

## P43 Liberty Candidate Survey

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Party affiliation and for how long?

Republican, lifelong

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How long have you lived in Idaho?

17 years

The position you are running for?

State Representative, District 21A

What is your reason for running for office?

I have grown up right here in Meridian and deeply care about what makes Meridian so special: the conservative Idaho values that attract individuals here every day. After redistricting, I began looking for conservative candidates lined up to run for the seat. When I did not find any candidates who I believed supported Idaho values, I decided to run for the seat to make sure Meridian sends a strong conservative voice to the Legislature. Each generation must stand up for freedom, so I am excited to utilize my experience in business, politics, and the law to carry on the message of liberty to the next generation right here in Idaho. My campaign platform can be summed up very simply: Strong Families, Safe Communities, and a Successful Economy. We need to ensure that traditional values of marriage are protected, that life is protected from conception to natural death, and that parents are in control of their child's education. We need to support our law enforcement, fight to end human trafficking, and stop dangerous drugs flooding our communities. And we need to remove the threats to business that threaten our economy by cutting taxes, cutting regulations, and making smart investments in our transportation systems to facilitate growth and keep our economy moving.

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

As a small business owner who built a small agricultural business right here in Meridian, I know what it takes to get government out of the way of small businesses so they can truly thrive. I also had the opportunity to serve as a page in high school for the House of Representatives, as an intern after high school in the House of Representatives, as an intern for U.S. Congressman Russ Fulcher, and as an advocate for farm families and Idaho values at the state and national levels of government. These experiences have allowed me to see the legislative process in depth and to be prepared to make a difference for conservative principles on day one. Also, I am working on completing my legal education through one of the top conservative law schools in the country, learning how to analyze laws to make sure they align with Constitutional principles and stay within the bounds of the Constitution, and gaining valuable insight into the legal system and how to utilize it to protect liberty right here in Idaho. These opportunities have uniquely prepared me to be an effective legislator championing and defending our inalienable rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

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

U.S. Congressman Russ Fulcher stands out as a strong example of someone whom I deeply respect and who stands for conservative policies right here in Idaho. I believe that a legislator should be willing to take a stand on their principles, no matter the political consequences. They should also be willing to work with others with whom they disagree when possible to advance conservative principles. I have watched Congressman Fulcher take these stands many times and appreciate the policy positions that he takes.

What is the greatest issue Idaho faces today?

While Idaho faces many issues, the most basic threat Idaho faces is an ideological one. As Marxism infiltrates our culture through Critical Race Theory, woke cancel culture, and the socialist movement, the idea of liberty is rapidly being abandoned in exchange for an idea of government dependence. Idaho's issues cannot be reduced to a single policy issue, but rather one must recognize the broader underlying threat facing Idaho. I am more than happy to answer questions about any of these specific issues resulting from the broader ideological issue.

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

The first election I was old enough to vote for President, I voted for Donald Trump. Before that, I supported the campaigns of Ted Cruz and Rick Santorum.

What is the proper role of the Federal Government?

The role of the Federal Government on a philosophical level is contained within the context of the Preamble to the Constitution: "[T]o form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity. . . ."

The Founding Fathers ensured that the powers of the branches would be specifically enumerated in the Constitution. Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution particularly describes the powers the Congress may exercise, and the Tenth Amendment reserves any powers not particularly granted to the Federal Government by the Constitution to the states.

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

The State should never have shut down the economy for Covid-19.

What is your stance on law enforcement?

Law enforcement is essential to promoting the Rule of Law in a society. As such, they need the full support of our culture and our government. They must operate within their Constitutional bounds, particularly the 4th Amendment. Law enforcement should not enforce unconstitutional laws.

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

There are several areas where tax policy needs to be addressed.

The most visible tax is the sales tax charged on groceries. The current system of taxing everyone and then reimbursing at a set amount is problematic and should be changed with a removal of the tax on groceries.

Property taxes are also incredibly harming individuals, especially in areas of extremely high growth. The reason for this is the budget process that is utilized by local governments where the budget is set and the taxes are then collected to meet those targets. Rate increase caps need to be tightened and cities need to be held accountable for their sometimes frivolous spending.

Income taxes need to be simplified and lowered.

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?

