

## THE COMMON INTEREST TOP 20

### 2005 LEGISLATIVE ISSUES RANKED BY ORDER OF IMPORTANCE

Rank	Average Rating (Out of possible 4)	Very Important (4)	Important (3)	Somewhat Important (2)	Not Important (1)	Issue
1	3.31	56%	23%	17%	4%	<b>Closed Committee Meetings</b>
2	3.29	46%	42%	8%	4%	<b>K -12 Education Funding</b>
3	3.21	42%	40%	17%	2%	<b>Qwest Proposal to Deregulate the Telephone Industry</b>
4	3.13	38%	38%	25%	0%	State Employees Working for Companies They Had Regulated
5	2.98	35%	35%	21%	8%	Tax Incentives for Large Corporations
6	2.94	33%	33%	27%	6%	Higher Ed Funding and Change to Tuition
7	2.88	33%	29%	29%	8%	Governor's Highway Initiative
7	2.88	35%	29%	23%	13%	Expiration of 1¢ Increase of Sales Tax
7	2.88	31%	35%	23%	10%	Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Priority Water Rights
10	2.75	31%	27%	27%	15%	Consolidation of Election Dates
11	2.69	25%	33%	27%	15%	Settlement of Nez Perce Tribe's Water Claims
12	2.46	27%	23%	19%	31%	Constitutional Amendment Banning Gay Marriage
13	2.38	21%	19%	38%	23%	Prescription Drug Imports from Canada
14	2.31	13%	25%	44%	19%	State Discount Drug Program
15	2.21	13%	21%	35%	40%	Cold Medicine Sales Regulations to Reduce Meth Production
16	2.19	15%	19%	38%	29%	Requirement that Animal Waste Management Records be Open to the Public
17	2.02	15%	13%	33%	40%	Building Contractors Licensing
18	2.00	4%	27%	33%	35%	Requirement to Use Ethanol in Gasoline
19	1.90	4%	21%	35%	40%	State and Old Ada County Courthouse Restoration
20	1.56	2%	6%	38%	54%	Increases in Hunting and Fishing License Fees

Method: After reviewing descriptions of all 20 issues, 48 randomly chosen members of THE COMMON INTEREST rated each issue on a 1-4 scale, with 1 = not important and 4 = very important. The descriptions of the issues can be found at:

[www.TheCommonInterest.org/Issue.aspx?iid=3](http://www.TheCommonInterest.org/Issue.aspx?iid=3)

**THE COMMON INTEREST will develop full briefing materials and poll its members on the top 3 issues.**