

Walker won't join climate change fight

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President Barack Obama recently announced new initiatives to fight global climate change. Don't expect Gov. Scott Walker to join the fight.

Union busting, privatizing education, promoting mineral extraction, and fighting Common Core education standards were major thrusts of Walker's first term. They were also major initiatives of Charles and David Koch. We know the Koch brothers through organizations they have founded, such as Americans for Prosperity, FreedomWorks and the Cato Institute.

Walker's first-term initiatives were listed as major issues of the above organizations.

These groups also oppose efforts to fight global climate change. That is all we need to know to bet that Walker will be sitting on his hands in the fight against climate change. The governor will give us some other reason for not taking up the fight, but the real reason is that it would be in direct opposition to the Kochs.

After dipping his hands deep into Koch pockets for three elections, Walker has no choice.

Such influence on Wisconsin environmental policy might be OK if not for the Kochs' record. Their businesses have a list of environmental violations as long as a trainload of coal.

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