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Abortion

1. When does life begin?

At the moment of conception. Science is catching up with the Holy Bible which says the Lord “knew you from the womb.” Now science has proven that at the moment of conception a child has unique DNA and is a genetically separate human being in development.

2. Do you believe that Roe v. Wade is settled law?

There is no such thing as “settled law” except for the Natural Law. If we treated the SCOTUS rulings as “settled law”, slavery would still be legal in these United States.

3. Do you believe a woman has the right to choose to terminate her pregnancy?

No. No one has the right to murder an innocent person.

4. Do you believe that our state should ban abortions?

Yes. The state should ban murder.

5. Do you believe that if our state should ban abortions, there should be exceptions for rape and incest?

No. However please note: For too long Republicans and conservatives have taught that abortion is ok in case of rape and incest. We must carefully and respectfully share our knowledge to our fellow Americans and Idahoans. We must speak with humility and care for women, and their loved ones who find themselves in horrid situations. In other words we have a lot of work to explain to conservatives why our approach appears to be changing. I also believe that a change should be implemented increasing the punishment for rape and incest. Also I am highly supportive of expanding Baby Moses laws.

Criminal Justice

1. Are you in favor of decriminalizing drug use?

No. Some **manmade** substances are simply too dangerous to allow for legal distribution and sale for human consumption.

2. Do you support the legalization of Marijuana?

Not at this time in Idaho. At this time I will advocate for the legalization of hemp, and CBD oil. I am willing to talk to the voters in Kootenai County as to why I believe the decriminalization of cannabis has its benefits, although adding another “semi-legal” intoxicant to our community has its own challenges. From meeting a lot of voters in my district, there does not seem to be the appetite to fully legalize cannabis at this time.

3. Do you support mandatory minimum prison sentences for people charged with drug possession?

No. I actually believe in many cases drug addiction should be addressed as a health issue.

4. Do you support the Patriot Act?

This is a federal issues and beyond the scope of an Idaho State Senator. I do not support the current Patriot Act. If the Patriot Act is to continue, I believe the Patriot Act must be massively reformed.

5. Should it be illegal to burn the American flag?

No – although I hate it. Freedom of Speech means defending speech you personally find offensive.

6. Are you in favor of a National Identification card system?

We already have a National Identification Card System called the Social Security Number (SSN), SSN cards and passports and passport cards. I support protecting our existing SSN cards and numbers better to fight the illegal immigration which often includes identify theft. I also support using passports or passport cards to fight the hiring of illegal immigrants.

7. Should producers be required to label genetically engineered foods (GMOs)?

Yes! How can we make rational decisions if producers are not required to provide information about their products?

Economic Issues:

1. Should the current estate tax rate be decreased?

This is a federal issues and beyond the scope of an Idaho State Senator. Yes. It should be eliminated. I do not support the Death Tax.

2. Should the government use economic stimulus to aid the country during times of recession?

Not in normal times of recession, but in something catastrophic like the Wuhan coronavirus pandemic there may be room to bridge our economy through government mandated disruptions.

3. Should the government break up Amazon, Facebook and Google?

No. The government should remove artificial support and laws protecting these anti-constitutional monopolies. They should also ensure these monopolies are not using their monopoly status to stifle competition.

4. Should the government subsidize farmers?

No. Although it is fair for the government to protect farmers from unfair international trade practices from other nations. I believe in fair trade.

5. Would you favor an increased sales tax in order to reduce property taxes?

I would consider it. But I would want to understand a lot more about specifics before endorsing one course of action over the other. My objective is the lowering of the net amount of taxes paid by Idahoans.

6. Should the Federal Reserve Bank be audited by Congress?

Yes. This is a federal issues and beyond the scope of an Idaho State Senator

7. Should the government raise the retirement age for Social Security?

This is a federal issues and beyond the scope of an Idaho State Senator. The federal government should do what it can to make programs where people have paid into them fiscally stable for the future.

8. Should Social Security be phased out over time?

This is a federal issues and beyond the scope of an Idaho State Senator. It's up to the American people.

