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

Raise the sales tax
Oppose

Lower the sales tax
Support

Raise the income tax
Oppose

Lower the income tax
Support

Raise excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine
Oppose

Lower excise taxes on tobacco, beer or wine
Oppose
Please explain your position:
I oppose raising taxes on tobacco, beer and wine. However if they were to be lowered it could send a message to consumers that Idaho's government is encouraging consumption.

Provide special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries
Not sure
Please explain your position:
From a policy perspective I generally oppose government intrusion in the free market system. However, there could be situations where tax breaks may be beneficial to accelerate or encourage a certain industry(s). An example could be a tax break for producers of military equipment during a time of war. If/when this type of policy is implemented it should only be done on a temporary basis with a defined "sunset".

Repeal special tax breaks to certain businesses or industries
Support
Please explain your position:
Currently there are a few industries that enjoy tax exemptions that I don't believe should. Exemptions for producers of (print) publication equipment and ski resorts are two examples.

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

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

Propose a constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate for fee increases
Not sure
Please explain your position:

I support the idea here, but generally speaking I don't like tampering with the constitution any more than absolutely necessary. Most of the time, fees increases could more appropriately be dealt with in statute.

Eliminate income and/or sales tax exemptions, credits and deductions in order to raise state government revenue
Oppose
Please explain your position:
Revenue is not the problem, spending is the problem. If we have lower tax rates, overall economic growth will occur increasing wealth and tax revenue simultaneously.

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:
There are a few sales tax exemptions that I believe need to be repealed, such as those that benefit publication equipment providers and ski resorts. However the large exemptions (in terms of $) are on services and manufacturing equipment - I do not support eliminating either of them.

Put in place stronger limitations on government spending in Idaho
Support

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

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

Repeal the use of urban renewal in Idaho
Oppose
Please explain your position:
There clearly needs to be reform in this area, and in most cases I disagree with it. But I can't say that urban renewal should never be employed. Projects need to be specifically identified and authorized by voters. Also, urban renewal commissioners need to be elected.

Expand the use of urban renewal in Idaho
Oppose

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

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

Ban minors from using tanning beds
Oppose

Allow Idahoans to buy health insurance across state lines
Support
Please explain your position:
This is key to lowering health care costs in Idaho and across our nation.

Create a state government health insurance exchange

Oppose
Please explain your position:
However, I could support an exchange developed and operated by the private sector.

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

In general, I believe state government (select one):
Regulates too much, and such regulations should be cut