

WisDems: Fact check: Ron Johnson's threats to cut social security and medicare

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MADISON, Wis. – Ron Johnson continues to face fierce backlash over his threats to allow Congress to cut Social Security and Medicare, programs that Wisconsin retirees have paid into for decades. Now, Johnson is trying to claim that it's a lie but his own words and actions speak for themselves.

- **[Johnson wants to put Social Security and Medicare on the Chopping Block](#)**: “Social Security and Medicare, if you qualify, you just get it no matter what the cost... We ought to turn everything into discretionary spending so it's all evaluated.”
- **[Johnson Wants to Gamble with Social Security and Medicare Funding by Putting it in the Stock Market](#)**: “Weeks after saying Social Security and Medicare should be subjected to annual budget talks — a stance that caused political blow back from his foes — Johnson once again weighed into America's signature social insurance program. During a Wednesday campaign stop in Rice Lake, Johnson said Social Security “was set up improperly” and that the system's funds would have been better off invested in the stock market...“Critics have claimed investing in stocks would raise uncertainty given the inevitable dips in the market, plus they contend the government might wield too much influence overseeing such a large amount of money invested in stocks.”
- **[Johnson Wants Wisconsin Retirees to Rejoin the Workforce](#)**: “As U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson campaigns for a potential third term, he's proposing a fix for Wisconsin's labor shortage: Encourage seniors to rejoin the workforce...”