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## **U.S. Senate Candidate Eric Deaton Explains Americas Two Party Bias**

Eric Deaton, the Constitution Party candidate for the U.S. Senate from Ohio, has offered a summary of the bias our nation faces to overcome the debilitating two party system in the United States. Mr. Deaton says, "Our country has been controlled by a two party system for the last 100 years and it is destroying the very fiber of our nation. Regardless of which party controls the White House, or the two houses of congress, we have gotten bigger government, more debt and less freedom and liberty from them both."

In explaining the bias inherent in the current system Mr. Deaton offers the following examples that are obvious for all to see:

- 1) Lack of coverage in newspapers for minor parties or independent candidates. In Ohio when there is a Rob Portman story, Lee Fisher is mentioned as his opponent. When the papers run a Lee Fisher story, Rob Portman is also mentioned, but not anybody else. All candidates should be mentioned and get the same publicity and free recognition due to them for being willing to run for office in full compliance of the law.
- 2) The U.S. Senate debates excluded all candidates except the Democrat and Republican representatives in Ohio. Several other candidates begged to be given the opportunity to debate, but a deaf ear was turned to them.
- 3) Local, state and nationwide political action committees have for the most part not endorsed minor party candidates, who in many cases are much stronger candidates for the very issues the PACs focus on. For example, Mr. Deaton is the strongest pro-second amendment candidate for the U.S. Senate and an 18 year NRA endowment member, but wasn't even graded by this organization. (He has been given an A rating by Gun Owners of America.) Eric also is the only candidate fully opposed to abortion, but he hasn't received hardly any pro-life PAC endorsements, while Rob Portman has. This is despite the fact that Mr. Portman has many exceptions for when abortion is an acceptable practice.
- 4) The Ohio Christian Alliance and similar groups only list the Democratic and Republican candidates in their "Voters Guides" when many other party candidates are available and were more open about where they stand on the issues.
- 5) The national polling organizations only poll with the names of the Democrat and Republican candidates in most races and simply lump everyone else into the "other" category. This keeps anybody else from getting recognition as a viable candidate, which could quickly change the poll numbers.
- 6) The radio and TV broadcast media also have ignored for the most part all minor party and independent candidates, even when they begin to receive respectable polling numbers.
- 7) Many groups and clubs all over the country only allow the two major parties to address them or simply allow just incumbents to speak at their meetings. Since the incumbents are all Democrats and Republicans, of course only these two parties gain access.



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- 8) The two major parties have passed laws at the state level all over the nation to allow for early voting knowing full well that the minor parties must budget their advertising dollars in the last few weeks of a race after many voters have already cast their ballots. Many find out too late about their other choices and are disappointed in the candidates they chose to vote for.
- 9) At candidate nights and events incumbents and major party candidates routinely get more time to talk and preferential treatment in their speaking order. This occurs even when the group's rules state otherwise, but the moderators many times bend the rules at their "discretion".
- 10) Attacks on minor party candidates are usually subtle so as to draw negative attention to them without recognition by the major party candidates in their particular race. Techniques including bogus indictments, website attacks and email bombardment to overwhelm smaller campaigns are common.
- 11) At all speaking engagements the major party candidates only recognize their opponents from the opposite party, but never the other minor party candidates they are competing against.
- 12) Ballot access for minor parties and independent candidates is mostly more difficult with rules making it a very tough process to complete.
- 13) Minor party candidates that are noted are usually mentioned as long shots, quacks or on the fringe of American politics and values. This is generally untrue, but hard for these alternate candidates to defend themselves against with so little press available to them.
- 14) Voter guides and election coverage almost always shows the symbols of the Republican and Democratic parties in the elephant and donkey, but rarely ever shows the symbols of the minor party candidates.
- 15) State and federal campaign matching dollars are always directed to only the parties that make a good showing, which naturally are the Democrats and the Republicans who received the money in the first place.

The result of the systematic bias listed above is that many better candidates are unable to compete fairly and have a fair chance to win. "We will lose our nation due to the mediocre government we get from this two party system, even while true statesman are forced to campaign from the sidelines with great ideas and passion" says Mr. Deaton. It appears that until Americans wake up and start researching the political races themselves and find that many other qualified candidates are available, we will stay on this downward spiral. Please note that other U.S. Senate candidates including Eric Deaton have complied with Federal Election Commission and the U.S. Senate Ethics Panel guidelines as well as having been certified to the ballot by the Ohio Secretary of State, Jennifer Brunner.

The Deaton Liberty Team has directed all interested voters to visit the campaign website at <http://www.deatonforsenate.com/>, which boasts more information than any U.S. Senate Candidate's site in the nation.