

American Bridge: Ron Johnson “Happy to defend” having no plan or desire to lower child care costs

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Bad headline after bad headline plagued multi-millionaire **Ron Johnson's** re-election campaign this week after he was [caught on camera](#) telling **Wisconsin families that he's against Congress taking action to lower child care costs** — such as via [the Build Back Better agenda](#), which he opposes — because he's “[never really felt it was society's responsibility](#)” (or *his own*).

Rather than try to clean up his comments, **Johnson has instead [doubled](#) and [tripled](#) down on his out-of-touch remarks, stressing that he is “[happy to defend](#)” having no plan — let alone a desire — to help Wisconsin families deal with increasingly unaffordable child care.** Is that any surprise from a Senator who [fought to slash his biggest billionaire donors' taxes](#) but [opposes tax cuts](#) for 36 million families?

On top of that, despite his rhetoric about parents “choosing” to have children, **Johnson also denies that people should have the right to decide when to start a family.** He has [repeatedly urged](#) the Supreme Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, opening the door for state and federal-level abortion bans.

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Wisconsin Public Radio: [US Sen. Ron Johnson defends saying taking care of children isn't 'society's responsibility'](#)

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HuffPost: [Sen. Ron Johnson: Not 'Society's Responsibility To Take Care Of Other People's Children'](#)

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Business Insider: [Sen. Ron Johnson says it's not 'society's responsibility' to care for 'other people's children' while arguing against child care subsidies for working parents](#)

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Wisconsin State Journal: [Ron Johnson speaks out against federal spending, 'indoctrinating' children](#)

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RawStory: [Ron Johnson on taking care of children: 'I've never really felt it was society's responsibility'](#)

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Daily Kos: [Ron Johnson slams child tax credit with argument I've heard drunk GOPers more eloquently state](#)

Mediaite: [GOP Senator Says He 'Never Really Felt It Was Society's Responsibility to Take Care of Other People's Children'](#)

Newsweek: [Anti-Abortion Sen. Ron Johnson Opposes Funding Child Care: 'People Decide to Have Families'](#)