



Dear Friends in League,

Many of you were able to join us on Saturday, February 13, for the LWVs of Beloit and Janesville Annual Celebration. Our theme this year was “Restoring Trust in the Voting Process” featuring speakers Lisa Tollefson, the Rock County Clerk, and Professor David Canon, of the UW-Madison Department of Political Science. The perspectives of the two speakers, an election official and political scientist, provided a rich learning experience for everyone who was able to attend. For those who were unable to watch the live event--or who would like to watch again—the event was recorded and can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/3w9k349v>. (The photo tribute to Ruth Bader Ginsberg and Shirley Abrahamson at the end of the program begins at about 1:32:00 into the recording.) The event committee learned that there are at least two advantages to holding VIRTUAL events: we don’t have to worry about February weather, and we can easily record and share the program for later viewing.

Candidate Forum Updates: We are pleased that the Diversity Action Team of Rock County and Forward Janesville will be joining us and JATV as co-sponsors of the Candidate Forums that we will be conducting for Janesville School Board on Friday, March 5, and Janesville City Council on Friday, March 12. Both forums will run from 6:30-8:00 pm and will be broadcast LIVE on JATV Channel 994 on Spectrum Cable, and live streamed on JATV Media’s YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/JATVMedia>

Because there will be no in-person audiences due to Covid-19, citizens are invited to submit questions for the candidates electronically at:

<http://tinyurl.com/vekrp35n> no later than March 1.

The forums will be recorded and made available for later viewing for those unable to watch in real time. You will be able to link to the forums from our Janesville League’s website and from VOTE411.org where you will find our Voter Guide for state and local candidates. (VOTE411.org is an award-winning website that is a product of the LWV Education Fund.)

The 2021 Spring Election will be on Tuesday, April 6. The Voter Services Committee will be seeking members’ assistance in getting information to voters. It is not too early to apply for an absentee ballot.

Please keep your eyes for ACTION ALERTS coming from the State and National Leagues to encourage us to contact our state and national representatives to vote for legislation that will protect and expand voting rights and to vote against voter suppression efforts.

Finally, I want to encourage you to invite friends and acquaintances of yours to join the League of Women Voters. February-March is a particularly good time of year for people to become members as they won’t need to renew their membership until June 2022, getting a few “bonus” months of League membership in their first year. Direct your friends to our League’s website <https://www.lwvjvl.org/join-the-league> for more information, or they can give me a call at 815-298-8671. We have several categories of membership, including Student and Open Door memberships.

Thanks.

Linda



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Voter Services February 9, 2021

The committee met via Zoom.

We had general discussion future voter safe/voter services possible activities as well as communications.

Reminder on have your requested your absentee ballot for 2021? It takes less than 2 minutes! Spread the word! <https://myvote.wi.gov>

Reminder on the Beloit/Janesville Leagues Annual Celebration – Sat February 13 10-11:30 – Detail and signup on our website!

Linda Reinhardt reported on the two forums dates and request for questions.

Vote411 Project Spring Election Have received the Excel document from the County Clerk's Office and this project is progressing –initial phase completion the week of February 22.

Spring Election – What activities? - Contacted City of Janesville for input

Make Your Plan to Vote (Attached) - Distribute document from Milwaukee League and discussed how we can utilize recent Election Toolbox designed for social medial. Linda Reinhardt and Deb Griffith

volunteered to meet and review our current options – share ideas and set up a league Instagram site.

We have a ton of material we have access to.... already to roll-Communications - Social Media/Using “League” branded materials to help with communication.

Voter Registration – Absentee Campaign – Discussed how we can keep high turnout momentum moving forward. Renee Kalvestrand suggested we review the local data on the actual election turn out to develop a strategy on what areas may need our focus. Lisa Johnson will gather from Lisa Tollefson's office. We will regroup with Heidi Keith on possible press releases on information relative to the Spring Elections, Forums and Vote411.

