

# Democratic Party of Wisconsin: GOP yacht sale bidding heats up, gets nasty

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**MADISON** — Just six months into the year and the GOP Senate primary is already getting nasty. At least three contenders are lying and attacking to show the big donors, millionaires, billionaires and Washington elites that they'll best serve the D.C. establishment.

Former College Democrats of America chair and political opportunist Kevin Nicholson, while not yet announcing his candidacy, [is testing whether he should tell the truth about his vote for Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama in 2008 or continue to lie](#). While some of his potential opponents are not pure in their Republican support, Nicholson is clearly attempting to learn if admitting he voted for then-Senator Barack Obama or then-Senator Hillary Clinton or [maintaining his 'no preference' lie](#) goes over better with Republican primary voters.

Speaking of Nicholson, when asked if his team prepared an [anonymous six-page attack on Nicole Schneider's social media history](#) his spokesperson said, "The tweets and Facebook posts in question were widely shared in conservative circles. That's politics and doesn't bother me at all as long as what is shared is accurate and publicly available." To quote the [Journal-Sentinel article](#), "Not exactly a denial."

Meanwhile, state Senator Leah Vukmir, or DC Leah as her friends call her, has taken

to attacking her colleagues rather than focusing on working together to get things done. [Senator Leah Vukmir lashed out at Assembly Republicans, including GOP Senate hopeful Rep. Dale Kooyenga, for traveling the state talking about their education plan rather than focusing on the state budget.](#)

“The GOP Senate primary took a nasty turn in a hurry with lies and snipes from fellow Republicans,” said Democratic Party of Wisconsin spokesman Brandon Weathersby. “Kevin Nicholson, Senator Leah Vukmir, and Rep. Dale Kooyenga are only letting the people of Wisconsin know their true colors before they even make their doomed candidacies official.”