Just Six Months After The Capitol Riots, CPAC's Texas 2021 Conference Features At Least 25 Speakers Who Helped Promote Election Conspiracy Theories Or Voted Against Certifying The 2020 Presidential Election.

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Ben Ferguson Hosts A Conservative Talk Radio Show. "The Ben Ferguson Show is aired on over 100 stations across the country through the ICON Radio Network. Ben's live, weekly call-in show began in 2003, and it continues Sunday nights from WREC in Memphis." [KFYO, accessed <u>2/18/21</u>]

Ben Ferguson Is Slated To Speak At CPAC. [CPAC, Accessed <u>8/7/21</u>]

Ben Ferguson Claimed Dominion Voting Systems, A Voting Machine Software Company, Facilitated Massive Voter Fraud In The 2020 Election And Compared Biden's Democratic Win To Elections Of Saddam Hussein And Kim Jong-Un

Ben Ferguson Retweeted A Meme About A "Dominion Dishwasher" Washing Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dishes In One Day.



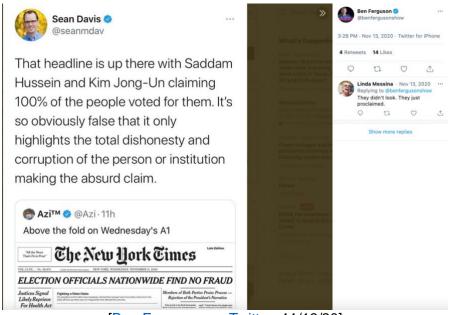
[Ben Ferguson on Twitter, 11/16/20]

After The 2020 Election, Conservative News Sources And President Trump Accused Dominion Voting Systems, A Provider Of Voting Machine Software, Of Switching Votes For Trump To Votes For Biden. "Multiple conservative news sources have claimed this week that vote counting software from Dominion Voting Systems deleted votes for President Donald Trump or switched votes to President-elect Joe Biden [...] Trump

himself then magnified the claim. 'Report: Dominion deleted 2.7 million Trump votes nationwide. Data analysis finds 221,000 Pennsylvania votes switched from President Trump to Biden. 941,000 Trump votes deleted. States using Dominion Voting Systems switched 435,000 votes from Trump to Biden,' he wrote on Twitter." [USA Today, 11/14/21]

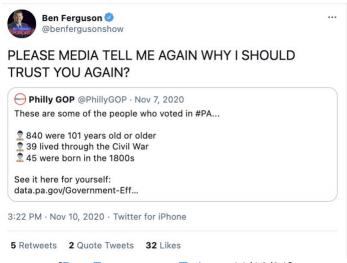
• A National Coalition Found No Evidence Of Voting Software Altering Votes In The 2020 Election. "A national coalition announced Thursday that there is no evidence that any voting software deleted or changed votes in last week's election [...] In fact, the security group — which includes the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the National Association of State Election Directors — described the election as 'the most secure in American history.'" [USA Today, 11/14/21]

Ben Ferguson Retweeted A Comment That Reports Finding No Widespread Voter Fraud In The 2020 Election Were "Up There" With Saddam Hussein And Kim Jong Un Claiming Election Victories.



[Ben Ferguson on Twitter, 11/13/20]

Ben Ferguson Tweeted A Comment From The "Philly GOP" Claiming Pennsylvanians Who Were Over The Age Of 101 And Born In The 1800's Voted In The 2020 Election.



[Ben Ferguson on Twitter, 11/10/21]

James O'Keefe, Who Was Banned From Twitter After His Group—Project Veritas—Pushed Propaganda To Undermine The Validity Of The 2020 Election Results, Is Slated To Speak At CPAC 2021.

<u>Project Veritas Is A Right Wing Group Who Pushed Propaganda Claiming The</u> 2020 Election Was Illegitimate.

Project Veritas Is A Right Wing Group Known For Taking Undercover Footage And Deceptively Editing It To Discredit Their Opponents. "The ad includes footage by the far-right activist group Project Veritas that shows a man identified as a CNN employee talking about news coverage of Gaetz, Politico reported. Project Veritas is known for publishing undercover sting footage that has been deceptively edited to reflect badly on organizations and people it disagrees with." [The Hill, 4/14/21]

In The Runup To The 2020 Election, Project Veritas Used Their Undercover Tactics To Discredit Mail-In Voting, A Strategy Pushed By The Trump White House And Major Right Wing Groups. Headline: "Inside the Project Veritas Plan to Steal the Election James O'Keefe's group is part of a sprawling campaign to delegitimize mail-in balloting in the fall—a campaign being led by the White House." [The New Republic, 8/03/20]

