

# Governor

Open seat (Gov. Tony Evers not seeking re-election).

## David Crowley

DEMOCRAT · OPEN SEAT

Milwaukee County Executive since 2020 and former state Assembly member.

## Tom Tiffany

REPUBLICAN · OPEN SEAT

U.S. Representative for Wisconsin's 7th District since 2020 and former state senator.

Where the candidates stand on the issues Pope Leo XIV has raised, in their own words and votes. Bracketed numbers link to sources. We do not rate, score, or endorse candidates.

### WAR & PEACE

**POPE LEO XIV** *Leo invited citizens of every country involved in the war with Iran to contact their leaders and members of Congress “to work for peace and to reject war and violence.”* [Remarks at Castel Gandolfo, Apr. 7, 2026 \(Vatican News via The Good Newsroom\)](#)

#### DAVID CROWLEY

Criticized Tiffany's House votes against ending U.S. military involvement in the Iran war, saying in the debate, “They got their endless war.”

[1] [Wisconsin Watch: governor debate](#)

#### TOM TIFFANY

Voted against House war powers resolutions to end U.S. hostilities with Iran, including in June 2026, and against the Ukraine Support Act in June 2026.

[1] [House roll call 199 \(H.Con.Res. 86, June 2026\)](#)

[2] [House roll call 207 \(Ukraine Support Act\)](#)

#### VOTING RECORD

Iran war powers resolutions, Mar.–Sept. 2026 (six House votes): **No** Mar., Apr., May, June, July · **Other** Sept.

**No** Ukraine Support Act (H.R. 2913), June 2026 — authorizes support for Ukraine

### AI & THE DIGNITY OF WORK

**POPE LEO XIV** *“No one can be reduced to productivity, to cognitive performance, or to mere data.”* [Magnifica Humanitas presentation, May 25, 2026](#)

#### DAVID CROWLEY

Says he would sign a bill repealing the data center sales tax exemption and supports pausing projects during a statewide environmental review; plan pairs public infrastructure spending with union labor standards.

[1] [WPR: governor debate](#)

[2] [Crowley campaign plan](#)

#### TOM TIFFANY

Has campaigned on repealing data center tax breaks, asking, “Why would some of the wealthiest companies in the world need subsidies?” Voted against the Faster Labor Contracts Act in June 2026.

[1] [Wisconsin Watch: governor debate](#)

[2] [House roll call 216 \(H.R. 5408\)](#)

#### VOTING RECORD

**No** Protect America's Workforce Act (H.R. 2550), Dec. 2025 — nullifies the executive order ending union bargaining for many federal workers

**No** Faster Labor Contracts Act (H.R. 5408), June 2026 — sets deadlines for reaching first union contracts

## THE POOR & THE SAFETY NET

**POPE LEO XIV** *The preferential choice for the poor is “a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society.”* [Dilexi Te, Oct. 4, 2025](#)

### DAVID CROWLEY

Plan calls for expanded health care access, paid family leave, and a 7% cap on families’ out-of-pocket child care costs; pledged in the debate, “I’ll expand health care.”

[\[1\] Crowley campaign plan](#)

[\[2\] Wisconsin Watch: governor debate](#)

### TOM TIFFANY

Voted for the 2025 reconciliation law (H.R. 1). Proposes returning the projected \$3 billion state surplus through income and property tax cuts, opposing one-time rebate checks.

[\[1\] House roll call 190 \(H.R. 1, July 2025\)](#)

[\[2\] WPR: governor debate](#)

### VOTING RECORD

**Yes** One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), final passage July 2025 — tax cuts with Medicaid and SNAP changes

**No** Breaking the Gridlock Act (H.R. 1834), Jan. 2026 — extends enhanced ACA premium tax credits through 2028

## LIFE OF THE UNBORN

**POPE LEO XIV** *Abortion “cuts short a growing life and refuses to welcome the gift of life.”* [Address to the Diplomatic Corps, Jan. 9, 2026](#)

### DAVID CROWLEY

Supports amending the state constitution to protect abortion rights and says decisions “need to be made between a doctor and a patient.” Did not name a gestational limit or say whether he would repeal the 20-week ban.

