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OHIO **NEW MEMBER** **ORIENTATATION**





MEET TEAM OHIO

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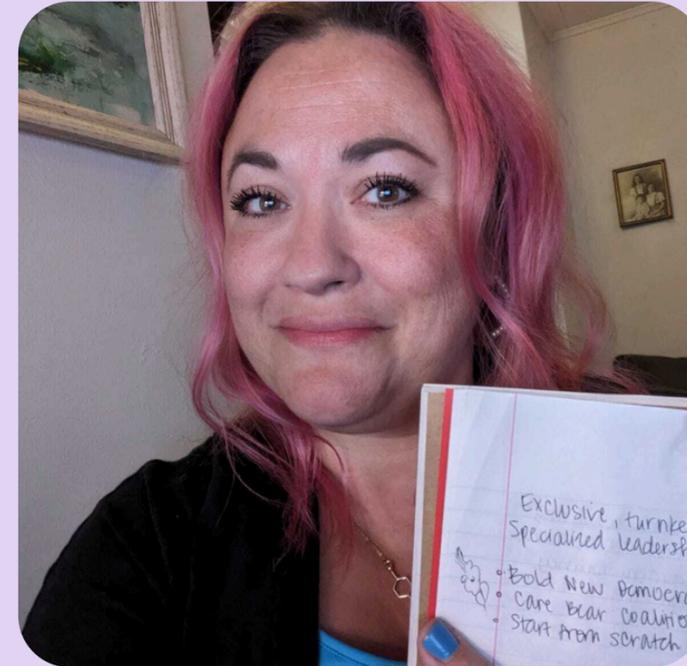
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HOW WE DO IT

OUR MISSION

Red Wine and Blue Team Ohio provides an inviting and actionable pathway to political literacy and civic engagement about common-sense issues facing suburban women. We build community through approachable content, friend-to-friend organizing, and personal storytelling.



WHAT WE DO



**TAKING BACK
POWER:**
ELECTIONS & ADVOCACY



SHOWING UP:
PROTESTS, BOYCOTTS,
& BEYOND



**CARING FOR
EACH OTHER:**
MUTUAL AID & PROTECTION



WHAT IS FRIEND TO FRIEND ORGANIZING

The simple, proven concept
that people talking to their
friends and family is more
effective than strangers
talking to strangers.



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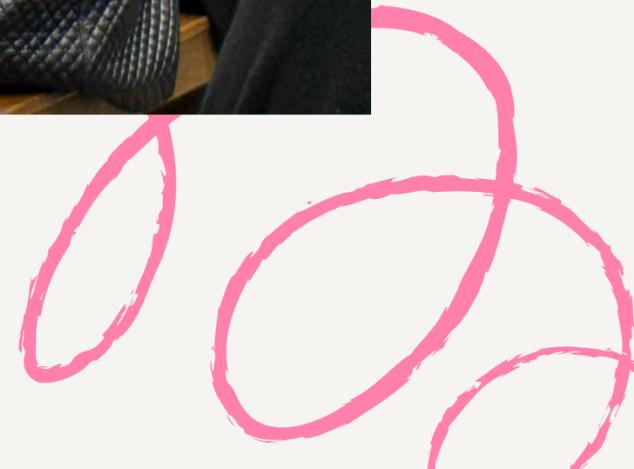
WHY IT WORKS

THE DATA SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

People trust someone they know more than a stranger or a political ad.

RWB's 2023 relational program increased voter turnout by 10.1% (over 8% here in Ohio).

That's a gamechanger—especially when local races are decided by just a handful of votes



