

P43 Liberty Candidate Survey

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Doug Traubel

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Party affiliation and for how long?

Republican for 39 years

How long have you lived in Idaho?

28 years

The position you are running for?

Sheriff of Ada County

What is your reason for running for office?

Two reasons.

First: I want to defend the quality of life in Ada County from the negative aspects of the population explosion. To that end, I intend to throw off the influence of Marxism in the agency that is paralyzing proactive policing, namely Implicit Bias Training (CRT for COPS). Police agencies are becoming politically correct, reactive, armed report takers. Organized crime and common street thugs thrive on soft communities. Deputies cannot be effective when they are in fear of their administration; when their motive for certain stops is questioned through a social justice paradigm. The optics of an arrest can be bad. If the suspect is a minority deputies fear not being backed by their administration. They are programmed to be less proactive and less assertive in addressing/controlling suspicious or furtive movement of "minority" offenders. This can be deadly.

Second: The Bill of Rights are "The Untouchables". For two years they have been stepped on. I will put my oath "in action." By that I mean I will interpose by office between the citizen and government overreach. For example, Article 1, Section 4 of the Idaho Constitution guarantees religious liberty. Governor Little's emergency order violated that right. Another example is judges denying defendants their right to an in-person and speedy trial. This is also protected by the State Constitution in Article 1 Sections 7 & 18. Deputies arresting citizens for "failure to Appear" when they are not allowed in the courthouse for not wearing a mask is prejudicial and a violation of the State and US Constitutions. My oath is not to a judge or the governor. It is to the State and US Constitutions. I will put my oath in action. Failure to do so renders the constitution toothless and government unrestrained.

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

Thirty-two years as a lawman. Twenty-four of those years serving Ada County. I served as an Ada County deputy sheriff for nine years and as a criminal investigator for the Ada County Prosecutor's Office for fourteen years. Prior to my service here I served as an officer in Southern CA for nine years. I built the first gang unit for the ACSO in an effort to protect our home from becoming like areas newcomers flee from. I voted with my feet it is better "here than there" and I have the vision and talent to defend it.

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

I am a member of the CSPOA (Constitutional Sheriffs & Peace Officers' Association). My lens is the state and US constitutions. Policy and policing decisions must be viewed through that lens. Oath-centered leadership is the essence of CSPOA training. I pattern after that.

What is the greatest issue Idaho faces today?

Marxism. A symptom of that is our identity crisis. Without a cultural compass and ethics, the anchors of what we once were are being chiseled away. Schools, courts and law enforcement are infected. We us turn toward tradition. We need a restoration.

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

Trump, Trump, Bush

What is the proper role of the Federal Government?

To protect God-given rights. Its limits are spelled out clearly in 'the contract' (US Constitution). Since the end of the Civil War an unconstitutional Administrative State has steadily grown and is now superimposed over what was given to us in 1789. Through the misuse of the Commerce Clause, Necessary and Proper Clause and Supremacy Clause states are coalescing with the overreach of a Federal Gov't drunk on power is was never delegated. In order to push it back over constitutional the guardrails, states must flex their sovereign power as the creators, over their creation. A Constitutional Sheriff plays a role in modeling such action.

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

Defy the Governor's obvious overreach under IC 46-601.

What is your stance on law enforcement?

I am a highly decorated veteran officer with thirty-two years of service. I back the blue -- *so long as it is acting constitutionally. Some of the actions of Idaho law enforcement during COVID are outrageous violations of the oath and reflects a leadership vacuum. We cannot become Canada or Australia. The Constitutions mean nothing id the oath doesn't mean everything.

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

I began my career as a reserve (volunteer) officer. In order to reduce the number of paid (taxpayer supported) deputies I would expand the reserve deputy program. This would allow me to field more two-officer cars (one full-time deputy paired with one part-time, reserve) resulting in less burden on tax payers. I would also study the average jail population numbers. I noticed a significant drop when COVID hit. This begs the question, do we need to expand the jail? Instead, can we keep whatever policy resulted in the abrupt drop in daily population as standard operating procedure. Perhaps buy the land now (it is not getting cheaper) but suspend any plans to expand the jail if policy changes can achieve the same result: opening more beds.

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?

Idaho must lead Western States to file the equivalent to the (1774) Articles of Association. That was the document listing the Intolerable Acts the colonies suffered from and was sent to King George III. Today, the common denominator Intolerable Acts to Western States that stunt our productivity are: lands that should have been turned over to the states long ago and the related federal regulations. This battle must be won, but first it needs to be fought...

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

I spoke on the steps of the Capitol as a guest of Greg Pruett (Idaho Second Amendment Alliance) in favor of Constitutional Carry. I was an active peace officer when I spoke. The video is still out there. I was happy when it passed. I viewed the permitting system as a tax by another name on a constitutionally protected right. Taxing the natural right to self-defense is as immoral as a grocery tax.

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

The Declaration of Independence is one of the four "Organic Laws" of the USA. In it, we are told the purpose of government is to protect (self-evident) God-given rights. The right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are fundamental ethos of our republic. The Bill of Rights are "the untouchables". Mask edicts and the like are unlawful. Even if an administrative judge or a mayor pass an ordinance through some legal "process" it is unlawful because the constitution(s) are the measuring stick(s) for such action. Legal and lawful are not synonymous. The highest law(s) is/are the constitution(s). Being oath-centered, I look through that lens and will interpose on behalf of the true minority: the individual when his/her untouchables are stepped on.

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

Public schools are indoctrination centers designed to arrest critical thinking and produce what was known in the USSR as the perfect soviet. We need a school voucher system that can be used in the private sector.

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

I'm learning as I go. It has been from dusk to dawn for two months now with two more to go. This is important to me. Ada County is my home. I could remain semi-retired at home watching reruns of Adam 12 and getting two-hour workouts. This is a calling. I believe I was made for these times given my education and unique law enforcement experience. I've always been a worker.

Additional information you wish voters to know.

The usual suspects in the media will soon recycle the attacks on me from last June when I ran for Sheriff following Steve Bartlett stepping down suddenly. I received the most votes from the Ada County GOP Central Committee, but the BOCC was fed misinformation about me and two of them reacted by passing me over and selected the establishment's pick, the #3 finalist.

I responded to the attacks in an article I posted on my Website. I encourage voters read my pithy retort and study my background. My Website is dougforadacounty.com
I can be found on Facebook under Doug For Ada County.

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