

# Wisconsin Governor

## THE ISSUES

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<b>ABORTION</b> Ban or legal?	Legal. Will veto any state law <a href="#">“that turns back the clock on reproductive rights.”</a> Vetoed <a href="#">five anti-abortion bills that the state legislature passed.</a> Opposes the <a href="#">1849 state abortion ban triggered by the overturning of Roe v. Wade.</a>	Ban. <a href="#">“I am against abortion.”</a> Supports <a href="#">the 1849 Wisconsin abortion law</a> , which bans all abortion except to save the mother’s life. <a href="#">Like that law, makes no exceptions for rape or incest. Would allow emergency contraceptive Plan B.</a>
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit the output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?	Yes. <a href="#">“We made a commitment... and we’re going to keep it.”</a> <a href="#">Set a goal of 100% carbon-free electricity by 2050 and created incentives for utilities to transition to clean energy.</a> Created a state <a href="#">Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy.</a>	No position found on climate change. The Michels family companies <a href="#">have produced wind, solar, and energy storage projects.</a> Also a Keystone Pipeline contractor; <a href="#">“My company was building [it...], but then Joe Biden canceled it, afraid to offend liberals.”</a>
<b>EDUCATION</b> Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	No. Vetoed legislation <a href="#">that would have made all children eligible to receive a taxpayer-funded private school voucher, regardless of their household income.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“I will introduce universal school choice in my first budget in 2023.”</a> Has <a href="#">pledged to expand private school vouchers to all students in Wisconsin.</a>
<b>EDUCATION</b> How to address the teaching of issues around racism?	Vetoed <a href="#">a proposed law to limit what can be taught about racism.</a> Says <a href="#">educators, parents, and schools can “work together to do what is best for our kids”</a> without interference from politicians. Opposes restrictions on <a href="#">“teaching honest, complete facts about important historical topics like the Civil War and civil rights.”</a>	<a href="#">“Parents must know if schools are focusing more on math and reading—or instead advancing a curriculum rooted in Critical Race Theory, one that...divides students as either oppressors or oppressed.”</a> <a href="#">“The many Wisconsin families who reject such indoctrination need the ability to raise concerns without being shouted down.”</a>
<b>EDUCATION</b> Increase funding for K-12 and higher education?	Yes. Proposed <a href="#">increasing public school spending by \$2 billion for literacy, mental health services, school lunches, and other programs.</a> Would also <a href="#">raise limits on the amounts each district can get from state aid and property taxes.</a>	No. <a href="#">“There has never been a time when the education establishment deemed funding sufficient.”</a> It’s <a href="#">“not enough, we need more, always more.”</a> <a href="#">“It’s not working; the definition of insanity.”</a> <a href="#">“Spending is not achieving.”</a>
<b>ELECTIONS</b> Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?	Yes. Called it <a href="#">“outrageous” that a Republican-controlled Assembly committee authorized up to \$680,000 for a probe of the 2020 election.</a> Said <a href="#">“Apparently they’re all drinking the Kool-Aid.”</a>	No. Says <a href="#">“maybe”</a> the election was stolen. <a href="#">“There was certainly illegal ballots. How many?... I don’t know if anybody knows.”</a> <a href="#">“Trump probably would be president right now if we had election integrity.”</a>
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	Tighten. <a href="#">Sued 18 companies, alleging they allowed widespread contamination of “forever chemicals” despite knowing of their harmful effects on public health and the environment.</a>	Mostly loosen. Is <a href="#">“anti-big government and anti-bureaucracy,”</a> but sees <a href="#">a role for government in cleaning up “forever chemicals” in the Marinette area</a> and ensuring clean water.

