

## P43 Liberty Candidate Survey

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Name \*

Thad Butterworth

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Party affiliation and for how long?

Republican, 34 years

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How long have you lived in Idaho?

36 years

The position you are running for?

House of Representatives District 21 Seat B

What is your reason for running for office?

To protect individual liberties and small businesses from federal overreach and address issues created by our states COVID response

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

I own a small business. I've been involved in political campaigns as the director of the Meridian ConservativesOf chapter.

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

George Washington. He saw Government as a necessary evil and that it needed to be constantly kept in check. I believe we need to get back to those founding principles, but we also need to be strategic in how we reduce government size and intrusion into our lives.

What is the greatest issue Idaho faces today?

Apathy among the Republican voter base and political leaders who are interested in maintaining status quo.

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

Trump, Trump, Romney (very reluctantly)

What is the proper role of the Federal Government?

To manage foreign affairs and protect from foreign invasion. To be a resource for interstate issues such as cross state criminal investigations.

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

Remove the state of emergency which has allowed for government agencies to gain unprecedented power.

What is your stance on law enforcement?

I support and defend law enforcement so long as they continue to defend the Constitution

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

Ideally I would like to work towards a flat income tax, although that is a very long term goal. Reducing property taxes is critical. Reducing state spending is also a huge key.

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?

Removing and reducing burdensome regulations is the key. Government cannot really grow anything, but we can reduce its impact on individuals and businesses so that they can grow the economy.

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

The Second Amendment only codifies what rights were granted to us already by God. I supported Constitutional Carry and testified in favor of it while it was in committee. I firmly support the right of citizens to own and utilize the "scary looking" guns like ARs.

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

Personal Liberty is given to us by God. It also comes with personal responsibility. If I choose to not get vaccinated then I have the responsibility to deal with the consequences. When government removes personal Liberty they usually try to protect themselves from taking responsibility for their decisions. Only the individual citizen should be able to choose what vaccines they get, or whether they want to wear a mask, or what type of gun, if any, they want to own.

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

We need to reduce the influence of the teachers unions on our education system. I believe that more competition is better. The move we have started to make towards more charter schools is a good thing.

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

I anticipate the need to raise around \$30,000 for a decent campaign. It's also going to request a lot of door knocking and connecting with the people in my district. I know it's going to be a lot of work, but I'm willing to do it.

Additional information you wish voters to know.

I've seen the effects of the bad policies created by our COVID response in my business and personal finances. I've experienced tough campaigns and personal attacks. I'm not afraid to stand for what is right, regardless of what the media and others say about me.

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