



About Chris

I'm a veteran, doctor, and small business owner. I'm running for Congress to preserve freedom and prosperity for all Iowans.

I grew up in Kansas, earned my medical degree at the University of Kansas, and served nine years as an officer in the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

My wife Julie grew up on an Iowa farm. She and I met and married in 1994, and we settled in Iowa in 2004. Today, we live in Coralville with our three sons, where we own and operate a local surgical clinic.

I've been proud to build my career and raise my family here in southeast Iowa. As I travel the district and meet with fellow Iowans, I find few of our friends and neighbors feel well-represented by the partisan politicians in Washington DC.

I think we can do better. Iowans deserve a leader who will buck partisanship and try to find real solutions to our complex problems.

Issues

Why I'm running

I'll be an independent voice for Iowans in Congress. Too many of our politicians go along with their party leaders and donors, regardless of what's best for the people back home. Our own Congressman, Dave Loebsack, votes with the Democrats more than 90 percent of the time. Iowa deserves a leader in Congress who will think for himself and keep constituents' best interests in mind.

Dave Loebsack has been in Congress for over a decade now. I think that's long enough. Unfortunately, politicians like Loebsack are the norm in Washington—they're too cozy with big government insiders and they lose touch with constituents. Americans overwhelmingly support placing term limits on federal offices and I'll fight to make that happen—nobody needs to spend more than a decade in Congress, and I [pledge](#) not to.

Economy

As a father of three, I want to leave behind a world better than the one I inherited. That's why our skyrocketing national debt troubles me—it's already over \$21 trillion, more than \$170,000 for each American taxpayer. The size and scope of government has far outgrown the Constitutional restraints our founding fathers put in place. I support a Constitutional amendment that requires Congress to balance the budget.

We have to overhaul our taxes and regulations to level the playing field for all businesses and consumers. America has one of the highest corporate tax rates in the world, but politicians carve out special tax breaks and subsidies for their big business donors. We should cut the tax rate, end corporate welfare, and outlaw bailouts.

Health care

With common-sense, free-market solutions, we can both improve the quality of care and decrease the costs for everyone. While the Affordable Care Act did introduce some positive reforms, it largely expanded an already dysfunctional system. Unleashing competitive forces in the healthcare marketplace—such as eliminating current restrictions on insurance options available, promoting the use of health savings accounts, and ending barriers to competition among insurers across state lines—would greatly improve our healthcare system.

Foreign affairs

Our founding fathers never intended for the United States to be the world's policeman. I'll be a voice for a strong and ready military, but a foreign policy that puts America's interests first.

We should take pride in being good neighbors to people around the world. But I'm worried that our policies have contributed to global instability; by establishing free trade, we can promote peace and prosperity everywhere.

Civil liberties

Overcriminalization rips apart families and cripples the economy, and the United States has more prisoners than any country in the world. Meanwhile, we endanger property rights with overreaching policies like eminent domain and civil asset forfeiture. I'll introduce sweeping reforms to reverse overcriminalization, restrain mass surveillance, and restore Americans' right to privacy.

Education

The federal government should get out of the way and unleash the great potential of American students, teachers, and families. Failed programs like No Child Left Behind and Common Core prove that one-size-fits-all education doesn't work—I support narrowing the scope of the federal government's oversight on education. Instead, I favor promoting school choice, and allowing local communities to take greater ownership over their schools.

Energy and environment

I believe in our country's ability to reinvent ourselves out of many problems. But true innovation can't happen when the government picks winners and losers, as it does in the energy industry. We need a level playing field for all energy sources, while protecting Iowa's farmers and economy.