Safe/Community Voter Services Ideas – Voter Education – During a Pandemic - “2.0” – New Toolbox of Media Ideas

Rebuilding trust in elections – at a local level – where and how can we make a difference?

Circle back with first time voters – keep them informed and get recruit? - U Rock Success Story - Media Blitz Too

Future Fun Activities - 4-H Youth Projects in 2021 – In Conjunction With VS/LWV – Erin Conway Next Meeting - Do something outside in a park? Small voter education (civics focus” session and then do an Earth Day Activity? Lisa Johnson will send an invitation to Erin Conway and the local 4H Leadership team to invite them to our next meeting.

League Membership Growth Challenge – Invite a friend...low commitment/fits schedules/keep the momentum going....

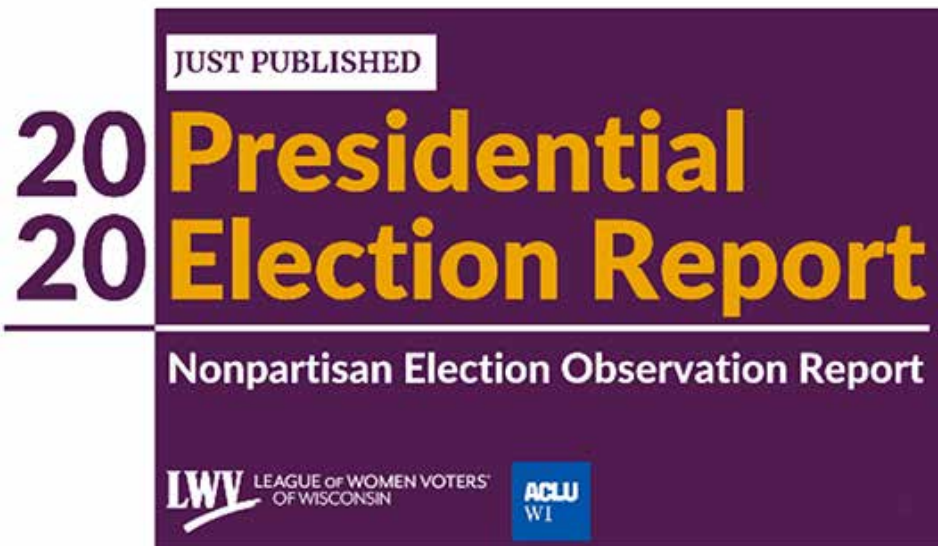
Next Voter Services Committee Virtual Meeting – March 9, 2021



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2020 Presidential Election Report Released

LWVWI, together with Wisconsin Election Protection, released our 2020 Presidential Election Report on February 11, 2021. The report documents information on the voter

experience from our election observation program, voter experience survey and calls to the Election Protection Hotline. It also provides recommendations to improve future elections.

Overall, the report concludes that we should celebrate the high turnout in the November election. Many lessons were learned from the April election, and due to the implementation of recommendations from the League, in November, voters experienced greater access to the ballot despite the ongoing pandemic. The hard work of election officials, voters and voting rights groups led to this significant improvement in access, and Wisconsin can continue this strong commitment to greater civic engagement and voter participation in future elections.

The 2020 Fall Election Protection report is available online on our website, along with past election reports.

LWVWI Seeking Meg McLane Award Nominations and MLD Award Applications

LWVWI is always proud to present two distinguished awards at its Annual Meeting. The [Meg McLane Award for Advocacy](#) recognizes a League member who works as a citizen advocate through the League of Women Voters and/or other organizations for positive policy changes in Wisconsin. Individual League members or groups may place anyone in nomination by filling out a [nomination form](#) and submitting it to lwwwisconsin@lwww.org by April 5, 2021..



The [Membership and Leadership Development \(MLD\) Award](#) recognizes local Wisconsin Leagues for initiatives they have taken over the past year that have measurably increased their visibility, outreach, member/non-member participation, leadership development, and diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. Any local League may self-nominate by submitting an [application](#) showing measurable evidence of their growth in any of these areas. Please submit applications to lwwwisconsin@lwww.org before May 12, 2021.



