

Trump or Cruz... Either Would Be Good Soulmate for Sen. Johnson

Written by Democratic Party of Wisconsin, Brandon Weathersby
Tuesday, 02 February 2016 10:58 -



MADISON - Last night in Iowa, Senator Ted Cruz and Donald Trump dominated a crowded Republican field to finish first and second respectively after the contest was called. Whoever rises to the top in future contests would make a good political partner for Senator Ron Johnson.

While last night was a huge success for Democrats, who displayed an incredible amount of energy and enthusiasm in all 99 counties of Iowa, the Republican Party tripled down on their most extreme candidates, Donald “no Muslims in my country” Trump and Ted “let’s make the sand glow” Cruz.

After five years voting far to the right of even his own Senate Republican Caucus, Johnson must have been thrilled with the outcome and the prospect of sharing the ballot with a fellow out-of-touch extremist. Johnson compared the similarities between The Donald's campaign to his own Senate campaign in the past and helped usher in Cruz's government shutdown in 2013.

Cruz, a virtual pariah amongst his colleagues, has spoken of carpet-bombing areas with large civilian populations, called the Supreme Court’s marriage equality decision “some of the darkest 24 hours in our nation’s history,” and touts shutting down the federal government as his signature accomplishment in the Senate.

Trump, who started his campaign calling immigrants rapists and drug dealers, eventually called for banning an entire religion from America.

"Last night confirmed that Senator Ron Johnson's party has moved even further to the extreme right. Johnson, Cruz and Trump are “Team Extreme” for the Republicans, and are incredibly out of touch with voters not only in this state but across the nation," Democratic Party of Wisconsin Executive Director Kory Kozloski said on Tuesday. "If there's one thing that the caucuses made clear, it's that we need to elect Democrats all the way down the ballot in November, and the voters seem excited about their options."