



Judson Harmon

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Introduction

Judson Harmon served as Ohio's 45th Governor for two terms spanning from 1909 to 1913, and served as U.S. Attorney General from 1895 to 1897. Though Democratic, Harmon was also politically conservative, which ultimately led to his inability to secure the Democratic Party nomination for U.S. President in 1912. Harmon's tenure as Governor was marked by several changes to the state government that resulted in increased economy and efficiencies, such as the elimination of wasteful spending. Under his leadership, Ohio saw the establishment of its first public service and tax commissions and several other Progressive measures. When his term as governor ended, Harmon retired from politics to practice law in Cincinnati.

Important Dates

- February 3, 1846: Judson Harmon born in Newton, Ohio.
- June 11, 1895 – March 4, 1897: Harmon serves as U.S. Attorney General under President Grover Cleveland.
- January 11, 1909: Harmon inaugurated as the 45th Governor of Ohio.
- 1910: Harmon defeats Republican Warren G. Harding in the 1910 Ohio Gubernatorial Election.
- June 1912: Harmon loses the Democratic Party nomination for U.S. President to Woodrow Wilson.
- January 13, 1913: Harmon's term as governor of Ohio concludes.
- February 22, 1927: Harmon passes away in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Suggested Search Strategies

- Search the following terms in combination (as an "all" word search), as phrases or in proximity: Judson Harmon, Governor Harmon, Harmon, convention, attorney general, economy, tax, vote, election, commission.
- Use date limits to find information about specific events or legislation.

Sample Articles from Chronicling America

- "[Scathing Words for Harmon](#)" *San Francisco Call* (San Francisco, CA), July 4, 1896, Image 16, col. 4-5.
- "[Judson Harmon the Democratic Nominee](#)" *Stark County Democrat* (Canton, OH), May 8, 1908, Image 1, col. 1-2.
- "[Judson Harmon Chosen Governor by Large Vote](#)" *Marion Daily Mirror* (Marion, OH), November 4, 1908, Image 1, col. 1-5.
- "[Extravagance vs. Economy](#)" *News-Herald* (Hillsboro, OH), October 21, 1909, Image 1, col. 2-3.
- "[Dean Bill Goes to its Friends](#)" *Democratic Banner* (Mt. Vernon, OH), February 18, 1910, Image 1, col. 6-7.
- "[Judson Harmon of Ohio](#)" *Democratic Banner* (Mt. Vernon, OH), September 23, 1910, Image 2, col. 1-6.
- "[Governor Harmon Has Made Good](#)" *Marion Daily Mirror* (Marion, OH), November 7, 1910, Image 1, col. 1-4.
- "[Judson Harmon Thinks the People are Not Capable of Self-Government](#)" *Commoner* (Lincoln, NE), February 16, 1912, Image 3.
- "[Democratic Convention](#)" *Democratic Banner* (Mt. Vernon, OH), June 7, 1912, Image 1, col. 1-5.