



# Policy Summary: Government for the People

## *Ed Says:*

*"We need a leader who is not part of the 'good old boy' club. We need to disrupt the status quo."*

*"Idaho is the last foxhole for the American Dream. We can be a state that celebrates freedom and rewards hard work."*

### **The Problem**

Socialist policies like "wealth redistribution" and "central planning" have gained a solid foothold in Idaho. Too many Republicans who campaigned as "conservatives" have run a political game of "socialism-lite." Idahoans need a governor that will stand firm in the face of federal tyranny and uphold the values that made America great.

### **The Solution**

Our Founding Fathers had a unique understanding: We progress when our God-Given Rights are protected, as outlined in the Constitution. The driving principle of Ed's entire platform is that **society benefits when families and individuals are empowered to reach for their potential**. He believes the ills of society are solved by the innovations of free individuals and strong families, not government agencies. Ed emphatically rejects the "central planning model" where society's problems are solved by "experts" who make decisions for the "collective good." Ed believes decisions need to be made at the level of government closest to the people--school boards, city councils, and county commissioners--with the voice and consent of the people.

Ed shares the alarm of those who see individual freedoms being erased in the name of the collective good.

Nowhere has this been clearer than in the state Covid-19 lockdowns where the state liquor stores were essential, but churches were shut down; where big box stores stayed open, but the small "Mom and Pop" stores were shuttered. Programs and policies based upon the collective good may sound compassionate, but make no mistake, **the aim of the collective good is collective control.**

### **To preserve Idaho sovereignty, Ed will:**

- Begin the process of divorcing Idaho from federal grant money.
- Fight federal overreach into Constitutional freedoms.
- Require government agencies and administrative rules to be within the confines of the US and Idaho Constitution.
- Support citizen lawmakers rather than career politicians through term limits for Governor and for U.S. Congress.

**Bottom Line:** Ed Humphreys promises to serve the people of Idaho as a true Constitutional conservative.

*Most bad government comes out of too much government.*

*-Thomas Jefferson*

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