



2020 CANDIDATE SURVEY

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Q1. The K-12 Education budget is the state's largest by far, yet some people still believe that we are not spending enough. What would you do to help Idaho's K-12 students receive a stellar education?

Combine districts to reduce administration costs, review admin salaries and replace Common Core with better, more applicable standards.

Q2. Graduation rates at Idaho's four-year universities are stagnant while tuition continues to increase (with the exception of the one-year tuition freeze). What would you do to bring down the cost of higher education and help students graduate with less debt?

Get rid of the bloated salaries at these universities, cut garbage propaganda programs such as "If you are white, you are prejudice."

Q3. Idaho has both an income tax and a sales tax, while five of our six neighbors have only one or the other. Idaho also has high property taxes. What changes do you suggest, if any, to Idaho's state tax structure?

Property and income taxes are unconstitutional. Direct taxes on a citizen are not constitutional. Income tax needs to go. With property tax...we can start with ending yearly appraisals on homes and property. Once it is appraised it cannot be appraised again until it is sold.

Q4. The grocery sales tax has long been debated in Idaho. Should Idaho repeal the tax on groceries? If yes, when?

Yes, we can't seem to give relief anywhere....so something needs to happen.

Q5. Urban renewal districts receive all the increases in property tax revenue

within their borders, which forces other property owners to fund increased service requirements. Should Idaho end urban renewal? If not, should state lawmakers change urban renewal law?

Yes, it needs to end.

Q6. Healthcare is a significant expense in Idaho's state budget, rivaling education in total appropriations. How would you tackle ever-increasing state Medicaid costs? More broadly, what ideas do you propose to help make quality healthcare more affordable for all?

I am an advocate for getting rid of all socialized medicine. We can make healthcare more affordable by getting government out of the way...meaning regulation and interference with the free market.

Q7. Criminal justice reform has become a bipartisan issue in recent years. Should Idaho explore further reforms? If so, which reforms would you support?

Yes, getting rid of mandatory minimums needs to happen. We need to lessen the incarceration of non-violent offenders.

Q8. In 2020, Idaho saw some reduction in occupational licensing mandates. Should Idaho continue to identify and implement alternatives to licensure burdens? If yes, which licenses should be reviewed or repealed?

Yes, Idaho should continue to identify and implement alternatives. All licenses need to be repealed.

Q9. Federal dollars always come with strings, yet a significant portion of Idaho's annual state budget is funded with federal money. Should Idaho work to reduce its dependence on federal funding? If yes, how?

Yes, get rid of the excessive government agencies and programs.

Q10. Education choice allows parents and students to choose the education that best suits their needs. What policies would you support to strengthen education choice in Idaho?

Give a voucher to parents who do not want to use public education.

Q11. What is the proper role of state government?

To protect the individual rights of it's citizens....nothing more.