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

Raise the sales tax

Support

Explain: Tax is too high already.

Lower Sales Tax

Not Sure

Explain: Since Government has legitimate functions requiring funding, I am more inclined to support a sales tax than other forms of tax collection.

Raise the income tax

Oppose

Explain: Taxes are too high already.

Lower the income tax

Support

Explain: I believe there is still room to trim budgets.

Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Oppose

Explain: Through tax policy Government can attempt to modify behavior. Interestingly this is mentioned in Article 3 Section 24 of the Idaho Constitution.

Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Not Sure

Explain: These are legitimate legal industries, yet they are being targeted.

Provide special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Oppose

Explain: Government has the ability to create winners and losers through tax policy.

Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Support

Explain: I believe the free market should determine which businesses succeed or fail.

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

Oppose

Explain: I have concerns about any Government involvement in the internet.

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

Not Sure

Explain: While I agree that tax increases should be difficult I might be more comfortable requiring a 60% majority.

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

Not Sure

Explain: While I agree that fee increases should also be difficult I might be more comfortable at 60% here as well.

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

Oppose

Explain: That would simply amount to a tax increase.

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

Support

Explain: These policies can be used to promote certain businesses via the tax code. Example: Allow a tax credit for installing energy efficient windows and choosing which companies windows would qualify.

Put in place stronger limitations on government spending in Idaho

Not Sure

Explain: Government needs to be able to function and make spending decisions. I would need to look at specific proposals.

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

Support

Explain: These policies however benevolent take away peoples incentive. Once they are implemented they are extremely difficult to remove. They will have to be reduced gradually.

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

Oppose

Explain: They are too large already.

Repeal the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Support

Explain: It is simply a scheme to generate funding for projects that in most cases would never be approved by voters.

Expand the use of urban renewal in Idaho

Oppose

Explain: It should not exist in the first place.

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

Oppose

Explain: I don't think the program can be fixed.

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

Support

Explain: Government should not be in competition with private business. They have the ability to make the rules up as they go.

Ban minors from using tanning beds

Oppose

Explain: This decision should be made by parents or guardians.

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines

Support

Explain: I have been self employed for 25 years. I would like to see competition in the health insurance industry.

Create a state government health insurance exchange

Oppose

Explain: I signed Wayne's Resolution when he came to North Idaho.

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

Support

Explain: Parents are ultimately responsible for their children. They should make their children's educational decisions.

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

Regulates too much, and such regulations should be cut

Each year the Legislature meets and passes more laws. It would be a monumental but worthy task to review existing laws and eliminate unnecessary laws each session.