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### Identified Speakers

**Tim Dake**, GrandSons of Liberty

**Shane McVey**, Eau Claire Tea Party

**Lora Halberstadt**, Racine Tea Party

Additional unidentified speakers are referred to as “**Coalition Member**”

**Tim Dake:** This presentation was put together by one of the guys in my group. A project he’s been working on, that before you guys get too scared by this, it’s joint between groups in the coalition, Americans for Prosperity, the Republican Party, a bunch of other people, but it is a non-partisan issue that deals with voter fraud and get out the vote. I’ve looked at this, so I’m going to be winging it with this. The idea behind this is that there is a problem we have to figure out what that thing is and then work on plans. Mark Musselman has put this together to present something, but we need some input from you guys on how to handle this.

And what this starts with is the voter fraud issue and he’s got some examples up here of some of the things that have happened. We’ve talked to a number of groups and Lora’s aunt belongs to one of the groups that focuses on voter fraud and clean elections and I’ve listened to one of the people in their group speak who works with a poll watcher and it is appalling what happens and what is done.

You’ve got people paying for votes. You’ve got, there’s a whole list of them on here I’m not going to go through them all, but one of these people sat outside and watched a bus with Illinois plates come in disboard everybody and because Wisconsin allows you to register the vote the day of the vote these people walked in, 30 or 40 people gave a total of like three different addresses. “I live at this address A.” “I live at this one B.” These people all registered to vote then got back on the bus with the Illinois plates, left one of them followed them. They went to the next polling place and did the same thing.

This is the kind of stuff we have going on. This year’s election coming up we have two things that we have to do. We have to put a stop to voter fraud, which that bill this year was trying to do. The second thing we have to do is find lapsed conservative voters who haven’t voted in several elections, get them back involved so we can counter those fraudulent numbers that they’re coming up with. So they got votes from dead people, votes from felons, more votes were cast in Milwaukee County in 2004 than there are registered voters. We’re not talking a few, were talking thousands more. Yes, Shane?.

**Shane McVey:** In 2004 Eau Claire County had 3,000 more votes cast than registered. That was the highest rate per capita in the state and we went to our district attorney who was quote unquote a Republican and he said, “oh there’s no evidence,” and District 30 is now Democrat.

**Tim Dake:** The things that happen in Milwaukee County and in Dane, prosecution is practically impossible because attorneys or County DAs look at this and think it’s a victimless crime is the way they look at it. They say, “We don’t have the time, we don’t have the resources to go after it. So the problem is now you see elections being stolen and we have to get these guys fired up about it, which is not happening. The other thing is you run into the racial thing. You have people screaming, “Oh, you’re denying the minorities their right to vote.” No, we’re denying their right to vote multiple times.

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**Coalition Member:** No, we're not even denying the minorities anything, we're denying fraud.

**Tim Dake:** Yes. So, what we're hoping is that the various groups in the coalition plus Americans for Prosperity and Mark Block, who has been in on this, and the Republican Party, and this is coming all the way from the top: Reince Priebus has said, "We're in." And there's a reason why these guys are volunteering to work with us. They have access to what they call Voter Vault, you know the records of voting. They can go in there and look for lapsed voters. They can go in and compare lists of voters and say, "Oh look at this. This person is registered in this county, this county, this county, and this county." And do something about this. So we're talking about a broad based support behind this idea. What they're offering is training. The two major parties are required by law to train poll workers and there are several different levels of poll workers of what you can do.

**Lora Halberstadt:** It's on that handout.

**Tim Dake:** Okay, good. Then I won't go into that. They're offering to do the training; it's not going to cost anything, but what we're looking at is statewide getting our groups involved, getting people, like my group has a 2,700 person email list. We want to hit that and see how many of these people we can get involved in this one project. The idea being at some point to go in on September 14 and November 2 and have these people involved and doing poll watching and checking. There are some consultants that have offered to step up, "We're Watching" is stepping up; attorneys from the Republican Party.

We've even got the detective in Milwaukee that wrote the report that the DA in Milwaukee County then tried to bury, showing that there were something like 6,500 more votes in Milwaukee County than there were voters. So this guy is now retired, he wants to get involved. First step is get volunteers throughout the state in the vulnerable counties – what Shane's talking about – and be able to identify these counties and be able to get some groups to say, "We're going to go out and get some people together and get them trained and we'll take this county and we'll take this county."

**Shane McVey:** I was going to say one of the things to look at is cities and universities. The college students. I was a poll watcher from 2000 to 2006 and if you've got a university in your county of your city, students will come down in droves and then they will all vouch for each other. I had this one kid come in five times with five separate groups of people and this person brings in students, they're usually from Minnesota or wherever up by Eau Claire, and you go, "Do you live here?" "Yes." "Well do you have anything that shows your address?" "No." Then that one student says, "I vouch for her, I vouch for him." And they all vote.

**Tim Dake:** Now, this may involve...Yes?

**Coalition Member:** You don't need to stop this because I raised my hand. Why wouldn't we go to the Democrat Party and say, "You believe in fair and honest elections too don't you? I mean hold their feet to the fire."

