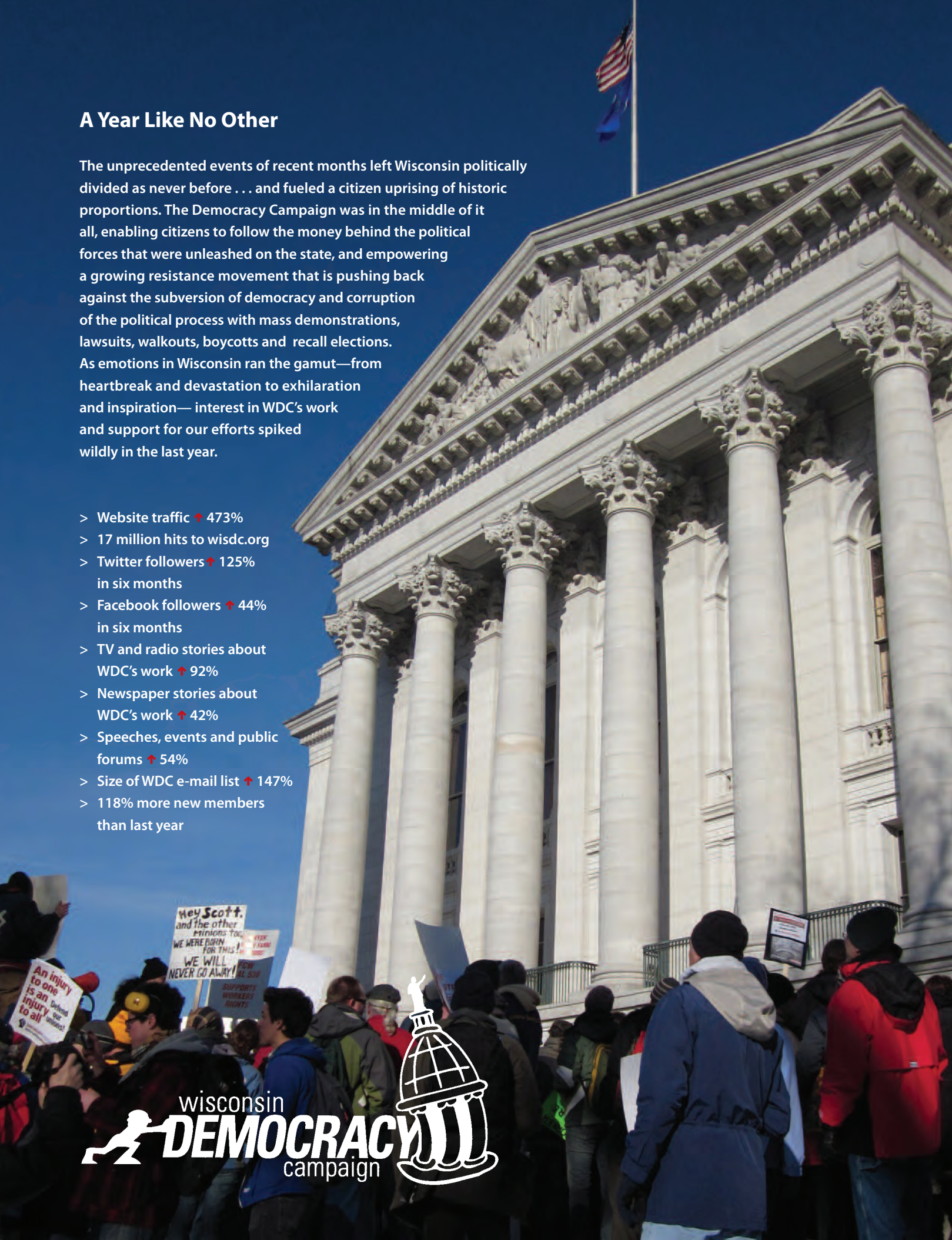


It's not every year you see **100,000 PEOPLE PROTESTING** on the Capitol grounds . . . or **NINE RECALL ELECTIONS** in one summer . . . or a state Supreme Court justice's **HANDS** on another justice's **THROAT** . . . or **\$44 MILLION** spent on a handful of state senate elections in a state that used to repeatedly elect a United States Senator who never spent more than **\$300** on his statewide campaigns . . . or **ASSAULTS ON WORKER RIGHTS** in a place that invented collective bargaining for public employees . . . or **ATTACKS ON VOTING RIGHTS** culminating with the resurrection of the unconstitutional policy of poll taxation . . . or a judicial election reform law that took 10 years to pass **REPEALED** in a matter of weeks . . . or **23,000** people joining a Facebook campaign to boycott the governor's donors . . . or a **BANK LOCKING ITS DOORS** in the mid-afternoon because so many customers were closing their accounts **OUT OF ANGER** with the bank's political activity . . . or the **FBI INTERVIEWING** a government watchdog about fishy campaign contributions . . . or close to a dozen people **GRANTED IMMUNITY** from prosecution **IN EXCHANGE FOR TESTIMONY** in a political corruption investigation

