

Politicians In The Southwest Pushing For A Bogus Election Audit Also Peddled The “Big Lie” And Are Connected To Extremist Groups – Yet Received Corporate Contributions

SUMMARY: Legislators in Arizona and Nevada have been pushing the “Big Lie” of conspiracies in the 2020 election regarding former President Donald Trump and now seek election audits based on their false claims.

- Former Nevada assemblyman and current candidate for Secretary of State Jim Marchant has branded himself as a candidate skeptical of the legitimacy of the 2020 election. Going beyond the presidential race, Marchant went to the lengths of saying his own loss in a race for a congressional seat, despite the margin being over 5-percent, was fraudulent. Marchant has also shown friendliness to QAnon and is scheduled to attend a fundraiser hosted by “QAnon John” in October of this year. Despite his extremism, Marchant has received contributions from several major Las Vegas resorts and companies: \$15,000 from Las Vegas Sands, \$12,000 from Keystone Corporation, and \$12,000 from Venetian Casino, among others.
- Arizona State Representative Mark Finchem, also running for Secretary of State, has deep ties to the far-right. Advertising his Gab account directly on his campaign website, where he reposts sentiments, such as saying “hang all these bastards” in response to Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin. Finchem has previously expressed the belief that the 2020 election was illegitimate, blogged that the 2017 violence in Charlottesville was a deep state operation, and has said he will refuse to get the COVID vaccine because he would not be “one of the lab rats.” A 10-time guest on Steve Bannon’s podcast, Finchem participated in the January 6th Stop the Steal rally, including lying about how close he got to the Capitol building. Despite his extremism, Finchem has received contributions from major companies: \$7,500 from Pinnacle West, \$2,500 from Raytheon, and \$800 from Pfizer, among others.

State Representative Jim Marchant – Who Has Received Contributions From Las Vegas Sands And Keystone Corporation – Has Alleged Fraud In The 2020 Election And Called For An Audit In The State Of Nevada.

Jim Marchant

POLITICAL OFFICE

Nevada Assembly, 2016-2018 [JimMarchant.com, Accessed [8/13/21](#)]

ACADEMIC HISTORY

Troy University, Criminal Justice [JimMarchant.com, Accessed [8/13/21](#)]



- Marchant expressed his belief in voter fraud taking place both at the presidential level, and in his own failed attempt at a Congressional seat. Despite losing by 5% and over 16,000 votes, Marchant brought a lawsuit that called for the overturning of the democratic result, and to have a re-vote, vaguely citing voter irregularities. Marchant maintained these objections at least through March of this year, where he restated them at a Nevada capitol rally, while also claiming the presidential election had fraud and calling for new voting laws.
- Candidate Marchant is currently scheduled to attend an October 2021 convention organized by “QAnon John.” The organizer, in a previous interview, claimed “Q is everywhere” and argued regular people followed the phenomenon. Tickets for the fundraiser ranged up to around \$3,000.

Marchant Alleged Fraud In Both The 2020 Presidential Election And At The Local Level, Making A Legal Challenge For A Re-Vote After A Failed Bid Against A Democratic Congressional Candidate And Calling For An Audit Of The Nevada Voting System

Marchant Called For A “Forensic Audit” Of The Election System In Nevada, Claiming He Had Found Numerous Ways Election Fraud Occurred In The State Since 2008

Marchant Called For A Forensic Audit Of The Election System In Nevada, Claiming He Had Found “Numerous Ways Election Fraud Occurs” In Nevada. “Since 2008 I have discovered numerous ways election fraud occurs here in Nevada. I have discovered a lot. We know how election fraud happens, but we need a forensic audit of the election system to prove it. We have struggled since 2014 trying to convince the court system to grant us the ability to do a forensic audit of the election system here in Nevada only to be shut down by the courts every time.” [Facebook, @electjimmarchant, [4/4/21](#)]

Marchant Joined A Rally To Deliver Complaints Of Election Fraud In 2020 To The Secretary Of State

