



IN PERSON QUESTIONS-Jeremy Westby

- 1. Tell us about a time you lost something important (election, job, business etc.) and how you handled it.**

One of the hardest losses in my life was walking with my wife through pregnancy loss while hoping to grow our family. We leaned on our faith, kept moving forward together, and trusted that heartbreak would not have the final word. That season taught me perseverance, gratitude, and how to lead with compassion when life does not go according to plan.

- 2. Are there any votes or positions our party/organization has taken in the last five years that you disagree with and why?**

I have not had a major disagreement with the direction of our party on the core issues that matter most to me. No party is perfect, but I believe we are strongest when we stand clearly for life, liberty, public safety, fiscal responsibility, and equal justice under the law. My instinct is to help strengthen the party, not spend my time tearing it down.

- 3. What is the single biggest problem facing this country in the future and how should Congress address it?**

I believe the biggest problem facing this country is the erosion of the rule of law, especially at the border. When government fails at its most basic duties, public trust weakens, communities feel the strain, and American workers pay the price. Congress should secure the border, reduce fraud and abuse, and restore an immigration system that is lawful, orderly, and puts Americans first.

4. What is one major policy you have changed your mind on in the last ten years and what caused you to change it?

I have not had a major reversal on my core principles, but I have changed my mind about how we should engage people who disagree with us. I used to think facts alone were enough; now I believe persuasion also requires patience, empathy, and moral clarity, especially in a culture flooded with outrage and misinformation. We can speak the truth firmly without losing the heart to win people over.

5. Tell us about a situation where you had to address competing and conflicting interests. How did you handle it and what was the outcome?

In both business and public life, I have had to work with people who began from very different priorities and assumptions. I learned to start with the common concerns that affect daily life, like affordability, taxes, public safety, and honest government, while still being clear about where I stand. That approach has helped me earn respect, and even support, from people who do not agree with me on every issue.

6. What is your plan to find a media outlet outside of our local legacy media to gain name recognition and attention to your message?

Because of my years in public relations, media relations, and the music industry, I already have relationships across national, local, and digital media that can help open doors. My plan is to use conservative outlets, mainstream outlets, podcasts, social media, and direct-to-camera video to introduce myself and keep a disciplined message in front of voters. I am willing to go into rooms that are not automatically friendly, because you do not grow by speaking only to people who already agree with you.

7. Who is the best grassroots organizer you know personally who has already committed to working on your campaign?

Mandy Heffron is the best grassroots organizer I know personally, and I am grateful she has committed to helping lead this effort. Patty Mesenbrink, Mary Amlaw, and Kimberly Stiele and I have been in especially close contact as we build this campaign. That gives me confidence because campaigns are still won the old-fashioned way: through trust, relationships, and disciplined follow-through. There are others who have offered guidance, and I've taken all of their input into account before making any major decisions.

8. Tell us about something that you consider to be one of your greatest accomplishments.

Becoming a father is my greatest accomplishment. It changed my entire perspective on responsibility, sacrifice, and what kind of country we are leaving to the next generation. Fatherhood made my convictions more real, not more abstract.

9. What keeps you up at night?

I try not to live in a constant state of worry, because leadership requires clarity and discipline. Rest matters, and I do my best to go to bed with a clear conscience, gratitude, and prayer. When something does wake me up, it is usually a reminder to pray harder or prepare better.

10. How do you handle personal attacks on you and/or your family?

Before getting into this race, I had candid conversations with my wife and extended family about the reality that public life brings criticism and sometimes ugliness. When attacks come, I answer falsehood with truth, keep my composure, and refuse to let bitterness take root. My faith keeps me steady, and I try to meet even harsh attacks with both strength and grace.

11. After you are no longer in office, what do you want people to say you accomplished?

When my time in office is over, I hope people say I helped bring people together around principle, made government more honest and accountable, and never forgot who I was there to serve. I want to leave behind a spirit of unity, within the party and within the country, at a time when too much seems designed to divide us. If my legacy is that I fought for families, defended freedom, and gave people renewed confidence that America is still worth believing in, I would be grateful.