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#### DICK ELLIS

## **A Call to The Ballot**

# Wisconsin deer hunters, anglers critical to November election

ow far we've strayed in 248 years. From the father of our country on his knees seeking God's guidance to defeat the most powerful army in the world at Valley Forge, to a country staggered today and brought to its knees by a corrupt government protected by a corrupt media. Who could have foretold not only these enemies within, but that the Wisconsin hunter and angler would play a critical role on whether or not our Republic "For the People" stands or falls forever in November?

At the final crossroads now on the eve of what could be America's final election, one path means the reaffirmation of the forefathers' declaration that inalienable or God-given rights stand; rights that include owning a gun and hunting, worshipping or not as we choose, and speaking and debating freely without fear, with a Supreme Court guided by the Constitution to preserve or change the laws that make us uniquely American. The other path surrenders those rights of the people and instead hands it solely to the elite and the few, beginning with corrupt politicians from both sides.

Wisconsin is home to one million anglers and 600,000 deer hunters. What the radical elite historically counts on from that population despite the potential to wield a large stick, is a disengaged voting bloc when it's time to cast a ballot. Hundreds of thousands of Wisconsin sportsmen and women are not registered to vote. We are a reliable statistic of apathy to those who want us to stay home in November. Because we are disengaged, we are also vulnerable to the daily media lies protecting the power structure while stealing our freedoms.

Disenchanted hunters are abandoning long-established places to hunt and even their hunting heritage altogether as deer numbers decline. The lie though, hides the astronomical increase in wolf numbers and tells us that state and federal mismanagement are not to blame. Wisconsin







Like thousands of other hunters in northern Wisconsin and ever-expanding regions south as wolf numbers increase, Ellis family and friends have experienced the decimation of deer numbers. Vote out lawmakers who appoint fish and game managers who can't count, and place the wolf ahead of the hunter, rancher, and pet owner.

fishermen don't know today the quality or quantity of walleye fishing seen just decades ago in the north country. The lie though, tells us that it is man-made global warming and not spearing that is decimating the fishery.

Read our investigative reports in this issue. Read our twoyear investigative reports on the wolf and the correlation with the decline of Wisconsin deer hunting on our homepage at www.onwisconsinoutdoors.com. Ask us for PDFs of our work to share with your fellow hunters and you will receive it that day. We hope too that you participate in our ongoing wolf population census with your trail-cam photos proving the DNR totally inadequate.

We are an immense militia of Wisconsin hunters and anglers. Take the gift of the ballot that our forefathers gave us. Preserve our freedoms, heritage and traditions for those yet to follow. Peacefully defend America.

Vote November 5th, or before.

#### **On The Cover**

Veteran Vietnam Helicopter pilot Steve Ellis, shot down and badly wounded in 1970, was grateful to the Cobra gunship pilots who saved the lives of him and his crew under intense fire, enabling Ellis to return home to Wisconsin. An avid hunter, his new lease on life enabled him to continue his lifelong passion for deer hunting.

Ellis left rapidly declining hunting in Iron County (cover photo) in northern Wisconsin to good hunting again in central Wisconsin's Clark County. The wolves that sent him south are now firmly established on his new hunting property. Read his comments in this issue on page 4, "Seeking Wolf Photos" and view the photo Ellis submitted of five wolves on a deer kill on his new hunting land.

# When Our Country Hangs in The Balance



George Washington Prays for God's guidance at Valley Forge.

"It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible."-George Washington.

Arnold Friberg painted "The Prayer at Valley Forge" to celebrate our country's bi-centennial in 1976. His now famous painting has been an important part of American history, reminding us of the days that our country hung in the balance.

It was during the long, cold winter of 1777-78 at Valley Forge that General Washington sought God's help, in the woods alone and on his knees, a story well documented in the historical records. Isaac Potts, 26, was a resident of Valley Forge and a Quaker opposed to the war. He supervised

the grinding of the grain that Washington ordered the neighboring farmers to bring to his army and came upon the scene never to be forgotten.

"I tied my horse to a sapling and went quietly into the woods, and to my astonishment I saw the great George Washington on his knees alone, with his sword on one side and his cocked hat on the other," said Potts. "Such a prayer I have never heard from the lips of man. I left him alone praying. I went home and told my wife, 'I saw a sight and heard today what I never saw or heard before.' We never thought a man could be a soldier and a Christian, but if there is one in the world, it is Washington. We thought it was the cause of God and America could prevail."

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#### **JOHN ELLIS**

# **Walleyes in Wisconsin's Ceded Territory**

On Wisconsin Outdoors (OWO) is running a continuing series on the damage being done by Chippewa tribal spearing, to the walleye population in Wisconsin's Ceded Territory.

"Walleyes in Wisconsin's Ceded Territory; The real reason for their population decline" was published in our March/April, 2023 issue. It used math and biology to expose the Wisconsin DNR and Chippewa Tribal Leaders as being responsible for the removal of a calculated 13,418,237 "keeper walleyes" (fish weighing between 1 ¾ and 2 pounds) from Ceded Territory lakes since 1985. The removal of the fish averaged 40,538 walleyes per lake.

"Walleyes in Wisconsin's Ceded Territory-Part Two" was published in our May/June, 2023 issue. It exposed that while only Chippewa tribal members (about 1% of the Wisconsin population) have participated in spearing Ceded Territory walleyes, all residents of Wisconsin have been helping to subsidize their destruction by paying the tribes to restock them. It also explained that the restocking is an exercise in futility because there is no substitute for the lost natural reproduction of the speared fish.

