

# Why Many Wisconsin Voters Still Doubt the 2020 Election Results

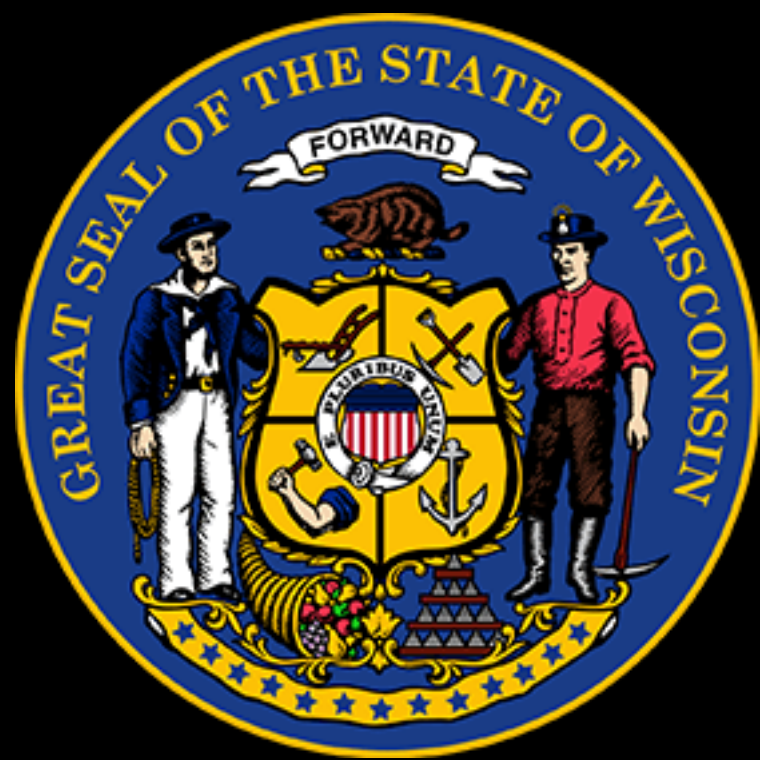
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- **Michael J. Gableman**

- Senior Counsel, the Thomas More Society
- Former Wisconsin Special Counsel
- Former Wisconsin State Supreme Court Justice
- Former Wisconsin Circuit Court Judge
- Former District Attorney



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# Citizens Distrust WEC & Wisconsin Elections

- “Marquette poll: Nearly 1 in 3 Wisconsinites doubt presidential election results”3 (WI Journal, Aug. 2021)
- “US elections: Recent poll says 56% believe Joe Biden's victory was influenced by cheating”6 (Republic World, Oct. 2021)- Includes 41% who say it’s “very likely.”



# WHY HAVE SO MANY WISCONSIN VOTERS LOST FAITH IN OUR ELECTIONS?

- Leftest Ideological organizations and their political operatives administered Wisconsin's 2020 presidential election
- Political operatives claiming to be “nonpartisan” sought and received direct access to Wisconsin election officials processes and voter data for partisan purposes.
- CTCL's and NVAHI operatives demonstrated strong, consistent, and public bias in favor of Democrats.



# WHY HAVE SO MANY WISCONSIN VOTERS LOST FAITH IN OUR ELECTIONS? CONT.

- CTCL “grants” were distributed along select, partisan lines.
- In contrast WEC made available CARES Act sub-grants to all Wisconsin election jurisdictions according to an objective, transparent, and fair formula.
- There was ample supply and availability of PPE from WEC.



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## Who Runs CTCL?

Meet CTCL Director Tiana Epps-Johnson who was an Obama Foundation Fellow and from 2018 to 2020 was trained by the Obamas to increase voter turnout



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Former President Barack Obama greets Tiana Epps-Johnson, an Obama Foundation fellow, at Stony Island Arts Bank. **Story, Page 6**  
Foundation officials, after a series of community meetings, are set to present their redevelopment plans to aldermen Thursday.

## Obama Foundation makes a final push for support

## Trump Jr. mum on much about '16 meeting

He deflected queries regarding session with Russian, transcripts show

BY ERIC TUCKER,  
MARY CLARE JALONICK  
AND CHAD DAY  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Questioned intently by a Senate committee, President Donald Trump's eldest son struck a firmly unapologetic tone, deflected many queries and said he didn't think there was anything wrong with meeting a Russian lawyer at Trump Tower in hopes of election-season dirt on Hillary Clinton, according to transcripts released Wednesday.

