

Barnes campaign: FACT CHECK: U.S. Sen. Johnson's lies about Lt. Gov. Barnes' public safety record have been repeatedly debunked

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MADISON — Ron Johnson continues to spew misinformation about Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes' record on public safety, even after multiple independent fact-checkers have exposed these lies.

Barnes' plans would make Wisconsin safer, while Johnson has opposed a plan to recruit and train new officers and even voted against funding for law enforcement.

FACT: Barnes [does not support defunding the police](#) and backs ensuring law enforcement have the resources needed to keep us safe and investing in preventing crime from occurring in the first place.

- [WISC Reality Check](#): "Claims that Barnes wants to abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) were clarified in News 3 Now's Reality Check series which found **Barnes does not want to abolish ICE or defund the police**, despite claims made in campaign ads."

FACT: Barnes' plan to reform cash bail would have kept dangerous criminals in jail.

- [Politifact](#): "High probability that Barnes plan to end cash bail would have kept parade suspect in jail"

FACT: Barnes has always been committed to keeping dangerous people off the streets.

- [Politifact](#): “GOP group misses mark with claim prison population reduction would require fast release of criminals”

FACT: Barnes has consistently condemned violence and worked to prioritize public safety.

- [Politifact](#): “Johnson misses mark with claim Evers, Barnes participated in rallies that incited Kenosha chaos.”
- [Politifact](#): “Claim that Evers, Barnes did not call for peace, calm after Blake shooting goes too far”

FACT: The Evers-Barnes Administration has made historic investments in public safety.

- The Evers-Barnes Administration directed [\\$50 million](#) in funding to support police, sheriff’s offices, and criminal justice initiatives, and invested [\\$45 million on violence prevention efforts](#).

FACT: Sen. Ron Johnson has repeatedly voted against funding and resources for law enforcement and supported the violent insurrection that injured 140 officers.

- Ron Johnson in his own words: [“Have I voted against \[police\] spending? Yeah.”](#)
- Johnson [voted against nearly \\$14 million](#) in law enforcement funding that created 58 police officer positions in Wisconsin and to [withhold law enforcement funding](#) from states that released gun ownership data.