

# LWV in lock step with Democratic Party

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This is a response to the letters of Anita Rappe and Darlene Wellner, both of whom criticized state senators Glenn Grothman and Joe Leibham for refusing to participate in congressional candidate debates sponsored by the League of Women Voters (LWV). Rappe is the current president of the Manitowoc County LWV. Wellner is a past president.

I disagree with Rappe and Wellner and I applaud the decisions of Grothman and Leibham. Both candidates have expressed disappointment, if not disdain, for the LWV which shamelessly bills itself non-partisan and is, in fact, anything but. Why should a debate which involves only Republican candidates be held under the auspices of an organization which is, virtually, an arm of the Democratic Party? Is that an exaggeration? Hardly.

An examination of publicly and conveniently available Walker recall petition signature sheets is revealing. Both Rappe and Wellner are Walker recall petition signers. Rappe was also a Walker recall petition signature gatherer. In fact, every one of the current county LWV officers signed the Walker recall petition. I am confident that an examination of the rest of the membership of the Manitowoc County LWV would yield a similar result.

So, these self-proclaimed guardians of our sacred franchise, these protectoresses of free and fair elections, blithely aided and abetted the invalidation of the free and fair gubernatorial election of 2010. They apparently had no trouble helping to sweep aside the millions of legitimate ballots cast in that election as if those ballots were nothing more than so much waste paper in need of disposal. And they did so simply because Gov. Walker's legislative agenda conflicted with that of the Democratic Party, with whom they march in permanent lock step.

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