9. Should the State of Idaho get out of the sales of liquor business?

It's up to the people of Idaho. I am neutral on the current system now that it exists and has existed for some time.

10. Do you believe it is in the public's interest to repeal the grocery tax?

Yes. I generally support reducing taxes and the size of government in any opportunity I get.

11. Should cities be allowed to offer private companies economic incentives to relocate?

It's up to the local Idaho community.

12. Should Idaho have legalized gambling? If so, should it be limited in scope, such as sports betting, horse racing, online casino, lottery only, etc.?

Yes. Sports betting is already federally legal, lottery is legal both federally and at the State level. I do not have a problem legalizing horse racing. I do not understand why vices like gambling is restricted by "race, creed or color." If some Americans are allowed to participate in it, then all should.

Education

1. Do you support charter schools?

Yes.

2. Do you support Home schooling?

Yes.

3. Do you believe that public schools are underfunded?

No.

4. Should the Supplemental Levy/Plant Facilities Levy process be eliminated?

It should be drastically reduced in its use.

Electoral Issues:

1. Should the minimum voting age be lowered? If so, to what age?

No. The age of voting should be the age of adulthood. I do not agree with the "semi-adult" status of 18 year olds; some adult privileges and responsibilities at 18, and other things at 21. We as a state should agree on an age when a person becomes an adult, and that is the age they should be allowed to vote.

2. Should a photo ID be required to vote?

Yes. But more, an Idaho government issued photo ID. And there should be no same-day registration to vote, and limitations on party switching in primaries. We should secure the vote.

3. Do you support a Constitutional Convention?

I have looked at the issue and I am torn. I will withhold judgement on this.

4. Should convicted criminals have the right to vote?

If they have completed their sentences. Once a person has "paid his debt" to society, he should be able to fully integrate back into society.

5. Should all elections in Idaho be on the same date as the Primary/General elections only?

I do not see why not.

6. Would you be in favor of each County in Idaho having a State Senator (44) as opposed to each legislative district (35)?

Yes. However the SCOTUS has made a ruling that limits our ability to make this happen.

7. Would you be in favor of a State Constitutional Amendment authorizing an Electoral College system in Idaho?

Yes, if Idahoans were in support.

8. Would you be in favor of term limits for Idaho elected officials?

No. California has term limits. It is one of the most broken and corrupt systems in the US. Term limits are not an automatic solution and raise many other problems.

9. Do you believe the country/state should move to a mail-in ballot system, or a computer voting system?

No. Absolutely not. I have worked in IT for nearly 30 years. My degree is from a top 10 information science engineering school. I can share with my fellow Idahoans that computer based voting is not secure. It can't be. Effectively any computer based terminal is unsecure by nature. Voting should be done in a manual process with physical manual auditability.

10. Should the primary election be changed to a later date?

I don't see why.

11. Should elections be changed to an all-mail-in ballot system?

Absolutely not. I support more in-person voting. I am suspicious of mail-in balloting as other states like California have proven how easy it is to corrupt that process.

Environmental Issues:

1. Should the government increase environmental regulations to prevent climate change?

No.

2. Do you support the use of hydraulic fracking to extract oil and natural gas resources?

Yes. And we should have the ability to do more of this on lands in Idaho.

3. Should the government give tax credits and subsidies to the wind power industry?

No.

4. Should researchers be allowed to use animals in testing the safety of drugs, vaccines, medical devices, and cosmetics?

Yes. Without it, so many lifesaving drugs would be unavailable to humans.

Firearms

1. What kinds of firearms should be registered?

None. Firearms that are legal to own should not require registration.

2. Should teachers be allowed to carry guns at school?

Yes. Teachers with the appropriate training (e.g. enhanced Concealed Carry) and screening should be able to protect our children in case of emergency.

3. Should the Sheriff be authorized to remove firearms from people suspected of having mental health issues?

No. This is anti-constitutional and easily abused by the State. The key phrase is "suspected." This is pre-crime, or where the state has the right to remove your rights or property because you might commit a crime in the future.

