

Dear Mr. Feehan.

I am writing to correct some errors and answer some questions you posed in your response to my letter from WIZM about the titling of a political opinion show "Fact Check" posted to the La Crosse Republican Party FaceBook page.

First, you seem to believe I asked this station to stop advertising your podcast. This is incorrect. I asked the WIZM to not advertise you as "the fact-checker", which connects with my only issue with the podcast, the labeling of your opinions as fake. I did not ask WIZM to stop advertising the podcast.

My claim that you participated in dangerous political theatre is a factual claim. You did participate in the fake assignment of Wisconsin electoral votes to Trump and Pence after Wisconsin voters elected Biden and Harris. This act was intended to help give cover for Conservatives to reject Wisconsin's legal electors in favor of yours. Here is a reminder (<https://www.nbc15.com/2020/12/14/wisconsin-gop-electors-meet-to-cast-their-own-votes-to-o-just-in-case/>) . Acts like this false signing contributed to the false belief that the election was "rigged", which led to the attack on the Capital by conservative insurrectionists.

I am glad you hopped on FaceBook to get to know me. Although, you could have also called or emailed. I would have told you the same things I post there. You seem to be very concerned about a post I made 18 months ago saying I "would totally join ANTIFA if it was an organization that one could join". This is true. ANTIFA is not an organization or an ideology, but a simple slogan meaning "anti-facist". And I am anti-facist. Proudly anti-facist. I find it weird you are not.

I did favor a "meager 10% cut" to the La Crosse Police Department because that cut would have prevented significantly deeper cuts to vital city services, like the library and parks systems of our city.

I do support a minimum wage that pays a living wage. This is not a fringe idea, but a policy that would lift millions out of poverty in the country.

Your claim about my supporting actions in Portland are odd, as I do not remember ever saying I supported actions in Portland. I said I was anti-facist. And here again, you show why I worry about a news organization charged with delivering objective facts to their listeners labeling you as a "fact-checker". ANTIFA is a slogan, not an organization, not an ideology. Your attempt to make what should be a basic tenet of American democracy (facism is bad) into a nefarious organization where none exists is not a "fact".

Your most ridiculous claim is that I am somehow trying to censor you and your podcast, and highlights the very reason for my letter to WIZM. I NEVER advocated canceling the podcast or stopping the advertising of it. There was no attempt at censorship. My letter clearly stated I had zero problem with the podcast or the advertising of it. My ONLY issue is the labeling of opinion as fact by a news organization that is supposed to remain impartial. This is a small, semantic argument about the role of news organizations in our society. You trying to claim censorship from questioning if a legitimate news organization should label an opinion fact is

ludicrous. I mentioned in my first letter that I would have the EXACT same issue calling a left-wing podcast this title.

You wonder why I did not address the contents of your first episode. I purposely did not mention the podcast because my issue is not with the existence of the podcast. Merely the labeling of it as “fact” by a trusted news source.

You go on to ask a series of questions about the 2020 election. I quote and respond to these questions below.

- 1) “I ask you now is the Wisconsin Elections Commission controlled by the Democrat majority by virtue of having a Democrat Chairman?” It is a fact that there is a Democratic Chair of the Wisconsin Election Commission. But you seem to take this fact as proof of wrongdoing by the Democratic Party rather than how the law sets up the commission. Are you claiming wrongdoing by the commission? If so, say so.
- 2) “Did they refuse ballot access to the Green Party candidate for President?”. The Green Party did not follow election laws when they applied to be on the ballot, so were not allowed access, as is right. The Republican-controlled Wisconsin Supreme Court agreed in a 4-3 decision.  
[https://madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/wisconsin-supreme-court-denies-green-party-presidential-candidate-ballot-access/article\\_4e80ee10-d054-5461-9d79-1bc84292b21f.html](https://madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/wisconsin-supreme-court-denies-green-party-presidential-candidate-ballot-access/article_4e80ee10-d054-5461-9d79-1bc84292b21f.html).
- 3) “Did WEC staff instruct clerks that people applying for absentee ballots online need not provide an ID?” The Wisconsin Voter ID system clearly states you need to upload a valid ID for absentee voting. I have heard of no instances where this rule was not followed, but I am happy to look at evidence.
- 4) “Did WEC staff instruct clerks to “cure” absentee ballot envelopes using red ink?” The “red pen” myth has been discredited numerous times.  
<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wisconsin-election-officials-reject-trump-campaigns-unsubstantiated-claims/story?id=74038408>
- 5) “ Did WEC refuse to remove over 200,000 voter registrations? Did these actions conform with Wisconsin state law?” Do you have any evidence that a voter purge would have been legal?

I follow these answers with a single question. Do you possess any proof of election fraud in the 2020 election?

I have no problem with investigations into the election. And agree there will be some attempts to alter and adjust election law in this year’s legislative session. That is the purpose of the Legislature. None of this implies the 2020 election was fraudulent.

I agree that it is vital that all voters have faith in our election processes. And I am 100% on board with investigations into problems with our election process. However, much of the current mistrust in the election process is being fueled by you and other members of the

Republican Party yelling about irregularities and fraud of which you have zero evidence. You are fueling the very distrust you claim to want to solve.

I do want to thank you for acknowledging that more voters in Wisconsin voted for Biden and Harris. I think this is a step in the right direction.

You end your letter with a bizarre claim about Big Tech silencing conservative voices, using Parlor as an example. Parlor was deplatformed because its services were being used to foment violence and insurrection, not because it was full of conservative voices. Surely you can see that distinction.

I remember when your Facebook pages were shut down. Have you considered not sharing "false news" on your Facebook page? Have you considered following the terms of service you agreed to when signing up for a private company's services?

Again, your claims of "free speech" are disingenuous and show how you need to stretch the truth in order to try to make a claim. I am happy your podcast exists. I wish you well with it. But please notice that, not once in this letter, did you actually address my argument. Should a news organization label opinion as "fact"? Is that right? Is it proper? I, and most people, would say no.

Sincerely,

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