

JD Vance (OH)



Biography

BIRTH DATE

Unknown

EDUCATION

JD, Yale Law School, 2010-2013; BA, Political Science/Philosophy, The Ohio State Univ., 2007-2009

FAMILY

Two children

Background

After rising to national fame for his bestselling memoir *Hillbilly Elegy*, which describes his upbringing in a Rust Belt neighborhood, Vance is running for senator in Ohio on a pro-Trump, anti-Big Tech platform

Born in Middletown, Ohio to his mother, who struggled with substance abuse, and a largely absent father; often spent time with his grandparents in Kentucky, and he attributes his escape from poverty to the stability provided by his grandmother

Joined the Marine Corps after high school and served in Iraq; attended Yale Law school, where one of his mentors, law professor, and author Amy Chua, encouraged him to write a memoir

After a stint in corporate law, he moved to San Francisco to work for Mithril Capital Management, a fund founded by Paypal co-founder and conservative political donor Peter Thiel

In 2016, he published his best-selling memoir, *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, which received praise for its empathetic portrayal of poor, white Americans; Vance gained national attention for his perspective on the cultural and economic forces that shaped his and his family's lives

Moved to Cincinnati in 2017, founding a nonprofit focused on the opioid epidemic and a venture-capital firm, Narya Capital, to invest in midwestern startups

Once a Trump critic, Vance has embraced the former president; Trump endorsed Vance in April 2022, boosting his candidacy in the primary's final stretch

State Profile

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2022 VOTE RATING

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SERVING WITH

Sen. Sherrod Brown

Election Results

2022 GENERAL

Vance

53%

Ryan

47%

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