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[Scott Walker, 2010 Republican Convention Speech, 05/22/2010]

Rally attacks Walker's stance on immigration

About two dozen people representing a variety of civil rights organizations are blasting Republican gubernatorial candidate Scott Walker's position on the Arizona Immigration law. Critics staged a protest just outside the entrance to the state GOP convention Saturday in Milwaukee.

[Associated Press, 05/22/2010]

Neumann rips Walker on immigration flip flop in web ad

Neumann released an on line attack video about fellow Republican Scott Walker's position on Arizona's illegal immigration law. [Mick Trevey, WMTJ-TV, 05/21/2010] [\[Mark Neumann, YouTube, 05/19/2010\]](#)

Walker: I'd sign the AZ immigration law

“As Governor of Wisconsin, I will sign legislation that strengthens our protection against illegal immigration and ensures that taxpayer funded benefits like Badger Care and drivers licenses are not available to those who are here illegally.”

[Scott Walker, Press Release, 05/16/2010]

Walker takes strong stance against AZ law

A conservative Republican running for governor in Wisconsin is taking a tough public stance against Arizona's sweeping new immigration law. Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker said in a statement that he has serious concerns about the Arizona law empowering police to question and arrest anyone they suspect is in the U.S. illegally.

[Associated Press, 05/14/2010]



Walker seems to be soft on illegal immigration from a Republican perspective

In his interview with the Conservative Hispanic blogger he says Arizona overstepped its bounds and that immigration is a federal issue. AZ law impedes on the inherent right of the federal government to do its job and protect its borders. "According to Walker, just as the Constitution does not support federal mandates on health care, the Constitution does not support the right of states like Arizona to enforce its own immigration law. Walker also believes that some conservatives who now support Arizona's new law largely ignore the fact that the Constitution lays out the specific obligations of the local and federal governments. He said that state government shouldn't have such "broad powers" to target anybody or to pull over anyone requiring proof of their country of origin."

[Hispanic Conservative, 05/04/2010]

Walker doesn't condemn the law or the targeting of Hispanics, just that the state doesn't have the authority to enforce such a law.

In September 2002 he signed a county resolution supporting federal legislation that would provide greater opportunity for undocumented workers to gain legal residency.

In part, the resolutions state that undocumented working immigrants in Milwaukee and throughout the United States make substantial contributions to economic, civic and cultural life here but remain vulnerable to exploitation.

Goldstein cited the case of some undocumented immigrants who were working for a company that removes asbestos, a job he termed "dangerous work."

"But every two weeks when it was time to get paid, the workers wouldn't get paid and another crew would be brought in," he said. This practice went on for more than a month, he said.

"The workers were afraid to say anything because of their status, but we were able to get them pay for the work they did," he said. "It's a matter of workplace justice."

Christine Neumann-Ortiz of Voces de la Frontera said similar cases have been reported in the landscaping and contracting industries. "For the workers, the money adds up quickly," she said.

Whether it's buying a house, going to college, working or getting health care, undocumented immigrants face problems "from sunup to sundown," said Sanchez.

Sanchez said that many work at dirty and low-level jobs, from factories to foundries and restaurants, and pay taxes. "We need to recognize that they keep this country going," he said.

"It's important for the federal government to move ahead with legislation that lets people live the American dream," Walker said. [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 9/18/2002]