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## **Idaho, Where Do You Stand?**



### **EDITORIAL**

hills are rich with precious metals and timber. We call this God's country for all these reasons and so many more. Truly an area worth protecting, but what exactly do we need to protect it from?

The Idaho political Establishment abdicated their primary duties as agents of the people. To secure the blessings of liberty we grant specific and limited powers to those agents. These powers must only be wielded in accordance with Natural Law and the Constitution—a framework for the protection and security of our unalienable, God given, rights. Unalienable does not mean conditional, revocable or temporary. On the contrary, it unequivocally translates to immutable, irrevocable and permanent.

Over the last two years we saw tyranny unfold before our very eyes when our weak Governor and his establishment minions marched lockstep with Globalists to mask and experiment on our children, kill our small businesses and dissolve our national sovereignty with globalists like Klaus Schwab who want you “to own nothing and be happy” and Yuval Harari who preaches from his transhumanist pulpit that “free will is over.” Our weak county and city officials were quick to lie down and roll over in the wake of such blatant disregard for the rule of law, American values and the people of Idaho. This is not a drill.

If you are feeling ambivalent about the up-and-coming primary elections you should know the real gravity of what's at stake. Time is of the essence, the enemy is already beyond

I didn't know how fortunate I was to have grown up in North Idaho until I joined the Army in the nineties. As I traveled across the US and the world I was quick to recognize that we live in an extraordinarily unique place. We have one of the most abundant aquifers in America under our feet, four seasons and precious lakes. We are surrounded by mountains where huckleberries, morels and wild medicines grow abundant and where herds of deer, elk and other game roam freely. The nearby

the gates and largely in power. These pirates masquerading as authorities want to indoctrinate your children with Critical Race Theory, force experimental gene therapy on the population and wield their assigned powers without redress. They use their billionaire-backed establishment media to monopolize perception, propagandize the masses and stifle dissent. They invert reality by presenting themselves as conservatives at face value while moving liberal ideologies throughout our community.

Do not be fooled by the desperate establishment and their new fake Republican movement whose ranks read more like an episode of the Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous than an assembly of your everyday conservative Idahoans. These people represent power, greed and globalist conformity. They are vested in the status quo and profiting handsomely from it.

These are the same people that told you if you were essential or not, locked you down, wanted to jab you and your children with experimental gene therapies, made your loved ones die alone, advocated for degenerate materials to be placed in children's sections of the libraries, closed the courts, restricted access to public services and then they have the audacity to call you “extremists” for reminding them they've overstepped their bounds.

So what exactly is at stake here? Lockstep and conformity to a Globalist agenda vs. the restoration of American values in God's Country. A conformist will do what they're told regardless of what's right. A moralist, however, will do what's right regardless of what they're told. Voting in this election is literally a vote for conformity or a vote for morality. Where do you stand?

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# Who Owns Idaho's Public Lands?

By Hari Heath



Almost two-thirds of Idaho is occupied by the Federal Government and mostly quite contrary to the mandates of both the US and Idaho Constitutions. The Federal Government is constitutionally limited to owning Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards and other needful Buildings within a state. That is the Federal Government's proper role under Article One, Section Eight, Clause Seventeen of the Tenth Amendment.

The State was given the unappropriated public lands at Statehood by the provisions of Article Ten, Section Four of the Idaho Constitution. There are many more important points to this story, as my previous article, "*The Constitutional Facts of Life: Can the Federal Government own Public Lands?*," details in issue 4 of The People's Pen.

But what can be done about it? A longstanding precedent almost grants squatter's rights to the Feds.

They have occupied much of Idaho in some cases for over a century. And where would a state go to prove what is right and be "granted" the authority to recover the public lands that properly belong to the state?

## Options

There are many options, most of which show little promise when looked at carefully. But perhaps history and current events can provide a better view of the possibilities.

## Judicial Challenge

Many will say go to court and prove the case. Which court? How do such things usually turn out? If Idaho wins, how is it enforced? Are we to ask a Federal Court and its associated financial interests to give back two-thirds of Idaho to the state? Potentially billions in natural resources: timber, precious and strategic metals and minerals, agricultural production and recreational opportunities in the natural wonders of the Gem State are at stake here. The legal realms are full of engineered treachery. Power rarely concedes to such a contest. As Lord Acton said, "Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts, absolutely."

Perhaps one could go to a state court for relief? Yes, the state judiciary is subject to regular elections and might be a better forum for such a contest. But state cases can be removed to federal court and tried there. Even if tried in a state court, how would a state court enforce its order if Idaho did prevail?

Call out the National Guard? That's not a judicial power. If Idaho loses, judicial precedent could be set, potentially closing the door for further contest and recovery. Court is not a good option. Ask anyone who has been there.

## Legislative Decree

The Idaho Legislature could pass a Joint Resolution or even laws mandating return of Idaho's occupied lands. It could be an abrupt, total recovery or a progressive return easing the transition. How will that work out? Look to Utah, one of the states that led the charge for recovery of federally occupied state lands.

Utah passed some laws, gave the federal government an order to return ownership of the lands and a deadline to do so. What happened? The deadline passed and Utah remains occupied territory. The feds have not left as ordered. Business as usual.

## An Act of Congress

Idaho could ask Congress to dispose of the various federal agencies holdings back to the state in some manner of an orderly transition. Yeah, right! Look at the train wreck Congress has become. Could anyone imagine the current Congress handing over billions of dollars in resources and relinquishing the longstanding claims of "ownership" and control of our state? Not gonna

happen.

## Executive Remedy?

Maybe Idaho's Governor could issue more of those ever-popular executive orders and mandate the recovery of Idaho's lawful property? Maybe even call out the National Guard? Sorry, the current occupant of the Governor's office is too busy collecting and doling out billions in federal Covid funds. Would he be willing to forgo the big bucks from the Feds and get Idaho on track to produce actual wealth from Idaho's own resources? "Little" chance that would ever happen.

## The Hard, But High Road

In the Supreme Court's Obamacare decision, Justice Roberts said, "The states are sovereign and sometimes they should act like it." Isn't it about time for Idaho to stand up and be a state? Again, let's use history as a guide.

In America's departure from the Rule of Kings and the beginning of the American experiment in self-governance, a pivotal document was forged: The Declaration of

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The Globalist economic and social model has resulted in mass homelessness throughout the USA.

Around the globe COVID-19 revealed more than most of us ever wanted to know about our local state, county, and city governments. We saw laws passed and rescinded. We saw flagrant violations of the US and state constitutions. We were constantly confused by “our” government and its media mouthpieces contradicting themselves. We were lied to and consequently lost friends and relatives: some to disease, some to medical malpractice, some to arguments over the dinner table.

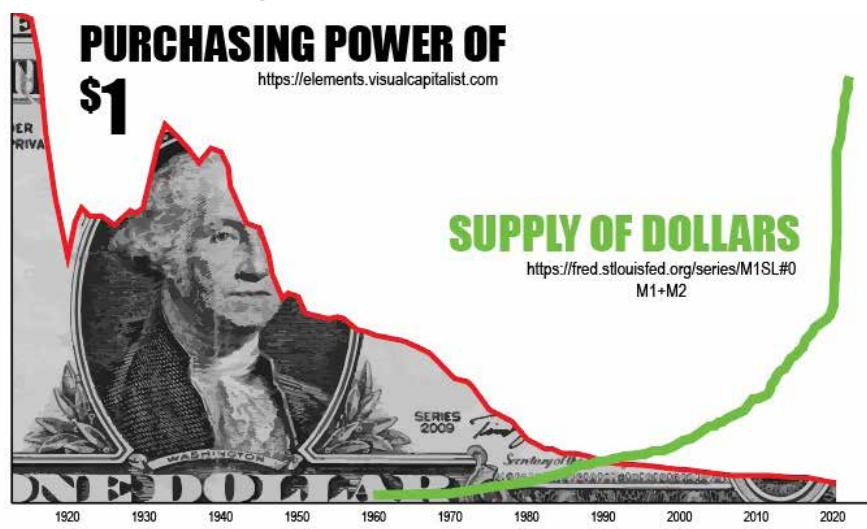
The big corporations and big government won big. Only now after the damage is done, courts are ruling that various agencies overstepped their bounds. The winners cheated but still won the prize. Most of us lost. We lost relationships, we lost businesses, we lost self-respect as we acquiesced to rules we did not understand or believe in. We lost confidence in our system.

Unlimited money came out of nowhere, billions of dollars magically appeared and rained on the chosen few. Meanwhile, we wondered if we would get our stimulus checks. By the time we could spend it—it was worth less, and less, and less.

Covid-19 revealed what was undermining America and much of the western world. The

similarity of Covid restrictions, responses, and rollouts were coordinated on a global level and reached down into our local neighborhoods. A clear path of intention, influence and execution was vividly seen.

