

# Gubernatorial Hopefuls Take the ‘Establishment Outsider’ Angle to Replace Mike Pence

## Indiana Republican Party’s Top Candidates for the Gubernatorial Race

Rep. Susan Brooks



- Before congress, Brooks was a former U.S. attorney in the Bush administration, senior vice president of a community college system, and deputy mayor of Indianapolis.
- In comparison to Rokita, Brooks is stressing that she is “a bit older, a bit more mature ... I have a very diverse career background.”
- Because Pence has such low favorability (below 50 percent approval in Indiana) Brooks is separating herself from him and Indiana establishment.

Rep. Todd Rokita



- Rokita served as Indiana Secretary of State before running for Congress – and thus is more closely tied with the Pence administration.
- Rokita won two races statewide to be elected secretary of state, while Brooks has had close races in her district.
- Rokita’s team released a poll that showed him statistically tied with the Democratic candidate, John Gregg.
- Rokita also showcased his fundraising chops with a flier exhibiting his \$1.4 million to Brooks’ \$1.3 million

### Quick Facts

- The deadline for the Indiana Republican Party to elect a candidate is July 27<sup>th</sup>
- The candidate would need 12 votes from a 22 member committee to have a simple majority.
- Two other candidates, Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb and state Sen. Jim Tomes are also running, though the two congressmen appear to be in the lead.