

Ethan Book for U.S. Senate

As a descendent of 17th Century settlers of the Colony of Connecticut, as one who is an honors graduate from the world-acclaimed Thunderbird School of Global Management (Glendale, AZ), as one who respectably served in the U.S. Peace Corps in Bucaramanga, Colombia, who worked successfully in Latin America with Bank of America and who has been known in the State of Connecticut for more than two decades as a whistleblower of state public works (See campaign website and published decision of *Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority et al. v. Freedom of Information Commission et al.*, 19 Conn.App. 489.), *Ethan has sound understanding of the needs of the citizens, a superb first-hand understanding of the current conditions of government and of the steps necessary to improve government service to its citizenry.*

KEY PLATFORM POINTS

Limitation of government, of reduction in spending and in reducing taxes:

For these proper goals, Ethan stresses more disciplined attention and restraint in Congress to the limitations of Congressional power as are defined in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution and in the 10th Amendment.

Judicial Reform

State and federal agencies and courts tend to be elitist, that is they tend to favor larger, more powerful entities such as corporations and governments, a situation which too often is to the detriment of individuals, particularly those of minority groups. Over the long term, this situation is wholly destructive to society, to families, to the economy, to our international interests and eventually even to government organization.

Congressional Reform

Many people talk about dysfunctional government. Ethan has a well-suited, focused approach for this. He proposes (1) better enforcement of existing political finance laws, (2) that the composition of Congressional ethics committees has a portion that is of non-elected persons, (3) that there be term limits which would be a maximum of 18 years for a senator and a maximum of 16 years for a congressman, and (4) that the term of office for a congressman be expanded from 2 years to 4 years. The last point would allow congressmen of any party more space and peace to serve the public interests without the demands and distractions that are associated with campaigning.

Allowing for Economic Development

Each of the above platform points, when properly understood, recognized and applied, will afford the best opportunity for good, healthy, long-term economic development. In addition, there is a glaring need for reestablishment of respect in state and federal agencies and courts for the

institution of marriage. In asserting this, Ethan is not referring to any position on same-sex marriage which he views primarily to be a state issue. Rather he refers to basic respect by government officials to the traditional concept of marriage.

Pro-Life versus Pro-Choice

To Ethan, the first primary consideration for this hotly-debated issue is not what one side believes or another wants. Rather the first primary consideration is whether the 1973 Supreme Court decision of *Roe v. Wade* was decided correctly. As is observed with the legal analysis prepared by Ethan and which is available at the campaign website, Ethan agrees with the Supreme Court that there is a constitutional right to privacy (re: 9th Amendment). However, he believes that there was *not* a preponderance of evidence in the case for a federal court to overturn a Texas abortion statute. Ethan believes that a woman's right to privacy should be considered in balance with the rights of privacy of the fetus and the father.

Latin America

There needs to be more suited attention to our nation's geographical neighbor and our social, political and religious "cousins". More specifically, there needs to be proper attention to the Mexican drug wars, to the challenges to democratic principles which have been observed in Venezuela (and to some extent Honduras), and recognition of advancement in democratic principles in Colombia.

Immigration

Immigration is not a right, rather it is a privilege. However those seeking to enter this great nation or to become citizens have a right that there be reasonable and fair laws and reasonable and fair administration of our laws. Ethan promotes a policy of maintaining our "borders, language and culture". However, such objectives should be administered in a manner that recognizes the value to our society, economy, culture and religion of immigrants.

Middle-East Wars

There can be value for American military operations in foreign countries, however, any such operations should be limited and reasonably designed for legitimate national interests.

Israel

Israel has a reasonable right to defend itself.

Constitutional integrity and individual freedom with global focus!

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