

OHIO INDEPENDENTS FOR OPEN PRIMARIES

We, independent voters of Ohio, call for the enactment of Nonpartisan Open Primaries. It's time to put the power in the hands of the voters, not the political parties.

Under Nonpartisan Open Primaries, all candidates for an office appear on one primary ballot, and voters can choose the best candidate for each office, regardless of party affiliation. The top two vote getters go onto the general election.

Ohio voters will no longer be labeled as party members simply because they voted in a primary election, or be forced to sign a loyalty oath if they want to change which party primary they vote in.

Our political environment is polluted by partisanship. It's time to relegate political parties to their proper location in the electoral process. Parties are not quasi-governmental entities. They are private organizations, and do not have the right to control the process by which we elect our government. That right belongs to the people.

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