The winners and organizers of the Covid-19 “pandemic” were the globalists of old. “They” were essentially the same spider-web of banking and international corporations that conspiracy theorists and beleaguered social reformers had been going hoarse screaming about for decades.



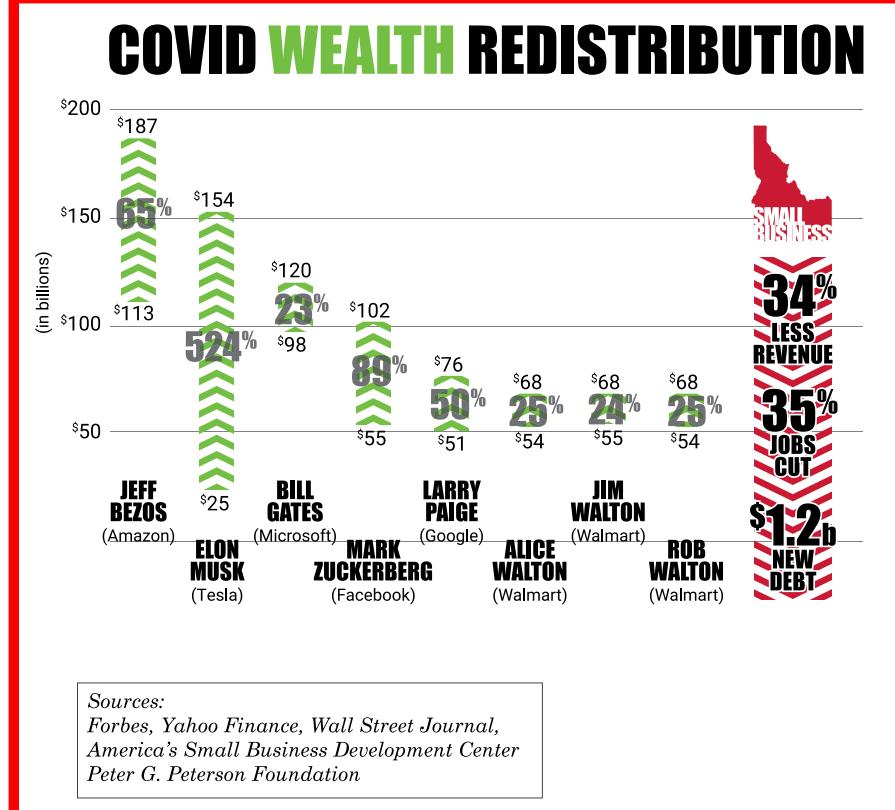
Covid-19 revealed the old globalist agenda in all its glorious splendor, and the basis of its economy: slavery. From requiring masks of its subjects, to demanding physical compliance with experimental vaccines, to doling out rewards at servitude, the globalist model, fully revealed, behaved as the slave-masters of old. It might look new with cell-phones and drones but ultimately demands you work for it, or

**Public events, freedom of travel, the right to assemble, family gatherings, even churches were closed during Little's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order.**

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Businesses deemed “non-essential” by Brad Little were closed, and Idahoans lost their jobs as a result of Governor Little’s “emergency.”

A mother was also arrested in Meridian for taking her kids to the park, and a family in Rathdrum was cited for holding a garage sale.





**Inspired by their Canadian neighbors, Idahoans cheer on the Trucker Convoy as it rolls to Washington D.C.**

you die. It's as old as the snake in the garden, a vestige of an old world we already moved past long ago. Globalism is just old-world slavery with a new lie.

"They" made the decisions related to who won and lost during Covid. "They" decided who would pay for it with their tax dollars and obligations. "They" distributed the ill-gotten gains as they saw fit and paid-off every politician and media outlet right down to your hometown to make sure it happened.



**A "New Localism" can utilize advances in technology to its advantage, not to that of a globalist ruling class.**

But without local-yocals from state-government-on-down taking their thirty pieces of silver to betray their neighbors, it wouldn't have happened. Now we can see clearly who these betrayers were and can correct some mistakes. If those corrections happen, it changes everything.

If states, counties, local cities and towns wrestle back control of their government and media they



**Kootenai County residents at an anti-mask rally. Events like this happened all over America.**

can manage their resources and manpower in ways that truly benefit its inhabitants, not a global class of middlemen extracting fees on every transaction. Wasteful use of the environment comes to a crashing halt as inhabitants will refuse to sacrifice their neighborhoods and exhaust their resources for the sake of cavalier import and export schemes of

absentee owners.

A "New Localism" can utilize advances in technology to its advantage, not to that of a globalist ruling class. Rather than waste time and taxpayer dollars on contact-tracing citizens, maybe we can pay some college students to make an app that helps us sell, trade or recycle all the stuff gathering dust in our garages? Perhaps it could even incorporate a real cryptocurrency like Bitcoin, Monero or a locally developed cryptocurrency instead of tying us to the blockchain of a central bank digital currency?

The New Localism can be concerned with real work and real "stuff," not just the money that represents it. There is freedom in this clarity—simplicity, and with it a real chance to rekindle and reboot the American Dream.

The New Localism strives for new world freedom. Admittedly it comes in another slow and agonizing increment, but by concentrating on doing right by our friends and neighbors it can create the good times and the security-in-freedom we long for.

Candidates bucking the old globalist establishment have come forward to serve. Idaho Republicans now have a real choice this May 17, 2022: You can choose the slavery of The Old Globalism, or the free self-determination of The New Localism. 🇺🇸



**Populists like President Trump sparked the localist fire across the nation. Trump endorsed Idaho's Janice McGeachin for Governor.**



# Ben Toews

## From the District,



## 4 the District



**TPP:** How is Toews pronounced? This will settle staff arguments.

**Ben:** Like, “taves,” it rhymes with “waves.” The w sounds like a v.

**TPP:** Ok, that settles that. Did you grow up in District Four? Where are you from? What’s your deal?

**Ben:** I was actually born in Saint Maries, Idaho. I grew up in the Silver Valley. Then in the fifth grade, we moved over to Coeur d’Alene, and I’ve lived here ever since.

I went to North Idaho College. I studied political science and pre-law and started a family right before I transferred from NIC. I decided I probably couldn’t make a good living just from a degree in political science, so I switched to business. So, my degree from Gonzaga is a Bachelor’s of Business Administration in International Business, and at NIC it’s an Associate of Arts with a focus on Political Science.

It’s funny, when I was a student at NIC, there was turmoil then like there is now. One of my first political activities was petitioning to recall the Board of Trustees, because they had fired the president. It must have been in 1997 - 1998 right in there. If you stay around long enough you see some cycles just come back around.

I was really involved in the student government. I was very disturbed by the apathy in our society and concerned about the fact that most people were not voting or taking the time to figure out who they should be voting for. I researched that a lot while I was at NIC. Eventually, I became president of the student government around the time the new student union building was built.

I reported to the Board of Trustees. I went to all the Board of Trustees meetings and represented the students to the Board. I also sat on the budget committee for the college. I learned about the whole budget process, sat on a committee as a representative

of the students and was part of the process for hiring the new president. So a lot of things going on right now are very familiar to me.

**TPP:** I’m assuming when you went to Gonzaga, you lived on the campus. Or were you commuting from Coeur d’Alene?

**Ben:** Commuting from Coeur d’Alene. We lived off 12th Street.

**TPP:** So, you’ve basically lived in District Four since the fifth grade?

**Ben:** For the most part. One year I was out on the Rathdrum prairie with my Mom when she rented a house out there.

**TPP:** What did you do after college?

**Ben:** I built a family and a business. I actually got married the day before graduating from NIC and gave a speech at the commencement ceremony the morning after!

My wife and I now have five kids between the ages of seven and 22. One is out of the house, four of them are still at home.

We homeschool three and one is in private school.

Our family manufacturing company was called Bullet Tools. We developed and manufactured tools for the construction industry, specialty tools specifically for flooring, siding and insulation.

My father-in-law was a tradesman and inventor for many years. So, when I graduated from Gonzaga we

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launched Bullet Tools together. My mother-in-law and father-in-law were my business partners. We successfully built and ran the company for 17 years.

**TPP:** What made you decide to run for State Senate?

**Ben:** I was involved at the precinct level in local politics, so I went down to the Idaho State

GOP Convention as a delegate and learned how the platform was made. I was very compelled to take action, to be involved in making a difference in Idaho at some point.

What has happened over the last two years with COVID made me want to be involved right away. The Senate's track record was and is abysmal. They've had really poor performance from a conservative's point of view.

