

P43 Liberty Candidate Survey

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Party affiliation and for how long?

Republican. Switched in 2016, but officially in 2020.

How long have you lived in Idaho?

Born and raised. Spent a short time out of state, but mostly in Idaho.

The position you are running for?

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

What is your reason for running for office?

It's time we put parents in the driver's seat of their children's education.

What experience do you have that would help you in office?

Former state representative and senator.

Who do you most similarly pattern your policies after and why?

I don't really pattern myself after anyone because I like to do things my own way. If forced to pick, I'd say Gov. DeSantis.

What is the greatest issue Idaho faces today?

The lack of parental rights and involvement in our education system.

Who did you vote for for president in the last three elections? (Optional)

Truth be told I typically skip the presidential race because of the electoral college. That said, in 2020 I voted for the Republican ticket. In 2016 I wrote in John Kasich (before he revealed his liberal ideology) and in 2012 I left it blank, I think. If I lived in a state that was in play, I'd probably do things differently.

What is the proper role of the Federal Government?

The powers of the federal government are specifically enumerated in the US Constitution. If it's not in the US Constitution, it's not a federal power.

If you could change one thing the current Idaho State administration has done this past year and a half, what would it be?

End mask mandates for schools.

What is your stance on law enforcement?

I support our law enforcement members. That isn't to say that there are some who make supporting them difficult.

How would you reduce taxes in Idaho? or From your elected office?

I'd use part of the surplus and remove the tax on food. I'd also use part of the surplus to pay off school levies in exchange for not permitting new levies for five years. That would instantly reduce property taxes.

Idaho is a Right to Work State, do you support Right to Work?

Yes

No

How would you help Idaho grow it's economy and exports?

A better educated workforce. To do that, I'd support real school choice where money follows students to their parent's school of choice.

What is your stance on 2A, Assault Rifles, Constitutional Carry?

Fully support. I am also adamantly opposed to red flag laws.

How would you best describe your stance on personal liberties such as: masks, vaccine mandates, freedom of speech, 2A etc...

Those are individual decisions. Government should get out of the way.

What is your take on the current state of education in the state of Idaho?

It needs a complete overhaul. As I stated earlier, I believe we need to implement an expansive school choice program.

What do you know about campaigning in Idaho? Are you prepared to work to be elected?

I know a lot. I have worked on staff for a successful statewide campaign. I have ran and won my own taxes. I am already working very hard.

Additional information you wish voters to know.

I am the conservative candidate for State Superintendent. I will work to end common core, stop CRT and have money follow students.

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