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Kobach’s religious and political development continued under the leadership of his mentor and close confidant, the Rev. Robert Sirico, who introduced him to the ideas of neotraditionalism and intellectual conservatism. This formative period was marked by a deepening commitment to conservative values and a career trajectory that would eventually lead Kobach to the highest echelons of power within the conservative movement.

In the early 1980s, Kobach became involved in the political realm, working as a campaign manager for a number of candidates in Kansas. His political acumen and conservative ethos caught the attention of political figures within the Republican Party. In 1986, he ran for the position of Kansas secretary of state, and although he lost the election, he established himself as a prominent figure within the conservative movement in the state.

Kobach’s career took a significant turn in 1992 when he was appointed by Kansas Governor Bill Graves as Kansas’s secretary of state. In this role, he was responsible for managing the state’s elections and overseeing the state’s voter registration system. Kobach’s tenure as secretary of state was marked by his efforts to strengthen voter ID laws and implement other measures to combat voter fraud. Under his leadership, Kansas became known for its strict voter ID requirements, which were later upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2016.

In 2001, Kobach was appointed to the position of director of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, where he focused on improving public health initiatives and reducing crime. His appointment was controversial, as some within the Republican Party viewed him as too moderate on social issues. Nevertheless, Kobach’s tenure in this position was marked by his dedication to public service and his commitment to conservative values.

In 2007, Kobach was appointed as the director of the Kansas Employment Office, a position that allowed him to further his conservative agenda by focusing on reducing welfare fraud and increasing job training programs. Under his leadership, the office saw significant improvements in reducing fraud and increasing employment rates.

In 2010, Kobach was appointed as the attorney general of Kansas, a position he held until 2018. As attorney general, Kobach made his mark by aggressively enforcing conservative policies and taking on issues such as abortion, immigration, and religious freedom. His term was marked by controversial legal battles and his success in securing conservative victories.

In 2015, Kobach ran for the U.S. Senate in Kansas, and although he lost the election to Democrat Jerry Moran, he garnered national attention for his conservative platform and his role in the movement to deport undocumented immigrants. His candidacy was notable for his focus on immigration issues and his willingness to take a hard line on illegal immigration.

In 2016, Kobach ran for the governor of Kansas, but he lost the election to Democrat Laura Kelly. However, his run for governor was notable for his focus on conservative policies and his bid to capture the heart of the Kansas electorate.

In 2017, Kobach announced his candidacy for the office of Kansas secretary of state, a position he had previously held. He won the primary election and went on to win the general election, securing his third term as secretary of state.

In 2018, Kobach ran for governor again, this time running on a campaign to limit judicial power, reduce taxes, and increase religious freedom. He lost the election to Democrat Laura Kelly, but his candidacy was notable for his focus on conservative policies and his bid to capture the heart of the Kansas electorate.

In 2020, Kobach announced his candidacy for the office of U.S. Senate, but he was unsuccessful in his bid to unseat incumbent Democrat Jerry Moran.

Kobach’s career has been marked by his commitment to conservative values, his focus on social issues, and his willingness to take on tough political battles. His political journey has been characterized by a commitment to conservative principles and a willingness to fight for what he believes in, even in the face of opposition. As an influential conservative figure, Kobach continues to be a voice for the right in Kansas and a respected name in the conservative movement.

**Summary**

- Kobach’s conservative values and political acumen have been on display throughout his career, from his early political campaigns in Kansas to his successful appointments as secretary of state and attorney general.
- His tenure as secretary of state in Kansas was marked by his efforts to strengthen voter ID laws and implement measures to combat voter fraud.
- As attorney general, Kobach focused on conservative policies and took on issues such as abortion, immigration, and religious freedom.
- His political campaigns have been characterized by a focus on conservative issues, including immigration, judicial power, and religious freedom.
- Kobach’s career has been marked by his commitment to conservative values and his willingness to fight for what he believes in, even in the face of opposition.