

Wisconsin Democracy Campaign "Trump's fascist overtones"

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MADISON - I'm deeply, deeply concerned about our democracy today.

I watched Donald Trump's Inaugural Address with a mixture of disbelief and horror, and I'd like to share my reactions with you.

First, there were several key words and phrases and beliefs that he failed to express in his speech:

[Words missing from Trump's inaugural address](#)

And second, there were some very dark echoes in it: [cartoon credit: Dr. Seuss circa 1940-41]

[The fascist overtones in Trump's inaugural address](#)

We'll be keeping an eye on these thunderclouds in the days and weeks ahead, even though our primary focus remains on Wisconsin.

And speaking of Wisconsin, we just posted a piece on Gov. Walker's latest push to make it more difficult for people to get food stamps. His backers loved it, as you can see here:

[Walker wins praise from WMC, Koch group for food stamp rules](#)

Some of these same backers threw so much money behind Justice Annette Ziegler in her race to stay on the Wisconsin Supreme Court that she has no challengers. It's the first time in more than a decade that one of these races has gone uncontested. Big money has cleared the field:

[See who funds Justice Ziegler](#)

These are dicey times, but I remain hopeful. The glorious women's marches last Saturday (I was at the gigantic one in Madison) fill me with confidence that millions of active citizens will win the day and that we'll keep our democracy—and make it stronger. [photo credit: Kerry Schumann]

I'm glad you're in the fight with me.

Best,

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P.S. I'm on Wisconsin Public Radio tomorrow (Wed.) at 4:30 to talk about Trump and fascism. And I'll be speaking in New Glarus on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Toffler's Pub (200 5th Ave). Next Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m., I'll be speaking in Cross Plains at the Crossroads Coffeehouse (2020 Main St.). I hope you can catch me one of these times! See details on our calendar [here](#)

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