

Watchmen Voter Guide for Idaho Governor

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	Ammon Bundy	Chantyroise Davison	Stephen Heidt	Brad Little	Paul Sand
1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?	Declined to Respond	My name is Chantyroise Davison and I am running for the office of Governor with the Constitution Party. I wanted somebody that understands what the people of Idaho are going through; somebody who is honest; somebody who would go in and try to do the job instead of worrying about being on television and making false promises. I want to inspire others who may think they can't make a difference to stand up because this is their home too.	My name is Stephen Heidt and I am the Democratic gubernatorial candidate. I am running specifically because I believe my platform more closely matches the overall needs of the Idaho constituency for the state at large	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect your executive decision making?	Declined to Respond	As a mother of 2 and as someone who has lost babies during pregnancies I do understand that if life ends with the loss of a heartbeat then life begins with a heartbeat. This I believe has no affect with decision making.	I am pro-life , I agreed with the Idaho Democratic Party that I would only say that, and I will honor the commitment I have made to them.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
3. What is your stance on federally owned land in the State of Idaho? Do you have any suggestions of changes that should be made, or should the current arrangement be maintained?	Declined to Respond	I would like to see Idaho be owned by Idaho and Idahoans.	I believe that the federal and state government should make better efforts on agreeing with each other and work hard at seeing that it happens. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you have any suggestions of changes that should be made or should the current arrangement be maintained? I believe there is room for improvement with the present situation and that not all options have been brought to the negotiation table for consideration.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
4. Does the Idaho legislature have the authority to terminate a state of disaster emergency at any time, overriding any executive order? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	Yes, in the Idaho Constitution Title 46, chapter 10, section 2 it states "The legislature by concurrent resolution may terminate a state of disaster emergency at any time. Thereupon, the governor shall issue an executive order or proclamation ending the state of disaster emergency. "	I can't directly answer this as I am not sufficiently familiar with all of the by-laws of the Idaho constitution. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why or why not? If the constitution grants this power, then they do. If it doesn't, then it doesn't	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond

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5. Have you signed a “no new tax” pledge? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	No, I have not seen anything on that.	No. Why or why not? To the best of my knowledge, the pledge or petition has never been brought to the attention of the registered voter base in my county, being Owyhee. I haven’t been required to consider it.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
6. Have you signed the Manhattan Declaration (which defines marriage as between one man and one woman) or the Families First pledge? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	No and until this questionnaire had not heard of it before. I believe marriage is up to the people who are getting married so long as it is not breaking any laws for example involving underage minors. I do though believe that if places such as churches do not wish to perform same sex marriages they should not be harassed or forced to accept it.	No. • Why or why not? To the best of my knowledge, the pledge or any petition has never been brought to the attention of the registered voter base in my county, being Owyhee. I haven’t been required to consider it. I believe in free agency and that a person or people have the God given right to self-determination. I do not believe that God has empowered one man or a group of men to deprive others of this. If God disapproves, let him be the judge, but allow parents to teach their own children as they choose.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
7. In your opinion, under what circumstances should the state of Idaho sue another state or the federal government?	Declined to Respond	In the case of mismanagement or cover up of information such as in the case of COVID where important information was being withheld and forced on citizens.	Any time another government encroaches upon the constitutional rights of the State of Idaho.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
8. Do you interpret the Idaho Constitution as a living document?	Declined to Respond	Yes same as the Constitution of the United States.	As long as the people of Idaho are empowered to elect legislative representation to make constitutionally legitimate change, yes, and, they do. The Idaho Constitution is the law and can be changed and used to the advantage of both conservative and progressive, alike. In the State of Idaho, both ends of the political spectrum need to have sway with the moderate constituency to gain advantage. I am a moderate, but have some progressive items on my platform, but as will be seen below, I also have conservative views that balance my political platform.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond

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9. All too often bills that are based on conservative values struggle to get passed Committees, the House and the Senate. When they make it to your desk as Governor, what guidelines or values will you use to determine which bills you will sign?	Declined to Respond	Moral judgment, public safety, and the Constitutional rights of the people...Will it actually help the people of Idaho or will it only help big corporations? I want to be for the people.	I have three equal responsibilities: one to the constituency at large, two to the party that supported me to get into office and three to the constituents that voted for me. The first two are easy to identify, the third is not. As a moderate I have to keep these three things in mind when making such decisions. I will follow my platform presented to the IDP central party. If it is not included there, the likelihood is that I am moderate.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
10. According to the Idaho Constitution, the office of the governor, has "supreme executive power." What does this mean to you?	Declined to Respond	That the Governor has to be honest and responsible because they are responsible for the state's administration decisions.	It is a power that should not be used, except in emergencies. I haven't seen anything that I would deem an emergency in Idaho in recent decades.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
11. If elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	Declined to Respond	I see myself accountable to the people of Idaho. I see myself accountable to the children of Idaho who depend on us as the adults and as the leaders to help them have a safe great place to grow up and to inspire them. I know what it's like to be the kid with dreams who becomes the adult who learns to settle and eventually gives up on those dreams. I'm making a choice to show them you should never give up. To never give up on an opportunity to help others.	First and foremost, to God. Secondly, to the people of Idaho and thirdly, to the U.S. and Idaho constitutions.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
12. What is your opinion regarding freedom of choice for parents for the education of their children, for example School choice?	Declined to Respond	I believe that parents should have the freedom of choice for schooling for their children.	I believe in self-determination. I do not believe it is something that can be used in one instance and discarded when convenient. I believe that parents hold that right for their children until the children reach the legal age determined by law.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond

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13. The 10th amendment states: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people. What does this mean to you?	Declined to Respond	It means that the federal government does not have control over the state to force us to do something. We as the people have to work together to decide what is best. My opinion is that if there is a question on something like that it should be voted on by the people.	This is an age-old discussion within the United States, both sides represented in the Federalist and Anti-Federalist papers. I am a certified teacher in the state of Idaho to teach American Government. I choose to remain neutral on this discussion as each instance where this might be applied sometimes is very interpretational.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
14. In recent years some groups have advocated for legalizing marijuana in our state, do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	No I do not believe in legalizing marijuana. I see the damage being done around us with other states legalizing drugs and once that was to be approved there would be another drug being pushed until we are just as bad. I have heard so many complain about adults smoking cigarettes and how unsafe that is especially around children what do they think would happen with a drug like marijuana being smoked and giving contact highs to children? Something that can severely impair your response and thought process...now put them behind the wheel. I would never want to encourage that.	Though I do not advocate legalizing marijuana, part of my platform is to decriminalize it, reducing it to status similar to a traffic ticket, and release all those in the county jails and state prisons who are being held for this crime. It would save a lot of tax payer dollars and the fines paid for the ticket would bring in state revenues, being a win-win situation for the state and local governments, the police and the citizens. I also believe in free agency or self-determinization. The right to swing one's fist however, ends where another's nose begins, and when intoxication creates public endangerment fines need to be truly painful.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond
15. What is your background and why do you believe it qualifies you for this position?	Declined to Respond	I grew up in Marsing. I have spent years volunteering for things such as homeless shelters, school programs, cleanup, and more. To qualify for the position First, you need to have lived in the state for 2 years; I have lived here for roughly 35 years. Second, you need to be 35 or older; I am forty-one. Third, you have to be a citizen of the United States; I'm definitely a citizen. So based on what the state requires I am fully qualified. I am new to politics but I am not new to paying taxes, losing money to everything and anything that wants to take my money, to working hard, to caring about people, and to doing what is right.	My background is why I am qualified for this position and it is found in my platform which I have included.	Declined to Respond	Declined to Respond