ISSUES	EVERS (D)	MICHELIS (R)
<b>GUN RULES</b> Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?	More. <a href="#">Proposed two bills, one to expand universal background checks, and a “red flag” bill that would have let guns be taken away from those deemed a danger to themselves or others.</a>	Less. Would <a href="#">lift firearm restrictions</a> and opposes <a href="#">red-flag laws</a> . Regarding under-21 background checks, said, <a href="#">“It’s not the guns, it’s a cultural problem today, and a lot of it is a byproduct of the whole ‘defund the police’ movement.”</a>
<b>HEALTH CARE</b> Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, or promoting COVID safety?	Yes. <a href="#">“Continues to believe in the importance of expanding BadgerCare to support Wisconsin’s workforce, farmers, and small businesses...and expand initiatives to lower health care costs.”</a> In COVID, <a href="#">issued mask mandates and other orders.</a>	No. Would <a href="#">reject \$1.1 billion from federal government to expand the state’s Medicaid, because the government would attach a “mandate.”</a> Opposes <a href="#">COVID mask mandates</a> for school students.
<b>IMMIGRATION</b> How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?	<a href="#">Joined an immigrant workers’ march that sought a path to citizenship for undocumented workers. “I would propose or support legislation that allowed DACA students to...have in-state tuition.”</a>	Opposes <a href="#">access to public services for illegal immigrants: “No driver’s license, no benefits, and no tuition.”</a> On DACA, said <a href="#">“I want to look at the details on everything before I agree to anything.”</a>
<b>LABOR</b> Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	Easier. Supports <a href="#">“worker rights, and the right to organize.”</a> The state legislature blocked his attempts <a href="#">to roll back restrictions on public employees’ union rights and to repeal Wisconsin’s “Right to Work” law.</a>	Harder. <a href="#">Supports the state’s “Right to Work” law, which allowing employees in a unionized workplace to not pay union dues,</a> despite his company’s past opposition. Also says <a href="#">“The iron grip of teachers unions will no longer hold Wisconsin students hostage.”</a>
<b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b> Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Expand. Supports <a href="#">legislation to protect gay marriage.</a> Says he <a href="#">“will always support the LGBTQ+ community in Wisconsin.”</a>	Limit. <a href="#">Opposes same-sex marriage. “Marriage should be between a man and a woman.”</a>
<b>MARIJUANA</b> Should recreational marijuana be banned or legal?	Legal. <a href="#">“Legalizing and taxing marijuana” would ensure “safe products,” enable reinvestment, and “create a more equitable state.”</a>	Banned. <a href="#">“I do not support the legalization of marijuana.”</a> Pledges to <a href="#">veto any bill that legalizes marijuana for any use.</a>
<b>MINIMUM WAGE</b> Keep or raise the state minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	Raise. <a href="#">“We can raise the minimum wage without impacting businesses across the state.”</a> <a href="#">Since 2019 has sought to raise the wage to \$15/hour.</a>	No position found.
<b>POLICE AND COMMUNITY</b> How to address police use of force?	Signed a <a href="#">bill to provide police use-of-force standards and oversight, with deadly force as a last resort.</a> Vetoes <a href="#">a bill cutting state funding to communities that reduce police budgets.</a> Directed <a href="#">more than \$100 million in federal COVID relief money to support law enforcement.</a>	Unclear on use of force. Would <a href="#">“Incentivize the hiring of more police officers,” “create a RICO-like provision to investigate and prosecute riot organizers,”</a> and reduce state aid for communities that <a href="#">“attempt to ‘defund the police.’”</a>
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID</b> Support lowering interest on student loans or forgiving them?	Likely yes. <a href="#">Created a task force to assess causes of student debt and find long-term ways to reduce “education-related debt,” which especially hurts “students of color, low-income students, and first-generation college students.”</a>	No. <a href="#">Opposes</a> Biden’s student-loan forgiveness as <a href="#">“absurd.”</a> <a href="#">“Hard-working people are going to pay to have the tuition forgiven for those that went to college...that made a pledge...to pay down their tuition debt.”</a>
<b>TAXES</b> Should corporations and wealthier individuals pay less or more taxes?	More. <a href="#">State legislature blocked his attempt to cut taxes on the lower and middle classes and raise them for the wealthy and businesses.</a>	Less. Will <a href="#">reduce corporate and individual income taxes and eliminate the personal property tax.</a>
<b>VOTING RULES</b> Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?	No. Vetoes <a href="#">eight fast-tracked bills that would have tightened voter ID and ballot access policies and created new Wisconsin election procedures.</a> <a href="#">“As long as I’m governor” will keep fighting “anti-democracy efforts like this.”</a>	Yes. Will <a href="#">“dissolve” the bipartisan Wisconsin Elections Commission.</a> Will <a href="#">ban unmanned drop boxes and pop-up polling places.</a> Proposes a <a href="#">“Voter Uniformity Amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution.”</a>

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