



Potential Trump Challenger Explains Why He Thinks He'd Offer a Real 'Economic Conservative' Option in 2020

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During an interview on Fox News on Thursday night, potential presidential candidate Bill Weld explained why he believes he should be elected president and criticized President Donald Trump for some of his alleged actions during special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation.

Weld claimed that while he does not believe the president is guilty of obstruction, there were some concerning actions taken by Trump.

"I've said earlier publicly that demanding loyalty in a law enforcement context as opposed to the rule of law is perilous ground," said Weld. "I said by way of caution, perhaps even warning, to the president. These are dangerous waters I do think."

When asked why he should be elected president as opposed to Trump, he claimed he has been ranked fiscally conservative and that the current administration does not share the same traditional strategy:

"I do want to do the job, I consider myself an economic conservative, I actually cut spending in real terms when I was governor. I was ranked by The Wall Street Journal and Cato Institute the most fiscally conservative governor in the United States. I don't consider President Trump, with all respect, an economic conservative which is part of the Republican party that I grew up with."

Weld called out the recent budget, which he claimed would add even more to the national debt.

"I think the trillion dollar deficits in the most recent budget adds another \$7.9 trillion, we're now talking about trillions of dollars of accumulated deficit," said Weld.

The main issue Weld has with Trump's budget is that it would be leaving future generations with unmanageable debt:

"That raises a fairness issue to the young people, the millennials and Gen Xer's who are gonna have to pay that bill, I'm not gonna pay that bill. But for young people, it's going to be on their backs. I think it also hollows out the economy, how many households can afford not to make their checkbook balance at the end of the year."

Weld is the former governor of Massachusetts and the first Republican who has created an exploratory committee for a potential presidential run, a decision he claimed he would officially make in April. As IJR Red reported, however, he hasn't been gaining much traction among voters yet.