

# WisDems: Republicans running for Governor not backing down From radical politics as primary day nears

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**MADISON, Wis.** - Republican candidates for governor doubled down on their radical agenda [on Dan O'Donnell's right wing debate stage.](#)

## **On abortion:**

- Rebecca Kleefisch doubled down on her dangerous views on reproductive care and said she “celebrated” the Dobbs decision that overturned Roe v. Wade. She also said she would enforce Wisconsin’s archaic 1849 ban, which [has already resulted in dangerous disruptions in medical care](#) and could [complicate life saving cancer treatments.](#)
- In his answer of why he supports the 1849 ban, Tim Michels made both his anti-abortion and anti-same sex marriage positions clear, “the best situation is when a child is raised to a mother and a father at home.”

## **On guns:**

- Rebecca Kleefisch referred to the Second Amendment as a “celebration” and reiterated her support for permitless carry. She said as governor, she would refuse to sign into law common sense gun safety measures.

- Tim Michels is putting unsafe gun practices ahead of all other issues like education and health care. He said that the Second Amendment was “divine in the writing of the Constitution.”
- Tim Ramthun called red flag laws, which are supported by [81%](#) of Wisconsinites, as “red flags to me.”

“Republicans running for governor are not backing down on their radical politics and pandering to the extreme right,” said **Democratic Party of Wisconsin Rapid Response Director Hannah Menchhoff**. “All three are wrong for Wisconsin.”