

NPCRCC Candidate Questionnaire Responses

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Fiscal Responsibility

Strongly Agree. Government must live within its means just as Idaho families do. Balanced budgets, responsible spending, and limiting the growth of federal bureaucracy are essential to protecting future generations from unsustainable debt.

Taxation

Strongly Agree. Taxes should be low, transparent, and predictable. The federal tax code should be simplified so citizens and small businesses can prosper without excessive compliance burdens.

Reform of Congress

Strongly Agree. Congress must reclaim its constitutional role, particularly over spending, war powers, and oversight of the administrative state.

Sound Currency

Strongly Agree. A stable and reliable currency protects the purchasing power of American families and retirees.

State Legislature

Strongly Agree. State legislatures are closest to the people and must retain strong authority under the Tenth Amendment.

Honest Elections and Electoral College

Strongly Agree. Election integrity is essential to public trust, and the Electoral College preserves the federal structure of our republic.

Citizen Involvement

Strongly Agree. Self-government requires an engaged citizenry participating in local and state institutions.

Public Discourse

Strongly Agree. Free speech and open debate are essential to a healthy republic.

Primary Elections

Strongly Agree. Primary elections allow voters to choose candidates who best represent their principles.

Teaching Founding Documents

Strongly Agree. Students should understand the Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and the principles of liberty.

Religious Freedom in Schools

Strongly Agree. Students and teachers should be free to exercise religious beliefs without discrimination.

Home School Rights

Strongly Agree. Parents are the primary educators of their children.

School Choice

Strongly Agree. Families should be able to choose the educational environment that best meets their children's needs.

Free and Fair Trade in Agriculture

Strongly Agree. Idaho agriculture must compete globally without unfair trade barriers.

Water Rights for Farming

Strongly Agree. Secure water rights are essential to Idaho agriculture.

Water Regulation

Strongly Agree. Water policy should remain primarily under state authority.

Recreational Waters

Somewhat Agree. Recreation is valuable but must be balanced with property rights and stewardship.

Fish and Dam Regulation

Strongly Agree. Hydroelectric infrastructure is critical to regional energy security.

Environmental Stewardship

Strongly Agree. Responsible stewardship protects resources for future generations.

State Primacy in Environmental Policy

Strongly Agree. States are better positioned than federal agencies to manage local environmental concerns.

Utilization of Natural Resources

Strongly Agree. Idaho's resources should be responsibly developed.

Limit Presidential Authority Over Parks

Strongly Agree. Major land use decisions should involve Congress and local stakeholders.

Energy Independence

Strongly Agree. America should produce the energy it needs.

Energy Diversity

Strongly Agree. Oil, gas, hydroelectric, nuclear, and emerging technologies all have a role.

Low Electricity Rates

Strongly Agree. Affordable energy is critical for households and industry.

Idaho National Laboratory

Strongly Agree. INL is vital for nuclear innovation and Idaho employment.

Private Property Rights

Strongly Agree. Property rights are fundamental to liberty.

Federal Lands in Idaho

Somewhat Agree. Federal land policy should give states and local communities greater influence.

Fish and Game Opportunities

Strongly Agree. Wildlife management should support Idaho residents and tourism.

Oppose Restrictive Federal Designations

Strongly Agree. Federal designations should not unnecessarily limit state management.

Wolves and Grizzlies

Somewhat Agree. Wildlife policy should be guided by state professionals and local impact.

Balanced Budgets

Strongly Agree. Fiscal discipline protects future generations.

Support for Small Business

Strongly Agree. Small businesses are the backbone of Idaho's economy.

Simple Tax Code

Strongly Agree. The tax system should be clear and fair.

Merit-Based Employment

Strongly Agree. Hiring and promotion should be based on individual merit.

Conscience Clause

Strongly Agree. Individuals should not be forced to violate their moral or religious beliefs.

Parents Medical Authority

Strongly Agree. Parents should have primary authority over medical decisions for their children.

Traditional Family Values

Strongly Agree. Strong families are foundational to stable communities.

Marriage Definition

Somewhat Agree. Public policy should support stable families while respecting constitutional protections.

Abortion

Somewhat Agree. Human life is deeply valuable and worthy of protection while policy must consider complex circumstances.

Older Americans

Strongly Agree. Seniors should not be penalized for continuing to work.

Innocent Until Proven Guilty

Strongly Agree. Due process is fundamental to justice.

Right to Bear Arms

Strongly Agree. The Second Amendment protects the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms.

Death Penalty

Somewhat Agree. Appropriate for the most heinous crimes with strict due process.

Missile Defense & Mountain Home AFB

Strongly Agree. These are vital to national security and Idaho's economy.

Border Wall

Strongly Agree. Secure borders are essential to national sovereignty.

Troops as World Police

Strongly Agree. American troops should only be used when clear national interests justify their deployment.

Election of Judges

Somewhat Agree. Judicial selection should remain transparent while preserving judicial independence.

Signature: Joe Evans

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