

DR. AMY ACTON

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Ohio, let's give
power back
to the people.



Meet Amy Acton

Dr. Amy Acton grew up in Youngstown, Ohio under difficult circumstances. But Amy fought through it all – and now, Amy is running for governor to fight for every Ohio family that’s struggling today.

After putting herself through medical school, Amy did a residency at Children’s Hospital and Ohio State University where she trained in pediatrics and preventive medicine and created the first ever residency rotation in child advocacy.

As the Director of Project L.O.V.E ., she managed public private partnerships between Columbus area hospitals and key community stakeholders to keep our children healthy. Amy then joined the faculty at Ohio State University where she became an award-winning professor of maternal and child health and global public health.

Amy eventually joined the Columbus Foundation where she worked to improve the community health and well being, particularly in the area of women’s health and youth homelessness.



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In 2019, Governor DeWine asked Amy to serve in his administration as the Director of the Ohio Department of Public Health. Amy put partisanship aside to serve the people of Ohio because she's always believed that the challenges we face don't care if you're a Democrat or Republican, and the solutions we need take everyone rowing together.

Amy worked with Governor DeWine and local officials in all 88 counties on the OneOhio plan to ensure the millions that Ohio received from a huge opioid settlement recognized that every corner of the state has been hit hard by the crisis. It focused funding on programs that address prevention, treatment and long-term recovery; criminal justice; and public awareness costs that promote the overall health and well-being of Ohioans.

Amy's widely acclaimed leadership and inspiring guidance were experienced in daily news conferences as COVID exploded in the spring of 2020, earning her a Profile in Courage Award from the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation in 2021. In 2022, Amy was named the Ohio Woman of the Year by USA Today.

Following her service in the DeWine administration, Amy returned to the Columbus Foundation and helped found the Center for Human Kindness whose mission is to inspire acts of kindness and strengthen social connections in our community.

Firmly believing that the best way to improve outcomes is to get people with different viewpoints and from all walks of life around the table, she worked with CEOs, Mayors, and community advocates to launch Rapid 5, a nonprofit organization to connect Franklin County's trail network with five stream corridors.

Wanting to continue the bond she formed with Ohioans, Amy also partnered with WKYC on a multi-platform series called Health, Hope & Healing—where she spoke to Ohioans about the challenges they face such as food insecurity and loneliness.

Now, Amy's running for Governor because she refuses to look the other way from Ohioans who are struggling. Amy lives in Bexley, Ohio with her husband, Eric, who has coached and taught in Bexley City Schools since 1987. Together they have six kids and enjoy traveling, exploring nature, and spending time with their good friends and growing family.



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Why Amy Acton Will Win

Amy Acton is an inspiring figure who has a unique bipartisan profile that will appeal to Democratic base voters as well as independents and even Republicans.

- 1 Amy is not a politician. One of the hardest things for Democrats in Ohio is escaping the shadow of an unpopular National Democratic Party. Amy is not associated with Washington, D.C. or Columbus politics, has no voting record to attack and has never been the public face of partisan politics.
- 2 Amy has bipartisan credibility that no statewide Democratic candidate in Ohio since John Glenn has had. While Ohio Democrats have had candidates with bipartisan accomplishments, we've never had a candidate who literally worked for the sitting Republican Governor.
- 3 Amy is viewed as an inspiring figure who can excite Democrats to turn out, motivate suburban women in the only parts of the state that are growing, and create a grassroots movement to power her campaign, much in the same way we saw grassroots energy pop up around her time as the Ohio Department of Health Director.

2026 will be the first time since 2018 that Ohio Democrats won't be running against political headwinds. The last time a Republican President was in office Democrats re-elected Sherrod Brown by 7 points and ran a very competitive race for Governor (losing 50-47). The current Republican field for Governor offers no one as well known or as well liked as Mike DeWine at the top of their ticket.

A Huge Opportunity for Ohio

Dr. Amy Acton Files for Governor...Some Actual Good News



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DR. AMY ACTON LEADS VIVEK RAMASWAMY IN OHIO GUBERNATORIAL RACE



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CLEVELAND — She was arguably the best-known non-elected official in Ohio five years ago as the COVID-19 pandemic took over our lives. Now, Dr. Amy Acton is looking to use that name recognition to mount her first run for elected office. Acton announced she would seek the Democratic nomination for the state's top job, governor.

OPINION

If the nasty brigade thinks they can chase Amy Acton from the governor's race, they'll be very wrong: Brent Larkin

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Meet Ohio's Moment

The reality is that Ohio is more competitive than meets the eye.

- A [new Ohio Public Policy Polling survey](#) finds Amy Acton with a 1-point lead over Vivek Ramaswamy: **RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED, WHO WOULD YOU VOTE FOR?**



Dr. Amy Acton 45%



Vivek Ramaswamy 44%

- The poll also asked who they trust the most to relate to regular Ohioans between a medical doctor, a billionaire or a politician, 40% chose the medical doctor, 26% said the billionaire and only 6% chose the politician.
- Of the last 5 major statewide elections in Ohio, **all but one were highly competitive single digit races**—with Democrats winning Sherrod's race in 2018 and running nearly 8 points ahead of Kamala Harris in 2024.
- After redistricting, **Democrats won all 3 competitive Congressional races in Ohio**, including Marcy Kaptur winning in a district won by Trump, Emilia Sykes claiming the nation's most competitive Congressional district by Presidential vote, and Greg Landsman knocking off a Republican incumbent. **In 2024, all three were reelected.**
- **Democrats won three statewide ballot initiatives in 2023** to protect majority rule, legalize marijuana and enshrine abortion rights in the constitution.



Join the Movement

We know that electing Dr. Acton will require building a robust campaign infrastructure that can mobilize Ohioans in every county. We need to spend millions of dollars on TV, digital, radio, and mail to persuade voters in all 88 counties.

Ohio deserves better, and together, we can make it happen. Your support will make a meaningful difference – please make a contribution today.

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