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U.S. Senate Candidate’s “Ask Me Anything” Reddit Thread Goes Viral

Answering questions ranging from “What did you have for breakfast?” to “How can you overturn Citizens United?”, U.S. Senate Candidate Betsy Sweet takes her platform to a global audience

AUGUSTA, ME (January 2, 2020) – Maine U.S. Senate Candidate Betsy Sweet took to Reddit today to discuss her platform as the progressive challenger to controversial Republican Senator Susan Collins. Using Reddit’s popular “Ask Me Anything” (AMA) format, Sweet received dozens of questions from Mainers, voters across the country, and even an observer from Scotland. At the time of this writing, the [thread](#) has over 71,000 upvotes and reached the top of the Reddit Politics page. Reddit was visited over [1.2 billion](#) times in October 2019 and is one of the most-visited sites on the Internet.

Reddit users took the opportunity to ask Sweet questions regarding her legislative priorities, including Medicare for All, the Green New Deal, campaign finance and election reform, eliminating student loan debt, and common-sense gun laws, as well as her thoughts on the 2020 presidential election, her ideal Senate committee assignments, and even her breakfast.

“What did [ya] have for breakfast this morning?” one user inquired.

“Literally: Eggs, avocado and spinach. Figuratively: Billionaire tears,” Sweet responded.

Sweet’s Reddit AMA comes amid her campaign’s statewide “In Your Corner” town hall tour, in which she tours the state to discuss her platform and hear the concerns of Maine voters. According to the AMA, she has held over twenty town halls to date.

In her announcement [speech](#), Sweet argued that Maine voters are not seeing their demands met in Washington, pointing to Senator Collins’ perceived allegiance with President Trump and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell as a key reason why. Sweet has been endorsed by several national progressive organizations, including Justice Democrats, who helped elect U.S. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Democracy for America, Progressive Democrats of America, and Blue America.

A former director of the Maine Women’s Lobby and the Maine Commission for Women, as well as a small business owner, Sweet has spent her career advocating for people with disabilities, the elderly, women, children, and low-income individuals and families. She gained statewide prominence in 2018, when she ran in the Democratic primary for Governor. Sweet was the only



person to run as a clean elections candidate, and she helped write and pass the 1996 Maine Clean Election Act. Sweet was the first major candidate to [announce](#) her candidacy for U.S. Senate against Susan Collins on June 13, 2019.