

2024 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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*Please answer the following. Feel free to explain your answers in the provided space as necessary. If you have a photo to include with your questionnaire, you can email it along with your answers to titus@idahofamily.org or by mail at 1116 S Vista Ave, Suite 227, Boise, ID, 83705 by **September 7, 2024**.*

Question 1: Do you support strengthening Idaho’s pro-life laws by removing the existing exceptions for cases of rape and incest?

Yes No Don’t Know

While you aren’t especially clear in this question, I do believe that you are asking about abortion laws...while not actually wanting to use the word abortion. I favor actual “pro-life” laws that aren’t chasing OB/GYNs out of Idaho as the strict anti-abortion laws make it difficult for them to do their job. I favor “pro-life” laws that help families that are trying to have children and not forcing them to do so. I support pre and post-natal care for all families, especially those that find it difficult to access. More than anything else, I favor laws that respect every individual’s right to make their own healthcare decisions without interference from government or religion.

Question 2: Do you support a prohibition on abortifacients that can end preborn life after fertilization, including Plan B, Julie, Ella, and copper or hormonal IUDs?

Yes No Don’t Know

Absolutely not. The decision to have children or to move forward with an unexpected pregnancy should be made by the woman in question and anyone she chooses to include in her decision-making process. This is not the place for government.

Question 3: Would you support legislation that holds educators and school districts accountable for indoctrinating students with critical race theory, gender ideology, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) ideology?

Yes No Don't Know

This question shows an utter and complete lack of understanding of the areas that you are trying to frighten voters with. Critical Race Theory is not in taught in K-12 schools. Neither is "gender ideology"...whatever you believe that to be. As for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, it is a fancy way of saying that "people are people" and that they all deserve to be treated equally. I don't understand how you could possibly be opposed to equal treatment of school children. And since when has listening to different perspectives been a bad thing?

Question 4: Would you support legislation that makes sexual education parental opt-in rather than opt-out?

Yes No Don't Know

I'm not 100% sure what you mean by "sexual education". I do know that nothing will spark interest among young adults more than being told that they can't learn about it. Schools are not handing out "fornication manuals" or forcing anyone to be gay or transgender. They are informing students about the full spectrum of human sexuality. Your unwillingness to accept that sexuality exists on a spectrum and is not merely binary doesn't mean that people that don't fit your narrow point of view don't exist. In fact, they likely exist in your own families.

Question 5: Would you support legislation that protects traditional, biblical marriage between one man and one woman?

Yes No Don't Know

I wasn't aware that "traditional, biblical marriage" was in need of protection. There doesn't appear to be any effort to prevent men and women from marrying each other. I am also curious what you mean by "traditional, biblical marriage". My namesake, King David had 8 wives. His son, the future King Solomon had 700 wives...and 300 concubines. I certainly wouldn't support efforts to allow that. We live in a secular society where each of us is free to practice our own religion. That doesn't allow any of us to force our religious beliefs on others. That's what religious freedom is about. Lastly, my late mother was gay. Even though she has been gone for several years, she remains one of the most important people in my life. I miss her every day. I stopped attending mass as a result of the Catholic Church's antipathy toward her.

Question 6: Would you support legislation that prohibits displays of indecency, such as drag exhibitions, in public places when minors are present?

Yes No Don't Know

During the time of Shakespeare, women were not allowed to appear on the stage. It as considered "indecent".
As a result, male actors had to play the parts of women. In its broadest interpretation, this would be considered
a form of drag. Whether minors should be allowed to attend drag shows is a decision that should be left to their
parents and/or guardians. I have faith in Idaho families to make these decisions.

Question 7: Do you support the legalization of medical or recreational marijuana in Idaho?

Yes No Don't Know

There are many in Idaho that currently use marijuana for medical or recreational use. Those that live in the Treasure
Valley are forced to travel to Ontario, Oregon, where there is a thriving marijuana market. I think Idaho residents deserve
to have access without making such a trip. I personally am not a user of marijuana, though if I could find a pain relief option, I would be
happy to explore it. NFL players have been using marijuana for pain relief for some time.

Question 8: Would you support legislation that allows public school teachers teachers to read the Bible during class time without instruction or comment?

Yes No Don't Know

There are places for the bible to be read...ideally in the home or in church. Public schools are definitely not a place for the bible...
unless it is being taught as literature. I have already detailed my belief in the separation of church and state.
Not every student in public schools comes from a family where the bible is considered appropriate reading matter.
There are parts of the bible that are wholly inappropriate. Do you really think it would be appropriate to read
Genesis 19:30-38 in a public school? This is a story of how Lot's daughters got him drunk so he could impregnate them.

Question 9: Do you support legal protections for the privacy and safety of biological females in bathrooms, locker rooms, government buildings, and prisons?

Yes No Don't Know

See last page for response

Question 10: Would you support extending the state child tax credit to preborn children?

Yes No Don't Know

I am very much in favor of helping families. But this feels like a step toward "fetal personhood", a concept I am very much opposed to. What you call a "preborn child" is in reality a fetus. It is not a person. There isn't even religious agreement on when life begins. I am open to the discussion of extending the child tax credit to pregnant women. But all pregnancies aren't carried to term for very natural reasons. This could be quite problematic, if enacted.

Question 11: To what extent is the Bible an authority in your personal and professional life?

Completely Mostly Sometimes Rarely Not at all

I was raised Catholic. Some concepts from my upbringing remain with me, such as "do unto others as you would have them do unto you". I strive to be a good person every day of my life. But I don't believe that you need religion to be a good person. Conversely, there are plenty of people who claim to be devotees of one religion or another that are decidedly not good people. If religion helps someone achieve becoming a positive member of society, that's great...just as it is great that there are those that achieve the same thing without religion.

Question 12: Are you a Bible-believing Christian, and if so, what church do you currently attend?

As I have noted elsewhere in this questionnaire, I was raised Catholic, but stopped attending church in my early teens when it became clear to me that the Catholic Church stood in opposition to my mother, merely because she was gay.

My mom was aware most of her life that she was gay. But she also wanted children (6 was the original number she had in mind). However, after having her fourth child (me), she determined that she was done having children. We were practicing

Catholics at the time. She told our parish priest that she had given god 4 sons and that she was going to go on the pill. Our priest responded by telling her that the church opposed birth control, but that he couldn't stop her from doing what she felt she needed to do. If only there were more priests like that. I do not attend church. But I do believe that churches and mosques and synagogues play important roles in our society...especially when government abdicates most responsibility for caring for people in the most need. Our religious institutions do have a tendency to pick up the slack in that area.

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9. Once again, you appear to be obfuscating your meaning with the wording of this question, though it is clearly designed to measure support for discriminating against transgender women. I do not support laws that discriminate.

Once again, you make an assumption about a group of people that you wish didn't exist. Further, you make the mistaken assumption that the presence of a trans woman is automatically a potential danger to cisgender women.

Trans women use public restrooms to pee. They don't announce that they are trans when they enter. Anyone that is looking for them in a public restroom is the one who may be guilty of invasion of privacy. The same would go for government buildings.

As for locker rooms, schools should handle these issues on a case-by-case basis, remembering that trans women have rights too. In prisons, a trans woman is in more danger by being put in a men's prison than women are in danger from her in a women's prison.

I don't see this is a significant problem in Idaho...more like a solution looking for a problem all while trying to dehumanize people you don't particularly care for.