Asked if he was troubled by the idea that the meeting in June 2016 was part of a Russian government effort to help his father in the presidential race, Donald Trump Jr. said he didn't give it much thought.

"I don't know that it alarmed me, but I like I said, I don't know and I don't know that I was all that focused on it at the time," Trump Jr. told the Senate Judiciary Committee in the closed-door interview last year.

The committee released more than 1,800 pages of transcripts of interviews with Trump Jr. and others who were



# • TIANA EPPS JOHNSON CTCL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Who Decided What Cities and Counties Received CTCL's Election Grants?



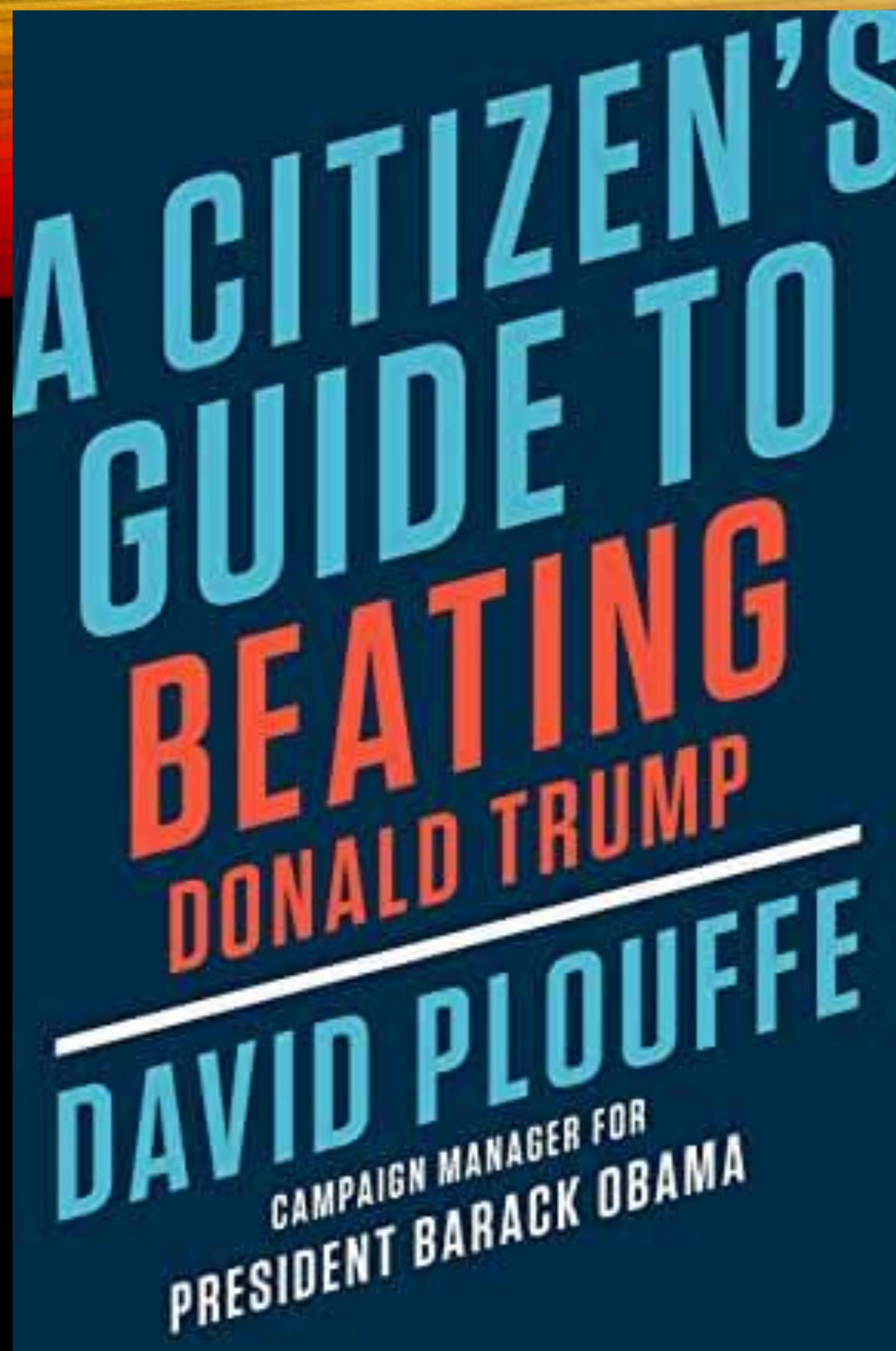
- A few weeks after Johnson completed her Obama fellowship, she began negotiations for election administration grants with the Zuckerberg 5
- The goal of Johnson's Obama Foundation Action Plan was to increase voter turnout for minorities and Democrats



