

What Tim Walz Brings to the Ticket

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Liam Donovan, Bracewell's senior political strategist, weighed in on *The New York Times*' assessment of the [selection of Minnesota Governor Tim Walz](#) as Vice President Kamala Harris' running mate.

On How Much Walz Will Help Harris Against Donald Trump

Donovan: An affable character with an avuncular charm befitting a career teacher and coach. Walz's background as a senior enlisted National Guardsman and his unique path to the governor's mansion stand out in a sea of elites and strivers. Odd-couple pairing adds cultural and optical balance to the ticket.

On How Much Enthusiasm Walz Will Generate

Donovan: A safe, sturdy pick that the coalition will rally around, but the hesitation to go for the electoral jugular in Shapiro — and the apparent susceptibility to intraparty pressure during the honeymoon phase — should give Democrats pause. It's all fun and games until you wake up 10,000 votes shy in Pennsylvania.

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