

## DEMOCRATIC INQUIRY

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**“There are those that look at things the way they are, and ask *why?*  
I dream of things that never were, and ask *why not?*” – RFK**

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Brad Gowin's [Ohio House and Senate Report](#) is now on the WCDP website & in a separate emailing. No email this month. Check out the [ProWayne Forum!](#) Add your voice to the issues of today!

Our new **WCDP HQ office** is located in the lower level of the Freeman Building @ 201 E. Liberty St. in Wooster. This is right across the street from the Daily Record building. Our space is suite # 8 which is in the the lower level. There is an elevator about half way down the hall on the street level if needed. (Not to be confused with the **Campaign Headquarters!**)

### CALENDAR

- **WCDP Meetings, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month**, 7pm, will be at our [Campaign Headquarters](#). 231 N Buckeye St., just north of Murr's Printing. Upcoming [WCDP meeting](#) map. Our space is in the Farmer's Insurance office on the Second floor. Use the entrance on the North side of the building, same entrance as Bob Ross' Chiropractice office. There are stairs to the left, or an elevator to the right as you go in.
- **Fourth Wednesday of every month, WC Progressive Network** meeting at new location in September, see website soon.
- **David Pepper** is planning on bring the **Peppermobile** to Wayne County.
- **Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30. Phonebanking** at Campaign HQ. Easy scripts, calling friendlies. Bring a friend.
- September 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday. Time to help at the [WCDP Fair Booth!](#) Wayne County Fair begins and as always we need help with the **Democratic Fair Booth**. Contact Dave Sears, [rendave@raex.com](mailto:rendave@raex.com). [Pete Crossland](#), [George Rusiska](#), and statewide candidates will be there. Better than the Beach Boys. 200,000 gate!
- October 7<sup>th</sup> – **Last Day to Register** to vote!
- October 11<sup>th</sup>, Freedom Fund Dinner.
- October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm. Candidate's Forum, League of Women's Voters. Come out and support our people! Wayne College, Student Life Building.
- November 4<sup>th</sup> – **Election Day!**

Reported last month: How business is supposed to work: (1) [Board fires CEO who values people over profit](#), workers/community revolt. Update: CEO reinstated, his cousin on the Board is out. More on Market Basket's fired CEO & customer strike, and the way capitalism used to be, for a while: B-Companies and 1951: Robert Reich says [down with shareholder capitalism!](#)

[Democratic Voices](#) is a new Ohio website with some positive stories you'll like.

A Canadian's view [on our disrespect](#) towards the Obama Presidency.

Ferguson is no longer just about another shooting death of an unarmed man, it's now also about the militarization of police. Has it really sparked a national debate?

## **NATIONAL**

**SHENANIGANS:** Did McConnell [use government resources to solicit](#) campaign funds? Inquiring Dems want to know, officially feloniously. The rehabilitation of Nixon won't include his [illegal, traitorous act](#) dealing with South Vietnam to undermine Johnson and help his election campaign.

Esquire: [Here's proof \(Cantor\) that Congress has been bought](#). Esquire!

It's the women, stupid. GOP polls show [women think it's stuck in the past](#). And that's just the positive stuff.

Republican's Obama lawsuit starts in at [\\$350,000 for \\$500/hour lawyers](#). That won't last long.

Bad enough the military misplaced billions in cash, more in weapons on the ground. Turns out the [local police who received military weapons can't find them](#) all, either.

## **ISSUES:**

1<sup>st</sup> Amendment:

2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment:

4<sup>th</sup> Amendment:

**Civil Rights:** Comparing [how NY Times wrote about Ted Bundy versus Mike Brown](#). Wait until you get to the Ted Bundy quote at the end.

Kareen Abdul Jabar writes that [the coming race war won't be about race](#). It's about class warfare.

1964 Democratic National Convention [heard from Mississippi's black voices for the first time](#), changing future conventions.

**Climate Change:** National Geographic also cites a new study. When figuring carbon emissions, [we haven't been taking projected commitments into consideration](#) (thereby underestimating future emission levels). The new study does.

Death Penalty:

**The Economy:** There is what the economy is positively doing, versus [the negative view of the economy](#).

Education: North Carolina Superior Court judge declares [school vouchers are unconstitutional](#). And a scam.

Flashback article: [How higher education was destroyed in the US](#) in 5 easy steps.

Education: Common Core:

Environment: Water is a renewable resource. [Unless it's in an aquifer](#). We're draining those, and that will have serious consequences. A [National Geographic](#) report.