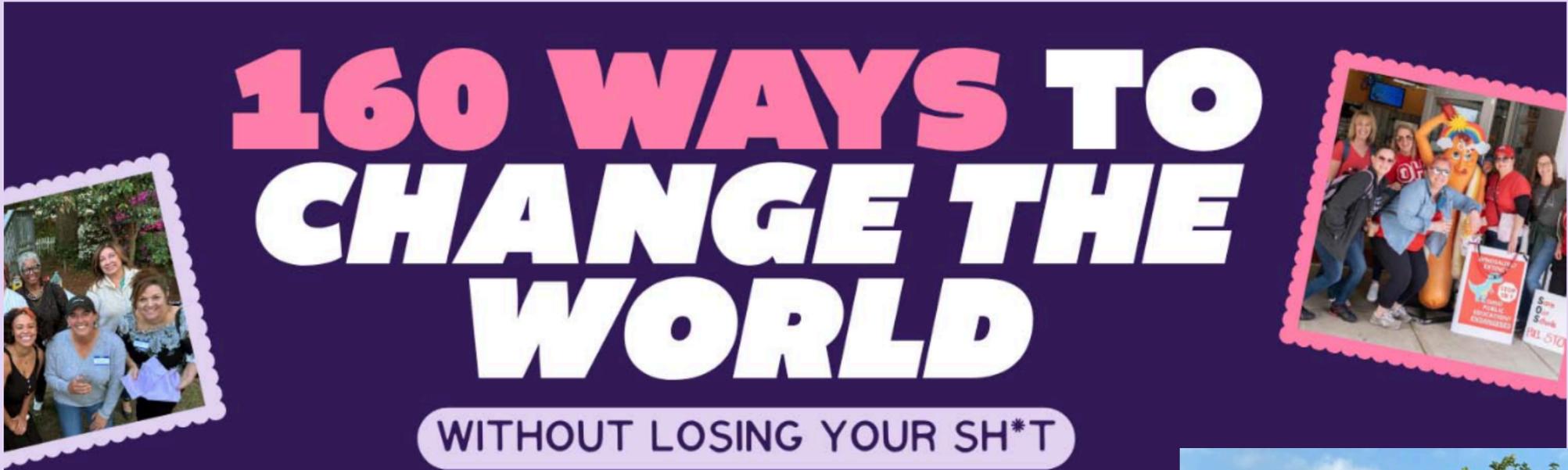
2025 OHIO RWB WINS!

- Common-sense candidates won 78% of Ohio school board races targeted by RWB in 2025
- 76% of the RWB Ohio members who ran for office WON!
- Ohioans passed 57% of the levies we supported in 2025
- RWB's Ohio membership grew 19% in 2025
- RWB's Ohio Facebook group membership grew by 10%
- More than 3000 Ohioans joined the Red Wine & Blue App
- RWB raised over \$108,000 for Springfield organizations supporting Haitian immigrants
- Team Ohio held 185 events for our members - how many did you attend?

HOW WE DO IT

160 WAYS TO CHANGE THE WORLD

WITHOUT LOSING YOUR SH*T



What's an RO and how can they help you?

RO - or Regional Organizer - is a RWB role that supports our members in the field

ROs are full-time, year-round employees of Red Wine & Blue.



Team Ohio has four ROs who are here to help however they can.

What can an RO do for you? Let's take a look...

How can Regional Organizers help you?



- Meet 1:1 to answer questions, get more involved, and support
- Be a guest speaker for groups or events
- Help you host house parties to spread the word of RWB, local issues, and elections
- Connect with coalition partners and their opportunities
- Contribute Rally actions
- Connect to or start a RWB Network group
- And more! Just ask **ohio@redwine.blue**

★ **Issue Awareness**

★ **Public Pressure**

★ **Elections**

★ **Accountability**

WHAT IS THE RWB NETWORK?

- Red Wine & Blue's national grassroots organizing program that helps local groups across the country get started, grow, and strengthen.
- Creates a national network of grassroots organizations that will have their own landing pages and can be found on a searchable map on the RWB website
- Enables your group to stay independent, while providing access to exclusive Red Wine & Blue content, training opportunities, and connection to other leaders of grassroots groups from across the country.

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE



- **Resistance & Education**
 - **Standing up to protest against injustices in your community**
- **Advocacy & Accountability**
 - **Keeping an eye on elected officials and candidates, shining a light on their actions, and asking them to do what you want them to do.**
- **Mutual Aid & Protection**
 - **Helping people directly affected by harmful policies**
- **Community Building**
 - **Allow time and space for your group members to get to know each other**

**MAKE YOUR
CONNECTIONS**

RWB APP

ASSETS & ACTIONS

KEEP
RED WINE & BLUE
IN YOUR POCKET

**DOWNLOAD THE RWB APP AND
CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT TODAY!**



The RWB App is free. It's our own private space built just for you – without tech bros, oligarchs, ads, or algorithms. We will never share your personal data without your consent.

