

Per your request and in compliance with our approved BCRCC Resolution, I submit the following comments regarding the **Idaho GOP Platform**, Adopted June 15 2024 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

In general, I support the Platform with the additions and exceptions as noted below:

1. **Art I, Section 1 B Fiscal Responsibility:** I agree Social Security must be stabilized, but have concerns about it being privatized. I would need more information to support privatization, since individual investments frequently fail.
2. **Art I, Section 2 F Taxation:** Voter's approval should be required prior to approval of **ALL** debt, not just "financed City Projects."
3. **Art III, Section 3 Education:** This section needs to include a provision clarifying what office in our State Government is responsible to hold public school systems accountable. Schools are currently failing our students and no state agency appears willing to investigate or take corrective action, i.e., WBCSD.
4. **Art XIV, Section 3 A Right to Life:** I generally support this section with the addition of **Exceptions for Rape, Incest, and Health of the Mother**. Forcing a rape victim to carry her assailant's baby is extreme cruelty to the victim and borders on sadism. As a career law enforcement officer with many years of experience working with sexual assault victims, I cannot support this section without the exceptions noted above.

5. **Art XVI, Section 1 A Gun Rights:** Needs to be written stronger and titled **The Right of Self Defense**, not Gun Rights. The first paragraph should also make it clear that **Our Right of Self-Defense comes from our Creator, not the US or Idaho Constitutions**. The Constitutions simply codify our rights to own firearms and ammunition for Self Defense.
6. **Art XVI, Section 1 C Gun Rights:** The federal government should not regulate any ammunition or firearms sales. Emphasis needs to be focused on the *actions of individuals* misusing firearms, not inanimate objects like firearms and ammunition.
7. **Art XVI, Section 1 F Gun Rights:** Needs to be rewritten to specifically prohibit ratification of the **UN Small Arms Treaty** which would violate our Right to Self Defense and our Right to Own and Possess Firearms and Ammunition.

The above are my comments and concerns regarding this Platform after my first reading. I retain my right to update my comments upon receiving new and/or more detailed information.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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