Awards will be presented at the 2021 LWVWI Annual Meeting on June 12th.



A Big Day for Nonprofits

We are counting down the days to The Big Share on March 2, and you have a chance to be a part of our community's day of giving - an opportunity to unite around empowering voters and defending democracy across Wisconsin. The Big Share is a day of online giving hosted by [Community Shares of Wisconsin](https://www.communitysharesofwisconsin.org/), involving nearly 70 local nonprofit organizations that work to improve our communities throughout Wisconsin.

Please join our campaign and help us reach our goal of \$15,000! We need you to tell your friends and family members about the important work we do and ask them to join us in helping to make a difference. Our LWVWI Board of Directors has also pledged a \$4,000 matching gift, so you have the opportunity to double your impact!

The good news is that you don't have to wait until The Big Share Day to support our work. Now and through March 2, [visit our profile page](#) on The Big Share website to learn about our advocacy efforts in Wisconsin, and make a donation of any size. Without your support, we cannot continue to do this important work.

If you have any questions, or if you are interested in being more involved by sharing The Big Share with your networks, please contact Morgan Grunow, communications manager, at mgrunow@lwvwi.org.

CALENDAR

Upcoming Activities 2020-21*

***Additional events may be planned. Check website: lwvjvl.org/upcoming-events**

March 2021

March 1 LWV-JVL Board meeting
 March 5 School Board Candidates Forum 6:30-8:00 p.m. Live on JATV Channel 994 Spectrum and live stream on JATV Youtube channel
 March 9 Voter Service Meeting
 March 12 City Council Candidates Forum 6:30-

8:00 p.m. Live on JATV Channel 994 Spectrum and live stream on JATV Youtube channel

March 21 Courageous Conversations 5:30-8:30 p.m. Via Zoom

April 2021

April LWV-JVL Board meeting via Zoom

April 6 Spring Election

Invest in Wisconsin's Infrastructure!

Quadrant Meetings (each from 3-5 PM)

Southeast Wisconsin March 4

Northwest Wisconsin April 1

Southwest Wisconsin March 18

Northeast Wisconsin April 15

Registration Required

For more information, and to register, please visit
<http://sections.asce.org/wisconsin-section/events>



Invest in Wisconsin's Infrastructure! *Save the Dates*

Join the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin, the American Society of Civil Engineers Wisconsin Section and invited guests for a joint webinar series, "Invest in Wisconsin's Infrastructure!" The webinars are localized to the four geographical quadrants in Wisconsin. You can register at the links below.

Southeast Wisconsin: March 4, 3-5 p.m.
Southwest Wisconsin: March 18, 3-5 p.m.

Northwest Wisconsin: April 1, 3-5 p.m.
Northeast Wisconsin: April 15, 3-5 p.m.

LWVWI and ASCE-WI are collaborating on this project to introduce Wisconsin residents to ASCE's 2020 Infrastructure report card. Across Wisconsin, infrastructure grades range from D- to a B+, demonstrating a clear need for infrastructure improvements.

The four webinars will all include 30-minute presentations by Carl Sutter and William Holahan. Carl Sutter, P.E., is the society director for the ASCE-WI and will provide an overview of the Infrastructure Report Card. William Holahan, professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, will make a compelling case for why "now" is the right time to invest in sustainable infrastructure in Wisconsin.

A live Q&A session between the presenters and local stakeholders will follow the presentations allowing for quadrant specific discussions.

Following this series of introductory sessions across the state, LWVWI will host webinars featuring select infrastructure categories. These discussions will align local stakeholders and springboard advocacy for increased investment in sustainable infrastructure.

For more information, visit the ASCE-WI event page.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy

Each month we will be placing our position on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Voter, as a service to our members.

LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental

status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, workstyle, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.

