

## Idaho State Representative District 1B

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<p><b>1. What is your name, what office are you running for and why are you running for this position?</b></p>	<p><b>Declined to Respond</b></p>	<p>I'm Chuck Lowman, and I am running to be your representative to Idaho House seat 1B. I may be the youngest person on the slate, but as the country singer songwriter Chris Ledoux said, "It ain't the years, son, it's the miles."</p> <p>In my travels, I've worked in 8 states across the U.S. and 9 countries overseas performing various jobs. I've been a carpenter, a research biologist, a helicopter logger, a recording technician, a manager in the ski industry, a missionary, pastor and small business owner. For 12 years, I was an Army Chaplain, and during that time I provided crucial leadership to soldiers and officers alike. I worked in logistics, ensuring that our Soldiers got what they needed to achieve their mission at hand. I provided 3500 hours of professional counseling to help soldiers and leaders alike to understand and overcome personal and family issues, leadership issues, and navigate the difficult and traumatizing moral consequences of war.</p> <p>The reason I've done these things is because I believe in Servant Leadership. We need the kind of people in leadership who have proven that they can listen to all sides of an argument, and then decide on the right course of action in front of them. I learned early on as a pastoral counselor, that if I try and bring my cookie cutter solution to a problem that a couple brings to me, I often miss the point. The couple has not bought in to the solution, and I would get frustrated thinking, "If they just did it my way, they would be happy." But, I learned that if I spent the time to understand their issues, and then together find solutions to the problem, we could make step-by-step strides together to change for the better.</p> <p>This is the kind of leadership we need for Idaho. We need to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger. We need to put others' needs</p>	<p>Cornel Rasor, State Representative LD 1 Seat B</p> <p>I am running because I have been watching Idaho drift leftward for the last four decades and I believe I can do something to help stop that. I was a County Commissioner for four years and have been involved in politics for 30+ years. I believe I have some of the necessary skills to navigate the system at the state level and bring my conservative voice to the Idaho freedom caucus. I would like to see my grandchildren grow up in a free Idaho like I did.</p>	<p>Robert Vickaryous State Rep 1B. I am running to provide some sanity to the Democratic party</p>

		before our own. We need to make friends with our opponent – not drag them into court. We need the kind of leaders who bring people to the table, not the kind who reject and despise their neighbor because we don't agree on how things should be done.		
2. When do you believe life begins and how does this belief affect the legislation you will support?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I believe that life begins at conception, and that all human life is in the image of our creator and needs to be honored as such. This affects my view on right to life issues, and recognizes the importance of the life of the child when considering morally difficult questions regarding women's health issues and abortion.	I believe life begins at conception and I will fight to protect the lives of the unborn at every stage whether they be normally conceived or the product of rape or incest. I will support legislation that does not make exceptions for protecting unborn children.	Life begins at conception. It would affect legislation in a positive manner and I would positively support legislation to jail abortion providers
3. What are the top three issues that you feel the legislature needs to address?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Proper education funding of our rural schools, many of which do not have the requisite tax base of our larger school districts to create the uniform educational experience mandated by the Idaho constitution. Protecting arable lands to ensure we can continue to provide food and fiber for our state and nation. More work can be done in the area of cooperative land management practices and tax incentive programs to keep arable lands in production. Ensuring that our law enforcement and fire professionals are supported with funding and personnel to achieve their mission.	The budget, protection of children, sound money as a protection for the coming economic disaster.	1. Secure elections 2. Privatize education 3. Ban CBDC central bank digital currency

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4. What do you consider the biggest health care issue for Idaho, and where do you stand on it?	Declined to Respond	<p>Reducing the administrative encumbrances for our Medicare and Medicaid programs. I work closely with behavioral health professionals, many of whom will not accept those programs because of the administrative burdens of that program, specifically that for a one hour session with a patient requires two hours of paperwork to receive payment. This leaves persons who have the most difficult behavioral health issues with no way to get the care they need.</p> <p>Our rural counties are not able to recruit obstetricians and gynecologists to fill positions at their remote hospitals due to our abortion laws. I agree that abortion should be restrictive and should be restricted to those instances where there is significant risk to the life of the mother. There needs to be clarification in the language regarding abortion (e.g. removing an ectopic pregnancy is not an "abortion" in the moral sense, though it is termed an abortive procedure). We may need to explore pathways to minimize risk for doctors who are genuinely trying to minimize risk to life of their patients. This may look like presenting the case in real-time to a disinterested magistrate to review the facts of the case and approve the procedure should complications continue to escalate. This would minimize the legal risk to the physician, in much the same way we minimize risk to police officers seeking a warrant for someone's arrest or to search someone's property.</p>	<p>Child abuse camouflaged as gender reassignment surgery. I will work to stop this kind of abuse as much as I possibly can using current legislation and fresh ideas. Running a close second to that is government use of government power to shut down society over the flu. I realize I have distilled it down to a bumper sticker but that's the general idea.</p>	<p>The biggest health care issue is the high cost which is caused by government interference. We must end govt. meddling</p>
5. Idaho's school system has room for improvement, how would you legislate to improve K-12 education in Idaho?	Declined to Respond	<p>We need to evaluate funding mechanisms for rural schools. One way to address this would be for the state to fund facilities and infrastructure, and the individual school boards use the current levy system to fund teacher pay and operational costs. This would necessitate a facilities standard which would determine which school districts receive priority of funding to build, maintain, and modernize schools. HB521 fails to provide monies</p>	<p>The education system in Idaho needs a good dose of competition. While the current ideals that include money following the kids seem well-intentioned, my concern is always that once the state government has been given money and deigns to return some of it to the taxpayers, there will always be strings attached. I will work to help continue</p>	<p>The best way to improve K12 education is to abolish it and let it be totally privatized.</p>

