

One Wisconsin Now: Data shows Republican voter roll purge targets Democratic voting communities

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MADISON, Wis. — The communities with the largest numbers of voters targeted in a right-wing instigated voter roll purge also delivered big vote margins for Democrats in 2016, according to data from the Wisconsin Elections Commission. A lawsuit seeking to force the pre-election voter roll purge was brought by a right-wing legal advocacy group on behalf of Republican campaign donors and at the urging of a Republican Party of Wisconsin leader. The legal effort also comes [amid controversy stirred by the comments of a top campaign aide to Donald Trump](#) revealing they will pour unprecedented resources into voter suppression to try to win in Wisconsin.

“A top Trump campaign aide flat out said suppressing votes has been a Republicans strategy to win,” commented One Wisconsin Now Deputy Director Mike Browne. “This right-wing voter roll purge that targets communities that supported Democrats sure looks like it’s part of the ‘playing offense’ strategy a top Trump campaign aide vowed they would pursue.”

Comparing data from the Elections Commission reveals that Donald Trump lost the ten largest communities in terms of the numbers of voters subject to the purge by over 270,000 votes in 2016:

Municipality	Voters Subject to Purge	2016 Vote Total	2016 Trump Vote	2016 Clinton Vote	Trump Vote Differential
City Of Milwaukee	35,529	246,617	45,422	188,700	-143,278
City Of Madison	18,212	153,281	23,052	120,178	-97,126
City Of Eau Claire	4,379	35,351	13,077	19,185	-6,108
City Of Green Bay	4,371	44,357	19,826	21,303	-1,477
City Of La Crosse	4,098	25,563	8,289	14,942	-6,653
City Of Oshkosh	3,466	31,615 <input type="text"/>	13,868	15,228	-1,360
City Of Kenosha	3,319	40,680	15,676	22,541	-6,865
City Of Waukesha	3,100	34,644	17,694	14,140	3,554
City Of Racine	3,066	29,019	8,786	18,599	-9,813
City Of Appleton	3,034	36,364	15,946	17,859	-1,913
TOTALS	82,574	677,491	181,636	452,675	-271,039

The voter roll purge could also come in time to impact the election bid of right-wing state Supreme Court candidate Dan Kelly. In fact, the right-wing Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty that brought the suit is arguing the state Supreme Court on which Kelly currently sits should take up their case immediately.

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