



WISCONSIN FAMILY ACTION

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Subject: Limiting Government Powers to Close Places of Worship

From: Wisconsin Family Action

To: Interested Parties

Executive Summary

Wisconsin Family Action commissioned a question as part of Platform Communications' bipartisan Badger Battleground Polling to determine the opinions of voters on a proposed amendment to the state's constitution that would limit the government's ability to close churches during public health emergencies. The poll surveyed 500 likely General Election voters using live telephone interviews on a combination of landlines and cell phones. This survey was in the field April 7-9, 2025 shortly after the conclusion of the highly contentious Wisconsin Supreme Court race, and could be considered the first test of the upcoming mid-term environment and what issues Wisconsin voters care most about.

As part of the polling, Wisconsin Family Action asked voters about the constitutional amendment in a question that was not released publicly: **Leaders in Wisconsin are currently considering a constitutional amendment that would limit the government's broad powers that exist during times of emergencies and public health emergencies. Would you support or oppose an amendment that would ensure the state government could not force churches or other places of worship to close their doors during such emergencies?**

When prompted with the question, **55% of respondents indicated support** for such a measure while **only 31% expressed some measure of opposition**.

The proposed amendment enjoys overwhelming support from voters identifying as conservative, with **71% saying they support the measure** while left-leaning segments of the electorate are very evenly divided. Non-white voters also back the amendment strongly, with **62% in support**. Geographically, support consistently measures around 60% throughout Wisconsin, except within the Madison media market.

The Badger Battleground Poll provides public opinion data curated by Keith Gilkes of Platform Communications. Prior to his role as the founder and Executive Chairman of Platform Communications, Gilkes served as campaign manager and chief of staff to Gov. Scott Walker.