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*Scott Walker's campaign gimmick du jour: Cutting what's already been cut***

"If a real CEO, not a pretend CEO, proudly proclaimed his intention to eliminate thousands of jobs in Wisconsin, opportunists like Scott Walker would be scrambling to put out press releases claiming the sky is falling.

The fact is, the number of state employees has shrunk 3.6 percent in the past eight years. And Gov. Jim Doyle made clear earlier this week that the state is not filling 3,400 vacant positions. On top of this, every remaining state employee has been furloughed for 16 days.

Through it all, Wisconsin state workers are doing more with less every day. And even before the current cuts and furloughs, the conservative Wisconsin Taxpayer's Alliance concluded that Wisconsin had 8.2% fewer public employees per capita than the national average.

So, one question is: How many more family supporting jobs can the state cut before it starts falling apart like Scott Walker's Milwaukee County?

Another question is: Since he plans to exempt certain classes of employees from his axe, doesn't this mean everybody else is going to be hit all the harder? Does this mean there will be fewer people to care for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled? We've seen how well that has worked in Milwaukee County.

A final question is: Since the work still needs to get done, will eliminating state jobs mean hiring more foreign-owned contractors who bus employees in from out of state, again, as has happened on Walker's watch in Milwaukee County?