Capitalism is surprisingly simple: give individuals the liberty to make their own decisions and the free market will automatically adjust to maximize the economic value created. To grow Idaho's economy, we should continue to cut regulations and taxes, getting government out of the way of small businesses so they can truly thrive. Our agricultural industry forms a backbone to our economy and must be defended against liberal, radical environmental groups opposed to common sense management of our natural resources. To grow exports, Idaho should look for opportunities to expand true free market trading with other nations. Ultimately, much of the power to make such negotiations on a governmental level is left to the federal government under the Constitution, but, where true free market exchanges can be encouraged, Idaho should do everything in its power to expand these opportunities and oppose restrictive trade agreements that limit Idaho's economy.

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

The Second Amendment protects the inherent right of self-defense stating that the "right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed" No qualifiers. No restrictions. I oppose any attempts to restrict the rights to keep and bear arms in any place at any time. An individual should be able to own any firearm of their choice, including "assault rifles", a term that has been politically charged regarding any firearm particularly effective at self-defense. Constitutional Carry is exactly that, a constitutionally-protected right that "shall not be infringed".

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

Individual rights are the foundation upon which America was established.

Health care decisions should be made by individuals in consultation with the health care provider of their choice, not any government bureaucrat or corporate executive. The government should not force individuals to wear masks or to be vaccinated, violating an individual's right to decisions of their own body. This argument must certainly extend to the most fundamental control of one's body, the right to life. Abortion must be strongly opposed at any stage of pregnancy as the murder of a human being stamped with the Image of God. Each individual has certain inalienable rights granted to them by the Creator, and these rights must be protected. One of the most fundamental of these rights is the right to control of one's own person. The First Amendment protects the rights most fundamental to the protection of a free society: the right to free thought in line with one's conscience and the right to speak and act upon those thoughts and beliefs freely. Big Tech in cooperation with the radical left should not be able to censor individuals' ability to freely express their views while receiving government protection for their actions. Religious freedom is paramount to our country's success and efforts to infringe on individuals' freedom of conscience must not be allowed. Even in Meridian, efforts have been made to restrict the freedom of conscience of business owners and those efforts must be actively opposed.

The Second Amendment (and all other rights protected by the Bill of Rights) must be unequivocally protected. For more detail on positions on the Second Amendment, see above.

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

There are numerous problems in Idaho's education system from the structure of the system to the content that is taught to the influence that liberal special interests have in the process.

To analyze a system, one must know by what standard they are judging the system. My beliefs on education are simple:

1. Parents must be in charge of their child's education
2. Education should not be indoctrination
3. Bureaucratic, government controlled-systems do not achieve the above principles.

Here are several problems the state faces in education:

1. The process of focusing efforts on funding the school systems rather than supporting students produces a bureaucratic regime ripe for influence by liberal special interest groups, removing accountability to parents and communities.
  2. Critical Race Theory and other forms of Marxism must not be allowed in Idaho's school systems. Those who wish to indoctrinate the minds of younger generations with beliefs antithetical to our founding principles must be stopped. Idaho has many wonderful teachers who believe in the principles of liberty, and they must be empowered to communicate these values in the classroom.
  3. Common Core standards in education must be removed.
  4. Parents must be given ultimate control of their child's education, and attempts to give parents greater options through school choice policies should be encouraged.
  5. Parents should be free to choose how to educate their children, and the government should not interfere with that decision if they choose to send their children to private school or to homeschool.
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What do you know about campaigning in Idaho? Are you prepared to work to be elected?

I am absolutely prepared to work incredibly hard to win this seat! I have a great team of volunteers and I am excited for the challenge ahead. I have been helping on campaigns in Idaho since I was six years old. I have worked on campaigns from the city level in Meridian all the way to Congressional and gubernatorial campaigns. I know the inner politics at play in both the district and across the state and the importance of connecting with voters on the grassroots level to beat establishment candidates. It is definitely a fight that we have ahead and I am looking forward to doing everything I can to make sure that a true conservative wins the seat.

Even more importantly than winning the election however is being prepared to stand up for conservative principles in the Legislature. Having worked in Idaho politics since High School, I know how the Legislature operates and what it takes to successfully advance conservative principles in Idaho. I have seen the threat that liberal special interests, like Planned Parenthood and the ACLU, pose to our state and have stood up against them at the Legislature, fought back, and know what it takes to continue to keep fighting so they don't take over our state. Having interned in the Legislature and for U.S. Congressman Russ Fulcher, I have seen first hand the importance of conservative leadership and what it takes to push back against the radical left right here in Idaho. Not only do I know how to do this, but as someone who has been in this fight for years, I am prepared to start making an impact day one.

Additional information you wish voters to know.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about my candidacy! Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. Also, please check out our website at <http://calebforidaho.com>, tell a friend, and join us as we fight for liberty right here in Meridian.

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