Factory Farming:

Foreign Policy: ISIS and Saudi Arabia: [Two forms of Wahhabism](#) struggle for dominance. If you like multiculturalism and toleration, you really won't like ISIS. This is *a brief history you must read*.

John Boccieri flying [humanitarian aid drops in Iraq](#).

HealthCare: Obama's new [policy helps those excluded](#) by unprecedented Hobby Lobby decision. Difficult but doable.

Paul Krugman on [The Medicare Miracle](#). Related - FactCheck's new PunditCheck rated a doomsayer republican as being Mostly True because he used outdated statistic trends of 4 years ago - that payments will ruin the US. The real point is that republicans are using old stats to make their points, and PunditCheck is buying it. As The National Review accused them, "this is how stupid happens." I'll join Rachel Maddow in taking their reviews with a salt tablet.

Federal [Court springs Texas TRAP](#) law: "burdens Texas women in a way incompatible with the principles of personal freedom and privacy protected by the United States Constitution for the 40 years since Roe v. Wade."

Immigration: Domestic violence [victims may be eligible for immigration](#), to republican dismay,

JobsJobsJobs:

LGBT:

Labor: "[How one man's greed shut down US commerce by refusing to pay his workers a living wage](#)."

Woody Guthrie remembers [the Ludlow Massacre](#).

Money: Too Big To Fail: Good news, bad news. "[The \\$17 billion settlement that Bank of America reached with the Department of Justice on Thursday provides mortgage debt relief for some troubled homeowners. But those that accept the help could get hit with a hefty tax bill later](#)." Tax break extension blocked by partisan politics.

Money & Influence: The Inversion companies: [US companies that dodged taxes](#) by 'partnering' with a foreign company. Boycott them.

Bernie Sanders on [inversions like Burger King](#). I wonder how many of them contribute to republicans, and whether they have registered as foreign lobbyists. Fortune magazine talks about "positively UnAmerican" off-shore tax dodgers, inversions, and [how to fix the system](#). Wonder how many contribute to Renacci and Kasick.

Money & Economic Inequality Costco is the anti-WalMart. But [down the supply chain, things aren't that great](#), and it's working to change that.

Hunger In America 2014 study: more poor, more hungry. "[Low wages, underemployment and unemployment may drive need for food assistance](#)."

Right to Privacy:

Separation of Church & State:

Taxes:

Technology:

Veterans: Phoenix VA is a mess, but [40 veterans did not die](#) while on the wait list.

Voting:

Workforce:

## **STATE**

"Connie and I were so moved to have been a part of the 2014 Gay Games Opening Ceremonies in Cleveland. The Gay Games celebrate the LGBT community through athletic competition and it's an honor for Ohio to host this year's Games. Participants, families, and visitors -- welcome to Cleveland -- and good luck!" - Senator Sherrod Brown.

Forgery, falsifying documents? Let's give him a legal job at ODOT. Kasich friend picked up for [2 counts of sexual battery with 14 year old](#).

Ohio's [Labor Day report](#): it's not pretty.

Editorial: Ohio's [overly harsh food stamp work rules](#) hurt single unemployed Ohioans.

Yost openly [campaigns on defending Kasich](#). Don't expect that JobsOhio audit any time soon.

Daily [Kos promotes Turner](#) to make sure every vote counts.

[DeWine dogged probe](#) for friend on sexual harassment case. [First DeWine was against White House Management](#) owning property and not paying taxes. Then they contributed to his race. Now he's no longer in the fight to tax them. DeWine's law license was [inactive in Ohio for 10 years](#), while in the Senate for 8, was

that [leading to a lot of recent mistakes?](#)

FBI raids [schools that donated to Josh Mandel](#).

Gallop's [Ohio Scorecard](#). 1% more republicans than Dem, 20% like Ohio's economy, only 32% think it's the best state to live in.

[Absentee ballots mailed](#) despite Husted efforts. News hits Wooster two weeks later.

Economy: Ohio is [#1! in job losses](#) for July. The Ohio miracle is that it wasn't worse. Still needs 129,000 more to be back to 2007 level. [40th in the country in job growth](#), making JobsOhio a marked failure. Ohio [lost more jobs than any other](#) state in July. Lt Gov backs JobsOhio: "[The numbers speak for themselves](#)." hahahahaha.

Education: Common Core was a good idea until the teaparty thought it wasn't. Now the Ohio House is reviewing it. Cleveland.com editorial says the House should [reject changing the law](#). [HB597 could kill Common Core](#), along with [allowing Creationism & Intelligent Design to be taught](#) as science.