I considered the path of least resistance, which would have been going after the House seat that was, supposedly, being vacated. But when I looked at the House of Representatives and what they were doing, they're much more conservative and they were passing a lot of good legislation. But when I looked at the Senate, that's where I saw the problems.

For example, a bill passed by the House to prevent objectionable materials, essentially pornography, from being accessed by children in schools and libraries. That easily passed through the House but died in Senate committee.

Now, I know you can't blame the Senate for what dies in committee, but what happens is the Senate votes in their leadership and then the leadership appoints the chairs to the committees. A lot of things die in committee and then people never vote on it. We don't even know how conservative a lot of our senators are because the bills don't make it out of committee.

The House passed a bill that would have prevented children from making life altering decisions about sex-reassignment surgeries. It's the sad case in our society that when people are in the most vulnerable and confused time of their lives, when they're hitting puberty, they're now being pushed to make decisions that have life-long consequences.

The bill that would have stopped that and essentially said, "You have to wait until you're older to make those decisions." Believe it or not, that died in committee.

Four bills last year during a special session got passed through the House that all would have,

in various ways, protected people from vaccine mandates. All four of those died in the Senate as well.

But the subtle deception doesn't stop there. The House and the Senate passed a bill to reign in Governor Little who was definitely overstepping his bounds by maintaining control of over one billion dollars of federal money. It's supposed to be the House of Representatives that manages the purse strings—so that money and power is spread-out instead of centralized. But, Governor Little vetoed this bill which would have returned power to the people.

To me, that appears to be a power hungry move by the executive branch.

Then the bill came back to the Senate—and five turncoats flipped. The Senate wouldn't stand up to the governor. A key part of a successful representative government is ensuring that there is a separation of powers. They wouldn't stand up for one of the most basic foundations of our government.

**TPP:** What do you hope District four looks like in two years?

**Ben:** If and when we go through something like the COVID fiasco again, I hope that we have a freedom-oriented community willing to keep calm and carry on.

I also hope it becomes a district where there is School Choice, where we have options for people to send their kids based on the needs of their own unique children—who they really want to be, not who the government wants them to be. I hope families have the option to send their kids to a school in alignment with their family's values.

**TPP:** What's your primary motivating principle?

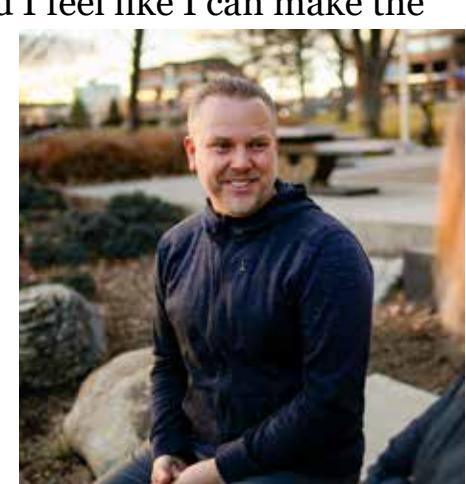
**Ben:** I feel like Idaho is one of the last bastions of freedom in the United States.

That freedom must be preserved. We must follow the Constitution and leave a lot of the decisions up to the states. We must defend our state against federal overreach and ensure we keep Idaho as an example of liberty by doing what is necessary for people to have the rights that the founders meant for

them to have.

I feel like that can be accomplished in Idaho. So to me, going to Boise is going to the frontlines of the battle. I watch what Florida has done, and they've been proactive in stopping the federal government from reaching in and messing with the values of their citizens.

That inspires me and I feel like I can make the most difference by going and dealing with things at the state level in a state I believe the majority of our citizens still have the conservative values I hold dear. We should have the rights and freedoms that our forefathers fought for and envisioned for us. I think the Idaho State



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# Idaho Cobalt

More Than Just a Gem State, Idaho's Got Modern Minerals and Metals too!



By Hari Heath

Idaho is called the Gem State and yes, we have many kinds of gems. But, more than gems come from the ground in Idaho. Precious metals, rare earths, minerals and ordinary stone make the land of Idaho rich with opportunity. Those opportunities are how our state began.

Idaho was originally part of the Washington Territory when gold was discovered in 1860 near present day Pierce, Idaho. Soon a rush was on. The potential for the swelling population of miners, townsfolk, farmers and ranchers becoming a political majority concerned the political folks in Olympia, the Washington Territory capital. The Washington contingent successfully lobbied Congress and broke Idaho Territory away from Washington Territory. Soon thereafter, the Montana Territory and the Wyoming Territory were separated from the Idaho Territory, leaving us the Idaho we have now.

Gold was only the beginning and became the root cause of Indian wars, broken treaties, robber gangs, vigilantes and a ripe and colorful Idaho history. The Coeur d'Alene District of North Idaho was rich in silver, lead and zinc, becoming productive in 1884. Silver in the north became the root of motivation for worker riots, explosions, a murdered governor and Idaho's first federal concentration camp in 1892, adding to our state's illustrious history.

Today, much more peacefully, mines in Southern Idaho produce phosphate ore for fertilizer and elemental phosphorus. Rock products including dimensional stone, limestone, cement, sand, gravel and crushed stone, pumice, zeolites, gem-stones and industrial garnets are Idaho products. Gold, silver, copper, lead and platinum group metals are some of the more common metals mined in Idaho.

## Entering the E-Age

The new kids on the block are the industrial metals and minerals that make our modern world work. Laptops, phones, digital devices, cordless tools and electric cars need rare and semi-rare elements and minerals for operation in our electronic

age. And Idaho has some.

Copper is, of course, an important conductor for many things electronic and e-automotive. But lithium-ion, nickel-cadmium and nickel-metal hydrate batteries all need cobalt for their electrodes. Cobalt has many other uses. It's a component of superalloys used in turbine engines. It's used as an industrial catalyst and can be found in varnish and paint-drying agents. Cobalt is used for dyes and pigments, magnets and magnetic recording media, carbide and diamond tools. It's even used for steel-belted radial tires and is part of the gas that inflates airbags. It's what makes blue-glass blue. About 76% of America's Cobalt supply is imported and Idaho can change that.

### Idaho Cobalt and Copper

Idaho's cobalt belt is located west of Salmon, Idaho in the historic Cu-Co Blackbird Mining District including Iron Creek.

Several mining companies are actively pursuing operations there.

eCobalt Solutions with their Idaho Cobalt Project has built a well-developed processing facility with modern technology to mitigate and contain arsenic and other toxins associated with such mining.

This is a big first step for the mining of Idaho cobalt. eCobalt Solutions was purchased in April 2019 by the Australian cobalt developer Jervois Mining for over \$43 million to expand into the United States.

First Cobalt, a Canadian company also in Idaho's cobalt zone states, "Our large landholding of prospective cobalt projects in Idaho is located near the home of eCobalt Solution's Idaho cobalt project, the only advanced stage, near term, environmentally permitted, primary cobalt deposit in the USA."

First Cobalt has more than doubled its Idaho holdings in its Iron Creek project by acquiring the West Fork property. Iron Creek has an estimated 12.3 million

pounds of cobalt and 29 million pounds of copper.

In April 2018, the Department of Energy's Critical Materials Institute announced it would give First Cobalt

\$600,000 over two years for research on mineral processing techniques for Iron Creek to reduce reliance on imports of critical minerals such as cobalt. With equal matching funds from First Cobalt, "This \$1.2 million

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## IACI: the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry

Lobbyists. An army of them! Currently there are 353 registered lobbyists and 597 employers or organizations who lobby the Idaho legislature. Special interests hire them to promote, well... their special interests. They have an interesting headquarters in the basement of our Capitol. Behind what used to be the Idaho Treasurer's Vault is the Lobbyist's headquarters. Fitting, because money and influence flows out from behind "the Vault" to drive legislation.

And just a few blocks north of the Capitol is the headquarters of Idaho's biggest lobbying organization, IACI. The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry. The who's, who of major industries in Idaho are members of IACI. When IACI speaks, many legislators listen. To do otherwise might just get your Bills held in committee. Or, you will never be the chairman of a committee.

IACI only has three registered lobbyists, but they pack some clout. They keep score of which legislators are "friendly" to IACI interests on their "Scorecard." Essentially opposite of the Idaho Freedom Foundation's Freedom Index, the big numbers on their Scorecard are the Establishment's players: <https://www.iaci.org/scorecard/#/>

And who does IACI represent when influencing the legislature? Saint Alphonsus Health System, Idaho Forest Group, Western States Equipment Co. (Caterpillar), Idaho Power Company, Intermountain Gas Company, J.R. Simplot Company and Idaho Materials & Construction and A CRH

Company all have seats on The IACI Board. For maximum dues of \$12,200, corporations get a seat on the board.