When Part Two was published, OWO reported that the DNR had paid the *Sokaogon Mole Lake Tribal Fish Hatchery* \$327,478.00 for walleye restocking between 2020 and 2022. Since April 11, 2023, OWO has had an open records request for the amounts paid to the tribes going back to 2013. As of this writing the DNR has not



Tim Tautges with a stringer of healthy male walleyes caught in late April on the Wolf River near New London.



Another fat spring walleye caught on the Wisconsin River near Stevens Point by Ronald Hall, left, and John Niko.

provided us with the information.

Both articles can be viewed in archived issues at *onwisconsinoutdoors.com*.

### Part Three-The impact of 2023 spearing

It takes roughly 1,000,000 walleye eggs to produce 125 "keeper walleyes". These are fish that weigh between 1 ¾ and 2 pounds. The average egg drop per walleye during spawning is 85,000 eggs. This means that it takes 12 female walleyes to produce 125 keeper walleyes. \* The math rounded to the nearest number is;

 $1,000,000 \div 85,000 = 12$  female walleyes.

According to the Wisconsin DNR the number of walleyes speared in Wisconsin's Ceded Territory in 2023 was 27,460. Conservatively, ten percent of those were females or 2,746. \*\* The math is;

 $27,460 \times .10 = 2,746$  female walleyes speared.

Because of the 2,746 female walleyes speared, 28,604 keeper walleyes will never hatch. The math is;

 $2,746 \div 12 \times 125 = 28,604$  keeper walleyes that will never hatch.

Because a 50/50 male to female ratio is the norm in nature, if half of the 28,604 keeper walleyes that will never hatch were females that only spawn once, we have an additional 148,979 keeper walleyes that will never hatch. The math is;

 $28,604 \div 2 \div 12 \times 125 = 148,979$  keeper walleyes that will never hatch.

Because it takes a female walleye 4 to 5 years to reach maturity, and the average age of walleyes in Wisconsin is 7 years, we can conservatively assume 2 spawning years or

an additional 148,979 keeper walleyes that will never hatch.

### The total impact of the 2023 Tribal Spearing Season.

- 1. 27,460 walleyes were directly removed from the lakes as they tried to reproduce. 2,746 were females.
- 2. 28,604 keeper walleyes will never hatch because of the females speared.
- 3. 148,979 keeper walleyes will never hatch because of the loss of one spawning year.
- 4. 148,979 keeper walleyes will never hatch because of the loss of a second spawning year.

Added in total, 354,022 keeper walleyes (1 ¾ to 2 pounds) were removed from the Ceded Territory by the 2023 Tribal Spearing Season.

The damage done to Wisconsin's Ceded Territory walleyes by one spearing season is easily proven using math and biology. As long as DNR and Chippewa Tribal Leaders ignore this, and continue abusing the resource, walleyes there will continue to be decimated.

\*Walleye Tactics, Tips and Tales. Mark Strand. North American Fishing Club.

\*\*According to the DNR, only 21,120 of the 27,460 walleyes speared were examined for sex. Of those, 12.4% were females. OWO conservatively used 10% for our calculations.



#### **JOHN ELLIS**

# The real reason walleyes are disappearing in the Ceded Territory

he Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Zachary Feiner of the University of Wisconsin-Madison want you to believe that "climate change" and not mismanagement is responsible for declining walleye numbers in our state. They say Wisconsin lakes where walleyes have always thrived have suddenly become too warm. Feiner of the UW Limnology Department, and a liaison to the DNR, said in a recent article, "Much of the work in the future is, I think, going to be on the social side, laying the ground work for people to be able to accept changing fisheries."

Feiner and the DNR want to condition you to believe the ridiculous, so you don't look too closely at the obvious. Walleyes are thriving all over Wisconsin except in the Ceded Territory. There, the walleye population has been decimated by poor management of the fish by the people in charge; Chippewa Tribal Leaders and the DNR. For four decades they have presided over the continuous removal of walleyes from lakes through tribal spearing as the fish tried to reproduce. Get your calculators out and follow along. The adjacent column tells the real story of what happened to the walleye population in Wisconsin's Ceded Territory. 🎾

One common theme rings true for walleye anglers north, south, east and west of Wisconsin's Ceded Territory. Despite fishing pressure, for example, light on Canadian lakes and heavy on state rivers during the spring runs, walleyes grow bigger and in far greater numbers than in waters where spearing is allowed. Roger Mayer caught and released these fish in 2024 on a central Wisconsin lake.

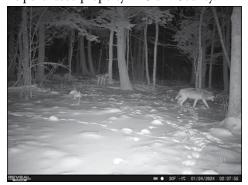
#### **DICK ELLIS**

# **Seeking Wolf Photos** *OWO's informal census continues*

n Wisconsin Outdoors' informal wolf census continues. Please send your trail cam photos, videos, or handheld camera shots of wolves in Wisconsin to: wolves@onwisconsinoutdoors.com. List the county where the photos were taken, the date, and verify the number of wolves visible in each photo. Your name will not be published without your permission.

OWO publishers do not believe the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) population estimate that place wolf numbers in Wisconsin at 1007 animals during the winter of 2022/23. We do believe that an unmanaged wolf population in the state directly correlates with a severely declining deer hunting experience. We believe that the decline in our Wisconsin tradition will magnify further as individual wolves and wolf packs continue to expand to create an increasingly out-of-balance predator/prey ratio. Attacks on domestic pets and livestock will continue to increase.

And we believe we are among the majority of Wisconsin deer hunters. This issue, the OWO publishers sought feedback from our eldest brother, Steve Ellis, who introduced us to hunting deer in Taylor County and helped build the family cabin in Vilas County before moving his growing family to hunt Iron County. In the last year, he purchased property in Clark County.



