

Rich McCormick (GA-07) Research Report

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Rich McCormick

Republican Candidate in Georgia's 7th
Congressional District

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McCormick Repeatedly Peddled Far-Right Conspiracy Theories

Significant Findings

- ✓ McCormick peddled an anti-Semitic conspiracy theory that George Soros put \$20 million into flipping Georgia's 7th Congressional District.
- ✓ McCormick appeared on a podcast hosted by a far-right blogger who frequently posted racist, xenophobic and dangerous conspiracy theories:
 - ✓ In Jan. 2020, the website posted a podcast claiming the Democratic Party had “mind-numbing control” over Black Americans.
 - ✓ In May 2020, the website posted a podcast claiming the media waged a war “of distortion” to convince people that cardiac death are overwhelmingly caused by the use of hydroxychloroquine.
 - ✓ In July 2020, the website posted a blog claiming the Democrat Party and media were distorting the truth about Black Lives Matter, claiming Muslim groups were inciting their followers to riot, topple statutes and wreak havoc among “non-Muslims of the USA.” The post added that BLM achieved “the primal goal of Islamic Sharia” to force non-Muslims to “submit” or “be exterminated.” The post continued to call BLM a “criminal enterprise” and suggesting the movement should demand reparations from “the Muslim States of Africa” and no “innocent Americans.”
- ✓ McCormick appeared on the Patriots’ Soapbox News Network – a 24-hour YouTube channel for “QAnon study and discussion.”
 - ✓ On Patriots’ Soapbox, McCormick promoted a debunked racist and anti-Semitic far-right conspiracy theory that George Soros donated \$20 million to Black Lives Matter through ActBlue “as a way to incite more violence and unrest to get people out to vote the wrong way.”
 - ✓ The conspiracy theory that Soros donated money to BLM via ActBlue – a Democratic fundraising tool – was first circulated by a QAnon account.
 - ✓ On Patriots’ Soapbox, McCormick was silent when the host compared Black Lives Matter and the Democratic Party to Nazi Germany.
- ✓ McCormick repeatedly boosted claims that Democrats funded and supported terrorist groups.
- ✓ McCormick repeatedly peddled “Obamagate” conspiracy theories claiming the Obama Administration spied on Donald Trump and maliciously worked against those close to him.
 - ✓ McCormick boosted a conspiracy theory that the “Deep State left” spied on the Trump campaign.
 - ✓ McCormick claimed the Obama Administration used its time during the transition to “sabotage” the Trump Administration – calling it one of the “greatest abuses of power in our history.”
 - ✓ McCormick pushed misinformation regarding General Michael Flynn – claiming the Obama Administration set Flynn up.

McCormick Peddled An Anti-Semitic Conspiracy Theory That George Soros Put \$20 Million Into GA-07...

McCormick Peddled A Conspiracy Theory That George Soros Put \$20 Million Into Flipping GA-07

McCormick Appeared On “Malcolm Out Loud” And Peddled A Conspiracy Theory That George Soros Put \$20 Million Into GA-07. MCCORMICK (23:19) “And so the 7th (District) is their next battleground. They’re going to be investing millions and millions – tens of millions of dollars into this race. We just saw I think Soros put \$20 million into this area...” HOST: “Wow!” “-... basically trying to turn this into a blue district and it’s going to be a battleground...” [America Out Loud - Malcolm Out Loud, [7/2/20](#)]

McCormick Had Previously Claimed George Soros Donated \$20 Million To Black Lives Matter Through ActBlue “As A Way To Incite More Violence And Unrest To Get People Out To Vote The Wrong Way.”

MCCORMICK: “And if you look at what Soros did, I just heard today, and – I don’t want to get conspiracy [sic] on you or anything – but \$20 million was donated to Black Lives Matter basically through ActBlue. Basically, as a way to incite more violence and unrest to get people out to vote the wrong way based on a narrative that we know is false.” [Patriots Soapbox News via YouTube, [6/19/20](#)]

AP HEADLINE: George Soros Conspiracy Theories Surge As Protests Sweep US. [AP, [6/21/20](#)]

AP: George Soros – Who Has Long Been The Subject Of Anti-Semitic Conspiracy Theories – Is Now Being Falsely Accused Of Orchestrating And Funding The Protests Over Police Killings Of Black People. “They say he hires protesters and rents buses to transport them. Some say he has people stash piles of bricks to be hurled into glass storefronts or at police. George Soros, the billionaire investor and philanthropist who has long been a target of conspiracy theories, is now being falsely accused of orchestrating and funding the protests over police killings of Black people that have roiled the United States. Amplified by a growing number of people on the far right, including some Republican leaders, online posts about Soros have skyrocketed in recent weeks. They have been accompanied by online ads bought by conservative groups that call on authorities to ‘investigate George Soros for funding domestic terrorism and his decades-long corruption.’ Soros, 89, has donated billions of dollars of his personal wealth to liberal and anti-authoritarian causes around the world, making him a favored target among many on the right. The Hungarian-American, who is Jewish, has also been the subject of anti-Semitic attacks and conspiracy theories for decades.” [AP, [6/21/20](#)]

...On A Podcast Hosted By A Far-Right Blogger Who Frequently Posted Racist, Xenophobic And Dangerous Conspiracy Theories

America Out Loud Was Run By “Malcolm Out Loud”

“Malcolm Out Loud” Listed Himself As The Editor-In-Chief Of America Out Loud. “About Malcolm Out Loud, Talk Radio Host, Brink Thinker Editor-in-Chief of America Out Loud, Talk Radio Personality, Speaker, Author & Brink Thinker.” [America Out Loud – About Malcolm Out Loud, accessed [7/8/20](#)]

Jan. 2020: “Malcolm Out Loud” Posted A Podcast That Suggested The Democratic Party Had “Mind-Numbing Control” Over Black Americans

Jan. 30, 2020: “Malcolm Out Loud” Posted A Podcast Entitled: “Getting America To Think Differently Ideologically.” [America Out Loud – Malcolm Out Loud, [1/30/20](#)]

The Podcast’s Description Asked Why The Democratic Party Had “Mind-Numbing Control Over The Black American Community” “Why has the democrat party has some mind-numbing control over the Black American community?” [America Out Loud – Malcolm Out Loud, [1/30/20](#)]

May 27, 2020: “Malcolm Out Loud” Posted A Podcast That Claimed The Media Waged A War “Of Distortion” To Convince People “That Cardiac Deaths Are Overwhelming[ly] Due To The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine”

“Malcolm Out Loud” Posted A Podcast Entitled: “The Real COVID Virus Is Bureaucracy.” [America Out Loud – Malcolm Out Loud, [5/27/20](#)]

The Podcast Description Accused The Media Of Waging A War “Of Distortion” Against The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine. “Every American must realize that there is an agenda lurking behind most of the policies and debate taking place in opening up cities and towns from the COVID Lockdown. We are experiencing a full-media war of distortion against the use of hydroxychloroquine. The media puppets and political hacks have taken it upon themselves to discourage and disperse lies on an hour by hour basis. The stories are being written like bombshells of new information to convince folks that cardiac deaths are overwhelming due to the use of hydroxychloroquine.” [America Out Loud – Malcolm Out Loud, [5/27/20](#)]

The Description Suggested The Media Was Attempting To Convince People “That Cardiac Deaths Are Overwhelming Due To The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine.” “The stories are being written like bombshells of new information to convince folks that cardiac deaths are overwhelming due to the use of hydroxychloroquine.” [America Out Loud – Malcolm Out Loud, [5/27/20](#)]

July 2020: America Out Loud Posted An Article Claiming Muslim Groups Were Exploiting The BLM Movement To Incite Riots, Topple Statues, And Wreak Havok Against Non-Muslims In The US – Adding BLM Achieved The “Primal Goal Of Islamic Sharia” To “Force Non-Muslims... To Submit...Or Be Exterminated”

July 6, 2020: America Out Loud Posted An Article Entitled: “Black Lives Matter And Islam’s Useful Idiots.” [America Out Loud, [7/6/20](#)]

The Article Suggested The Democratic Party And The Media Were Distorting “The Truth Regarding Black Lives Matter,” Arguing That Muslim Groups “Incited Their Muslim Followers To Go On The Riots, Topple Statues And Wreak-Havoc Upon Infidels/Kuffar/Non-Muslims Of The USA.” “As always, the New York Times, Washington Post, CNN, MSNBC and all the other stooges of the Democrat Party, continue deceiving the American people, wilfully misinforming, and literally contorting the truth regarding Black Lives Matter (BLM); we too must always counter their mendacity with Facts, Reality and TRUTH. Before and during the riots and wanton destruction visited upon 70 American cities (just about all controlled by Democrats), the leaders of the Muslims in the USA, such as CAIR (Council of American Islamic Relations), incited their Muslim followers to go on the riots, topple statues and wreak-havoc upon the Infidels/ Kuffar/ Non-Muslims of the USA.” [America Out Loud, [7/6/20](#)]

