

2020 GwinnettForum candidate questionnaire

NAME: Jon Ossoff
PARTY: Democratic
SEEKING: U.S. Senate (Perdue seat)

1. Why are you seeking your office?

I'm running to ensure every Georgian has great health care, to deliver historic investments in clean energy and infrastructure, to rebuild this economy so working families and small businesses thrive, and to root out corruption so government serves the people — not private interests with legions of lobbyists.

The corruption of our campaign finance system is destroying our democracy and has undermined effective, fact-based policymaking.

I will make policy on the basis of science, evidence, and expertise.

2. What do you expect to accomplish if elected?

In the Senate, I will fight for affordable health care for every Georgian, for economic policies that put small businesses and working families ahead of powerful trade groups and political donors, to ensure Georgia's young people can access higher education without debt, for historic investment in clean energy and infrastructure, to reform our criminal justice system and ensure equal protection under the law, to protect every American's right to vote, and to get dark money out of politics.

3. What distinguishes your candidacy?

Sen. Perdue puts his donors' interests ahead of ours. He sells meetings for campaign cash. He has enriched himself while in office. He votes with the insurance companies and big polluters.

I run a business that exposes corruption, war crimes, and organized crime around the world, and I'll crack down on price gouging by insurance and drug companies, invest in infrastructure and clean energy, and pass anti-corruption reforms to get corporate and secret money out of politics.

4. Pick any one issue. Expand on how you will address it.

The outrageous cost of health insurance and medicine is a scandal.

Few plans are available. Premiums are extremely expensive. And dealing with insurance companies is a nightmare.

I'll work to make quality health care a simple, affordable, and reassuring reality for all of us by cracking down on price gouging by drug and insurance companies, protecting health coverage

for Georgians with pre-existing conditions, supporting Medicaid expansion, expanding the U.S. Public Health Service to hire more nurses and doctors, and investing in rural hospitals and health clinics.

5. Suggest ways to jump-start the economy after COVID-19.

I'll work to shore up our economy with stronger support for small businesses and direct relief for working families. And to create millions of jobs and jumpstart our economy, I'll support a historic infrastructure program to lay the foundation for decades of prosperity, sustainability, and health.

6. Please give a 100 word summary on your background

Since 2013, I have been the CEO of Insight TWI, a 30-year old media production company that produces investigations of corruption, organized crime, and war crimes worldwide.

In recent years, we have investigated & exposed sexual slavery of women and girls by ISIS, crooked judges, corrupt foreign officials, human traffickers, & bribery. Our work has been seen by hundreds of millions on television channels worldwide.

I earned my Bachelor of Science degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service & earned a Master's of Science from the London School of Economics. I previously served as a national security staffer ...(100)