1-24-2024 Lincoln County 2 Wolves



6-9-2024 Columbia County 1 Wolf

"For the past 23 years we've watched the wolf population increase and spread out across Wisconsin, and the deer hunting has become profoundly worse because of it," he wrote. "We have a real wolf problem, and the so-called authorities are not doing a thing to solve it. In 2001 we built a cabin in Iron County for the primary purpose of deer hunting. There were wolves around, but there were also a lot of deer. It seemed to work out fine.

"When I say 'a lot' of deer, the number was really pretty modest. I expected to see about six deer total during the nine-day gun season. One would be a buck; I'd get him and be happy. Over the next 20 years, that level of hunting became steadily worse as the wolf population increased. In the last four years in Iron County, I never saw a single deer, and my deer stands were literally overrun with wolf tracks.

"I ended up selling the cabin in 2023 and buying hunting land in Clark County. It

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8-5-2024 Jackson County 1 Wolf



3-13-2015 Monroe County 1 Wolf



7-20-2024 Clark County 5 Wolves





3-17-2024 Price County 4 Wolves



8-6-2024 Oneida County 6 Wolves



4-23-2024 Portage County 4 Wolves



8-18-2023 Adams County 2 Wolves



7-28-2024 Vilas County 1 Wolf

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#### **CONGRESSMAN TOM TIFFANY**

# President Trump Was Right to Delist The Wolf In proper numbers, Gray Wolf is welcome in Wisconsin

re you in a better position now than you were four years ago? For many, the answer is a resounding no.

Because four years ago when President Trump left office, inflation was low, our border was secure, the world was less chaotic, and the average 30-year mortgage rate was 2.65%.

Fast forward to the present day, grocery prices have surged by 21.2%, millions of illegals are overwhelming our border, a record 11 U.S. embassies have undergone evacuation, and the average 30-year mortgage rate stands at 7.36% under President Biden.

But that's not all.

Wisconsinites were also gearing up for their first wolf hunt since 2014, thanks to President Trump.

On October 29, 2020, after more than 45 years since gray wolves were first protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), President Trump's Department of the Interior removed the species from the ESA – citing its remarkable recovery with over 6,000 wolves in the U.S.

Following this delisting, Wisconsinites conducted a successful wolf hunt to maintain population control while ensuring the wolves have a continued presence on the landscape.

Nonetheless, a year after Wisconsin's effective wolf hunt, a California judge vacated the final 2020 rule thereby restoring ESA protections for the gray wolf across most of the United States.

It prompts the question: What expertise does a California judge have about the gray wolf population in Wisconsin?

Wisconsin farmers, ranchers, sportsmen, and pet owners have seen enough real-world evidence to know that it is their livelihood and future that's endangered, not the gray wolf. Yet, radical environmental groups and judges have turned the ESA into a statutory Hotel Califorina, where animals check into the endangered species list, but they may never leave.

However, I'm working to change that. Alongside Congresswoman Boebert, I introduced H.R. 764, the Trust the Science Act. This bill aims not only to delist the gray wolf across the lower 48 states but also to shield the issuance of the final rule from judicial review.

This last aspect is crucial. It means that activist judges – like the one in California – wouldn't have the authority to dictate how Wisconsinites manage their wolf population. Instead, the delisting would be safeguarded from judicial interference, allowing states to manage their gray wolf populations without fear of a relisting.

No one understands the gray wolf population better than those who live among them, and it is high time we empower Wisconsinites to oversee our own wolf population.



Sent by a resident of Bayfield County, a pack of at least three wolves feed on a cow kill.

President Trump was right to delist the gray wolf, and as his Secretary of Interior stated, "The gray wolf has exceeded all conservation goals for recovery... This species is neither a threatened nor endangered species."

President Trump's reelection is imperative to ensure we can finish the task of returning wolf management back to We the People.

Congressman Tom Tiffany was elected to represent Wisconsin's Seventh District. The Trust the Science Act passed out of the House Natural Resources Committee and the House. The next step would be for the U.S. Senate to vote on it.

#### **DICK ELLIS**

## Wolf Attacks on Pets, Livestock Increase

# Loss of family dog leaves owners questioning management

he night of March 5, 2024 near Ashland Wisconsin, Julie Brilla let her 11-year-old labrador retriever, Cassi, out of the home to do her business. Within minutes, her husband John Brilla heard the dog bark in the backyard and Julie went to the door to let Cassi back in. There was no answer from the dog and she was nowhere to be seen.

They immediately called their sonin-law, Greg Martinsen, who arrived within 10 minutes on his Polaris Ranger. What Greg found he described as "horrific."

"The lab was lying dead and steaming in the field 100 feet from their house," he wrote. "The dog was split wide open and the wolves had started eating her. I know there will be questions on whether it was truly wolves. I can say with 100 percent certainty it was."

That fact was verified when the family took Cassi to Ashland, Martinsen said, and met with Ethan Rossing, a wolf specialist with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Rossing completed an examination confirming the wolf attack. This follows confirmed wolf attacks on pets, livestock and sporting dogs annually in Wisconsin where wolves are listed as endangered



Cassi, an 11-year-old Labrador Retriever and family dog owned by Julie and John Brilla, was killed by wolves near Ashland after being briefly let out of the family home the night of February 5. The graphic photo is used per request of the owners who want other pet owners to be aware of the danger posed by wolves.

and not hunted, and recent DNR wolf management practices opposed by many. DNR wolf population estimates are widely challenged as below reality, with the negative consequences already evident for hunters and largely undetermined for residents over much of Wisconsin.

