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Would you be likely to support or oppose a bill to:

Raise the sales tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

We are taxed enough already.

Lower the sales tax

Not Sure

Please explain your position:

I would want to explore the out come and consequenses before making a decision

Raise the income tax

Oppose

Please explain your position:

We are taxed enough already.

Lower the income tax

Support

Please explain your position:

We need to cut Government spending first but it should be lowered.

Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I need more research before making a decision.

Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I need more research before making a decision.

Provide special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Not sure

Please explain your position:

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Collect sales tax on Internet sales by participating in the national Streamline Sales Tax Project

Support

Please explain your position:

We need to protect our "brick and mortar" businesses in Idaho and not hurt them by giving internet business an advantage.

Propose a constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate for fee increases

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Not sure.

Eliminate income and/or sales tax exemptions, credits and deductions in order to raise state government revenue

Not sure

Please explain your position:

Question is too vague. Are you talking all or partial elimination?

Eliminate income and/or sales tax exemptions, credits and deductions in order to lower the overall sales and/or income tax rates

Not sure

Please explain your position:

You can't make a sweeping, all encompassing change without researching both sides of the issue. There are too many opinions on this one.

Put in place stronger limitations on government spending in Idaho

Support

Please explain your position:

Even in Idaho there is too much waste. We need to clamp down on every agency and program.

Reduce, reform or end participation in entitlement programs such as unemployment insurance, Medicaid and food stamps

Support

Please explain your position:

This may be the best way to eliminate government waste. We spend huge amounts on entitlement programs and there is too much waste and duplication.

Expand participation in entitlement programs such as unemployment insurance, Medicaid and food stamps

Oppose

Please explain your position:

See answer above.

Repeal the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Oppose

Please explain your position:

This is a very essential tool that when used correctly, gives us a good way to attract new business. It has been used incorrectly in many areas of the State causing a problem.

Expand the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I don't think it needs to be expanded, just used properly.

Reform urban renewal by limiting the projects and holding elections for urban renewal commissioners

Oppose

Please explain your position:

This is the way those who screwed it up in the first place. Please look at how it is used in Pocatello and Chubbuck. We have it right.

Ban the Land Board or other government agencies from owning businesses that compete with the private sector

Support

Please explain your position:

Government has no place in the private sector. They just mess things up and drive up costs.

Ban minors from using tanning beds

Oppose

Please explain your position:

This is a decision for parents. We should be strengthening and helping families to make these decisions. We don't need more stupid laws.

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines

Support

Please explain your position:

I haven't researched this completely yet but it makes sense to me.

Create a state government health insurance exchange

Not sure

Please explain your position:

I would need to do more research to make a decision on this one. I don't have all of the answers but I know where to find them and who to talk to that I trust.

Expand school choice options in Idaho including charter schools, public schools and home schools

Support

Please explain your position:

I think it is all about choice. We are seeing an increased interest and involvement by parents in finding the best way to educate ours students. I think this should be an ongoing process.

In general, I believe state government (select one):

Regulates too much, and such regulations should be cut

Please explain your position:
Having been a small business man most of my life I have seen way to much regulation and red tape. I believe that it is strangling our job creation and job growth.