		<p>to rural schools which need the most help with maintenance and modernization needs. There needs to be a statewide education facilities assessment, and monies need to be sent to the school districts which have the most pressing needs first.</p> <p>Many folks are concerned that our education systems teach science and mathematics in a way that precludes issues of faith and lend themselves to atheistic or agnostic views because it does not violate the establishment clause of the first amendment. Science can be taught in a way that does not discuss agency (who the creator is) or denominationalism. It can point to the necessity of a mind behind the origin of the universe. The family can then fill in the blanks of the "who?" of agency. The context of science is just as important as the outcome (bias). Therefore, philosophy, belief and faith are crucial concepts to discuss in the classroom. To expect a student - who is still developing their own worldview - to be expected to bring a fully developed worldview to the classroom is unrealistic. For the school to then teach a one-sided worldview does not serve the student nor the mission of the education system to ensure the stability of our republican form of government.</p>	<p>finding ways to create the competition that is needed. I would advocate that parents who can demonstrate that they are not using the system but would rather homeschool or send their children to private school not be taxed by the local school districts at all.</p>	
<p>6. Do you support or oppose legislation to prohibit gender reassignment treatment/surgery on minors?</p>	<p><b>Declined to Respond</b></p>	<p>I would oppose such legislation. Children need to be shepherded through those difficult times in life where changing hormones makes life awkward. Providing hormone therapies and physical surgeries to minors is unethical, causes irreversible harm, and should never be done to a child.</p>	<p>I support legislation to protect children from this kind of child abuse.</p>	<p>Support to prohibit</p>

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7. If elected, how will you ensure that you are aligned with your North Idaho constituents' values and how will your voting record reflect those values?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I will maintain open avenues of communication – phone, email, and face-to-face meetings with constituents do discuss ideas and concerns with legislation. I believe in our representative form of government, where the electorate appoints their representative to the legislature to wade through the issues of government. I will do my best to understand the issues from all points of view, and with our legislative district needs in mind, and vote according to my conscience. Ultimately, my decisions will face judgment by my creator. Special interest groups, caucuses, and even parties will not face that judgment, because they are not persons. I will endeavor to treat all persons and their ideas with honor and respect in order to understand the issue more fully and work together to find the right solution.	You must understand (and you probably already do) that first I am by oath, beholden to the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the state of Idaho. Second to that I will maintain open lines of communication through newsletters, telephone calls, email, text, etc. I will use all the modern and time-tested methods of maintaining communication with people. I will attend Townhall's and I will simply be available as I have always been for these 3+ decades of political involvement. My voting record will reflect the values of those who elect me in that they will know where I stand on the constitutions both federal and state and on the Republican platform when they elect me and they will see me hold firm to those principles. Those are the values that have been distilled over the centuries as conservative values. I will hold to them.	I wouldn't be elected if I wasn't generally aligned with my constituents
8. What is your definition of marriage?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Marriage is the covenant between one man and one woman as ordained in the creative order, and upheld across cultures and the ages.	My definition is in keeping with the original blueprint. It was defined by God as the joining of one man and one woman for life. Let it also be said that He defined the two sexes/genders at the same time.	A union between 1 (one) man and one woman with vows taken before God – til death do us part officiated by a qualified clergyman
9. In recent years, sexually explicit materials have invaded public schools and libraries. In your opinion are these materials appropriate for minors under 18 years old?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	Sexually explicit materials are not appropriate for children under the age of 18.	They are not appropriate for minors under 18 and should be relocated out of reach for them in public libraries.	NO