"This experience should be seen as an eye opener for anyone with pets," Martinsen said. "This didn't happen in the middle of the national forest. This happened in their backyard. These wolves knew what they were doing and they made quick work of the family dog. Please take the time to call your state and federal legislators and demand some management of these killing machines. Thank you to Ethan Rossing from the USDA and Game Warden Phillip Brown for your professionalism during this tragic incident."

"Some would say that this land is the wolf's domain, but when they take a beloved, loyal companion, 50 feet from my house, they're encroaching on my domain," Julie Brilla wrote to OWO. "This was not a humane death. It was horrific. The deer population is way down in our area also, with many sightings of wolves. Hopefully, something can be done to better manage the wolf population, so we don't have more of these terrible tragedies. Thank you."

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#### **ERIC HOVDE**

# **Elections Matter** *Starting with Wisconsin's Outdoors*

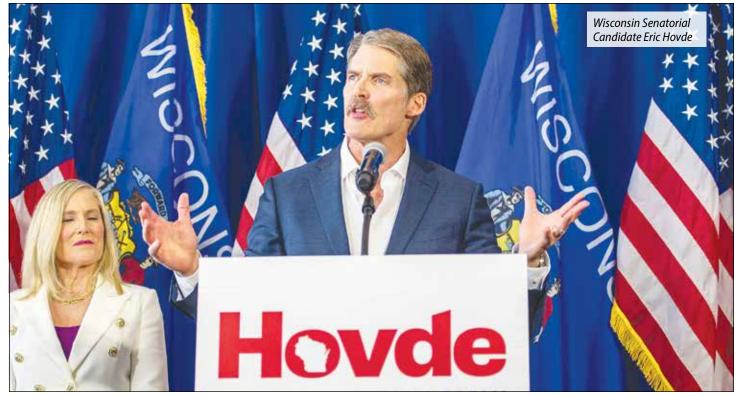
Then we listen and watch, Wisconsin's outdoor classroom will teach us about every aspect of American life. With the liberal agenda injecting radical philosophies over even fish and game management decisions, the greatest lesson is that Wisconsin and national elections matter. Who will you trust to make judicial and other appointments affecting everything we do, including the outdoor recreational activities that you cherish?

Will you as a a Wisconsin deer hunter, for example, be considered less important than the gray wolf, or perhaps not at all, when federal laws are passed or decisions rendered from the bench? The wolf is welcome in Wisconsin in proper numbers in balance with other predators and prey. But not in excessive numbers that take away the heritage of Wisconsin residents.

Families have built traditions passed down across generations on the lakes and in the fields of our beautiful Wisconsin. 600,000 deer hunters look forward to being on stand starting in September. Thanksgiving has always included a certain gratitude for being together again with family and friends at cabins and homes across the state. A break from the hunt for football games and talk of more memories made in the field are all part of the hunt. And hopefully, marinated venison tenderloin on the grill or sausage made in Wisconsin is the bonus. The hunt is more than hunting.

Your heritage though, is being stolen from hundreds of thousands of hunters. Deer numbers decline as wolf numbers explode. As this is written, DNR conservation wardens are investigating an incident between young duck hunters in Oneida County where one of at least five wolves aggressively approached their open shore blind and was killed within 10 feet of the hunters. Wolf depredation of pets, livestock, and sporting dogs continues to increase. And deer numbers decline, especially in the north country but a problem migrating south with wolf expansion forced by too many animals. That is mismanagement.

Too many hunters report not seeing a deer in years and are considering giving



up the sport they love, and the traditions they grew up with. Wolves and wolf tracks dominate the landscape in too many areas. Federal judges and our DNR place wolf numbers far below the reality, disregard the collective objections of masses of hunters, and ignore the evidence in making management decisions. In fact, social science, an absurd term that places heavy emphasis on how even non-Wisconsin residents "feel" about the wolf here has weighed more heavily in management decisions than actual fact-based science. Recent DNR surveys have enabled nonresidents, and often anti-hunting activists, to not just vote on the issue, but to vote as often as they like as an advisory source for state game managers.

Look deeper. Today, the wolf remains federally listed as endangered due to the decisions of a radical California judge. Even Wisconsin's Endangered Resources license plate promotion offers the graphic of the Gray Wolf as an option, misleading residents not engaged with the issue to actually perceive the wolf as endangered. We know better.

I'm also aware that annually, one million

anglers anticipate the first Saturday in May and the start of Wisconsin's open water fishing season. But in northern Wisconsin's ceded territory, the walleye population has been decimated by mismanagement initiated once again by a judicial decision decades before that abuses the fishery.

Donald Trump, we know from his first term, nominates only Constitutionalist judges to the courts. As your senator, I will also follow the Constitution and the law in all decisions, and provide you and all of Wisconsin with leadership you can rely on in the field, on the water, at the gas pump, in the grocery store, and on the border. Tammy Baldwin and Kamala Harris have proven that they will not.

Elections do matter. And so do Wisconsin traditions born in the fields and passed down across generations. Wisconsin hunters and anglers represent an immense and unique population empowered with the ballot to peacefully preserve their heritage for the generations of tomorrow.

Together, let's reclaim the Wisconsin and America our parents handed to us. Thank you for your vote. I look forward to the privilege of representing you.



Among a pack of approximately five, this wolf was killed after aggressively approaching a young hunter in Oneida County. Wardens recovered the carcass and have conducted an extensive investigation.

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#### **DICK ELLIS**

# "They Don't Fear Lies, They Fear Truth"

# Media, Democrat corruption compels RFK to suspend campaign, endorse Trump

iting corruption in media and the Democratic Party, independent candidate for president Robert F. Kennedy Jr. suspended his campaign August 23 and endorsed Donald Trump. Kennedy appeared with the former president later at a rally in Glendale, Arizona.

