

Episode 57AH November 20, 2024. Election results nationally and in Wisconsin to learn from.

Episode 57AH 1 United States and 2 Wisconsin. 1 United States. RAWSEP View. Who is leading our country both nationally and at the state level for the next 4 to 6 years makes a difference in whether the United States advances a clean energy economy and makes a difference in whether Americans can clear air pollution from our neighborhoods and homes. RAWSEP besides advocating for Heat Pumps as a replacement for indoor residential wood burning, also has to point out lies and manipulation aimed at future voters from opponents of clean air regulations and opponents of government monetary support for clean air alternatives to polluting methods of home heating such as indoor residential wood burning. MAGA Republican Trump won nationally and Democrat incumbent Tammy Baldwin won for Wisconsin for the United States Senate. The facts from the following two articles are therefore important for RAWSEP to note, and possibly learn from, about how best to go forward advocating for Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates. The nine short bullet points of the Heather Cox Richardson article dated 11/18/2024 are that on a national level in the United States 1) Computer chips manufactured in the United States will bring jobs, and most importantly to RAWSEP, will support clean energy appliances such as Heat Pumps that can replace wood burning for home heating. 2) A judge struck down a rule that would allow more workers to be eligible for overtime pay, which from RAWSEP's point of view might blight support for manufacturing clean energy appliances such as Heat Pumps. 3) The Biden Administration asserts that clean energy appliances along with all the clean energy support for those clean energy appliances provided by the Infrastructure Act and the Inflation Reduction Act is here to stay. 4) Trump can refuse to advance Infrastructure Act and IRA Act supported new appliance efficiency standards. 5) Trump did not win 50 percent of the national vote. 6) Argentina's Shock Therapy, which recently created a recession, and is the model for the Trump Administration plan for slashing American government. The Trump plan is to create hardship for Americans before enabling the country to rebuild with what the Trump team terms security. 7) Trump's economic advisors are talking with Republicans in Congress about cuts to Medicaid, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as food stamps. 8) Trump's planned nominations of unqualified extremists have run into trouble. 9) Because of Biden Administration efforts, average gasoline prices are expected to fall below \$3.00 a gallon before the Thanksgiving holiday. The State of Wisconsin Senate Race was a win for a Democrat, but the Republican candidate followed the Trump playbook of 2020, or Arizona Republican's Kari Lake's gubernatorial playbook in 2022 and Kari Lake's Arizona Senate Seat playbook of 2024, of vocally objecting for weeks or more after the numbers showed the Republican election loss. Short bullet points from the article on Wisconsin Republican Eric Hovde conceding the election to Democrat Tammy Baldwin 2 full weeks after the election. B1) Hovde cited irregularities. B2) Hovde conceded the race on 11/18/2024. B3) Hovde blamed third party candidates. 4) Hovde blamed Milwaukee specifically. 5) Baldwin was declared the victor the day after the election 11/06/2024. Those bullet points in more detail. B1) Hovde last week acknowledged his defeat but also released a video where he questioned "irregularities" in the results, amplifying baseless claims raised on social media about the counting of absentee ballots in Milwaukee. B2) But in a new video released Monday morning 11/18/2024, Hovde officially conceded the race, saying that a recount would not do any good as it would not involve "a detailed review of all the ballots and their legitimacy." B3) Hovde continued to slam the influence of two non-major party candidates, which Hovde argued cost him the race. That ire has been focused mostly on Thomas Leager, who ran under the America First party banner, after it was revealed that Democratic