Environment: Can humans create earthquakes? Scientific American says Yes, and specifically [sites Youngstown fracking](#). And farmers lowering the water table.

Farming:

Health Care:

Labor:

Voting Rights:

Women's Rights:

**LOCAL**:

**VOTES**:

**Humor**

Hope this [map of Ohio](#) helps explain it all.

[10 Circle of Hell is officially open](#) and accepting corporate types.

Epidemic sweeps statehouse: [Electial Dysfunction](#).

**SOAPBOX** Ever wish you can do something about Rushbo? Here's your opportunities:

[Sign: Limbaugh Sponsor & Clear Channel Petition](#)

[Visit/Like: BoycottRush Facebook Group](#)

[Join: The Fight To Flush Rush](#)

[Visit: StopRush.net for a list of Limbaugh Sponsors](#)

## LINKS

[Ashland Co. Dem Party](#) –  
Holmes Co Dem Party [facebook](#) page –  
[Medina Co. Dem Party](#) –  
[Stark Co. Dem Party](#) –  
[Wayne Co. Dem Party](#)  
[Ohio Democratic County Chairs](#)  
[President Obama](#), [Senator Sherrod Brown](#), “[The Road We’ve Traveled](#)”  
[William M. O’Neill](#) Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court.  
The growing, long list of [Obama's accomplishments](#) to date, annotated.

## **2014 Candidates**

**Ed Fitzgerald Governor** [www.edfitzgeraldforohio.com](http://www.edfitzgeraldforohio.com)  
**David Pepper, Attorney General** [Campaign Website](#)  
**John Patrick** [Carney for State Auditor](#)  
**Connie Pillich, Treasurer** [pillichcampaign@gmail.com](mailto:pillichcampaign@gmail.com) [Campaign Website](#)  
**Nina Turner, Secretary of State** [info@ninaturner.org](mailto:info@ninaturner.org) [Campaign Website](#)  
Dr. [Pete Crossland](#), candidate for OH-16  
**George Rusiska, Dist 27 State Senate** candidate  
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You can find a list of events anywhere [Benefits.Ohio.gov](http://Benefits.Ohio.gov), for Ohio Medicaid enrollment.

## [Wayne County Sustainable Energy Network](#)

At [Accountable Congress](#), searchable by location or event.

[Scalable District Map](#), showing the bisecting of streets, cities, counties, etcetera. Easy to backspace and find other districts as well.

Wayne Co. Precinct voting location changes - [new locations](#).

[Ohio Fracking Map](#), showing producing, permitted, drilled, and drilling sites. The Ohio chapter of the Sierra Club released this.

Kasick-Amstuz [tax shift calculator](#). How well did you do against the 1%?

City of Wooster [Comprehensive Plan Review](#) Wooster Envisioned, Creating a Blueprint for the Future. You must sign up to participate.

Keep Wooster Beautiful blogspot [questions the facts](#) the city administration are presenting. Nice counter-points.

Wayne Co will lose an extra \$100 thousand in school funding, it's going to for profit companies. [Follow the links](#). Check out any county or district.

[Comprehensive list](#) of columnists and their political leanings, their readership numbers in people and #of papers that carry them, state breakdowns, rural vs city.

[Who's Who in the political thought publishers](#) broken down by a few categories.

Supreme Court [Slip Opinions](#). In case you want to read them for yourself. [SCOTUSblog](#) breaks down daily happenings and cases.

[www.healthcare.gov](#) Or, for complete cost estimate of ACA exchange plans, check out [ValuePenguin.com](#) SLATE's [chart](#) that puts coverage changes in perspective.

[www.thehealthsherpa.com](#) will also guide you through the plans.

Politifact has the [Top 16 Myths about the ACA](#). If someone you know is having trouble accessing the government site, here are [7 Alternatives](#) for access that can be tried. Here's the [ObamaCare Facts page](#), dispelling the myths.

There's 10 standards health insurance has to meet now. Here's the list and an explanation for [PPACA Section 1302](#) . This American Cancer Society PPACA [implementation timeline chart for exchange and non-exchange, group and non-group plans](#) is very useful. Especially if you want to limit deductibles, go with the exchange!

Graphic [charts](#): 10 Corporations control almost everything you buy. 6 Media companies own 90% of all media. Through 4 banks. (See the timeline of bank ownership) . Here's what some of our [Founding Fathers said about corporations](#). I'll add the Adam Smith's [Wealth of Nations](#) admonished us to watch out for businesses as a threat to politics, and regulate them.

[Science staggers](#) on due to fed budget cutbacks.

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