

Viability

I'm just going to jump right into it this week, I was asked at an event about viability of the several campaigns for US Senate against Senator Tammy Baldwin. The speaker said that one prospective candidate has millions of dollars to dump in the campaign and why are any of the other candidates better than him. I assured the questioner that this primary will not be given to the highest bidder.

Politics has certainly devolved from a noble service to one's fellow citizen, to such a thought, that is that having money is the best qualifier, and that if you weren't blessed with access to millions of dollars, then you just can't be a serious candidate for such an office. What a load! More on that later.

To begin, I am a member of the middle class and have been a worker my whole life. By worker, I don't mean that those with huge bank accounts don't work, but for the rest of us who make family financial decisions around the kitchen table with our spouse and sometimes have to make tough decisions, you know what I mean. There is a difference between managing hedge funds and moving money around for wealthy clients versus working on the farm I grew up on, or the factory work that many people rely on for their family. I personally know and count as my friends many people who work tirelessly and just scrape by. Questions about what a candidate with millions of dollars or a Senator like Tammy Baldwin could possibly have in common with the rest of us paved the road for my own candidacy. For the record, I do not have a private plane, nor have I ever flown on one. I do not have a coastal mansion that is worth millions, nor do I have staff at my house. We mow our own lawn, wash our own dishes, and fold our own laundry! This is part of the fabric that weaves through our state, and through me and my family.

To be honest, I'm proud of that fact. I have enjoyed many hours alongside my ten-year-old daughter teaching her how to fold towels. I've raked my lawn with my husband, scrubbed the dust from gravel roads from our cars, and I know what it is like to make our own meals. Having means should never disqualify someone from public office, however, it should NEVER be the sole qualifier. Understanding the plight of the midwestern farmer doesn't come from reading a report, it comes from knowing how to throw a bale of hay, what to do when you have a cow break its leg, or to actually know how to pull a wagon across the hills of Wisconsin! Our Senator should have financial sense, for sure, but maybe knowing the difference between chopping, haying, and discing and perhaps what a combine is without using a staffer for information might give the Senator a better idea of who they are representing.

Wisconsin has a rich history of farming, and with that comes the aroma of opportunity when the farmer spreads it in the fields. Now to use polite language, Wisconsin knows when it is being spread, and someone flying in from California or Washington DC to tell us how to live and what we should support sounds and smells like what Bess Truman worked for decades to get Harry Truman to kindly refer to as manure! The leftists and coastal elites have no place telling Wisconsinites what is best for us!

Wisconsin deserves a Senator who will work for us. Someone who lives here, works here, and knows the struggle of the average family. Wisconsin voters do not want the RNC or any other organization to mandate who the favored candidate is. We do not want and will not accept any attempts

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to buy this or any election. And I am running because I will be that Senator who gets it when someone bravely stands by a microphone or sits across the table, after working hard to support their family and still comes up short at the end of the week. We work, we are honest, we have pride in our working-class roots, and we know when games are being played. Please visit me at Staceyforwisconsin.com and say no to the RNC, no to the NRSC, and say yes to our campaign, the only one who has called Wisconsin home from birth to today. I understand Wisconsin, because, quite frankly, I am Wisconsin and I am proud to be Wisconsin.



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