



The Pennsylvania Legislature is not supporting its residents

Campaign Finance Reform

- Pennsylvania is one of 11 states with no campaign finance limits for Governor or Legislature ¹³
- PA state lawmakers are among the highest paid in U.S., but do less actual lawmaking ²⁶
- PA is one of only two states that doesn't explicitly ban or limit candidates from spending campaign donations on personal expense

Community Health and Gun Violence Prevention

- Pennsylvania is one of four states with the highest opioid deaths ⁸
- Since the Parkland shooting, 26 states (including 15 with Republican governors) have passed and signed 55 laws addressing the gun-violence crisis; but not PA ⁹
- In PA, African American women are 3X more likely to die during or after pregnancy than white women ³¹

Criminal Justice Reform

- Pennsylvania's proposed risk-assessment tool, giving judges the necessary information to divert low-risk individuals from prison to alternative sentencing programs is racist ²³

Economic Equality

- PA is one of 21 states still using the Federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour. Nearby states: Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Ohio all pay higher wages ⁷
- PA is the 6th worst state in which to start a new business ²¹
- PA is 24th in the nation for worker-friendly policies ²⁵
- The poverty rate is 60% higher within three miles of power plants compared to the rest of the state ³⁰

Education

- PA school funding is most unequal (rich vs. poor districts) in the nation due to over-emphasis on local funding ¹
- PA residents graduate from college with the highest amount of debt in the country ²
- Pennsylvania ranks 30th in the US in quality of public education for all ³
- Pre-K program spending is well below PA's border states who spend four times what we do ¹⁴
- PA has the worst community college system when considering in-state tuition and graduation rates ²²

Environmental Protection and Infrastructure

- Pennsylvania ranks 44 in the state of our natural environment ⁴
- Pennsylvania is the only state that does not tax those pulling oil and gas from our state ⁵
- Pennsylvania has the third worst drinking water in the country ⁶
- PA got a C- grade from the American Society of Civil Engineers for aging/deteriorating water & sewage systems ¹⁶
- Pennsylvania is ranked #2 for having the most structurally deficient bridges in the US ¹⁷
- PA's roads are the 5th worst in the nation ²⁴
- PA Power Sector was labeled 5th dirtiest in the nation ²⁷
- People of color are 39% of the population living within three miles of existing & proposed power plants; yet they are only 22% of PA's total population ³⁰

Equity and LGBTQ+ Rights

- Pennsylvania has no statewide law prohibiting discrimination against LGBTQ people, meaning it is legal to fire someone, evict them from housing, or deny them service at a restaurant just because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer ¹¹
- PA ranks 40 of 50 states in the share of women in elected office; this is up in 2019 from 49 ^{19,12}

Livability

- Pennsylvania ranked 41 out of 50 in an annual ranking of most livable states that looks at health care, education, economy, infrastructure, opportunity, fiscal stability, crime & corrections, and natural environment; this is down from 38 last year ¹⁸ ; related to infrastructure and economy, PA is 29 out of 50 in broadband access

Reproductive Rights and Access

- 82% of Pennsylvania counties have no abortion providers or Medicaid does not cover abortion. Public funding is available for abortion only in cases of life endangerment, rape or incest ¹⁰

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