

Justice Reform

Law and order is an issue that everyone can get behind. But real justice is not the same thing.

There are many laws on the books that had unintentional consequences. The worst example are the drug laws and the minimum sentencing requirements for drug offenses. Why change these? Incarceration is expensive. In fact, you could send a convicted felon to some colleges for less, with probably a better outcome.

More importantly, though, we are sending minorities and the poor much more frequently to jail than the rich or Caucasian, even though they do the same crime and have the same criminal history (or lack thereof). This isn't right. Plus, once you are convicted of a felony (like being caught with one joint before it was legalized here in Colorado) you can't vote and are going to have a really difficult time getting a job, or even renting an apartment.

Race and income shouldn't define our judicial system. I will change the laws so that incarceration and punishment are dealt with fairly and equally.