Many more corporate interests are also represented by the IACI lobby: Mountain View Hospital, Hewlett Packard, Hecla Mining Company, Idahoan Foods, LLC, Chobani Idaho Inc., Wells Fargo Bank, St. Luke's Health System, Glanbia Nutritionals, Bayer US / Monsanto, Clif Bar & Co., SelectHealth, Melaleuca Inc., Union Pacific Railroad, Altria Client Services, Clearwater Paper Corp., SUEZ Water Idaho, Ball Ventures LLC, Lactalis American Group, Perpetua Resources, Mountain Health Co-op, Bank of Idaho, Schweitzer Engineering Labs, McCain Foods USA, MWI Animal Health, Molina Health Care, Micron Technology, Battelle Energy Alliance/INL, Blue Cross of Idaho, US Bank of Idaho, Packaging Corp. of America, Century Link, AT&T Services, PotlatchDeltic Corp., Regence Blue Shield of Idaho, Facebook, PacificSource Health Plans, Kyäni Inc., Western Governors University, Lamb Weston and Basic American Foods.

To accomplish their goals, IACI operates the Idaho Prosperity Fund (IPF). "IPF financially assists candidates for Statewide, Legislative, and Local office through independent expenditures." Read that. Money, and plenty of it, directly or in the form of campaign contributions from their members.

Another large contributor to Idaho politicos is the Idaho Realtors Political Action Committee or RPAC. Their members' contributions are a major influence on our legislature.

How far up does the influence of IACI go? All the way to the top of the government food chain. Governor Brad Little is a former Chairman of IACI and served on the IACI Board for twenty years from 1981 to 2001 when he became a State Senator and had to resign. The collusion of power with the state's chief executive and the Idaho Senate is a fist in glove operation!

That's the mess Idaho is in. Power corrupts absolutely! A well-entrenched Establishment has honed their game for quite some time. They have a firm grip on how things get done and how to prevent good things for Idahoans from ever seeing the light of day. But, there is one way to change it. Find out which candidates on your ballot represent the establishment and which candidates will hold to the principles that make Idaho great. Vote May 17th! 🏴

**Websites We Like.** This is not a comprehensive list of great Idaho-related websites to keep you informed, but it's a start. Here are some of the sites we like to read when we aren't writing for The People's Pen (not in any particular order).

<https://gemstatepatriot.com/blog/>

<https://idahospeaks.com/>

<https://redoubtnews.com/>

<http://inlandnwreport.com/>

**North Idaho Exposed:**

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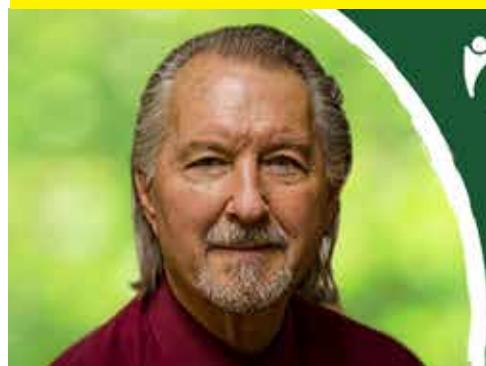
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**Ideal Health**

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Dr. Bruce Grandstaff, a Nutrition Response practitioner and chiropractor, is an expert in the field of wellness. His passion in life is helping people get healthy and stay healthy.

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# K.C.R.C.C. Candidate Profiles

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## Idaho State Governor



**Janice McGeachin**

**"I am giving Janice McGeachin my Complete and Total Endorsement to be the next Governor of Idaho." — President Trump**

I am running for Governor to restore the principles that have Made Idaho Great — individual liberty, state sovereignty, and traditional conservative values. I was elected Idaho Lt. Governor in 2018, and I served as an elected State Representative from 2002-2012. I have significant political and business experience, but perhaps even more importantly, I am grounded in constitutional principles.

I have fought to protect and defend the rights of Idahoans

throughout my time in politics, and I believe I can do so even more effectively as Governor. My goal is to Make Idaho Free Again. We need to reduce taxes and spending, roll back regulation, disentangle our state from the federal government, and — most importantly — restore individual liberties that have been taken from us. I proudly support America First policies including individual liberty, election integrity, a strong and secure border, school choice, energy independence, reducing taxes and regulations, and supporting American businesses. <https://janiceforidaho.com/>

## Idaho State Lieutenant Governor



**Priscilla Giddings**

**"Idahoans don't need another career politician. Whether it's supporting individual liberty, opposing Marxism in our schools, or doing away with the grocery tax, I'm the ONLY candidate in the race with a conservative track record."**

**Idaho Raised:** Giddings grew up on a ranch in White Bird and graduated as student body president and valedictorian of Salmon River High in Riggins.

**Idaho Smart:** Giddings earned a B.S. in biology from the United States Air Force Academy and an M.S. Degree in physiology. She's the author of *Curiously Strong: A Female Fighter Pilot's Story of Developing Strength*.

**Idaho Strong:** Awarded "Top Gun" as A-10 fighter pilot, Giddings served nine years active duty, including three combat deployments, accumulating 1,000 combat flight hours in the MC-12.

**Idaho Distinguished:** Giddings received Idaho's 2018 Outstanding Woman Veteran Award. She's a lifetime member of the NRA, American Legion, VFW, and AmVets.

**Idaho Representative** - After separating from active duty, Giddings was elected to the Idaho House of Representatives, serving District 7A since 2016. <https://www.giddingsforidaho.com/>

## Idaho State Attorney General



**Raul Labrador**

**A Stronger Voice for Us!**

As our next Attorney General I will stand up for individual liberty, push back against Biden's unconstitutional overreach, defend our state's sovereignty, protect our Idaho conservative values, and keep our families safe.

**100% Right to Life Record • 96% American Conservative Union Score • 92% Top NRA "A" Rated Leadership • 100% NFIB Small Business Support** <https://labrador2022.com/>

*Raul*

## Idaho Secretary of State



**Dorothy Moon**

I am running for this office because Election Integrity is the number one issue on the minds of Idahoans, and I know how to remedy the doubt. After the 2020 Presidential election and the concerns with election fraud, I signed on to Lt. Governor Janice McGeachin's amicus brief supporting the Texas Lawsuit. No other Idaho constitutional officer made a move to support the Texas lawsuit which addressed the disenfranchisement of all Americans. Speaking with Idahoans as I toured more than 40 communities across the state between December 2020 and April 2021, I was informed of many discrepancies in Idaho's elections.

As an educator, I am aware that many poll watchers and election workers were not prepared to identify election integrity issues especially during the absentee primary of 2020. Idaho needs uniformity within our state election procedures and in the education of all who participate in monitoring and verifying the entire process. This will reduce the doubt in our election system.

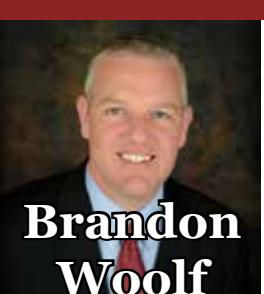
<https://dorothymoon.com/>

# **Idaho State Superintendent of Public Instruction**



**Branden  
Durst**

I am running for state superintendent of public instruction because I believe we need fundamental change in our education system. My qualifications include serving as a member of the Education Committees in both the Idaho House and Senate, drafting and passing into law several significant education laws, prior experience as an community college instructor and curriculum developer as well soon to be earning an Education Specialist (EdS) degree in Executive Educational Leadership. My goals are to strip away barriers that are keeping parents from their children's education including helping advocate for the passage of the Empower Parents in Education Act (HB 62 -2001), which would create the most comprehensive school choice law in the United States. <https://www.durstforidaho.com/>



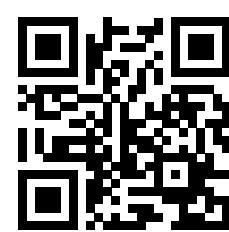
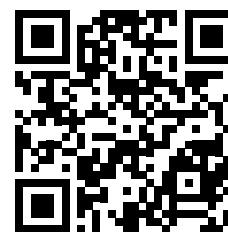
**Brandon  
Woolf**

I would love your future support in the November general election. Here are two great websites if you are looking to be more engaged: [Transparent.Idaho.gov](http://Transparent.Idaho.gov)

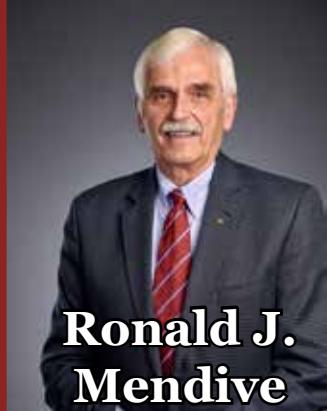
[Townhall.Idaho.gov](http://Townhall.Idaho.gov)

Thank You!! -Brandon

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## **Legislative District 5: State Representative Seat A**

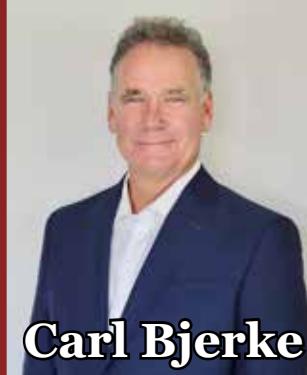


**Ronald J.  
Mendive**

I believe God called me to run for this position to defend the same Blessings of Freedom for my children and grandchildren that Sherlene and I enjoyed. I also feel I share these core values with the constituents of District 5. I have been a precinct committeeman for 12 years and a state representative for the past 10 years. My goals are to limit the reach of government into our lives, fight for pro-life, traditional marriage, 2nd amendment rights, parent's choice in education (I have an ESA bill—Education Savings Account, which allows the state's education allotted money to follow the child for their best educational needs). I believe in protecting private property rights and being fiscally responsible.

