

## Senator Ron Johnson Defends his Support of Donald Trump

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MADISON - This past Sunday Senator **Ron Johnson** tried to explain away his deplorable support for the bombastic and offensive Republican Presidential front-runner

### **Donald Trump**

. Trump has taken his party by storm, including the support of Ron Johnson, by pushing misogyny, racism, xenophobia, and making fun of physically disabled individuals.



In addition, Ron Johnson continues to defend his partisan obstructionism of not allowing President Obama's Supreme Court nominee, Merrick Garland, from having a hearing and a vote. Other Republicans are decrying these tactics as foolhardy and as serving no common good.

*See excerpts from the article below.*

After U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson told CNN that [he thinks having Donald Trump at the top of the Republican ticket in November could help down-ticket GOP candidates](#), a number of outlets picked up on one quote:

"Stump with Trump?" he said last Monday in Waukesha when asked if he would campaign with the current GOP front-runner, according to CNN. "Just because it rhymes: It'd be the Ronald (and) the Donald," [CNN quoted Johnson](#), a Republican from Oshkosh.

Johnson, who's running for re-election against former Sen. Russ Feingold, was on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday and tried to clear up that he hasn't endorsed any of the Republican candidates for president. Judging from the reaction, he may have made things less clear.

Host Chuck Todd called Johnson one of the few on the Republican side who've said that Trump being the GOP candidate would help in a re-election campaign.

"What I've been talking about is, from my standpoint, I'm a businessperson,"

Johnson said. "I'm a completely outsider. And that certainly is what has resonated about his campaign in many respects. But from my standpoint, I think what this campaign ought to be about is growth. How do you grow our economy? It's the No. 1 component for a solution.

[...]

In Sunday's "Meet the Press" interview, he reiterated that he thinks it's "problematic" to consider a new Supreme Court justice in a presidential election year.

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"He appears to be pretty hostile to the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms, which would not be popular in Wisconsin," Johnson said of Garland. "So I'm doing my job in protecting the Second Amendment rights of Wisconsinites by just withholding my consent."

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