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- Michael Gableman





# DAVID PLOUFFE

- Campaign manager for Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign.
- Senior Advisor to President Obama.
- Partner at AKPD Message and Media, a political consulting firm that only works for candidates who are Democrats.
- Author of *The Audacity to Win: The Inside Story and Lessons of Barack Obama's Historic Victory*.
- Author of *A Citizen's Guide to Beating Donald Trump*.
- Zuckerberg Fund Director of Policy and Advocacy.



Released March of 2020, eight months before the election.



# Was the David Plouffe-Vicky Selkowe Connection why the CTCL Grants Started in Racine?

- Plouffe was Obama's 2008 campaign manager.
- Selkowe was a 2008 Obama campaign organizer in Wisconsin. 29
- Selkowe is the City of Racine's Manager of Strategic Initiatives & Community Partnerships.



# Was the David Plouffe-Vicky Selkowe Connection why the CTCL Grants Started in Racine?

- Selkowe was in charge of writing the Zuckerberg 5 grant proposal for all five cities.
- Selkowe was directly involved in the planning and conducting the 2020 presidential election for the Zuckerberg 5 cities.



# Was the David Plouffe-Vicky Selkowe Connection why the CTCL Grants Started in Racine?

- The City of Racine refuses to release all of Selkowe's emails to the public.
- The City of Racine Mayor Cory Mason refuses to answer questions about Racine coordinating the Zuckerberg 5 grants.



# ZUCKERBUCKS PATH TO CTCL

**Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan Donate \$400 Million**



**Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI)**



**David Plouffe, CZI's Director Policy and Advocacy**



**CTCL**

**Tiana Johnson**

**\$330 Million**



**\$8.8M Zuckerberg  
5 Grants**



**CEIR**

**David Becker**

**\$69.2 Million**



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# David Becker

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# The Zuckerberg 5 Spent \$2.57 Millions of Dollars from CTCL's Grant to Get Out the Vote

## Recommendation I:

**Encourage and Increase Absentee Voting (By Mail and Early In-Person Voting)** Source: Wisconsin Safe Voting Plan

- **Because Zuckerberg 5's Recommendation I is to "encourage" and "increase" voting, Recommendation I is a clear and obvious GOTV campaign**
- **HAVA forbids election jurisdictions from spending its funds to GOTV as the Zuckerberg 5 did with its Recommendation I**



# CTCL MONEY WAS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PLOUFFE STRATEGY

**“In 2020, those states will be political war zones. Add that to the twenty states plus the District of Columbia that Clinton did collect and our nominee wins 272 electoral votes. The contest for the presidency may come down to block-by-block street fights in Detroit, Philadelphia, and Milwaukee.”**

— David Ploufee, *A Citizen's Guide to Beating Donald Trump*

**— Philadelphia received \$10 million from CTCL, Detroit, \$3.5 million; and Milwaukee, \$2.2 million**



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“Early voting is important. The campaign will work hard to nail down as many of these votes as possible, thus leaving more resources available for election day.”

“Registering won’t get you to victory if people don’t then vote. Much has rightly been written about the Democratic challenges the Democratic turnout faced in places like Detroit and Milwaukee in 2016. In 2020 our GOTV (Get Out the Vote) has to be better.”