The Janesville LWV commits to the diversity of Janesville and fully endorses the LWV's DEI policy.



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League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Administrative Assistant, Part-time Job Description (February 2021)

JOB SUMMARY: The Administrative Assistant is responsible for: assisting the Executive Director with managing the daily activities of the office; assisting with the maintenance of a donor database; weekly bookkeeping; and supporting League staff and Board of Directors with clerical tasks. The Administrative Assistant is often the first point of contact for individuals who call or visit the office. The ideal candidate is well-organized and a good time manager. The individual must be able to work as part of the team as well work independently and be self directed.

QUALIFICATIONS: This position requires excellent organizational ability and skills; written and verbal communication skills; advanced computer and data entry skills; basic bookkeeping, clerical expertise; attention to detail; strong interpersonal skills; commitment to confidentiality; ability to work with vendors; and ability to work independently. The employee must be flexible, cooperative, and able to set priorities and follow through on directives in a timely manner. Experience with Google/G-Suite services, spreadsheets, Bill.com, Salesforce and QuickBooks is preferred.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Conduct administrative responsibilities of operating the office:

- Regularly provide information and assistance to the Executive Director or other staff regarding office and operating procedures; negotiate with service representatives regarding purchase of office equipment and services; maintain inventory of office supplies.
- Take lead role in opening, organizing and processing mail; handle routine correspondence.
- Maintain filing and information storage; maintain donor database; work with contractors.
- Serve as a point of contact for League members and the public.
- Maintain the procedure manual defining all office operations.

Bookkeeping Responsibilities

- Record contributions by expense type and description, event registrations, and other payments as they are received.

Beloit-Janesville League Annual meeting February 13, 2020 via Zoom



Screen shots by Carol Herzig

Upper right corner features Linda Reinhardt and Susan Adams, Presiednts of LWV Janesville and Beloit respectively. Others on screen are some of the elected office holders from Rock County. Also included in this slide are our presenters Lisa Tollefson, Rock County Clerk and Professor David Canon, UW-Madison, lower left side in photo below.



There wasn't a registration fee for this year's gathering and donations are welcome. You may send your donations to Treasurer Gayle Sullivan Hotchkiss, 2318 Parkmeadow Dr., Beloit, WI 53511.

Lisa Tollefson's report of what occurred in Rock County in the November Election

Overview of the November 2020 Election

LISA TOLLEFSON

The slide at right show the number of in-person versus Absentee voters comparing 2016 to 2020. The increase was largely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the slide to the lower left shows the same information in a graph form.

NOV 2016 vs. NOV 2020

Ballots Cast	76,851	Ballots Cast	85,627
Absentee	19,500	Absentee	53,000

Voting Election Day vs. Absentee

Nov 2016

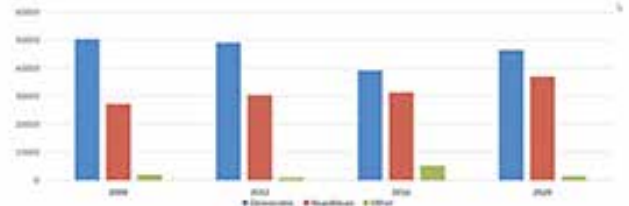


Nov 2020



Presidential Voter Participation by Party

Rock County - Wisconsin



November 3, 2020 - General Election - Unofficial Results

Votes reflect Rock County ONLY as of November 03, 2020 at 11:43 PM

Presidential Congressional Legislative & State County Referendum

Voters and Ballots	Votes
Registered Voters	96,319
Ballots Cast	88.89% 85,617

Precincts Reporting: 100 of 100 for 100%

Expand/Collapse Totals by Precinct

This slide shows the unofficial election results in the Presidential Election, November 3. These results were ratified as the official count.

