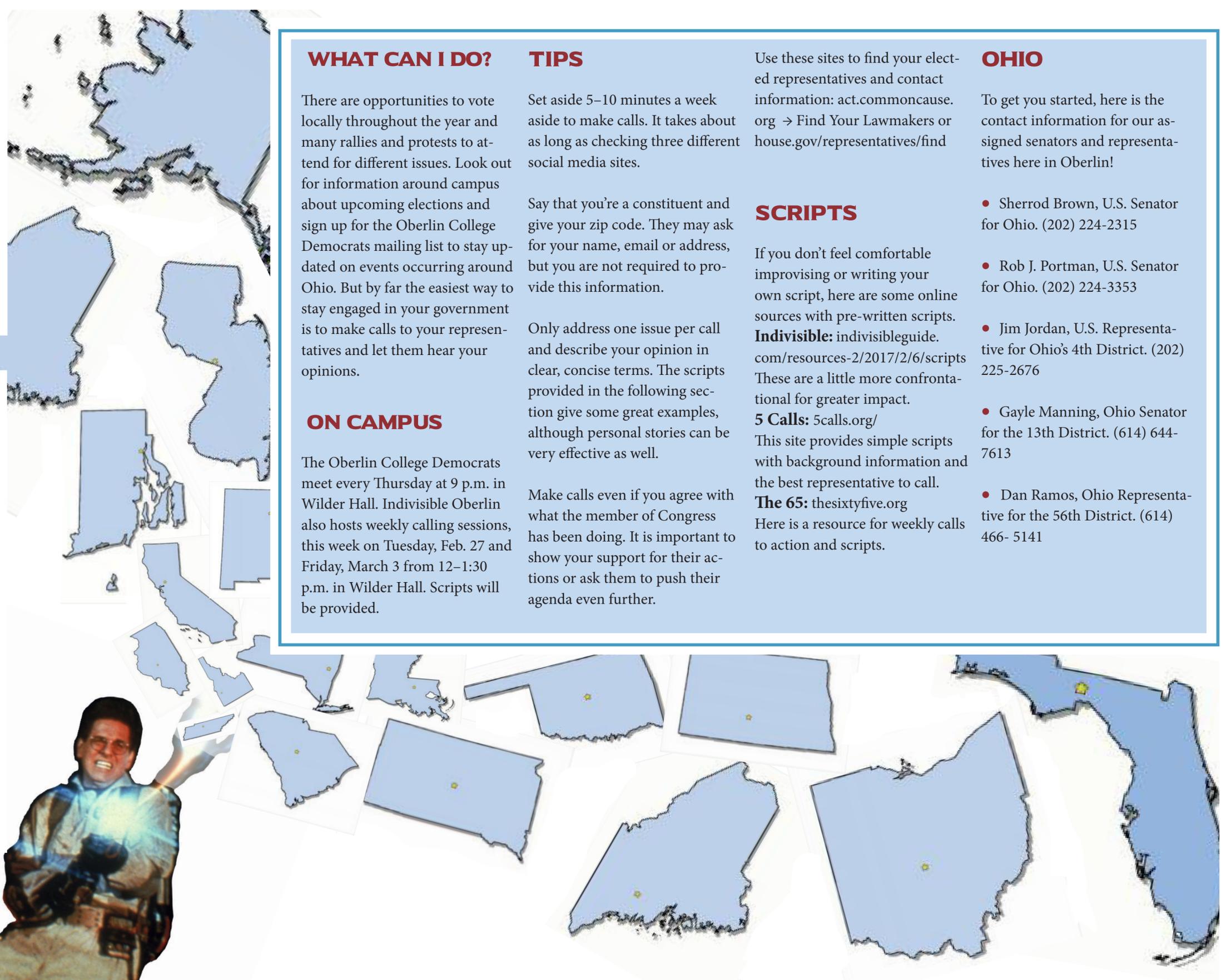


# WHO YA GONNA CALL?

For many Americans, political involvement starts and stops with casting a vote at the ballot box. But democracy does not end with the election of a new president — and there are plenty of ways to stay engaged in the legislative process and have a voice in the decisions our representatives make throughout the next four years of this presidential term.

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## WHAT CAN I DO?

