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[00:00:06] **Speaker 1** Which way am I facing? This way. Well, good morning, everybody. It's good to be here in Madison with the next lieutenant governor of the state of Wisconsin, Sarah Rodriguez, who had a huge win last night. And we're looking forward to campaigning together today and the next couple of days. But at the end of the day, we feel really, really confident that it's going to be a great campaign and we're going to win it and we're going to continue the good work that we've been doing for the last four years. And so with that, we'll be glad to answer any questions you may have. Governor, how much is the fact that Trump's candidate won last night? The dynamic of. Well, I don't think it changes anything other than it's clear that. Physicians that. Michael's has taken those to those conservative positions, whether, you know, for example, he believes that or at least is uncertain about the last election, even though almost everybody else in the state of Wisconsin is okay. And Michael's is, you know, he's uncertain about the results. And and as a result of Trump being part of this, his campaign, essentially you're going to see more and more movement to the right. I mean, the idea that he might try to become heaving Michaels, a moderate Republican, is just beyond belief now. I mean, he has he has taken the lead from Trump. And and so it's an issue, but it's Michaels who's running this race. So do you think it helps you that he's endorsed by President Trump? Well, you think about the positions he's taken, those positions, whether it's smart, get ball or just common sense most. Wisconsin this way. Right. And so I believe that I'm not running against Donald Trump, nor certainly Rodriguez. We're doing this for the people in the state of Wisconsin who are focusing on the issues that are important to the people of Wisconsin, and they can continue to move to the right if that's what they want. But what I do know is that he's not going to be able to stand and. All these microphones. So they make calls and say, oh, I forgot to tell you, folks, I'm a moderate Republican. That's just not in the cards. He's not that. He's taken positions that clearly he cannot back off of. And and his his relationship with Trump is going to drive his campaign. That's that's his problem, not mine. Michaels is also endorsed by former Governor Tommy Thompson. What can you do with your messaging specifically to remind voters? What he said in the past is to not allow himself as a more moderate option. Right. Right. I know Tommy Thompson. I worked with him as governor when he was. Prison system. And, you know, to his credit, he did. Team. But it's not going to happen because. Doesn't make you. Sarah Rodriguez Harvey. In that we're going to be focusing. What the people in Wisconsin. Liked it here last time. And we're going to be working hard also on the issue of making sure that we can do whatever we can to rein in inflation in the state of Wisconsin. But it's going to be he. Trump owns him. He owns Trump. It is connected to Trump. That's his problem. That's. Governor. This is something that you. Government is in the country right now. There's going to be billions of dollars spent against you in this race. Are you ready for that battle? And how are you clarifying and crystallizing your message to voters here in Wisconsin? Yeah, it is going to it's well, first of all, it's saying we're a purple state. We you know, it's going to be very, very close. There's no question about that. Anticipated to be as close as it was last time was with Scott Walker. But my message is clear. We've we've done some extraordinary things, whether it's fixing the damn roads or bringing broadband to 387,000 people in the state of Wisconsin. We funded our public schools at the highest level ever. And and we've we've reduced taxes by 15% with the Republicans help the. So, you know, they will have national prominence. But at the end of the day, Wisconsinites are going to vote for me and Sarah because of the positions that we've taken and the success that we have. And those those issues are issues that are important to Wisconsin. Donald Trump's not running in this race. If if if if Michael's that same, I'd be his partner. You know, day after day, that's his problem, not mine. We are going to be focusing on what the people.

[00:05:14] **Speaker 2** Governor, Assembly Speaker Robin Bosse narrowly defeated a candidate. ADAMS He was all for it. He stood up. What do you think that says about the state of politics and for you in this race?

[00:05:23] **Speaker 1** What it says for me is that Vos came close to losing that race. He's got to fire Gable him and get over the last election. That's the bottom line. My expectation is I think he should be firing him and saying we have to move on. If he doesn't do that, then I'm fearful that we're going to be talking about this election for the next 20 years.

[00:05:45] **Unidentified** You do one more. Microphones. Like the blue collar worker or somebody who's left.

[00:05:54] **Speaker 1** The Democratic Party is not the first, first, first of all, there's not many blue collar workers that have the number of homes that Tim Michael says. Second of all, if he portrays himself as as I've seen him as an outsider, that's one of the biggest jokes of this campaign. I like he was part and parcel on the board of the most important and strong lobbies, lobbyists in the state of Wisconsin, you know, who aren't talking to their offices right down the block. And he has spent his time or the last several years being the most insider there could possibly be without being elected. He's not an outsider. He's not an insider. And, you know, he can wear a blue shirt so that he can have a blue collar. But at the end of the day, I'm not quite sure how someone. His status with houses all across the country. That said, well, I'm just one of you, certainly certain. So thanks, everybody. It's great to be here. Wonderful day in Madison. We're heading out and starting this campaign. Thank you.

[00:07:24] **Unidentified** As he writes, we have to.