**Tim Dake:** I'll give you four words. "Good luck with that."

**Coalition Member:** So when they say, "Hell no we want voter fraud or imply it by their actions and their non-endorsement, we've got something on them."

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**Coalition Member:** It's called the media.

**Tim Dake:** This will involve, take the example of Milwaukee County if we're going to bring in lots of people to watch these precincts. I should throw out the first question I get, "Well if I live in Rhinelander how the heck am I going to come down there? How do I vote?" I mean absentee voting would work, but if you're going to try to come down and do something like this, we're talking about the defrayed costs to make this possible it means those of us in Milwaukee County or Dane County or up in Eau Claire. You know I could have a couple people at my house. I know that sounds a little scary to bring strangers in, but look at it like we're all one big extended family working towards the same thing and if somebody is willing to come from way across the state to come to your area to put a stop to this it's kind of like (undistinguishable audio).

Okay, poll watchers what you can do is you can call in a lawyer. The Republican Party, this is one of the things they're offering, they're saying they'll have their lawyers standing by so that if you call, let's say you're poll watching in say Hales Corners and you see something really fraudulent, they will send a lawyer out right away and be able to say, "Here's the deal, here's the law, this is what we expect." Bring the police in and make your complaint that sort of thing. So, we've got that. You can challenge voters through the precinct captains. This is one of the things they will teach you how to do and anybody can challenge a voter. And since the voter law did not get passed this year that could hit you with \$100,000 and three years for unsuccessfully challenging a voter, we can still do this.

**Coalition Member:** Hallelujah!

**Tim Dake:** Yes, everybody gets to take credit for that. Second prong, the problem is that up until mid October you have early voting. Supposedly, the worst fraud occurs with absentee voting and early voting. It's not what happens at the polls on Election Day, it's the people that are sending in an absentee ballot and then showing up and voting on Election Day.

So they actually get in there twice. You have the registration for early voting where these people are coming in, they're going here and registering and then they go to the next county. If all of this happens within two weeks of the election, it is virtually impossible for the clerks to catch this. Wisconsin is kind of unique among the states in that voting is handled by municipal clerks, whereas in other states it's done at the state or county level.

Fully one fifth of the voter registration handled in the United States is done by municipal clerks or actually I should say one fifth of municipal clerks in the United States are in Wisconsin, because the voter registration is done at such a low level there has to be so many of them. It's almost impossible for them to check with each other. County level gives you a chance to check around so if you're going to vote fraudulently you might vote first Wood County you have to go next door to the Marathon registrar again, but in Wisconsin, no, you can vote in Marshfield you could go to Plover. In your county you could vote repeatedly because they're not talking to each other. And this is one of the things we have to combat. It's too easy to vote repeatedly you don't have to drive long distances.

So we're talking about AFP is willing to fund doing a mass mailing to registered voters on this, about getting them involved with this, making sure that their information is current, because people periodically need to go back and check. I found, before we bought the house we lived in. Four years ago I lived in a brand new condo, the first people to live in it. I went to vote and found twelve people registered at my address. My wife and I are the only people to have lived there. Yet, there were twelve

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people registered to vote. I couldn't believe it. They said, "Wow, you must have a big family." And I'm looking at names and going, "No, there's nobody named 'Nguyen' and 'Din' and that sort of thing in my family." So that's the kind of thing we need to clean up and people need to be aware of. Go in and check who else is registered at your place and ask to have them tossed off. Work with the media on this and district attorneys. Try to get them involved early and fired up about this and say look, "We know you're shorthanded, we're hands, we're boots on the ground. We will help you, just bring the weight of the law behind us." One of the things we're going to do is take these addresses that people give and we want to send out a postcard that says, "You need to call and confirm this. And if you haven't called, well then it could get tossed out." We're also looking for when you send these cards out is they'll come back if it is an undeliverable address.

One of the people in my group owns a very large company that takes up three city blocks. Well think about this, there are people registering for nonexistent addresses. There's one big factory on this block, but you have people saying, "I live on 110, 120, 130." It's one big block and there were hundreds of people registered as if they lived in that factory. These things will come back as undeliverable because there is no mailbox there. So the goal is let's find the voter fraud ahead of time and eliminate as much of it before the elections as we can and put pressure on the authorities who are supposed to be doing something and to stop treating it as a victimless crime because we're all victims of it and let's do something. We have a chance between here and mid-October to nip a lot of this garbage in the bud. We're talking in Wisconsin, the average election is between five and eight percent fraud. If we can cut that in half, we can cut that margin significantly. Shane?

**Shane McVey:** Sorry Tim, I've been involved with this thing for so long, that one of the things that you can do is after the election is over is check the addresses and that was one of the things we couldn't get people to do after the 2004 election. Go from house to house and say, "Does John Smith live here? And you can literally trace this, you just have to have people able to do that.

**Coalition Member:** Every DA in Wisconsin is elected. And if you give them some added (indistinguishable audio). And you can bring on a writ of mandamus.

