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Please	explain your position:
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	epends.
_	eneral, I would not want to increase sales tax or any other
	Unfortunately, not being blessed
	a crystal ball, it is difficult for me to say categorically that I will
not	support the increase or decrease of a tax.
Ιw	vould evaluate each and every
prop	posal. After evaluating, I would make
a co	onsidered decision related to tax increases or decreases. If government is to pay for services the
peo	ple
war	nt, taxation is one way to raise the funds. I would support proposals that
redu	uce the budget and trim expenses.
Plea	ase explain your position:
See	e answer to the question above.
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### Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Oppose

I oppose raising excise tax on tobacco, beer and

wine. I assume, the reason for the

increase is to somehow regulate the product use. Raising the tax may tend to make the product so costly that people can't afford it thus taking the product off the

market. Seems we are targeting markets

and products that are legal to sell in the state. I might ask, what's next? People need to take individual responsibility

relating to use of the products in question.

#### Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine

Support

Please explain your position:

I support lowering the excise taxes on tobacco,

beer, and wine in general. Why limit

sales of a product? We should not get

into the business of regulating people's health. Lowering the excise tax, and sales may or may not increase, but the sales will be driven more by market forces rather than government intervention.

It depends.

Many special tax breaks have outlived their usefulness. If the extra break can be demonstrated to provide jobs, and increase spending then the trade-off of the lost income from

tax revenue may be worth it. Careful

analysis is necessary and benchmarks need to be developed and monitored.

### Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries

Support

Please explain your position:

If the bench marks show that a particular

industry is not making the contribution expected as a result of the tax

reduction, then I would support repealing the special tax break.

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

Oppose

Please explain your position:

The only reason I can see to tax internet sales

is to make the local products as attractive as those available on the internet. Our businesses need to

be competitive. Additionally, a national tax structure is not

something that I would embrace without careful consideration.

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

Oppose

Please explain your position

Requiring a supermajority for tax increases and

fee increases in my view is unnecessary.

A supermajority requirement gives too much power to special interest

groups in my view. In fact, that appears

to be the whole idea behind requiring a supermajority.

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

Oppose
Please explain your position:
See answer to question above.
Please explain your position:
It depends.
In general, eliminating exemptions on those groups enjoying the benefit
may be warranted if the benefit of the group is not offsetting the cost of the
lost tax revenue.
Please explain your position:
See answer to the question above.
Please explain your position:
It depends.
Each proposal needs to be evaluated based on its own merit. If an agency needs to spend money to
serve
the public then limitations will thwart the ability of able managers in
government from making decision they are paid to make.
Reduce, reform or end participation in entitlement programs such as unemployment
insurance, Medicaid and food stamps
Support
Please explain your position:
In general, I support. People need to be self-sufficient and prepare
themselves for the possibility of them losing their job. I believe in providing for welfare transfer
payments, but under some narrow guidelines and with close supervision.

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

food stamps

Oppose
Please explain your position:
In general I oppose for the reason noted above.
Please explain your position:
It depends.
If the renewal project does not provide the benefit as measure by a set of
metrics, then don't so it. Conversely,
if the benefit can be demonstrated, then proceed.
Please explain your position:
See answer to above question.
Reform urban renewal by limiting the projects and holding elections for urban renewal
commissioners
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Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines
Support
Please explain your position:
I support.
Allow the market to work to get the best deal for our citizens.
Create a state government health insurance exchange
Oppose
Please explain your position:
I believe we should not move toward a socialized
medicine program. Creating a state government health insurance program could be
a step in that direction. I would rather
see the private health deliver systems developed. I would be open to a discussion related to
the pros and cons of any government health insurance program.
Expand school choice options in Idaho including charter schools, public schools and home
schools
Support
Please explain your position:
I support.
Competition between the public sector and private sector seems to be a
healthy thing. Allow parent choice. They, after all, are responsible for the
education of their children.

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

Regulates too much, and such regulations should be cut

Please explain your position:

Regulates too much. Regulations on business can be stifling. Sometimes, government agencies impose

regulations that are difficult to meet and provide a damper on commerce. A good place to start looking for unnecessary

regulations is the Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses.