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## Our Education System Is Failing! Scott Walker Is A Prime Example!

On March 22, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker issued a press release: [2.9 Percent: Unemployment Rate Reaches an All-Time Low Under Governor Walker](#). Most, if not all economists will say that state policies rarely have much control over employment rates. The national economy is the major determinant. Walker was elected in 2010 with the promise that he would create 250,000 jobs by the end of his first term in 2014 (If he failed to deliver his promise, he said voters should show him the door.). Well, as we approach the end of his second term, eight years later, Walker is still short of his promise.

Walker's press release tries to highlight the 2.9% unemployment rate. To support Walker's claims of skillful governance, it provides the following data:

"Wisconsin gained 1,500 total non-farm jobs over the month and 19,200 total non-farm jobs over the year. The state has added a significant 16,800 jobs over the last three months. Private sector employment remained essentially unchanged, with preliminary estimates showing a reduction of 300 private sector jobs over the month, while showing an addition of 18,600 private sector jobs over the year. The state has added a significant

11,800 manufacturing jobs over the year, from February 2017 through February 2018."

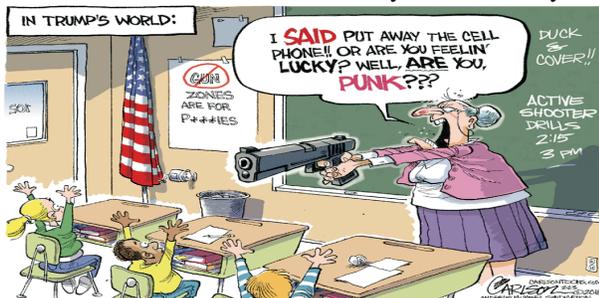
Assuming the 19,200 number of jobs added in a year is correct, that comes to 134,400 jobs for 7 years (This assumes that 2017 was a typical year, not a banner year.) Is it likely that 16,800 jobs were created in three months (this is 87.5% of the jobs for the year, assuming the 16,800 includes farm jobs, did our farm economy grow that much?)? Helping Wisconsin grow is a reduction (loss) of 300 private sector jobs last month. Scott, your numbers do not make any sense. A person with a high school education (or less) should be able to do a better job! **Scott, if you are representative of Wisconsin education, it needs improvement.**

More proof of Walker's ignorance is his rejecting funds for high-speed rail, when he was first elected governor and the economy was miserable. Now he is offering over \$3 billion to Foxconn when the economy is going well, and there are not enough Wisconsinites to fill the projected jobs. **SCOTT QUIT! Meanwhile we need to fix our education system.**  
DS

## Make America The Fearless!

By Brian Hey

I cannot believe how stupid we have become in this country. Now there are people listening to Newt Gingrich, give guns to the teachers. Where is our sanity in this country?



When I first started reading MAD magazine, ten years old, they had a parody that everyone on the airplane had a gun to stick up everyone else. After examination, they put their guns away and the story was over. It's simple insanity: I have to have one; everyone else has a gun,

We are living in a more inflamed, ignorant social American world. Fear dominates and becomes repressive, and you can see racism on Face book. I believe that the rest of the world that has half a mind feels absolutely sorry for us, because we stink up our own nation.

St. Louis suffers from uranium pollution, because we (government) looked the other way and let it happen.

In Iowa City, the kids walked out of their schools because of the Florida devastation. These are children who want to change their world, not just watch it from the telescope of the privileged. They have their whole future to fight this monster and they are the new millennial young adults. Sick of wars, sick of contaminant death pollution, sick of governments looking the other way. We are losing track of the reality of living like humans, because we listen to people like Newt Nutty Gingrich---"get your teachers guns, all you peoples defend yourselves, the great holocaust of fire power is yet to come." We can't shake these assholes. And I thought that guy disappeared in the '90s.

Yup, these new young adults have their work cut out for them. They will have to fight the economic dread that we have failed to win. If we stand with our jaw dropped, then we won't see the change. If we can prevent these youngsters, from digging their own graves, maybe us old farts will find a way out of our own personal corner of hell.

We need change. Not just once in awhile. The world does change every day. It's time for people of all kinds to act on their own beliefs, for the good!!!

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Words for thought

**"It's time to dial back the criminalization approach and give communities the resources they need to create lasting public safety"- Alex S. Vitale**

**Remember the Mexican American War! A Wall Might Have Prevented The War!**

Way back in 1845, US President James Polk had “manifest destiny” on his mind and sent troops to the border of Mexico and the USA. The troops were ordered into disputed territory, provoking an attack by the Mexican Army and providing misleading evidence that Mexico posed a serious threat to the USA. This led to a lopsided victory in a war that resulted in USA acquisition of what are now Arizona, California and New Mexico along with the annexation of the then independent state of Texas.

