

# Informing Democracy: Watchdog identifies ongoing threat to democracy posed by Wisconsin Election Officials

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Informing Democracy—a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization made up of election professionals, researchers, and lawyers—today released its inaugural report identifying over 200 state and local election officials who exhibited anti-democratic tendencies or actions ahead of the 2022 elections.

In its new report, “[Democracy Under Threat: A Spotlight on 204 Officials Who Could Undermine Our Elections](#),” Informing Democracy lays out how anti-democratic tendencies are rampant amongst the local officials responsible for administering elections and the state officials who write election law—including in Wisconsin.

In the Badger state, Informing Democracy found many officials who provoked concern due to anti-democratic tendencies or activities, including:

- Three local officials from three jurisdictions
- 11 current state legislators, including 10 who ran unopposed in the primaries and one who ran unopposed in the general election

Assemblyperson Janel Brandtjen (AD-22), one of the anti-democratic officials identified by Informing Democracy in Wisconsin, called on then-Vice President Pence to delay certification of the 2020 election and in 2022 later sued the state in a blatant attempt to prevent the counting of military ballots.



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# Janel Brandtjen

Wisconsin Assemblyperson, District 22

- In 2022, sued the Wisconsin Election Commission to prevent counting military ballots
- Signed a letter to VP Pence asking to delay certifying the 2020 election



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# Rocco LaMacchia Sr

Kenosha City Alderman

- Used social media to spread election disinformation in 2020

You can read the full report into who could threaten elections in 2023 and 2024 [here](#).