The Article Said Muslim Americans Showed Solidarity With BLM After George Floyd’s Killing “For Obviously Selfish And Convenient Reasons”. “Since Floyd’s killing, Muslim Americans, for obviously very selfish and convenient reasons, have mostly shown solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement.” [America Out Loud, [7/6/20](#)]

The Article Said BLM Achieved “The Primal Goal Of Islamic Sharia...To Either Force Non-Muslims... To Submit To Allah’s Sharia, Or Be Exterminated.” “After all, BLM is achieving the primal goal of Islamic Sharia; the very essence and foundation of the belief system of every single Muslim: to either force Non-Muslims/ Infidels/ Kuffar to submit to Allah’s Sharia, or be exterminated.” [America Out Loud, [7/6/20](#)]

The Article Said BLM Was A “Criminal Enterprise Pretending To Be A Social Movement.” “BLM is in fact a Criminal Enterprise pretending to be a Social Movement, protecting the rights of black Americans, above and

beyond the rights of non-blacks. This is exactly why BLM is in favour of defunding, and even dismantling the Police forces, so that they will be able to terrorise Americans to submit to their will.” [America Out Loud, [7/6/20](#)]

The Article Suggested BLM Should Demand Reparations From “The Muslim States Of Africa” And “Not From Currently Innocent Americans.” “BLM should demand ‘reparations’ NOT from currently innocent Americans, but from the Muslim states of Africa, who did all the trading in human trafficking and continue, even today in Mauritania and Libya.” [America Out Loud, [7/6/20](#)]

McCormick Appeared On A QAnon Hub And Peddled Racist And Anti-Semitic Conspiracy Theories And COVID-19 Misinformation That Originated In QAnon Circles

NOTE: McCormick’s appearances on the Patriots’ Soapbox News Network can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

McComrick Appeared Twice On The Patriots’ Soapbox News Network, A QAnon Hub

HuffPost: McCormick Appeared Twice On A QAnon Hub, Patriots’ Soapbox News Network. “Consider Rich McCormick, who is running for a toss-up open seat in Georgia’s 7th Congressional District and has been retweeted multiple times by Trump. McCormick has appeared twice on a livestreamed YouTube program that is part of the Patriots’ Soapbox News Network, a QAnon hub. In one appearance, he promoted a debunked racist and anti-Semitic far-right conspiracy theory about George Soros and Democrats’ laundering money through a front group to fund Black Lives Matter. A version of this false claim was first circulated by a QAnon account.” [Huffington Post, [7/4/20](#)]

NBC News: Patriots’ Soapbox Was A Round-The-Clock Livestreamed YouTube Channel For QAnon Study And Discussion. “Kicked off Reddit, Rogers hatched a new plan. He would replace the mainstream media — often a target of Q’s posts — with a constantly streaming YouTube network made up of the self-described ‘researchers’ who were putting together Q’s clues. Within a month, Rogers, 31, and his wife, Christina Urso, 29, had launched the Patriots’ Soapbox, a round-the-clock livestreamed YouTube channel for QAnon study and discussion. The channel is, in effect, a broadcast of a Discord chatroom with constant audio commentary from a rotating cast of volunteers and moderators with sporadic appearances by Rogers and Urso. In April, Urso registered Patriots’ Soapbox LLC in Virginia.” [NBC News, [8/14/18](#)]

In One Appearance, McCormick Promoted A Debunked Racist And Anti-Semitic Far-Right Conspiracy Theory That Was First Circulated By A QAnon Account

McCormick Claimed George Soros Donated \$20 Million To Black Lives Matter Through ActBlue “As A Way To Incite More Violence And Unrest To Get People Out To Vote The Wrong Way.” MCCORMICK: “And if you look at what Soros did, I just heard today, and – I don’t want to get conspiracy [sic] on you or anything – but \$20 million was donated to Black Lives Matter basically through ActBlue. Basically, as a way to incite more violence and unrest to get people out to vote the wrong way based on a narrative that we know is false.” [Patriots Soapbox News via YouTube, [6/19/20](#)]

HuffPost: McCormick Promoted A Debunked Racist And Anti-Semitic Far-Right Conspiracy Theory About George Soros And Democrats’ Laundering Money Through A Front Group To Fund Black Lives Matter. “Consider Rich McCormick, who is running for a toss-up open seat in Georgia’s 7th Congressional District and has been retweeted multiple times by Trump. McCormick has appeared twice on a livestreamed YouTube program that is part of the Patriots’ Soapbox News Network, a QAnon hub. In one appearance, he promoted a debunked racist and anti-Semitic far-right conspiracy theory about George Soros and Democrats’ laundering money through a front group to fund Black Lives Matter. A version of this false claim was first circulated by a QAnon account.” [Huffington Post, [7/4/20](#)]

The Debunked Conspiracy Theory About Black Lives Matter, ActBlue, And Democrats Was First Circulated By A QAnon Account. “A false money laundering conspiracy theory regarding the Black Lives Matter movement's use of a payment processing company for donations has gained traction online among right-wing figures and can be traced back to far-right message boards. The conspiracy theory alleges that the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement is some kind of a front to launder money to Democrats because the BLM website uses ActBlue to process its online fundraising payments. ActBlue is a payment processor used widely by progressive groups and organizations affiliated with the Democratic Party, and the Republican Party has an equivalent processing company called WinRed. As the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics has noted, “many candidates use [ActBlue] to process donations but that money isn't pooled to be shared across candidates or groups,” and “a donation to BLM through ActBlue goes just to BLM, not any other group.” But the conspiracy theory still has earned well over a million shares and views on social media and has been amplified by a Fox Nation host. A review by Media Matters found that before it gained traction, the conspiracy theory had been circulating for days on far-right message boards. The earliest mention our review found was at the beginning of June on Twitter, when an account that has pushed the slogan for the QAnon conspiracy theory repeatedly tweeted the claim on June 1 and June 2. The account claimed it had sent the conspiracy theory to the FBI and President Donald Trump, and it urged the Ohio Police Department to investigate the claim.” [Media Matters, [6/12/20](#)]

HEADLINE: A Debunked Conspiracy Theory About Black Lives Matter, Actblue, And Democrats Can Be Traced To Far-Right Message Boards. [Media Matters, [6/12/20](#)]

In The Same Appearance, McCormick Was Silent When The Host Compared Black Lives Matter And The Democratic Party To Nazi Germany

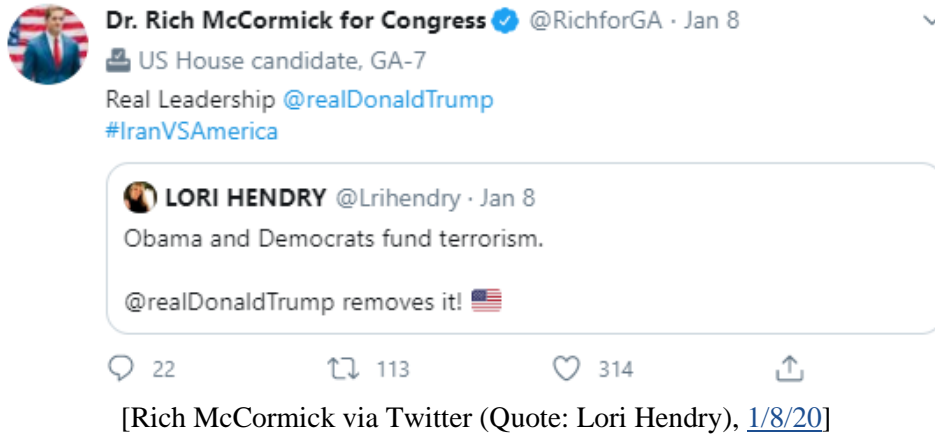
The Host Of Patriots' Soapbox During McCormick's Interview Compared Black Lives Matter And The Democratic Party To Nazi Germany. HOST: “Yeah, now it's up to us to spread that word. It's definitely up to us to spread that word, because they are – they're trying to rewrite our history. They're taking down all the statues. They're doing what every totalitarian regime does. They literally desecrate history and then rewrite it the way they want to tell it, and they're doing it as we speak right now. [...] The perfect example is when you were in Germany, if you talked to a German back in the days and you'd be like, “Oh no, that's not what the Nazis are.” And then Nazis are saying, “Yes, it is. Didn't you see Goebbels' documentary?” Like- Goebbels is writing the documentary explaining who the Nazis are, and right now we got Democrats writing the documentaries explaining who the Democrats are. And it's all false. It's all fake. Just to give you an analogy.” [Patriots Soapbox News via YouTube, [6/19/20](#)]

McCormick Ignored The Statement And Proceeded To Tell His Story. After the host used a Nazi Germany “analogy” to describe the Democratic Party and Black Lives Matter, McCormick did not respond but instead began telling the host about his background. [Patriots Soapbox News via YouTube, [6/19/20](#)]

McCormick Repeatedly Boosted Claims That Democrats Funded And Supported Terrorist Groups

McCormick Boosted A Claim That The Obama Administration And Democrats “Fund Terrorism”

McCormick Retweeted A Post That Claimed “Obama And Democrats Fund Terrorism.” LORI HENDRY: “Obama and Democrats fund terrorism. @realDonaldTrump removes it!” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Quote: Lori Hendry), [1/8/20](#)]



McCormick Claimed “The Left” Sympathized With Terrorists While Retweeting A Photoshopped Picture Of Speaker Pelosi And Senate Minority Leader Schumer Superimposed In Front Of The Iranian Flag

McCormick Claimed “The Left” Was Sympathizing With Terrorists. “The world is watching Iranians push for democracy and the left sympathizes with the terrorists #NancyPelosiFakeNews #GA07” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [1/13/20](#)]

McCormick Retweeted A Photoshopped Picture Of Speaker Pelosi And Senate Minority Leader Schumer Superimposed In Front Of The Iranian Flag And Donning Muslim Headwear. [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [1/13/20](#)]



[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [1/13/20](#)]

McCormick Claimed President Trump Was Able To Take “Decisive Action...Despite The Democrats Best Efforts To Appease Terrorists And Allow Our Economy To Sink”

McCormick: President Trump “Has Taken Decisive Action...Despite The Democrats Best Efforts To Appease Terrorists And Allow Our Economy Sink.” “Do you think Hillary would have answered the call to help America or would she have missed it like she did Benghazi? .@realDonaldTrump has taken decisive action time and time again, despite the Democrats best efforts to appease terrorists and allow our economy sink. #Covid19Out” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [3/24/20](#)]

McCormick Repeatedly Peddled “Obamagate” Conspiracy Theories Claiming The Obama Administration Spied On Donald Trump And Maliciously Worked Against Those Close To Him**“Obamagate” Referred To President Trump’s Long-Standing Accusation Of Criminality Against The Obama Administration**

“Obamagate” Referred To President Trump’s Long-Standing Accusations Of Criminality Against The Obama Administration, Including A Theory That The Obama Administration Conspired Against Michael Flynn In Order To Bring Down Trump. “U.S. President Donald Trump's long-standing accusation of criminality against his Democratic predecessor, Barack Obama, has taken on a new name: Obamagate. In this new iteration being hotly promoted by Trump and his right-wing allies, Obama officials in the waning days of his administration conspired to entrap Trump's national security adviser, Michael Flynn, as part of a larger plot to bring down the incoming president.” [Voice of America, [5/15/20](#)]

McCormick Boosted A Conspiracy Theory That The “Deep State Left” Spied On The Trump Campaign

Jan. 2020: McCormick: Tough To Imagine Spying On President Trump’s Campaign Was The First Time The Deep State Left Broke The Law To Further Their Own Agenda. “Tough to imagine spying on President Trump's campaign was the first time the Deep State left broke the law to further their own agenda.... #WEF20 #ImpeachmentTrial #GA07 #GA7 #ThursdayThoughts” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [1/23/20](#)]

May 2020: McCormick Boosted A Claim That Trump Was Being Spied On, Saying Trump Kept His Promises “All While Being Unfairly Treated By Mainstream Media And Spied On.” “.@realDonaldTrump has made promises and kept them! All while being unfairly treated by Mainstream media and spied on! Of all of his accomplishments in the first term which one means the most to you as Americans? #Trump #Obamagate #RedWave2020 #KAGA2020 #MAGA #KAG #Flynn” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/14/20](#)]

McCormick Claimed The Obama Administration Used Its Time During The Transition To “Sabotage” The Trump Administration, Calling It One Of The “Greatest Abuses Of Power In Our History”

McCormick Claimed The Obama Administration Used Its Time During The Transition To “Sabotage” The Incoming Trump Administration, Calling It One Of The “Greatest Abuses Of Power In Our History.” “The peaceful transition of power from one President to the next has been the hallmark of American Democracy. It is clear @BarackObama used this delicate time to sabotage the @realdonaldtrump Administration. It is among the greatest abuses of power in our history #ObamaGate #GA07” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/21/20](#)]

McCormick Pushed Misinformation Regarding General Michael Flynn – Claiming The Obama Administration Set Flynn Up

McCormick Claimed The Obama Administration Set Up Flynn In An Attempt To “[Abuse] The Law To Obstruct And Oppose President Trump”

McCormick: “Democrats Have Abused The Law To Obstruct And Oppose President Trump.” “Democrats have abused the law to obstruct and oppose President Trump. General Flynn was setup by Obama DOJ officials and I am glad to see the charges against him dropped. As a Marine, I stand with Gen. Flynn and have his back, just like I would on the battlefield. #GeneralFlynn” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/7/20](#)]

McCormick: “General Flynn Was Setup By Obama DOJ Officials And I Am Glad To See The Charges Against Him Dropped.” “Democrats have abused the law to obstruct and oppose President Trump. General Flynn was setup by Obama DOJ officials and I am glad to see the charges against him dropped. As a Marine, I stand with Gen. Flynn and have his back, just like I would on the battlefield. #GeneralFlynn” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/7/20](#)]

McCormick Supported General Flynn, Calling His Case “Blatant Partisan Corruption,” And Claimed The Obama Administration Set The FBI On Flynn Because He Supported President Trump

McCormick: I Support General Flynn And Want To See Those Behind This Blatant Partisan Corruption Brought Out Into The Light. “I support [@GenFlynn](#) and want to see those behind this blatant partisan corruption brought out into the light! If this can happen to a man like General Flynn what does that say for every American? #FlynnExonerated #FlynnEntrapment #Corruption” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/30/20](#)]

McCormick Claimed The Obama Administration Had The IRS And FBI “Go After” The Republican Party And General Flynn For His Support Of President Trump. “I think it’s reprehensible and dangerous to have the IRS to go after a political party when it happened with the Obama Administration and now with the FBI going after a general who spent his entire life serving his nation just because he supported President Trump.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/30/20](#)]

McCormick Frequently Used The “Obamagate” Hashtag

McCormick Said President Trump “Had To Beat” President Obama And Used The Hashtag “#ObaMAGate.” “Think about this, [@realDonaldTrump](#) had to beat [@BarackObama](#), [@HillaryClinton](#) and [@JoeBiden](#); the #Impeachment, the Russia hoax, the #COVID19, and managed to kill the top two terrorists in the world. All in the first term. #ObaMAGate #Trump #KAGA2020” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/11/20](#)]

McCormick Tweeted A Claim That Trump Was Being Spied On Using The “Obamagate” Hashtag. “[@realDonaldTrump](#) has made promises and kept them! All while being unfairly treated by Mainstream media and spied on! Of all of his accomplishments in the first term which one means the most to you as Americans? #Trump #Obamagate #RedWave2020 #KAGA2020 #MAGA #KAG #Flynn” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/14/20](#)]

McCormick Praised Trump In A Tweet And Added The Hashtags “#ObamaGate” And “#OBAMAGATEGATE” “God Bless [@realDonaldTrump](#) and his draining the swamp! Career politicians, incompetence, and corruption erode everything that is great about America! The best is yet to come!! #ObamaGate #TermLimits #OBAMAGATEGATE #Trump #GA07 #Gapol” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/15/20](#)]

McCormick's Response To The Coronavirus Was Dangerous And Put Georgian's Health At Risk

Significant Findings

- ✓ McCormick repeatedly downplayed the severity of coronavirus.
- ✓ In Feb. 2020, McCormick downplayed coronavirus, saying “nobody in the United States has died from it” and “we have zero cases in Georgia.” He continued downplaying the virus by comparing it to deaths caused by the common flu.
- ✓ In March 2020, McCormick urged his followers not to panic about coronavirus, saying it was “no different than other coronaviruses we have had in the past decade.”
- ✓ In March 2020, McCormick said he consulted with over two dozen physicians, including leading experts in infectious disease, and claimed the media made coronavirus seem “much worse than it actually is.”
- ✓ In March 2020, McCormick predicted the coronavirus would be “a bad memory” in “about two months” and the country would see an economic rebound.
- ✓ In March 2020, McCormick told a Fox News host not to worry about contracting coronavirus by “walking down the street.”
- ✓ In March 2020, McCormick blamed the media for “creating panic and hype to create headlines.”
- ✓ In March 2020, McCormick opposed canceling school due to coronavirus, saying “children are the lowest risk of all.”
- ✓ In March 2020, McCormick argued the coronavirus curve had been flattened enough to be managed.
- ✓ In April 2020, McCormick praised President Trump, saying he “helped save America from” the coronavirus.
- ✓ In April 2020, McCormick said it was time to reopen America, saying the country “has always been about freedom over security.”
- ✓ Between April and July 2020, McCormick frequently posted photos and videos of himself with others, in public or both without a facemask or other protective gear.
- ✓ In April 2020, McCormick commended Trump's and various GOP governors' efforts to reopen America.
- ✓ In April 2020, McCormick said, “Some speed and intensity on getting this country back to functioning is what needs to happen.”
- ✓ In June 2020, McCormick admitted he expected to see a spike in coronavirus cases when Georgia reopened – despite his earlier pushes to do so – but claimed there was not a surge after reopening.

