

MIKE POMPEO | BIOGRAPHY

Mike attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating first in his class in 1986. Mike served as a cavalry officer in the U.S. Army, leading troops as they patrolled the Iron Curtain before the fall of the Berlin Wall. After leaving active duty, Mike earned a law degree from Harvard Law School and served as an editor of the Harvard Law Review.

After practicing law for three years, Mike came back to his mother's family roots in South Central Kansas and founded Thayer Aerospace along with three partners. In less than a decade, this aerospace manufacturing company grew to more than 400 Kansas employees. Following a decade as CEO of Thayer Aerospace, Mike sold his interest in that company and soon thereafter became President of Sentry International, an oilfield manufacturing, distribution and service company.

In Congress, Mike has focused on freeing private enterprise to succeed. He has launched a national effort called America Flies aimed squarely at promoting the aviation industry. Mike has also been at the center of the debates regarding American energy production, halting regulatory overreach, particularly with respect to production agriculture, and reducing the imposition of burdens on entrepreneurs and small business leaders.

Mike and his wife Susan have been active leaders in the community. They taught 5th grade Sunday school together at their church and are both involved in many activities in support of Susan's alma mater, Wichita State University. They have one son Nick, who is in college.

Mike Pompeo was elected to the 112th Congress on November 2, 2010—having neither run for nor held elected office before. Mike has a deep commitment to limited government, freedom, individual responsibility, and rewarding earned success. He serves on the Energy and Commerce committee, the oldest committee in the House, which has jurisdiction over nearly half of all legislative subjects, including federal law relating to health care, telecommunications, energy, manufacturing and trade.