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SPIN vs. FACTS

Impeachment? With 24-hour TV news cycles, talk radio and more blogs than you can count, many Americans are very confused about impeachment. On December 18, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to impeach President Donald Trump. Your Wisconsin delegation vote was along party lines, with Democrats Mark Pocan, Ron Kind, and Gwen Moore voting to impeach; and Republicans Bryan Steil, Jim Sensenbrenner, Glenn Grothman and Mike Gallagher voting against impeachment. To be clear, the House, by voting to impeach the president, *does not mean he is removed from office*. The Senate now takes over.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) delayed releasing the impeachment articles to the Senate for more than a month; but with them released, the “trial” in the Senate is proceeding with US Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts presiding. The Senate will vote on whether to convict or acquit the president. Convicting President Trump and removing him from office requires 67 votes, or a two-thirds majority of the Senate. More information and updates can be found on our website.

Do YOU think President Trump should be removed from office? President Trump might be seen as the most controversial president in history. This is partly because of the use of instantaneous modern technology, both by him and those who would oppose or support him, a 24/7 news cycle of media critics largely biased, and the uniqueness and personal history of the man himself.

Recently a Christian publication ran an editorial saying President Trump should be removed from office. Not surprisingly this caused a great deal of confusion in the Christian community. The best and most comprehensive response to this that we have found has been made by Dr. Wayne Grudem. Dr. Grudem looks at the situation from every aspect and analyzing the facts, the law and what Scripture says, then gives a ten-page very thoughtful response with which we agree. President Trump should NOT be removed from office. You can find Dr. Grudem’s analysis on our website or call our office for a copy.

The legislative session is still active! To see a complete list of our priority legislative bills and their current status, visit our website at WIFamilyAction.org. Bill subjects include:

- Eliminating any waiting period after a divorce is finalized, before a new marriage.
- Born Alive bill.
- RU486 full disclosure bill.
- Stopping taxpayer-funded Medicaid from going to most abortion providers.
- Bill prohibiting the sale and use of body parts of aborted babies.
- Creating a tax credit for parents who experience a stillbirth.
- Creating a nonrefundable tax credit for adoption expenses.
- Prohibiting so-called “conversion therapy” for minors.
- Decriminalizing child prostitution.
- Allowing pharmacists to prescribe contraceptive drugs and patches.
- Legalizing 28 grams or less of marijuana (80 “joints”).
- Removing “personal conviction” exemption from vaccination requirements.
- Allowing voucher schools to provide pupil instruction virtually.
- Amending Wisconsin’s constitution to ensure unborn babies are considered as persons and given rights and protections (“Personhood Amendment”).
- Changing how WI’s electoral votes are allocated.

The best way to stay informed on these issues and others is to subscribe to our FREE weekly newsletters and email alerts at WIFamilyAction.org. Your subscription and contact information are confidential and will not be shared or sold.



WFA president Julaine Appling testifying against bill that would let pharmacists prescribe contraception.

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It’s Up to Us!

The decisions we make on February 18 and April 7 will affect us for at least a decade! We must be informed, make sure we each vote, and encourage our friends and family to do the same.

and women today, have sacrificed greatly for our freedom, for our form of government—for our right to vote into office those who represent us.

The people we elect will write and interpret the law on marriage and family, on life, on our religious freedom, our freedom of speech and our education system and much more. This is our opportunity to influence the policies that will affect us, our children and our grandchildren.

Will you join us in determining to make 2020 the year of the family by electing people who will uphold and defend the family in Wisconsin and in the nation? The state of the family is also the state of the state and the state of the nation. When

our families are strong, our state and our nation are strong as well. May God bless our families, our state and our nation in this New Year.

ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES!

Please help us protect the family and our religious liberty in Wisconsin by voting first on **Tuesday, February 18, 2020** and then again on **Tuesday, April 7, 2020**.

For your convenience, a return envelope is enclosed if you choose to invest in our election efforts to protect marriage, family, life and religious liberty in The Badger State.

On February 18 voters will select two candidates in Wisconsin’s Supreme Court PRIMARY election, who will then move on to the WI Supreme Court GENERAL election on April 7, 2020.

The spring nonpartisan primary on February 18, 2020 – just weeks from now – will have only one statewide race and that will be for a ten-year term on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Incumbent Justice Dan Kelly, who was appointed to the state’s high court by Governor Scott Walker when Justice David Prosser resigned, is up for election. Justice Kelly is opposed by Dane County Judge Jill Karofsky and Marquette University law professor Ed Fallone.

The April 7 election will also determine three Court of Appeals judges and 34 Circuit Court judges in areas around the state, numerous mayors, city council members, town or village supervisors, county officials, and school board members, and is also the Democratic Presidential Primary, assuming the Democratic presidential candidate has not been chosen by that time.

Quite frankly, the February and April elections will be extremely important for Wisconsin families, if for no other reason than so much rides on the composition of our Wisconsin Supreme Court. Decisions made by that court often impact marriage, family, life and religious freedom in our state for years.



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(Candidates presented in alphabetical order by last name. Check Wisconsin Election Commission website www.wisconsin.gov/elections for sample ballots.)

2020 Wisconsin Supreme Court Candidates Primary Election Voter Information Publication

Tuesday, February 18, 2020



Candidate Name & Internet Presence	Ed Fallone	Jill Karofsky	Dan Kelly
Current Position	Associate Professor, Marquette University Law School (27 years)	Dane County Circuit Court Judge (elected in 2017)	WI Supreme Court Justice (appointed by Governor Scott Walker in 2016)
Judicial Philosophy: Why Running?	"I was very concerned (with) the retirement of Shirley Abrahamson, that her departure would leave a void on the court and be lacking her vision and her courage to speak the truth... Fallone said he wants to run against Kelly because he believes his appointment to the court by former Gov. Scott Walker was a 'political reward for his loyalty.'"	"I'm a judge, I've been a local and state prosecutor. I directed the state's Office of Crime Victim Services. No one knows better than me how important it is to have a legal system that works... I believe in our history of good public schools, protecting our beautiful natural resources, and protecting civil rights for all."	"There is no end to the mischief of the judiciary causes when it abandons its role of declaring what the law is, and instead arrogates to itself the power to develop new law in place of what it received from the ultimate lawmakers – the people of the State of Wisconsin and the United States... It is my desire to serve the people of this State by applying, protecting, and preserving the rule of law in the Wisconsin Supreme Court."
Legal Experience	Law school associate professor	Assistant Attorney General, Dane County Judge	Private practice; Justice, Wisconsin Supreme Court
Major Endorsements & Interest Group Backing	• American Federation of Teachers, Local 212 ¹ • Black Leaders Organizing in Communities ² • Voces de la Frontera Action (Immigration advocates) ³ • Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett ⁴	• American Federation of Teachers, Local 212 ⁵ • Women Lead ⁶ • WI Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Dallet ⁷ • Former Governor Jim Doyle ⁸	• Pro-Life Wisconsin PAC ⁹ • Wisconsin Family Action PAC ¹⁰ • Wisconsin Right to Life PAC ¹¹ • WI Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Bradley ¹²

¹<https://www.aft.org/newsroom/press-releases/2019/04/30/fallone-announces-candidacy-for-wisconsin-supreme-court-judges-2020> ²<https://www.blackleaders.org/newsroom/2019/04/30/ed-fallone-announces-candidacy-for-wisconsin-supreme-court-judges-2020> ³<https://www.vocesdelafrontera.org/newsroom/2019/04/30/ed-fallone-announces-candidacy-for-wisconsin-supreme-court-judges-2020> ⁴<https://www.milwaukeejournal.com/news/politics/ed-fallone-announces-candidacy-for-wisconsin-supreme-court-judges-2020> ⁵<https://www.aft.org/newsroom/press-releases/2019/04/30/fallone-announces-candidacy-for-wisconsin-supreme-court-judges-2020> ⁶<https://www.womenlead.org/newsroom/2019/04/30/ed-fallone-announces-candidacy-for-wisconsin-supreme-court-judges-2020> ⁷<https://www.wisconsinrighttolife.org/newsroom/2019/04/30/ed-fallone-announces-candidacy-for-wisconsin-supreme-court-judges-2020> ⁸<https://www.wisconsinrighttolife.org/newsroom/2019/04/30/ed-fallone-announces-candidacy-for-wisconsin-supreme-court-judges-2020> ⁹<https://www.prolifewisconsin.org/newsroom/2019/04/30/ed-fallone-announces-candidacy-for-wisconsin-supreme-court-judges-2020> ¹⁰<https://www.wisconsinfamilyaction.org/newsroom/2019/04/30/ed-fallone-announces-candidacy-for-wisconsin-supreme-court-judges-2020> ¹¹<https://www.wisconsinrighttolife.org/newsroom/2019/04/30/ed-fallone-announces-candidacy-for-wisconsin-supreme-court-judges-2020> ¹²<https://www.wisconsinrighttolife.org/newsroom/2019/04/30/ed-fallone-announces-candidacy-for-wisconsin-supreme-court-judges-2020>

For general Wisconsin election information visit myvote.wi.gov. Early in-person voting will begin by Tuesday, February 4, 2020, in most communities. Check with your municipal clerk for exact dates and times. Municipal clerk contact information is available at myvote.wi.gov. This Voter Information Publication is for educational purposes only. It does not constitute an endorsement.

Two copies of our informational voter publication are enclosed, one for you and one to share with others. Feel free to make copies of this and share with your friends, family and church members. Visit WIFamilyCouncil.org for links to virtually any election-related question you might have, including voting locations and sample ballots for communities anywhere in the state.

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of these 2020 elections.

Throughout the world, most people do not have the opportunity to elect their officials in a free-and-fair election process. Our ancestors, and our servicemen



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Return on Your Investment!

- **Historic efforts** were made in the 2019 WI Supreme Court race, when Justice Brian Hagedorn was elected. Research shows that WFC's and WFA's education and direct political efforts were instrumental in turning the tide in this election.
- **Victories in the legislature.** A complete and current legislative summary is on our website at WIFamilyAction.org.
- **Holding elected officials accountable.** When Governor Evers raised the LGBT "Pride" Flag over the State Capitol and authorized other state and public buildings to do the same, we launched a petition drive. More than 10,000 Wisconsin residents told Governor Evers he had gone too far.
- **The Church Ambassador Network was launched.** Pastors from across our state serve as ambassadors, with the sole purpose of developing meaningful redemptive relationships with and ministering to our elected officials.
- **The WI Cultural Indicators Report** informs our state's leaders and elected officials of trends affecting our state and families. This publication is designed to help decision-makers and leaders craft policy and programs that strengthen marriage and families and in doing so strengthen our communities and state.
- **Providing resources for parents.** Our children are often the targets of the onslaught of deceptive and dangerous ideas and concepts being promoted by LGBTQ proponents. From the indoctrination of our children in the classrooms, to Drag Queen Story Hour in our libraries, or allowing biological boys in girls' changing or shower facilities, our children are at risk. Parents must be equipped to not only speak to their children about the transgender issue but to know their rights.
- **Educating, serving and equipping pastors and churches.** We organize small-group pastor events and meetings in different parts of the state. Our monthly "Church Connection" is a bulletin insert we print and ship to nearly 400 churches, providing valuable insight and information to congregations. Samples of our "Church Connection" can be found at WIFamilyCouncil.org. If you would like your church to receive the "Church Connection," please call our office at 866-849-2536.
- **Investing in the next generation** is a priority. We are thrilled to announce we are bringing the LEAD program to Wisconsin as a summer camp for teens, starting in August of 2020. This summer camp could literally transform the lives

of young people, opening their eyes to the importance of knowing and learning how to articulate issues of the day. Parents and grandparents, if you are interested in finding out more about LEAD for a youth in your family, please call us at 866-849-2536.



- **Strategically utilizing technology.** Your voice for your values is broadcast or shown thorough a variety of media extending throughout Wisconsin. In 2019 we did more than 50 media interviews on a variety of subjects, in addition to daily, weekly and monthly radio programs, monthly TV shows, weekly email alerts and newsletters, podcasts, and a robust social media presence using Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.



Reserve a place for your friends and family today! Space is limited.

Thursday, February 6, Oshkosh - Pizza Ranch
 Thursday, February 20, Wausau - City Square Center
 Thursday, March 5, Appleton - Machine Shed
 Thursday, March 12, Plover (TBD)
 Thursday, March 26, Milwaukee - Golden Corral
 Thursday, April 2, Green Bay - Pizza Ranch

To make reservations, or if you would like a presentation to your church or community group, please call our office at 866-849-2536 or visit WIFamilyCouncil.org.

Local Elections Have REAL Consequences

Earlier this month, Appleton citizens were vividly reminded that even local elections have very real consequences. Fourteen of the fifteen council members voted in favor of prohibiting so-called "conversion therapy" for minors in that community. "Conversion therapy" is basically "talk" therapy or counseling, especially used by Christian counselors in helping people who are dealing with unwanted same-sex attraction or unwanted gender confusion. It is not bullying, shaming, intimidating or using any kind of physical "therapy," none of which is appropriate regardless of the client's age. What this ordinance (so very wrongly titled the "Youth Mental Health Act") does is rob parents of the right to make the best choices for their children, trounces on the religious freedom of Christian counselors in that community who are licensed by the state, and keeps young people from getting real help and real hope.



Wisconsin Family Action alerted Appleton residents about this proposal as soon as we learned of it. We did our best to keep people informed, giving them talking points and contact information for their council members and mayor. Many citizens responded, but the elected officials chose to ignore them and instead bowed to the pressure of a small but very vocal and well organized minority.

Appleton is just the most recent Wisconsin community that has gone this route. We hope this is a wake-up call to citizens across the state. Who you elect in April to be on your city council, or town or village board, or county board, or as mayor or as a school board member is incredibly important because even local elections have very real consequences. **Help increase the likelihood of good consequences by voting for candidates who have the right values and character.**

A FIRST in History

The Annual March for Life held in January in Washington, D.C., has celebrated life and commemorated the lives lost to abortion every year in the 47 years since *Roe v. Wade*, but this year was different.

For the first time in U.S. history, a sitting president attended and spoke in person to all of those gathered at the National Mall, and indirectly, to all of us as citizens of this great county. While some other presidents have sent regards or even appeared in a video, President Trump made it a priority to stand for life by attending and speaking in person.



President Trump made his position clear when he said, "We're here for a very simple reason, to defend the right of every child, born and unborn, to fulfill their God-given potential." He went on to give one of the strongest pro-life speeches ever delivered, by any president.

He also spoke about the critical role religious freedom plays in defending the lives of the unborn, emphasizing the importance of First Amendment rights for students, medical professionals, and faith-based adoption agencies. The issues of life and religious freedom are inseparably linked.

When Americans voted in 2016, few expected President Trump to be the most pro-life president in our country's history, but he has surprised many. His actions have spoken louder than even his 2016 campaign promises.

This is another powerful reminder that **ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES.**

The values of marriage, family, life and religious liberty are under attack at every level of government—local, state and federal; and in every branch of government from the executive branch, to the legislative branch and finally the judicial branch.

The strength of the pro-life movement, the protection of children and families, the ability to not only worship on Sunday but live out our faith in the public the other 6 days of the week, and finally the election of those who represent us and craft the laws we will be governed by, all rests on us, on you

and on me.

We cannot allow ourselves to be "victims" of government, stand idly by, or just go on with our personal individual lives. If we do, our liberties will be lost—not because they were taken from us, but because we gave them up.

As a citizen of this imperfect, yet still great country—for so many reasons—we must make our voices heard with our vote and elect those who share our core, foundational values.

Plan to make your voice heard on Tuesday, February 18th in the Wisconsin Spring Primary, then again on Tuesday, April 7th, 2020. **Please VOTE your values!**