There are opportunities to vote locally throughout the year and many rallies and protests to attend for different issues. Look out for information around campus about upcoming elections and sign up for the Oberlin College Democrats mailing list to stay updated on events occurring around Ohio. But by far the easiest way to stay engaged in your government is to make calls to your representatives and let them hear your opinions.

## ON CAMPUS

The Oberlin College Democrats meet every Thursday at 9 p.m. in Wilder Hall. Indivisible Oberlin also hosts weekly calling sessions, this week on Tuesday, Feb. 27 and Friday, March 3 from 12–1:30 p.m. in Wilder Hall. Scripts will be provided.

## TIPS

Set aside 5–10 minutes a week aside to make calls. It takes about as long as checking three different social media sites.

Say that you're a constituent and give your zip code. They may ask for your name, email or address, but you are not required to provide this information.

Only address one issue per call and describe your opinion in clear, concise terms. The scripts provided in the following section give some great examples, although personal stories can be very effective as well.

Make calls even if you agree with what the member of Congress has been doing. It is important to show your support for their actions or ask them to push their agenda even further.

Use these sites to find your elected representatives and contact information: [act.commoncause.org](http://act.commoncause.org) → Find Your Lawmakers or [house.gov/representatives/find](http://house.gov/representatives/find)

## SCRIPTS

If you don't feel comfortable improvising or writing your own script, here are some online sources with pre-written scripts. **Indivisible:** [indivisibleguide.com/resources-2/2017/2/6/scripts](http://indivisibleguide.com/resources-2/2017/2/6/scripts) These are a little more confrontational for greater impact.

**5 Calls:** [5calls.org/](http://5calls.org/) This site provides simple scripts with background information and the best representative to call.

**The 65:** [thesixtyfive.org](http://thesixtyfive.org) Here is a resource for weekly calls to action and scripts.

## OHIO

To get you started, here is the contact information for our assigned senators and representatives here in Oberlin!

- Sherrod Brown, U.S. Senator for Ohio. (202) 224-2315

- Rob J. Portman, U.S. Senator for Ohio. (202) 224-3353

- Jim Jordan, U.S. Representative for Ohio's 4th District. (202) 225-2676

- Gayle Manning, Ohio Senator for the 13th District. (614) 644-7613

- Dan Ramos, Ohio Representative for the 56th District. (614) 466-5141

## CALENDAR:

### Folks Playing Together II: A Folk Music Club/WOBC Joint Showcase

Cat in the Cream  
Friday, Feb. 24  
7–9 p.m.

A folk show put on by Folk Music Club and WOBC Radio. Performers include Three Story Chicken House, Davis Quartet, Julip, Lena Rich and special faculty band The Original Crank.

### Lunar New Year Banquet Root Room, Carnegie Building

Saturday, Feb. 25  
6:30 p.m.

The Chinese Student Association presents the annual Lunar New Year Banquet, featuring student speakers, performances, delicious food and raffles. Tickets are \$5 at Wilder Hall or at the door.

### Celebrating Maslenitsa, Carnaval and Fasching

Kade House  
Sunday, Feb. 26  
2–6 p.m.

This event begins in German House with a presentation on different cultural carnival traditions, then moves to Tappan Square for games and a bonfire and finishes with a party and traditional food.

### Hector Aristizábal: Theater of the Oppressed

Cat in the Cream  
Monday, Feb. 27  
2–5 p.m.

Hector Aristizábal, a prominent Colombian activist and theater artist, will return to Oberlin to perform his play and lead a workshop exploring oppression through music, dance, storytelling and puppetry.

### Tiq Milan: Redefining Black Masculinity: A Transgender Experience

Adam Joseph Lewis Center for Environmental Studies, Hallock Auditorium  
Wednesday, March 1  
7–8:30 p.m.

Tiq Milan presents his journey as a Black trans man, how his experience with gender has transformed over the years and how race has affected these changes.

### Black Movie Night: *The Birth of a Nation*

Lord House Lounge  
Thursday, March 2  
9 p.m.

Set in the antebellum South, this movie follows the story of slave and preacher Nat Turner. His sermons are first used by slave owners to subdue unruly slaves, but eventually he leads a rebellion of his own.