Kennedy is pulling on average at 5 percent and will remove his name where possible from the battleground states where suspending the campaign has the potential for massive impact. He is supported by high numbers of young voters and independents.

Kennedy said that he discovered strong agreement with Trump in personal meetings on high priority issues. These include securing the border, protecting freedom of speech, ending "forever wars" and the childhood disease epidemic, and removing US intelligence agencies from "the business of propagandizing, censoring and surveilling Americans and interfering with our elections." He said the alliance would allow he and



Robert Kennedy joins Donald Trump at a rally in Glendale, Arizona August 23 shortly after suspending his campaign and endorsing the former president.

Trump to "disagree publicly and privately and furiously when needed on issues we differ on, while working together on the existential issues on which we are in accordance."

Trump said at the rally that he would also open up to the American people all files on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy kept hidden for 60 years, and on the attempt

on his own life July 13. Like JFK assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, government investigators quickly concluded that Thomas Matthew Crooks acted alone in the attempt on Trump despite numerous questions remaining unanswered.

RFK Jr. was scathing in his attacks on mainstream and social media, the Democratic Party, President Biden, and current DNC candidate Kamala Harris. He called democracy "little more than a slogan" for political institutions, media, government, and the Democratic Party. "In the interest of serving democracy, democrats set itself to dismantling it," he said. "Lacking confidence in Harris that she could win at the voting booth, the DNC waged legal warfare against President Trump and myself. To subvert the will of the voters, they deployed DNC-aligned judges to throw me and other candidates off the ballot, and throw President Trump in jail."

Kennedy directly challenged media representatives in attendance on censorship

of political speech and the First Amendment, calling it the most sacred right on which all Constitutional Rights rest. "I ask you to consider the many ways that your institutions have abdicated this really sacred responsibility," he said. "It's the duty of the free press to safeguard democracy, and to challenge always the party in power. Instead of maintaining that posture of fierce skepticism toward authority, your institutions have made them government mouthpieces, stenographers for the organs of power. You alone haven't caused the devolution of American Democracy, but you could have prevented it."

"The mainstream media was once the guardian of the first amendment and democratic principles. But it's joined the systemic attack on democracy. Media justifies their censorship on the grounds of combatting misinformation. But government and oppressors don't censor lies. They don't fear lies. They fear the truth. And that's what they censor."

#### **DICK ELLIS**

# A Picture is Worth 1,000 Words Censorship and election interference

ritical thinking by all voters in interpreting media propaganda or truth is imperative. The assassination attempt July 13 of Donald Trump in Butler, Pennsylvania offers lessons. Although disengaged voters were likely not tuned-in to the campaign event live, they were with few exceptions, part of the audience of literally millions world-wide who would view the shooting and the images captured by photographers later. The vast majority watched the former president with bloodied face and fist defiantly urging his supporters to "fight" moments after being shot with the backdrop of the hanging American flag. The image would quickly gain status as "iconic", or immediately recognized by almost everyone.

A photo is indeed worth 1000 words. When a vivid memory imprinted on the masses is universally interpreted as extreme courage, "iconic" becomes a threat to the media's primary goal of keeping Trump from regaining office. A threat then, to be neutralized.

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel front page photo choice for the assassination attempt might have been bleacher spectators at a Little League baseball game. The exception is two law enforcement officers visible on stage but blending in to the audience. Trump is nowhere to be seen. The reader must rely

on the photo caption information to know that Trump is there somewhere, buried under secret service agents. In contrast, the Waukesha Freeman chose the iconic photo available to any major publication interested in accurately delivering, in a snapshot, the emotional story to its audience.

#### **Publisher Note:**

The following email was sent by OWO to Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (MJS) Executive Editor Greg Borowski on August 25:

Dear Greg,

Unless my scrutiny of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel print and online issues Saturday, August 24 and Sunday, August 25 is incorrect, there was no coverage of Robert F. Kennedy Jr Friday endorsement of Donald Trump. In suspending his campaign, endorsing Trump, and announcing plans to remove his name from ballots in 10 battleground states including Wisconsin, Kennedy created major election news. As the New York Post stated in a headline prior to Kennedy's official announcement, "How RFK Jr. dropping out could have massive impact in key battleground states."

For publication in On Wisconsin Outdoors, if I am incorrect that there was no coverage of the Kennedy endorsement and

Waukesha Freeman Cover of Trump Attempted Assassination:

stated reasons why, thanks for letting me know and my apologies. Second, if I am correct, why was there no Milwaukee Journal Sentinel coverage?

Thank you for responding by noon Monday August 26. We go to press tomorrow afternoon.

I appreciate it, Greg. Dick Ellis, Publisher On Wisconsin Outdoors



No reply was received from Borowski by deadline. On Monday, August 26, MJS published an article from USA Today Network predominately focusing on Kennedy's campaign suspension and questioning whether he would be legally able to withdraw his name from certain battlegound states' ballots. No mention of Wisconsin was given. The candidate's endorsement of Trump was mentioned with four words in the seventh paragraph.

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# NSSF Releases 2024 Congressional Report Card

Firearms Industry Trade Association Grades Wisconsin Lawmakers from "A" to "F"

WASHINGTON, D.C.- NSSF, The Firearms Industry Trade Association, released its 2024 Congressional Report Card on September 26, grading sitting U.S. Representatives and U.S. Senators on key legislation that is of critical importance to the firearm industry, the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens and America's hunters and recreational target shooters.

Wisconsin Senators and House Members received grades ranging from "A" to "F".

