

WisDems: U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson - 'I may not be the best candidate' for 2022

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Madison, Wis. — Ron Johnson admitted what Wisconsinites have known all along — that his time in the Senate has not been “particularly successful,” and that he “may not be the best candidate” in 2022. Johnson lamented his failure, amongst other things, to strip health care and protections for pre-existing conditions away from Wisconsinites.

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[Wisconsin State Journal](#): U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson: 'I may not be the best candidate' for 2022

U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson is sending out some mixed signals on whether he'll run for re-election in 2022.

“In an interview this week, Johnson, R-Oshkosh, said he “may not be the best candidate” for the 2022 U.S. Senate race...

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“...‘I may not be the best candidate. I wouldn't run if I don't think I could win, if I don't think I was the best person to be able to win.’

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“Johnson went on to say he has been disappointed with his own accomplishments while in office.

“I feel really bad that I’ve been here now probably 11 years and we’ve doubled the debt,” Johnson said. “Obamacare’s still in place, and we’ve doubled the debt. I don’t feel like my time here has been particularly successful.”

“Johnson said he ran for re-election in 2010 on issues such as the national debt and repealing former President Barack Obama’s Affordable Care Act, but Republicans under former president Donald Trump failed to repeal the health care law, and also saw the national debt increase.

“...His latest campaign finance report shows his campaign spending nearly \$22,000 on polling from the Republican firm The Tarrance Group, suggesting he’s taking a measured approach to assessing his chances of success.

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“Democrats knocked Johnson for his comments.

“We, like many Wisconsinites, agree with Ron Johnson that his 12 years in the Senate has not been successful for Wisconsin,” Democratic Party of Wisconsin spokesperson Philip Shulman said. ‘Johnson’s self-serving agenda attempted to strip protections for pre-existing conditions from Wisconsinites, encouraged people not to get vaccinated against COVID-19, and sowed dysfunction in DC.’

“A Johnson spokesperson didn’t immediately respond to a request seeking comment.”