**NO SMARTPHONE? CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT AT
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IMPACTING OHIO GOVERNMENT

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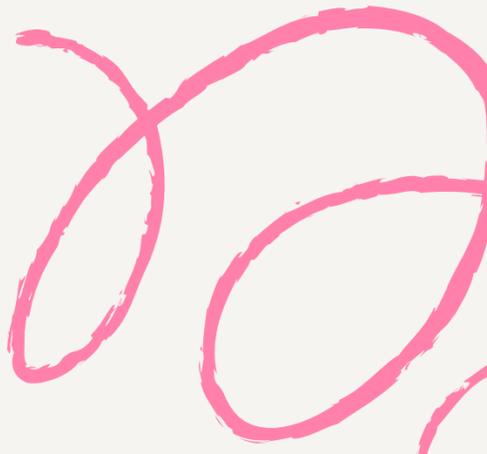


CALL STATE LEGISLATORS

- This is not like calling Congress. You can actually build a relationship with the legislative aide that you talk to!
- There is only 1 phone line per legislator - they WILL get your message!
- You CAN call legislators in districts where you do not live

Some examples:

- Call committee chairs and say, “I’m calling about this bill in your XXXXXX Committee.”
- Call the Senate President, House Speaker, or the Majority Floor Leader (person who sets the voting agenda)
- It will always be MOST effective to call your own legislators
- **So if you are calling your own legislator, let them know!**
- **Don’t forget to call the legislators doing good work!**





TESTIFY IN COMMITTEE

What makes good testimony?

- **Short and sweet:** If there's a lot of testimony, you'll likely be limited to 2-3 minutes. Make them count.
- **Consider your audience:** Think of a relative who you know would oppose what you are saying. That's your audience.
- You can watch all House and Senate Sessions AND all committee hearings live on OhioChannel.org – it's free!
- The videos are also archived on the site!

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RWB RESOURCES



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VOLUNTEER SURVEY





LOBBY DAY

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Wednesday, March 4th 7:30 pm Virtual

LOBBY DAY FOR THE OHIO WE DESERVE

MARCH 24 TUESDAY 2026
9:00 AM- 3:00 PM
OHIO STATE HOUSE
COLUMBUS

FUTURE IN FOCUS

LOBBY DAY TRAINING & PREP WORK

MARCH

- 2** WHAT IS ADVOCACY 7:30 PM
- 18** LOBBY DAY TRAINING NOON
- 19** LOBBY DAY TRAINING 7:30 PM
- 24** LOBBY DAY



OHIO EVENTS





ELECTION EDUCATION

OHIO'S PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 5, 2026



In 2026, Ohio ballots will include

- Governor
- U.S. Senate & House Candidates
- Ohio State Rep. & State Senate Candidates
- State Supreme Court Candidates
- County Positions - Commissioners, Auditors, Treasurers, etc.
- Local Levies - Schools, Police, Fire, etc.

Key Primary Election Dates

- **April 6:** Deadline to register to vote
- **April 7-May 3:** Early in-person voting at Board of Elections (see hours below)
- **NOW through April 28:** request an absentee ballot. Requests must be returned to your Board of Elections by 8:30 pm on 4/28.
- **May 5th is Election Day:** Vote from 6:30 am-7:30 pm. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Board of Elections by 7:30 pm.

Early In-Person Voting Hours

Apr 7-10	Tues-Fri	8:00am - 5:00pm
Apr 13-17	Mon-Fri	8:00am - 5:00pm
Apr 20-24	Mon-Fri	8:00am - 5:00pm
Apr 27	Mon	7:30am - 7:30pm
Apr 28	Tues	7:30am - 8:30pm
Apr 29-May 1	Wed-Fri	7:30am - 7:30pm
May 2	Sat	8:00am - 4:00pm
May 3	Sun	1:00pm - 5:00pm

Request Absentee Ballot



Voter Registration & Polling Locations



Contact us at: ohio@redwine.blue



Primary Election Facts

- In Ohio, the ballot you request for the primary determines your party affiliation for the **next 2 years**.
- You can request an issues only ballot for the primary.
- Your party affiliation goes into data about the state and where Dems and Reps are registered. This can impact potential candidates and resources from state and local organizations. If you want to see more candidates running in the party you support, be sure to pull a ballot for that party during the primary!
- Being registered with a party allows you to work as a poll worker, fill roles on your county's central committee, and sign petitions for candidates for that party.

Want to learn more?

- Join an upcoming RWB Ohio event.
- Fill out our volunteer interest form and we'll be in touch!
- Check out the Red Wine & Blue App and our easy-to-use Rally tool. You'll get everything you need in one place!
- Join our FB group to find like-minded Ohioans near you!

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Any Questions?