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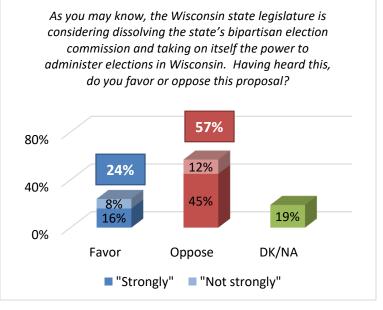
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This analysis is based on a Wisconsin statewide survey conducted by Patinkin Research Strategies among likely 2022 swing voters. The survey was conducted March 23-29, 2022 among n=738 registered voters in Wisconsin with TargetSmart Midterm General Election Scores 50+ and TargetSmart Ideology Scores between 20 and 70. Approximately n=450 interviews were completed via live calls to landlines and cell phones using professional interviewers and an additional n=288 interviews were completed via a text to web platform. The survey consisted of a statewide base sample (n=550) and an oversample in certain State Senate Districts¹. Telephone interviews were conducted via both landlines and cell phones. Cell phone interviews represent 76% of live calls. The overall credibility interval (the theoretical margin of error for a poll that relies partially on non-probability based online sampling is plus or minus 3.6 percentage points. The margin of error for subgroups varies and is higher.

## Wisconsin Swing Voters Decidedly Oppose Dissolving the Wisconsin Elections Commission

In a survey of likely November 2022 swing voters in Wisconsin<sup>2</sup> a majority (54%) trust the ability of the Wisconsin Elections Commission to administer Wisconsin's elections either "a great deal" or "some." Only three-in-10 (30% "not too much"/"not at all") distrust the Wisconsin Elections Committee. Nearly six-in-10 (57%) oppose dissolving the state's bipartisan election commission. The percentage of voters strongly opposing (45%) the dissolution of the WEC outnumbers those who strongly favor the concept by a nearly three-toone margin. Majorities in both the oversampled Milwaukee area State Senate Districts<sup>3</sup> (25% favor; 53%



oppose) and those in other portions of the state<sup>4</sup> (17% favor; 53% oppose) decidedly oppose the concept.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Oversampled State Senate Districts include SD1, SD5, SD8, SD17, SD18, SD19, SD24, SD28, SD30, and SD33. State Senate Districts are reflective of the new 2022 legislative map.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Defined as active, registered voters with TargetSmart Midterm General Election Scores 50+ and TargetSmart Ideology Scores between 20 and 70.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Including SD5, SD8, SD33, and SD28.

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