MADISON – Governor Scott Walker endorsed Senator Ted Cruz today to be the next President of the United States, throwing his support behind a candidate who shares many of his extreme right-wing policies. Throughout his tenure, Cruz has compared the fight to defund Obamacare to that of fighting Nazis in World War II, referred to marriage equality as the "radical gay marriage agenda", and said those who believe in climate change are equivalent to people who believe the earth is flat.

Cruz's extreme record mirrors not only that of Walker, but also of current GOP frontrunner Donald Trump. Most recently, Cruz said we should " patrol and secure Muslim neighborhoods " , but this only scratches the surface of his divisive rhetoric. Cruz has accused people who support marriage equality as waging "jihad" against people of faith, said the laws in this country that give women a right to choose are extreme, and has said the Obama economy is disastrous even though we have had 68 positive months of job growth.

"It's shameful that Scott Walker would support a candidate with an extreme record of divisive policies and hateful partisan rhetoric," Democratic Party of Wisconsin Executive Director Kory Kozloski said on Tuesday. "Ted Cruz has spent his career working to divide people across this nation, rather than working to bring us together. That is not the sort of candidate the Governor of our state should be standing behind." Kozloski said.

Below is a brief history of Ted Cruz's divisive rhetoric. **Climate Change**

- Ted Cruz compared those who believe in the science of climate change to those who believed the earth was flat

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- Cruz compares the current research on global warming to that of " global cooling " in the 1970s, even though that subject
was not taken seriously and has been debunked as ludicrous

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ACA

- Ted Cruz compared the fight to defund Obamacare to that of taking on the Nazi's in World War II.

- If elected, Cruz stated he would repeal every word of Obamacare , which means nearly million people would lose coverage, insurance companies could punish people for pre-existing conditions, and companies would be able to discriminate against women with higher healthcare costs.
- Cruz went so far as to say he lost his own healthcare coverage because of the ACA, and this has been dismissed as pandering for votes.

Gay Marriage and Homophobia

- He accused the LGBT community of waging jihad against people of faith
- When Ted Cruz announced his presidency he said a top priority was defending traditional marriage , i.e. gay people would not have the right to marry
- He scorned the Supreme Courts decision to make marriage equality the law of the land and said states should ignore the decision .
- See Ted Cruz's history on Gay Marriage and Homophobia here .

A Bit More

- Ted Cruz said he wants to "carpet bomb" ISIS into oblivion and continues that narrative even though military experts say this is not feasible and is dangerous.