

Why Can't Scott Walker Just Give A Straight Answer?

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GREEN BAY - I was watching Governor Scott Walker last Sunday morning on *Up Front with Mike Gousha* and was struck by a repeated question. Can't this guy just give a straight answer?

When Gousha tried to tie him down on his repeated 250,000 job creation campaign promise, he said we were doing better than Illinois. When Gousha pointed out that Illinois was the only one of 10 Midwestern states that we surpassed, Walker changed the subject to the last three months.

I was struck most by his answer on the John Doe investigations into illegal activities by himself and his staff at Milwaukee County. "Those who know can't talk" Walker said, and "those who don't shouldn't talk". I really don't know what that was supposed to mean.

Back in February, [I went on record in this blog](#), under my own name, saying Scott Walker knew as far back as 2002 about the "secret network" in the Milwaukee County Executive's office. I knew because I helped his staff, namely Tim Russell, set it up.

What was most interesting was the reaction from the Governor's staff. Scott Walker wouldn't talk about it, and they said the charge came from a known Democrat. They didn't deny it, they just implied it was only politics and that seemed to satisfy folks.

Only, I wasn't a Democrat in 2002. Back then, I was running around with a group of Milwaukee County inner ring suburban Republicans called the Franklin Citizens for Responsible Leadership. Scott Walker and Tim Russell most likely thought I was one of their own.

But by 2014 the story changed and it was all politics.

We should not accept these evasions. That there is no real truth in politics, that it is all just spin from one side or the other. To do so demeans ourselves as well as the standards we set for our political leaders.

Mike Gousha tried to get a straight answer from Scott Walker, and you could tell he was getting frustrated. But for a guy like Walker, the answers he gave to Mike and me will be good enough unless we show him we are not buying it any more.

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