Presidential

President Vice President	Vote For 1	Votes
Joseph R. Biden / Kamala D. Harris (Democratic)	54.66%	46,649
Donald J. Trump / Michael R. Pence (Republican)	43.51%	37,133
Don Blankenship / William Mohr (Constitution)	0.18%	152
Jo Jorgensen / Jeremy Spike Cohen (Libertarian Party)	1.28%	1,094
Brian Carroll / Amar Patel (American Solidarity)	0.14%	122
WRITE-IN (NONPARTISAN)	0.23%	198

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BREAKING EXCLUSIVE: System 'Glitch' Also Uncovered In Wisconsin - Reversal of Swapped Vote Removes Lead from Joe Biden

By Joe Kraft
Published November 6, 2020 at 9:09pm
103 Comments

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We've reported on numerous events identified in the 2020 election already which are being referred to as 'glitches' by the Democrats. Tonight we just uncovered another 'glitch' in Wisconsin.

When this one is confirmed it will result in a 19,500 vote gain for Trump making the Wisconsin race a total toss-up.

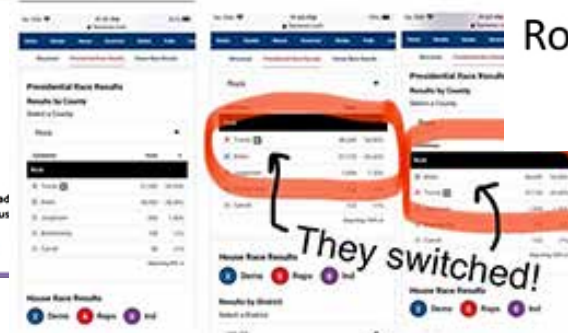
An error occurred by the Associated Press that was quickly jumped on by certain "news" agencies.

The Associated Press

briefly transposed

Trump's and Biden's

Rock County numbers on election night.



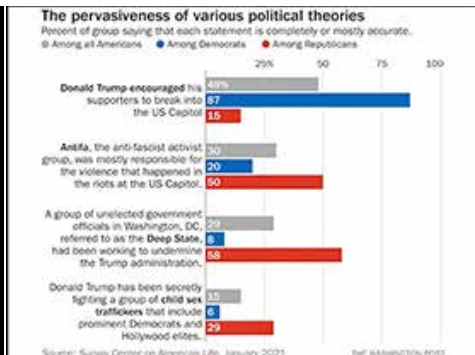
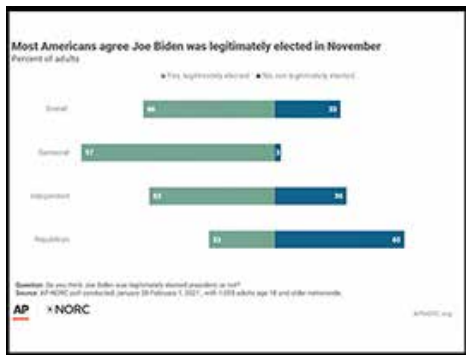
Restoring Trust in the Voting Process

David Canon
UW-Madison
February 13, 2021

LWV Of Beloit

Restoring Trust in Voting

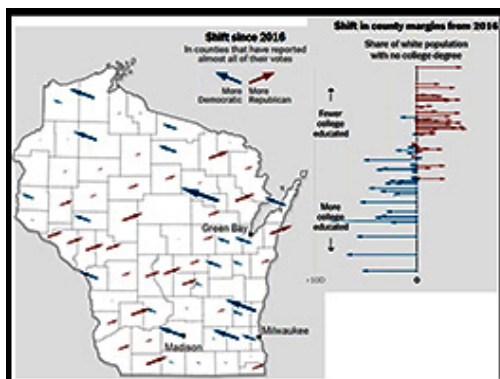
- The “big lie” – 2/3 of Republicans still believe Trump won the election.
- Three times as many Republicans think Atifa was responsible for the assault on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6th than think Trump was responsible.
- Restoring trust must be grounded in reality.



