

Climate Power: Six simple questions for Ron Johnson on climate change

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MILWAUKEE, Wis — As Senator Ron Johnson takes to the debate stage tonight, the climate crisis is at the forefront of Wisconsin voters' minds. Unlike Senator Johnson, the [overwhelming majority](#) of Wisconsin voters recognize that investing in climate solutions is necessary for our planet's future and will create good-paying jobs in the already-booming clean energy industry.

Johnson, who dismisses climate change as "[bullsh*t](#)," owes Wisconsin voters answers to these six questions:

1. Can you explain your opposition to the Inflation Reduction Act, which is estimated to [save](#) the average Wisconsin homeowner over 20% on their utility bills and invest [\\$4 billion](#) in large-scale clean power generation and storage?
2. Wisconsin has experienced cycles of drought and flooding that have turned the Great Lakes into the "[erratic high seas of the Midwest](#)." Last year, Lake Michigan hit [record-high](#) water levels. Climate change will [undoubtedly](#) bring more extreme storms to Wisconsin, heightening the risk of severe flooding and [far-ranging consequences for public health and safety](#). **Will you please explain to voters why you dismiss climate change as "[bullsh*t](#)"?**
3. While Wisconsinites face increasing prices at the pump, with average gas prices reaching [nearly \\$4 a gallon](#) again, oil and gas companies are raking in tens of billions in [record profits](#). Earlier this year, the [U.S. House](#) passed legislation prohibiting oil and gas companies from profiteering at the pump. **Why haven't you supported similar price gouging legislation in the Senate?**
4. Clean energy industries are [projected](#) to see [significant growth](#) over the coming decade. **How would you work to bring clean energy jobs to**

Wisconsin and ensure Wisconsinites are well-positioned to compete for these new jobs?

5. Communities of color in Wisconsin bear the brunt of air pollution and exposure to [26% more](#) dangerous particulate matter than average – Black residents, [41% more](#). **Would you support the [Environmental Justice for All Act](#), which addresses the disproportionate effects of federal laws and programs on communities of color, low-income communities, and tribal and indigenous communities?**

6. In your bid for re-election, you've taken more than [\\$215k](#) from Big Oil and Gas and more than [\\$800k](#) in your career. As Senator, you've also [voted against](#) climate action and clean energy more than 30 times, most recently [voting against](#) the Inflation Reduction Act. **Can you explain to Wisconsin voters why they should trust you to stand up to Big Oil special interests?**