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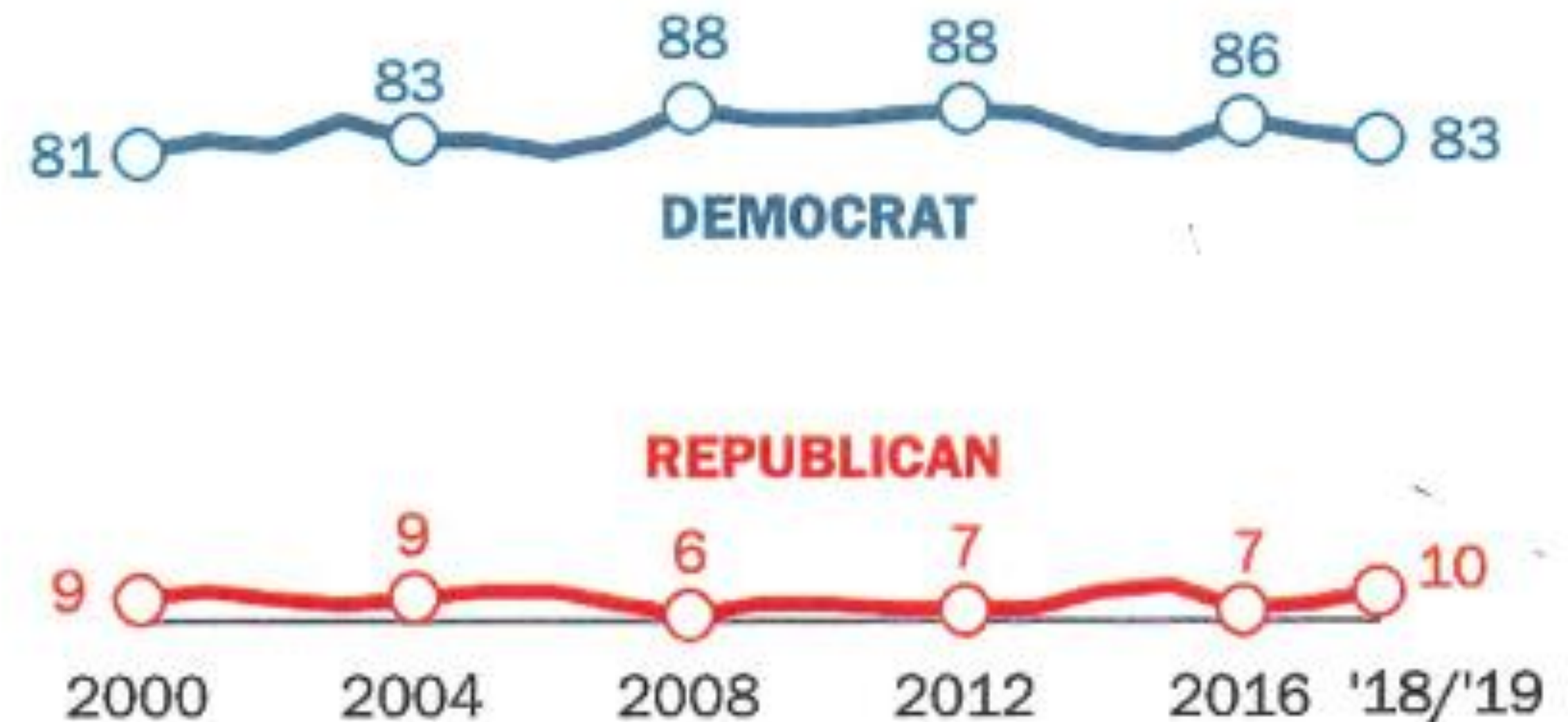
# Why the Concern About “African Americans”

“How Black Americans Saved Biden and American Democracy”

“Exit poll data from the 2020 election show the power of the Black vote. Black Americans represented over 50% of all Democratic voters in Georgia (33% of state population is Black), 20% of all Democratic voters in Michigan (14% of state population is Black), and 21% of all Democratic voters in Pennsylvania (12% of state population).”

## Black Americans have a strong preference for the Democratic Party ...

*% of Black registered voters who identify/lean toward ...*



— Pew Research Center, October, 2020

— Brookings Institute, November 2020



# Why the Concern About “African Americans”

“Black people don’t vote” is not based in data: though they are only 13% of the US population, black voters are among the most stable voting bloc in politics.”

