

Election 2020: Candidate Questionnaire by Redoubt News

Please tell us your name and seat for which you are running.

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Abortion:

- 1) When does life begin? **Conception**
- 2) Do you believe that Roe v. Wade is settled law? **Opinion**
- 3) Do you believe a woman has the right to choose to terminate her pregnancy?
- 4) Do you believe that our state should ban abortions?
- 5) Do you believe that if our state should ban abortions, there should be exceptions for rape and incest?

**I believe in the US constitution "One Nation under God" and the separation of church and state. I have a difficult time when it comes to legislating morality. I personally do not believe in abortion and don't believe that the State or Federal Government should fund abortions. I believe God has a plan for everything that happens.**

Criminal Justice

- 1) Are you in favor of decriminalizing drug use? **Which drugs? Prescriptions are drugs and they have created such a problem for our society.**
- 2) Do you support the legalization of Marijuana? **Mixed feelings, We would need to do a better job than what other States have done to date.**
- 3) Do you support mandatory minimum prison sentences for people charged with drug possession? **Which drugs?**
- 4) Do you support the Patriot Act? **Some of it.**
- 5) Should it be illegal to burn the American flag? **Absolutely YES**
- 6) Are you in favor of a National Identification card system? **NO**
- 7) Should producers be required to label genetically engineered foods (GMOs)? **YES**

Economic Issues:

- 1) Should the current estate tax rate be decreased? Which tax? **No more taxes**
- 2) Should the government use economic stimulus to aid the country during times of recession? **Only if there are no other legislative actions attached and doesn't create wasteful oversight committees.**
- 3) Should the government break up Amazon, Facebook and Google? **No**
- 4) Should the government subsidize farmers? **Farmers should be rewarded for producing cleaner, non-GMO products that have value added applications.**
- 5) Would you favor an increased sales tax in order to reduce property taxes? **Would have to see the actual numbers and what the increased tax would supplement**
- 6) Should the Federal Reserve Bank be audited by Congress? **Yes (not our current Congress)**
- 7) Should the government raise the retirement age for Social Security? **NO**
- 8) Should Social Security be phased out over time? **YES**
- 9) Should the State of Idaho get out of the sales of liquor business? **Need to see the numbers and how we would replace that income.**
- 10) Do you believe it is in the public's interest to repeal the grocery tax? **NO**
- 11) Should cities be allowed to offer private companies economic incentives to relocate? **If They want to**
- 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.? **Lottery only...**

#### Education

- 1) Do you support charter schools? **YES**
- 2) Do you support Home schooling? **YES**
- 3) Do you believe that public schools are underfunded? **Funding goes to some things I do not agree with**
- 4) Should the Supplemental Levy/Plant Facilities Levy process be eliminated? **If we could get more FED money to restore the PILT Money**

#### Electoral Issues:

- 1) Should the minimum voting age be lowered? If so, to what age? **18**
- 2) Should a photo ID be required to vote? **YES**
- 3) Do you support a Constitutional Convention? **Depends on topics. It could be a bad thing. You have to be careful that you don't open the door for changes you might not want.**
- 4) Should convicted criminals have the right to vote? **No**

- 5) Should all elections in Idaho be on the same date as the Primary/General elections only?  
**yes**
- 6) Would you be in favor of each County in Idaho having a State Senator (44) as opposed to each legislative district (35)? **YES**
- 7) Would you be in favor of a State Constitutional Amendment authorizing an Electoral College system in Idaho? **I like the idea**
- 8) Would you be in favor of term limits for Idaho elected officials? **YES**
- 9) Do you believe the country/state should move to a mail-in ballot system, or a computer voting system? **I believe we should have to show valid ID to vote.**
- 10) Should the primary election be changed to a later date? **WHY?**
- 11) Should the election be changed to an all-mail-in ballot system? **No**

#### Environmental Issues:

- 1) Should the government increase environmental regulations to prevent climate change? **We cannot stop climate change. We need a clean environment using common sense**
- 2) Do you support the use of hydraulic fracking to extract oil and natural gas resources? **Not totally decided**
- 3) Should the government give tax credits and subsidies to the wind power industry? **NO. need a logical long term energy plan**
- 4) Should researchers be allowed to use animals in testing the safety of drugs, vaccines, medical devices, and cosmetics? **In some cases**

#### Firearms

- 1) What kinds of firearms should be registered? **Rocket launchers**
- 2) Should teachers be allowed to carry guns at school? **YES**
- 3) Should the Sheriff be authorized to remove firearms from people suspected of having mental health issues? **If Have mental issues properly diagnosed/documentated**
- 4) Who should not be allowed to carry firearms? **Felons and insane people or idiots**
- 5) Should the federal government institute a mandatory buyback of assault weapons? **I don't think that it has any rights in dictating our right to bear Arms.**

#### Foreign Policy:

- 1) Should every 18-year-old citizen be required to provide at least one year of military service? **Required, no but it would be beneficial to them and we could offer incentives.**

2) Should the U.S. remain in the United Nations? **No**

Health Care:

- 1) What would you do to lower health care costs? **Make the system health care/ prevention and alternative care models not the "Traditional Medical Model of symptom treatment"**
- 2) Should there be a plan in place before attempting to repeal Obamacare? **Do not like any of the insurance models.**
- 3) What role should government play in advancing science-based medicine? **Poor question. Do you know what science-based medicine really means?**
- 4) Should people be required to work in order to receive Medicaid? **They should be required to contribute hours to some type of productive labor that is commiserate with the benefits they receive.**
- 5) Should the government regulate the prices of life-saving drugs? **should control that. Well I'm not sure about the Government, but someone besides the Pharmaceutical companies should!**
- 6) Should health insurers be allowed to deny coverage to individuals who have a preexisting condition? **No. I do believe people need to take some responsibility for their own health. Perhaps lower premiums for people making healthy choices.**
- 7) Should the government require children and/or adults to be vaccinated for preventable diseases? **No, the Government should have no right to dictate or infringe on personal freedoms**
- 8) Should terminally ill patients be allowed to end their lives via assisted suicide? **That is a personal choice between them and God.**

Immigration:

- 1) What steps would you take in our state to handle the immigration issues? **What are the immigration issues in Idaho? Undocumented workers should not be allowed.**
- 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? **Not unless they go through the correct process. If the parents are not Here legally then the children should not automatically be granted citizenship by virtue of birth**
- 4) Should immigrants to the United States be allowed to hold dual citizenship status? **If they have followed the rules. My dad was born in Canada and the family moved to the United States when he was young. He went through the process to become a citizen. And had a dual citizenship.**

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? **States should have more say in land use issues.**

Social Issues:

- 1) Do you support the legalization of same sex marriage? **Again, you are trying to Legislate Morality**
- 2) Should homosexual couples have the same adoption rights as straight couples? **I believe each adoptive couple should undergo rigorous mental, emotional, financial, and medical scrutiny to determine their fitness to become parents.**
- 3) Should transgender athletes be allowed to compete in athletic events for other than their biological sex? **NO**
- 8) Do you think our state should discontinue licensing marriage? **I think churches need to regulate weddings**

**I do not believe the government should dictate ethics. I believe in separation of church and state, God says "Judge not lest you be judged." God will ultimately decide.**