- ✓ *In June 2020, McCormick theorized that society had developed a “herd immunity” – claiming a “vast majority – especially young people – are not getting sick.”*
- ✓ *McCormick repeatedly promoted the use of hydroxychloroquine to treat coronavirus – often citing his medical credentials – but the drug was deemed ineffective and dangerous by the FDA in June 2020.*
- ✓ *In April 2020, McCormick bashed Kamala Harris for picking a fight with President Trump over hydroxychloroquine, saying she was “endanger[ing] people’s lives.”*
- ✓ *In April 2020, McCormick cited his medical credentials and referenced other doctors he knew were prescribing hydroxychloroquine “because they think it works” in an effort to defend President Trump.*
- ✓ *In May 2020, McCormick said hydroxychloroquine was one of his hospital’s standard treatments for coronavirus.*
- ✓ *In June 2020, McCormick said he did not have a problem using hydroxychloroquine to treat coronavirus “until shown clear evidence that it’s not good for you” and called the drug “very safe.”*
- ✓ *In June 2020, McCormick said hydroxychloroquine should be tested on “tens of thousands of patients.”*
- ✓ *In July 2020, McCormick responded to criticisms about his peddling of hydroxychloroquine, saying “let doctors practice medicine.”*
- ✓ *McCormick repeatedly praised President Trump’s response to the coronavirus.*

Coronavirus Timeline

NOTE: This timeline is current as of July 8, 2020.

NOTE: Outside, relevant events in the timeline below are highlighted in red.

Full McCormick COVID-19 Timeline	
Date/Link	Description
2/4/20	McCormick retweeted a post mocking the Democrats for the Iowa Caucus, asking, “Have the Dems figured out Iowa yet?” McCormick quote tweeted: “Imagine if they were in charge of Coronavirus.”
2/27/20	McCormick posted a video to Twitter downplaying the coronavirus. In the video, McCormick says, “Nobody in the United States has died from [coronavirus]. We have zero cases in Georgia. To put this in perspective, 12,000 people die a year of the flu. On a bad year – like 2017 and 2018 – we had over 70,000 people die in the United States of the flu alone. In the world about 400,000 people die of the flu every year. Now let’s look at what’s really happening: if you wash your hands, if you stay away from sick people, if you protect the most vulnerable, we’ll be just fine.” McCormick also blamed the Democrats for fears over coronavirus, saying: “Now the Democrats will never let a good crisis go to waste.”
2/28/20	Trump retweeted McCormick’s 2/27 video.
2/29/20	McCormick criticized Democrats for saying “President Trump...hasn’t done enough...yet they have fought him taking steps to protect our country since the beginning of [coronavirus].”

	<p>McCormick attached a screenshot of a Chuck Schumer Tweet criticizing Trump’s “premature travel ban to and from China,” claiming it was “just an excuse to further his ongoing war against immigrants.”</p>
3/4/20	<p>McCormick praised President Trump for his “excellent leadership” and “decisive and appropriate response” to coronavirus.</p> <p>The praise was included in a quote retweet to Trump announcing Congress passing an \$8 billion coronavirus relief package.</p>
3/9/20	<p>McCormick retweeted a President Trump post downplaying the severity of coronavirus by comparing its effects to that of the flu.</p> <p>McCormick urged his followers not to panic and argued: “In historical context this virus is no different than the other coronaviruses we have had in the past decade.” He added the elderly and immunocompromised should “take caution to not get sick...like they should everyday [sic].”</p>
3/9/20	<p>McCormick blamed the media for “creating panic and hype to create headlines” instead of caring “about our veterans and first responders.”</p>
3/9/20	<p>McCormick said “if we cancel school every time someone tests positive for Coronavirus we will not finish the school year. Children are the lowest risk of all. Low infection rate and almost no mortality.”</p> <p>McCormick followed his post with the hashtag “#WuhanVirus.”</p>
3/10/20	<p>McCormick praised Trump (who – in his tweet – praised the Senate GOP) for taking “bold decisive action...instead of panicking and freezing.”</p>
3/10/20	<p>McCormick posted a video claiming he spoke with “over 25 physicians, including some of the leading experts in infectious disease,” and that he could say for sure the media made it “much worse than it actually is.” He asked where the media was when tens of thousands died of the flu in 2017.</p> <p>McCormick said President Trump was doing “everything possible” and “we could spend a trillion dollars on this disease, and it would still spread.”</p>
3/10/20	<p>McCormick boosted a claim that “all the manufacturers in China...are back in business up and running.” The tweet also claimed, “things are okay!”</p>
3/11/20	<p>McCormick boosted a tweet reading, “California’s Democrat Governor Praises @realDonaldTrump’s Response To Coronavirus On Cruise Ship: ‘Every Single Thing He Said They Followed Through On.’”</p> <p>McCormick quote tweeted: “‘We suffer more in imagination than in reality.’ –Seneca”</p>
3/14/20	<p>McCormick tweeted: “Wash your hands, stay hydrated, and use common sense! Be kind to each other America!”</p>
3/15/20	<p>McCormick tweeted: “Listen to the kindness in your soul and not the panic on the TV. How you react to adversity is what defines you.” He followed his tweet with the hashtags “HighRiskCovid19” and “Coronapocalypse.”</p>
3/16/20	<p>McCormick postponed an event with Jody Hice “due to the impact of coronavirus and the new policy set forth by the President and the CDC.”</p> <p>He went on to say America was “in a unique position to deal with [coronavirus] in a great way.”</p> <p>He predicted: “in about two months, this will be a bad memory, and our economy will rebound nicely.”</p>
3/17/20	<p>McCormick told a Fox News host to not be concerned about contracting coronavirus from walking down the street – saying her body would overcome being introduced to the small amount of coronavirus “very quickly.”</p> <p>McCormick made no mention of social distancing or wearing masks.</p>

3/19/20	McCormick tweeted: “@FoxNews asked for my opinion and it’s 100% clear: @realdonaldtrump decisive action to place this country on a war footing will save lives.”
3/20/20	<p>McCormick told Newsmax TV that Trump was right in closing the borders amid the coronavirus pandemic and pushed back on calls the measures were xenophobic, saying: “I think it’s very responsible for the president to control borders and understand where the disease comes from.” McCormick also said, “I’ve said for many years that we got to be careful who comes across [borders]...We’ve got to the point where we have to become so politically correct even at the expense of our own people. It’s not just drugs and child trafficking that come across borders. It’s disease processes.”</p> <p>He also added the 1918 flu pandemic killed 25 million “because we didn’t have containment.”</p>
3/22/20	<p>In a quote tweet, McCormick criticized the “#DoNothingDemocrats” for “filibuster[ing]” the Phase 3 coronavirus-relief package.</p> <p>McCormick retweeted a Fox News article that reported Democrats blocked the package because it “did not go far enough to provide health care and unemployment aid for Americans, and failed to put restraints on a proposed \$500 billion ‘slush fund’ for corporations, saying the ban on corporate stock buy-backs are weak and the limits on executive pay would last only two years.”</p>
3/23/20	McCormick called Speaker Pelosi “classless” for “delaying economic recovery for America to push her socialist agenda.”
3/24/20	McCormick claimed President Trump had taken “decisive action” against COVID-19 “despite the Democrats best efforts to appease terrorists and allow our economy sink”
3/24/20	McCormick asked: “Why should those struggling with this unprecedented national crisis suffer because of these political issues?” referring to Democrats pushing for certain provisions in a coronavirus relief bill.
3/25/20	McCormick posted a video recapping his ER night shift, saying: “Most people who come in who have respiratory symptoms are fairly mild and they’re being discharged home with likely COVID-19 infections. Some people are being admitted if they’re sick enough. Some people are still showing up for tests, but most people are staying home. Anybody who shows up for tests is sent on their way, because that’s not what we do here. I think the worst is yet to come. I think we’re still going to see an increase in flow and people who are sick, but eventually I think we’ve flattened the curve enough that we’ll be able to manage it well.”
3/25/20	McCormick posted a video saying, “America is in a unique position to deal with this [virus] in a great way” citing the “solution of combining government with private industry.” McCormick pointed to the U.S. defeating Germany in WWII.
3/27/20	McCormick tweeted: “Make no mistake we are in a fight against #COVID19 today...@realDonaldTrump will keep America the greatest economy in world history.”
3/28/20	McCormick bragged about being retweeted by President Trump and said, “his leadership durig this national disaster is a perfect balance of preserving individual liberties while taking aggressive action to keep Americans safe.”
3/30/20	McCormick praised his campaign team for making masks for those on the frontlines of coronavirus.
3/30/20	McCormick tweeted, “The more people that are tested the better information we will have. Although the number of people tested will help determine mortality rates we will continue to try to protect the most vulnerable and treat those in distress #StayAtHome”
4/2/20	McCormick praised Trump’s leadership against “Terrorists, Socialists, and the #COVID19Pandemic” and argued that “Free market capitalism has stepped up huge to save this country and fight” coronavirus.
4/2/20	McCormick wrote an appreciation post to Vice President Mike Pence “for his leadership on the #COVID19 task force,” adding: “The ramp up of medical supplies through private sector business has been a massive success so far.”

4/3/20	McCormick responded to a tweet by AOC, in which she argued that COVID deaths “are disproportionately spiking in Black + Brown communities,” saying: “Regrettably I think @AOC should consider that she was perhaps better at her former job than her present.”
4/6/20	McCormick tweeted: “I am really looking forward to the first @realDonaldTrump Rally after we defeat this virus as a nation!! Killing the top terrorist, defeating partisan impeachment, SOTU address, and leading America through Covid What a 1 st Quarter.”
4/7/20	McCormick criticized the media for “irresponsible reporting” that led to “panic and fear.” He said, “The governor of Connecticut recently inferred that an infant died of Covid 19. No detail given to the actual information surrounding the death so why would he publicize that one piece of info? Sensationalism, fear, politics.”
4/8/20	McCormick retweeted a post by President Trump that read: “FLATTENING OF THE CURVE!” to which McCormick responded: “This is fantastic news! I believe the best is yet to come!”
4/8/20	McCormick tweeted in response to Bernie Sanders suspending his presidential campaign: “What a great day! Fantastic news from @realDonaldTrump about curve flattening and now America will not have to listen to socialist propaganda!!!” He included the hashtag “#SocialismKills”
4/9/20	McCormick bashed Kamala Harris for “picking a fight with the president” over hydroxychloroquine, saying she was endangering “people’s lives” by eroding “confidence in this country’s professionals.” In an effort to defend President Trump, McCormick cited his medical credentials and referenced other physicians he claimed were prescribing hydroxychloroquine “because they think it works.”
4/16/20	McCormick defended President Trump’s decision to defund the WHO via Twitter, using the hashtag “#WHOLiedPeopleDied.” McCormick said the organization was “corruptible” and “unaccountable.” He further suggested the organization was “anti-American” and “anti-Semitic.”
4/17/20	McCormick criticized Speaker Pelosi for “withholding funding from American small business owners yet having a fit about defunding the WHO and aid from Ukraine.”
4/17/20	McCormick posted a photo with himself without a facemask posing alongside a pair of Republican volunteers.
4/20/20	McCormick said it was “time to safely open America back up,” agreeing with President Trump. In his video, McCormick said, “ This country has always been about freedom over security. ” McCormick emphasized the oil industry, using the hashtags “#OilPrices” and “#crudeoil.”
4/20/20	McCormick retweeted a Kemp post listing a number of businesses that would be allowed to reopen on April 24 and added, “Glad to see Georgia businesses being able to open!”
4/21/20	McCormick posted several photos of him at a local pizza shop tossing dough. McCormick and others are not wearing facemasks or gloves in the photo. McCormick is also wearing scrubs.
4/22/20	McCormick retweeted a Trump post that praised states reopening and said seniors’ lives “will be better than ever.” McCormick praised American businesses reopening in his quote tweet.
4/22/20	McCormick cited his medical credentials and military experience to commend President Trump and GOP governors for “willing to step up and reopen America safely.” He added, “Nobody is forcing you back to work...that’s an individual decision that only you can make.” McCormick asked, “As Americans, do we rely on the government to keep us safe? Or do we rely on our own self-governance?”
4/22/20	Trump criticizes Governor Kemp’s decision to reopen Georgia.
4/24/20	McCormick claimed Democrats and the media enjoyed “fear mongering and oppressing Liberty way too much” to know what to do when coronavirus “is over.” He followed it with the hashtag “#Socialismkills”
4/28/20	McCormick retweeted a post by Governor Kemp touting the “lowest day for ventilator utilization in Georgia.”
4/30/20	McCormick tweeted: “Some speed and intensity on getting this country back to functioning is what needs to happen.” He criticized Speaker Pelosi as a “disgrace” and “an example of poor leadership.”

5/11/20	McCormick tweeted: “China really is the red menace. They inflicted this on the world and now are trying to steal our vaccine research.”
5/16/20	McCormick again touted his medical credentials, saying: “As an ER doc in Georgia I support @GovKemp and @realDonaldTrump decision to be bold and reopen this country!”
5/19/20	<p>On CNN, Democratic Governor Ned Lamont of Connecticut said the President should try “a surgical mask rather than hydroxychloroquine if he really wants a line of defense that works against coronavirus.”</p> <p>McCormick responded by criticizing Lamont, saying: “A lot of armchair physicians are commenting on the medications @realDonaldTrump is taking. The left says decisions should be between a doctor and a patient unless they disagree, then the media should make the decisions. Here is an idea, let doctors be doctors.”</p>
5/20/20	McCormick tweeted a Fox News report that “Planned Parenthood affiliates improperly applied for and received” PPP loans. In his post, he expressed support for the Hyde Amendment, saying: “Real small businesses are struggling and need PPP loans to keep their employees on payroll. I strongly support the Hyde Amendment and will never let federal funds be used to pay for abortion.”
5/26/20	McCormick said Governor Kemp “made a bold move to open back up” and claimed “data shows we’re doing it safely.”
5/27/20	In a One America News (OAN) Network interview, McCormick said hydroxychloroquine was one of his hospital’s standard treatments for coronavirus. He criticized the WHO for halting testing on the drug, calling it politicized and saying it was “clouding the data.”
5/30/20	McCormick posted a video of himself doing pushups on a hospital floor without gloves or a mask.
5/31/20	McCormick posted a video of himself without a mask using public gym equipment to perform tricep dips.
6/1/20	<p>In a One America News (OAN) Network interview, McCormick admitted he expected to see a spike in coronavirus cases when Georgia reopened, despite his earlier push to open the state. He added that there was not a spike in cases after the state reopened.</p> <p>In the same interview, McCormick theorized that society had developed a “herd immunity” and claimed a “vast majority – especially young people – are not getting sick.”</p> <p>McCormick doubled-down on his hydroxychloroquine stance, saying he had no problem using the drug to treat coronavirus “until shown clear evidence that it’s not good for you.” He added that the drug should be tested on “tens of thousands of patients.” He called hydroxychloroquine a “very safe drug” that he himself had used in the military. He went on to say that he was “not worried about the side-effects” of the drug unless a patient had serious heart conditions or there was a reaction with another drug.</p> <p>Later, he added that those saying the drug could harm patients were “mostly politically motivated.”</p>
6/3/20	McCormick posted a video of himself doing handstand pushups in his campaign office. He was being spotted by another person, and neither are wearing masks.
6/7/20	McCormick posted a video reflecting on a 22-year old intubated patient he saw in the ICU, saying “when there’s people in need, we need to answer the call.” He continued: “We need to defend ourselves against socialism. We need to defend our health care system. We need to make it better, more affordable. . . I hope that you’ll join me for a limited government, free-market solution, individual liberties and a God-centered decision-making matrix.”
6/7/20	McCormick posted a video of himself and two others – all without masks or protective gloves – doing pushups on the floor of a public gym.
6/8/20	McCormick posted a video of himself without a mask or gloves doing pushups atop a public playground set.
6/9/20	McCormick posted a video of himself speaking with voters without a facemask.

	<i>(NOTE: While the timing of the video is unclear, at one point McCormick opts to bump elbows with an elderly man instead of shaking his hand, an indication that the event occurred during the pandemic. Nobody in the videos is wearing a facemask.)</i>
6/9/20	McCormick posted a video of himself and several volunteers without doing pushups in an outdoor public space.
6/11/20	McCormick said, “Shuttering our economy again would be a gut-punch to the American dream.” He added, “Mandating they close again is the wrong path, we know how [to] reopen America safely.”
6/14/20	McCormick posted a video of himself without a mask or protective gloves using a hospital bed to perform tricep dips.
6/15/20	The FDA revoked the emergency use authorization of hydroxychloroquine, citing its ineffectiveness in treating coronavirus and “in light of ongoing serious cardiac adverse events and other potential serious side effects.”
6/16/20	McCormick defended his recommendation of hydroxychloroquine to the AJC via a campaign spokesman, who said: “I can’t think of a better metaphor for the takeover of healthcare and socialized medicine that Democrats want to force on Seventh District families than a Washington DC political operative telling a Georgia licensed physician how to practice medicine.”
6/16/20	McCormick: “Make no mistake about it, we are going to innovate our way out of the #COVID19 crisis. Testing and validating treatment theories is our best hope against his disease until we create a vaccine.” <i>NOTE: President Trump said he asked his staff to slow down testing one week later (see below).</i>
6/19/20	McCormick posted a video of himself and a Navy veteran without masks doing pushups in a public outdoor area.
6/23/20	President Trump said he asked his staff to slow down coronavirus testing. When senior members of his administration said the comment was made in jest, President Trump said he was not kidding.
6/25/20	McCormick posted a photo of himself without a mask speaking to and posing with a group of people at an outdoor public venue.
6/25/20	The AJC reported on a DCCC ad claiming McCormick was “putting lives at risk during a pandemic” after the FDA withdrew authorizations for hydroxychloroquine use. McCormick’s spokesperson responded to the AJC “panning Washington operatives for ‘telling a Georgia licensed physician how to practice medicine.’”
6/30/20	McCormick tweeted, “China lied and Americans died,” and accused Democrats of “pandering to a Communist China.”
6/30/20	McCormick’s campaign said: “The Chinese Communist Party is directly responsible for the spread of COVID-19. Now they are carrying out cyber attacks in an effort to steal US intellectual property and COVID-19 vaccine research while Democrats stand idly by.”
7/3/20	Team McCormick tweeted at the DCCC, saying: “Let’s agree to let doctors practice medicine. This is why political hacks in Washington DC shouldn’t be in charge of healthcare.” McCormick linked an article entitled, “Study finds hydroxychloroquine helped coronavirus patients survive better.” The headline was later edited to: “Study finds hydroxychloroquine may have boosted survival, but other researchers have doubts.”

