



## “The Most Important Election You’ve Never Heard Of!”

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On April 4<sup>th</sup>, the people of Wisconsin will elect a seventh justice to the State Supreme Court and break the 3-3 tie on the politically divided court. The consequences of that election cannot be overstated. With the Wisconsin Supreme Court soon expected to hear challenges to basic citizen rights and freedoms, the new justice – a Republican or a Democrat – will become the deciding vote on several critical decisions.

Ben Wikler, chairman of the Wisconsin Democrat Party, counts down five reasons why the Wisconsin Supreme Court election matters.

### **REASON 5: WISCONSIN’S EXTREME ABORTION BAN**

Wisconsin has an archaic 1849 abortion ban—one of the harshest in the country. The new justice could determine whether that ban will be enforced.

### **REASON 4: THE CERTIFICATION OF THE 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

By just one vote, the Wisconsin Supreme Court narrowly dismissed a Trump challenge to awarding the state’s ten electoral votes to Joe Biden in 2020. The new justice could be the deciding vote on similar challenges in 2024.

### **REASON 3: VOTING RIGHTS**

Last year, the Wisconsin Supreme Court eliminated drop boxes and prohibited loved ones and caregivers from returning absentee ballots on a voters’ behalf. The new justice could determine whether the court continues to favor voter suppression policies.

### **REASON 2: THE COURT UNDERMINING WISCONSIN’S DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR**

The partisan Supreme Court upheld Republican lame-duck laws that stripped power from the incoming Democratic Governor before he took office in 2019. The new justice could decide if the court continues to ignore Wisconsin law.

### **REASON 1: GERRYMANDERED MAPS**

Wisconsin voted for Democrats in 14 of the last 17 statewide elections, yet, thanks to the court’s approval of Republican gerrymandered maps, the GOP holds supermajorities in both state legislative chambers and six of eight seats in the US House of Representatives.