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③ Huckabee of fox news said public union workers made 30% better wages and 70% better benefits than their private sector counterparts. ④ But, when all factors are taken into account, Wisconsin private workers made 58% less in total compensation per hour than compensation full-time workers in Wisconsin's private sector. ⑤ In Wis., 59% of public workers and only 30% of private workers hold 4-year college degrees. ⑥ Fox is comparing "apples to oranges." ⑦ To go from gov't-owned to privately-owned is to privatize.

Cutting NPR & PBS funding



Two recent surveys (one Democratic, one Republican) say the public is very much against cutting funding for public broadcasting.

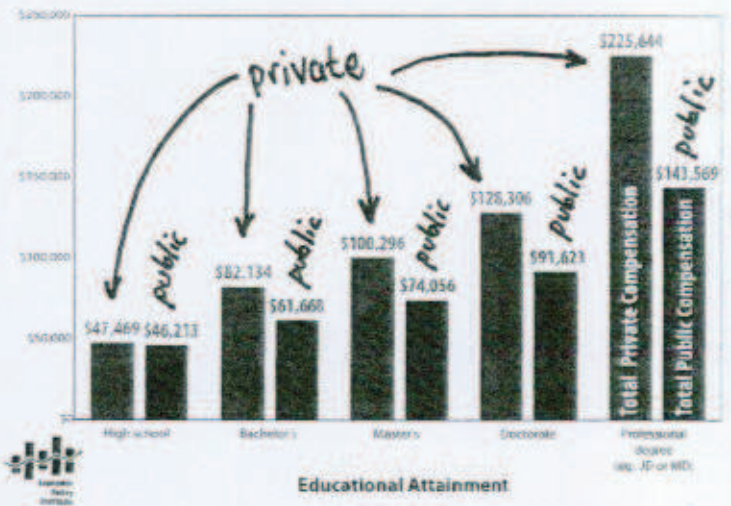
Way against it.
Even 56% of Conservatives. Even 60% of people who think cutting the deficit is the nation's top priority.
69% of the public at large is against it, and 83% of the Democrats.
I'm a little surprised by those numbers, and I'm guessing Congress is too. But I seriously doubt it will change anything.

① 69% of the American public is against cutting funds for NPR and PBS. Even 56% of conservative are against cutting. ② Obama broke promises (lied?) about G.I. Joe, presc. debt, and stopping tax cuts for rich.

Fox Pushed Falsehood that Public Workers Earn More Than Private Sector Counterparts

Fox News contributor Mike Huckabee claimed that public union workers made "30% better wages" and "70% better benefits than their private sector counterparts." [Fox News, *Fox & Friends* 2/25/11]
FACT: A study published Feb. 10, 2011 by the think tank Economic Policy Institute (EPI) found that when "comparisons controlling for education, experience" and other factors are taken into account, Wisconsin public employees earn 4.8% less in total compensation per hour than comparable full-time employees in Wisconsin's private sector.
Graphic shows ave. compensation for public & private sector workers in Wisconsin by education:

Wisconsin public-sector workers have lower total compensation



Fox is comparing "apples to oranges". Across the board, public-sector jobs require a higher level of education than those in the private sector. In Wisconsin, 59% of public-sector workers, but only 30% of private sector workers hold four-year college degrees. EPI compares total compensation, adjusting for experience, citizenship, hours worked, as well as education.