



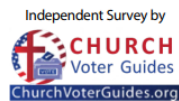
KEN DEGRAAF

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Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Representative that will benefit our state?

27 year AF Veteran, and current airline pilot. I've lived all across the country; also Germany and Canada. A Distinguished Graduate from USAFA. Guggenheim Fellow to Columbia University for MS in Structural Dynamics. Policy and programming in USAFE, AFAFRICA, and as an Operations and Mission Support Group Deputy. Established a multi-aircraft AF Reserve Squadron. As an Environmental manager, I worked with the EPA & DEQ to save hundreds of thousands of dollars and templated the first MiANG "Clean Corporate Citizen." I formed cooperative agreements with the USCG, NOAA, FWS, DNR, and Merchant Marine. I taught AP Calculus at the USAF Academy. I have served on a school board and am currently on the Executive Council of the El Paso GOP.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being a Colorado State Representative?

To actively insert consideration of our Creator endowed Rights into the legislative process as it seems it has been largely forgotten. While we enjoy the Rights, we do not typically know the basis or reason for those Rights, and thus cannot properly defend them. Individual Sovereignty is the cornerstone to our Republic. The Rights with which we are endowed are because we are created in the image of a Sovereign God, and they are essential to our purpose. Sadly, they are continually being eroded by even well-meaning bills, and the liberty lost cannot be regained without focused effort before it is lost forever.

Election Reform: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

If a computer can be hacked, it will be hacked, and all computers can be hacked. Paper ballots are not immune from tampering, but they are much more difficult. Single-day, in-person voting with paper ballots, verified eligibility, and a thumb dipped in indelible dye. In theory electronic voting should be less expensive, but the lack of confidence leads to audits which are much more difficult. Regardless of whether it is the machines or the operators that cannot be trusted, electronic voting has proven itself to be a failure.

TABOR: What is your position on the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

Yes. Government cannot be trusted to act responsibly with the money it extracts now. Allowing the government to keep anything extra is further depriving the still functioning (but suffocated) free market to actually utilize that money for good and worthwhile things.

Education: As a State Representative, what will you do to improve the education of our K - 12 students? What is your position on parental authority in education, including school choice?

Parental engagement, the recognition of parental authority and school choice are essential to education, as is local control of school boards. Vouchers incur State meddling, so tax credits would be more appropriate. Statist education has become more interested in ideological indoctrination than functional education. National and State education agencies have proven to be untrustworthy, and should be disbanded since that would allow doubling the number of teachers.



Government Authority: Do you believe that the government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body? If so, how?

Absolutely not. The only "just powers" of a government are those derived from the consent of the governed. Therefore, the government has no authority to act without that consent, and "dictate" is the complete opposite of "consent." Government's role is to secure our Rights by protecting them from infringement by others, not to impose compliance. If person-A is acting in a manner that would violate the Rights of person-B then it is the obligation of the government to prevent or rectify that occurrence, but it is not the role of government to otherwise control person-A

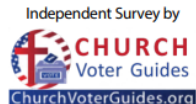
1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado State Representative to protect our 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

A citizen is not sovereign if the government compels his speech. Restrictions on speech violate "the consent of the governed," and are unjust. Offending legislation must be repealed as anathema to our Constitution, good governance, and the ability to think. Thought is shaped by speech, thus speech control is thought control. "He who dares not offend cannot be honest," without honesty problems cannot be solved. A society cannot function without the ability to solve problems.

The Colorado Constitution forbids both preferential treatment and discrimination, but restricting someone's speech to preclude offense is extending preferential treatment. The ideologues behind compelled speech know this and weaponize it in their desire to walk "like a god through the ruins of their kingdom." (Marx).

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

"Shall not be infringed" shall not be ignored. Self-defense is a Right endowed to us by "the Laws of Nature, and Nature's God." It is expected for an animal to lay claim to a territory and defend it. The bull has horns to ward off the lion. A gun is the equalizer against a stronger aggressor. Absolutely "No" on red flag laws, registration and magazine capacity bans or legislation on storage. "Yes" on permitless constitutional carry, unless that Right has been removed through Due Process. Beyond overt attacks on 2A, legislators must watch for the subterfuge of bills regarding mental and behavioral health since history shows that those type laws are flagrantly abused before the ink is even dry.



Infrastructure Spending: How do you believe that tax revenue in Colorado should be best utilized to improve our infrastructure?

Stop diverting infrastructure dollars into boondoggle projects, then instead of shoe-stringing a project with lowest bidders followed by unending patchwork, a city can purchase the road or bridge with (eg) 10 yrs of maintenance. This would allow upgraded materials and processes upfront which would decrease maintenance later, decreasing time spent in construction delays.

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