Marchant Joined State Republican Party Chair Michael McDonald To Rally In Front Of The Nevada Capitol And Hand-Deliver Claims Of Fraud In The 2020 Election. “Pro-Trump demonstrators convened in

front of the Nevada Capitol to hand-deliver complaints of election fraud to Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske and demand she investigate them. Nevada Republican Party Chairman Michael McDonald and former congressional candidate Jim Marchant told a crowd of about 40 people that the 2020 election had demonstrated the urgent need to change the state's election laws." [Associated Press, [3/4/21](#)]

- **At The Rally Outside The Nevada State Capitol, Marchant Said The Election Was Stolen From Him And Trump.** "Marchant, a former state assemblyman who was unseated in 2018, said on Thursday that he still believed the 2020 election was 'stolen' from both him and Trump. A lawsuit he filed to challenge his 33,000-vote loss to Rep. Steve Horsford, D-Las Vegas, was dismissed after a Clark County judge ruled she lacked jurisdiction throughout the seven-county congressional district. 'We have to change the laws here. I've been fighting to change voter fraud for almost 10 years,' he said. 'We're all awake now.'" [Associated Press, [3/4/21](#)]

Marchant Said 2020 Presidential Race Had Been "Stolen" From Him And Trump. "Marchant, a former state assemblyman who was unseated in 2018, said on Thursday that he still believed the 2020 election was 'stolen' from both him and Trump." [Associated Press, [3/4/21](#)]

Marchant Attempted In Court To Secure A New Vote For His 2020 Congressional Race, Where He Lost To Incumbent Steven Horsford By 5%

Marchant Unsuccessfully Requested A New Vote For His Congressional Race, After Losing By 5 Percentage Points, Or About 16,100 Votes. "A Clark County District Court judge has denied a request from Republican congressional candidate Jim Marchant for a re-vote in his failed bid against Democratic incumbent Rep. Steven Horsford. District Court Judge Gloria Sturman issued the ruling from the bench on Friday after a roughly two-and-a-half-hour hearing, declining to order the extraordinary request filed by Marchant for a new election in Clark County amid various claims of potential voter fraud. Marchant lost his race to Horsford by about 16,100 votes, or about 5 percentage points." [Nevada Independent, [11/20/20](#)]

The Challenge To Marchant's Congressional Election Included Claims Of Fraud And Unreliable Voting Results, Which Attorney Craig Mueller Claimed Was A Clark County Issue. "Though Marchant's attorney, Craig Mueller, said he would be comfortable pairing the request for a new election with either a later evidentiary hearing or the transferring of computer records related to mail ballots, Sturman said she was not comfortable issuing such an order both because of jurisdictional concerns — Nevada state law has a separate process for the filing of election contest suits — and because of the basic geography of the congressional district, which spans seven counties. [...] Though the Marchant lawsuit echoed many of the other voter fraud allegations, much of the hearing Friday was spent on jurisdictional issues and whether Sturman could even order a new election. Mueller argued that judicial intervention was necessary because of doubts regarding the outcome of the election, and defended his filing of the lawsuit as a narrowly tailored challenge to what he saw as a Clark county-specific issue. 'This is not an election of national significance,' he said. 'It's an election, or issue, of local incompetence.'" [Nevada Independent, [11/20/20](#)]

Marchant's Request For A Re-Vote Was Ultimately Dismissed On Jurisdictional Grounds. "A Clark County District Court judge has denied a request from Republican congressional candidate Jim Marchant for a re-vote in his failed bid against Democratic incumbent Rep. Steven Horsford. [...] Sturman said she was not comfortable issuing such an order both because of jurisdictional concerns — Nevada state law has a separate process for the filing of election contest suits — and because of the basic geography of the congressional district, which spans seven counties. 'This isn't the right venue,' she said. 'This court does not have jurisdiction over this action at all.'" [Nevada Independent, [11/20/20](#)]

