Treasurer

* Denotes winner (I) denotes incumbent

Democrats

Republicans

Other

* Richard Cordray

Sandra O'Brien

Auditor

* Denotes winner (I) denotes incumbent

Democrats

Republicans

Other

Barb Sykes

* Mary Taylor

U.S. Senate

* Denotes winner (I) denotes incumbent

Democrats

Republicans

Other

* Sherrod Brown

Mike DeWine (I)

 © 2006 All Rights Reserved Rotunda Inc, Columbus, Ohio (614)227-5820
[Help Me!](#)<http://www.rotundacollection.com> <mailto:info@rotundainc.com><http://www.ohcapcon.com>

Ohio Senate

* Denotes winner (I) denotes incumbent

Dist.	Democrats	Republicans	Other
01	Ben Nienberg	* Steven Buehrer	
03	Emily Kreider	* David Goodman (I)	
05	* Tom Roberts (I)	Donald McLaurin	
07	Rick Smith	* Robert Schuler (I)	
09	* Eric Kearney (I)	Maggie Nafziger	
11	* Teresa Fedor (I)	Caron van Deventer	
13	* Susan Morano	Martha Wise	
15	* Ray Miller (I)	John M Roscoe	
17	April Howland	* John Carey (I)	
19	Thomas Burkhart	* Bill Harris (I)	
21	* Shirley Smith	Richard Norris	
23	* Dale Miller (I)	Howard Shrimpton	
25	* Lance Mason	David Lynch	
27	Judy A. Hanna	* Kevin Coughlin (I)	
29	Thomas West	* Kirk Schuring (I)	
31	Dennis Luper	* Tim Schaffer	
33	* John Bocchieri	Withdrawn 9/29/2006 Tracey Winbush	

© 2006 All Rights Reserved Rotunda Inc, Columbus, Ohio (614)227-5820

[Help Me!](#)<http://www.rotundacollection.com> <mailto:info@rotundainc.com><http://www.ohcapcon.com>

Ohio House

Dist.	Democrats	* Denotes winner (I) denotes incumbent Republicans	Other
01	* Linda Bolon	James Hoppel	
02	Bruce Burnworth	* Jon M. Peterson (I)	
03		* Jim Carmichael (I)	
04	Dennis Shreefer	* Matt Huffman	
05	R. Kelly Kirk	* Gerald Stebelton	
06	Jeff Bretz	* Robert E. Latta (I)	
07	* Kenny Yuko (I)	Beverly Valencic	
08	* Armond Budish		
09	* Barbara Boyd	Jimmie Hicks	
10	* Eugene Miller	Rosalind McAllister	
11	* Sandra Williams		
12	* Michael DeBose (I)	Anthony Cefaratti	
13	* Michael J. Skindell (I)	John Hildebrand	
14	* Michael Foley (I)	William J McGivern	
15	* Timothy DeGeeter (I)	David Fago	
16	* Jennifer Brady	Edward Patrick Herman	
17	Roger Goudy	* Josh Mandel	
18	John Celebrezze	* Thomas F. Patton (I)	
19	Marian Harris	* Larry Flowers (I)	
20	Bev Campbell	* Jim McGregor (I)	
21	Dean Hernandez	* Kevin Bacon	

22	John Carney	* Jim Hughes (I)	
23	Michael Murphy	* Larry Wolpert (I)	
24	* Ted Celeste	Geoffrey C. Smith (I)	
25	* Dan Stewart (I)	Michael Douglas Wiles	
26	* Tracy Heard	Michael Elicson	
27	* Joyce Beatty (I)	John Edward Jufko	
28	Connie Pillich	* Jim Raussen (I)	
29	Brent Gray	* Lou Blessing (I)	
30		* Bill Seitz (I)	
31	* Steve Driehaus (I)	Scott Gehring	
32	* Dale Mallory	Kimberly Hale	
33	* Tyrone K. Yates (I)	Rob Thornton	
34	Steve Silver	* Tom Brinkman Jr. (I)	
35	Karen Adams	* Michelle G. Schneider (I)	
36	Beverly Smith	* Arlene J. Setzer (I)	
37		* Jon A. Husted (I)	
38	Carolyn Rice	* John J. White (I)	
39	* Clayton Luckie	George Coles	Logan Martinez
40	* Fredrick W. Strahorn (I)	Martin Arbagi	
41	* Brian G. Williams (I)	Thomas Cousineau	
42	Paul Colavecchio	* John Widowfield (I)	
43	* Steven Dyer	Christine Croce	
44	Vernon Sykes	* Joseph D Crawford	