A Year Like No Other

The unprecedented events of recent months left Wisconsin politically divided as never before . . . and fueled a citizen uprising of historic proportions. The Democracy Campaign was in the middle of it all, enabling citizens to follow the money behind the political forces that were unleashed on the state, and empowering a growing resistance movement that is pushing back against the subversion of democracy and corruption of the political process with mass demonstrations, lawsuits, walkouts, boycotts and recall elections. As emotions in Wisconsin ran the gamut—from heartbreak and devastation to exhilaration and inspiration— interest in WDC’s work and support for our efforts spiked wildly in the last year.

- > Website traffic \uparrow 473%
- > 17 million hits to wisdc.org
- > Twitter followers \uparrow 125% in six months
- > Facebook followers \uparrow 44% in six months
- > TV and radio stories about WDC’s work \uparrow 92%
- > Newspaper stories about WDC’s work \uparrow 42%
- > Speeches, events and public forums \uparrow 54%
- > Size of WDC e-mail list \uparrow 147%
- > 118% more new members than last year



January

WDC issues report showing outside interest groups spent \$19 million to influence 2010 state elections.

FBI agent interviews Democracy Campaign director about subjects relating to a criminal probe of Governor Scott Walker.

February

WDC tallies \$37.4 million in campaign spending in the 2010 election for governor.

With rumors swirling of impending attacks on worker rights, Democracy Campaign launches a citizen vigil at the State Capitol.

Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice David Prosser wins primary election by more than 30 percentage points.

Governor Walker unveils legislation to eliminate collective bargaining rights for most public workers. Mass protests erupt at the Capitol and across the state.

WDC gets 2.4 million hits to wisdc.org in a single week as protesters seek information on Walker donors and begin organizing boycotts.

Walker takes phone call from an online journalist pretending to be multibillionaire businessman David Koch. The recorded conversation causes major stir, and WDC points out that Koch's political action committee donated \$43,000 to Walker's campaign and \$1 million to the Republican Governors Association, which spent \$5 million to help elect Walker.

March

WDC issues report showing business interests give state politicians \$12 for every dollar donated by labor unions.

Governor Walker proposes eliminating a key funding source for the public financing program for state Supreme Court elections established in late 2009 under the Impartial Justice Act.

State senate passes "budget repair bill" stripping public workers of bargaining rights, in apparent violation of the state Open Meetings Law. The assembly approves the bill the next day, and the governor signs it the day after. Lawsuits challenging the action are promptly filed. Circuit court judge blocks the law. Decision is appealed to the state Supreme Court.

Recall petition drives are mounted against 16 state senators from both major parties.

April

Railroad executive and major Scott Walker donor William Gardner is criminally charged for making illegal campaign contributions that were first flagged by WDC a year earlier.

General election for state Supreme Court ends in a photo finish. Challenger JoAnne Kloppenburg initially is declared the winner but uncounted votes surface in Waukesha County, giving incumbent David Prosser the victory by the narrowest of margins. WDC tallies \$5.4 million in spending in the race.

May

Democracy Campaign puts forward a new approach to election financing dubbed "Ending Wealthfare."

WDC and two partner groups unveil a new online tool called MapLight Wisconsin allowing citizens to more easily see the relationship between campaign donations and votes on key bills.

Legislature's budget writing committee votes to eliminate all funding for public financing of elections and divert the money to help cover the cost of implementing the state's new voter ID law.

WDC brings together a coalition of Republicans, Democrats and independents to form the citizen committee Make Our Votes Count in hopes of improving legislative redistricting.

June

Rumors circulate that legislative Republicans plan to approve a legislative redistricting plan before new municipal boundaries are drawn by local governments, the customary first step in the remapping process.

WDC makes a formal request under the state Open Records Law for redistricting maps being secretly circulated among legislators. Legislative leaders ignore the request.

U.S. Supreme Court strikes down key feature of 12-year-old Arizona clean elections law.

Wisconsin Supreme Court overturns lower court ruling and upholds Walker's union-busting legislation. Justice David Prosser says circuit court judge erred in ruling that the law was illegally passed because the votes did not comply with Wisconsin's Open Meetings Law, arguing the judge was wrong to rely on laws that "apply to the Legislature except when the Legislature says they do not." Lawmakers approve a state budget that repeals the Impartial Justice Act and ends all public financing of state elections.

