

WisDems: Ron Johnson continues anti-democratic crusade on Wisconsin's election system, putting hyper-partisan self-interest over WI voters

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Wisconsin Republicans are “[engaged in an all-out assault on the state's election system](#),” and Senator Ron Johnson is leading the charge. Johnson continues to push for a blatantly unconstitutional, hyper-partisan take-over of Wisconsin's election system — drawing rebuke from Wisconsinites. See more below:

NPR: [There's a GOP push in Wisconsin to take over the state's election system](#)

By Laurel White | November 30, 2021

- Debate over the 2020 presidential election rages on in the political swing state of Wisconsin, where a prominent Republican lawmaker wants to strip the state's bipartisan elections agency of its power — and give it to the Republican-controlled Legislature.
- Wisconsin U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson first surfaced the idea of state lawmakers taking over control of federal elections in the state.

- Johnson said he has “completely lost confidence” in the Wisconsin Elections Commission following a nonpartisan report on how the 2020 election was run in Wisconsin. The report, which was released late last month, found no widespread voter fraud or wrongdoing that would have changed the outcome of the 2020 election.

New York Times: [Wisconsin Republicans Push to Take Over the State's Elections](#)

By Reid J. Epstein | November 19, 2021

- Led by Senator Ron Johnson, G.O.P. officials want to eliminate a bipartisan elections agency — and maybe send its members to jail.
- Republicans in Wisconsin are engaged in an all-out assault on the state’s election system, building off their attempts to challenge the results of the 2020 presidential race by pressing to give themselves full control over voting in the state.
- The Republican effort — broader and more forceful than that in any other state where allies of former President Donald J. Trump are trying to overhaul elections — takes direct aim at the bipartisan Wisconsin Elections Commission, an agency Republicans created half a decade ago.
- Johnson, a Republican, said that G.O.P. state lawmakers should unilaterally assert control of federal elections, claiming that they had the authority to do so... an extraordinary legal argument debunked by a 1932 Supreme Court decision and a 1964 ruling from the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: [Ron Johnson calls for having Republican lawmakers take over federal elections in Wisconsin](#)

By Patrick Marley and Bill Glauber | November 10, 2021

- Attempting to overtake elections without the sign-off of Evers would all but guarantee a legal challenge. The Elections Commission was created by state law and the normal process for replacing it would be for legislators to pass legislation and the governor to sign it.
- Johnson has been pushing state lawmakers to take a more active role in federal elections for nearly a year. The day after the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, Johnson said the debate that preceded the attack should serve as a “wake-up call to state legislatures” to investigate election irregularities and “reassert their authority over federal elections and establish controls to restore confidence in our election system.”