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

Raise the sales tax
Oppose
Please explain your position:
Idahoans are already taxed too much. We need to funnel money into the economy by helping private businesses and individuals, not government business. Government growth must stop.

Lower the sales tax
Support
Please explain your position:
By lowering the sales tax, private business can invest more, hire more employees, and pay their expenses. Citizens will be able to spend more. This creates a cycle of growth, increasing more private business and more hired help. More buying and selling will supply a bigger tax base for government.

Raise the income tax
Oppose
Please explain your position:
Raising income taxes only causes less investment, loss of jobs, and slows down the economy, especially when we are taxed too much already. According to the laffer curve, when taxes are too high, motivation becomes poor because there is no incentive to work when there is so little return. Idahoans are already taxed too high from the federal and state level.

Lower the income tax
Support
Please explain your position:
If we lower income tax, the economy will grow as the money saved will provide for more investment and for more employment. Lowering the income tax will provide better opportunies for start-up businesses and attact outside companies to Idaho. This again creates a broader tax base for state revenues.

Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine
Oppose
Please explain your position:
There is no need to raise taxes on tobacco, beer, and wine. Why should we raise taxes on one industry and not another?

Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine
Not sure
Please explain your position:
Tobacco, beer, and wine are good products if used properly. These products are for enjoyment, especially the lower income people.

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

There should not be special tax breaks to special or certain industries or businesses. Special tax breaks can be a means to fill the pockets of favorite people or businesses, such as the windmills. If there is a substantial increase in real investment and jobs to actually help all of Idaho's businesses and increase tax revenue, then it may be good to give a special tax break to the entire industry, especially in the recession that we have now.

Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries
Support
Please explain your position:
Special tax breaks should be repealed if they are used to play favorites in the field of business. Again, if the tax break helps the entire industry so that all of Idaho businesses will benefit, then probably there should be a tax break for that industry, especially in the recession that we have now.

Collect sales tax on Internet sales by participating in the national Streamline Sales Tax Project
Not sure
Please explain your position:
The purpose of collecting internet sales tax seems to be raising taxes. For this purpose, I would oppose it.
If the overall sales tax were reduced substantially with a sales tax remaining on internet sales, it probably would be fine--but that is not what is happening here. Government growth needs to be curtailed.

Propose a constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate on tax increases
Support
Please explain your position:
A tax increase should not be passed by a simple majority. If directly affects too many people and businesses. Government spending must stop.

Propose a constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate for fee increases
Support
Please explain your position:
A fee increase is really a tax increase. This should not be passed by a simple majority. These fee increases are sometimes agency increases without majority approval--usually the more silent majority who really don't know what the agency is doing.

Eliminate income and/or sales tax exemptions, credits and deductions in order to raise state government revenue
Oppose
Please explain your position:
Income and sales tax exemptions, credits, and deductions should only be used if they benefit the people as a whole. State revenue should not be increased in this way. However, there should be a level playing field when the exemptions, credits, and deductions are used. The grocery tax credit is good since it helps larger and poorer families.

Eliminate income and/or sales tax exemptions, credits and deductions in order to lower the overall sales and/or income tax rates
Support
Please explain your position:
The overall sales and income tax exemptions, credits, and deductions should be eliminated if they lower the overall rates because we are taxed too much. However, this must benefit the people as a whole, rather than just a certain business or individual.

Put in place stronger limitations on government spending in Idaho
Support
Please explain your position:

There is too much government spending already. It is driving out the private businesses and we are becoming more dependent on government to spoon feed us. Government spending should be very limited. The more government spends, the more we need to be taxed.

Reduce, reform or end participation in entitlement programs such as unemployment insurance, Medicaid and food stamps
Support
Please explain your position:
The entitlement programs are cumbersome and self-degrading. Once a person starts on this, they lose their dignity as they lose their dirve, initiative, and motivation. Why work when a person can live off the government--it is human nature to take the easy road. These programs create an opportunity for abuse. Government was created to protect us, not provide for us.

Expand participation in entitlement programs such as unemployment insurance, Medicaid and food stamps
Oppose
Please explain your position:
We need to become a nation of virtuous people, willing to help each other at our own expense, not by using other's money. These programs are ripe for abuse and control since they lower a person's dignity by dependence on money from someone else.

Repeal the use of urban renewal in Idaho
Support
Please explain your position:
Urban renewal districts have been abused.

Expand the use of urban renewal in Idaho
Oppose
Please explain your position:
Urban renewal districts have been abused.

Reform urban renewal by limiting the projects and holding elections for urban renewal commissioners
Support
Please explain your position:
Limiting projects and holding elections for urban renewal commissioners is an excellent way to reform urban renewal--letting the people have a say in how their tax money is spent.

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 business.

Ban minors from using tanning beds
Oppose
Please explain your position:
Thsi is a parental consent issue, not a government issue. Education is of the utmost importance, whether at home or at school.

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines
Support
Please explain your position:
Idahoans should be able to purchase health insurance competitively.

Create a state government health insurance exchange

Oppose
Please explain your position:
A state government health insurance exchange is the only way that Obamacare can be implemented. Obamacare is socialistic and communistic. If Obamacare is enacted, we will lose our freedom.

Expand school choice options in Idaho including charter schools, public schools and home schools
Support
Please explain your position:
Parents are the primary educators of their children. They should have the freedom to choose where and how they want their children educated.

In general, I believe state government (select one):
Regulates too much, and such regulations should be cut
Please explain your position:
The state government regulates too much through its agencies and the agencies' rules. Many of these state agencies regulate for the federal agencies, which are destroying the citizen's constitutional and God-given rights.