



AAUW Youngstown Update

March 2025

AAUW Monthly Meeting, March 15, 2025

Our next meeting will be on March 15, 2025 from 10 am to 12 noon. We will have two educators, Dr. Keith Lepak, Professor Emeritus of Political Science in the Beeghly College of Liberal Arts and Dr. Nancy Wagner, the former Director of the Centofanti School of Nursing , leading a discussion focusing on teaching YSU students about international politics, and describing international initiatives to improve education, health, and wellness. The program will be held in Williamson Hall, Room 3423, 221 North Hazel Street, Youngstown, Ohio. Parking is available at St. Columba Cathedral off Wood Street. Hope to see you there.

20th Anniversary Celebration of the 300 sisters in Red

We have been invited to participate in the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the 300 Sisters in Red: Passport to Health 365 Program, proudly presented by the Youngstown (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in partnership with Mercy Health Foundation of Mahoning Valley. This milestone event - 20 years of Heartfelt Care: Empowering Heart Health will take place on **Saturday, April 5, 2025**, at Youngstown State University. This event is focused on women's health and wellbeing which includes advocating for policies promoting agencies and groups that support those efforts.

Officers and Board Elections

Please consider a position on the Board. Our Board members have been working hard to make our Branch successful this year and need a break.

AAUW National - Get Involved



AAUW acts on a range of issues that align with our Public Policy Priorities through engaging our action network, advocating through social media, and signing coalition letters. In the first few weeks of the 119th Congress, we have endorsed letters on protecting Title IX and education equity (opposing Linda McMahon's nomination as U.S. Secretary of Education), civil rights (opposing H.R.28 and EO 14166), economic security (supporting the Job Protection Act), and reproductive rights. Consider participating in "Taking Action." They also have a campaign against the SAVE Act.



From AAUW National: Across the nation, laws and policies hinder equal access to quality education. From budget cuts to legislative rollbacks, the road ahead is tough. AAUW advocates and supports the following:

- Economic security and equal pay
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Reproductive health
- Humanity
- Education & Advocacy: support AAUW's public policy and member advocacy programs, which are now vitally important to defending higher education and rights for women on campus
- Democracy

This administration's executive orders cover issues that range from trade, immigration and U.S. foreign aid to demographic diversity, civil rights, education, health, and the firing of federal workers. Some executive orders have an immediate policy impact while others are more symbolic, and others are already being challenged by federal lawsuits. There is no doubt that Trump is trying to move the country rightward and trying to establish a more authoritative government with the executive Branch taking the most powerful unit.



Pick at least one of these issues and call your Senator and Representative and voice your opinion. AAUW is voicing their opinion and fighting.

US Senator Bernie Moreno- 202-224-2315

US Senator Jon Husted 202-224-3353

US Sixth District Representative Michael Rulli 202-225-5705, Canfield 330-967-7312

US Fourteenth District Representative David Joyce (202) 225-5731

Highlights of recent Executive Orders and work of DOGE:

- Affecting reproductive rights by trying to exclude Planned Parenthood from receiving funds from Medicare and extending a lawsuit to reimpose restrictions on the abortion pill mifepristone and limit access nationwide by ending telemedicine prescriptions.
- Pushed for cuts to Medicaid funding, potentially impacting millions of beneficiaries and the financial health of hospitals and community health centers
- Purged USAID programs which support foreign aid involving health care, disease prevention and emergency responses. The programs that were cut puts millions of people in allied countries at risk of starvation, disease and death and gives Russia, China, and other adversaries opportunities to gain influence abroad
- Ordered the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to stop all its work, effectively shutting down an agency that was created to protect consumers after the 2008 financial crisis and subprime mortgage-lending scandal.
- Slashed the EPA's protections regulating areas such as tailpipe pollution, waterway protection and power plant emissions. Withdrew from the Paris Climate agreement, signed by 196 countries to "significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change,"
- Withdrew from WHO and accidentally fired officials working on bird flu outbreak Jeopardized national security when firing nuclear safety employees, air traffic controllers, the heads of the Transportation Security Administration and Coast Guard and eliminated all the members of a key aviation security advisory group.
- Eliminated all programs involving DEI and transgender protections.
- Plans to eliminate the Department of Education which distributes dollars to colleges and schools and manages the federal student loan portfolio. It is legally required to ensure that students and teachers with disabilities are treated fairly and that low-income schools get the resources they need to keep pace with more affluent ones. The agency also issues regulations for colleges to hold them accountable for preparing graduates for well-paying jobs.
- Holding aid for Ukraine and supported Russia in general assembly vote as concerning Ukraine's territorial integrity.
- DOGE employees are completely unvetted and includes the unelected bureaucrat Musk and agents (such as Edward C. who was fired from his last job for leaking information to a competing company,

or Mark E. who tweeted that he would support “an eugenic immigration policy”, “normalize Indian hate”, and “no marriage outside an ethnicity”).

An organization called Common Cause tried to run an ad in the Washington Post and the paper refused to run the ad, so they posted this in Times' Square:



Sent to me on Facebook: Read if you do not agree with the way our foreign policy is going....



Replying to [@realDonaldTrump](#)

Hi Donald,

Thank you for the Russian propaganda.
Dont mind me, ill just factcheck your ass
to bits:

1. The US spent 114 billion. Not 350.
2. You did not spent 200 billion more than Europe. Europe spent 140 billion more than the US.
3. Zelensky didnt admit more than 50% is missing. He said the US didnt deliver more than 50% of the promised weapons.
4. Zelensky does not refuse to hold elections. In fact hes open to it. the Ukrainian constitution forbids elections during wartime.
5. Zelensky is not low on polls. He is on 57% approval rate. You are at 49%. He outscores you so sit your orange clown ass down.