



Debate Rules --Heidi Huber/Tom Brinkman Debate

Moderator: Ron Alban

Microphones will be available.

A timekeeper will help out.

1. 7:00 - 7:05 **Introduction of Moderator, Candidates; ground rules.** (Dan Regenold introduces moderator and the candidates; moderator goes over ground rules.)

2. 7:05 - 7:15 **Introductory statements by candidates** (up to 5 min each)

3. 7:15 - 7:45 **Questions from Moderator**

- 5 questions, each candidate has up to 2.5 min to answer.
- Moderator may ask follow-up questions to clarify candidate answers.
- Questions are provided to candidates in advance so they may prepare thoughtful and concise answers.
 - Q1: Ohio's economy has long lagged many other states in economic growth, rate of job creation, and the ability to retain & attract residents. What are the key policy changes needed to improve our performance?
 - Q2: Most of our K-12 students achieve below the level of other developed countries and far too many leave our schools with insufficient skills to be productive members of society. Controversies in education policy abound. What should be done?
 - Q3: There are many social controversies of interest to voters such as abortion, the legalization of drugs such as marijuana, etc. What social issues are of most concern to you and what how should Ohio law deal with these issues?
 - Q4: Our government system is designed to make it hard to get things done (bicameral legislature, executive veto, etc.). Most power in the House rests with committee chairpersons and the Speaker. These powers tend to reward "team players" and punish "renegades". How do you propose to get anything done as a member of the House?

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- Q5: Ohio's healthcare market is undergoing rapid change and growing government control due to ObamaCare and the expansion of Medicaid. What should our state government policy be as regards the healthcare market?

4. 7:45 - 8:25 **Questions from the Audience**

- Questions will be taken direct from the audience.
- Moderator will not permit questions that are personal attacks.
- Questions must be asked such that both candidates have a reason to answer. Moderator will re-phrase questions, if necessary, to achieve this.
- Each candidate may take up to 2.5 minutes to answer a question.
- Hope to be able to take 8 - 10 questions.
- If not enough questions from the audience, moderator will pose additional questions to the candidates.

8:25 - 8:30 **Closing statements by candidates** (up to 2.5 min each).

8:30 **Adjourn**