<https://www.ronmendive.com/>

## **Legislative District 5: State Senator**



**Carl Bjerke**

I am running to bring proper representation back to the citizens of Idaho and to wrest our power back from a tyrannical government. As a retired Deputy Fire Chief, I have the benefit of having a vast and varied life and work experience, which provides me a level of knowledge and understanding that will benefit the people I serve. My experiences in viewing politics from the outside has given me a unique perspective. Being there for people on their worst day has given me the ability to keep looking at the problem, instead of shying away from what might be difficult to see. My motivation comes from God, who has led me in this direction, as well as my strong desire to fight for the citizens of Idaho, and ultimately this country. I will not be running to merely enhance my resume' or feed my ego; at this stage of my life, I have figured out that it is not about me, it is about what I can do to better the lives of those around me. Although there are many issues I wish to address and goals I want to accomplish, my three top priorities will include fighting against:

- Government over-reach and unconstitutional mandates*
- The indoctrination of our children and,*
- Rising inflation and taxes i.e., property and grocery tax*

In addition to my recommendation by the KCRCC, I have further endorsements, including: The Citizens Alliance of Idaho; The Stop Idaho Rinos PAC; and, The Conservatives of Idaho.

<http://carlbjerke4senate.com>

## **Legislative District 4: State Representative Seat A**



**Joe Alfieri**

About ten years ago my wife and I moved to Coeur d'Alene to be closer to her family, and I became a business developer, and chaired a committee with the CDA Chamber of Commerce.

After retiring, I attended city council and other government and local political meetings, which prompted my run for mayor of Coeur d'Alene in 2021. It was a close, though ultimately unsuccessful race, and I believe my message about preserving the city's nature and its traditional way of life resonated with many people.

I am a practicing Roman Catholic, and my faith informs my decisions in life. I believe in the sanctity of life, and the God-given freedoms embodied in our founding documents.

As a Republican, I am committed to smaller government, fewer taxes, and applying the constitution as written. Moreover, I am passionate in my desire to prevent Idaho from becoming another overtaxed, crime-ridden lawless state, and I will stand firmly against policies that conflict with our traditional American and Idahoan values. As a two-time political refugee, I have seen first-hand the destruction of once great conservative states, and I pledge to do everything in my power to not let it happen here.

*Lower Taxes / Repeal The Grocery Tax • Stop Government Overreach • Defend Election Integrity*

**Endorsements:** Gem State Patriot, Citizens Alliance of Idaho, Conservatives of Idaho

<http://www.JoeForIdaho.com> **FB: Joe For Idaho**

## **Legislative District 4: State Senator**



**Ben Toews**

In 2020 I watched with trepidation as the basic rights of citizens were undermined and dismantled seemingly overnight in the name of safety. Churches were shut down, businesses closed and medical decisions mandated. Almost simultaneously, communities were looted, burned and citizens' lives and livelihoods were endangered often with little or no protection from government officials. The response from political leaders was incongruent and out of step with reality.

I was encouraged to see many people begin to question the actions of their government representatives but troubled by the leaders' responses. Too often community leaders ignored or silenced their constituents with limited space for citizens, limited time for comments and unreasonable barriers to even speak at public meetings. It became clear very quickly that the government leaders that had been elected were at odds with the values and beliefs of the citizens they were supposed to serve.

I am committed to protecting the conservative values and defending the freedoms of the citizens of Idaho against attacks from the Federal Government, Special Interest Groups and Bureaucrats. My goals are to draft and promote legislation that preserves our state sovereignty, puts the needs & rights of our citizens first, and reins in government overreach & expansion I believe that a representative government should have leaders in office that truly represent the values of those they represent. <https://www.ben4idaho.com/>

## **Legislative District 4: State Representative Seat B**



**Elaine Price**

Over the past 31 years I have called Coeur d'Alene home, I have witnessed the demise of conservative principles by many of the officials we elected to represent us and defend our conservative values, freedom, and liberty. In Legislative District 4 that will change when you elect me to work for you. The establishment has told us for too long who can run for elected office and who to vote for. It is time for an average citizen to represent the Real North Idaho values.

**As a Conservative Republican I stand for:** *Protecting our children and securing family and parental rights • Securing and strengthening our Health Freedoms • Eliminating the grocery tax*

I am proud to say I have been endorsed by Representative Heather Scott's Growing Freedom for Idaho, Stop Idaho Rinos, and Make Liberty Win. Price is Right to Keep Idaho Red! <http://Elaine4CDA.com>

## **Legislative District 3: State Representative Seat B**



**Jordan Redman**

I am running for this particular office because I feel I am being called by God to step into this arena. We are living in a unique time in history where there are more and more threats to our liberties and freedoms happening each day. I also feel it is important to have people involved in government that have experience in owning local businesses, own land locally and are raising their family locally. My goals are to keep Idaho a conservative state, work for my constituents and serve the people of Idaho.

<https://www.kootenaiGOP.org/candidates/jordan-redman>

## **Legislative District 2: State Representative Seat B**



**Dale Hawkins**

We are at a precipice Our nation and Idaho's future hangs in the balance. Idaho government must return to the proper role of government, restoring separation of powers as our Constitution calls for. I am a Christian, serving over the last 35 years in various leadership roles in the church including drug and alcohol abuse counselor. Married to my wife Debra for 35 years, together we have 6 children and 1 granddaughter. I served 7 years as a Reserve Deputy with the Benewah County Sheriff's Office. I'm a gun store owner and firearms instructor.

*I will fight for Property Tax Relief and Private Property Rights! • Strengthen Gun Rights! • Fight for Parental Rights! • Quality Education with Choices! • I will always fight against Unconstitutional Mandates! • All People and All Businesses are Essential!*

<http://DaleHawkinsForIdaho.com> • [Facebook.com/dalehawkinsforidaho](http://Facebook.com/dalehawkinsforidaho)

## **Kootenai County Commissioner District 3**



**Leslie Duncan**

I have truly enjoyed representing the citizens of Kootenai County as Commissioner these past 3 years. I plan to continue my efforts to be informed, engaged, and stand for what's right, true, and just. Less government and fiscal responsibility are two of my core values. Citizens need to be in charge of their own lives and finances. Government was not created to manage peoples' lives but to protect their God given fundamental rights. Respect and integrity are important in your representatives and my goal always is to represent you with respect and integrity.

I am honored & blessed to be unopposed in the primary election, however, I do have an opponent in the general election. I would appreciate support this summer in preparation for the November election.

You can reach me at [LeslieDuncan4KC@gmail.com](mailto:LeslieDuncan4KC@gmail.com) • Web: <http://LeslieDuncan4KC.com>

## Kootenai County Commissioner District 2



Bruce Mattare

I'm running for County Commissioner for a number of reasons, but the primary one is the rapid and irresponsible growth the county is going through, while our leaders concern themselves with changing our form of government. I relocated to North Idaho because I wanted to raise my kids in a safe and secure environment. What I discovered is some of the people in charge are not committed to the future of our community.

My experience seeing and addressing a variety of situations (whether operational, management, communication or policy) positions me well to perform the duties of County Commissioner.

I believe that the role of government first and foremost is to protect people's rights. Next, it should establish a framework within society to help provide stability for the community, state or country so that people can pursue liberty and happiness. Government is not in the business of finding ways to circumvent rights, stifle innovation or favor any particular group. <https://www.bruceforcommissioner.com/>

## Kootenai County Assessor



Bela Kovacs

Please watch this short 30-second video that briefly explains why I am running for election to the Office of Kootenai County Assessor.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHeFnjnB8iM>

Please share this video with friends by email or Facebook.

Local elections are very important – especially this race. This election will have an impact on the fairness and equity of our property assessments.