March 2021: Marchant Still Believed The 2020 House Race Was "Stolen" From Him Following Court Loss. "Marchant, a former state assemblyman who was unseated in 2018, said on Thursday that he still believed the 2020 election was 'stolen' from both him and Trump. A lawsuit he filed to challenge his 33,000-vote loss to Rep. Steve Horsford, D-Las Vegas, was dismissed after a Clark County judge ruled she lacked

jurisdiction throughout the seven-county congressional district. 'We have to change the laws here. I've been fighting to change voter fraud for almost 10 years,' he said. 'We're all awake now.'" [Associated Press, [3/4/21](#)]

Marchant Is Currently Scheduled To Attend A Convention Organized By A QAnon Follower In October 2021

October 2021: Jim Marchant Is Slated To Attend A QAnon-Themed "For God And Country: Patriot Double Down" Convention In Las Vegas, Organized By An Individual Named "QAnon John" On Telegram. "Republican politicians are listed as 'special guests' at a Las Vegas convention organized by supporters of the debunked QAnon conspiracy theory. Republican Arizona House of Representatives member Mark Finchem and Republican former Nevada Assembly Member and now Nevada Secretary of State candidate Jim Marchant were both listed as attending the event over the weekend starting October 22 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The 'For God and Country: Patriot Double Down' weekend convention is organized by The Patriot Voice, run by a person who uses the name 'QAnon John' on his Telegram channel which has more than 38,000 followers." [Newsweek, [7/14/21](#)]

Organizer "Qanon John," Real Name John Sabal, Had Given An Interview, Saying: "Q Is Everywhere. There's People In Your Grocery Store Who Follow Qanon." "According to the Dallas Observer, QAnon John is John Sabal and he, and his wife Amy, are the couple who are behind the event ad for the previous 'For God and Country Patriot Roundup.' Sabal had previously given an interview to Business Insider in September 2020 where he said: 'Q is everywhere. There's people in your grocery store who follow QAnon. Your nextdoor neighbor could follow it and never even tell you.'" [Newsweek, [7/14/21](#)]

Tickets To The QAnon Fundraiser Cost As Much As Around \$3,000 For A "High-Roller VIP" Pass. "A general admission, all-weekend pass sets visitors back \$650, while a VIP all-weekend pass costs \$1,300. But, a high-roller VIP weekend pass costs more than double that of the standard VIP, setting purchasers back a round \$3,000." [Newsweek, [7/14/21](#)]

The Top PACs And Trade Associations That Contributed To Jim Marchant Gave Him Almost \$100,000 – Including From Las Vegas Sands, Keystone Corporation, And Venetian Casino Resort, Among Other

Contributors	Total Contributions To Marchant
Las Vegas Sands	\$15,000
Keystone Corporation	\$12,000
Venetian Casino Resort	\$10,000
Ahern Rentals	\$10,000
Sands Expo & Convention Center	\$10,000
American Federation for Children	\$8,000
South Point Hotel & Casino	\$7,500
Wynn Resorts	\$5,000
Nevada Trucking Association	\$5,000
Nevada Association of Realtors	\$5,000
Incorp Services	\$5,000
Morning in Nevada PAC Customer	\$5,000
TOTAL:	\$87,500

[Follow the Money – "Jim Marchant," accessed [8/3/21](#)]

State Representative Mark Finchem – Who Has Received Contributions From Pinnacle West, Raytheon, And Pfizer – Has Sponsored Legislation For An Audit In The State Of Arizona, After Having Uplifted The Big Lie And Spread Conspiracy Theories About The January 6 Insurrection

Mark Finchem



POLITICAL OFFICE

Currently a candidate for Arizona Secretary of State [VoteFinchem.com, Accessed [8/13/21](#)]
Arizona State Representative, 2015-Present [VoteFinchem.com, Accessed [8/13/21](#)]

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Rancher [VoteFinchem.com, Accessed [8/13/21](#)]
Real Estate Broker [VoteFinchem.com, Accessed [8/13/21](#)]

ACADEMIC HISTORY

Grand Canyon University, 2019 [VoteFinchem.com, Accessed [8/13/21](#)]
Kalamazoo Valley Community College, 1986 [VoteFinchem.com, Accessed [8/13/21](#)]

- State Representative Mark Finchem attended the January 6 Stop the Steal rally that led to the Capitol insurrection. Despite claims he didn't get within 500 yards of the Capitol, video footage showed Finchem at the Capitol's east steps after the building had been breached. Finchem would go on to discuss January 6 on his personal newsletter, claiming "ANTIFA infiltrators" [sic] were responsible for the violence and had been identified by "facial recognition." Finchem is also a regular guest on Steve Bannon's War Room podcast, appearing at least 10 times since December 2020.
- Finchem has long been connected to extreme rhetoric, views, and even extremist groups. In a 2014 questionnaire, without being asked about the group specifically, Finchem identified as a member of the Oath Keepers, classified by the Southern Poverty Law Center as an anti-government extremist group. Finchem was also connected to the Coalition of Western States, a group that supported the 2016 armed occupation of Oregon's Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Finchem had been listed as an "Arizona Coordinator" for the group, and emails revealed contacts between him and the group as late as November 2019.
- Finchem has a Gab account, linked to by his current website for his campaign for Secretary of State. Gab has been criticized for allowing extremist, including neo-Nazi, content, and had previously been dropped by its web hosting provider following connections to a 2018 anti-Semitic mass shooting.
- Finchem regularly posted extreme content on his Gab account. This included a comparison of "mandatory mask and vaccines" requirements in the US to violations of the Nuremberg Code, which prohibited "forced medical procedures and is a crime punishable by execution." Finchem posted to

followers to “study the Battle of Athens,” referring to a 1946 Tennessee incident where WW2 veterans fired on local sheriffs following an attempt to steal an election. Finchem also reposted a message seeming to call for the execution of Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, saying “hang all these bastards. treason.” in response to a post claiming Secretary Austin had instituted Critical Race Theory in the military.

- In 2017, Finchem referred to the incidents at Charlottesville as a “deep state” operation, saying “the actors with a script” were “peddling the story” of far-right violence. Finchem referred to the events as a “PSYOP.” [sic] Finchem also sourced conspiracy website Gateway Pundit to support his claims.
- Finchem has recently expressed skepticism of COVID-19 vaccinations. Finchem called the vaccines “experimental, potentially deadly gene therapy” and said he was “not one of the lab rats.” Finchem argued “very serious reservations and even warnings” against vaccines were emerging “almost daily,” and said restrictions were “bordering on criminal.”
- Finchem has carried his support for audits into his Secretary of State campaign, launching the “Ballot Integrity Project,” which calls for every ballot to be viewable as a public record, and selling “#Provelt” shirts calling for forensic audits.

Finchem Announced The “Arizona Ballot Integrity Project” As Part Of His Campaign For Secretary Of State, As Well As Selling “#Provelt” Shirts Designed To Promote A Forensic Audit Of 2020 Election Ballots

On A Campaign Website, Finchem Announced The “Arizona Ballot Integrity Project” And Called For Making Ballots Public Records. “I’m proud to announce a new project we’ve been working on at the Arizona State Capitol called the ‘Arizona Ballot Integrity Project’, a full-spectrum transparency project to give Arizona voters confidence in their elections. Ballot integrity, a critical part of the election process, relies on fraud countermeasures to keep the fakes out of the system. Election integrity – more broadly – relies on full-spectrum transparency. We can have full-spectrum transparency by making every ballot image a public record, available to everyone, all the time. Putting sunshine on something is a great disinfectant, and there is no reason not to do this. The U.S. Treasury relies on currency-grade fraud countermeasures. Meaning they have UV light-reactive bills, from the dollar bill, to the five, to the ten, even to the hundred. You’ll notice stripes, fluorescence, all manner of countermeasures. And after all, aren’t our ballots just as valuable as our money?” [Finchem for Secretary of State – “Announcing The Ballot Integrity Project,” accessed [7/28/21](#)]

Finchem’s Campaign Sells #Provelt Shirts, Calling To “Prove There Is No Fraud” With A Forensic Audit. “We are making those who say there is no fraud prove there is no fraud. It is easy - just forensically audit everything. Show your support for forensic audits by ordering your #Provelt T-Shirt today.” [Finchem for Secretary of State - Store, accessed [7/28/21](#)]

Finchem Called The 2017 Charlottesville Events A “Deep State” Operation, Said Left-Wing Infiltrators Were Responsible For The Violence On January 6, And Identified As A Member And Of Anti-Government Extremist Organizations Such As The Oath Keepers

Finchem Called The White Supremacist Rally In Charlottesville A “Deep State” Operation Facilitated By The Media And Democrats

In A 2017 Blog Post On His Campaign Website, Finchem Called The White Supremacist Rally In Charlottesville A “Deep State” Operation Facilitated By The Media And Democrats. “Arizona

Representative Mark Finchem called the white supremacist rally in Charlottesville a 'Deep State' operation facilitated by the media and Democrats in a 2017 blog post on his campaign website. And although his article was riddled with misleading and false information, for Finchem, the blog post is not out of character. The Republican legislator frequently traffics in ideas common on the far-right political fringe. He has described himself as a member of the Oath Keepers, an antigovernment militia movement, and sponsored legislation that would allow Arizona to ignore U.S. Supreme Court rulings." [Phoenix News Times, [3/22/19](#)]

Finchem Wrote In A Newsletter That The January 6 Insurrection At The Capitol Had Been Carried Out By "Antifa Infiltrators"

Finchem Claimed That The January 6 Insurrection Had Been Carried Out By Antifa Infiltrators, Which He Claimed Had Been Identified By Facial Recognition Technology. "Finchem went on to assert in his January 10 newsletter that antifascist activists (also known as Antifa) were responsible for the initial breach of the Capitol and the property damage. He cited a now-debunked conspiracy theory that facial recognition technology identified leftist activists in the crowd. 'It has been reported that a handful of individuals, who have been identified as ANTIFA infiltrators —identified by facial recognition— did in fact breach the entryway of the premises and cause damage,' Finchem wrote. 'But, there were many in the throng who were trying to stop them shouting, 'that's not who we are.'" [Phoenix News Times, [1/11/21](#)]

Finchem Identified As A Member Of Extremist Group The Oath Keepers

2014: Responding To A Questionnaire Local News Outlet, Finchem Identified As An "Oath Keeper Committed To The Exercise Of Limited, Constitutional Governance." "[Newspaper]: What differentiates you from your opponents? [Finchem:] I am not backed by big-money special interests but by voters who have had enough of the undue and unacceptable influence has over government. I'm an Oath Keeper committed to the exercise of limited, constitutional governance. I stand against policies that expand the role of government in our lives which include Common Core, Medicaid expansion, extinguishment of long-standing water and land-use rights. I have offered up a solution for the funding of critical functions like education, infrastructure and public safety. My opponents (both Republican and Democrat) have not." [In Maricopa, [7/30/14](#)]

SPLC: Oath Keepers Were Antigovernment Extremist Movement, Ideology Based On Conspiracy Theories. "The Oath Keepers, which claims tens of thousands of present and former law enforcement officials and military veterans as members, is one of the largest radical antigovernment groups in the U.S. today. While it claims only to be defending the Constitution, the entire organization is based on a set of baseless conspiracy theories about the federal government working to destroy the liberties of Americans." [SPLC, accessed [7/28/21](#)]

Finchem Was An "Arizona Coordinator" For The Coalition Of Western States, Which Supported An Armed Occupation Of Oregon's Malheur National Wildlife Refuge In 2016

October 2020: Finchem Was Revealed To Have Been "Arizona Coordinator" For The Coalition Of Western States, Had Communicated With Individuals Involved With The Group Recently. "State Representative Mark Finchem served as 'Arizona Coordinator' for the Coalition of Western States, a group that supported the infamous armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon in 2016. He's also recently communicated with individuals who were involved with the group, new emails show." [Phoenix News Times, [10/1/20](#)]

The Coalition Of Western States Supported The Armed Occupation Of Oregon's Malheur National Wildlife Refuge In 2016. "State Representative Mark Finchem served as 'Arizona Coordinator' for the Coalition of Western States, a group that supported the infamous armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon in 2016. [...] The group publicly backed the Hammond family of Oregon ranchers, whose dispute with the federal government over public land management inspired the armed militia

occupation of the Oregon wildlife refuge. Some members of COWS met with the militia members and fed them information.” [Phoenix New Times, [10/1/20](#)]

Finchem Had Communicated With Members Of The Coalition Of Western States As Recently As November 2019. “Newly revealed emails, which were obtained through a public records request filed by Forward Majority, show that Finchem has communicated more recently with active members of COWS. For instance, Finchem emailed with Robert Corbell on November 13, 2019 regarding a feral cattle removal contract.” [Phoenix New Times, [10/1/20](#)]

Finchem Linked His Gab Profile On His Campaign Website – On The Account, Finchem Compared Mask Mandates To The Nuremberg Codes, Said To Study The 1940s Citizens Rebellions Against The Government Called The Battle Of Athens, And Reposted A Gab Seemingly Calling For The Hanging Of Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin

Arizona Republic Column HEADLINE: “Rep. Mark Finchem Is A Clear And Present Danger To All Of Us. Expel Him From Office Now.” [Arizona Republic – Dana Allmond, [2/11/21](#)]

Finchem Campaign Website Linked To His Gab Account. [Finchem for Secretary of State – “Announcing The Ballot Integrity Project,” accessed [7/28/21](#)]

Gab Was Considered Tolerant Of Neo-Nazis And Hate Speech On Its Platform, And Lost Its Web Hosting Provider Following Connections To An Anti-Semitic Mass Shooting In Pittsburgh. “Gab continues to lose support from internet services following the anti-Semitic mass shooting in Pittsburgh. Hosting provider Joyent is suspending service for Gab as of the morning of October 29th, likely leaving the social network ‘down for weeks,’ according to a tweet. [...] Critics, however, have noted that Gab has regularly tolerated neo-Nazis and other people kicked off Facebook and Twitter for hate, harassment and threats intended to suppress the speech of others.” [Engadget, [10/28/18](#)]

On His Gab Account, Finchem Compared “Mandatory Masks And Vaccines” To The Violations Of Nuremberg Codes. Finchem reposted @killlaudeepstate (Dr Russell McGregor), posting a meme that “The Nuremberg Code forbids forced medical procedures and is a crime punishable by execution”

Mark Finchem reposted



Dr Russell McGregor @killaudeepstate

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**Yes, Mandatory
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points of the
Nuremberg Code**

We've Been Here Before

1,898 likes 134 comments 1,216 reposts

[Gab.com – @AZHoneyBadger, [7/28/21](#)]

Finchman Posted “Study The Battle Of Athens” On Gab.



[Gab.com – @AZHoneyBadger, [7/6/21](#)]

The Battle Of Athens Involved WW2 Veterans Getting Into A Shootout With Armed Sheriff's Deputies To Stop Corrupt Officials From Stealing An Election. “Harold Powers was only 20 when he watched a frightening sight unfold here 60 years ago: Battle-hardened World War II veterans in a shootout with armed sheriff's deputies. The so-called Battle of Athens began Aug. 1, 1946, when veterans opened fire on the local jail to stop corrupt local officials from stealing an election.” [NBC News, [8/1/06](#)]

Finchem Reposted “TMB #Impeach44,” Saying “Hang All These Bastards. Treason.” In Response To A Post About Secretary Of Defense Lloyd Austin. Finchem reposted TMB #Impeach44, who said, “hang all

these bastards . treason . federal government to shreds[.]” TMB was responding to a post from Matt_Bracken, “Generals, veterans and citizens issue petition accusing Sec of Defense Austin of violating his oath to the US Constitution” based on alleged implementation of Critical Race Theory in the military.

Mark Finchem reposted



TMB #Impeach44 @TMB

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Matthew Bracken @Matt_Bracken

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Generals, veterans and citizens issue petition accusing Sec of Defense Austin of violating his oath to the US Constitution

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The Committee to Support and Defend has initiated a petition to the Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin to “honor his oath” to “support and defend” the Constitution of the United States. The petition “respectfully insists” that Austin immediately countermand orders he has issued since taking office that have eroded military cohesion and readiness. The petition argues that Critical Race Theory is a toxic Marxist ideology with anti-Constitutional objectives. Ordering its teaching in the military endangers

[Gab.com – @AZHoneyBadger, [6/30/21](#)]

Finchem Referred To Violence In Charlottesville As A “Deep State” Operation

Finchem Referred To The Charlottesville Rally As A “Deep State” Operation. “Arizona Representative Mark Finchem called the white supremacist rally in Charlottesville a “Deep State” operation facilitated by the media and Democrats in a 2017 blog post on his campaign website. And although his article was riddled with misleading and false information, for Finchem, the blog post is not out of character. The Republican legislator frequently traffics in ideas common on the far-right political fringe. He has described himself as a member of the Oath Keepers, an antigovernment militia movement, and sponsored legislation that would allow Arizona to ignore U.S. Supreme Court rulings.” [Phoenix New Times, [3/22/19](#)]

2017: On His Campaign Website, Finchem Argued “The Actors With A Script” Were “Peddling The Story” Of Far Right Violence At Charlottesville, But The Events Had “Deep State PSYOP Written All Over It.” “Now the actors with a script -who have replaced reporters and journalists- of the legacy media industrial complex are peddling the story that ‘far right’ and the far left are at each others throats, and that they are behind the violence that erupted in Charlottesville this past weekend. [...] What we are seeing is two Democrat mobs fighting for control and narrative foundation. Its hard to build a narrative without a bad guy, without bloodshed and without a victim. The has Deep State PSYOP written all over it.” [Mark Finchem for State Representative via archive.org, [8/15/17](#)]

Finchem’s Post Cited The Gateway Pundit Story, “White Supremacist Leader In Charlottesville Jason Kessler Was Obama Supporter – Occupy Protester,” As A Source. [Mark Finchem for State Representative via archive.org, [8/15/17](#)]

- **Washington Post: Gateway Pundit Utilized Conspiracy Theories And Dubious Assertions To Earn Popularity, And Had Printed Falsehoods Such As Misidentification Of The 2017 Las Vegas Shooter.** “The take-no-prisoners approach — not to mention the conspiratorial tone and dubious assertions — has been the trademark of Gateway Pundit since its founding by a former corporate executive named Jim Hoft in 2004. Despite this, its influence has grown both among the fringe right and more mainstream conservatives. [...] And yet Gateway Pundit — the name refers to Hoft’s home base, St. Louis — has a

track record of stirring up controversy and generating clicks with a number of stories that quickly fell apart. TGP misidentified the shooter at a Las Vegas concert in October in which 58 people were shot to death.” [Washington Post, [2/23/18](#)]

Finchem Participated In The January 6 Stop The Steal Rally, Lying About How Close He Got To The Capitol – And Later Argued “Antifa Infiltrators” Had Been Identified As Causing Damaging During The January 6 Riot

Arizona Mirror: Finchem Had Claimed To Have Not Been Within 500 Yards Of The Capitol During The January 6 Insurrection, But Footage Later Showed Finchem In Front Of The East Steps After Rioters Had Broken Through Barricades Into The Building. “Newly discovered footage taken during the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riot shows Arizona GOP legislator Mark Finchem was much closer to the day’s violence than he has previously claimed. Finchem has insisted that he never got within 500 yards of the Capitol building, but Getty footage of the failed attempt to stop Congress from certifying Joe Biden’s election that was recently discovered by activists on Twitter shows Finchem walking directly in front of the east steps at the Capitol after pro-Trump rioters had already broken through a series of barricades and police lines, and then smashed their way into the Capitol building.” [Arizona Mirror, [6/2/21](#)]