After The 2020 Election Project Veritas Founder James O'Keefe Posted Unsubstantiated Claims Of Ballot Fraud In Key Swing States That Went For Joe Biden. "This week, O'Keefe tweeted out a series of edited, vague and unsubstantiated interviews with supposed 'whistleblowers' from post offices in Michigan and Pennsylvania, who tried to claim USPS is stamping fraudulent Nov. 3 postmarks onto ballots picked up after Election Day in those states. [...] O'Keefe's Pennsylvania source offered no direct proof aside from a brief conversation he says he overheard, and although Pennsylvania is accepting mail-in ballots with a Nov. 3 postmark until Friday per a court order, election officials are keeping those ballots separate from the overwhelming majority of votes that arrived before Election Day." [Forbes, 11/06/21]

An Unsubstantiated Allegation Of Voter Fraud In Pennsylvania Circulated By Project Veritas Was Cited In An Unsuccessful Trump Lawsuit Challenging The Election. "Project Veritas pushed a Pennsylvania postal worker's claim about mail-in ballots that the Trump campaign would cite in a lawsuit that eventually went nowhere, according to The Washington Post." [CNBC, 1/13/21]

Project Veritas And Its Founder Were Sued For Defamation For The Videos They Circulated Baselessly Alleging Election Fraud In 2020. "Robert Weisenbach and his wife, Carolyn Ann Weisenbach, are suing Hopkins, Project Veritas and O'Keefe over claims of defamation, negligent misrepresentation, and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Jered Ede, chief legal counsel for Project Veritas, called the lawsuit 'a fantasy land of baseless supposition upon which meritless claims are built' in an email to the Erie Times-News." [Go Erie, 4/26/21]

Subsequently In April 2021, James O'Keefe Was Banned From Twitter.

In April 2021 "James O'Keefe, The Founder Of The Conservative Group Project Veritas" Was Banned "For Violating The Twitter Rules On Platform Manipulation And Spam." "Twitter said on Thursday that it had blocked the account of James O'Keefe, the founder of the conservative group Project Veritas. Mr. O'Keefe's account, @JamesOKeefeIII, was "permanently suspended for violating the Twitter Rules on platform manipulation and spam," specifically that users cannot mislead others with fake accounts or "artificially amplify or disrupt conversations" through the use of multiple accounts, a Twitter spokesman said." [The New York Times, 04/15/21]

In February 2021, Twitter Also "Permanently Suspended The Project Veritas Account." "In February, Twitter permanently suspended the Project Veritas account, saying it had posted private information. It also temporarily locked Mr. O'Keefe's account." [The New York Times, 04/15/21]

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Jenny Beth Martin, Co-Founder And CEO Of Tea Party Patriots — One Of The Groups Behind The Rally That Led To The Capitol Riot — Is Slated To Speak At CPAC 2021.

Jenny Beth Martin Is The Co-Founder And CEO Of Tea Party Patriots, Which Was Among The Groups Behind The Rally That Led To The Capitol Riot.

Jenny Beth Martin Is The Co-Founder And CEO Of Tea Party Patriots. [Jenny Beth Martin Profile, LinkedIn, accessed <u>07/08/21</u>]

Tea Party Patriots Was Listed Among The Groups Participating In The March To Save America. [Jamie Corey, "Republican Attorneys General Dark Money Group Organized Protest Preceding Capitol Mob Attack," Documented, 01/07/21]

The Tea Party Patriots Claims To Be The "Largest And Most Effective" Tea Party Group And Its Leader "Heavily Promoted" The Rally, Exhorting Followers To "Fight For President Trump."

"The Tea Party Patriots Touts Itself As The 'Largest And Most Effective National Umbrella Group Within The Tea Party Movement." [WBEZ, $\frac{01}{12}$]

Tea Party Patriots Leader Jenny Beth Martin "Heavily Promoted" The Rally And Tweeted, "'We Must Demand Congress To Challenge The Electoral College Votes And Fight For President Trump!" "The cofounder and leader of the Georgia-based Tea Party Patriots, Jenny Beth Martin, also heavily promoted the event. On her Twitter account, she wrote, 'I will be speaking at the #StopTheSteal rally in D.C. on Jan. 6. We must demand Congress to challenge the Electoral College votes and fight for President Trump!" [WBEZ, 01/12/21]

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Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, Who Led A Legal Challenge To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election Results And Was Closely Tied To A Rally Which Led To The Capitol Riot, Is Slated To Speak At CPAC 2021.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC 2021.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton Is Slated To Speak At CPAC 2021. [CPAC, Accessed 8/7/21]

In December 2020, Paxton Attempted To Have The Electoral College Votes Of Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, And Wisconsin Thrown Out By The Supreme Court.

December 8, 2020: Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton Filed A Lawsuit In The Supreme Court Seeking To Invalidate The Electoral College Votes Of Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, And Wisconsin. "Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton today filed a lawsuit against Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin in the United States Supreme Court. The four states exploited the COVID-19 pandemic to justify ignoring federal and state election laws and unlawfully enacting last-minute changes, thus skewing the results of the 2020 General Election." [Texas Attorney General Office, 12/08/20]

• The Supreme Court Promptly Rejected Texas AG Ken Paxton's Lawsuit Against States That Trump Lost, Ruling That Paxton's Claims Of Election Fraud Lacked Evidence And Texas Lacked Standing To Sue Other States. "The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday night rejected an eleventh hour challenge to Joe Biden's election as president. The court's action came in a one-page order, which said the complaint was denied 'for lack of standing.' Texas, supported by President Trump, tried to sue Pennsylvania, Georgia, Wisconsin and Michigan, claiming fraud, without evidence. But in order for a state to bring a case in court, especially the Supreme Court, a state must show it has been injured. In essence, the court said Texas could not show that it was injured by the way other states conducted their elections." [NPR, 12/11/20]

<u>Paxton Spoke At A Rally In Washington That Led To The Capitol Riots And Two</u> Of His Top Aides Met With The White House The Week Of The Riot

Paxton Spoke At A Rally In Washington, DC On January 6th Which Led To The Capitol Riot. "Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton stood alongside then-President Donald Trump at a rally before the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6." [KXAN, <u>2/09/21</u>]

Paxton's Speech Was Under Two Minutes But He Said "The Fight Will Go On." "Paxton's short speech — about a minute and a half at the podium where Trump is expected to speak later in the day — came just hours before Congress is scheduled to certify the presidential election results. Several Texas Republicans, led by U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz in the Senate, are planning to object to the results, an effort that will do little more than stall the final outcome: A loss for Trump.[...] "We will not quit fighting. We're Texans, we're Americans, and the fight will go on." [Houston Chronicle, 1/06/21]

Two Of Paxton's Top Aides Met With The White House The Week Of The Capitol Riot To Discuss Texas' Lawsuit Which Sought To Overturn The Election. "Two top aides to Paxton traveled to Washington that week, too: First Assistant Attorney General Brent Webster and Communications Deputy Director Kimberly Hubbard. Webster visited to meet with senior White House officials nearly one month after Texas' lawsuit to overturn election results in four battleground states was rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court, according to his travel records." [KXAN, 2/09/21]

Paxton Is A Member Of The Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA), Which Is Closely Tied To The Group That Sent Robocalls Promoting The Rally That Led To The Capitol Riot

Paxton Is A Member Of The Republican Attorneys General Association. [Republican Attorneys General Association, accessed <u>02/04/21</u>]

The Rule Of Law Defense Fund (RLDF), A "Fundraising Arm Of The Republican Attorneys General Association [RAGA]," Sent Robocalls Urging People To March On The Capitol The Day Before Riots

Occurred. "An arm of the Republican Attorneys General Association, a national group representing the top law enforcement officers in their states, sent out robocalls encouraging people to march to the U.S. Capitol the day before the building was stormed by a pro-Trump mob. [...] The calls, which did not advocate violence or suggest the building should be breached, was sent out by the Rule of Law Defense Fund, a fundraising arm of the Republican Attorneys General Association. The groups share funding, staff and office space in Washington, D.C." [NBC News, 01/08/21]

RAGA And RLDF Share Funding, Staff, And Office Space. "While Carr is the chairman of RAGA, he is not directly associated with the RLDL [sic]. However, the groups share funding, staff and office space in Washington, according to NBC News." [11 Alive, <u>01/09/21</u>]

<u>Paxton Falsely Claimed That "Antifa" Were The Perpetrators Of The Capitol Riot, Citing Debunked Conspiracies</u>

Paxton Falsely Claimed That "Antifa" Were The Perpetrators Of The Capitol Riot. "Not long after Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton addressed a large 'Save America' rally of Trump loyalists outside the White House on Wednesday, they marched on the Capitol and breached the building as Congress sought to ratify President-elect Joe Biden's electoral victory. But Paxton had his own ideas about the mob carrying pro-Trump flags and signs. On Thursday morning, he took to Facebook to advance a conspiracy theory that the people who overtook the Capitol were not Trump supporters, but members of antifa." [Houston Chronicle, 1/08/21]

Paxton's Claim Rested On Two Debunked Sources—A Tweet From An Islamophobic Conspiracy Theorist And Washington Times Story That Was Retracted Because It Was Unsubstantiated. "Paxton's post cited two sources: a screenshot of a tweet by right-wing journalist Paul Sperry and a screenshot of a Washington Times article with the headline, 'Facial recognition firm claims antifa infiltrated Trump protestors who stormed capitol.' [...] Sperry's tweet has since been deleted. Sperry, a former Washington bureau chief for Investor's Business Daily, has authored several anti-Muslim books with titles like, 'Infiltration: How Muslim Spies and Subversives Have Penetrated Washington,' and "Muslim Mafia: Inside the Secret Underworld That's Conspiring to Islamize America." He has not return questions sent to him via email. [...] XRVision, a facial recognition technology company based in Singapore, issued a statement to PolitiFact and BuzzFeed News Thursday morning saying that the company sent the Washington Times a cease-and-desist letter asking it to retract the story and issue an apology." [Houston Chronicle, 1/08/21]

The Chairman Of Empower Texans, Which Operated A Website Spreading Election Conspiracy Theories, Is A Top Donor To Ken Paxton.

Timothy Dunn Is The Chairman Of Empower Texans, Which Has Donated Over \$400,000 To Paxton's Political Campaigns

Timothy Dunn Is The Chairman Of Empower Texans. "Tim Dunn is the chairman of the board of directors of Empower Texans and Texans for Fiscal Responsibility." [Empower Texans, accessed 01/29/21]

Timothy Dunn Has Donated \$655,000 To Ken Paxton's Political Campaigns. [FollowTheMoney.org, accessed <u>01/27/21</u>]

Empower Texans Has Donated \$404,570 To Ken Paxton's Political Campaigns. [FollowTheMoney.org, accessed 01/27/21]

A Website Called Texas Scorecard Posted An Election Conspiracy Theory Elevated By Eric Trump

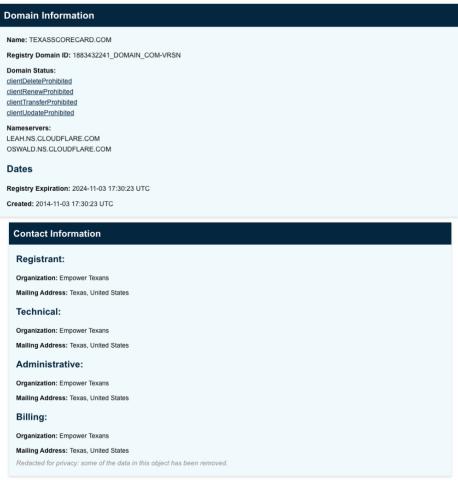
Website Texas Scorecard Uploaded A Video Which Claimed To Show The Theft Of Ballots In Detroit—Later Revealed To Be A Radio Show Moving Equipment But Only After It Was Shared By Donald Trump Jr. "Texas Scorecard: It all started with a red wagon and a white unmarked van. Shortly after filming he scene,

Kellye SoRelle shared the video with the website Texas ScoreCard, which describes itself as 'Someone's always keeping score. We think it ought to be the citizens.' That same day, Eric Trump retweeted the video now published in a story for the Gateway Pundit. His tweet gathered over 40,000 retweets and 300,000 views. Trump wrote: 'WATCH: Suitcases and Coolers Rolled Into Detroit Voting Center at 4 AM, Brought Into Secure Counting Area.'...WXYZ photojournalist Josh Bowren explained in a segment for the news channel that he was the one in the video and the red wagon he was using did not contain ballot boxes but a box full of batteries. The Gateway Pundit story has since been updated to include WXYZ's report. The Texas Scorecard story — which did include a statement from WXYZ — is still listed as trending on the front page." [Washington Post, 11/12/20]

• The Video Was Also Elevated By Popular Right Wing Youtuber Steven Crowder. "YouTuber Steven Crowder and a website operated by a powerful Texas conservative group spread a video that they claimed showed suspicious activity at a Detroit polling place. The video actually shows a local TV cameraperson with WXYZ Detroit wheeling equipment into the TCF Center... During a Wednesday livestream that racked up millions of views on YouTube, Crowder promoted the video as possible "proof" of voter fraud. As footage of the cameraperson played, he and a guest speculated that the man was bringing in ballots to be counted. When the man loaded a box onto a wagon, Crowder said, 'You wouldn't be able to trust it because some ballots could fly off the back.'" [BuzzFeed, 11/13/20]

Texas Scorecard Is Operated By Empower Texans

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[ICANN Lookup, accessed 11/11/20]

AG Paxton Is Under Investigation By The Texas Bar Association For His Effort To Overturn The Results Of The 2020 Election.

The Texas Bar Association Is Investigating AG Paxton To Determine If His Effort To Overturn The 2020 Election Was "Professional Misconduct." "The Texas bar association is investigating state Attorney General Ken Paxton to determine whether he committed professional misconduct in his failed effort to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election. The State Bar of Texas will reconsider whether Paxton made false or misleading statements to a court or filed a frivolous lawsuit when he contested the election results of four other states, claiming that President Donald Trump lost because of fraud, according to documents provided to The Washington Post." [Washington Post, 6/10/21]

HEADLINE: "AP Exclusive: State Bar Investigating Texas Attorney General." [AP, 6/9/21]

HEADLINE: "Texas AG Says Trump Would've 'Lost' State If It Hadn't Blocked Mail-In Ballots Applications Being Sent Out." [Newsweek, 6/5/21]

Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry, Who Is Slated To Speak At CPAC 2021, Closely Linked Himself To Efforts To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election And Is A Member Of A Group That Promoted The Rally That Led To The January 6th Capitol Riot—Landry's Sister-In-Law Was Even In Attendance At The Rally And Excitedly Posted When Insurrectionists Breached The Capitol.

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Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry Is Slated To Speak At CPAC. [CPAC, Accessed 8/7/21]

Landry Holds A Leadership Position With The Rule Of Law Defense Fund (RLDF)

And Its Parent, The Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA), Which

Sent Robocalls To Promote The Rally That Led To The Capital Riot.

Jeff Landry Was Identified As A Director Of The Rule Of Law Defense Fund In Its Most Recently Available Tax Filing, Signed November 13, 2020:



[Rule of Law Defense Fund Form 990, Internal Revenue Service, 11/13/20]

Jeff Landry Was Also RAGA's Chair Until Late 2020 / Early 2021 And Is Still Listed As One Of Its Executive Committee Members. "Katie Byrd, a spokesperson for Georgia Attorney General Christopher Carr, who in January replaces Landry as chair the national Republican Attorneys' General Association, told the Dallas Morning News that the Texas challenge 'is constitutionally, legally and factually wrong about Georgia." [The Advocate, 12/09/20]

 Landry Was Still RAGA's Chairman As The Organization Began To Challenge The Results Of The 2020 Presidential Election. [Facebook, 11/09/20]



Holding a national press conference right now as Chairman of the Republican Attorneys General Association arguing that election laws should not be manipulated and changed in the middle of an election. That is what happened in Pennsylvania and it impacts the voters of Louisiana who played by the rules.



- [Facebook, 11/09/20]
- December 31, 2020: Jeff Landry Was Described As "Immediate Past Chair" In A RAGA Press Release. "Jeff Landry is attorney general of Louisiana and immediate past Chairman of the Republican Attorneys General Association." [Press Release, Republican Attorneys General Association, 12/31/20]
- Jeff Landry Was Still Listed As A RAGA Executive Committee Member, As Of January 25, 2021. ["Executive Committee," Republican Attorneys General Association, accessed 01/25/21]

RLDF, An "Offshoot" Organization Of The Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA), Was One Of The Groups Behind The Rally That Led To The Capitol Riot. "The leader of a Republican attorneys general group sought to distance his organization from Wednesday's deadly assault on the U.S. Capitol by supporters of President Donald Trump, saying staffers' decision to be involved in a rally before the riot wasn't authorized. The Rule of Law Defense Fund, an offshoot of the Republican Attorneys General Association, was listed as a participant in the 'March to Save America' gathering in Washington that turned into a violent raid on the Capitol after Trump and other addressed the crowd, according to an archived web link for organizers of the event which has since been taken down." [Bloomberg, 01/08/21]

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RAGA And RLDF Accepted The Resignation Of RAGA Executive Director Adam Piper Following Backlash Over Robocalls RLDF Made To Promote The Rally. "The executive director of a national group that advocates for Republican attorneys general has resigned in the fallout of a robocall urging people to march to the U.S. Capitol ahead of the violent assault last week. The Republican Attorneys General

Association and the Rule of Law Defense Fund accepted the voluntary resignation of Adam Piper on Monday, according to a statement obtained by The Associated Press." [The Washington Post, 01/11/21]

 Piper Was RAGA's Executive Director. "The executive director of the Republican Attorneys General Association has resigned amid backlash over a decision to send out robocalls urging people to march to the U.S. Capitol." [NBC News, 01/11/21]

<u>Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry Joined Texas' Baseless Supreme Court</u> Lawsuit To Overturn Elections In States That Trump Lost.

December 10, 2020: Landry Joined Texas AG Ken Paxton In A Lawsuit Seeking The Reversal Of Election Results In Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, And Wisconsin. "Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Utah have formally joined Texas in its Supreme Court suit against Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin—four battleground states who ran illegal and unconstitutional elections. The joining states agree with Texas: the defendant states exploited the COVID-19 pandemic to justify unlawfully enacting last-minute changes and ignoring both federal and state election laws, thus skewing the results of the 2020 General Election." [Texas Attorney General Office, 12/10/20]

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Landry Said Of He Joined The Lawsuit Because He Wanted To Combat "Damage Caused By Other States Counting Unlawful Votes Or Not Counting Lawful Votes." "As I have repeatedly said, only the Supreme Court can ultimately decide cases of real controversy among the states under our Constitution and that is why the Justices should hear and decide this case,' said AG Landry. 'While some in the media and the political class try to sidestep legitimate issues for the sake of expediency, I will continue to pursue legal remedies to protect our State's people from damage caused by other states counting unlawful votes or not counting lawful votes.'" [Beauregard Daily News, 12/11/20]

Jeff Landry Refused To Join 50 Other Attorneys General In Condemning The Capitol Riot And, In His Own Separate Letter, Tried To Equivocate The Attempted Insurrection With The Overwhelmingly Peaceful Black Lives Matter Protests That Occurred Over The Summer Of 2020.

Jeff Landry Refused To Join 50 Other Attorneys General In A Letter Condemning The Capitol Riot—The Letter Was Organized By The National Association Of Attorneys General, A Group For Which Landry Was Once President. "Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry has declined to sign his name to a letter by the National Association of Attorneys General that was sent on Monday to Acting U.S. Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen on behalf of a bipartisan coalition of 50 attorneys general condemning last week's deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol. Instead, Landry wrote his own letter saying that he is concerned that the attorneys general may be sending a message that 'some violence is acceptable.'" [KATC 3, 01/13/21]

 Landry Is A Former President Of NAAG. "As a former President of NAAG, I believe in finding common ground on issues." [Letter from Jeff Landry to Attorneys General, 01/12/21] 50 AGs From States, Territories, And The District Of Columbia Signed A Letter To Acting U.S. AG Jeffrey A. Rosen Condemning The Attack "Attorneys general from 46 states — in addition to those representing Washington D.C. and three U.S. territories — signed a letter Tuesday sent to Acting U.S. Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen condemning the attack. Only Paxton and the Republican attorneys general from Louisiana, Indiana and Montana did not sign the letter. [...] By Wednesday, those three holdouts sent Rosen their own letter, which Paxton also did not sign." [The Texas Tribune, 01/13/21]

Landry Penned His Own Letter, Which Tried To Equivocate The Attempted Insurrection With The Black Lives Matter Protests That Occurred In 2020. "However, over the course of the last summer, when fires were set on the White House grounds and at a church nearby, when buildings of hard working minority small business owners were burned to the ground, when windows were smashed throughout city streets, and widespread looting took place; many of my colleagues, especially those from the other Party, sat silent or tacitly approved of the burning. [...] I would say that now is the time for all of us, as one voice, to come together and strongly decry all political violence." [Letter from Jeff Landry to Attorneys General, 01/12/21]

Black Lives Matter Protests Were 93% Peaceful Over The Course Of 7,750 Demonstrations That Occurred Nationwide Throughout The Summer Of 2020. "Demonstrators did not engage in violence or destructive activity in more than 93% of the more than 7,750 demonstrations across thousands of locations in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., between May 26 and late August, according to a report by the U.S. Crisis Monitor, a joint effort including Princeton University that collects and analyzes real-time data on demonstrations and political violence in the U.S." [USA Today, 10/24/20]

January 13, 2021: Landry Highlighted His Letter On Facebook Sent In Opposition To The Coalition's Letter. [Facebook, 01/13/21]



TODAY, SEVERAL OTHER ATTORNEYS GENERAL FROM AROUND THE NATION SENT A LETTER TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON THE VIOLENCE LAST WEEK. However, some of these same Attorneys General were completely silent - or even encouraged - violence last summer as our cities across the nation were burned, looted, and destroyed. I believe all violence should be condemned, the violence last summer and at our Capitol last week. See my letter calling them out and urging everyone to stand together against ALL violence.



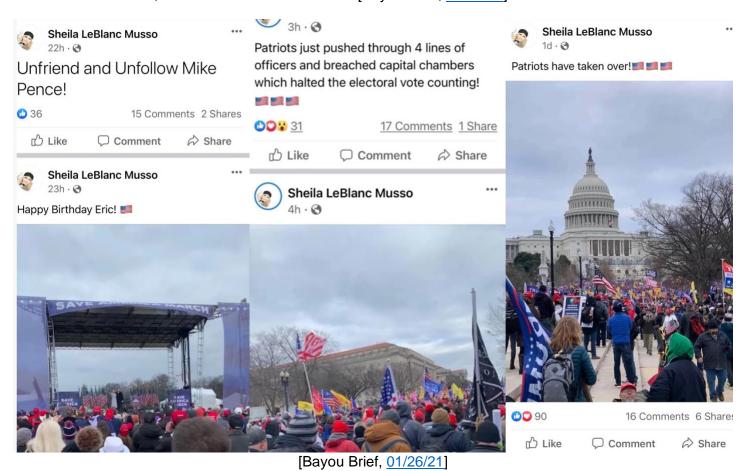
[Facebook, 01/13/21]

Jeff Landry's Sister-In-Law Attended The January 6th Rally And March To The Capitol – She Excitedly Posted That Day That "Patriots Just Pushed Through Four Lines Of Officers And Breached The Capitol Chambers Which Halted The Electoral Vote Counting!"

Sheila LeBlanc Musso And Jeff Landry's Wife, Sharon Leblanc Landry, Are Twin Sisters. "Sheila and Landry's wife Sharon are twin sisters, two of Tommy and Mary Carol LeBlanc's five children, beneficiaries to the fortune made by their father and his company, Service Tool, which bills itself as 'the leading importer, distributor, and merchandiser of hand tools in the United States." [Bayou Brief, 01/26/21]

• **Jeff Landry Is Married To Sharon Louise Leblanc Landry.** [AG Jeff Landry 2016 Personal Financial Disclosure, 05/12/2017]

Sheila LeBlanc Musso Attended The "Save America Rally" And The "March to Save America" And Made Several Facebook Posts About Her Attendance, At Least One Of Which Was Shared Widely. "In a rambling and often contradictory series of public posts on Facebook, Musso documented her participation in both the 'Save America Rally' at the Ellipse and the so-called 'March to Save America' at the U.S. Capitol, though, to be clear, it was essentially all the same thing. Prior to Jan. 6, I'd never heard of Musso, but when one of her posts that day swiftly picked up over 900 shares, a few people reached out with a tip: Sheila LeBlanc Musso, the on-the-scene correspondent who was unwittingly chronicling her own cognitive dissonance meltdown, had a famous brother-in-law." [Bayou Brief, 01/26/21]



Musso Wrote "'Patriots Have Taken Over!'" As She Posted A Photo Of The Mob At The Capitol Building And "'Patriots Just Pushed Through Four Lines Of Officers And Breached The Capitol Chambers Which Halted The Electoral Vote Counting!" "To be clear, there is no evidence whatsoever that Musso was

among those who stormed into the Capitol and engaged in an insurrection, but she was certainly close enough to witness and cheer on the melee. 'Patriots have taken over!' she gushed upon her arrival outside of the Capitol, attaching a photo of a sea of people, awash in the blues and reds of Trump campaign merchandise. As the march morphed into a mob, Musso dutifully dispatched an update. 'Patriots just pushed through four lines of officers and breached the Capitol chambers which halted the electoral vote counting!' she reported." [Bayou Brief, 01/26/21]

Although Musso Deleted Her Posts About The Insurrection, She Wrote "'I Am Here In D.C., And I Will Tell You NOTHING Aligns With What The Media Is Saying." "But upon hearing news reports of the mayhem unfolding inside the building, the people she had only just described as 'patriots' were abruptly scrubbed from her story. 'I am here in D.C., and I will tell you NOTHING aligns with what the media is saying,' she wrote. 'I will also tell you that close to 1.5 million to 2 million people PEACEABLY protested the entire two days." [Bayou Brief, 01/26/21]

Musso Falsely Claimed, "'Antifa Showed Up On (Jan.) 5th And 6th Dressed In Capitol Police Uniforms And Trump Apparel And Started Attacking Trump Supporters," And "Six People Broke Into The Capitol In Protest, And All Six Were Identified As Antifa Members." "But her exaggerations about crowd size weren't even close to her most outlandish assertion. 'Antifa showed up on (Jan.) 5th and 6th dressed in Capitol Police uniforms and Trump apparel and started attacking Trump supporters,' she claimed without evidence. 'Six people broke into the Capitol in protest, and all six were identified as antifa members and promptly arrested,' Musso falsely asserted. 'Patriots assembled on the steps and sang the National Anthem." [Bayou Brief, 01/26/21]

Musso Urged People To "'Unfriend And Unfollow Mike Pence" After He Said He Didn't Have Authority To Decertify The Election. "In addition to wishing Eric Trump a happy birthday, Musso encouraged people to 'unfriend and unfollow Mike Pence,' echoing the frustrations of those who wrongly believed Trump's claim that the fate of the election hinged on whether his once-dutiful Vice President ruled against ratifying the already-certified count of Biden electors, despite the fact that Pence lacked the authority to do so." [Bayou Brief, 01/26/21]

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Former Acting DNI Ric Grenell Elevated Debunked Claims Of Election Fraud.

Debunked Claims Of Election Fraud Linked To The Election Wizard Account Were Elevated By Former Acting Director of National Intelligence Richard Grenell Which Has Been Retweeted Almost 20,000 Times And Liked Nearly 40,000 Times.



Twitter, 11/05/20

At Least Twenty Members Of Congress Who Voted Against Certifying The 2020 Election Have Been Invited To Speak At CPAC.

Senator Rick Scott, Who Voted Against Certifying The Election Results And Attempted To Undermine The Results Of The 2020 Election, Will Speak At CPAC.

Sen. Rick Scott Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC. [CPAC, accessed 7/8/21]

Sen. Rick Scott Was One Of The Few Senators Who Voted Against Certifying The Election Results. [Vox, 1/7/21]

House Members Who Led Efforts To Oppose Election Results And Helped To Incited Violence At The Capitol Will Speak At CPAC 2021.