Polarization

- The second challenge is that things became even more polarized in the 2020 elections – and this is just the election results, not what has happened in the three months after the election.
- Shift in county-level vote in Wisconsin was replicated all around the country.
- We have our work cut out for us!

These are the slide that Professor Canon shared with us showing what we are up against and then giving us



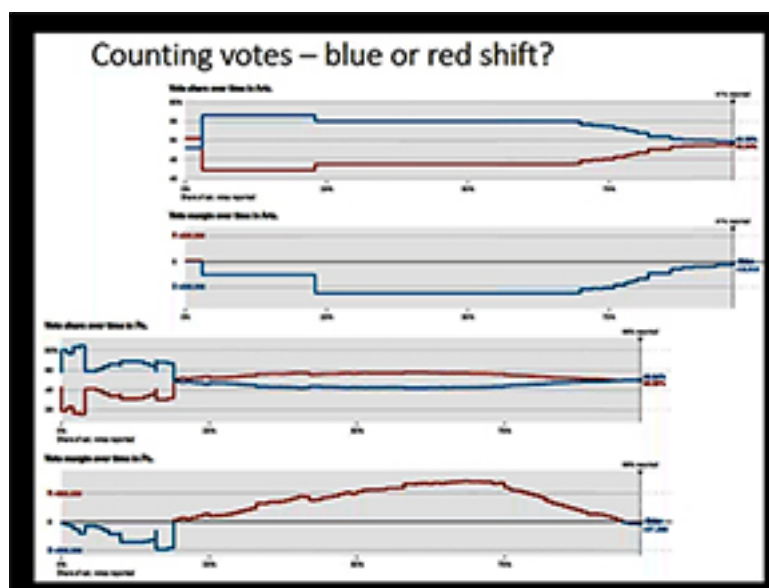
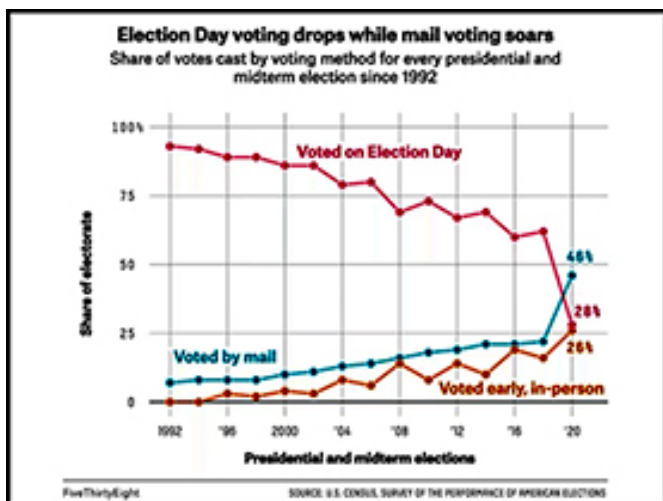
What to do?

- Start with the observation that while democracy is fragile and our system was severely tested, it worked as the Founders intended: the system of checks and balances was established to make sure that the branches would check each other when one was out of control.
 - The courts stepped up: 61 of 62 cases went against Trump who tried to claim the election was stolen from him.
 - Congress and the Vice President did their jobs and certified the result of the Electoral College.

Debunking the claims of fraud

- One of the most harmful claims had to do with mailed votes. There was a surge in voting by mail and a slight increase in voting early in person because of the COVID pandemic. This was necessary to allow people to vote safely. No evidence of fraud.
- “Blue shift” voter dumps?
- Election day observers prevented from process?
- Dead people voting? Dominion voting machines hacked by Venezuela? None of this happened.

hope and ideas on how we can change things for the better.



Are you reading this newsletter as a 'guest'?

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Janesville, P.O. Box 8064, Janesville, WI 53547-8064

- ☐ I request consideration for a LWV scholarship.

Web addresses of National, State and Local Leagues:

To check out the action go to: LWV-US

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LWV-WI [<www.lwvwi.org>](http://www.lwvwi.org)

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