

EXCLUSIVE: Speaker Vos, GOP Leadership, Can't Back Up Claim That Rep. Ramthun Spread "Misinformation" About Vos
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Republican Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and the entire Assembly GOP Leadership Team last week released a statement alleging Campbellsport GOP Assemblyman Timothy Ramthun was spreading "misinformation" about Vos. An open records request by me reveals that it was Vos and the leadership team that were spreading misinformation.

Vos and the other top Assembly members alleged Ramthun claimed that Vos was working with "Hillary Clinton's attorney" to conspire to allow placement of voting drop boxes in Wisconsin. Neither Vos nor a top ally, Rep. Cindi Duchow, have been able to back up their assertion that Ramthun ever made that claim.

I filed an open records request with both Vos and Duchow asking them for any record indicating Ramthun made the claim. Duchow's office responded today that it can't locate such a document. Vos' staff did produce a response but the sole piece dealing with Ramthun, Vos and Clinton's attorney was a Power Point presentation prepared by Ramthun that quoted a national conservative group that alleged Vos was working via a national legislative organization with prominent Democrat law firm Perkins Coie. That firm has worked for Clinton in the past.

Vos produced no record that Ramthun ever said anything of the kind. His use of the piece from the national group in a lengthy Power Point was the only statement produced that had anything to do with Vos and "Hillary Clinton's attorney." At best, the GOP statement was an exaggeration and hyperbole on its twist of a brief portion of a large Ramthun presentation. At worst, Vos and the other GOP Assembly leaders have flat out lied about Ramthun.

So here's the irony: Vos, Duchow and the other Assembly leaders are sanctioning Ramthun for spreading "misinformation" whereas it is actually they who I have caught spreading misinformation about Ramthun.

Ramthun has infuriated other Republicans by continuing to focus on the problems associated with the 2020 election and the failure of GOP legislative leaders to do anything about it. Ramthun has demanded that Wisconsin withdraw the ten electoral votes awarded to Joe Biden in the presidential race. Ramthun has not made a sufficient case to do that. But his allegations about GOP legislative apathy toward 2020 election irregularities is accurate. Further, it is accurate to state that Vos and other legislative Republicans condoned blatantly illegal, or at best dubious, 2020 election tactics like drop boxes, the massive Madison Democracy In The Park voting operation and the banning of special election deputies from overseeing voting in senior care facilities.

The bottom line: Ramthun has gotten under the skin of his colleagues and they have responded by doing to him what they falsely claimed he was doing to Vos.

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