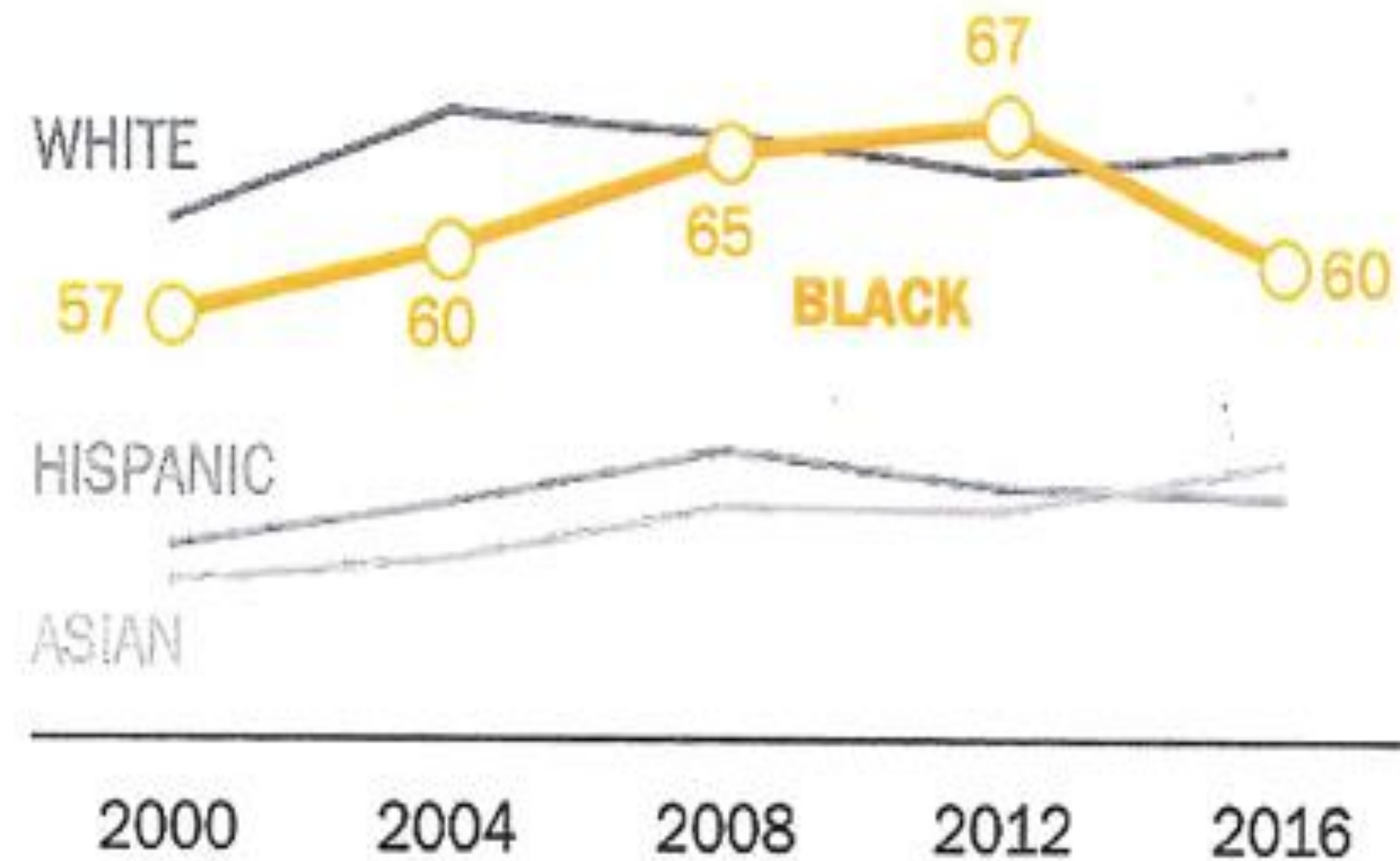
— The Guardian, Dec. 2019

“And 2020 is not an anomaly. Black voters have long pulled their weight relative to other racial groups.”

— Brookings Institute, November 2020

... and have among the highest turnout rates in past presidential elections

% of \_\_ eligible voters who say they voted



— Pew Research Center, October, 2020



**“If you don’t for me, you ain’t black,” Joe Biden**

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# WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH COVID SAFETY

Is this keeping voters  
safe from COVID or  
a plan to GOTV?

“Historically Disenfranchised Residents”

## Recommendation II: Dramatically Expand Voter & Community Education & Outreach, Particularly to Historically Disenfranchised Residents

All five municipalities expressed strong and clear needs for resources to conduct voter outreach and education to their communities, with a particular emphasis on reaching voters of color, low-income voters without reliable access to internet, voters with disabilities, and voters whose primary language is not English. This outreach is particularly necessary given the voter confusion that ensued in the lead-up to the April

— Wisconsin Safe Voting Plan



**CTCL's Josh Goldman refers Noah Praetz of the Elections Group to Milwaukee Election Commission Executive Director Claire Woodall-Vogg. Goldman's stated intention was to "embed" a middle management employee inside the Milwaukee Election Commission.**

**From:** Josh Goldman <josh@techandcivicliflife.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2020 6:02 PM  
**To:** Woodall-Vogg, Claire; Noah Praetz  
**Cc:** Tiana Epps-Johnson  
**Subject:** Additional staff support in Milwaukee

Hi Claire,

It was a pleasure to meet during last week's Safe Voting Plan kickoff call, and I'm looking forward to sending you a more complete implementation plan tomorrow. In the meantime, I wanted to continue the conversation about providing additional staff support.