[\[1\] FOX6: where Crowley, Tiffany stand on abortion](#)

[\[2\] Wisconsin Watch: governor debate](#)

### TOM TIFFANY

Pledges to uphold Wisconsin’s current 20-week abortion limit, which he calls a “middle ground,” and would not sign a state heartbeat bill; in Congress he sponsored a federal heartbeat bill and voted for the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

[\[1\] FOX6: where Crowley, Tiffany stand on abortion](#)

[\[2\] WPR: governor debate](#)

[\[3\] House roll call 27 \(H.R. 21\)](#)

[\[4\] Wisconsin Watch: Crowley, Tiffany debate \(Oct. 2026\)](#)

### VOTING RECORD

**Yes** Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 21), Jan. 2025 — requires care for infants born alive after an attempted abortion

**Yes** Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act (H.R. 6945), Jan. 2026 — lets states use TANF funds for pregnancy centers

## THE DEATH PENALTY

**POPE LEO XIV** *Someone who opposes abortion but favors the death penalty “is not really pro-life.”* [AP via PBS NewsHour, Sept. 30, 2025](#)

### DAVID CROWLEY

*No public position found.*

### TOM TIFFANY

*No public position found.*

## IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES

**POPE LEO XIV** *“Defending human life also includes welcoming, protecting and assisting immigrants.”* [Letter on the 250th Anniversary of the United States, June 25, 2026](#)

### DAVID CROWLEY

Says local law enforcement should not enter ICE detainer agreements and that ICE agents should be banned from wearing masks.

[\[1\] WPR: governor debate](#)

### RECORD IN OFFICE

**Signed** Milwaukee County File 26-255 (2026) — ordinance requiring written authorization for law-enforcement staging in county parks

### TOM TIFFANY

Would require local, county and state law enforcement to coordinate with ICE; voted for the Laken Riley Act in 2025.

[\[1\] WPR: governor debate](#)

[\[2\] House roll call 23 \(Laken Riley Act\)](#)

### VOTING RECORD

**Yes** Laken Riley Act (S. 5), Jan. 2025 — requires detention of undocumented immigrants charged with theft and certain crimes

**Yes** Secure America Act (S. 2), June 2026 — reconciliation funding for ICE and Customs and Border Protection

**No** Haiti TPS bill (H.R. 1689), Apr. 2026 — requires temporary protected status for Haitians

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY & EDUCATION

**POPE LEO XIV** *Religious freedom is “the right of every person to worship according to conscience.”* [Letter on the 250th Anniversary of the United States, June 25, 2026](#)

**DAVID CROWLEY**  
Would keep the Milwaukee and statewide private-school voucher programs but opposes expanding them and wants more money directed to public schools.  
[\[1\] WPR: governor debate](#)  
[\[2\] Wisconsin Watch: governor debate](#)

**TOM TIFFANY**  
Would keep the private-school voucher program and consider raising its income limits; joined a 2025 letter urging Gov. Evers to opt Wisconsin into the federal tax-credit scholarship program.  
[\[1\] WPR: governor debate](#)  
[\[2\] Wisconsin Watch: governor debate](#)  
[\[3\] Tiffany press release: delegation letter on scholarship program](#)

**VOTING RECORD**  
**Yes** One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1), July 2025 — created a federal tax credit for donations to K–12 scholarship organizations

CARE FOR CREATION

**POPE LEO XIV** *“We cannot love God, whom we cannot see, while despising his creatures.”* [AP, Oct. 1, 2025](#)

**DAVID CROWLEY**  
Plan calls for investment in solar power, energy retrofits and clean infrastructure, citing a nearly 50% cut in emissions in Milwaukee County under his leadership.  
[\[1\] Crowley campaign plan](#)  
**RECORD IN OFFICE**  
**Signed** Milwaukee County File 25-262 (2025) — approved Climate Action 2050 plan for net-zero county operations by 2050

**TOM TIFFANY**  
Urged state regulators not to close coal plants prematurely, writing that coal plants are “a backbone of baseload power, and cannot simply be replaced with intermittent generation provided by wind and solar.”  
[\[1\] Tiffany press release: letter to PSC on baseload power](#)

**VOTING RECORD**  
**Yes** Resolution overturning EPA approval of California vehicle-emission rules (H.J.Res. 87), Apr. 2025  
**Yes** Homeowner Energy Freedom Act (H.R. 4758), Feb. 2026 — repeals home-electrification rebates from the 2022 climate law

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