#### **U.S. Senate Grades-Wisconsin**

Tamm	y Baldw	rin (D-W	/I):	F
Ron Jo	hnson (	R-WI):		A-

#### **U.S. House Grades-Wisconsin**

Scott Fitzgerald ((R-WI-05)	A-
Glenn Grothman (R-WI-06)	A-
Gwen Morre (D-WI-04)	F
Mark Pocan (D-WI 02)	F
Bryan Steil (R-WI-01)	B-
Tom Tiffany (R-WI-07)	A-
Derrick Van Orden (R-WI-03)	В

"This report card will be critical for voters to do their research as we head into the final stretch towards the November elections just six weeks from now," said Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF Senior Vice President and General Counsel. "NSSF's 2024 Congressional Report Card tells voters exactly where their lawmakers stand on issues including defending the firearm industry's ability to engage in the lawful commerce of firearms and ammunition and safeguarding the Second Amendment rights of customers, as well as promoting hunting and recreational target shooting-America's greatest outdoor pastimes."

"This nonpartisan report card reflects the level of support of each lawmaker on firearm industry priority legislation during the 118th Congress, between 2023 and 2024. Those grades indicate their public voting record as well as their sponsorship and co-sponsorship of key legislation, their work on committees, letters signed to support firearms industry issues and their overall leadership in championing our industry."

Grades also reflect public statements, floor statements and letters led and signed supporting key issues. Grades are meant to analyze the level of support of each lawmaker during the 118th Congress and do not constitute an endorsement or opposition to a candidate's election. The NSSF mission is to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. Formed in 1961, NSSF has a membership of thousands of manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, shooting ranges, sportsmen's organizations and publishers nationwide. For more information including the comprehensive NSSF Report Card grades for each state, connect at nssf.org.

"I support a mandatory gun buyback program." Kamala Harris. In other words, Harris supports confiscation of your guns.



Tammy Baldwin
stands with Harris/
Biden on 96 percent
of votes and received
a 2024 grade of "F"
from the Firearms
Industry Trade
Association (NSSF)
on issues protecting hunting
and the shooting sports.





#### WOLF CENSUS, FROM PAGE 4

broke my heart to do that, because we loved what it had been. But the wolves stole it, and it was gone. In Clark County, there are more deer now, but much to my disappointment, there is also a huge wolf population. Based on my experience, I know it won't be long until the deer hunting is over in Clark County, too. Already, the doe permits awarded each year seem to be decreasing. And don't even try to tell me it's not the wolves."

Steve Ellis sent us a photo for publication in this issue from his Clark County property taken on July 20, 2024 with five wolves on a deer kill with a probable sixth wolf in the background. As is our practice, we count the lower number when there is question.

By the numbers, since OWO asked for your trail cam photos of wolves, we have now published 38 photos from readers since January, 2024. This includes with this issue an additional 10 photos with wolves from five additional counties not previously represented with photos: Monroe, Portage, Columbia, Vilas and Jackson. Shots published in this issue include photos from Lincoln, Price, Clark, Oneida and Adams counties which were represented with wolf shots in previous issues.

The shots now include a total of 106 wolves scattered over 27 counties. In our ongoing project, red on the adjacent Wisconsin map will represent counties from which we have received wolf photos.

To date, using the state mark of approximately 1000 wolves, with 28 snapshots taken over 31 percent of Wisconsin's 72 counties, we have in theory captured more than 10 percent of the DNR's estimated population. The photo contributions represent only a literal snapshot of the vast territory within each of the 27 counties, with the large majority of Wisconsin counties not yet contributing a single photo to our informal survey. We're confident they will.

Thank you for sending your trail cam photos of wolves, and for informing friends, local sports shop owners, shooting clubs or other possible sources that OWO is asking for photos that will help verify or challenge state population estimates. Healthy, science-based wildlife management is only possible with accurate numbers of predator and prey serving as the foundation for decisions.

Help us verify truth in numbers. Wherever it leads us.

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#### **JOAN ELLIS BEGLINGER**

# No Place to Hide

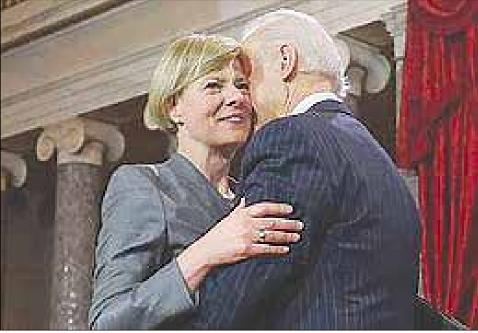
# Tammy Baldwin's disastrous voting record with Harris-Biden is no secret

Then Joe Biden touched down in Madison for a scripted campaign rally after his disastrous debate against Donald Trump, he was flanked by almost all of the big names in the Wisconsin Democratic Party. Notably missing was Senator Tammy Baldwin. In fact, she has managed to avoid all five of Biden's recent stops in Wisconsin. A reporter from WLUK caught up with her campaigning in Northeastern Wisconsin and pressed her hard for her thoughts on whether Biden is cognitively unfit for the presidency and should step aside. Though in the past she has referred to Joe Biden as the most accomplished president in a generation, she refused to offer an opinion. The most the reporter could get her to say is "It's not my decision" and "I'm focused on my own campaign." There are reasons for her nonanswer.

Despite her own four-year voting record of robotic-like support for the Biden/Harris agenda (now Harris), it's election year and Tammy Baldwin is executing her all too familiar strategy to dupe Wisconsin voters into electing her for a third six-year term in the United States Senate. She is the epitome of a career politician, having been elected to local and state offices in Wisconsin and then to the House of Representatives and Senate since 1986 when she was 24 years old.

