

WisDems: Tim Michels calls for people to take up “pitchforks and torches” in response to fact-based reporting on his radical beliefs

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MADISON, Wis. — Last week, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel [reported](#) that Republican candidate for governor Tim Michels used his personal foundation to fund extreme anti-LGBTQ and anti-abortion groups. Michels took to conservative talk radio the following day. He did not explain or refute his radical beliefs—instead Michels threatened violence against the media by calling for people to “[be ready to get out on the streets with pitchforks and torches.](#)”

“Wisconsinites want a governor who embraces unity, respect, and common-sense leadership. Governor Evers is laser focused on doing the right thing by lowering costs for Wisconsinites and funding education,” said **Democratic Party of Wisconsin Rapid Response Director Hannah Menchhoff**. “Michels instead has taken a leaf out of the former president’s playbook, embracing this type of destructive and violent politics that will only divide our communities.”

All across Wisconsin, people are hearing about Michels’ violent, divisive comments, highlighting just another reason that Tim Michels is radical and wrong for Wisconsin:

Associated Press: [Wisconsin GOP candidate calls for ‘pitchforks and torches’](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: [Bice: GOP candidate Tim Michels calls for ‘pitchforks and torches’ in response to a news story](#)

Business Insider: [Trump-endorsed GOP candidate calls on people to take up 'pitchforks and torches' against the 'liberal media'](#)

Urban Milwaukee: [Michels Calls For 'Pitchforks and Torches'](#)

WIZM: [No matter our disagreements, we don't need pitchforks and torches](#)

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