In last week's call, you mentioned an interest in adding middle-management staff capacity. Noah (Elections Group) has a lead on an experienced elections staffer that could potentially embed with your staff in Milwaukee in a matter of days and fill that kind of role.

I know bringing on a new member to your team is a big decision, so I wanted to make sure you and Noah could connect and talk through your interest and possible next steps. I'll let you both take it from here.

Thanks, Claire! I'll email more complete technical assistance support plans tomorrow for your review. In the meantime, don't hesitate to let me if you have questions.

Josh

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# Informational Hearing

March 31, 2021  
10:43 AM

Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections





# **Meagan Wolfe, Michael Spitzer- Rubenstein, and Zuckerberg 5 Connection**



From: Woodall-Vogg, Claire <[cwooda@milwaukee.gov](mailto:cwooda@milwaukee.gov)>

Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 10:55 AM

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Cc: Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein <[michael@voteathome.org](mailto:michael@voteathome.org)>; Hillary Hall <[hillary@voteathome.org](mailto:hillary@voteathome.org)>

Subject: Introduction to Vote At Home

Hi Meagan, Richard, and Reid,

I just wanted to reach out and connect you with Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein and Hillary Hall from the Vote at Home Institute in case you think other clerks or the WEC staff would find working with them useful.

**Woodall-Vogg asked Meagan Wolfe for referrals to “other clerks”**



**From:** Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS [mailto:Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2020 11:07 AM

**To:** Kris Teske <Kris.Teske@greenbaywi.gov>; Witzel-Behl, Maribeth <MWitzel-Behl@cityofmadison.com>; Coolidge, Tara <Tara.Coolidge@cityofracine.org>; Michelle Nelson <mnelson@kenosha.org>

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**Administrator Wolfe sent out this Spitzer-Rubenstein referral to only the Zuckerberg 5 clerks!**



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- **Why did Administrator Wolfe “recommend” the CTCL “resource” of Michael Spitzer-Rubenstein?**
- **Why did Administrator Wolfe send out this “resource “to only the Zuckerberg 5 cities?**



# **MEAGAN WOLFE BOTH KNEW ABOUT AND FACILITATED THE CTCL GRANTS**

- **Wisconsin resident Jay Stone filed a WEC complaint which sought a WEC compliance review of the Zuckerberg 5's \$6.32 million grant.**
- **Stone filed his WEC complaint on August 28, 2020, more than two months before the November 3, 2020 presidential election.**
- **Wolfe rejected Stone's complaint.**
- **Stone submitted a complaint to the Federal Election Commission that was nearly identical to the one submitted to WEC. The FEC accepted Stone's complaint and is continued its investigation.**



# WOLFE'S STATEMENTS TO THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS

- Wolfe said in the Assembly Committee hearing that she dismissed Stone's WEC complaint because "The Commission doesn't have any statutory authority over private grants."
- Wolfe dismissed because it was "insufficiency to form" and "lack of probable cause."
- WEC and Wolfe have statutory authority over voter registration, elections, clerks, election equipment, and the responsibility of the clerks to pay for their municipalities and counties' election expenses.
- There were countless legitimate probable causes for WEC and Wolfe to review the Zuckerberg 5 grant.