groups helped him get on the ballot. Hovde claimed he would have won without Leager on the ballot. But Leager received 28,724 votes, slightly less than Baldwin's 29,116-vote margin of victory. B4) Like Trump at some point on election night 2020 before Trump ultimately lost the 2020 race to Biden, Hovde had a narrow lead over Baldwin before Milwaukee and other municipalities that count their absentee ballots in one central location reported their ballots. After those results came in early in the morning after the election, Baldwin took the lead. A late night report of those absentee ballots was expected and the Milwaukee Elections Commission has said it "unequivocally refutes" Hovde's claims of problems in the city. B5) Democratic Wisconsin Senate Candidate Tammy Baldwin claimed victory in the race on 11/06/2024, the day after the election and pledged to always "fight for Wisconsin," while working with President-elect Donald Trump. A spokesperson for Baldwin's campaign said Hovde had yet to call her to concede as of 11 a.m. 11/06/2024. United States. Substack. Letters from an American (Heather Cox Richardson). November 18, 2024. **RAWSEP View**. The United States Government should instead of certifying wood stoves as safe when they are not safe go forward with regulations that ban wood stove use and direct government money for use of forest refuse only for home building and furniture building, for just a few examples of use of forest products for non-burning uses. This article in a wood burning industry magazine admits that wood burning is a substantial source of PM2.5 emissions. Yet this article since it is in a magazine that is an arm of the wood burning industry states that this wood burning should continue presumably because it is called renewable. Wood may be renewable in the sense that a tree can be planted in the place of a cut down burned tree but it takes centuries or decades for the newly planted tree to attain the stature of the cut down burned tree. During those centuries or decades photosynthesis which converts CO2 to oxygen and so sequesters some carbon will not take place at the same rate as photosynthesis was performed previously. And wood burning emits both CO2 and PM2.5, and PM2.5 is not absorbed by trees so PM2.5 is not diminished by planting a tree in the place of a cut down and burned tree. Wood burning emits 90% PM2.5 particulate matter of 2.5 micrometer size the perfect size to infiltrate the human lung setting off a cascade of human health problems and early deaths. Contrary to many beliefs wood burning emits 2.8 times the PM2.5 as the fossil fuel coal burning and wood burning emits 450 times the PM2.5 as the fossil fuel natural gas burning. Replacing coal burning with wood burning creates more air pollution in the form of CO2 and PM2.5 than coal burning. This emission data comes from testing the cleanest burning wood stove in the United Kingdom the EcoDesign wood stove. An international convention does not count the emissions from wood burning. The emissions from wood burning are erased from all countries around the world when calculating if each country has met its Climate Goals. This non counting or erasure of wood burning emissions data from Climate Goals does not mean wood burning emissions do not exist. The article below from Heather Cox Richard dated 11/18/2024, explains first, that as of Friday 11/15/2024 computer chips are now going to be manufactured in Arizona with an investment from a Taiwan company. This will bring thousands of jobs to Arizona. Republican Mike Johnson, Speaker of the House of Representatives said he would work to repeal the CHIPS ACT that made this computer chip manufacturing possible, although he backed off that statement when told the manufacturing would bring jobs to Arizona. The article explains secondly, that on Friday 11/15/2024 a Trump-appointed federal judge struck down a Biden administration rule that would have made 4 million workers eligible for overtime pay. The third point made was that on Sunday 11/17/2024 President Biden, speaking from the Brazil rainforest which he is seeking to protect, said that the clean energy revolution supported by the Infrastructure Act and the Inflation Reduction Act cannot be

