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Walker Spending Increase Eclipsed Doyle's

Analysis Shows Walker's Proposed Budgets Included 35 Percent Jump

As Milwaukee County Executive, Scott Walker proposed budgets to increase spending 35 percent, far ahead of the more modest spending plan of Gov. Jim Doyle, according to an analysis by One Wisconsin Now.

Walker poses for holy pictures when discussing taxes and spending issues, but the devil's in the details and his halo's not so shiny. Walker's proposed spending increases were higher than the entire state of Wisconsin under their current executives.

One Wisconsin Now's analysis took the official budgets proposed by Doyle and Walker and charted the budget-by-budget increases each subsequently proposed. Walker topped the list, his budget requests growing 50 percent higher than Gov. Doyle's.

The figures do not reflect changes made by their respective legislative bodies, but rather the spending proposed by the elected executives themselves, giving the clearest possible picture of their records.

This is a great topic next time Walker speaks at an event for the Tea Party extremists or during his weekly on-air chat with Charlie Sykes. He can talk about how his proposed budget spending topped that of Governor Doyle.

Year	Gov. Doyle's proposed spending	Increase
2010-11	\$ 65,788,453,000	21.00%
2009-10		
2008-09	\$ 61,401,694,900	
2007-08		
2006-07	\$ 55,346,497,000	
2005-06		
2004-05	\$ 54,369,187,800	
2003-04		

Walker's proposed spending	Increase
\$ 1,481,577,120	34.66%
\$ 1,426,815,877	
\$ 1,329,536,055	
\$ 1,263,292,227	
\$ 1,246,150,622	
\$ 1,180,178,561	
\$ 1,132,150,458	
\$ 1,100,274,125	

Walker's record on county spending was unsurprising, given a similar analysis of Walker's record in the state legislature. The analysis, completed by One Wisconsin Now in November, showed Walker voted for five straight biennial budgets which increased state spending by 84 percent. Walker's unanimous support for this record-setting period of spending saw the state budget grow by \$22 billion.