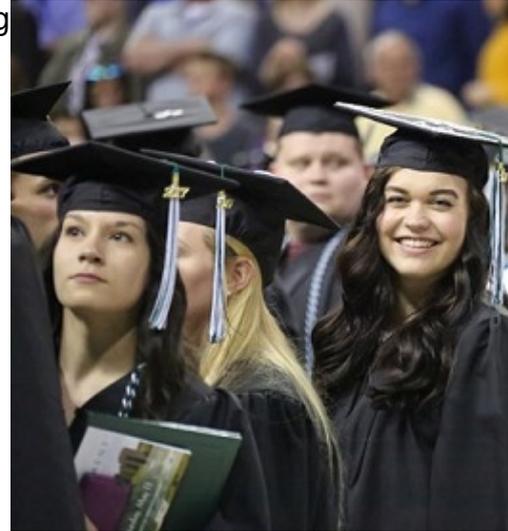


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Sen. Smith writes about how Legislative Republicans chose to cut the UW System's budget by \$32 million, leaving universities almost half a billion dollars short.

MADISON - Ever hear the term gaslighting? It's an odd term, but the practice has become too common in politics these days. It comes from a play written by Patrick Hamilton called "Gaslight." In the play, a husband manipulates his wife into thinking she is having a mental breakdown by gradually changing the intensity of the gaslamps in their home.

A contemporary example is the rhetoric surrounding our college campuses. Republicans claim college students are being indoctrinated by liberal educators and institutions. It's the latest futile effort to make our younger generations second-guess their educational experience.

This has been a coordinated effort by the Republican Party in every state across the nation. Republicans have come to realize they have nothing left to offer young voters. Republicans haven't quite given up yet, but their last chance is to gaslight our next generation, or at the very least discredit their thoughts and opinions. Their hardline opposition to abortion and innate desire to cut government into nothing is too entrenched within their ranks. The philosophical divide between outdated conservative principles doesn't jive with new and progressive desire for change favored by most in our next generation.

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