45	* Robert J. Otterman (I)	Joshua Jones
46	Mark P. Dansack	* Mark Wagoner (I)
47	* Peter Ujvagi (I)	Ernest Berry
48	* Edna Brown (I)	Carolyn Eyre
49	* Matt Szollosi	Stephen Hornyack
50	John Johnson	* John P. Hagan (I)
51	Kody Gonzales	* Scott Oelslager (I)
52	* William Healy II (I)	Eric Waldrop
53	Glenda Smith	* Shawn N. Webster (I)
54	Kenneth Keith	* Courtney E. Combs (I)
55		* William P. Coley, II (I)
56	* Joseph F. Koziura (I)	Withdrawn 10/6/2006 Barry Garrett
57	* Matt Lundy	Earl Martin (I)
58	* Matthew Barrett	Dan White (I)
59	* Kenneth A. Carano (I)	Kasey Shidel
60	* Robert Hagan	
61	* Mark Okey	Brant Luther
62	* Lorraine Fende (I)	Greg Schmidt
63	Timothy Cassell (I)	* Carol-Ann Schindel
64	* Tom Letson	Randy Law (I)
65	* Sandra Stabile Harwood (I)	Arno Hill
66	William Newby	* Joseph W Uecker (I)

67	Jeff Ruppert	* Shannon Jones
68	* Kathleen Chandler (I)	Bill Davis
69	Jack Schira	* William Batchelder
70	Kevin O'Brien	* Kevin DeWine (I)
71	Thomas Holliday	* Jay Hottinger
72	Dale Henry	* Ross McGregor (I)
73	* Jay Goyal	R. Phillip Holloway
74	Ben McCullough	* Bruce Goodwin
75	Angie Byrne	* Lynn Wachtmann
76	John Kostyo	* Cliff Hite
77	Betsy Marshall	* Keith L. Faber (I)
78	Adam Ward	* John Adams
79	David Fisher	* Diana M. Fessler (I)
80	* Chris Redfern (I)	Ed Enderle
81	Darrell Opfer	* Jeff Wagner (I)
82		* Steve Reinhard (I)
83	Shawn Allen	* Anthony E. Core (I)
84	Connie Crockett	* Christopher R. Widener (I)
85	Raymond Pryor	* John M. Schlichter (I)
86	Bill Horne	* David T. Daniels (I)
87	Nick Rupert	* Clyde Evans (I)
88		* Danny Bubp (I)

89	* Todd Book (I)	Tim Knauff	Mike Bryan
90	Duane Grassbaugh	* Thom Collier (I)	
91	* Dan Dodd	William Hayes	
92	Debbie Phillips	* Jimmy Stewart (I)	
93	* Jennifer Garrison (I)	Donald Gadd	
94	Aaron Phillips	* Jim Aslanides (I)	
95	* John Domenick (I)	A.J. Voytecek	
96	* Allan Sayre (I)	Shane Thompson	
97	James E. Riley	* Bob Gibbs (I)	
98	Ray Ku	* Matthew Dolan (I)	
99	* George Distel (I)	William Pikor	

© 2006 All Rights Reserved Rotunda Inc, Columbus, Ohio (614)227-5820

[Help Me!](#)

<http://www.rotundacollection.com> <mailto:info@rotundainc.com>

<http://www.ohcapcon.com>

Congress

* Denotes winner (I) denotes incumbent

Dist.	Democrats	Republicans	Other
01	John Cranley	* Steven Chabot (I)	
02	Victoria Wulsin	* Jean Schmidt (I)	
03	Richard Chema	* Michael R. Turner (I)	
04	Richard Siferd	* Jim Jordan	
05	Robin Weirauch	* Paul E. Gilmor (I)	
06	* Charile Wilson	Chuck Blasdel	
07	William Conner	* Dave Hobson (I)	
08	Morton Meier	* John Boehner	
09	* Marcy Kaptur (I)	Bradley Leavitt	
10	* Dennis J. Kucinich (I)	Mike Dovilla	
11	* Stephanie Tubbs Jones (I)	Lindsey String	
12	Bob Shamansky	* Pat Tiberi (I)	
13	* Betty Sutton	Craig Foltin	
14	Lewis Katz	* Steven C. Latourette (I)	
15	Mary Jo Kilroy	* Deborah Pryce (I)	Bill Buckel
16	Thomas Shaw	* Ralph Regula (I)	
17	* Timothy J. Ryan (I)	Don Manning	
18	* Zack Space	Joy Padgett	