



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?

Throwing money at schools hasn't fixed the problem. Time to look at other options, for example; eliminate biased liberal agendas Common Core and such; a voucher system, private schools, home schooling, STEM academies, etc; tech-trade oriented curriculum; explore the direction private industry is moving, telecommuting & online sales vs brick and mortar.

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?

It seems many students attend college due to peer pressure to avoid the stigma of not attending college. There are students who do complete a 4 year course but don't gain employment in their field of study and may even take employment in fields that don't require a degree. Then there is the massive student debt that drags them down. That begs the question; is college a self serving industry for the sake of itself? Are salaries of the upper echelon an indicator? Are recruitment quantities more important than quality of education? Me thinks attending college has become a cultural question.

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 tax and Income tax are addressed by Karl Marx, Plank 1 & 2 respectively. Abolishing forced property taxes would be great, ditto income tax. Sales tax is a use tax and as such is a personal choice. Sales tax alone won't bear the cost of services

Idahoans expect. Sales tax coupled with a flat tax and reduction of government is the Constitutional choice

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

Eating food is necessity not choice. Make food non-taxable asap

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?

Best case scenario end urban renewal. Failing that, make the rules much more stringent.

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?

The only real solution is a return to private sector insurance and care facilities. Everything else is kicking the can down the road.

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

Justice reform? Do away with the legal system and return to a justice system. The punishment should match the crime, age, circumstances, etc.

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?

The cash cow, review them all. Licensing for Cosmetologists and manicurists, seriously?

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 it should for Federal mandated programs. With the realization that the fed has shortchanged Idaho as regards equality among states; demand the Fed cede federal lands to Idaho. Not gonna happen. Lacking that, implore the Fed allow Idaho to manage federal lands within the state. Has Idaho ever made a complete inventory of potential revenues that can be generated from resources on a highest and best use basis from the federal lands and what portion would be due therewith to Idaho? If not,

do so and demand payment in full.

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?

Implement a voucher system to include private schools, home schools, private STEM academies, private tech-trade-occupation oriented schools and private colleges

Q11. What is the proper role of state government?

To establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity. Or more simply put; protect the citizen in the enjoyment of life, liberty, and property