<https://belaqassessor.com/>



## Kootenai County Clerk



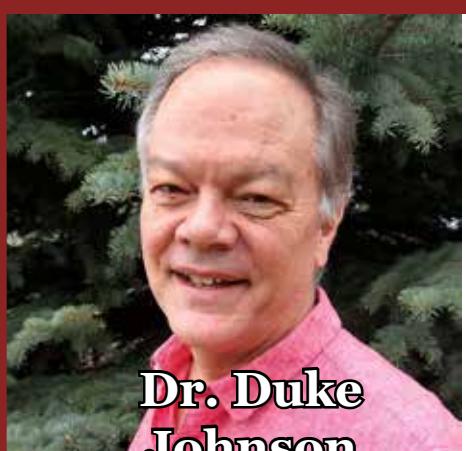
Jennifer Locke

The purpose of government is to serve the people with minimal impact on citizens' daily lives and their wallets. As an elected county official, I intend to use my established contacts within the Idaho State Legislature to help guide and set conservative policies. As Chief Deputy Clerk for the past five years, I have implemented processes in compliance with state law to gain efficiencies which have benefited the citizens of Kootenai County.

I was encouraged to seek the office of Kootenai County Clerk by the current Clerk, many of my county co-workers and my family. They have witnessed my dedication, growth and perseverance to perform my duties and learn the responsibilities of the Clerk's office for the service of the citizens of Kootenai County. I chose to run for this office because the County Clerk works with all

citizens, employees and other elected officials to provide an effective government.

<https://www.kootenaigop.org/candidates/jennifer-locke>



Dr. Duke Johnson

In a time of informational uncertainty, I desire to be a trusted source of truth in the coroner's office. I am a physician. I want to help the coroner's office run smoothly and fulfill the purposes for which it was created.

I believe that the Constitution and laws of the US were based upon Biblical principles which promote maximum individual freedom and protection of its citizens. By varying from these guidelines, the nation will succumb to greater government control and less freedom. As the Founding Fathers explained, the constitution was designed for a moral people and if the citizenry stray from morality, the foundational document is weakened and freedoms will be lost.

<https://www.dukejohnsonccoroner.com/>

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Read about the  
candidates here!

# DEMOCRAT-ENDORSED CANDIDATES R.I.N.O.s in the SWAMP



*In an interesting turn of events, many Democrat groups are endorsing candidates in the closed Republican primary. It seems the same people who can't find candidates that can represent their party and get elected, feel they are qualified to tell Republicans which Republican they should vote for.*

*Several Democrat PACs, special interest groups, the media and establishment (swamp) Republicans-in-name-only (RINOs) would like you to vote for the following candidates:*

## Governor - Brad Little

Two years ago, Governor Brad Little ordered the complete shutdown of the state's economy, resulting in mass unemployment and the permanent closure of many businesses. His declaration of an "Emergency" was based on ZERO confirmed cases of COVID. Little's administration threatened to remove state licenses for businesses if they didn't comply with his "emergency" orders. Some were fined. A Meridian woman was arrested for taking her kids to a playground. A family from Rathdrum was cited for holding a yard sale. An outdoor church service in Moscow led to multiple arrests.

## **NOBODY IN IDAHO HAD COVID ON THE DAY LITTLE DECLARED HIS "STATE OF EMERGENCY."**

Little used a statute to declare his "emergency," but the statute only gives 30 days emergency, plus one more 30 day extension. 24 extensions and 763 days later, the emergency ended..



The 2022 legislative session put two bills on Little's desk that limited the Governor's powers, but Little vetoed them.



The governor kept the state in a two-year state of emergency and freely rewrote state laws and spent more than a billion dollars without legislative approval. Little had a historic opportunity with a massive surplus this year to reduce the state income tax to near zero, dramatically cut property taxes, and follow through on his campaign promise to eliminate the grocery tax. He opted instead for a measly decrease in the state income tax and one-time tax rebate checks. Much of the rest of the surplus went toward a spending spree that increased the state's year-over-year spending by an incredible 20%.

On education, Little has been silent about the advancement of "social justice" style indoctrination

## **IDaho's elderly were locked down in nursing homes and denied access to families.**



Idaho was the first state to restrict pharmacies from dispensing Hydroxychloroquine.



in Idaho's public schools and college system. Boise State University, Idaho State University, and the University of Idaho ignored a law that required them to cut social justice programs by \$2.5 million. Instead, the governor decided to reward the schools with a 7.5% increase this year. Now his State Board of Education is engaged in a hostile takeover of North Idaho College, the one campus in the state where the conservative-elected board is pushing back against campus leftism.

Little is also the first governor in state history to violate the state constitution's clear language requiring him to surrender power to the lieutenant governor whenever he's out of state.

As governor, Little's record is of government growth and spending, minuscule tax cuts, unfulfilled campaign promises, leftist education system



## **BRAD LITTLE STABBED IDAHO SMALL BUSINESS IN THE BACK**

HE ACCEPTED  
**\$18.70 billion**  
IN CARES / ARPA FUNDS

**YET  
30,462 IDAHO SMALL BUSINESSES LAID OFF EMPLOYEES. WHERE'D THE \$\$ GO?**

Sources:  
US Bureau of Labor Statistics  
Peter G. Peterson Foundation

## A LITTLE LINK IN THE CRT CHAIN



IACI's Idaho Prosperity Fund contributes the maximum \$\$\$ to Brad Little's campaign



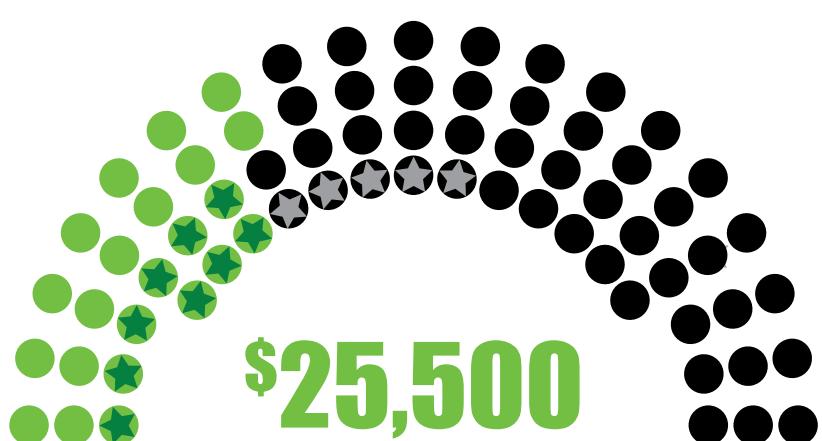
IACI supports Critical Race Theory (CRT).



Little EXPANDS higher education budgets 7.5% despite their refusal to eliminate CRT, in violation of Idaho law.

protectionism, and brash exercise of executive authority.

Prior to being appointed to the senate in 2001, Little was on the board of Idaho's most powerful lobbying group, the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry (IACI) and even served as chairman. Little is in the pocket of big-pharma, big-agriculture and the big blue medical industry.



donated to 1/3 of the House including 2/3 of the Committee Chairs

## BEDKEBUCK\$

Source: Idaho Secretary of State Sunshine Report



**SCOTT BEDKE COST TAXPAYERS \$100,000 FOR A WITCH HUNT ON HIS POLITICAL OPPONENT FOR LT GOVERNOR**

Scott Bedke even hired a law firm to prosecute the investigation that was also one of his campaign donors.

## Lt Governor - Scott Bedke

Bedke is the former Speaker of the House and wielded that position of power mercilessly. If a legislator said the wrong thing or voted the wrong way then their committee assignments or chairmanships might be revoked. Most legislators will not criticize him openly, but privately he is widely despised because of his heavy-handed bullying of legislators and absolute control over what bills would see the light of day.

Bedke worked with Little to ensure the legislature could not put any checks or balances on Little's dictatorial powers under the state of emergency.

Bedke is part of the "Good Old Boy" oligarchy that has been running Idaho for decades. His move from Speaker of the House to President of the Senate (Lt. Governor) is just another step to absolute control of the legislature.



**LAWRENCE WASDEN THREW AWAY YOUR VOTE WHEN HE REFUSED TO JOIN 19 OTHER ATTORNEYS GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE ELECTION INTEGRITY**

Source: American Bar Association Standing Committee on Election Law

## Attorney General - Lawrence Wasden

The job of the Attorney General is supposed to be the people's attorney, to defend and protect the state of Idaho, which means the people of Idaho. But Wasden, in his own words, has said that he sees his job as defending the bureaucracy of Idaho and not the people, "It's the Attorney General's duty to represent the state, its agencies, officers, offices, commissions, institutions and other state entities."

