



Scot Ross

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## Bio:

Scot Ross, One Wisconsin Now and One Wisconsin Institute Executive Director since 2007, has served as a senior communications director and research strategist for numerous statewide campaigns and elected officials.

Ross has worked as a communications director in the United States Congress, the Office of the Attorney General in the Wisconsin Department of Justice and the Wisconsin State Legislature. Ross was research director for America Coming Together and research director the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. He also unsuccessfully challenged a 30-year incumbent Democrat for WI Secretary of State in 2006 and, consequently, now strongly believes in term limits.

A former journalist, Ross got his first professional job as a reporter at age 18 and his stories have appeared in publications ranging from the *Pittsburgh Press* and *The New York Times*. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in English and earned an MA from George Washington University.

While at One Wisconsin Now & Institute, Ross has overseen the organizations' from a several hundred-member email list to Wisconsin's most-often quoted progressive advocacy organization with over 75,000 online supporters. The organizations' work has appeared in thousands of media stories and Ross has been a guest on national television and radio programs including *The Rachel Maddow Show*, *the Ed Show*, *Melissa Harris-Perry*, *Opening Bell with Maria Bartiromo* and has been quoted in national publications ranging from *The New York Times* to *USAToday* to *The Washington Post*.

Among his favorite moments at work: When Stephen Colbert made fun of Scott Walker for nine minutes based on the "Thanks again and Molotov" letter that One Wisconsin Now uncovered.