

#### 2023 WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT ELECTION

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# JANET PROTASIEWICZ

LIBERAL

#### Safety of community over lenience for criminals.

Maintains that the law requires judges to weigh the evidence before deciding to release a prisoner. Endorsed by numerous law enforcement groups: Wisconsin Fraternal Order of Police, Milwaukee Police Association, 19 Wisconsin County Sheriffs.

#### **Progressive approach to criminal** justice.

Record reflects preference for lighter or reduced sentencing. Supported by George Soros, who, historically, has supported prosecutors adopting this approach. Believes our justice system, democracy, and closely-held constitutional rights are "under attack by right-wing extremists."

# CONTROL

## Supports the Second Amendment.

"I believe a justice should honor and apply the entire Bill of Rights, including the right to keep and bear arms."

#### Unclear, supported by liberal guncontrol advocacy group.

Supported by Every Town for Gun Safety, the largest gun-control advocacy group in America (favors weapons bans, gun-free zones, gun tracing, manufacturer liability, etc).

#### LOCKDOWNS / COVID

## Lockdowns violated civil liberties.

Joined in court ruling ending Wisconsin's "Safer at Home" lockdown order, stating that the ruling restored "our individual liberties and the end of the forced government shutdown." Endorsed by Americans for Prosperity-Wisconsin (advocating for limited government).

### Adjusted approach to sentencing in light of COVID concerns.

"But for COVID, I would be giving you some [prison] time. These are strange times....I'm not going to do that," she explained to one felon during sentencing.

# ABORTION

### Pro-Life.

Believes judges should follow the law and uphold the Constitution, not legislate from the bench. I will "pledge to follow the law [and] uphold the Constitution....regardless of the issue involved." Endorsed by all 3 major prolife groups in Wisconsin.

## Pro-abortion.

"[Y]ou bring your values to the court every day." "I think on some of those hot issues, I can certainly tell you what my values are." "I believe in a woman's freedom to make her own decision...It's time for a change." Endorsed by Planned Parenthood, NARAL and Emily's List.

# **COURT DECISION**

Disagrees with Kelo (U.S. Supreme Court, 2005), which held that government can take private property from one owner and give it to another private owner, solely for economic development.

Disagrees with Dobbs (U.S. Supreme Court, 2022), which overturned Roe v. Wade and gave the power to decide abortion policy back to the people (through their elected state representatives).

# REDISTRICTING

## Let the legislature do its job.

The people elect their representatives to carry out their will. A judge's only job is to ensure the legislature adheres to the Constitution. "[The court must] address the legal questions...but leave the political questions to the legislature where they belong."

## The legislature "rigged" the maps.

"I can make a fair decision. Believes the Republican-majority legislature engaged in gerrymandering and that the maps are unfair."



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Historically, small numbers of voters turn out for off-year elections. Judges have a critical influence over the direction of culture. Million Voices views off-year elections as opportunities to **USE YOUR VOICE** for even greater cultural impact!

## JUDICIAL PHILOSOPHY

#### **KELLY |** Personal political preferences have no place in the courtroom or in a judicial campaign.

"The rule of law--the idea that law should be applied as written, without regard to the jurist's personal preferences--lies at the foundation of civil society."

# **PROTASIEWICZ** | Judicial candidates should share their political preferences with voters.

"I am very, very progressive when it comes to social issues." "I embrace [the progressive label]...when we talk about the maps, when we talk about marriage equality, when we talk about women's...right to choose."

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#### ENDORSEMENTS

**KELLY** Wisconsin Fraternal Order of Police, Milwaukee Police Association, 19 Wisconsin County Sheriffs, Americans for Prosperity-Wisconsin, Pro-Life Wisconsin Victory Fund PAC, Wilsconsin Family Action, Wisconsin Right to Life, Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Bradley, Judge Jennifer Dorow, Judge Shelley Grogan

**PROTASIEWICZ** Planned Parenthood, NARAL, Emily's List, American Federation of Teachers, Every Town for Gun Safety, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, United Auto Workers, Wisconsin Supreme Court Justices Rebecca Dallet, Jill Karovsky, and Ann Walsh Bradley, and Wisconsin Senator Tammy Baldwin

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