

# Kleefisch campaign: What they're saying - Rebecca Kleefisch dominates GOP gubernatorial debate

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*Kleefisch has the ideas and strength to defeat Tony Evers this fall*

[Milwaukee, Wis.] — In case you missed it, Rebecca Kleefisch [dominated](#) at the second televised GOP gubernatorial debate, presenting her clear plans for Wisconsin and providing a strong contrast to Gov. Tony Evers.

Kleefisch outlined her plans to eventually eliminate Wisconsin's income tax, fight rising crime, and rebuild Wisconsin's economy. She took Tony Evers to task for his failures on education and the economy.

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[The Dan O'Donnell Show](#): *"This was a very clear victory for Rebecca Kleefisch."*

[Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#): *But when he was asked by moderator Charles Benson of WTMJ-TV (Channel 4) whether these incentives would be available for DACA*

*students, or students who came to the U.S. as children and are known as “dreamers,” Michels appeared to have trouble understanding what kind of students the question referred to. ... Kleefisch campaign chairman Scott Neitzel said, “I think everybody saw what they saw, and Rebecca knows what DACA is. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.”*

[Associated Press](#): *Kleefisch, who served eight years as lieutenant governor under Scott Walker, touted her experience in his administration, mentioning the passage of the Act 10 law that effectively ended collective bargaining for most public workers. She called herself an “effective and conservative reformer,” noting that she won statewide four times. That includes a 2011 recall election.*

[TMJ 4](#): *Former Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch said that one of her goals as governor would be to eventually eliminate the state income tax, which amounts to billions of dollars each year.*

[Fox 6](#): *Kleefisch told the crowd her experience is what sets her apart. She called for reducing state income taxes, abolishing the Wisconsin Elections Commission and criticized the Evers administration for not enforcing the state’s ban on abortions.*

[Wisconsin State Journal](#): *Kleefisch said she does not support exemptions, but added that “miscarriage care and ectopic pregnancy treatment are not abortion.”*

[CBS 58](#): *Kleefisch touted if it was her idea to break up MPS and signed she would, if elected. “There is no superintendent who can possibly know the names and families and be held accountable by 70,000 different kids,” said Kleefisch.*

[Wisconsin Public Radio](#): *All three said they supported Wisconsin’s 1849 ban, which*

*does not include exceptions for rape or incest. None of the candidates volunteered adding any kind of exception to the law, although when asked, Kleefisch said the ban did not restrict care for miscarriages. "Abortion is illegal," Kleefisch said. "Ectopic pregnancy treatment and miscarriage treatment are not abortions."*

[Wispolitics.com](https://www.wispolitics.com): *Kleefisch said her plan to move the state to a flat tax of 3.54 percent would help keep Generation Z workers in the state. She said the Walker-Kleefisch administration focused on property tax relief, but younger workers aren't buying homes at this point in their lives.*

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