

OSTROM WORKSHOP TOCQUEVILLE LECTURE SERIES

Peter Wehner

Ethics and Public Policy Center

The State of American Politics 2020

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

12:15–2:00 • Ostrom Workshop, 513 N. Park Ave.

Lunch will be served. Limited Seating.

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In a fractious, polarized and politically angry time, when Red State and Blue State Americans are increasingly at each other's throats, Peter Wehner will discuss why embracing certain democratic virtues—foremost among them moderation, compromise and civility—is essential. He will also be speaking about how the case for hope requires us to embrace citizenship over cynicism.

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Mr. Wehner served in the Reagan and George H.W. Bush Administrations prior to becoming deputy director of speechwriting for President George W. Bush and in 2002, head of the Office of Strategic Initiatives, where he generated policy ideas, reached out to public intellectuals, published op-eds and essays, and provided counsel on a range of domestic and international issues.

Mr. Wehner's book [The Death of Politics: How to Heal Our Frayed Republic After Trump](#) (HarperCollins) was published in June 2019.

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