Tammy Baldwin's reelection game plan is to deceive Wisconsin voters into believing that she is just a down-home girl with midwestern sensibilities, while bearing responsibility for the destructive liberal policies that are causing real harm to the American people. Her pattern is to fly under the radar during most of her term, quietly casting votes that impose a radically liberal agenda on the country. When it is time to campaign, she resurfaces and, with help from the corrupt media, tells a story of her service to Wisconsin that bears no resemblance to the truth.

One of her latest campaign ads touts her efforts to crack down on the fentanyl that has flooded our country, killing many, while it is her support of the open border that



Can't keep this secret Senator Baldwin. Americans for Democratic Action, self-described as a home for liberal activists, gave you a 100% rating.

allowed it in the first place. A Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article informed readers that Baldwin "passed along Wisconsin voters' concerns to the White House regarding President Joe Biden's ability to lead the country...." If Wisconsin voters were able to determine that Biden is unfit for office from our limited exposure, Baldwin should have been aware given her front row seat for nearly four years. She witnessed the severity of his decline firsthand and had the responsibility to do her part to protect the country from an unfit President. Now, Baldwin stands in full support of the newly anointed presidential candidate Kamala Harris, named in 2020 as the most liberal senator in office.

FiveThirtyEight ranks members of Congress on how often they vote with Joe Biden. Tammy Baldwin has earned a ranking of 96%, nearly perfect. The Biden/ Harris catastrophic agenda, with Tammy Baldwin's unwavering support, has plagued the country with misery and threat. We have high prices that are crushing average Americans, open borders admitting millions of illegal migrants, oppressive green regulation, infringement on individual liberty, unaddressed crime, and national security risks.

Wisconsin is far from a liberal state, yet Baldwin holds the distinction as one of the most liberal members of Congress. Voteview, a publication of the UCLA Political Sciences Department, rates her the sixth most liberal Senator in Congress. Americans for Democratic Action, which describes itself as "a home for liberal activists", gives Baldwin a 100% rating.

Americans have the opportunity to evaluate both candidates for President based on what they have done, not just what they say. We have experienced both Trump's America first leadership and a Biden/Harris agenda that dismantled that great progress in less than four years. Prior to Biden's exit, voters overwhelmingly rated

Trump in surveys as the preferred leader on issues including inflation, immigration, and national security. Harris will fare even worse. Many citizens have been counting the days until they can vote Joe Biden and Kamala Harris out of office on their record of destruction. Without a ballot being cast, one threat to America's Constitutional Republic is down, but an even greater threat remains.

Like it was for Biden in 2020, cheating remains the only path to victory for Harris. The zeal with which his supporters tried to gaslight the public about Biden's impaired condition, despite 52 million Americans having seen it for themselves during the debate, is a true indicator of how they will also attempt to alter the Harris record.

Even worse, the vulnerabilities of our election system have been well documented, with the millions of ineligible voter names the Wisconsin Elections Commission maintains on the Registered Voter lists the priority concern. The legislature continues to ignore this massive reservoir of names available for sophisticated hacking despite unrelenting calls from citizens to purge them. A free and fair election in Wisconsin remains in question. Stay on your legislators to fix the system.

The Wisconsin electorate is signaling it will choose Donald Trump in November. Tammy Baldwin was desperately running away from Joe, but she has no place to hide with her record of support for Biden-Harris clearly visible to anyone who looks. Her record confirms she has been one of the current administration's greatest enablers and, if reelected, she will be one of the greatest obstacles to Donald Trump doing what Wisconsin voters send him to Washington to do. We have a clear choice. Eric Hovde will stand solidly with Donald Trump in reclaiming our country. It's time to retire Tammy Baldwin and send Eric Hovde to the United States Senate to represent our interests. He will work with Donald Trump every day to make America great again. W

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#### **DICK ELLIS**

# **In Defense of America**

# Eyes on the olive branch, arrows at the ready

The Great Seal of the United States, used to guarantee the authenticity of American documents, symbolically reflects the beliefs and values that the Founding Fathers attached to the new nation and wished to pass on to their descendants.

On the front, or obverse side, the seal displays the coat of arms of the United States. Prominent is the eagle, America's symbol of strength and power clutching the banner inscribed with the term, "E Pluribus Unum"; from many, one. In its talons, the eagle holds both the olive branch, and 13 arrows representing the original 13 colonies prepared to defend liberty.

Always, the eagle is turned to the olive branch, signifying a preference for peace.

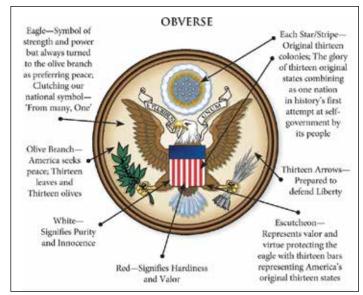
On the reverse or spiritual side, the Eye of Providence alludes to the many interpositions (coming between) of God in favor of the American cause. Novus Ordo Sedorum, or New Order of the Ages, symbolizes a new nation built on the belief of permanent, unalienable, or God-given rights. The government, the founders were telling us, works for the people.

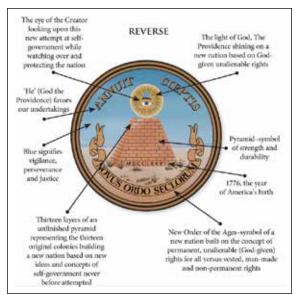
It is significant that the responsibility of the design of the Great Seal was first given in 1776 to Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and John Adams, the primary author and contributors of the writing of the Declaration of



"...How can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house." Matthew 12:29.

