

P43 Liberty Candidate Survey

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Tammy Payne

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Party affiliation and for how long?

Republican - since 1979

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How long have you lived in Idaho?

Off and on my whole life, most recently since 1987, my father was Navy and I married a man in the Army. My grandfather, great grandparents, and great great grandmother are buried in Eastern Idaho.

The position you are running for?

State Representative 23A

What is your reason for running for office?

I am running because, " For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required", Luke 12:48. As a Christian, I am called to care for and give back to my community. My unique experience and skills has prepared me to the call of public service, and, to fight for our constitutionally guaranteed freedoms and personal liberties in the Idaho legislature. I am running to take a principled stand against the normalizing of the "politically correct" culture in Idaho.

Over the past couple years, as I lobbied the legislature for pro-life policies, I've had a fire ignited in my belly, a conviction, that the time is now to save our personal liberties and the great State of Idaho. Going with the flow will get us more of the same. If we support the same old politicians, we're going to experience less liberties and more government control. If we don't restore a true conservative majority to the Idaho legislature, what we experienced with Covid over the past two years will just be the beginning of the lose of our personal freedoms. I've witnessed "politically correct" ideologues' increase their influence on many state legislators and the executive branch, to the point of open shaming of traditional values, the killing of sound public policy, and the stifling of conservative legislators' speech.

We cannot compromise our principles, and we should not be shamed, or hushed, for our values. Family, church and government institutions, and their respective laws and rules, are intended and founded for the benefit of the people. Not lobbyists, PACs nor outside interest groups. Judeo-Christian principles served our founding father's well as they drafted the constitution for our nation. As a Christian, I am committed to these same guiding principles as I work to guard our freedoms and personal liberties.

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

My experience at the local level includes serving as, city council person, mayor, a member of a water and sewer board, and as a member of a planning and zoning board. In the larger community, I served as executive director of Healthy Families Nampa, a healthy marriage research project, and as the Faith Base Liaison for two conservative Republican administrations. For the last couple years, I've served as the lobbyist for Right to Life of Idaho, advocating for the unborn, disabled and elderly. My education and background has provided me with a good working knowledge of the legislative process, an understanding of how critical working relationships are to the process, and, how to represent the people as I work to influence policy makers.

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

Of the current Idaho legislators, Rep. Ron Nate reflects where I stand on most public policy. He is a strong conservative on social, moral and financial issues. He exercises sound judgment, seemingly always working to do the right things for the right reasons. He consistently fights for limited government and personal freedoms.

What is the greatest issue Idaho faces today?

Election integrity. Every Idahoans vote should count. If we don't clean up election processes now, we leave room for personal interpretation and fraud, and run the risk of a future where our vote may be canceled out. We need to cleanup the system so we are sure it is only Idahoans' whose votes are being counted. The process and voter rolls must be uniform across the state, and the voter register must only include qualified Idaho voters. Not out of state people, not deceased people, not people registering to vote with a Costco card. The State and County Clerks must secure the process and keep uniform election standards across the state. Money from outside interest groups to Idaho's County Clerks needs to be stopped. If we don't enforce election integrity, and insure that our elections can't be bought...the voice of Idahoans and Idaho's sovereignty runs the risk of being lost.

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

President Trump, Romney, McCain

What is the proper role of the Federal Government?

To establish laws that protect US citizens inalienable rights, to provide security and protect citizens from external threats, and to promote the general welfare of the public. Not to promote the welfare and growth of government, special interest groups ideologies or foreign interests.

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

Reverse Governor Little's Emergency Declaration which led to overreaching Covid -19 vaccine and mask mandates.

What is your stance on law enforcement?

Law and order in a civil society should protect our general safety, and ensure our rights as citizens against abuses by other people, organizations, and at times the government. As we uphold the law, with the goal of a peaceable and safe society, we must honor the vital role of law enforcement. Law enforcement officers should be respected and supported as they fulfill the difficult and complicated job of maintaining public order, keeping us and our property safe from crime, and enforcing the law.

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

I will support the repeal of the grocery tax, and advocate for property tax relief. No one should be taxed out of their home.

I would propose residential tax assessments/values be rolled back to the assessed value at the time the residence was purchased, if purchased in 2010 or later. In instances where the property was purchased before 2010, the property assessed value would be rolled back to the 2010 assessed value.. This would be known as the properties new base value. All future assessed increases on the new base value would have a maximum annual cap. As proposed, the only time the property can be reassessed at the current market value is when the property is sold or if there is new construction. E.g. you subdivide the property for a housing development, etc.

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?

I would support Idaho's sovereignty, which includes managing our own lands and water for Idaho's interests, which would infuse our economy by expanding production and available goods, thereby, expanding available goods for export. Idaho must claim our right to oversee Idaho based industries, such as, agricultural, mining, logging, etc., on all of Idaho's lands, without interference from out of state interest groups or federal agencies and their repressive mandates.

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

We, as a US citizen, are guaranteed the right to bear arms. An armed society is a free society. Assault rifles presence helps to maintain national security. I have the right to protect myself, and, I 100% support constitutional carry. No red flag laws. Gun control does not keep criminals from possessing guns.

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

I believe we, as US citizens, possess inalienable rights. No one can take away my personal autonomy, nor my rights, which are set forth and guaranteed in the US Constitution and Bill of Rights. No US citizen should have to go against their values and beliefs in order to conform to the culture or government. My body my choice. My right to my voice. My right to protect myself with my own weapon. My right to exercise my constitutional liberties.

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

Idaho officials and bureaucrats seem to be more worried about chasing federal Dept of Education funds than the educational welfare of our children. Those federal dollars come with mandates that require people to question and many times abandon their values to comply with the educational mandates,. Common core type pedagogy, CRT, SEL and sexualization and gender diversity education does not belong in our public schools. Schools should not be telling parents how to raise their children, or telling them what values to instill in their children. The current system is broken and failing the majority of Idaho's children. Public education needs to provide education fundamentals, not promote social engineering schemes.

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

I've run for office in my community and volunteered and helped candidates campaign in past elections. I familiarized myself with the state's election and Sunshine laws. I know campaigning requires a good plan, appreciation for the voters, networking, the ability to think on my feet, and a commitment to the hard work. I am prepared, working hard, and ready to serve the people.

Additional information you wish voters to know.

As your legislator, I will represent the people, not special interests, PAC's, paid lobbyists, or the bureaucratic systems' interests. I am not the establishments candidate, as I do not believe we can continue to do business as usual. If we do continue to negotiate away our liberties and resources to the encroaching liberal ideologies and outsiders, we will soon lose the great state of Idaho. If Idaho continues with the status quo, we will soon go the way of Washington, Oregon and California. I am a Christian conservative Republican who pledges to maintain my Christian principles, as I uphold the Idaho Republican platform, the Idaho Constitution, and the US Constitution, for the benefit of Idahoans.

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