

# WisDems: What they're saying: Sen. Ron Johnson's self-serving agenda on full display during second debate

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*Barnes: "He hasn't done a single thing for us. He's had 12 years to show up for work and Wisconsinites."*

**MILWAUKEE, Wis.** — Ron Johnson's debate performance showed once again how out of touch Ron Johnson is with Wisconsinites as he's pursued his self-serving agenda in Washington at their expense. From lining his and his wealthiest donors' pockets, to gloating about taking away reproductive freedom and wanting to cut Social Security and Medicare – Ron Johnson has betrayed Wisconsinites at every turn.

*What they're saying:*

- [WBAY](#): "Senator Johnson has sponsored eight different national abortion bans. He sponsored abortion bans that had **no exceptions for rape, incest or the life of the mother**. That position is too out of touch and extreme for Wisconsin,' Barnes said."
- [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#): "Barnes declared: '**In Ron Johnson's America, women won't get to make the best choice for their health care.**' [...]' 'When it comes to the topic of abortion, it should be up to a woman and a doctor,' Barnes said. 'I respect everyone's personal beliefs. I don't believe everyone's personal beliefs should be the law.'"
- [Wisconsin Public Radio](#): "The Democrat then pivoted by attacking Johnson for his amendment to the Republican 2017 Tax Cut and Jobs Act that [netted Johnson donors Dick and Liz Uihlein along with Diane Hendricks \\$215 million in deductions in 2018](#). 'He has no problem blowing a \$2 trillion hole in the deficit

by voting for the 2017 tax bill that benefited corporations and the most wealthy Americans,' Barnes said."

- [AP News](#): "With just over three weeks until the election, Barnes went on the attack against Johnson, saying he has "done nothing" while in office other than **line his own pockets and those of his wealthy donors who benefited from former President Donald Trump's tax cut that Johnson voted for.**"
- [New York Times](#): Johnson says he remains **opposed to a federal proposal mandating paid family leave for new parents.** He says the free market should determine which employees receive paid parental leave. 'I realize that benefits are really popular,' he says. 'The fact is we don't have the money for this.'"
- [Wisconsin Examiner](#): "On the question of what a suitable federal minimum wage would be, Johnson dismissed the idea altogether..."
- [CNN](#): "'No police officers in this country were more dispirited than the ones who were present at the United States Capitol Hill on January 6,' Barnes said, noting that scores of officers were injured. 'So this talk about support for law enforcement, it's not real, it's not true, because he decided to play politics when the person he didn't want to win the presidential election.'"
- [Politico](#): "'He tried to send fake electors to the vice president, said his involvement lasted a matter of seconds, as if you get to use the five-second rule for election subversion,' said Barnes."
- [New York Times](#): "The audience laughs at Johnson after he claims that 'the F.B.I. set me up with a corrupt briefing and then tried to smear me' over his visit to Moscow during the Trump years."
- [AP News](#): "Johnson said he has forcefully and repeatedly denounced the attacks. But he didn't mention that he has also said it "didn't seem like an insurrection to me" and he would have been more fearful if the U.S. Capitol invaders had been Black Lives Matter protesters."