House Members Scheduled To Speak At CPAC Include:

Representative Name	District
Rep. Brian Babin	TX-36
Rep. Jim Banks	IN-3
Rep. Andy Biggs	AZ-5
Rep. Lauren Boebert	CO-3
Rep. Ted Budd	NC-13

Rep. Michael Burgess	TX-26
Rep. Madison Cawthorn	NC-11
Rep. Michael Cloud	TX-27
Rep. Byron Donalds	FL-19
Rep. Russ Fulcher	ID-1
Rep. Lance Gooden	TX-5
Rep. Yvette Herrell	NM-2
Rep. Jody Hice	GA-10
Rep. Ronny Jackson	TX-13
Rep. Tracey Mann	KS-1
Rep. Devin Nunes	CA-22
Rep. Gary Palmer	AL-6
Rep. Greg Steube	FL-17
Rep. Roger Williams	TX-25

- Rep. Babin Voted To Overturn Election Results. [New York Times, 1/7/21]
- Rep. Banks Voted To Overturn Election Results. [New York Times, 1/7/21]
- Rep. Biggs Voted To Overturn Election Results. [New York Times, 1/7/21]
- Rep. Boebert Voted To Overturn Election Results. [New York Times, 1/7/21]
- Rep. Budd Voted To Overturn Election Results. [New York Times, 1/7/21]
- Rep. Burgess Voted To Overturn Election Results. [New York Times, 1/7/21]
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- Rep. Herrell Voted To Overturn Election Results. [New York Times, 1/7/21]
- Rep. Hice Voted To Overturn Election Results. [New York Times, 1/7/21]
- Rep. Jackson Voted To Overturn Election Results. [New York Times, 1/7/21]
- Rep. Mann Voted To Overturn Election Results. [New York Times, 1/7/21]
- Rep. Nunes Voted To Overturn Election Results. [New York Times, 1/7/21]
- Rep. Palmer Voted To Overturn Election Results. [New York Times, 1/7/21]
- Rep. Steube Voted To Overturn Election Results. [New York Times, 1/7/21]

Rep. Banks Voted Against Certification Of Biden's Election Win And Was Accused Of Welcoming Rioters To Washington, DC

Rep. Banks Voted Against Certifying The Electoral Votes For President-Elect Joe Biden And Was Accused Of Inciting The Violence On The Capitol. "Many taking to social media to question if lawmakers and senators incited violence at the U.S. Capitol, including Indiana Congressman Jim Banks. Banks has been vocal on social media since the Capitol siege defending his decision to vote against electoral college votes Wednesday. Wednesday Banks tweeted he was 'looking forward to welcoming thousands on Capitol Hill' and said he was encouraging people make their voices heard. He says he denies inciting any kind of violence on that day." ["Congressman Banks says he did not incite violence on the Capitol," WPTA21, 01/10/21]

Rep. Cawthorn Called On Supporters To "Threaten" Lawmakers Who Opposed Claims Of Voter Fraud And Told The January 6 Stop The Steal Crowd That It "Had Some Fight In It."

About Three Weeks Before The Insurrection, Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-NC) Told Attendees At A Turning Point USA Event To "Lightly Threaten" Lawmakers Who Didn't Pursue Claims Of Voter Fraud. "Republican Rep. Madison Cawthorn told a crowd at a Turning Point USA event last month to 'lightly threaten' lawmakers if they didn't support claims of voter fraud made against the legitimacy of the 2020 presidential election. The lawmaker from North Carolina made the comments on December 21, a little over three weeks before rioters who supported President Donald Trump stormed the US Capitol as lawmakers debated the Electoral College vote and President-elect Joe Biden's 2020 election win." [Kelly McLaughlin, "Republican Rep. Madison Cawthorn told a Turning Point USA crowd last month to 'lightly threaten' lawmakers if they didn't support claims of voter fraud," Yahoo! News, 01/12/21]

At A "Stop The Steal" Rally On The Day Of The Insurrection, Cawthorn Told The Crowd It Had "Some Fight In It" And Condemned Republicans Who Were "Hiding And Not Fighting." "Weeks later during the 'Stop the Steal' rally in Washington DC that descended into the riot at the Capitol in which five people died, Cawthorn spoke about an hour before Trump and told the crowd it has 'some fight in it.' 'The Democrats, with all the fraud they have done in this election, the Republicans, hiding and not fighting, they are trying to silence your voice. Make no mistake about it, they do not want you to be heard,' he said. 'But my friends, when I look out into this crowd, I can confidently say, this crowd has the voice of lions. There is a new Republican Party on the rise that will represent this country, that will go and fight in Washington, DC." [Kelly McLaughlin, "Republican Rep. Madison Cawthorn told a Turning Point USA crowd last month to 'lightly threaten' lawmakers if they didn't support claims of voter fraud," Yahoo! News, 01/12/21]

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Rep. Hice Voted Against Certifying The Electoral College Results And Said The Riots Didn't Change That "Millions Of Americans Feel" The Election Was Fraudulent. "Georgia Representative Jody Hice held a community call Thursday responding to his actions. 'As shameful as the storming of the capital was yesterday it did not change the fact that millions of Americans feel the elections were fundamentally fraudulent,' said Rep. Hice." [CBS 46, 1/07/21]