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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 do not have a revenue problem,,we have a spending problem. Tha only logical answer is to stop spending so much money.
I would support an increase in the sales tax,, BUT ONLY if the income tax were to be permanently abolished.

Lower the sales tax
Support
Please explain your position:
Government needs to live within it's means. With Idaho's families struggling to get by it is immoral for any government to take more and more money away from them.

Raise the income tax
Oppose
Please explain your position:
Absolutely NOT! The income tax is a penalty for being productive. I would support a bill to abolish the income tax. A sales tax is a tax but you only pay it when you spend money,,not when you make it ,invest it or save it. The sales tax would not require the millions of dollars that are spent hiring experts to prepare your tax returns.The state and federal government would not have to spend millions of dollars to support the IRS and other "law enforcement' agencies to make sue we are paying our taxes.

Lower the income tax
Support
Please explain your position:
Allowing the people to decide how their money is spent is the best way,,,rather than confiscating their money so government bureaucrats can spend the money, as if they somehow know better how the money should be spent. Income taxes are already too high. I agree with Bastiat when he called taxation "legal plunder".

Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine
Oppose
Please explain your position:
Once again,,,government has no business trying to change legal behavior through taxation.

Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine
Support
Please explain your position:
In a free country,, each person has the right to spend their money however they want as long it is legal without interference from their government.

Provide special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries
Support
Please explain your position:

Tax breaks should be an important ingredient in the recipe for economic growth and job creation. These breaks should be permanent,,otherwise businesses will not act on them.

Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries
Oppose
Please explain your position:
Certain businesses and certain areas can benefit from tax breaks,,if these tax breaks are repealed there could be adverse economic consequences. When businesses perceive tax breaks are there only at the will of the government and that they can be repealed,,then the businesses will ignore this carrot when it is dangled in front of them and these tax policies will benefit no one.

Collect sales tax on Internet sales by participating in the national Streamline Sales Tax Project
Oppose
Please explain your position:
I am opposed to the government trying to figure out more ways of getting more of our money.

Propose a constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate on tax increases
Support
Please explain your position:
Tax increases need to be made difficult in order to protect the people from the insatiable appetite of government to spend money.

Propose a constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate for fee increases
Support
Please explain your position:
See answer to above question.

Eliminate income and/or sales tax exemptions, credits and deductions in order to raise state government revenue
Oppose
Please explain your position:
These exemptions, credits and deductions are vital to protect the taxpayers and to allow them to keep enough of THEIR money so they can support their families and their own choices in spending priorities.

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:
This might be a possibility as long as the tax rates do not start to creep back up after a time. And as long as it does not result in a net increase in taxes..

Put in place stronger limitations on government spending in Idaho
Support
Please explain your position:
I think there is way too much waste in government spending and needs better controls.

Reduce, reform or end participation in entitlement programs such as unemployment insurance, Medicaid and food stamps
Support
Please explain your position:
There is an economic truism that you get more of what you subsidize. These government programs create dependency on government just as much as feeding animals makes them more dependent on humans,, eventually they will not be able to survive on their own.

Expand participation in entitlement programs such as unemployment insurance, Medicaid and food stamps
Oppose
Please explain your position:
See answer to above question.

Repeal the use of urban renewal in Idaho
Support
Please explain your position:
This is another way of government officials to by-pass voter approval for tax increases and allows bureaucrats to spend the money on their own pet projects. At the same time it deprives schools and other political entities of the money they need that has been approved by the voters.

Expand the use of urban renewal in Idaho
Oppose
Please explain your position:
Please see answer to above question.

Reform urban renewal by limiting the projects and holding elections for urban renewal commissioners
Not sure
Please explain your position:
I think urban renewal needs to be abolished. In the absence of abolishment then the people who decide what to do with the money should be elected representatives of the people.

Ban the Land Board or other government agencies from owning businesses that compete with the private sector
Support
Please explain your position:
Government should not be competing with the private sector,,which can run businesses much more efficiently.

Ban minors from using tanning beds
Oppose
Please explain your position:
Parental permission under a certain age is reasonable,,but parents should have the perogative to decide,,,not the government.

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines
Support
Please explain your position:
This is vital to decrease the cost of insurance. Monopolies always drive up the cost of the product they are providing.

Create a state government health insurance exchange
Oppose
Please explain your position:
I think this is best done in the private sector,,government needs to get OUT of the health insurance & health care business completely.

Expand school choice options in Idaho including charter schools, public schools and home schools
Support
Please explain your position:
I disagree with Idaho's Constitution when it says state government is responsible for the education of the children in Idaho.

THE PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE for the education of their children and they need to be allowed to choose how to do this,,regular public school,,charter school, private school or homeschool. The taxpayer's money needs to follow their children to where ever they are to be educated

In general, I believe state government (select one):
Regulates too much, and such regulations should be cut
Please explain your position:
Certain agencies over regulate,,for example I have heard horror stories of the DEQ over regulating businesses and individuals to the point of economic suffering. Un-elected bureaucrats should not be the ultimate authority that allows them to destroy individauls or businesses.