



# **2022 IDGOP Convention Platform Committee Report**

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## Platform 2022-02

### Title: ARTICLE XIV. American Family Sec. 3 Right to Life

Sponsor: Scott Herndon from Bonner County

Proposal Text:

~~A. We affirm that abortion is murder from the moment of fertilization. All children should be protected regardless of the circumstances of conception, including persons conceived in rape and incest. The federal judiciary has played the tyrant in dozens of Supreme Court pro-abortion opinions since Roe v. Wade, and Idaho has the sovereign authority to defy the federal judiciary and to criminalize all murders by abortion within the state's jurisdiction.~~

A. We affirm that abortion is murder from the moment of fertilization. All children should be protected regardless of the circumstances of conception, including persons conceived in rape and incest. The federal judiciary played the tyrant in dozens of Supreme Court pro-abortion opinions since Roe v. Wade up to the Dobbs decision, and Idaho has the sovereign authority to defy the federal judiciary should they once again propose the fiction that abortion is a federal constitutional right. We support the criminalization of all murders by abortion within the state's jurisdiction. We also support strengthening the Idaho Constitution's declaration of the right to life for preborn children.

C. We reaffirm our support for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, and for the rights of the unborn child. We oppose abortion based on sex selection, convenience, or as a method of birth control.

D. We oppose partial birth abortion and we support legislation to abolish this practice.

E. We oppose all abortion.

F. We oppose the expenditure of any Idaho taxpayer funds by any unit of government, including federal, state, county, and municipal government, to any provider of abortion and strongly support legislation to enact the same.

G. We strongly encourage adoption as an alternative to abortion and support legislation that expands opportunities and provides assistance to the adoptive process.

# Platform 2022-03

## Title: Article XIII - Health and Welfare

Sponsor: Scott Herndon from Bonner County

Proposal Text:

The Idaho Republican Party recognizes the need for effective and accessible health care for all individuals. Regulations that forbid Idahoans from buying insurance across state lines should be eliminated.

### Sec. 1 Private Enterprise Health Care Delivery System

We support a private enterprise health care delivery system that provides cost-effective, quality health care with minimal government regulation.

### Sec. 2 Patient Protection and Affordable Healthcare Act

~~A. Conscience Clause- All persons and legal entities have the right of conscience and should be protected under Idaho law if they conscientiously object to participate in practices that conflict with their moral or religious beliefs. This includes, but is not limited to, abortion, the prescription for and dispensing of drugs with abortifacient potential, vaccination, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, eugenic screenings, euthanasia, assisted suicide, harmful futile procedures, and the withdrawal of nutrition and hydration.~~

BA. We oppose socialized medicine and government mandated health insurance.

CB. We support the repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Healthcare Act in its entirety.

~~D. We believe the primary responsibility for the health and welfare of our citizens resides with the individual and their families.~~

~~E. We support freedom of choice and personal responsibility in all medical decisions, including providers and treatments. Medicine should have a “level playing field” for all treatment and branches of medicine.~~

~~F. We support as supreme the authority of parents in all medical decisions for their children, including providers and treatments.~~

### Sec.3 General Principles for Health Care

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E. All persons receiving healthcare should have legal capacity to give informed consent and should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, overreaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion.

### Sec. 34 Health Savings Accounts and Insurance

A. We believe that individual responsibility for health care should be encouraged through medical savings accounts and other viable free market alternatives.

B. We support the rights of individuals to select their health care and insurance provider.

C. We believe health and welfare programs should be administered with a minimum of bureaucracy and the goal of helping all recipients return to a self-sustaining and productive life.

### Sec. 45 Child Support

We support enforcement of child support laws to assure the restoration of parental responsibility and the enhancement of financial security for children.

# Platform 2022-08

## Title: Party Affiliation

Sponsor: Cheri Durst from Ada County

Proposal Text:

**Article II. Citizens Involvement in Government** revised as follows:

Sec. 3: We believe Primary elections in the Idaho Republican Party should be open to all people who have ~~registered~~ affiliated as Republicans at least one year prior to the primary election and who support a vast majority of the Idaho Republican Platform. To allow those who have no loyalty or allegiance to the Idaho Republican Party or its platform and Resolutions to select our candidates is simply not proper.

# Platform 2022-09

## Title: Education

Sponsor: Branden Durst from Ada County

Proposal Text:

**Article III. EDUCATION** revised as follows:

Sec. 3: We believe in improving the quality of education for every child by maximizing parental choice. This will be accomplished through money following students to their parent's school of choice. We support all educational environments desired by parents including expanded support for public charter schools, public virtual charter schools, homeschools, schooling at home, microschools, learning pods, co-ops, school choice 5 programs private and parochial schools, and accountable public school systems.

Sec. 4: We believe all ~~public school~~ students are entitled to our support, and to fair and equitable funding and therefore strongly support the adoption of a change to Idaho's public school funding formula that includes school choice through an education savings account and more evenly distributes state funds while holding our rural schools harmless. Nothing in this section compels a family to receive in any way government support.

Sec. 45: We support efforts to improve our public school system, including introducing market forces to our school system and providing our public school system and its leaders with ample discretion in hiring decisions and how to best spend the funds provided to it by taxpayers to meet local needs. We also recognize that more government spending does not necessarily generate improved schools.

Sec. 56: We strongly support professional technical and continuing education programs that provide career readiness and college preparation.

Sec. 67: We recognize the importance of Idaho's higher education system in continuing the education of our citizens. The education and research that occurs at our institutions of higher learning contributes substantially to a vigorous economy, heightened competition and a vibrant participatory government.

Sec. 8: We are strongly opposed to any social justice indoctrination that may occur at any level of Idaho's education system and support policy and financial measures to prohibit universities,

colleges or public schools from incorporating social justice indoctrination theories (i.e. critical race theory, transformative social emotional learning, diversity, equity and inclusion, replacement theory, queer theory, etc.) into their policies, curriculum and/or course materials.

Sec. 79: We are proud of our many dedicated, professional teachers and educators who have committed their lives to educating Idaho's children. We value the contribution our teachers make to our society. We support the efforts to reward great teachers for their hard work. We support incentives for teachers, so that our best educators are willing to remain in the classroom and work with our children. We believe that teachers should be treated like professionals and compensated at a level commensurate with their abilities and in a manner that rewards quality instruction, not time in the profession or amount of education.

Sec. 810: We believe that in order for public education to be successful, schools and families should work together with mutual respect and cooperation. ~~We call for responsible management, focused goals and direction, and increased accountability from our public school system.~~ We believe parental rights are paramount and that parents have the God given right to direct their child's education. This includes the right to decide what their children are learning, the right to inspect any educational materials used in the education of their child. The right to determine their child's health, safety, and medical treatment including masks and vaccinations, and the right to visit their child's classroom with limited restrictions. These rights should be enumerated in Idaho Code.

Sec. 911: We recognize the increasing role of technology in society. We encourage policymakers and educators to be leaders in promoting such new opportunities, while ensuring data privacy for students and parents.

Sec. 12: We believe in accountability for those who are making decisions about the public education and higher education system in Idaho and therefore support the direct election of the members of the Idaho State Board of Education on a regional basis thereby providing each o



# Platform 2022-10

## Title: Redistricting

Sponsor: Branden Durst from Ada County

Proposal Text:

**Article I. RESPONSIBILITY IN GOVERNMENT** revised as follows:

### Sec. 5. State Legislature

F. We support amending the Idaho Constitution, Article III, § 2 (~~or Section 2~~) as follows: Strike paragraph (2) and amend as follows:

Whenever there is reason to reapportion the legislature or to provide for new congressional district boundaries in the state, or both, because of a new federal census or because of a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, a commission for reapportionment shall be formed on order of the secretary of state. The commission shall be composed of six members to be appointed as follows:

- a. The leaders of the two largest political parties of each house of the legislature shall each designate one member;
- b. The state chairmen of the two largest political parties, determined by the vote cast for governor in the last gubernatorial election, shall each designate one member;
- c. However, for a political party to be eligible to appoint members to the commission as provided in subparagraphs (a) and (b) the political party must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:
  - i. Average of at least twenty two percent of all the ballots cast in four of the previous primary elections
  - ii. Elected at least two constitutional officers in the preceding ten years
- d. In the event only one political party satisfies a requirement to be eligible to appoint members to the commission the remaining three members shall be appointed by the eligible political party's state central committee;
- e. In the event any appointing authority does not select the members within fifteen calendar days following the secretary of state's order to form the commission, such members shall be appointed by the Supreme Court. No member of the commission may be an elected or appointed official in the state of Idaho at the time of designation or selection;

~~, (3), (4), (5), and (6). These paragraphs refer to reapportionment of the State Legislature by an appointed commission~~

# **Platform 2022-12**

## **Title: Taxes**

Sponsor: Nina Beesley from Legislative District 3

Proposal Text:

It is proposed to add the following section in Article 1, Section 2. Taxation:

- I. We support the repeal of the 16th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America.

# Platform 2022-13

## **Title: A section on judicial interpretation**

Sponsor: Jedediah Russell from Bingham County

Proposal Text:

Article XVIII, Section 2:

We oppose any interpretation of the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Idaho that is not rooted in principles of textualism and originalism. We emphatically affirm that judges have a “duty to interpret statutory terms to ‘mean what they conveyed to reasonable people at the time they were written.’” (Bostock v. Clayton County, 590 U.S. \_\_\_\_ (2020) (Alito, J., dissenting))

# **Platform 2022-15**

## **Title: A section on Religious Liberty**

Sponsor: Jedediah Russell from Bingham County

Proposal Text:

The Idaho Republican Party believes religious freedom is a fundamental human right and essential for any society or community to flourish, we oppose any efforts, state or federal, legislative, executive, or judicial, to limit the “free exercise of religion” by its citizens at home, their place of employment, or venues otherwise publicly available.

We oppose any efforts by the Congress of the United States to limit the scope or applicability of the bipartisan Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993.

# **Platform 2022-16**

## **Title: Children**

Sponsor: Nina Beesley from Legislative District 3

Proposal Text:

It is proposed to add the following section to Article XIV. American Family

Sec. 4 Children

The Idaho Republican Party recognizes that children are a heritage of the Lord.

We believe parents, not the state, have a sacred duty and a legal right to rear their children in love and righteousness, to provide for their temporal and spiritual needs, and to teach them to be law-abiding citizens.

We believe biological gender to be an essential characteristic of a child's identity and purpose. We call upon parents, responsible citizens, and officers of government to promote measures that respect and protect the biological gender of children. We strongly oppose any person, entity, or policy that attempts to confuse minors regarding their biological gender.