

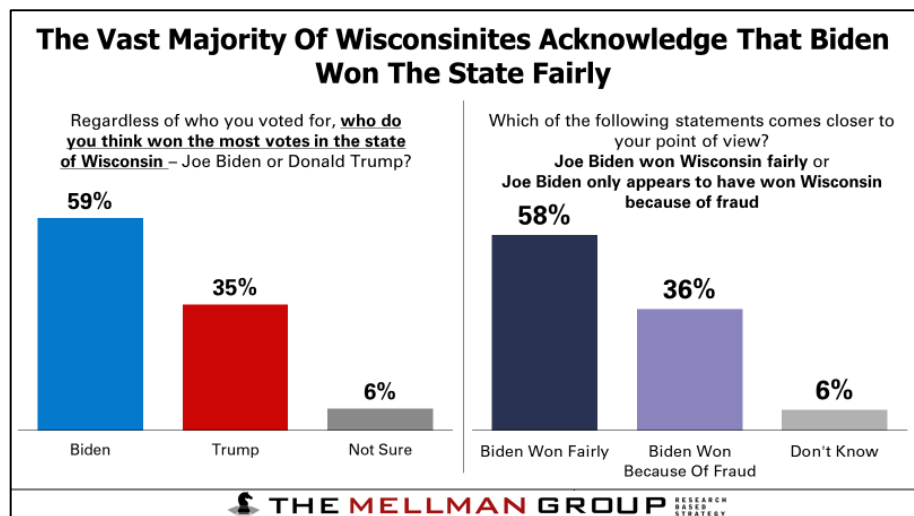
To: States United Action
From: The Mellman Group
Re: Wisconsinites Acknowledge Reality: Joe Biden Won, And We Don't Need A New, Sham "Investigation"
Date: August 9, 2021

This analysis is based on the findings of a survey of 600 registered voters in Wisconsin, using a registration-based sample. Interviews were conducted via landline, cell, and text-to-online from July 20-25, 2021. The margin of error for the sample as a whole is +/- 4.0% at the 95% level of confidence (higher for subgroups). This survey was conducted on behalf of States United Action, a section 501(c)4 organization.

Our just-completed survey reveals that Wisconsin voters believe President Joe Biden was the legitimate election winner and oppose the potential new sham "investigation" proposed by State Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, while few voters support current efforts to undermine the results.

In one of the nation's most closely divided states, where Joe Biden won by less than one percentage point:

- By a 24-point margin (59% to 35%), Wisconsin voters recognize that Biden won the election in Wisconsin.
- By a 22-point margin Wisconsinites believe Biden won fairly, not because of fraud (58% to 36%).



- By a similar 26-point margin (59% to 33%), Wisconsinites believe that there was not enough fraudulent voting to change the outcome of the election in the state.
- Sixty-seven percent (67%) of Wisconsin voters have heard at least a bit about Speaker Vos' proposed investigation.

- Those voters believe the audit cannot be trusted by a 26-point margin (52% to 26%). After everyone hears more background information,¹ voters say they will trust the official vote count already certified by Wisconsin’s election officials more than the results from this new investigation by a 22-point margin (54% to 32%).
- The aspects of Vos’ so-called “investigation” that elicited the greatest concern included the lack of transparency (50% very convincing as a reason to oppose the investigation, 18% somewhat convincing),² that the investigation would undermine basic values—that everyone should have equal freedom to vote and have their voice heard (48% very convincing, 12% somewhat convincing),³ the fact that Wisconsin election officials confirmed the results were accurate through audits required by state law (47% very convincing, 12% somewhat convincing),⁴ and that hand recounts paid for by the Trump campaign in Dane and Milwaukee Counties confirmed the initial results were accurate (47% very convincing, 12% somewhat convincing).⁵

In summary, Wisconsin voters acknowledge that Biden won the election and express serious reservations about a new “investigation.” Opponents of the investigation are most convincing when they communicate the investigation’s lack of transparency, basic values surrounding everyone’s freedom to vote and have their voice heard, and the audits and recounts that have already confirmed that the election results were correct. In a state that saw very narrow margins in the presidential election in 2020, a clear majority correctly believe Joe Biden legitimately won the state.

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1 “Just so we are on the same page, Republican Robin Vos, the Speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly, recently announced that the assembly would launch its own investigation of the 2020 presidential election run by three retired police officers and a former judge. This audit may review whether state and local election officials complied with state election laws. Investigators would have the authority to interview individuals about their vote and refer them for criminal prosecution.”

2 “We do not have answers to many basic questions about how this investigation would be conducted. The people leading it have not released important details of the investigation, with contracts calling for the findings to be – quote – “confidential.” If there is any investigation at all, it must at least be transparent, so people know what was found.”

3 “Whatever our color, background, or zip code, most of us believe we should have equal freedom to vote. But today, a handful of extremist politicians are using this so-called investigation to put up barriers to silence our voices based on what we look like or where we live. Together, we need to ensure Wisconsinites can safely and freely cast our ballots so every voice is heard and that our elections reflect the will of the people.”

4 “After the election, Wisconsin election officials conducted an audit of voting equipment as required by law, and it confirmed that the results were accurate.”

5 “After the election, the Trump campaign paid for a hand recount of all of the votes in Dane and Milwaukee Counties. Those recounts confirmed that the initial results were accurate. This investigation wastes taxpayer money on a settled issue.”