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The First Coronavirus Deaths In The U.S. Occurred On February 6th And 17th, Though These Were Not Reported Until Months Later. “The first report of a coronavirus-related death in the United States came on Feb. 29 in the Seattle area, although officials there later discovered that two people who had died Feb. 26 also had the virus. But Santa Clara County officials said that autopsies of two people who died at their homes on Feb. 6 and Feb. 17 showed that the individuals were infected with the virus. The presence of the disease Covid-19 was determined by tissue samples and was confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, county health officials said in a statement. [...] The newly reported deaths suggest that the coronavirus may have been spreading in California much earlier than was previously known, said Dr. Jeffrey V. Smith, the Santa Clara county executive and a medical doctor. [...] It was unclear early Wednesday why it had taken so long to identify the February deaths as caused by the coronavirus.” [New York Times, [5/7/20](#)]

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As Of July 2, 2020, 128,104 People Died From Coronavirus In The United States. [Johns Hopkins University – COVID 19 Dashboard, accessed [7/2/20](#)]

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Trump Retweeted McCormick's Video Claiming The Democrats Will “Never Let A Good Crisis Go To Waste.” “President Donald Trump retweeted a physician who accused Democrats of trying to blame him for the coronavirus crisis – after his administration told NIH health expert Anthony Fauci to stay off the Sunday shows. Trump on Friday tweeted out a video clip by Dr. Rich McCormick, a Georgia congressional candidate who echoed his own attacks on Democrats and defense of his coronavirus response. 'The Democrats will never let a good crisis go to waste,' McCormick says, in a video that appears to be shot beneath a wooden staircase. 'They're

trying to blame President Trump for a virus. Tell me what we haven't done to contain this virus? So far, nobody in the United States has died of it,' he said." [Daily Mail, [2/28/20](#)]

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NOTE: McCormick’s quote tweet was attached to an original tweet is now unavailable.

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March 30, 2020: McCormick Praised Testing, Saying: "The More People That Are Tested The Better Information We Will Have. Although The Number Of People Tested Will Help Determine Mortality Rates We Will Continue To Try To Protect The Most Vulnerable And Treat Those In Distress." "The more people that are tested the better information we will have. Although the number of people tested will help determine mortality rates we will continue to try to protect the most vulnerable and treat those in distress #StayAtHome #COVID #DoctorsDay" [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [3/30/20](#)]

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April 2020: McCormick Said It Was Time To Reopen America, Saying "This Country Has Always Been About Freedom Over Security"

April 20, 2020: McCormick Tweeted: "It's Time To Safely Open America Back Up." "It's time to safely open America back up .@realDonaldTrump is right!" [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/20/20](#)]

McCormick: This Country Has Always Been About Freedom Over Security. "This country has always been about freedom over security." [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/20/20](#)]

April 2020: McCormick Posted Photos Of Himself In Public Without Wearing Protective Gear

April 17, 2020: McCormick Posted A Photo With Him And GOP Volunteers While Not Wearing A Mask. "Thank you to the Chinese Republicans for supporting the Medical staff in Duluth and Lawrenceville with face masks! They are true patriots and great Americans! Many people are also making masks (note my new favorite) and giving food..what a great nation we live in!" [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/17/20](#)]



[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/17/20](#)]

April 21, 2020: McCormick Posted A Series Of Photos With Him Making Pizza At A Local Restaurant Without A Mask Or Gloves. “Making pizza with Dr. Rocco Romeo at Romeo’s New York Pizza in Alpharetta for the frontline troops at the hospital. Love to see great Americans supporting great Americans!” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/21/20](#)]





[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/21/20](#)]

April 2020: McCormick Touted His Medical Credentials And Military Background While Commending President Trump’s And Various GOP Governors’ Efforts To Open America

McCormick: As An ER Doctor And Former Military Officer, I Commend President Trump And Those Governors Willing To Step Up And Reopen America Safely. “As an ER doctor and former military officer, I commend [.@realDonaldTrump](#) and those governors willing to step up and reopen America safely. #wednesdaymorning #DonaldTrump #OPENAMERICANOW #SmallBusiness #GA07 #Gapol” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/22/20](#)]

McCormick Asked, “As Americans, Do We Rely On The Government To Keep Us Safe? Or Do We Rely On Our Own Self-Governance?” “As Americans, do we rely on the government to keep us safe? Or do we rely on our own self-governance to determine what is safe and unsafe?” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/22/20](#)]

McCormick Claimed “Nobody Is Forcing You Back To Work.” “Nobody’s asking you to come out of your house. Nobody’s forcing you back to work. Nobody’s making you open your businesses.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/22/20](#)]

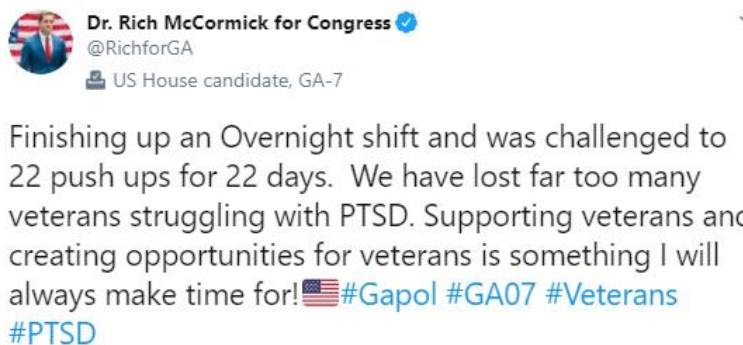
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May-June 2020: During McCormick's 22-Day Pushup Challenge To Bring Awareness To Veterans Suffering From PTSD, He Repeatedly Posted Videos Of Himself Without A Facemask Or Gloves In Public Places, Potentially Risking The Safety Of Others

McCormick Was Challenged To Do 22 Push Ups For 22 Days To Bring Awareness To Veterans Struggling With PTSD. "Finishing up an Overnight shift and was challenged to 22 push ups for 22 days. We have lost far too many veterans struggling with PTSD. Supporting veterans and creating opportunities for veterans is something I will always make time for!Flag of United States#Gapol #GA07 #Veterans #PTSD" [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/30/20](#)]

May 30, 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself Without A Mask Or Gloves Doing Pushups On A Hospital Floor.



[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/30/20](#)]

May 31, 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself Without a Mask Using Public Gym Equipment To Perform Tricep Dips.



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🏠 US House candidate, GA-7

Day 2 of #22pushupchallenge to raise awareness for #veterans suffering from #PTSD. To all the veterans you are loved and appreciated. If you are struggling please reach out! God Bless 🇺🇸 #GA07 #Gapol #Veteran



5:08 PM · May 31, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/31/20](#)]

June 3, 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself Without A Facemask Performing Handstand Pushups (With One Individual Spotting) In His Campaign Office.



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Day 5 of #22pushupchallenge! Every time I hear a veteran take their life my heart drops. #PTSD is not a life sentence. You are loved and appreciated! I challenge @MikeGarcia2020!!! Let's see what you got!! #GA07 #Gapol #Veterans



4:26 PM · Jun 3, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [7/3/20](#)]

June 7, 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself And Two Others – All Without Facemasks Or Protective Gloves – Doing Pushups On The Floor Of A Public Gym.

