

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE SURVEY

Interview Schedule



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Project #: 230355

N=500 Likely Voters

N=200 Oversample of Likely GOP Primary Voters

Margin of Error = $\pm 4.38\%$

In this document:

An asterisk (*) in a response category means that less than 0.5% of respondents chose that response category and a dash (-) represents no response.

Due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.

Data in the GOP column is from the GOP Primary Voters Oversample.

This survey was commissioned by: Secure Democracy Foundation.

Getting started...

- Thinking about past Presidential elections, which of the following best describes how you usually vote? **(RANDOMIZE)**

<u>Total</u>	<u>GOP</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>	
70%	80%	71%	58%	In-person on Election Day
14%	11%	12%	19%	In-person before Election Day
15%	9%	16%	22%	By mail with an absentee ballot
*	*	1%	—	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	—	—	—	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
29%	20%	29%	42%	TOTAL EARLY

- And, which of the following best describes how you plan to cast your ballot in the 2024 Presidential election? **(RANDOMIZE)**

<u>Total</u>	<u>GOP</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>	
66%	76%	67%	53%	In-person on Election Day
18%	16%	15%	25%	In-person before Election Day
15%	8%	15%	23%	By mail with an absentee ballot
1%	1%	3%	—	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	—	—	—	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
32%	24%	30%	47%	TOTAL EARLY

Turning now to elections here in Wisconsin...

3. Which ONE of the following qualities and attributes is MOST important to you when thinking about maintaining trust in our elections here in Wisconsin? **(RANDOMIZE)**

<u>Total</u>	<u>GOP</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>	
33%	38%	29%	28%	Election results are accurate
21%	6%	24%	34%	There is equal access to the ballot
20%	20%	21%	18%	Elections are fair
15%	16%	13%	12%	Election processes and rules are transparent
7%	10%	7%	6%	There are poll observers at polling locations throughout Wisconsin
3%	5%	2%	2%	Election results are counted quickly
2%	3%	3%	—	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	1%	—	—	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

4. Next, I am going to read you two statements. After I read each of the statements, please tell me which one is closest to your own view... **(ROTATE)**

<u>Total</u>	<u>GOP</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>	
18%	31%	16%	6%	(SOME/OTHER) people say election officials should count election results as quickly as possible so we know the winner as soon as possible.
				...while...
82%	68%	84%	94%	(OTHER/SOME) people say election officials should take sufficient time to ensure that every eligible vote is counted accurately, even if it takes longer to determine the winner.
				Which is closest to how you feel?
*	1%	—	—	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	*	—	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)

Moving on...

5. Who do you trust the most to ensure the fairness and accuracy of election results?
(RANDOMIZE)

<u>Total</u>	<u>GOP</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>	
60%	65%	61%	59%	Local election officials, such as your county or municipal clerk
26%	14%	26%	37%	State election officials, such as the Wisconsin Election Commission
				...or...
10%	15%	10%	3%	The State Legislature
*	1%	—	—	Trust All Equally (DO NOT READ)
2%	4%	2%	1%	Do Not Trust Any (DO NOT READ)
2%	1%	1%	1%	Don't Know (DO NOT READ)
*	—	—	—	Refused (DO NOT READ)

6. And, generally speaking, how confident are you that the state of Wisconsin can administer a fair election where everyone has the opportunity to vote and the votes are counted accurately?
(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

<u>Total</u>	<u>GOP</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>	
36%	19%	44%	50%	VERY CONFIDENT
37%	41%	31%	37%	SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT
17%	24%	14%	10%	NOT VERY CONFIDENT
10%	15%	11%	2%	NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT
—	—	—	—	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	—	—	—	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
73%	60%	75%	88%	TOTAL CONFIDENT
27%	40%	25%	12%	TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT

7. Next, generally speaking, how confident are you that Wisconsin voters can vote by mail with an absentee ballot and have it counted? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

<u>Total</u>	<u>GOP</u>	<u>Ind</u>	<u>Dem</u>	
38%	23%	37%	57%	VERY CONFIDENT
35%	33%	37%	33%	SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT
16%	23%	17%	9%	NOT VERY CONFIDENT
11%	20%	9%	1%	NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT
*	1%	—	—	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	—	—	—	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
73%	57%	74%	90%	TOTAL CONFIDENT
27%	43%	26%	10%	TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT

8. Thinking back to the 2020 Presidential election...after the 2020 Presidential election, there were claims of fraud related to the election results. With this in mind, which of the following statements comes closest to your point of view? **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

Total	GOP	Ind	Dem	
36%	9%	39%	66%	There was almost no fraud in the 2020 election
21%	15%	25%	26%	There was very little fraud, and it had no impact on the results
12%	17%	11%	5%	There was significant fraud, but it had no impact on the results
30%	57%	23%	3%	There was major fraud, and it changed the results of the election
1%	1%	1%	—	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
*	—	*	—	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)
57%	24%	64%	92%	TOTAL NONE/VERY LITTLE
42%	74%	35%	8%	TOTAL SIGNIFICANT/MAJOR

Next, thinking again about the 2024 election, please tell me how confident you are that the results of the following elections will be counted fairly and accurately. Are you...**(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)** very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident or not at all confident that the results will be counted fairly and accurately? The **(FIRST/NEXT)** one is...**(ROTATE)**

	Total Confident	Total Not Confident	Very Confident	Somewhat Confident	Not Too Confident	Not At All Confident	Don't Know	Ref
9. The upcoming 2024 Presidential election in Wisconsin								
Total	72%	28%	40%	31%	17%	11%	*	*
GOP	56%	43%	19%	37%	23%	20%	*	—
Ind	73%	27%	47%	26%	17%	10%	—	—
Dem	95%	5%	64%	31%	4%	2%	—	—
10. The upcoming 2024 Presidential election Nationally								
Total	68%	32%	35%	33%	19%	13%	*	*
GOP	49%	50%	15%	35%	28%	22%	*	—
Ind	69%	31%	38%	30%	17%	15%	—	—
Dem	94%	5%	58%	37%	4%	2%	*	—

Next, I am going to read you several different statements regarding elections. After I read each one, please tell me if you agree or disagree with that statement. The **(FIRST/NEXT)** one is...**(RANDOMIZE)**

(IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK:) And is that **STRONGLY** (agree/disagree), or just **SOMEWHAT** (agree/disagree)?