4. Who should not be allowed to carry firearms?

People who have had their rights removed by a jury of their peers.

5. Should the federal government institute a mandatory buyback of assault weapons?

Of course not. Buyback programs do not work. And “mandatory buybacks” are just a euphemism for confiscation. There is no such thing as an “assault” weapon. A brick can be used to assault someone, and the first murder was by a man with a rock.

Foreign Policy:

1. Should every 18 year old citizen be required to provide at least one year of military service?

No. The modern military does not work well if it is not an all-volunteer force.

2. Should the U.S. remain in the United Nations?

Most likely not, but that is another federal question that is up to the people of the US.

Health Care

1. What would you do to lower health care costs?

There are many ideas. Cross state-line competition. Medical cost sharing programs for different groups. Allowing us to reimport our own pharmaceuticals from nations like Canada.

2. Should there be a plan in place before attempting to repeal Obamacare?

Most likely. The American people seem to want one.

3. What role should government play in advancing science-based medicine?

It already has a string of public universities. It has massive expenditures into things like the CDC and other research facilities.

4. Should people be required to work in order to receive Medicaid?

Everyone who can work, should work at something. We should do whatever we can to reduce dependency on the government. As a matter of public policy we should help citizens who need assistance in becoming self-sufficient and productive members of society.

5. Should the government regulate the prices of life-saving drugs?

In this nation we have authorized medical service for those who cannot pay with the 911 / emergency system. In this nation if someone calls 911, it is the law that the local

medical system do what it can to save their life, even if they cannot pay. If the current 911 / emergency system remains in place, then the government has a legitimate reason to care about the price of medicine used to save people's lives.

6. Should health insurers be allowed to deny coverage to individuals who have a pre-existing condition?

No.

7. Should the government require children and/or adults to be vaccinated for preventable diseases?

No. No free people can exist if their government can force them to take medicine. I strongly believe in health freedom.

8. Should terminally ill patients be allowed to end their lives via assisted suicide?

Not with taxpayer supported aide.

Immigration

1. What steps would you take in our state to handle the immigration issues?

Information from the Idaho Department of Refugees should be made public. Refugee resettlement agencies should be liable for the damage caused for any refugee that has resettled. Any company doing business with the State of Idaho (government contract) should be required to use the REAL-ID or passports for each and every worker they employ. The American economy should be primarily for American citizens and those who reside here legally.

2. Should local law enforcement be allowed to detain illegal immigrants for minor crimes and transfer them to federal immigration authorities?

Yes.

3. Should children of illegal immigrants be granted legal citizenship?

No.

4. Should immigrants to the United States be allowed to hold dual citizenship status?

No.

Lands

1. Do you believe the Federal Government is managing the public lands well?

No.

2. Do you believe it is the right of the individual states to control and manage public lands?

It is not a "right" but it is something that we can and should do.

Social Issues

1. Do you support the legalization of same sex marriage?

No.

2. Should homosexual couples have the same adoption rights as straight couples?

No.

3. Should transgender athletes be allowed to compete in athletic events for other than their biological sex?

No.

4. Do you support the death penalty?

Not for most crimes and most situations. We have proven that numerous innocent men have ended up on death row. This means the system is not accurate enough to exist in its current form.

5. Should welfare recipients be tested for drugs?

Yes.

6. Should the government raise the federal minimum wage?

No.

7. Should there be fewer or more restrictions on current welfare benefits?

More restrictions on current welfare benefits. It is immoral for the State to do for a person what they can do for themselves. And it is highly destructive to communities and individuals. As a matter of public policy we should help citizens who need assistance in becoming self-sufficient and productive members of society. That is a win-win outcome we should strive to achieve, not creating a class of people dependent on the state.

8. Do you think our state should discontinue licensing marriage?

Marriage is part of Natural Law and predates our Constitution and government. The question is whether the state even has the authority to license marriage. I will remain neutral on this question until I see specific recommendations.