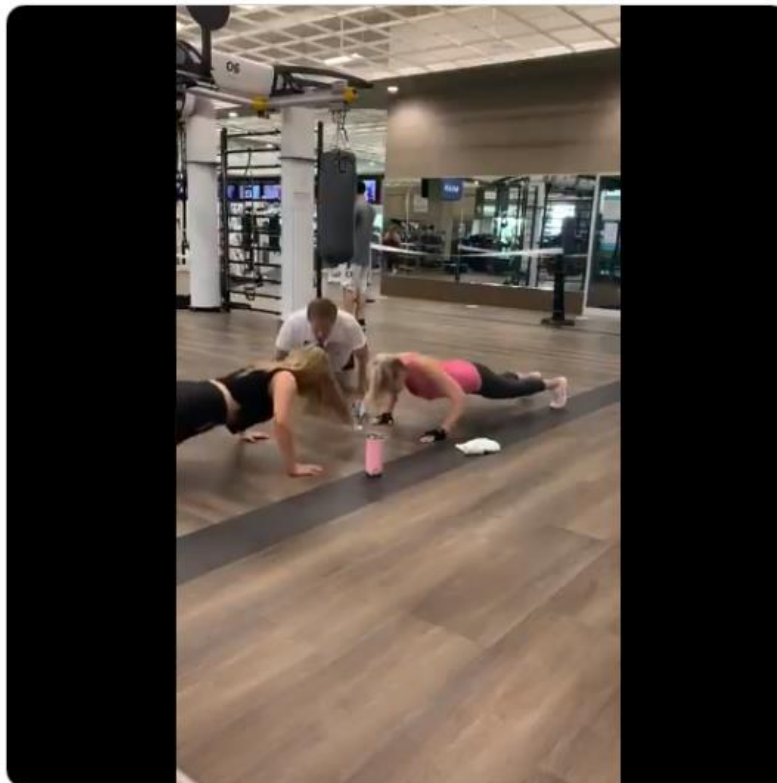


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Day 9 of #22pushupchallenge to raise awareness for #veterans dealing with #PTSD. Today, with the help of my wife and daughter, we dedicate this to all the female veterans who have served our beloved country 🇺🇸 #GA07 #Gapol



6:11 PM · Jun 7, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [6/7/20](#)]

June 8, 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself Without a Facemask Or Gloves Using A Public Playground Set To Do Pushups.



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Day 10 of [#22pushupchallenge](#). Being a veteran is special because regardless of race or creed we all came together to serve our country. If you are struggling or know someone who is suffering from [#PTSD](#) please reach out! You are important! [#GA07](#) [#Gapol](#) [#VETERAN](#)



3:03 PM · Jun 8, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [6/8/20](#)]

June 9, 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself And Several Volunteers Without Facemasks Doing Pushups In An Outdoor Public Space.



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Day 11 of [#22pushupchallenge](#) and it's Election Day here in [#GA07](#). Some of my young volunteers wanted to get involved and help raise awareness for [#PTSD](#) and [#veteran](#) suicide prevention. To anyone struggling please reach out to someone. You are loved and appreciated. [#Gapol](#)



12:25 PM · Jun 9, 2020 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [6/9/20](#)]

June 14, 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself Without A Mask Or Protective Gloves Using A Hospital Bed To Exercise.



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Day 15 of #22pushupchallenge. #Veterans and their families are special. They made sacrifices that only other Veterans and families would understand. They also have challenges other Americans don't understand. Anxiety and depression can be treated! Reach out! #GA07 #GA7 #Gapol



[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [6/14/20](#)]

June 19, 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself With A Navy Veteran Without Masks Doing Pushups In A Public Outdoor Area.



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Day 20 of [#22pushupchallenge](#). It's Navy vs Marine Corps tonight! [#PTSD](#) affects so many [#veterans](#). If you or someone you know is struggling please reach out and take action. Even something as simple as these videos have helped several veterans get help!
[#GA07](#) [#GA7](#)



5:18 PM · Jun 19, 2020 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [6/19/20](#)]

June 20, 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself Doing Pushups On A Hospital Floor Without Gloves.



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Day 21 of #22pushupchallenge. I had the honor of meeting a patient who experiences #PTSD last night at work. He is an Army sniper who is disabled, he was very appreciative and emotional for the support. Please reach out and talk to someone if you are suffering. #GA07 #GA7 #Gapol



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[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [6/20/20](#)]

June 2020: McCormick Admitted He Expected To See A Spike In COVID Cases When Georgia Reopened – Despite Earlier Pushes To Open The State – But Claimed There Was Not A Surge Afterward

NOTE: Instances of McCormick pushing for the state to reopen can be found in the sections above.

McCormick Said He Did Expect A Second Wave When Georgia Reopened. MCCORMICK: “Well, I’m glad you brought it up as a clustered effect. In other words, it’s very different in different regions of the United States. That’s so important to realize when you talk about government shutdowns and how you treat this disease. We did have our spike about a month or two ago. Since that time – actually since even the opening of Georgia, Georgia being one of the most preminent states to open up at the start of this – getting back to work – we have not seen a second surge, which is so important to realize. To not see a second wave, which we did expect. Even the most skeptical people thought that there’d be at least some sort of bump, but there wasn’t.” [One America News Network via YouTube, [6/1/20](#)]

June 1, 2020: McCormick Claimed Georgia Had Not Seen A Second Surge And Did Not See A Bump After Its Reopening. HOST: “I know that each region has a very different response. They’ve seen a different surge or not

surge depending on where you live. What's it been like in your experience?" MCCORMICK: "Well, I'm glad you brought it up as a clustered effect. In other words, it's very different in different regions of the United States. That's so important to realize when you talk about government shutdowns and how you treat this disease. We did have our spike about a month or two ago. Since that time – actually since even the opening of Georgia, Georgia being one of the most preeminent states to open up at the start of this – getting back to work – we have not seen a second surge, which is so important to realize. To not see a second wave, which we did expect. Even the most skeptical people thought that there'd be at least some sort of bump, but there wasn't. And numbers continue to go down despite testing more patient. The admissions go way down, and the ICUs are clearing out. In other words, the patients who were the most sick before are coming off the ventilators and are being discharged, which is fantastic news." [One America News Network via YouTube, [6/1/20](#)]

June 2020: McCormick Theorized That Society Had Developed A “Herd Immunity” – Claiming A “Vast Majority – Especially Young People – Are Not Getting Sick”

McCormick Theorized That Society Was Developing A “Herd Immunity” To The Disease And Claimed That A “Vast Majority – Especially Young People – Are Not Getting Sick.” HOST: “And when we look at the different states that have made that decision to open up – we can look at Florida, we can look at Texas. You can go through that and kind of see that there hasn't been that surge that a lot of people were warning about at first, and that's not to say that we won't have one. I'm not a medical professional. I can't speak as to what the future will hold or anything like that, but what is the lesson that we can learn from this. Is it the idea that maybe that this idea isn't as transmissible as we initially thought? Is it that maybe there's more herd immunity in this country than we thought? What can we take away from that lesson?” MCCORMICK: “So we're still learning exactly what the prevalence is – in other words, how many people have really been exposed. My theory based on just the evidence that we see first-hand is that we probably do have a herd immunity. If you look at these studies of the contained space that we actually knew had overall exposure, such as the Navy ship that had wide exposure or the cruise ship that had wide exposure- these nursing homes that have wide exposure – you can see the prevalence of this disease is very contagious. But the vast majority – especially young, healthy people – are not getting sick. More often than not in young people, you have zero symptoms even though you're building an immunity. Even in the elderly, the most vulnerable populations, they've shown that almost 50 percent of the people who are actually exposed to this and are building some form of immunity don't have symptoms. At least not significant symptoms that we'd acknowledged. And then of those people that are coming in, we're getting much better at treating the disease, too, so the overall outcome is not as high in mortality.” [One America News Network via YouTube, [6/1/20](#)]

June 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself Speaking With Voters Without A Mask

June 9, 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself Speaking With Voters Without A Mask.



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It's going to be a great day! Primary vote today in Georgia and Trump Rallies are coming back! I feel very blessed to be an American and have the right to vote!
#Trump #MAGA2020 #KAG2020TRUMPVICTORY #GA07 #Gapol #TuesdayThoughts #KAG2020 #MAGA #Blessed



6:44 AM · Jun 9, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [6/9/20](#)]

June 2020: McCormick Posted Photos Of Himself Without A Mask Speaking To And Posing With A Group Of People At An Outdoor Memorial

June 25, 2020: McCormick Posted Two Photos Of Himself Without A Mask Speaking To And Posing With A Group Of People At An Outdoor Memorial.



[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [6/25/20](#)]

McCormick Promoted The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine To Treat Coronavirus – Citing His Medical Credentials – But The Drug Was Later Deemed Ineffective And Dangerous

April 2020: McCormick Bashed Kamala Harris For Picking A Fight With President Trump Over Hydroxychloroquine – Saying She Was “Endanger[ing] People’s Lives”

April 2020: McCormick Bashed Kamala Harris For Picking A Fight With Trump Over Hydroxychloroquine, Saying “Last Time I Checked, She Isn’t A Doctor Either.” “I want to address Kamala Harris and the fight she’s picking with the president. Last time I checked, she isn’t a doctor either.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/9/20](#)]

McCormick Accused Kamala Harris Of Endangering People’s Lives By Eroding “Confidence In This Country’s Professionals.” “Fools like @SenKamalaHarris endanger people’s lives when they erode confidence in this country’s professionals. No shortage of idiot Dems that are going to try to make a name for themselves and be @JoeBiden VP by picking a fight with our president.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/9/20](#)]

April 2020: McCormick Cited His Medical Credentials And Referenced Other Doctors He Knew Were Prescribing Hydroxychloroquine “Because They Think It Works” In An Effort To Defend President Trump

McCormick Defended President Trump, Saying He “Had The Advice Of Some Of The Best Physicians In The World.” “The president has the advice of some of the best physicians in the world.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/9/20](#)]

