

American Bridge: WISEN Ron Johnson lied about staffer who delivered slate of fake electors

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Yesterday, the [New Republic](#) reported that **Wisconsin GOP U.S. Senator Ron Johnson** lied (shocker) in his early claims that “some staff intern” was responsible for delivering a slate of fake electors to his office. In reality that “intern” was actually someone with “extensive background as a Trump White House staffer, opposition researcher, and voter fraud alarmist.”

In efforts to distance himself from the fake elector scheme, Johnson has lied and finger-pointed to other offices. But the Senator still has not provided a coherent answer to how his office was in a position to aid a coup by attempting to send a fake slate of electors to the vice president.

Johnson’s actions show that he was deeply involved in and complicit in the Trump campaign scheme to overturn the election — and this new lie is the latest shoe to drop. No fake phone call can get him out of this one.

The New Republic: [Ron Johnson Can’t Crawl out of the January 6 Hole He Dug for Himself](#)

By Daniel Strauss | July 20, 2022

Key Points:

- “The latest development came late Friday night, when [Politico revealed](#) the name of the Republican operative who tried to pass the slates of electors to Johnson. That previously unknown operative, Mike Roman, has an extensive

background as a Trump White House staffer, opposition researcher, and [voter fraud alarmist](#). He is an alumnus of the [Trump White House](#), [the Koch brothers-backed outside groups](#), and multiple Republican presidential campaigns. In other words, he's not the intern/ultra-green staffer Johnson initially described in response to questions from reporters.”

- “The involvement of someone with that kind of intensely partisan history challenges Johnson’s early claims that the January 6 committee grossly exaggerated the events in relation to him that day and that it was a nothingburger of a story about the greenest of green interns quixotically trying to pass something on to Johnson. [...] Pence’s legislative director, Chris Hodgson, rebuffed that attempt, writing to Riley in a text message, ‘Do not give that to him.’”
- “[A]s more details about the episode have emerged, Johnson has been flailing in his explanation of what happened. He eventually changed the story from something going on between low-level staffers (does anybody think a Senate chief of staff, a former White House legislative affairs staffer, and the vice president’s legislative affairs director are low level?) to that the fake electors [came from](#) Republican Congressman Mike Kelly’s office. Kelly’s office has denied Johnson’s accusations. [Finger-pointing](#) has ensued.”