What about us, Larry? This is not surprising as he has been working in the Attorney General's office for over 30 years—his entire professional career. He started when Idaho was a blue state that was quickly turning red. After a decade he ran as a "Republican" because you needed to be a Republican to win.

## Secretary of State – Phil McGrane

McGrane is the current Ada County Clerk. As clerk he applied for and took over \$500,000 from Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg to promote drop boxes and other measures to encourage voting in primarily Democrat areas. Once exposed, this practice was quickly made illegal.

If you like stolen elections, McGrane is your man.

## Superintendent of Public Instruction Debbie Critchfield

Critchfield denies that Critical Race Theory (CRT) is being taught in Idaho, despite the massive amounts of documentation proving otherwise. She has stated that there isn't much the Superintendent can do to prevent programs like CRT, Social Emotional Learning, Common Core, or International Baccalaureate (IB). She says it's the responsibility of parents and school boards to stop these programs. Really?! How do these programs get started statewide if not without the knowledge and support of the Superintendent?

Critchfield is part of the establishment swamp. If you like throwing more tax dollars at failing public schools to indoctrinate our children in racist, liberal ideology then vote Critchfield.

# PAUL AMA DRAWER

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BILLS STUCK AND DIED  
IN PAUL AMADOR'S  
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE



Source: Legiscan

## [Idaho House District 4B](#)

### [Paul Amador](#)

Amador announced his plan to run for the senate, but changed his mind after Ben Toews announced he was running.

Amador was the only representative who skipped two Kootenai County Legislative Town Halls. On one occasion it was reported he was attending a fundraiser in [Boise](#).

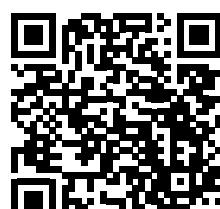
Amador has been instrumental in blocking legislation to defund and remove CRT from our schools and universities. He is a proponent of the education bureaucracy that puts bureaucrats before teachers and students.

Amador has an Idaho Freedom Index score of 56% (F) ranking him among Democrats for supporting wasteful spending, bigger government, more regulation and less freedom. His Spending Index score was 12% (F). Amador would make a great Democrat. Small wonder they support him.

# TWO HOME TARA



LIVES IN BOISE.  
WORKS IN BOISE.  
FUNDRAISES IN BOISE.  
OWNS A HOME IN BOISE.



**BUT CLAIMS TO  
REPRESENT THE PEOPLE  
OF COEUR D'ALENE???**

## [Idaho Senate District 4 – Tara Malek](#)

Malek lives in Boise, works in Boise, has campaign fundraisers in Boise, and owns a home in Boise that for 5 of the last 6 years had a homeowner's property tax exemption in her name. Her husband

has a home in District 4 that for those same years had a separate homeowner's property tax exemption in his name.

Malek's most important qualification is that she is a close personal friend of the wife of the managing editor of the CDA Press...so obviously she is the best Boise resident to represent Coeur d'Alene.

# RIGGED FOR GLOBALISM



IACI IS A MAJOR DONOR TO  
PETER RIGGS'S CAMPAIGN  
AND ALSO PUSHES



Source: Idaho Secretary of State Sunshine Report

UNCONTROLLED GROWTH  
CORPORATE RIGHTS OVER CITIZENS

...AND MORE.

DOES RIGGS SHARE GLOBALISTS'  
VISION FOR KOOTENAI COUNTY?

Source: Idaho Secretary of State Sunshine Report

## [Idaho Senate District 5 – Peter Riggs](#)

Riggs is the son of former Lt. Governor Jack Riggs and stepson of political activist Sandy Patano. His sister is Jennifer Drake who serves on the CDA Arts Commission. Riggs has a nice personality but lacks the conviction needed to stand for Republican values.

At a recent town hall he stated that it would be unwise to attempt to reduce spending until there was a comprehensive plan to reduce spending. This would be like saying it was okay for a morbidly obese child to keep eating cake and candy until you develop a comprehensive exercise plan that the child likes. Obviously this will never happen.

Riggs won his election with only 41% of the vote because there were two conservatives that split the conservative vote. This race was one of the inspirations for the KCRCC Rating and Vetting system.

Riggs has an Idaho Freedom Index score of 47% (F) ranking him among Democrats for supporting more spending, bigger government, more regulation and less freedom. His Spending Index score was 5% (F). His Education Index score was 17% (F).

## [Idaho House District 5A](#) [Cheri Zao](#)

Zao has a long history of being a Democrat. She was prominent in Democrat party leadership until very recently and even served as their treasurer. She affiliated as a Republican so that she could run for office in the Republican Primary.

In 2006 the Spokesman-Review reported that Zao had been charged with felony injury to a child. Those charges were later dismissed because there was "no direct proof of physical abuse", only the word of the child.

### [Commissioner Chris Fillios](#)

Fillios won his commissioner seat by 73 votes and only 35% of the votes (there were two conservatives that split the conservative vote). He later was recorded on video thanking the Democrats for affiliating as Republicans so that they could vote for him and get him elected.

Fillios has said multiple times that the June



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**FILLIOS IS ON CAMERA  
THANKING DEMOCRATS  
FOR HELPING TO GET HIM  
ELECTED AS A REPUBLICAN**



2020 (Gun d'Alene) peaceful assembly of citizens to defend our city against the BLM & ANTIFA riots was an illegal assembly, and that if he had the power, he would have the citizens who exercised their 2nd Amendment rights arrested.

Fillios is a proponent of changing the county form of government, including making several currently elected officials, like sheriff, appointed by a County Manager. That County Manager would be hired by 5 part-time county commissioners and would have absolute authority over budgets and ALL county employees. It is worth noting that Ada County has 2.5 times the population of Kootenai County but does just fine with the same form of government we have now.

The County Commissioners created a commission to review the Optional Forms of Government plan and make a recommendation. Fillios even appointed his own campaign treasurer to serve on the commission. Despite commissioners Brooks and Fillios stacking the commission with 6 of the 9 commissioners, the commission voted 5 to 4 to keep our current form of government.

What became apparent is that the problem with our county government isn't the form of the government; it is the people we elect (Fillios and

Brooks) who are not up to the task. Good government requires electing good people.

Fillios' campaign mostly consists of criticizing his opponent. Apparently he has a sad record and can't stand on his own accomplishments. His unfortunate election to County Commissioner was one of the inspirations for the KCRCC Rating and Vetting system.

**On Hitler's Birthday (4/20) the old establishment RINO's attempted to rebrand themselves from Republican North Idaho PAC to "North Idaho Republicans" (NIR) during a press conference where they disavowed the Kootenai County Republican Party and every other Republican organization in the county including Republican Women Federated. They went on to declare themselves the only "true" Republicans and posted a list of endorsed candidates on their website. NIR failed to file with the Secretary of State, under Idaho law, as a Political Action Committee (PAC) and were forced to take down their endorsements.**

**The Republican State Party Chairman, Tom Luna, issued a statement that the KCRCC is the ONLY official Republican party organization in Kootenai County.**



**This group bemoaned the free press, like The People's Pen, Idaho Speaks, and Kootenai County Spectator.**



**An actual North Idaho Republican alerted the public to their deception. The KCRCC is the official voice of the Republican Party in Kootenai County. Accept no fakes, imitators or RINOs.**



**We would like to thank the following citizen journalists for press conference photos courtesy of IdahoTribune.org and CDAFreedomWatch (<https://rumble.com/c/c-1427406>)**

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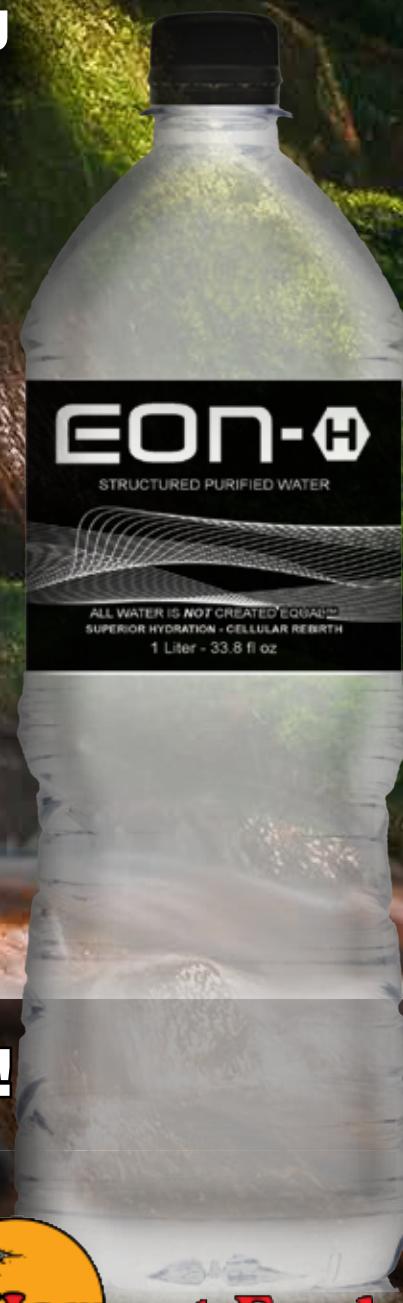


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Independence. It declares many things to be self-evident but its concluding paragraph shows Idaho a path forward. But, only if Idaho is willing to take the high road on a hard path.

