



KEEP OUR REPUBLIC ANNUAL REPORT

Founded in 2020, Keep Our Republic is a non-partisan civic education organization with a unique focus on the unconventional threats facing our election system and on ways to help strengthen trust in our electoral system. We are most tightly focused on election integrity to assure that every eligible voter has the opportunity to vote and that their votes are counted and properly certified.

2023
BY THE NUMBERS

3 states

12
public
events

1,052
event
attendees

KOR prides itself in working at the local level with tailored programs, targeted outreach, and advisors in each state. We do not have a “one size fits all” model because counties administer elections and each operates with its own procedures and methods.

Americans from all backgrounds have questions about how their elections are administered. Answering these questions must start with open conversations in communities and with respect to the localized nature of our democracy.

Our Work Last Year

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



In locations across Wisconsin, we collaborated with county clerks, the Wisconsin Elections Commission, voting machine vendors, and local civic partners to help demystify how elections are administered in Brown, Chippewa, and La Crosse counties. Residents came with questions and our panelists came with answers. Our sessions are an opportunity not just for neighbors to meet neighbors over supper, but also a chance to hear what happens after they cast their ballot on Election Day.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION



In recent years, Pennsylvania has had numerous lawsuits related to nearly all aspects of election administration. Because of this, Keep Our Republic has engaged in extensive education of the legal community in the Commonwealth. Working with law schools, county bar associations, and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, we have conducted seminars led by members of our Pennsylvania Advisory Council.

A NON-PARTISAN RESOURCE FOR MEDIA



Keep Our Republic has emerged as a reliable, non-partisan source for print, digital, and broadcast media. The invaluable contributions of our state advisory council volunteers not only enhance our programming but also offer insight and clarity to nuanced election issues. KOR delivers reliable, unbiased information for journalists and reporters, recognizing them as essential partners.

INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS



Keep Our Republic is honored to form research partnerships with the State Democracy Research Initiative at the University of Wisconsin Law School and Pennsylvania's Dickinson College. We continue our collaborative relationship with Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law. Our partnership with the Ford Leadership Forum at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation has enabled first of its kind programming in Michigan.

MICHIGAN

In 2023, bipartisan advisory councils were formed in three states where Keep Our Republic has focused efforts.

PENNSYLVANIA

WISCONSIN

Our National Board & State Advisory Councils include:
3 Former Governors
4 Former US Senators
5 Former Federal Judges
5 Former US Attorneys



Seeking to restore trust in elections

Voter education group holds community forums

Tyler Katzenberger
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
USA TODAY NETWORK - WISCONSIN

LA CROSSE — Armed with a slide-show and a microphone, La Crosse city clerk Nikki Elsen and her fellow event panelists walked three dozen people gathered in a windowless, beige basement room through the minutiae of Wisconsin's election process on a recent night.

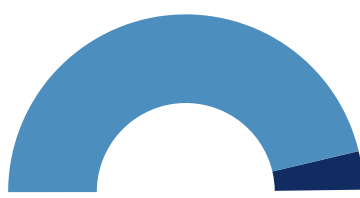


Our work has been made possible by grants from foundations as well as one time and recurring donations from diverse individuals across our country. KOR maintains a fiscally healthy position concluding 2023 with funds to build out 2024 events.

Reaching more counties, and offering continued legal education and post-election planning will require additional fundraising.

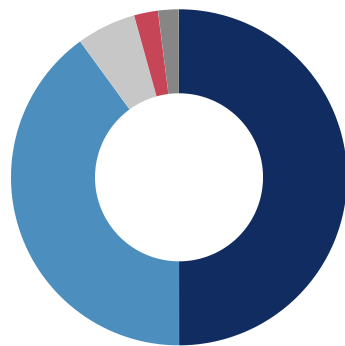
Our Financial Summary

2023 Revenue



Foundations (93%)
Individual Donors (7%)

2023 Expenditures



Paid Staff (50%)
Programming (40%)
Polling & Research (5.7%)
Travel (2.3%)
Operating Expenses (2%)

Our Year Ahead



Building on the successful Wisconsin model, programming will be offered to more counties and in Michigan and Pennsylvania. We provide forums for citizens to hear directly from their county leadership, legal and other experts about how their counties administer elections. Providing these connections creates open dialogue and promotes transparency.



In addition to organizing seminars with law schools, bar associations, and the legal community, Keep Our Republic has assembled a group of legal scholars who are analyzing important issues that could arise in the post-election period and bringing them to public attention for thoughtful debate.



We have clearly heard a desire from the business community in Michigan to share their concerns about the state of our democracy and how it impacts the economy. Michigan is developing a chamber of commerce tour throughout the state, with plans to bring engaging programs and roundtable discussions to business leaders.

THE 2024 ELECTION COULD BE THE MOST CONTENTIOUS IN RECENT MEMORY. OUR WORK IS MORE CRITICAL THAN EVER.

Our Thanks

With your support, Keep Our Republic has grown tremendously in 2023. We are the only civic education non-partisan non-profit conducting this type of programming in these locations. Success begets success. There is rapidly growing interest in our work. We continue to attract diverse audiences and continue to have more requests for collaboration.



JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND KEEP UP WITH KEEP OUR REPUBLIC THIS YEAR!
WE ARE CONSTANTLY POSTING UPDATES, SHARING INFORMATIVE CONTENT AND CURRENT EVENTS.



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