

"Will You?" February 7, 1916

As Woodrow Wilson's first Presidential term entered its final year, it was unclear whether he would run for a second term. State primary laws require candidates to declare their intention to run by a particular date, and Ohio's deadline was fast approaching. This cartoon, printed in the weeks leading up to Ohio's filing date, shows Miss Ohio inquiring if a bashful-looking Wilson would declare his candidacy before the state's deadline. Wilson eventually submitted his name to comply with Ohio state law but did not publicly declare his candidacy until later.

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