

# [***Trump Scores Win in Ohio***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BKN-P9V1-JBR6-900C-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Highlight:** The candidate who garnered the former president's endorsement for Ohio's next senator won the state's GOP primary on Tuesday.

**Body**

Donald Trump's choice for the [*Republican*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/republican?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) [*Senate*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/senate?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) primary race in Ohio was victorious on Tuesday, marking another win for the former president in the Buckeye State.

Bernie Moreno, a Cleveland businessman and political newcomer, beat out GOP state Senator Matt Dolan and Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose, advancing to face incumbent Senator Sherrod Brown, a Democrat, in November.

Moreno had earned endorsements from several political heads aligned with Trump's Make American Great Again (MAGA) movement, including Ohio Senator [*J.D. Vance*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/j-d-vance?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), who in 2022 rode Trump's endorsement to the U.S. Senate as a political outsider. Dolan, Moreno's top competitor, was backed by several established [*Republicans*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/republicans?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) in the state, including Governor [*Mike DeWine*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/mike-dewine?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) and former Senator [*Rob Portman*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/rob-portman?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships).

"I'm so grateful for the resounding support of Ohioans in all 88 counties," Moreno wrote in a post to X, formerly [*Twitter*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/twitter?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), on Tuesday evening. "I thank Matt Dolan and Frank LaRose for a spirited primary contest. I look forward to uniting our party and working to send Sherrod Brown packing in November!"

Once viewed as a swing state during the 2000s and 2010s, Ohio has recently looked far less competitive in major elections. Trump won the state over President [*Joe Biden*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/joe-biden?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) by a roughly 8 percent margin in 2020—a larger lead than he held in Texas and Florida that year.

The former president also beat out former Secretary of State [*Hillary Clinton*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/hillary-clinton?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) in Ohio by 8 points in 2016, and earned nearly 80 percent of the vote in the state's presidential primary on Tuesday.

Brown is the only Democratic candidate to win a statewide Ohio election since 2012.

The political field may be shifting in the state once again, however, after Ohioans [*voted to enshrine abortion protections*](https://www.newsweek.com/election-results-gop-democrats-ohio-kentucky-1841832?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) into the state's constitution in November, a consistent winning issue for [*Democrats*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/democrats?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) since the U.S. [*Supreme Court*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/supreme-court?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships)'s overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in June 2022. Voters also passed a measure to legalize recreational marijuana. DeWine and other Ohio Republicans were critical of both measures leading up to the election.

Ohio's Senate race could give Republicans a chance to take control of [*Congress*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/congress?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships)' upper chamber in November. Only one other Senate seat, in Montana, is up for grabs this fall where a Democratic incumbent is running for reelection in a state that Trump won in 2020.

Several Republicans congratulated Moreno on Tuesday evening, including Vance, who said that the businessman was "pretty good at winning."

"I'm not a pundit, but if you take a guy who gets outspent massively, earns the most important endorsement in ***politics***, and then radically outperforms even the most positive polls, then I'd say he's pretty good at winning votes," Vance wrote on X. "Congrats to Bernie. On to November!"

Former Republican gubernatorial candidate and Trump ally [*Kari Lake*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/kari-lake?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), who is running for U.S. Senate in Arizona, wrote on X that she endorsed Moreno "because he is a man of integrity & he works harder than just about anyone I know."

"Well done, my friend! I cannot wait to serve alongside you in the United States Senate," Lake added.

Congressman Byron Donalds, a MAGA Republican from Florida, also celebrated Moreno's win, writing in a post to X that the "road to a Republican Senate Majority runs through Ohio."

*Newsweek* reached out to Trump's campaign via email for comment Tuesday night.

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**Graphic**

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On the left, U.S. Senate Candidate Bernie Moreno shakes hands with Republican presidential candidate and former President Donald Trump at a rally at the Dayton International Airport on March 16, 2024 in Vandalia, Ohio. Moreno, a Republican who was endorsed by Trump, won the state's GOP Senate primary on Tuesday.

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