

# AAUW Youngstown Update May 2025

"A whole generation worked to empower women, but forgot to teach men how to live with empowered women."

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be May 7, 2025 at 5:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown at 1105 Elm St, Youngstown, OH 44505. This will be a joint meeting of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Youngstown Branch and the League of Women Voters of Youngstown (LWVYO). Hannah Halbert, Director of Policy Matters Ohio, will be our speaker that evening and she will be talking about the Ohio Budget Process on Public Education and families. We will have a short meeting after the program. The flyer information follows.

### Everything All at Once: How the Ohio legislature is flooding the zone

Register now! [bit.ly/LWVGyreg](https://bit.ly/LWVGyreg)

As Ohioans face growing economic uncertainty driven by chaotic federal policy, the Ohio House has put forward a budget that harms children and parents, underfunds schools, upends programs that stabilize household budgets, and botches an attempt to address rising property taxes. The state Senate now has an opportunity to ensure measures of economic security and set Ohio on a better path. Join the League of Women Voters of Greater Youngstown and the American Association of University Women Youngstown Chapter for an update from Policy Matters Ohio ED Hannah Halbert on Ohio's state budget negotiations.



Four years ago, Republicans and Democrats agreed on a new way to pay for educating Ohio's public-school students in a fair way. The amount the schools would be paid would be rolled out over 6 years. Now the Republicans are saying it is too expensive. They are willing to spend \$231 million more on traditional public schools while the increase for the private school voucher system is increased by \$500 million. Hailed as an academic opportunity for disadvantaged students left behind in a "broken" public education system, school vouchers, and charter schools have instead provided "school choice" for the rich and

worsened educational conditions for middle and low-income students. The majority of students taking vouchers were already enrolled in private schools where they do not have to face audits.

\*\*There will be a signup sheet at his meeting for our meeting on June 7th at A La Cart Catering. We will be having a buffet (the cost will be \$25 and includes tax and gratuity) and we will be inducting our officers for next year. So please come and support our organization.

## AAUW National Updates

AAUW National Elections 2025 April 14 – May 13 Members will receive electronic ballot reminders with their unique voting credentials from our third-party voting service [vote@simplyvoting.com](mailto:vote@simplyvoting.com). Members without email addresses were mailed paper ballots. Eligible voters are those who were members as of March 14, 2025. Voting closes on May 13, 5pm ET. For voting help, email [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) with name and email. To vote, follow this link to access your ballot directly: [AAUW National Election](#) information on the candidates and ballot initiatives, please visit [Member Vote](#).

Did anyone join AAUW in 1975 or prior? If so, you need to complete the honorary life application form to be recognized.



## AAUW Backs Civil Rights Coalition Pact

AAUW joined The Pact: A Civil Rights Coalition Unity Commitment, a civil rights coalition response to escalating threats from the Trump administration. With over 170 public events planned to mark the administration's 100th day next week, we urge branches to review our new demonstration guidance. AAUW also launched two new funds — Public Policy and Defend Higher Education. We encourage you to watch the training meeting with lawmakers and check out our policy updates. The basics of what the pact entails: we commit to stay united in our shared vision for opportunity, prosperity, dignity, belonging and for the rights and justice necessary to ensure them.

- Good healthcare
- Dignity at work, fair wages, and the right to join a union
- Freedom to learn our full history and celebrate our cultures
- Access to high-quality public schools, colleges, and universities
- Housing we can afford
- Access to a lawyer and to see a judge when we have been treated unjustly
- Clean air and water in our communities
- The right to vote and have our votes counted
- Freedom from discrimination, no matter our identity
- Enough food to eat
- Care for our loved ones
- The freedom to decide when or how we start or define family
- Privacy and the protection of our most sensitive information



There are bills being proposed both nationally and in Ohio that will make major changes in the way we vote. The SAVE Act passed the U.S. House and is now being considered in the Senate. The “SAVE Act” would prevent tens of millions of American citizens from voting. Instead of solving a real problem, it creates new ones. This bill comes with no federal funding and no grace period for implementation. Two of the SAVE Act’s key provisions include strict proof of citizenship requirement and eliminating mail-in ballot receipt deadlines. The proof of citizenship requirement, which will disenfranchise 69 million women who changed their names when they got married, the rural communities, senior citizens and the less affluent. Please call our Senators and tell them they need to do their jobs and support their constituents and their right to vote. Call Sen. Husted (202) 224-3353 & Sen. Moreno (202) 224-2315.



Ohio Senate Bill 153 is the latest attempt to rewrite Ohio’s election laws. It is massive, unnecessary, and deeply harmful. The bill changes over 40 sections of Ohio law governing voting and elections – all to make it harder for eligible Ohioans to vote and collect petition signatures, while at the same time placing impossible bureaucratic and financial burdens on our county boards of elections. It would eliminate drop boxes, require documentary proof of citizenship, and add barriers to the petition process that would make it harder for citizen initiatives to get on the ballot. As with the Save Act, documentary Proof of Citizenship is limited to a narrow list of documents. For most Americans, this would be a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or naturalization documents, making it especially more difficult for married women, young people, and the less affluent to vote (approx. 15% of people do not have birth certificates on hand). Please call your state Senator: District 33-Sen. Al Cutrona 614-466-8285 or District 32-Sandra O’Brien 614-466-7182



President Donald Trump’s executive order seeks to end federal funding for NPR and PBS because of news coverage he calls “biased and partisan.” After eliminating the Department of Education, you would think

that would be enough...he wants to attack Elmo and Big Bird (not to be confused with Big Balls). The Department of Education enforced federal civil rights, protected gender-based discrimination, and made higher education more accessible and affordable. This decision is not about streamlining government; it is about stripping students of their rights and futures. PBS educates and entertains everyone and gives the public access to quality programs.

### **From the Warren AAUW...**

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS EVENT Thursday May 15, 2025 6-8pm St. Paul Lutheran Church 2860 E. Market St. Warren, OH 44483 Open to the public

**\*Resource fair starts at 5pm**

1. The facts and myths about human trafficking
2. Prevalence in Trumbull County
3. How to advocate for victims/survivors and the resources available

Panel participants:

Susan D. Laird, LPCC-S, CDCA John Morgan Founder

Ohio Attorney General's Northeast Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force Stacey Altieri Founder Director; ORRIN

Nick Santucci Majority Whip Ohio House of Representatives

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