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McCormick: This Is Not The Time For Politics – If You’re Not Going To Be Part Of The Solution, Get Out Of The Way And Let The President Do His Job. “This is not the time for divisiveness. This is not the time for politics. If you’re not going to be part of the solution, get out of the way and let the President do his job.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/9/20](#)]

May 2020: McCormick Criticized Governor Lamont For Saying The President Should Wear A Mask Instead Of Hydroxychloroquine, Calling The Governor An “Armchair Physicians” And Saying “Let Doctors Be Doctors”

On CNN, Governor Lamont Of Connecticut Said “He’d Tell President Trump To Try A Surgical Mask Rather Than Hydroxychloroquine If He Really Wants A Line Of Defense That Works Against Coronavirus.” “Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont of Connecticut says he’d tell President Trump to try a surgical mask rather than hydroxychloroquine if he really wants a line of defense that works against coronavirus.” [CNN via Twitter, [5/19/20](#)]

McCormick Responded To The Tweet, Saying: “A Lot Of Armchair Physicians Are Commenting On The Medications [President Trump] Is Taking...Here Is An Idea, Let Doctors Be Doctors.” “A lot of armchair physicians are commenting on the medications @realDonaldTrump is taking. The left says decisions should be between a doctor and a patient unless they disagree, then the media should make the decisions. Here is an idea, let doctors be doctors. #Covid_19 #GA07” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/19/20](#)]

May 2020: McCormick Said Hydroxychloroquine Was One Of His Hospital's Standard Treatments For Coronavirus**McCormick Said Hydroxychloroquine Was One Of His Hospital's Standard Treatments For Coronavirus.**

HOST: "Hydroxychloroquine continues to be a trending topic as numerous doctors report seeing success treating COVID-19 patients with the drug. One of those doctors is Dr. Richard McCormick, an emergency room physician in Georgia who's also running for the Peach State's 7th Congressional District. He joins us now. [...] As a doctor yourself, what are some cases where you've seen hydroxychloroquine treat patients with coronavirus?"

MCCORMICK: "So one of our standards is when we admit a patient, and that means they're sick enough to be treated in the hospital, is we use hydroxychloroquine as one of our standard treatments. [...] A lot of people say that we should include zinc in that there's a synergistic effect that we feel has been the most effective at this point, but there is some data that's missing. Remember this is a novel virus. There's a lot we don't know. There's a lot of different trials that we're floating right now. [...] There's over a hundred studies right now worldwide on different drug treatments. There's new drugs coming out all the time, so this is going to be a learning process for all of us." [One America News Network via YouTube, [5/27/20](#)]

June 2020: McCormick Said He Did Not Have A Problem Using Hydroxychloroquine To Treat Coronavirus "Until Shown Clear Evidence That It's Not Good For You" And Called The Drug "Very Safe"**McCormick Said He Had No Problem Using Hydroxychloroquine To Treat Coronavirus "Until Shown Clear Evidence That It's Not Good For You."**

HOST: "And one thing that's kind of entered this equation is the use of this drug known as hydroxychloroquine. Some people say that it's not effective as a treatment. Some people say it is effective as a prophylactic. There's different studies really that you can find online to support whatever position you want to take. Where do you stand on the use of that malaria drug?" MCCORMICK: "Yeah – that's the problem is that there's a lot of contradictory information out there. Until we get the double-blind placebo test with multiple patients – I'm talking tens of thousands of patients – where you're able to compare it to – not only placebos but also other drugs. [...] We actually have multiple drug combinations we're using. We'll be able to compare and contrast what drugs are most effective. Right now – I mean up to now it's been our standard care. We do have some new trials being started. I think mechanically, it's more important to realize how we treat these really, really sick patients, because those are the ones that are potentially going to die, and understanding that we shouldn't be intubating them. [...] But yeah, I have no problem with hydroxychloroquine as it stands right now until shown clear evidence that it's not good for you." [One America News Network via YouTube, [6/1/20](#)]

McCormick Said Hydroxychloroquine Was A "Very Safe Drug" That He Used Himself In The Military.

HOST: "Are you saying it's a treatment or something maybe a little bit more – beforehand as a preventative measure? Is it something that's used depending on the situation? Is that really the way that doctors should be approaching this?" MCCORMICK: "Yeah so – a lot of people think that it can be used prophylactically or preventatively, as you're saying. [...] There's a lot of combination of drugs – using zinc, which is known to be good for viral replication inhibitors. There are lots and lots of drugs. Right now, I have no problem – it's a very safe drug. I've used it myself when I was in the military when we were in malaria areas. I'm not worried about the side-effects of this drug unless you have serious heart conditions or there's some other cross-contamination or cross-reaction with another drug, but I'm not worried about it harming you. I think anybody who's saying that is mostly politically motivated." [One America News Network via YouTube, [6/1/20](#)]

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June 2020: McCormick Said Anybody Who Claims Hydroxychloroquine Can Harm Patients “Is Mostly Politically Motivated”

McCormick: I Think Anybody Who Is Saying Hydroxychloroquine Can Harm You “Is Mostly Politically Motivated.” MCCORMICK: “Yeah so – a lot of people think that it can be used prophylactically or preventatively, as you’re saying. [...] There’s a lot of combination of drugs – using zinc, which is known to be good for viral replication inhibitors. There are lots and lots of drugs. Right now, I have no problem – it’s a very safe drug. I’ve used it myself when I was in the military when we were in malaria areas. I’m not worried about the side-effects of this drug unless you have serious heart conditions or there’s some other cross-contamination or cross-reaction with another drug, but I’m not worried about it harming you. I think anybody who’s saying that is mostly politically motivated.” [One America News Network via YouTube, [6/1/20](#)]

McCormick Responded To Criticisms About His Peddling Of Hydroxychloroquine – Saying “Let Doctors Practice Medicine” And “Political Hacks In Washington DC Shouldn’t Be In Charge Of” Health Care...

McCormick’s Campaign Tweeted At The DCCC, Saying: “Let’s Agree To Let Doctors Practice Medicine. This Is Why Political Hacks In Washington DC Shouldn’t Be In Charge Of Healthcare.” “Hey @dccc let’s agree to let doctors practice medicine. This is why political hacks in Washington DC shouldn’t be in charge of healthcare.” [Team McCormick via Twitter, [7/3/20](#)]

...Linking To A CNN Article With A Seemingly Favorable Headline That Was Later Edited To Express Doubts Toward The Drug’s Effectiveness In Treating Coronavirus

McCormick’s Campaign Linked To An Article With A Headline Favoring Their Argument, But The Source Later Edited To Headline And Body To Express Doubts Toward The Effectiveness Of Hydroxychloroquine. Team McCormick linked to a CNN article entitled, “Study finds hydroxychloroquine helped coronavirus patients survive better.” The headline was later edited to: “Study finds hydroxychloroquine may have boosted survival, but other researchers have doubts.”

Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress Retweeted
 TEAM McCormick (TEXT MCCORMICK -22525)
 @TeamMcCormickGA

Hey @dccc let’s agree to let doctors practice medicine. This is why political hacks in Washington DC shouldn’t be in charge of healthcare.



Study finds hydroxychloroquine helped coronavirus patients survive better
 Hydroxychloroquine helped Covid-19 patients, a study in Detroit found.
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CNN health
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Study finds hydroxychloroquine may have boosted survival, but other researchers have doubts

By Maggie Fox, Andrea Kane, and Elizabeth Cohen, CNN
 Updated 17:31 GMT (01:31 HKT) July 3, 2020



(CNN) — A surprising new study found the controversial antimalarial drug hydroxychloroquine helped patients better survive in the hospital. But the findings, like the

[Team McCormick via Twitter, [7/3/20](#); CNN, [7/3/20](#)]

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CNN: A Study Of 2,541 Hospitalized Patients Found That Those Given Hydroxychloroquine Were Much Less Likely To Die – But Outside Researchers Pointed Out The Study Saying Other Drugs Used May Have Accounted For Better Survival And Criticized The Study’s Selection And Treatment Methods. “A team at Henry Ford Health System in southeast Michigan said Thursday their study of 2,541 hospitalized patients found that those given hydroxychloroquine were much less likely to die. [...] Researchers not involved in the Henry Ford study pointed out it wasn’t of the same quality of the studies showing hydroxychloroquine did not help patients, and said other treatments, such as the use of the steroid dexamethasone, might have accounted for the better survival of some patients. [...] Researchers not involved with the study were critical. They noted that the Henry Ford Health System became more experienced in treating patients with COVID-19, survival may have improved, regardless of the use of specific therapies,’ Dr. Todd Lee of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, Canada, and colleagues wrote in a commentary in the same journal. ‘Finally, concomitant steroid use in patients receiving hydroxychloroquine was more than double the non-treated group. This is relevant considering the recent RECOVERY trial that showed a mortality benefit with dexamethasone.’ The steroid dexamethasone can reduce inflammation in seriously ill patients.” [CNN, [7/3/20](#)]

June 2020: The FDA Revoked Emergency Use Authorization For Hydroxychloroquine To Be Used To Treat Coronavirus – Citing Ineffectiveness And Dangerous Side Effects, