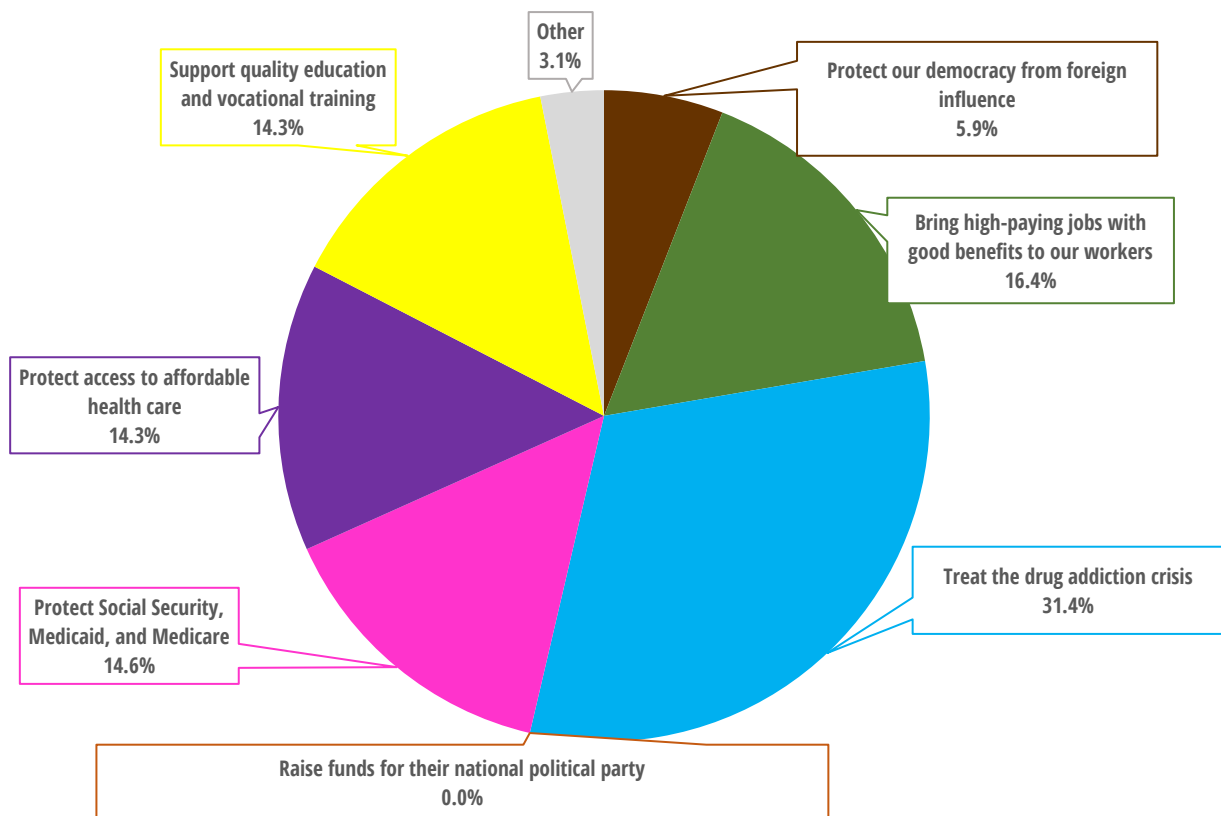


Results are in for **Vote with a Pong!**

Visitors to the Lancaster Community Days Festival May 12–14, 2017, who stopped by the Indivisible Ohio District 15 booth were treated to a voting game. We asked them to vote by pong for the issue they believed was most important to their community. Here are the results.

By a wide margin, drug addiction was the community's greatest concern. One-third of players identified it as most important. Second was bringing decent jobs to the community.



Entitlement programs, health care, and education also gained roughly 1 in 7 votes each.

Not a single vote was cast for a member of Congress to spend time raising funds for his national political party.

Other responses (write-in votes)

We allowed visitors to toss a white ping pong ball into the tank if they felt another issue warranted their vote. They wrote their issue (or they dictated to us) on a paper tally, which we added to the tank. Here are their votes:

- Put the drug addicts in vacant schools for rehab with doctors and nurses to administer aid to help them get off drugs
- Local road repairs
- Gun violence
- Helping the homeless (2 votes)
- Human trafficking
- Less government, more freedom, back to the Constitution (ACA and AHCA are bad)
- Immigration, illegal immigrants
- Government corruption, especially in Morgan County

Background and methods

We reached out to festival attendees who passed by the table with a variety of statements. “Would you like to toss a ball into a tank?” was a successful draw to families with children. We told families, “The adult gets to choose the color, and the kid can throw the ball.” Kids and adults were offered candy, stickers, or glow bracelets as a reward for playing.



For any family whose parent/adult did not choose the color, we still offered them rewards but retrieved their ball from the tank so it would not be counted in the total. Votes from teenage visitors, whom we consider future voters, were left in the tank.

We did not ask visitors to identify their community, so we do not know whether they were Lancaster based or came from other areas, and the respondents certainly don't make up a statistically representative sample of Fairfield County or District 15. A few write-in responses are hyperlocal.

Data table

What should your member of Congress do to help this community?

Issue statement	Votes	Percentage of total
Protect our democracy from foreign influence	17	5.9
Bring high-paying jobs with good benefits to our workers	47	16.4
Treat the drug addiction crisis	90	31.4
Raise funds for their national political party	0	0.0
Protect Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare	42	14.6
Protect access to affordable health care	41	14.3
Support quality education and vocational training	41	14.3
Other	9	3.1