**Tim Dake:** You're a lawyer aren't you?

**Coalition Member:** Yeah.

**Tim Dake:** See there you go. There's already a resource right there. (indistinguishable audio) This is apparently a very effective deterrent, just having people standing there. Poll watching tends to discourage people when they know someone is looking.

**Shane McVey:** However be cautious. Whoever you have poll watching, you better be strong-willed because the Dems have their lawyers. In 2004 or 2006, I can't remember which election probably 2004 because it was the Kerry election, we had lawyers from Washington D.C. in Eau Claire. We had the Kerry Campaign lawyers.

The Dems just loaded up with lawyers and they will come down there and the union boys and they will try to intimidate you. I had people talking right here this little girl, pretty in pink, asking, "Who are you? Who do you work for? I'm from Washington D.C." and I looked at her and I said, "Yeah, what are you doing in Wisconsin?" The point is whoever you have doing the poll watching, because the I used to do

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poll watcher training for the Eau Claire County Republican Party and training people how to do it, how to stand up to people, what to say, how to deal with people getting in your face, because they will. The Dems will try to intimidate you.

**Tim Dake:** How difficult is that training? How long?

**Shane McVey:** It's not very long. It's just having people who have the courage and conviction because in our society we have been "wussified." You have to stand up and say, "No." I was standing in line, walking through the line and I heard this college kid say, "Yeah, my girlfriend registered me to vote online." I turned, because I just happened to be walking by the line, and made a mental note of who he was and when he got up to the registration I came up and said, "I challenge that vote." And all of a sudden the Dem lawyers were like, "You can't do that. You're trying to intimidate him." And I said, "No. I heard him tell another person in line that his girlfriend registered him to vote. I want to see proof that he actually is who he says he is."

Because he had just admitted in line that he didn't register himself to vote. The kid turned away and started freaking out and it turned out he was who he said he was, but I challenged him. We had another guy who's name was Jeff Hart, big, about six foot four and 300 pounds. He challenged the college kids' votes when they came in. Some of the Dems were raising heck, they called the district attorney and said, "We're going to have him arrested because his physical presence is intimidating and he's denying people their civil rights and then a reporter shows up from Channel 13 and Channel 18 and they stick a microphone in my face and ask, "We hear there's voter intimidation going on in Eau Claire. I just said, "Look, I've been here all day. There's no voter intimidation everyone who is registered is allowed to vote by law, we're just making sure this is a free and fair election. And so they try to claim intimidation and they'll bring a whole bunch of people. If you do challenge a vote like three people will surround you and they'll all start getting in your face and threatening you with legal action and all that stuff. You just have to be strong willed and be able to take that stuff.

**Tim Dake:** Well, here's the deal with this. They tried to pass that bill last year. If these guys get in again, you know they're going to try to pass it next year. You know they will, unless we get the right people in who we've already talked about; Joel Kleefisch and Don Pridemore have written the new bill that will clean up a bunch of this and they're going to try to get this thing passed that will get rid of registering to vote on the day of. You know, put a week in there so the clerks have some time to verify these people. So you can't just walk in and vote and go to the next place and register and keep doing this all day. But we need to clean this election up so we make sure we get the right people in there so we can put a stop to this. This session is over, there's no way we can get a good bill through there now, but we can in the next one if we get the right people in there. And this is what we need to do and as many people as we can get involved to make sure we don't get this thing shoved down our throats.

All right, so this is what we need; people who will sign up for poll watching and figure out which are the most vulnerable wards, precincts, and that sort of thing and we need to get information on the list. We need to get this out there and make them aware of this so that the public, the non-tea party movement people, the moderates and independents, the 40-45 percent in the middle look at this and say, "This is a non-partisan issue that is good for everyone." We need to do that. We need to reach out to these people.

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So, my guy says if you're willing to sign on with it, he's willing to coordinate that. He's working with the Republican Party and the Americans for Prosperity to make this happen. So, if you want to send an email to him and say, "My group wants to get involved." He's coordinating it. It's his project. He'll get it done. And I know it's kind of hard to read but it is Wisconsin GrandSons of Liberty.

**Lora Halberstadt:** As Tim mentioned, Ardis Cerny from the We're Watching Campaign is also my aunt and so she asked me to say a few things on behalf of their group related this issue. What they're trying to do is to get the Republican Party in each county working together with our groups in each county. So there's been a letter sent out to all of the county chairs from the Republican Party statewide and then also this letter I handed out to all of you was emailed the day before yesterday I think to everybody asking us to also contact the county chair to get the communication going in both directions. My suggestion to here, apparently committee is my word of the day, a committee for everything. But, I think it would be helpful in each county if we set a committee to organize this on the county level in each county. Because everything is going to be coordinated through a point person in each county through the Republican Party in each county. There should be a point person in each county from the grassroots groups in each county.

So, that would be my suggestion to all of you to contact that person. You know, Monday morning, Tuesday morning, whatever to get the ball rolling and let your group know what this is about. I should say let your groups know first and then contact that person. I think it should be a project for every one of our groups to do that so that we're all working together. We can do this separately from the Republican Party, but then we lose the access the attorneys. So, that's my two cents.

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