

Nelson Campaign: ICYMI: Tom Nelson highlights Mandela Barnes ducking interviews and failure to explain inconsistent stances on defunding police and other issues

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Appleton, Wis. – Outagamie County Executive and pro-labor populist U.S. Senate candidate Tom Nelson recently appeared on The Young Turks to discuss his candidacy. While discussing why his track record as a Bernie delegate who has won six times in a red county makes him the best candidate to go up against Ron Johnson, Nelson also took the opportunity to differentiate himself from Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes.

View the segment [here](#). Nelson also [tweeted](#) about the segment.

The host asked, “What specifically did [Barnes] say before as lieutenant governor that he’s now flip flopped on?”

Nelson responded, “Well, he’s been talking about how Medicare for All is important, the Green New Deal is important. Now, you can’t get him to say those words at all. He seemed like he was for defunding the police and now he says he’s not for defunding the police. He wanted to abolish ICE, now he doesn’t want to do it.”

Nelson noted in a follow up interview with the [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), “He’s inconsistent, he’s changing his positions. Voters don’t know where he’s at.”

During the Our Wisconsin Revolution forum held last Friday, Nelson noted that

Democrats need to nominate a candidate [not afraid of explaining their stances to media:](#)

Nelson also made reference to the fact that Barnes, the outgoing Wisconsin lieutenant governor, frequently dodges press interviews:

“We need to have someone who ... does not hide from ... the media or refuses to talk about or explain their flip-flopping on issues,’ Nelson said.”

A link to the recording of the forum can be found [here](#).