

My Pledges to the People of Utah:

- **Democracy** – I will actively strive for broad public collaboration, equally weighing and considering the input and advice of the American people with those alongside me in Washington.
- **Open and Honest Leadership** - I will be open and honest about the dealings of my office. I will continue to publish my calendar of meetings and events in relation to my public life. While doing this, I will protect individual privacy and national security where requested or necessary.
- **Fair Elections** - I vow to serve only three terms if incumbent advantage cannot be overcome or eliminated. I will reform campaign financing either by a shared donation pool for all candidates seeking the same office or through public financing. I will also work to eliminate the seniority system in Washington by replacing ranking committee leadership with a random lottery appointment system.
- **Fiscal Responsibility** - Until there is a balanced budget and the United States is cleared of all debt, I will stand with Congressman Jim Matheson in voting down congressional pay raises. Until this happens, I will donate any salary increase to charity.
- **No Nuclear Testing** - I will fight against any and all forms of testing on the Nevada nuclear testing ranges.



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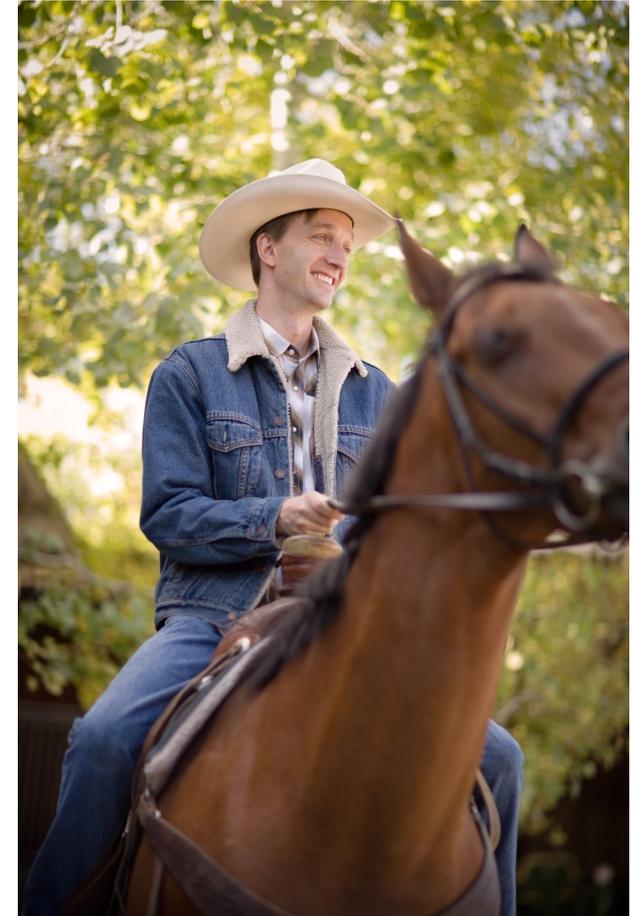
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Vote for honor and integrity,
Vote Pete Ashdown
on November 7th.



Pete Ashdown for U.S. Senate



**A New Senator
for a
New Century**

PETE ASHDOWN

Native Utahn with Utah Values

I am proud to be a native Utahn, raised by two loving parents. I learned from their example that the most important values in life are honesty, compassion and charity. My parents always stood up for what they believed in, though it may not have been popular, though it may not have been easy. They embodied the pioneer spirit that is my heritage, teaching me to work hard, be honest and to put others before self. I have experienced success in life because of their never wavering support. It is true that you can't pick your parents, but I could not have picked a better pair.

When I first became politically aware, I asked my mother why she was a Democrat, when we were living in conservative Bountiful, Utah. She pulled a book down from the shelf and handed it to me. It was the biography of the LDS Church Apostle, Hugh B. Brown. In it, he answers the same question to his nephew with the answer, "I am a Democrat because I believe they are kinder to the poor."

Our society is judged by how we treat the least of us and, I too believe that the Democrats hold this ideal dear. I respect Republicans like Lincoln for his courage to eradicate slavery, Teddy Roosevelt for his protection of wild America and fighting against monopolies and trusts, and Eisenhower for his vision on education and infrastructure. But today's Republican party has lost its way, with actions that are not fiscally responsible, energy policy completely lacking of vision, and further invasions into personal privacy.



My wife, Robin and I are the parents of three great kids, Madeleine (12), Henry (6) and baby Greta. Having and raising children has been the highlight of my life. Nothing has been harder, yet more rewarding. My ancestors settled America to make a better place for their children. I want to carry on that tradition so my descendants can realize the greatness of America as I have.

“Energy policy affects so much of our lives, from national security to the economy to transportation, we MUST expand our energy policy beyond looking for more oil.”

Standing Up for Americans, Standing Up for Utah, Standing Up for You.

Empowering the People: I stand for a government which empowers the people, a government that places trust in the people and in those values which rise above partisanship. The best solutions to our problems come not from the special interest and lobbyists, but from the citizens of this great nation. I will utilize collaborative technologies in my office and work to implement such methods in all government offices. Using these methods, the public will become partners with the government and return the honor and integrity to public servants. Open and Honest Government will resolve the “ethics lapses” that repeatedly mar all political parties.

Health Care: I stand for a universal health care insurance where the goal is to provide the best medical care possible, not profits. The increasing costs of health care insurance are hindering our economy, preventing job growth and putting some of our nations largest employers into financial ruin. Too many people are unable to start new businesses because they are unable to afford health insurance, this is a constraint we must remove. ***“If you account for health care as a tax, Americans are the most taxed citizens on the planet.”***

Freedom to Worship: I stand for and honor the central place of faith in the lives of the people of Utah. Like the founders, I stand for and will always protect all American's freedom to worship as they may.

Energy: I stand for an energy policy that reaches beyond oil and coal. We must end our dependence on foreign oil and find domestic, plentiful, clean and safe solutions. I will work to eliminate the subsidies given to the oil companies and put that money towards researching better energy solutions.

Abortion: I stand for responsible communities, families, and individuals eliminating elective abortion. I will promote a small, non-intrusive, self-limiting government which allows for safe pregnancy termination in the case of rape, incest and danger to life of the mother. Making sure that all citizens receive the best health care available is essential and I will work to provide this before conception, during pregnancy and after the child is born.

Immigration Reform: I stand for controlled immigration, with laws that hold employers accountable for their employee's citizenship. ***Amnesty is not the answer*** to the existing problem, but regulation and documentation, cleaning up and streamlining the immigration system, ***securing of our borders and coastlines*** would allow for the acceptance of law abiding students and workers while stemming the possibility of unfriendly activity directed towards the United States.

Education: I stand for making excellent and affordable education available for all Americans. I support local control, with the Federal government promoting, rather than enforcing educational methods. A strong educational system contributes to the economy and to stable families. Fighting ignorance serves to unite America. Education is the best long term investment we can make for a better tomorrow.

Fiscal Responsibility: I stand for fiscal discipline and small business values for restoring responsibility to our budget. The record deficits of this government are putting our children into financial bondage while congress carelessly spends away. I solemnly pledge to refuse congressional pay-raises until there is a balanced budget and the deficit is eliminated.

PETE ASHDOWN - Experienced:

Judge me by my works. In 1993, I founded XMission, Utah's first Internet Service Provider. I have run my business with honesty and integrity. Business values



like paying fair wages, providing health care to my employees, building and protecting pensions have been key to my success as a businessman. A simple rule I follow is to hold the needs of my customers, employees, and community above my own. This rule of service before self is what I will take to Washington.