

Jay Ashcroft Speech Bolivar

Summary:

Jay Ashcroft, speaking at an event, emphasized the importance of making the right decisions in the August primary to have good choices in November. He criticized politicians for making promises they don't keep and positioned himself as an engineer who can solve problems. Ashcroft discussed various issues including education, public safety, government spending, and taxes, proposing specific measures to address these concerns.

Talking Points:

1. 0:00 - Jay Ashcroft appreciates the audience's presence and highlights the importance of the August primary.
2. 0:00 - Criticizes politicians for unfulfilled promises and distinguishes himself as an engineer.
3. 0:02 - Shares his personal background, emphasizing his engineering career and how it shapes his problem-solving approach.
4. 0:03 - Stresses the need for leadership over governance.
5. 0:04 - Comments on Missouri's educational shortcomings and compares it to neighboring states.
6. 0:06 - Addresses public safety concerns, especially for male individuals of color.
7. 0:08 - Advocates for increased police presence and accountability for prosecuting attorneys.
8. 0:09 - Emphasizes the need to cut government spending and reduce taxes.
9. 0:10 - Proposes eliminating personal income tax in Missouri over eight years.
10. 0:12 - Highlights the importance of encouraging independence over dependence on government subsidies.
11. 0:13 - Concludes with a call to action for leadership in education, public safety, and fiscal responsibility.

Outline:

12. Introduction and Importance of August Primary [0:00 - 0:02]

- - Acknowledges audience and emphasizes August primary

13. Background and Differentiation from Politicians [0:02 - 0:03]

- - Shares personal background and decision to become an engineer

14. Engineering Background and Problem-Solving Approach [0:03 - 0:04]

- - Discusses how being an engineer shapes his approach to problem-solving and differentiates him from typical politicians

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15. Leadership vs. Governance [0:04 - 0:05]

- - Stresses need for leadership

16. Education Reform [0:05 - 0:07]

- - Comments on Missouri's educational shortcomings

17. Public Safety [0:07 - 0:10]

- - Addresses public safety concerns
- - Advocates for increased police presence

18. Government Spending and Tax Reform [0:10 - 0:12]

- - Emphasizes need to cut spending and reduce taxes
- - Proposes eliminating personal income tax

19. Encouraging Independence [0:12 - 0:13]

- - Highlights importance of independence over government dependence

20. Conclusion and Call to Action [0:13 - end]

- - Call to action for leadership in key areas

Transcript:

Jay Ashcroft: I really appreciate you all being here. We're 46 days away from the August primary. And normally when I talk about elections, we talk about November. But November doesn't work. We don't have good choices in November, if we don't make the right decisions in August here. And there are a lot of people that are gonna make promises. It's amazing how politicians say things in even numbered years, but never seem to get them done in the odd numbered years. **I'm not a politician by trade, I'm an engineer.** When I was 17 years old, my father did in politics. My father and my mother were attorneys, my older sister was going to law school, I said, I'm never going into politics, and never go to law school, I'm going to get a real job. **I'm going to be an engineer.** Now, I think God laughed a little bit when I said that, because look at where I am. But I think there's a real difference, because politicians are really good about fixing the blame. And we've heard a lot of that after what didn't happen in our legislative session is last year. **What engineers are good at is fixing the problem. And I think that's what we need.** And we don't need more people that are going there to govern. We need people that are going there to lead. The best governance you get is people that do what their constituents believe is possible. But with leadership, you have individuals that show that their constituents can do more than they realize, and call them to their highest and best, we haven't had that. In Missouri. I grew up in Jefferson City, Missouri. As a kid, we kind of make fun of Arkansas and make fun of an Iowa, Kansas. Look at what I was doing. Putting parents in charge of their children's education. So parents can decide the values that are taught to their children. Look at what Arkansas is doing a man doing the exact same

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thing, instead of what Missouri has done, which is to say that bureaucrats people that have never met your children never will even know their names, know better how to raise your children than you do. And that's what has brought us to where fewer than 25% of Missouri eighth graders are proficient in math. And that's deplorable and not the good way of being a basket of deplorable. We've got to fix that. And we can with a governor that will lead and work with legislated individuals to push it through. We've also got a problem in this state when it comes to public safety. We are a state. And I hate to say this, but according to the statistics, the most dangerous state for male individuals of color between 18 years and 45 years, is Missouri. That should not be government has a responsibility to provide for public safety. We cannot claim to be a free state or a free society. When people can't make the decisions they should be allowed to make, because they're scared of the lack of public safety. We need truth in sentencing. We need to back our police officers. We need 1000 new officers on the street in our first year. It's not enough. But it's attainable and go from there. We need to make sure that prosecuting attorneys and circuit attorneys will prosecute crimes. And if they won't, we'll remove and then what's near and dear to my heart because I don't think government's the solution. I think government is the problem. We need to cut the budget. You heard what was said it's out of control. And every dime that they spent is your money. And every dime that they spend is precluding you from being able to make your own decision. So that's why I've worked with Americans for tax reform. I've worked with people from the Heritage Foundation, I've worked with Dr. Arthur Laffer on a plan to put Missouri to where we have zero personal individual income tax in eight years. Why do I do that? Well, why taxes and that's just easy to it's wrong to punish people for working and encourage people not to work with a subsidy. I don't want to encourage people to be dependent upon government. I want to encourage them to be independent and fully able to make their own decisions. Secondly, it's the fastest way to return the most of your money back to you. Because I'm pretty sure I know all of you can spend your money better than the government. And it's large enough that it requires us to fundamentally transform what we are spending money on. But it's small enough that we can do it. I want Missouri to be a state selflessly. Will my kids stay in Missouri. We do that with leadership and education. We do that with leadership and public safety. We do that with leadership on getting the government out of the way and letting people spend their own money. Thank you for allowing me to be here. Thank you for letting me talk.