

Bradley Foundation helped pay for 2010 voter fraud signs

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Wisconsin venture capitalist **Stephen Einhorn** acknowledged this week that his family foundation paid for dozens of anonymous billboards in and around Milwaukee and two Ohio cities warning residents of the penalties for committing voter fraud.

Liberal groups complained that the signs which were taken down last week were concentrated in minority neighborhoods and intended to suppress voter turnout, though some were posted as far outside the city as Waukesha and Washington counties.

But what about the 75 billboards that declared, "Voter Fraud is a Felony!" that peppered the Milwaukee area in 2010?

The **Einhorn Family Foundation** was behind those, too, but it had some financial help.

Michael Grebe, president and CEO of the conservative **Bradley Foundation**, said this week that his organization gave \$10,000 to Einhorn in 2010.

"The grant was for general purposes but it was, in fact, used for those billboards," Grebe said via email.

The liberal organization **One Wisconsin Now** was the first to disclose the role the Einhorn foundation had in footing the bill for the billboards.

Scot Ross, head of the Madison-based group, called it "reprehensible" that private foundation money was spent on billboards that Ross said were intended to suppress the vote during the 2010 election in which **Scott Walker** was elected governor. Grebe is the campaign chairman of Walker's campaign.

"It raises serious questions about how the Bradley Foundation spends its money," Ross said.

In response, Grebe said the grant was never secret - Bradley annually publishes a list of grant recipients - and the billboards were not racist. He noted that the billboards appeared in such places as Ozaukee and Washington counties.

Grebe said the donation had nothing to do with Walker's campaign.

"We have always maintained strict separation between my personal political involvement and the foundation's activities, which are not political," Grebe said.

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