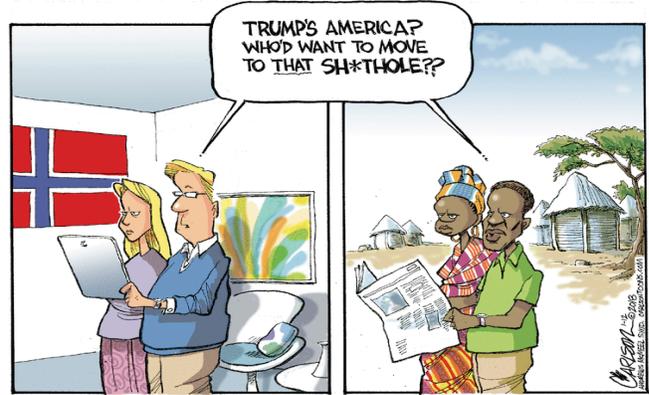
If there had been a wall, like President Trump proposes, along the old boundaries of Mexico and the USA, the USA troops could not have so easily baited the Mexican army in to a bloody fight. The USA would not have become the rich country it is today; it would not have been able to become the military powerhouse of the world. Trump could not pretend to be a tough guy.

**Who knows with the riches of California, Mexico might have become the world’s powerhouse.** Today, Americans might be the one’s trying to migrate to Mexico to escape the jaws of poverty?

If Mexico had built a wall before 1845, we would not be dreaming of “Making America Great Again”? As Trump tries to “Make America Great Again”, his wall would return the USA to conditions in 1845. When Trump expresses his concern for the “Dreamers”, maybe the “Dreamers” are those who dream of earlier times!

If there had been a wall along Mexico’s northern border in 1845, slavery would still be part of American culture. American labor would be undercut by the threat of slave-like conditions and wages. Unions would be almost non-existent. Corporate profits and power would be greater than ever! Would all those immigrants from Europe (eastern and

southern) come to the USA or would they have migrated to Mexico instead? Would the Asian populations from Japan, China, Philippines and others come to the USA or would they have settled in Mexico?



All those Mexican-Americans in the southwestern USA would be just Mexican. Multi-cultural California would just be Mexican with a few other cultures living precariously in the region.

Trump has a great idea. Walls are great separators. Walls can prevent wars. Walls can prevent new ideas from entering societies! Walls can maintain the “rightful” divisions in societies and allow the privileged to rule without any challenges to their authority.

**Today we should say not to a wall, returning to the good old times, when America was a great, profitable place for the few and slavery was an important part of society. DS**

**Trump the “Environmentalist”**

If Trump’s “tough guy” foreign policy doesn’t kill us, his environmental policies and practices will. It is hard to decide where to begin critiquing Trump’s deadly environmental agenda.

Last April, Trump issued an order to allow offshore drilling in the Arctic and Atlantic oceans, trying to undo permanent protections put in place by President Obama. This action was met with a lawsuit filed by 10 different environmental groups. **The administration’s attempt to dismiss the suit was denied, and the lawsuit continues.**

Trump’s budget proposals threaten to dismantle the EPA. The EPA administrator, Scott Pruitt, has 55 lawsuits filed against him and the EPA. Additionally, Pruitt has attacked over 60 regulations, including Obama’s efforts to curb greenhouse-gas emissions from power stations.

In spite of the declining role of coal as a source of energy, the Trump administration continues to try to prop up the industry by buying and stockpiling coal to protect against a shortage. **When socialists talk about protecting against the evils of market forces, they mean supports for people, not big corporations! DS**

**Milwaukee Turners Looking For New Members**

Enclosed is information from the Milwaukee Turners. The Turners, founded in 1853, are known for gymnastics training, intelligent discussions and entertainment. The Turner motto is; *Sound Mind in a Sound Body.*

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries the Turners shared many members with the Milwaukee Socialists. Recently the

Turners, along with several other organizations including the Socialists in Wisconsin, collaborated in sponsoring the 2017 Zeidler Memorial Lecture.

Please read the material and consider joining and supporting the Turners.

**SP-Wisconsin Local Meeting: Saturday, April 7 at 1:30 p.m. at the Washington Park Library, 2121 N. Sherman Blvd., Milwaukee**

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