

Wisconsin Politics – A Business Perspective

Our Country's stronger when we're free!

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Our country's stronger when we're free to worship without government intervention, vote without union intimidation, and defend ourselves when threatened. It took Scott Walker to put "Christ" back in the "Christmas" tree, competitive healthcare back in our schools, and concealed-carry back in our homeland security.



During his acceptance speech, Tom Barrett called Scott Walker a "Rock Star." Why? In April the Illinois Chamber of Commerce braved union protestors and invited him to speak at their forum. They wanted to hear why Moody's considered his reforms "credit positive" for Wisconsin and how "his money-saving reforms brought Wisconsin closer to a structural budgetary balance deserving Moody's A1 credit rating while Illinois was downgraded to A2. They wanted to learn why top CEOs ranked Wisconsin's business climate 17th best in the country up from 41st since he took office while Illinois dropped to 48th from 45th and how he was able to fund 100% of our public employee pension liabilities without raising taxes while theirs was 55% unfunded after increasing individual taxes 67% and corporate taxes 47%.

Ironically, Walker outlined an economic recovery plan similar to what Democrat Franklin Delano Roosevelt's used to pull the U.S. out of the Great Depression and through WWII. Using FDR's strategy to bring shipbuilding to Sturgeon Bay, Scott Walker reduced Wisconsin's debt to improve Bay Shipyard's ability to bid contracts away from shipbuilders along the gulf and east coast.

He's a rock star to teachers because, according the Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau, Walker's reforms have saved Gibraltar \$269,900, Sevastopol \$199,800, Southern Door \$406,200, and Sturgeon Bay \$1,172,000 while no teachers lost their jobs and those electing to retire did so with what most in the private' sector consider a "golden parachute." FYI, NEWSWEEK ranked Gibraltar High 249th in the top 500 high schools in America largely because students were given computers and encouraged to explore internet learning; internet learning that was blocked by unions on the east coast because as Nancy Pelosi's claimed, "Moving public schools to internet learning would result in layoffs in the bookbinding industry."

Scott Walker receives 60% of his campaign funding from out of state companies while Tammy Baldwin receives 76% from out of state advocates of same-sex-marriage. **The difference is, companies supporting Walker stand ready to invest billions in our economy and millions in education through school' grants, endowments, student scholarships, and on-the-job training.** Wisconsin's Builders Association endorses Scott Walker because they know with full employment comes new construction.

Recalls are expensive and they don't work. In Door County, we recalled most of the County Board over building our Justice Center only to reelect them and build a smaller center for an extra million dollars. This last recall cost Door County over \$50,000 and Wisconsin over \$18 million while branding our teachers as anti government thugs willing to boo during our national anthem, flip-off anyone opposing their view, and send threatening letters to businesses supporting Scott Walker.

On June 5th, let's stay the course with Scott Walker and vote Wisconsin "Title State" U.S.A.