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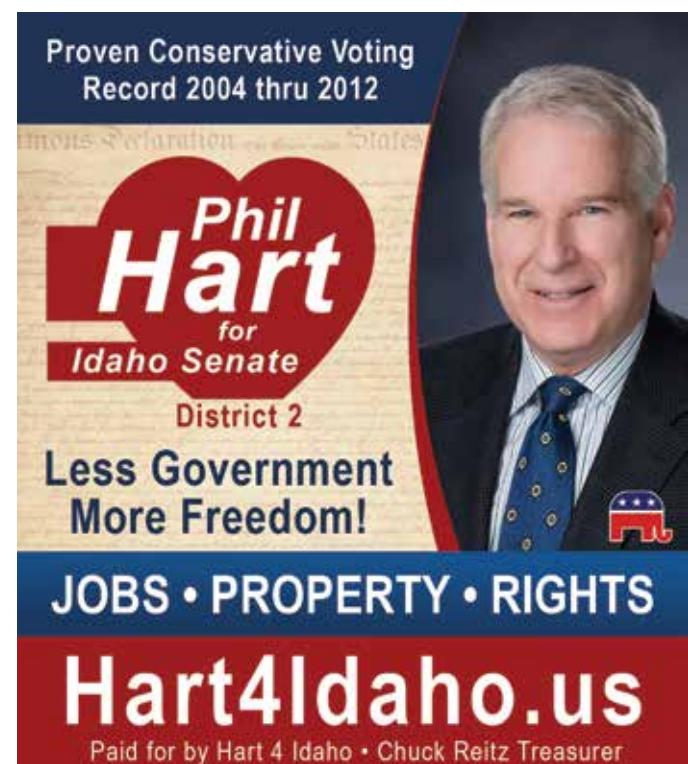
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interdisciplinary research initiative is focused on identifying more efficient and environmentally friendly methods to process cobalt ore from pyrite material at Iron Creek."

Also in the game, Battery Mineral Resources Corporation's Idaho Project has 434 mineral claims in three 100%-owned properties covering fourteen significant cobalt prospects claims in the historic Cu-Co Blackbird Mining District. Unlike foreign mining operations with little or no responsibility for environmental or labor quality, Battery Mineral Resources has a better goal:

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As everyone continues to use electronic devices, cordless power tools, electric bicycles, cars and trucks, Lithium and Cobalt become more valuable. Cobalt increased from about \$32,500 per metric tonne in early 2017 to its peak of about \$91,000 in April 2018. November 2021 Spot price was \$60,412.50 per metric tonne.



### American Lithium

Not far away from Idaho, in Elko, Nevada, the Lithium Corporation has jointly staked with Idaho North Resources Inc., a block of claims on the Gabbs Valley playa totaling approximately 4,790 acres. The property is about 40 miles

Northeast of Hawthorne, in Mineral County, Nevada.

Other lithium deposits are being explored for operations in Clayton Valley, Nevada, the Amargosa basin west of Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Franklin Wells project in Inyo County, California, just north of Death Valley Junction.

As our modern needs increase, Idaho can become a major supplier of the raw ingredients for our technological age. Cobalt is only a part of that from-the-ground-up solution. More research, prospecting and production will help keep our Gem State on the frontline of America's technological future! 

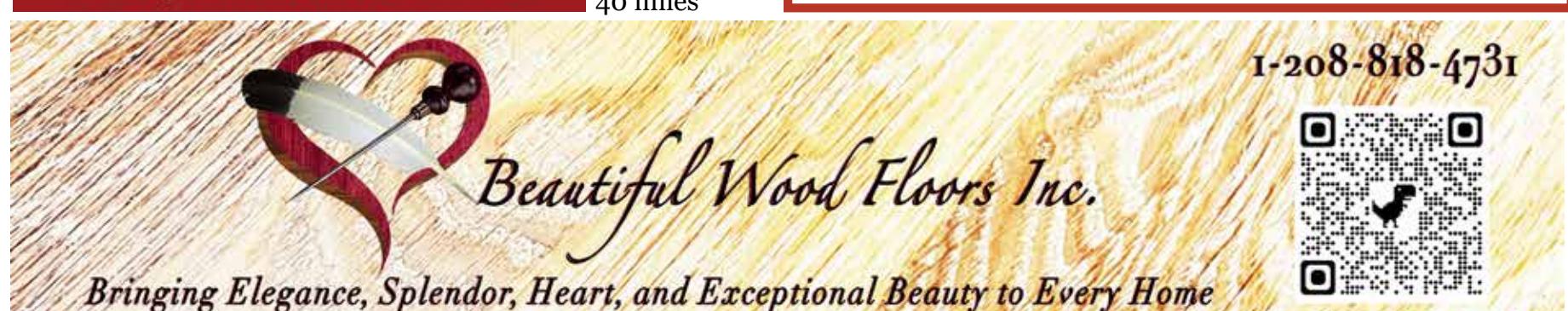


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### Find your polling place:

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\*Polling Places may be changed up to 30 days prior to the upcoming election.



### Ben...continued from page 7.

Legislature is a place where I can make the biggest difference to do that.

**TPP:** Is there anything you want to say we haven't asked you about?

**Ben:** Yeah. A driving factor has to do with my gut, my idea of us fighting and standing for Idaho. It's kind of like a last stand. I have five children. I want them to have the same opportunities and live in the same freedoms that I've had my whole life.

There is a deliberate and obvious attack on children, it starts at conception. I want to stand for the right to life but the threat doesn't stop there.

There is an attack on them when they're school age.

The current system appears to be working to try to divide them and make them feel guilty or make

them feel different or oppressed or isolated. There is a national push to oversexualize them at young ages and get them thinking about things that aren't age appropriate for young children.

Standing up against these purposeful attacks on the most vulnerable and the most innocent, is one of the most important issues to me.

The only other thing... I remember when I became president of our company and I was in my thirties. An older gentleman who was working for us came into my office and said, "Wow, it must be nice to be the top dog. You get to do whatever you want, make all the decisions."

You could tell he thought that's what the goal was—you want to make it to the top and then you could do whatever the heck you want.

But that's not how I looked at it at all. It was actually a huge burden. I lost sleep because I carried a weight of responsibility for the employees who worked at my company. I took it very seriously that my decisions impacted all of those families.

When I go to Boise, I carry with me the gravity of the fact that my actions impact a lot of people. I take it very seriously. I take on that burden. That's how I've always operated.

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**OFFICIAL Benewah County GOP Sample Ballot Recommended 'Proven Conservative' Candidates**

**MAY 17, 2022 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY**

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE**

- Russ Fulcher

**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2**

- State Senator — Phil Hart
- State Representative Seat A — Heather Scott
- State Representative Seat B — Dale Hawkins

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- Duke Johnson

### KOOTENAI COUNTY TREASURER

- Steve Matheson

### KOOTENAI COUNTY ASSESSOR

- Bela Kovacs

### KOOTENAI COUNTY CLERK

- Jennifer Locke

### KOOTENAI COUNTY COMMISSIONER

- District 2 - Bruce Mattare
- District 3 - Leslie Duncan

### LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2

- State Representative Seat A  
— Heather Scott
- State Representative Seat B  
— Dale Hawkins

### LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 3

- State Representative Seat A  
— Vito Barbieri
- State Representative Seat B  
— Jordan Redman
- State Senator  
— Doug 'O' Okuniewicz

### LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 4

- State Representative Seat A  
— Joe Alfieri
- State Representative Seat B  
— Elaine Price
- State Senator  
— Ben Toews

### LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 5

- State Representative Seat A  
— Ron Mendive
- State Representative Seat B  
— Tony Wisniewski
- State Senator  
— Carl Bjerke

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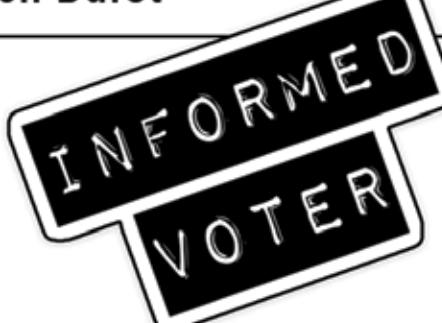
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