# CEIR AND ERIC

- CEIR and ERIC are private organizations not beholden to public officials
- CEIR and ERIC hide and operate in the shadows
- CEIR and ERIC often oppose election transparency
- In 2012 Becker started ERIC, which was originally funded by George Soros' Open Societies Foundation.<sup>17</sup> The Gateway Pundit, Jan. 2022
- CEIR received \$69.2 million from Mark Zuckerberg



# David Becker

- **Becker is the Executive Director of CEIR**
- **Becker remains a board member of ERIC, which allegedly helps states maintain accurate and complete voter lists**
- **Becker was a lawyer in the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division and was referred for disciplinary proceedings after he offered to work for a defendant in an active DOJ case.**<sup>18</sup> Legal Newline, Sept. 2020
- **Becker has posted numerous anti-Trump posts on social media**



# Electronic Registration Information Center

- ERIC has not met its goal of cleaning up voter rolls. Nationwide there are many cities and counties that are examples of ERIC failing to purge ineligible voters.25 The Gateway Pundit, Jan. 2022.
- Wisconsin has nearly twice as many voters compared to the number of eligible voters on its voter rolls.
- ERIC has been described as “a left wing voter registration drive disguised as voter roll clean up.”17 The Gateway Pundit, Jan. 2022



# Electronic Registration Information Center

- ERIC does a poor job keeping accurate voter rolls because “Democrats and leftists have fought ferociously to prevent the cleanup of State voter registration rolls.” 22 The Gateway Pundit, Jan. 2022
- Democrats are using nonprofits to take over the administration of elections



# Election Reforms to Instill Voters' Confidence in Election Integrity

- Remove Meagan Wolfe as WEC Election Administrator for CAUSE
  - Wolfe authorized and encouraged the use of ballot drop boxes which was contrary to Wisconsin statutes.
  - Administrator Wolfe told the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections she had no authority to review the Zuckerberg 5 election grants after a WEC complaint was filed which was contrary to Wis. Stat. 5.06(4)



# Election Reforms to Instill Voters' Confidence in Election Integrity


- **Dissolve WEC**
- **Create a Wisconsin state law to require “accurate voter rolls.” This means no dead people or voters who don’t live where they say they did when they registered to vote.**
- **Post names and addresses of eligible voters for public review.**
- **Make all voter rolls and voter lists available to the public free of charge.**
- **Require all election contracts to include a clause requiring appearance for a deposition if requested**



# Election Reforms to Instill Voters' Confidence in Election Integrity

- **Rescind the statute that requires Wisconsin to use ERIC.**
- **Pass a law that ends Wisconsin's membership in ERIC.**
- **Update Wisconsin voter rolls so that only current eligible voters are on Wisconsin's list of voters.**
- **Ban the use of private funds to fund public elections.**
- **Ban nonprofit volunteers, especially out of state volunteers from directly advising or consulting with Wisconsin election clerks and commissioners on the administration of elections. .**





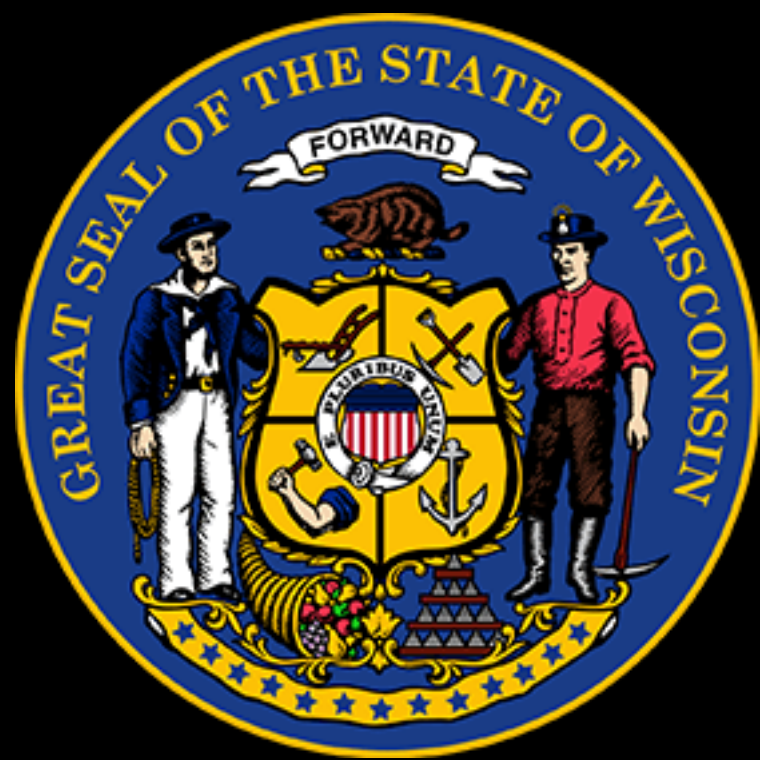
**The Office of Special Counsel's Report  
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