

After-Election Projections for Ohio, Pro-Life Gains Hopeful



Dayton Right to Life is cautiously hopeful that President Donald Trump will be as pro-life as President-elect Donald Trump has promised.

The 2016 Presidential elections witnessed the amazing turnout of a new base of voters who were eager for a change. The Trump campaign cruised to an amazing lead in Electoral College votes by the time polls had closed nationwide, effectively blocking most paths available to the Clinton camp's efforts to reach 270 electoral votes needed to claim a Hillary victory. Trump won a number of traditionally blue (democratic) states away from the Clinton campaign. November 8th, 2016 will be a day that will go down in the history books (if not the record books). The people spoke loud and strong.

Amazing as well, was the fact that nearly every poll as reported by the mainstream media prior to Nov. 8th, called the race incorrectly. The pro-life community had been bracing for more attacks from the pro-abortion community following a Clinton win. The Trump win has renewed the hope of pro-lifers across the nation. The future of the Supreme Court is probably the most important issue for pro-life voters and was prominent on their minds during this past presidential election. In an interview with 60 Minutes on CBS over the weekend, President-elect Donald Trump reconfirmed his commitment to appoint pro-life judges to the Supreme Court. Trump said he is pro-life and that the judges he would nominate would be pro-life as well.

In Ohio, the Trump ticket won with a commanding 8.5 percentage point advantage, driven directly by turnout in rural and Appalachian counties. This turnout also saw additions to the Ohio General Assembly's Republican majority. Earlier predictions in the late summer from around the Statehouse saw a potential loss of 5-7 House seats for the majority. Instead, the current 65 member Republican caucus added a 66th member for the 132nd General Assembly when pro-life candidate Jay Edwards won in the 94th District, which includes liberal Athens County.

The Ohio Senate also benefited from the Trump phenomenon, picking up a formerly reliable Democrat 30th Senate district as businessman Frank Hoagland used Clinton's unpopularity in the district to wrest the seat from incumbent Lou Gentile. This gives the Senate a 24-9 majority in the chamber, the largest in history.

For pro-life policy, the windfall that was Election day should bode well for the lame-duck session and on into the 132nd General Assembly. Still to be addressed is Senate Bill 254, which regulates the final disposition of fetal remains from a surgical abortion. In addition, we will continue our fight to ensure that Ohioans are protected and respected at the end of their lives, as well.

While we are all encouraged and gladdened by the news from Election Day, we here at Dayton Right to Life promise you we will not rest for one moment. We are firm in our resolution to stifle demand for abortions in the Miami Valley. We prayerfully anticipate the day when we will see the Women's Medical Center and notorious abortionist Martin Haskell, once and for all, put out of business. With your prayers and continued financial support, we are confident that day will come.

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