

WisDems: The chronicles of Ron Johnson's scandals - Ron Johnson started his senate career by enriching himself

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MADISON, Wis. — It comes as no surprise that Ron Johnson continues to be mired in scandal, given that he started his political career off with a scandal over the huge payday he gave himself from his company.

In 2010, Johnson loaned his campaign \$9 million and soon after declaring victory, had [his company hand him \\$10 million](#) in “deferred compensation.” Johnson outright admitted that “[he alone](#)” decided the company should give him the massive payout, and when asked why by a reporter stated, in part, “[I don't have to explain it any further to someone like you.](#)”

Since being elected, [Johnson's likely wealth has increased by at least 115%](#). This is, in part, due to his role [changing the 2017 tax bill](#) in a way that benefited him and his biggest donors. Johnson has made it a habit to game the system, including [paying virtually nothing in state income taxes in 2017](#), despite reporting nearly half a million dollars in income.

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