

Everyone in country should pay their share

Kudos to the Daily News for Saturday's editorial, "In Wisconsin, class warfare has come out."

At issue is Gov. Scott Walker's campaign to eliminate collective bargaining rights for public employees:

"It couldn't be clearer: The governor and his party are using a financial crisis brought on, in large part, by Wall Street plutocrats to enhance the political goals and financial well-being of those same plutocrats who already control a huge and growing share of the nation's wealth. This is class warfare, declared long ago by the wealthy upon everyone else."

If you scratch just below the surface, it becomes blatantly obvious that this battle is about a lot more than just deficit reduction.

It's really about who should have access to the American Dream.

The idea that anyone can make it "on their own" is a myth perpetuated primarily by those who wish to absolve themselves of their inherent responsibility to give back to the society that made their success possible.

Hard work is absolutely essential to exceptional accomplishment. No argument. But those who think they "pulled themselves up by their own bootstraps" need to realize they were provided with boots, bootstraps, a place to stand and instructions.

Bill Gates and Warren Buffet obviously worked hard, but their extraordinary wealth is also a result of the tremendous opportunities afforded them by the country in which they live.

Those who have managed to acquire a disproportionate amount of the wealth share a disproportionate degree of responsibility for dealing with the immense economic challenges we are currently facing.

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be required."

By the way, that's not the Communist Manifesto; it's Luke 12:48.

What you are required to give back should be based on what you have taken. Everyone needs to pay their fair share.

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