stopped. Fourth a reporter noted that what Trump will have a harder time disrupting is the new efficiency standards the Biden administration put in place for appliances. Trump can, however, refuse to advance those new appliance efficiency standards. The fifth point is that it turns out that Trump did not win 50% of the vote, and a CNN statistician notes that Trump's margin comes in at 44th out of the 51 elections that have been held since 1824. The sixth point is that although Trump ran on lowering the cost of consumer goods, Trump and Elon Musk, along with pharmaceutical entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy, have vowed to slash the U.S. government, taking their cue from Argentina's self-described anarcho-capitalist president Javier Milei, who was the first foreign leader to visit Trump after the election. Milei's "shock therapy" to his country threw the nation into a deep recession, just as Musk says his plans will create "hardship" for Americans before enabling the country to rebuild with security. The seventh point is that on 11/18/2024 both reporters for the Washington Post and a reporter from The Guardian reported that Trump's economic advisors are talking with Republicans in Congress about cuts to Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as food stamps, and other welfare programs, in order to cover the enormous costs of extending tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations. The eighth point is that Trump's planned nominations of unqualified extremists have also run into trouble. The ninth point that RAWSEP notes is that CNBC's economic analyst noted today that average gasoline prices are expected to fall below \$3.00 a gallon before the Thanksgiving holiday. Now, excerpts from the Heather Cox Richardson Substack 11/18/2024 article. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates, a 501c3 nonprofit organization. November 19, 2024. On Friday, Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo locked in a \$6.6 billion deal with the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company for it to invest \$65 billion in three state-of-the-art fabrication plants in Arizona. This will bring thousands of jobs to the state. The money comes from the CHIPS and Science Act, about which Trump told podcaster Joe Rogan on October 25: "That CHIPS deal is so bad." Also on Friday, a Trump-appointed federal judge struck down a Biden administration rule that would have made 4 million workers eligible for overtime pay. On Sunday, speaking from the Amazon rainforest in Brazil, President Joe Biden said that it would not be possible to reverse America's "clean energy revolution," which has now provided jobs across the country, primarily in Republican-dominated states. Biden noted that the U.S. would spend \$11 billion on financing international responses to climate change in 2024, an increase of six times from when he began his term. But President-elect Trump has called climate change a hoax and has vowed to claw back money from the Inflation Reduction Act appropriated to mitigate it, and to turn the U.S. back to fossil fuels. What Trump will have a harder time disrupting is the new efficiency standards the Biden administration put in place for appliances. He can, though, refuse to advance those standards. Meanwhile Trump and his team are announcing a complete reworking of the American government. They claim a mandate, although as final vote tallies are coming in, it turns out that Trump did not win 50% of the vote, and a CNN statistician notes that his margin comes in at 44th out of the 51 elections that have been held since 1824. More Americans voted for someone other than Trump than voted for him. Although Trump ran on lowering the cost of consumer goods, Trump and Elon Musk, along with pharmaceutical entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy, have vowed to slash the U.S. government, apparently taking their cue from Argentina's self-described anarcho-capitalist president Javier Milei, who was the first foreign leader to visit Trump after the election. Milei's "shock therapy" to his country threw the nation into a deep recession, just as Musk says his plans will create "hardship" for Americans before enabling the country to rebuild with security. Ramaswamy today posted on social media, "A reasonable

formula to fix the U.S. government: Milei-style cuts, on steroids.” On a podcast in September 2024, Ramaswamy said as an example: “If your Social Security number ends in an odd number, you’re out. If it ends in an even number, you’re in. There’s a 50 percent cut right there. Of those who remain, if your Social Security number starts in an even number, you’re in, and if it starts with an odd number, you’re out. Boom. That’s a 75 percent reduction done.” This reveals Ramaswamy’s lack of understanding of how the government works. Social Security numbers aren’t random; the first digit refers to where the number was obtained. So this seemingly random system would target certain areas of the country. Trump’s economic advisors are talking with Republicans in Congress about cuts to Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as food stamps in order to cover the enormous costs of extending tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations. Medicaid is the nation’s health insurance for low-income Americans and long-term care. It covers more than 90 million Americans, one in five of us. Rural populations, which tend to vote Republican, use supplemental nutrition programs more than urban dwellers do. Trump’s planned nominations of unqualified extremists have also run into trouble. Senate Republicans are so far refusing to abandon their constitutional powers in order to act as a rubber stamp to enable Trump’s worst instincts. Robert F. Kennedy Jr., is a well-known opponent of vaccines. He called Covid-19 vaccines a “crime against humanity” and has called for the National Institutes of Health to “take a break” of about eight years from studying infectious diseases, insisting that they should focus on chronic diseases instead. CNBC’s economic analyst noted today that average gasoline prices are expected to fall below \$3.00 a gallon before the Thanksgiving holiday. 2 Wisconsin. Eric Hovde concedes to Tammy Baldwin in Wisconsin's U.S. Senate race. Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates, a 501c3 nonprofit organization.

Tuesday, November 18, 2024. Republican candidate for U.S. Senate Eric Hovde at his election night watch party in Madison. Hovde conceded to U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin on Monday. Republican businessman Eric Hovde conceded in Wisconsin's U.S. Senate election Monday, 13 days after the Associated Press called the race in favor of Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Madison. Hovde said he didn't regret entering the race but said he would take a "much needed break" to return to his businesses and philanthropic work "to find other ways to make an impact." Some had suggested Hovde as a potential Republican candidate for governor in 2026. 1)Computer chips manufactured in the United States will bring jobs and will support clean energy appliances such as Heat Pumps that can replace wood burning for home heating. 2)A judge struck down a rule that would allow more workers to be eligible for overtime pay and might blight support for manufacturing clean energy appliances such as Heat Pumps.

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