Recognize the lies that bind America.





American Independence. The Continental Congress adopted the Seal on June 20, 1782; six years after design began, according to this information gathered from the Heritage Foundation.

The Seal was first used officially on September 16, 1782 to guarantee the authenticity of a document that granted full power to General George Washington to negotiate and sign with the British an agreement for the exchange, subsistence and better treatment of prisoners of war. Thomas Jefferson was the first Secretary of State to have custody of the Great Seal.

The Founding Fathers believed their own freedom and more importantly freedoms to be passed down to generations following were worth dying for. 25,000 patriots lost their lives in America's war for independence. Each May, Memorial Day allows America to officially "honor and mourn" more than one million military men and women who have died since in the service of their country. July 4, we celebrate our freedoms.

Will we see another? November 5th, election day, will tell us.

Historically, America's enemies have been easily recognized. Because they were, Americans were most often united in the defense of their homeland and all that it stands for. Also recognized was that there will never again be a country like this that called so many to a new destiny, or that we were born into. When needed most, common people who wanted to live instead traded their lives to ensure generations yet to be born would have the same God-given rights and opportunities handed to them. That idea was more precious than their lives and a necessary trade if that was the cost to preserve this Republic.

Now, the most dangerous enemy to ever face the



American Cemetery at Normandy.

American people is here. Recognize it. While others were willing to trade it all for us, this enemy will take it all for them. They come from both sides of the political aisle entrenched in government, from the entertainment industry, corporate America and the education system. The complicit media though, is your greatest enemy. Disregarding a steadfast commitment to delivery of truth and protecting the citizen as is their obligation, primary to their arsenal is the lie.

False witness is defined as a person who deliberately gives false testimony; a person who has lied or who lies repeatedly. Slander is defined as the action or crime of making a false spoken statement damaging to a person's reputation. Libel is defined as a published false statement that is damaging to a person's reputation; a written defamation.

This predominantly defines American media. And erasing American history, censorship, and the orchestrated

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#### **DICK ELLIS**

# American Enemies A time to turn away. A time to turn and face.

hose of us blessed to have been born to, and raised by, men who by necessity defended America and survived to talk about it may not have heard about the most graphic memories until our fathers were in the twilight of life. A generation of WWII combat veterans mostly gone now became known for more than extraordinary courage but later, for not always being eager to share their experiences. A story my father told after being shot down as a fighter pilot, severely injured and taken prisoner after three days on the run evading German soldiers leads to the real story here; to remember the fallen.

Following capture, Lt. Don Ellis stood under guard before a German officer. Lt. Ellis had broken ribs and his hands were severely burned, the result of being shot down and bailing from the cockpit of a P-47 engulfed in flames during a strafing run in Italy on October 4, 1944. The officer asked about his injuries. The 24-year-old American pilot raised both hands, which he described graphically to his sons as "raw wieners" with no finger nails and smelling of severely burnt flesh, and responded that he would lose his hands if he wasn't given medical help.

The officer said he would receive help only in exchange for information he wanted regarding the American airfield. Instead, Lt. Ellis remained silent and turned away, afterwhich he was given immediate medical attention. Ultimately, he would lose one finger and gnarled hands would not prevent extraordinary work as an engineer throughout his life.

A more difficult loss than physical pain would come with his release from Stalag 7A; the Red Cross during a search



Lt. Don Ellis of Wisconsin Rapids

for his eldest brother informed him that Tank Commander Lt. Charles Ellis had been killed on November 30, 1944, less than two months after the younger brother had been shot down. One of six Ellis brothers from Wisconsin Rapids to serve during the war, Charles, would lose his life near the village of Kleinau, Germany, graphically detailed by a survivor of the tank battle and found online decades later by a nephew.

"In an attempt to flank the village, Lt. Ellis' tank slid into a bomb crater with four feet of water and flipped over," writes Mike Kunnen in "Tanks in a Mine Field" which graphically details many men from the platoon killed and wounded by enemy fire over one day. "Lt. Ellis was crushed



Americans killed in Europe await a final resting place.

to death attempting to jump clear. The gunner, Arnold Lien, drowned while Sgt. Oberdan Arizzi tried to talk driver Stewart and bow gunner Hullet out through the escape hatch on the bottom of the tank. Both got out."

It is right now to remember stories like these passed down over 248 years in gratitude to those who died for our freedoms. It is also right to understand that those freedoms are not ours now to give away, but our most precious gift and obligation to protect and pass on to American generations yet to be.

It is right too, if we can find the courage, to know when to turn away from an enemy. And, because we must now as a nation find the courage, when to recognize a new enemy and face it.

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and ongoing lie is pivotal to their tactics in destroying our nation.

As our country struggles now to survive, know that you are not alone and are in fact part of the great majority. Propaganda works to isolate. You are surrounded by Americans who are sickened like you at the very thought of losing our America. Count these publishers among you. Like those who have defended and sustained America across the ages, our commitment is to deliver to you only truth gained through years of watching and documenting the words of those who would destroy us.

Acknowledge now the Founding Fathers and those who died or paid a tremendous cost to preserve the idea of America. They gave you the right to defend your country now simply by casting your ballot. Your vote is for those who came before us, and for those yet to be.

Remember that lies die in the light. And remember too.... your eyes are on the olive branch.

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other." John Adams.



# "They're coming after you. I'm just in the way."

**Donald J. Trump** 



The truth can hurt. But it can also open our eyes.

Your ballot is a unique American gift of freedom passed down through the generations that will always speak louder than any act of violence.

Isn't it time that we protect him?

VOTE DONALD TRUMP, VOTE ERIC HOVDE.