January 10, 2021: Finchem Denied The January 6 Crowd Attacked Police, Said “ANTIFA Infiltrators” Had Been Identified By “Facial Recognition” As Having Caused Damage. “And what about the claims that the crowd was a mob? Were they loud? Yes. Were they hostile? No. Did they attack the police? No, in fact I heard many properties say ‘thank you,’ and ‘bless you’ as they walked by officers. Were they destructive? It has been reported that, ‘a handful of individuals, who have been identified as ANTIFA infiltrators --identified by facial recognition-- did in fact breach the entryway of the premises and cause damage. But, there were many in the throng who were trying to stop them shouting, ‘that’s not who we are.’” [State Representative Mark Finchem, [1/10/21](#)]

Finchem Was Often A Guest On Steve Bannon’s War Room, Having Made At Least 10 Appearances On The Show

Finchem Was A Regular Guest On Steve Bannon’s War Room, Making At Least 10 Appearances On The Program. [Steve Bannon’s War Room, [12/7/20](#); [4/6/21](#); [4/28/21](#); [5/13/21](#); [5/14/21](#); [5/18/21](#); [5/24/21](#); [5/28/21](#); [6/26/21](#); [7/15/21](#)]

Finchem Has Said He Did Not Receive A Vaccination For COVID-19, Saying He Was “Not One Of The Lab Rats” And Called The Vaccine “Potentially Deadly Gene Therapy”

Finchem Said He Would Not Receive A COVID-19 Vaccine, Calling It “Experimental, Potentially Deadly Gene Therapy,” And That He Was “Not One Of The Lab Rats.” “I was asked at PHX if I was vaccinated? All I could do was say ‘nope, I am a citizen not a subject, or even an experimental subject, I’ll not take an injection that is an experimental, potentially deadly gene therapy with multiple potential unknown long-term side-effects, I’m not one of the lab rats?’” [Gab - @AZHoneyBadger, [7/1/21](#)]

Finchem Said “Very Serious Reservations And Even Warnings” Against COVID Vaccinations Were Emerging “Almost Daily,” And Said “Treatment Protocols Forced Upon Americans” Were “Bordering On Criminal.” “Very serious reservations and even warnings against Covid vaccines are emerging almost daily now. Along with such, medical specialists and findings based on evidence and lab work are surfacing quickly – all of which are bluntly in disagreement with the scare tactics and harsh impositions and shutdowns imposed by the Federal Government. Increasingly it appears Americans have been herded into an alternate

reality, and even this has been shown to be part of an insidious general plan to weaken the American economy, business in general, citizens and social order, schools and the emotional well-being of children, and generally bring a form of chaos to our American society as a whole. While a virus was released, and China has very serious explaining to do (don't hold your breath), the reaction and the treatment protocols forced upon Americans is absurd and contradictory, if not bordering on criminal and clearly unconstitutional." [Gab - @AZHoneyBadger, [6/23/21](#)]

The Top PACs And Trade Associations Donated Over \$35,000 To Finchem

Contributors	Total Contributions To Finchem
Pinnacle West	\$7,500
H S Lopez Family Trust	\$4,000
Arizona Association of Realtors	\$3,200
Freeport McMoran Copper & Gold	\$2,500
Raytheon	\$2,500
Grand Canyon State Electric Cooperative Association	\$2,200
Arizona Optometric Association	\$2,000
Tucson Police Officers Association	\$1,700
Southwest Gas	\$1,450
Home Builders Association Of Central Arizona	\$1,300
Genentech	\$1,200
CenturyLink	\$1,150
Western Growers Association	\$1,125
Farmers Insurance	\$1,075
Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Arizona	\$1,050
Walmart	\$1,000
Sanofi Us	\$1,000
Unisource Energy	\$1,000
Pfizer	\$900
TOTAL:	\$37,850

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