

**WCBE-FM  
ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT  
FOURTH QUARTER 2023  
10/01/23-12/30/23**

ISSUE 1: REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

10/09/23	12:04 pm	1:30	GOP politicians address multiple rallies opposing reproductive rights/abortion amendment.
10/16/23	12:04 pm	1:10	Ohio Debate Commission hosts discussion for and against Issue 1.
10/23/23	6:04 pm	5:05	Sorting through false claims and misconceptions surrounding reproductive rights amendment.
10/24/23	6:04 pm	4:10	Opponents and supporters of Issue 1 see different interpretations of parental consent.
10/27/23	6:04 pm	:50	Experts say Ohio Senate blog coverage of Issue 1 crosses non-partisan line.
10/30/23	6:04 pm	1:00	With no statewide candidates on ballot, state parties focus on Issues.
11/09/23	6:04 pm	4:10	Supporters and opponents of newly passed reproductive rights amendment assess next steps.
11/14/23	12:04 pm	1:10	GOP lawmaker wants legislature to interpret new reproductive rights amendment, not courts.
12/01/23	6:04 pm	1:15	Ohio House Democrats introduce bill to invalidate any laws counter to new constitutional amendment.
12/04/23	6:04 pm	:40	Judge denies anti-abortion activists standing in clinic transfer case.
12/11/23	12:04 pm	1:05	AG Dave Yost argues new amendments shouldn't end state Supreme Court case on state abortion ban.
12/15/23	12:04 pm	1:20	Opponents of Ohio's "Heartbeat Bill" ask state Supreme Court to block it permanently.
12/18/23	12:04 pm	1:10	Legality of Ohio's six-week abortion ban remains Hamilton County court that blocked it.

## ISSUE 2: ADULT MARIJUANA LEGISLATION

10/13/23	12:04/6:04 pm	1:20	Despite opposition, Ohio Senate president promises no knee-jerk reaction if Issue 2 passes.
10/18/23	6:04 pm	:40	New poll shows strong support for adult marijuana and reproductive rights ballot issues.
10/26/23	6:04 pm	1:20	Recreational marijuana supporters release first ad campaign.
10/30/23	12:04 pm	:40	Gov. DeWine says safety risks of adult marijuana outweigh benefit of tax revenue.
11/01/23	6:04 pm	1:15	Critics say Issue 2 is contradictory and vague, and should be pulled.
11/03/23	6:04 pm	1:30	Backers point to revenue, critics point to safety – Senate President says pot law could be repealed.
11/06/23	12:04 pm	4:20	Issue 2 presents complex regulatory challenge if approved.
11/09/23	12:04 pm	1:10	Adult marijuana approved by voters, but as initiated statute, General Assembly has last word.
11/14/23	6:04 pm	1:30	Lawmakers begin to craft details of adult marijuana program.
11/15/23	12:04 pm	1:15	Discussion on adult marijuana regulations continue as lawmakers start talking about using tax revenue.
12/06/23	12:04 pm	1:15	GOP lawmaker – and pot supporter – counters his own party’s proposals.
12/06/23	6:04 pm	1:10	Hours before adult marijuana legalized, House and Senate still negotiating provisions.
12/07/23	6:04 pm	5:00	While adult marijuana now legal, law can still change as rules are developed.
12/08/23	6:04 pm	1:10	Legal expert says pot still illegal on OSU campus, because of federal education funding.

12/11/23	6:04 pm	1:10	DeWine says new changes to Issue 2 law will address black market concerns.
12/17/23	6:04 pm	1:10	Former Liquor Control head tapped to run new Cannabis Control Division.

### **ISSUE 3: LGBTQ+ ISSUES**

10/05/23	6:04 pm	1:10	Critics question misinformation behind “bathroom bill” and scope of the problem.
10/18/23	6:04 pm	1:20	Conservative lawmakers say “bathroom bill” needed to combat predators.
10/21/23	7:00 am	54:00	How to deal with rise in attacks on the LGBTQ+ community.
11/01/23	6:04 pm	:50	State School Board to consider federal policies around bathroom bills, trans kids and sports
12/14/23	12:04 pm	2:30	Senate Republicans approve House Bill banning gender-affirming care, despite testimony.
12/15/23	12:04 pm	:45	Big Walnut School Board passes ban on LGBTQ+ Pride flags and “activist” symbols in classrooms.
12/18/23 12/19/23	6:04 pm 12:04 pm	:40	Gov. Mike DeWine has 10 days to decide on HB 68 for gender-affirming care and trans kids in sports.
12/27/23	12:04 pm	:40	ACLU demands Big Walnut School Board rescind ban on Pride flags and “activist” symbols in school.
12/27/23	6:04 pm	:40	DeWine says he is consulting children and parents affected by HB 68 on gender-affirming care.
12/29/23	6:04 pm	5:02	DeWine vetoes HB 68, calls for administrative limits on surgery, and data gathering by ODH.

### **ISSUE 4: TRANSPORTATION SPENDING AND SAFETY**

10/06/23	6:04 pm	:40	Ohio to receive \$2 billion in federal money in 2024 to repair roads and bridges.
----------	---------	-----	---

10/27/23	6:04 pm	:40	ODOT invests in system to alert law enforcement of wrong way drivers on freeways.
10/30/23	6:04 pm	1:20	School Bus Safety Task Force to revisit seat belt idea after student killed in August accident.
11/28/23	6:04 pm	2:15	Environmentalists call on feds to follow state and invest in electric freight truck infrastructure.
12/01/23	6:04 pm	1:20	In final meeting School Bus Task Force focuses on trauma effects and reunification plans, not belts.
12/08/23	6:04 pm	:40	Study shows expansion of passenger rail could bring jobs and economic benefits to Ohio.
12/22/23	12:04 pm	:40	ODOT and AAA Ohio predict 2023 holiday traffic higher than the last several years.
12/27/23	6:04 pm	:40	Ohio State Highway Patrol reports fewest holiday crash fatalities in five years.
12/28/23	6:04 pm	:40	ODOT reports the number of collisions with ODOT vehicles in 2023 less than half the number in 2022.
12/28/23	6:04 pm	:50	Columbus announces second round of electronic bike vouchers with priority of low-income residents

## **ISSUE 5: DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ISSUES**

10/20/23	12:04 pm	1:20	City breaks ground on new sports facility, after deal for old Crew Stadium falls through.
11/07/23	6:06 pm	1:30	Advocates for homeless evicted from city park call on council for aid.
11/10/23	6:04 pm	1:00	City investigates reports of 800 people living in substandard units at Colonial Village Apartments.
11/29/23	6:04 pm	1:30	City pursues management company, promises temporary shelter during Colonial Village repairs.
11/12/23	6:04 pm	2:00	Coalition says those federal programs with “housing first” policy are most effective helping veterans.

11/29/23	6:04 pm	1:30	860 people are being evicted by Colonial Village, in order to repair units.
12/12/23	12:04 pm	:35	City council adds \$4 million for affordable housing, and representation for renters facing eviction.
12/29/23	6:04 pm	1:00	Homelessness increases in Ohio due to steep rise in rents, blamed on stagnant construction of new units



