

WisDems: Tim Michels is more radical than 79% of Wisconsin Republicans on abortion

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MADISON, Wis. — Tim Michels is wildly out of step with most Wisconsinites on abortion — even Republicans. The [latest Marquette poll](#) revealed that not only do 65% of Wisconsinites believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases, but also 79% of Republicans agree that abortion should be legal in cases of rape or incest.

Michels recently described Wisconsin's 1849 ban on abortion that doesn't include exceptions for rape or incest as "[an exact mirror](#)" of his position, making him significantly more radical than the rest of his party on reproductive freedom.



Michels' view of abortion is as extreme as it gets. During his 2004 run for Senate, he said that it was "not unreasonable" to force rape victims to give birth to the children of their attackers.

Governor Evers will continue doing the right thing to protect a person's freedom to make their own health care decisions. He is the last line of defense in Wisconsin on protecting access to abortion and has vetoed nine bills restricting abortion and reproductive health care pushed by Wisconsin Republicans. In response to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, Gov. Evers has offered clemency to physicians charged under the 1849 law and with Attorney General Kaul has filed a challenge to the legislation.

"It's clear that Tim Michels is too radical for Wisconsin. If elected, he is poised to restrict access to critical health care and enforce the archaic 1849 ban whose provisions are too far for even most Republicans," said **Hannah Menchhoff**,

Democratic Party of Wisconsin Rapid Response Director. “Michels would rather pander to an extreme minority of the base of the Republicans Party than listen to Wisconsinites.”