

The Community Page

REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

Contrasting Party Platforms

The power to make decisions for our country and for our state ultimately rests with the people. Choosing those who will govern and rule over us is part of the freedom and democracy that makes America a great country. Freedom and democracy still reign in America today. Regardless of party affiliation, every voter needs to be aware of the principles the candidates stand for and the decisions they intend to make if elected. The following summary of platforms discusses some basic philosophies of both parties and some of the positions of the candidates. These points are cited directly to the section or page in the Idaho party platforms they were summarized from. Please learn as much about the candidates as you can and vote for those you feel will positively lead our state and our nation!



DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

Abortion: Pro-Choice, platform supports policies that will keep abortion safe, legal and rare. (IDP, II.E.1.c)

Gay marriage: No specific reference to Gay/Same-sex marriage or civil unions.

Healthcare: Supports a government-sponsored health care plan. (IDP, II.A.2.c)

Labor: Pro-Union, oppose any and all laws restricting the rights of employees to organize. (IDP, II.C.3.a)

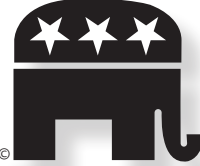
Nuclear energy: No specific mention of nuclear energy.

Property rights: Supports preservation of productive agricultural lands and advocates smart-growth agricultural planning. (IDP, II.C.4.d)

Taxes: Supports the right of communities to self-govern, including the right to vote on local option tax. Supports the elimination of the sales tax on groceries. (IDP, II.B.1.d and II.G.1.c)

Universal Early Child Education: Supports state funding for a voluntary high-quality pre-kindergarten program for Idaho. (IDP, II.C.2.g)

Welfare: Spend taxpayers' dollars efficiently and effectively on programs that will return lasting value to our communities. (IDP, II.1.a)



REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

Abortion: Pro-Life, support the sanctity of life and the rights of the unborn child. (IRP, XVI)

Gay marriage: Oppose the definition of marriage beyond that of a bond between one man and one woman. (IRP, XVI)

Healthcare: Opposed to socialized medicine and any other attempts to encourage socialism in America. (IRP, XVIII)

Labor: Pro-Right to Work, opposed to repealing of Idaho's "Right to Work" as a violation of the equal opportunity for employment and the freedom of association guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. (IRP, XIV)

Nuclear energy: Support research and development missions that provide safe, economical nuclear power. (IRP, IX & XIII)

Property rights: Committed to the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution - "No person shall be ... deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." (IRP, Sec. VII)

Taxes: Support lower federal, state, and local taxes. High taxes are a burden on businesses, families and individuals. Tax reductions should always be accompanied by spending reductions. (IRP, Sec. I)

Universal Early Child Education: Opposed. Individuals, families and private sector best meet the needs of early childhood education. Only in the rarest of situations should government assume the responsibilities reserved to parents. (IRP, IV)

Welfare: Social and fiscal programs should reinforce parental responsibility and authority, and not promote or reward the disintegration of the family. The answer is in education, job opportunities, and individual and family responsibility. (IRP, XVI)

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John McCain / Sarah PALIN Barack OBAMA / Joe BIDEN US Senator Larry LaROCCO Jim RISCH US Representative (2nd Congressional District) Deborah HOLMES Mike SIMPSON	State Senator R. Steven BLAIR not contested State Representative Pos. A Dennis LAKE not contested State Representative Pos. B Jim MARRIOTT not contested	State Senator Robert GEDDES not contested State Representative Pos. A Marc GIBBS not contested State Representative Pos. B Tom LOERTSCHER not contested	State Senator Dean MORTIMER not contested State Representative Pos. A Scott CANNON Janice McGEACHIN State Representative Pos. B Erik SIMPSON not contested	State Senator Bart DAVIS Neil WILLIAMS State Representative Pos. A Jerry SHIVELY Jeff THOMPSON State Representative Pos. B Russ MATHEWS John McGIMPSEY	State Senator Brent HILL not contested State Representative Pos. A Mack SHIRLEY not contested (C-Dan ROBERTS) State Representative Pos. B Dell RAYBOULD not contested	State Senator Luke PRANGE Jeffery SIDDOWAY State Representative Pos. A Calvin LEMAN JoAn WOOD State Representative Pos. B Lenore BARRETT not contested

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