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<p><b>10.</b> What legislation should be passed regarding School Choice?</p>	<p><b>Declined to Respond</b></p>	<p>Idaho has numerous avenues for school Choice programs, which should be exemplified and continue to support. I am against voucher programs, because I view those programs as extending undue government influence over private and religious education programs. All government monies come with strings attached. This puts the church and private organization at risk of changing their message for the sake of government funding.</p>	<p>Again as I mentioned above, I would be looking to come up with legislation that would allow parents to keep any monies that would have been taken away from them for education. Then they will not have to ask for them back or be subject to strings should the state “condescend” to return “their” money with strings attached.</p>	<p>Answer – same as question 5</p>
<p><b>11.</b> Migration from other states has caused property taxes for current homeowners to substantially increase. What legislation would you recommend to prevent property tax increases that are causing a financial burden and forcing some owners out of their homes?</p>	<p><b>Declined to Respond</b></p>	<p>I propose a property tax increase moratorium on individuals who are actively retired (65+) and living on fixed incomes. Those who fit said category will have their tax amount fixed at the point of entry into that program or the sale and subsequent purchase of a new primary residence only. Individuals who own more than one residence should not fall under this protection. Currently, property taxes can only grow 3% between given tax assessments. Elderly individuals who are unable to pay property taxes can apply for tax exemptions which are then paid upon the sale of their property. I encourage individuals to talk to their county tax assessor about their options in this regard. There are programs available to help.</p>	<p>I will be taking a different tack on this. I’m going to hold it close to my vest at this point, if I don’t get elected, I will give my idea to a trusted legislator that will be sitting in the 2025 session.</p>	<p>I favor abolishing property taxes altogether</p>

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<b>12.</b> In your opinion, if elected, who do you see yourself accountable to and why?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I am accountable penultimately to the voter – they are the ones who entrust their confidence in me to make legislative decisions which affect their rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I will endeavor to listen to the issues we face with the intent to understand the whole problem, and seek realistic and workable solutions for all Idahoans. There will be times that we disagree on the way ahead, but I promise to hear their perspective and make decisions accordingly. Ultimately, I am accountable to my conscience before the Lord in my final vote. As I mentioned earlier, I am the one who will face the consequences of my decisions – no caucus, party, special interest group, or voter will bear that consequence.	I see myself accountable to God, and by virtue of my oath to the two constitutions, to those documents. And since those documents were written by and for the people, I see myself accountable to the voters. Our representative form of government flows from the documents that we are to govern by. I will also have the Idaho Republican platform to pay close attention to. Since I'm running as a Republican, the people who elected me have a right to think I will act like one and vote as one should.	To my creator and my constituents – in that order
<b>13.</b> 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?	<b>Declined to Respond</b>	I oppose the legalization of marijuana. The physical and social consequences are not what Idahoans want to bear.	I'm ambivalent on this. I don't like drugs and have never taken them but I'm loath to see the war on drugs used to put young people in jail so that their years incarcerated for simply misusing a plant, sends them out the other end of the wringer a hardened criminal. I think I would more likely be in favor of decriminalization. I need to be better educated on this as it relates to criminal penalties. Frankly I have never understood the lack of consistency in a society that even celebrates the use of alcohol which I don't use either, but puts people in jail for smoking something. Both of them have the same effect on people. Again, I personally use neither but prison time for misuse seems to me to be an over-the-top response.	Criminalizing hasn't worked. Educating the public would seem like the best approach – pros & cons and let the free market work.

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<p><b>14.</b> What is your background and why do you feel it qualifies you for this position?</p>	<p><b>Declined to Respond</b></p>	<p>As mentioned before, Though I may be one of the younger candidates on the stage, its not for a lack of experience. I've worked in 8 U.S. States and 9 Countries around the world. I'm a Veteran who has seen 39 months of combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. I've been a carpenter, a research biologist, a helicopter logger, a recording technician, a manager in the ski industry, a missionary, pastor and small business owner. The reason I've done these things is because I believe in Servant Leadership. We need the kind of people in leadership who have proven that they can listen to all sides of an argument, and then decide on the right course of action in front of them. We need to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger. We need to put others' needs before our own. We need the kind of leaders who bring people to the table, not the kind who reject and despise their neighbor because we don't agree on how things should be done. I have the combat proven character to Do What's Right for North Idaho, and I appreciate your vote and your support.</p>	<p>I have a background in business and in public service with several decades in public office including precinct committeemen and County Commissioner. I understand from the county perspective the difficulties that state legislation can impart to local officials especially unfunded mandates. My years in the precinct committeemen position have given me an affinity to individuals who have a desire to see their government be more responsive and less damaging. I have formulated some methods for dealing with that which I used as County Commissioner and I believe I can carry into public office at the state capitol.</p>	<p>I'm a cattleman and have been paying attention and witnessing my county and livelihood being destroyed for the past 65+ years.</p>