July

WDC files complaints against Governor Walker and 10 campaign donors alleging two dozen violations of state campaign finance laws.

National academic research institute issues a report examining the possibilities for public financing of elections in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision crippling Arizona's clean elections law and the earlier ruling in Citizens United v. FEC. The report analyzes WDC's "Ending Wealthfare" plan and concludes the "combination of policies would have extraordinarily powerful effects."

First of nine senate recall elections is held.

Railroad executive and Walker donor William Gardner convicted of making illegal campaign contributions and money laundering.

WDC puts forward alternative redistricting plan and the Democracy Campaign's director testifies against

the legislative plan favoring majority Republicans.

Legislature races to approve partisan redistricting scheme in a matter of days.

August

Eight more senate recall elections are held. Voters remove two Republican senators from office, doubling the number of legislators successfully recalled in the state's 163-year history.

Records are made public showing that tensions on the state Supreme Court escalated into a physical altercation. Justice David Prosser later acknowledges he put his hands on fellow Justice Ann Walsh Bradley's neck. An investigation ensues.

September

State assembly set to take action on legislation rolling back disclosure rules for corporate election spending. Vote is put off after the Democracy Campaign and allies protest.

WDC tallies \$44 million in campaign spending on the senate recall elections.

WDC reports that the company of convicted donor William Gardner gets

\$7 million in new state assistance, coming on the heels of \$14 million in state grants the company received in April.

October

Democracy Campaign report shows legislators raised seven times more campaign money in the first half of 2011 than they did in the last comparable six-month period. Fundraising driven by the summer recall elections broke the previous record by 325%.

WDC points out a loophole in state law allowing Governor Walker to do unlimited campaign fundraising once a recall effort targeting him is launched.

Ongoing criminal investigation gets closer to Governor Walker, as a top aide's home is raided and evidence surfaces that close associates and political supporters of the governor were granted immunity from prosecution in exchange for their cooperation with the probe.

November

Recall drive launched against Scott Walker.



Easy ways to help

If you shop online, there is a way to support the Democracy Campaign while you're at it.

GoodShop.com works with more than 2,500 stores and every time you buy something a percentage of the purchase is donated to the charity of your choice. If you designate the Democracy Campaign, you can shop at GoodShop and WDC will benefit.

Likewise, you can help WDC every time you search the Internet. **GoodSearch** is a Yahoo-powered search engine that makes a donation to a charity you choose each time you do a search. You need to download a GoodSearch toolbar which then allows you to raise money for a good cause. You simply select Wisconsin Democracy Campaign from the GoodSearch database and then every search you do generates about 1 cent for us.

Another thing you can do is host a Defend Democracy **"Friendraiser"** to introduce people you know to our work. We're looking for hosts of neighborhood gatherings on the weekend of January 21 marking the two-year anniversary of the Citizens United decision by the U.S. Supreme Court allowing unlimited corporate election spending. If you are interested, call WDC outreach director Jen Rubin at 608-255-4260 or e-mail her at rubin@wisdc.org.



Ways to donate

Cash Gifts

The Democracy Campaign accepts cash, checks and credit card donations. Monthly or quarterly donations can be made via electronic fund transfer or by credit card. Secure online donations can be made at www.wisdc.org.

Workplace Giving



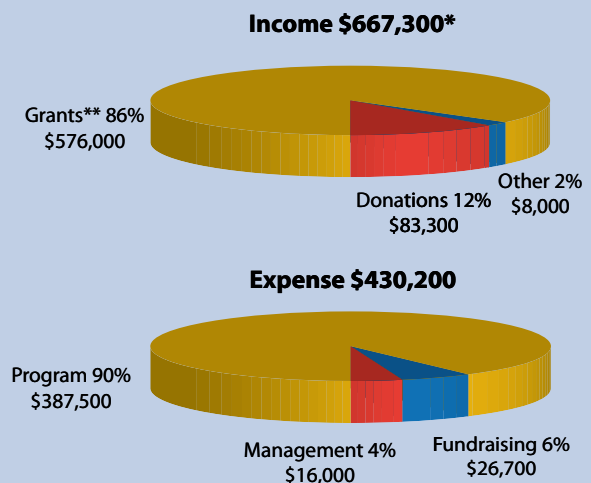
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Planned Giving

A bequest or estate gift can be made to the "Keep Democracy Alive" Legacy Fund at WDC. A planned gift will help keep democracy alive and well in Wisconsin for this and future generations.

All contributions are fully tax-deductible. For more information on making a donation to WDC please contact us at wisdc@wisdc.org or 608-255-4260. Thank you!



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