

Scott Walker Won't Run For President in 2016

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MADISON – Speaking with reporters [today](#) at a rare stopover in Wisconsin, Scott Walker commented that he's "going to keep [his] campaign promises" – which if true means the governor won't be seeking the Republican presidential nomination in 2016 after promising to serve his full term.

Last October at the gubernatorial debate in Eau Claire, Walker [said](#) his "plan if elected is to be here for four years" when asked whether he'd serve a full term if re-elected. And last November following his re-election, Walker

[commented](#)

in an interview with WITI that "Right now, I still feel called to be the governor of the state of Wisconsin, and I'm going to do the best job I can over the next four years."

Walker's comments today on keeping his campaign promises came in response to questions on the state's transportation budget, which faces a long-term shortfall that Walker has proposed offsetting partially with more than a billion dollars in new borrowing. Previously, the Walker administration had proposed a transportation budget that would have raised taxes on Wisconsin drivers by nearly \$800 million.

Breaking campaign promises is nothing new for Scott Walker; he famously promised in 2010 to create 250,000 new private sector jobs in his first term in office, a ["Promise Broken"](#) according to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's PolitiFact Wisconsin Walk-O-Meter. The most reliable federal jobs data, referred to by Walker as the "gold standard" when it comes to tracking job growth, shows that Walker created just 129,131 new jobs in his first term, or 51.7 percent of his promise.

PolitiFact also rated as "Promise Broken" Walker campaign promises that include ["oppose and veto any and all efforts to increase taxes](#)

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[require the use of generally accepted accounting principles \(GAAP\) to balance every state budget](#)

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[strip policy and pork projects from the state budget](#)

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A full list of PolitiFact Wisconsin's Scott Walker broken promises is [here](#) .

"Scott Walker will say and do anything to get elected – he simply can't be trusted," Democratic Party of Wisconsin Communications Director Melissa Baldauff said Monday. "He promised to serve a full term if re-elected and now we know that's a lie. He looked straight into the camera and promised that women's healthcare choices would remain between women and their doctors, yet now he's promising to sign a law that would require forced c-sections and bans

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abortion even in cases of rape and incest. People around the country should take note as Walker runs for president – the only promises he keeps are to the special interests that bankroll his campaigns.”