

Russ Sides With Wisconsin's Working Families in Debate

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Associated Press reports “Democrat Russ Feingold says Wisconsin voters deserve a senator who will stand by them, not billionaires and special interests.” Sen. Johnson dodges question after question, then follows Donald Trump 100%.

MIDDLETON - Last night in Green Bay, Russ presented a clear vision for an economy that works for Wisconsin's middle class and working families. On issue after issue, from retirement security for Wisconsin's seniors, to care for our veterans, to addressing the student loan debt crisis, Russ shared what he learned from traveling the state and listening to Wisconsinites.

Sen. Johnson on the other hand ducked and dodged question after question over his failed record record in Washington of protecting powerful corporations and multi-millionaires like himself.

Sen. Johnson's only clear answer came when he reaffirmed that he stands by Donald Trump 100%.

Check out the local video coverage below:

Russ Will Fight for Wisconsin's Middle Class and Working Families - [WEAU \(Eau Claire\)](#)

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"Feingold in almost every answer talked about being bipartisan, going to 72 counties and listening, hearing what it is people have to say, and on those defense answers talked a lot about how he wanted to solve these problems in ways he could agree with some Republican on."

So I think they were outlining different strategies: Senator Johnson, more the partisan battler, and Senator Feingold, more the bipartisan person to try to work across party lines."

From the [Associated Press](#) :

"Democrat Russ Feingold says Wisconsin voters deserve a senator who will stand by them, not billionaires and special interests."

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Feingold is touting his support of paid family medical leave and raising the minimum wage to differentiate himself from Johnson."

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Johnson's Democratic challenger Russ Feingold is issuing a challenge to Johnson to renounce Trump. Feingold says, "This one of those times where you have to be an American first, not a politician running for office."

Associated Press: [Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson stands by Trump in debate](#)

"Wisconsin Republican Sen. Ron Johnson stuck by Donald Trump in a debate Friday without actually saying the presidential candidate's name."

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Johnson's Democratic opponent, former Sen. Russ Feingold, challenged Johnson to renounce Trump, who's been battered by accusations of sexual misbehavior. Trump has denied the allegations."

From [Wisconsin Public Radio](#) :

"The two showed a clear contrast when asked whether the United States should join other countries in mandating paid family leave. Johnson opposed it."

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Feingold said Johnson's position showed he wasn't listening to his constituents."

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The two also differed sharply when it came to Social Security, with Feingold noting, as he did in 2010, that Johnson had called the program a "Ponzi scheme."

From [PolitiFact](#) :

"Johnson said Feingold voted to give Social Security benefits to illegal immigrants. We rated that [False](#). Johnson made the same claim during the 2010 campaign with Feingold, citing one particular vote that Feingold cast. But that vote would not have OK'd the Social Security

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Feingold said in the debate that Johnson says federal student loans shouldn't have been created. That's similar to when Feingold said Johnson "is opposed to all government-assisted student loans." Our rating on that version of the Feingold statement was [Mostly True](#). Johnson had said the government never should have gotten involved in student loans, but one of his votes helped student borrowers in the short term."

From the [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) :

"Feingold said there should be 12 weeks paid-family leave. "There is no reason we should not join the other countries in the world who do this," he said.

"It really is a shame instead of siding with the families of this state making the request," Feingold said, adding that Johnson went with the "corporate view."

Feingold spoke of his strong support for Social Security as a public program. He proposed raising the cut-off on payroll taxes for Social Security, from \$118,000 to \$175,000."

From [WisPolitics](#) :

"Feingold says he supports retaining the federal student loan program and allowing those with student loan debt to refinance. He noted Johnson voted against a proposal that would have allowed that."

WISC: [Russ Stands up for Families, Supports Paid Family Leave](#)

"Feingold [said] he would support 12 weeks of paid leave and Johnson saying that mandates cost employers money.

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Feingold also made a plug for his support of raising the minimum wage, which Johnson opposes."

From [WUWM](#) :

"Feingold says if he's elected, he'll play a role in rebuilding police and community relations, in light of a slew of officer involved shootings across the country. He cited the fatal shooting that led to unrest in the Sherman Park neighborhood this past summer.

"The African Americans that I met with in Sherman Park the other day feel very uncomfortable with a lot of their police encounters. We need to reinvigorate the funding for community policing that was started in 1994 and was very beneficial to communities so that people know each other," Feingold says.

Feingold says the answer also includes increased funding for public schools and making sure that central city neighborhoods contain thriving businesses."