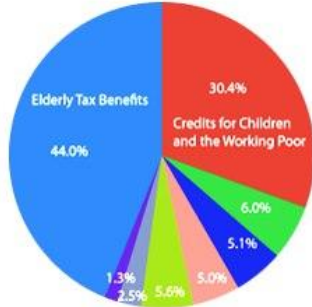




# The "47%" by the numbers

- 44%** -- Elderly tax benefits (extra standard deduction, exclusion of portion of Social Security benefits, credit for elderly)
- 30.4%** -- Credits for children & working poor (child/dependent care tax credit, earned income tax credit)
- 6%** -- Cash transfer benefits other than SS & unemployment, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (so-called "welfare") & Supplemental Security Income (benefits for disabled adults & children with limited income, resources)
- 5.1%** -- Above-the-line deductions and tax-exempt interest
- 5%** -- Itemized deductions
- 5.6%** -- Education credits
- 2.5%** -- Other credits
- 1.3%** -- Reduced rates on capital gains & dividends



Source: "Why Some Tax Units Pay No Income Tax" Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center • July 2011



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Please take the time to help all Democratic candidates. You can see who Tommy's friend is!

Tammy Baldwin has been polling stronger than Tommy Thompson! You can learn more about Tammy at her website, [www.tammybaldwin.com](http://www.tammybaldwin.com)

Your contribution to her campaign is vital to its success!

Please use the following links.

<https://secure.tammybaldwin.com/page/contribute>

State Senator Jen Shilling

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State Rep. Steve Doyle

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## Silent Rally for Equality on the Cass St. Bridge

The LGBT Center of the Seven Rivers Region invites you to join them demonstrating the region's commitment to equality. We are invited to join hands and create a bridge for equality.

**We will gather at Cameron Park, 400 King St., at 11:30 a.m. and then walk to the Cass St. Bridge.** The silent rally on the bridge will last 30 minutes.

After the silent rally we will reconvene in Cameron Park for refreshments.

We know that the sight of hundreds of community members joining hands and creating a bridge for equality will be a powerful image.

## Elections for La Crosse Democratic Party Officers and At-Large Board Members

Elections for officers and at-large board members will occur in November. The Nominating Committee comprised of Chris Degnan, chair, and Tara Johnson and Vicki Burke will present a slate of candidates for chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, and five at-large members **at the October 15<sup>th</sup> Members Meeting. Any member may nominate other individuals from the floor at the October meeting. No additional nomination may be made after the October meeting. There may be write-in candidates, however, at the November election, Nov. 19.** We are looking for qualified, energetic people who will commit themselves to keeping our local party strong. Please contact Chris Degnan if you are interested. (608) 448-5114 or [chrisdegnan@gmail.com](mailto:chrisdegnan@gmail.com)

## Let's show the pundits that "voter fatigue" does not keep us from getting the vote out!!

Why we need your volunteer effort to ensure Obama's Re-election. The Huffington Post combine's 44 polls to track trends in Wisconsin. **The gap between Obama and Romney in Wisconsin is closing.**

Please, stop by or call to arrange 1 hour or more of your time to make phone calls or to canvas neighborhoods.

### HuffPost Model Estimate October 5, 2012

- Barack Obama 49.2%
- Mitt Romney 45.2%
- Undecided 0.0%
- Other 5.6%

Currently tracking 44 polls

<http://elections.huffingtonpost.com/pollster/2012-wisconsin-president-romney-vs-obama>

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## \*\*\* Vice-Presidential Debate \*\*\*

Join us to walk doors from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. this Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. If you can only fit in 1, 2, or 3 hours before the debate, that's wonderful!

After canvassing, we head on back to the Democratic Headquarters, 116 5th Ave S, La Crosse, WI, to watch the debate.

If you plan to attend, please, contact Laura at 608.345.2372.



*Remember to laugh along the way.*





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We ask that you consider a donation of any size for the LCDP as we provide for events and the office.

Please send a contribution to LCDP, P.O. Box 1861, La Crosse, WI 54602-1861.

You may also go to our website at [www.laxdems.com](http://www.laxdems.com) and contribute with Act Blue online.

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