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[00:00:22] **Speaker 1** David Schrader, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate. Thank you for joining us.

[00:00:26] **Speaker 2** Thank you.

[00:00:27] **Speaker 1** You're a former educator and a Republican. Why are you challenging fellow Republican Ron Johnson in the US Senate primary.

[00:00:34] **Speaker 2** Race for the first six years of his his tenure in the Senate? He's a deficit hawk. He's figuring out how to, you know, reduce the deficit, get rid of social programs, things like that, until Trump gets elected. And all of a sudden he's passing a tax cut that adds 1.1. $7 trillion to the deficit. And I was thinking, well, hold on that all the deficit talk was just smokescreen stuff for, you know, and he benefited quite a bit from that tax cut, as did large manufacturers. Then COVID hits and he's passing out or promoting false and harmful information about the vaccines and about COVID. Then he volunteers to take to the vice president fraudulent, fraudulent list of electors to overturn the election. And in the process, by doing that, if he had succeeded, he'd have nullified my vote. So I feel that he's not a qualified person to be running. He's violated his oath of office at least once.

[00:01:54] **Speaker 1** If elected, what would your legislative priorities be?

[00:01:57] **Speaker 2** Campaign finance reform. I mean, the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Act. You know, those are the three I want to get. I would start on because that's, I think the save or the thing that if we're going to try to save this democracy, those are the three priorities that need to be dealt with right off the bat. And I think they they transcend party lines, quite frankly.

[00:02:18] **Speaker 1** On the economy, inflation has reached a 40 year high. How should federal lawmakers address inflation?

[00:02:24] **Speaker 2** I think that inflation is a worldwide problem. Now you've got oil companies that have made 300% profit in the last from the last this quarter. From the last quarter, which is $35 billion. These are these are multinational corporations that that really can't be touched by an individual country or an individual. So there's got to be some way to deal with that. But that's where your inflation is. I mean, you've got all these people that are just gouging because they can and it's got nothing to do with national or, you know, issues. It's we're all getting hit.

[00:02:58] **Speaker 1** Shifting now to gun violence. There have been a number of mass shootings and other gun deaths of the uptick as well. President Joe Biden recently signed into law new gun control measures. How would you address gun violence as a US senator?

[00:03:13] **Speaker 2** If you can get money out of the campaign system, you can get a lot broader field of candidates because they don't need as much, you know, like some countries have of what you would call federal funding for campaigns, that where you have a much broader perspective of people and they wouldn't be beholden to these big money people like the NRA. And the second thing I would do is I understand people like to collect things. I like to collect things. So people like to collect guns. Okay. You want to collect 14, AR 15 and hang them on your wall. Good. But if you want to start buying ammunition for that thing, you better there better be some qualifications on it. And I think that's what that's where you restrict it. You charge a dollar for the bullet and tax it $99 or and the same thing with high capacity clips.

[00:04:03] **Speaker 1** The Supreme Court has overruled Roe versus Wade. What should U.S. senators do on the matter of abortion?

[00:04:10] **Speaker 2** The only thing they've they've stopped is legal abortions. They're still going to be abortions. And I remember what it was like before. That was Roe versus Wade and it was not pleasant. So I don't want to go back to that. And what they've done is they've taken 50% of this country and turned them into second class citizens in one fell swoop. And who's next?

[00:04:32] **Speaker 1** There have been claims of election fraud. How would you reassure Wisconsin voters to have confidence in the election system?

[00:04:41] **Speaker 2** Well, I worked elections. So I defy anybody who thinks that there's election fraud going on at polls to go work them. You will see all of the all of the safeguards and things that are in place to stop anything like that from happening. Each one of these county clerks has a fantastic system of judging what's a valid vote, of what's a valid ballot and what is not. I don't care how you think you can stuff a ballot box, it's impossible. Now there are ways to rig an election in the state of Wisconsin. It's called gerrymandering. That's where you're getting, you know, voter, voter or election fraud. I mean, voters are are our cause. And it's ridiculous. If you think you can vote five times and change an election, it's just not worth it, even if you could get away with it, which you can't. And the federal crime for that was years in prison, for crying out loud. So why would anybody risk that?

[00:05:37] **Speaker 1** Ron Johnson has won election twice. What do you think your chances are of making it to the general election in November?

[00:05:43] **Speaker 2** That depends on the voters. I'm here to give them an opportunity. The whole reason for me running was to give them an opportunity to to make their voice heard. Do you like the what? The job he's doing? Do you like the fact that he represents maybe 5% of his constituents? I'll represent 95% of you.

[00:06:02] **Speaker 1** How do you respond to those who may question your motivation for running as a Republican?

[00:06:06] **Speaker 2** I'm a legitimate Republican. The people that are in Trump's Republican Party, that's not even a party anymore. It's a it's a cult of personality. Listen. Abraham Lincoln, US Grant, James, a Garfield and Teddy Roosevelt could not and Dwight Eisenhower could not get in the Republican Party today. You know, Robert La Follette, great Wisconsin senator. There's no way they would take him. Howard Baker, Everett Dirksen. Even Barry Goldwater could not get in the current Republican Party. They would throw them out. So it's time for Republicans to take their dang party back. Come on, guys, let's go.

[00:06:46] **Speaker 1** David Schroeder, thank you again for joining us.

[00:06:48] **Speaker 2** Well, thank you.