	Total Agree	Total Disagree	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Ref
RANKED BY % STRONGLY AGREE								
12.	Absent clear and convincing proof of irregularities, state officials should declare the winner of Wisconsin elections based on the verified vote counting done by local clerks.							
Total	89%	10%	59%	30%	6%	4%	1%	*
GOP	86%	12%	50%	36%	8%	5%	2%	—
Ind	91%	9%	64%	27%	4%	4%	—	—
Dem	93%	7%	74%	19%	4%	3%	—	—
11.	Our system of checks and balances works: local election officials count our votes and the supervising authority declares the winner.							
Total	82%	17%	46%	37%	10%	7%	1%	*
GOP	74%	24%	32%	43%	14%	10%	1%	*
Ind	83%	16%	49%	34%	9%	7%	1%	—
Dem	93%	5%	64%	30%	3%	3%	1%	—
13.	The State Legislature should be able to override the final vote count done by local clerks.							
Total	21%	79%	7%	13%	23%	56%	*	*
GOP	25%	73%	10%	15%	28%	45%	2%	*
Ind	14%	86%	4%	10%	21%	64%	—	—
Dem	17%	83%	7%	10%	13%	70%	—	—

Next, I am going to read you several proposals related to elections. After I read each one, please tell me if you support or oppose that proposal. The **(FIRST/NEXT)** one is...**(RANDOMIZE)**

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:) And is that **STRONGLY** (support/oppose), or just **SOMEWHAT** (support/oppose)?

	Total Support	Total Oppose	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know	Ref
RANKED BY % STRONGLY SUPPORT								
20. Election officials and their sensitive personal information should be protected by law.								
Total	84%	15%	63%	21%	6%	8%	1%	*
GOP	81%	18%	59%	22%	7%	11%	*	*
Ind	83%	16%	62%	21%	6%	10%	1%	—
Dem	95%	5%	75%	20%	2%	3%	—	—
17. Expanding and strengthening Wisconsin's electronic ballot tracking system to allow voters to receive text message notifications about the status of their absentee ballot, from the time it is requested to the time it is verified and counted.								
Total	89%	10%	60%	29%	5%	5%	1%	*
GOP	80%	18%	52%	28%	8%	10%	1%	1%
Ind	89%	11%	57%	32%	4%	7%	*	—
Dem	94%	5%	70%	24%	5%	—	1%	—
14. Allowing elections officials to contact voters to verify identity and correct honest voter mistakes, such as a missing signature, before their absentee ballot is rejected.								
Total	83%	17%	57%	26%	6%	11%	*	*
GOP	73%	26%	50%	23%	10%	17%	1%	*
Ind	83%	16%	59%	24%	6%	10%	1%	—
Dem	93%	7%	64%	29%	2%	5%	—	—
15. Having secure and convenient drop off places for absentee ballots which would be accessible 24 hours a day.								
Total	65%	34%	50%	16%	9%	25%	*	*
GOP	37%	63%	24%	13%	14%	49%	*	*
Ind	69%	31%	55%	14%	10%	20%	*	—
Dem	97%	3%	76%	21%	2%	1%	—	—
19. Restoring the voting eligibility of Wisconsinites who have been convicted of a felony once they return to their communities and are no longer incarcerated.								
Total	71%	28%	42%	30%	12%	16%	*	*
GOP	58%	40%	30%	29%	13%	27%	1%	*
Ind	72%	28%	46%	26%	11%	17%	—	—
Dem	85%	14%	52%	34%	10%	5%	—	—

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	Total Support	Total Oppose	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know	Ref
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RANKED BY % STRONGLY SUPPORT

16. Allowing local election officials to open, verify, and process absentee ballots before election day so election results could be reported sooner.

Total	64%	36%	37%	27%	15%	20%	*	*
GOP	51%	48%	29%	23%	14%	34%	*	*
Ind	70%	30%	39%	31%	13%	16%	—	—
Dem	73%	27%	47%	26%	15%	12%	1%	—

18. Eliminating witness requirements for absentee ballots since Wisconsin voters are already currently required to provide voter ID.

Total	51%	47%	28%	22%	20%	27%	1%	*
GOP	38%	60%	25%	13%	16%	44%	2%	*
Ind	49%	49%	27%	22%	27%	22%	2%	—
Dem	70%	29%	38%	32%	18%	11%	1%	—

21. Next, I am going to read you two statements about how ballots could be counted. After I read each of the statements, please tell me which one is closest to your own view... **(ROTATE)**

Total	GOP	Ind	Dem
78%	66%	68%	90%

(SOME/OTHER) people say that secure tabulation machines should be used to count ballots to ensure results are reported quickly and accurately.

...while...

20%	31%	29%	9%
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(OTHER/SOME) people say that ballots should be hand-counted by local election officials even if it could open the door for human error or corruption.

Which is closest to how you feel?

1%	2%	2%	1%	DON'T KNOW (DO NOT READ)
1%	1%	1%	1%	REFUSED (DO NOT READ)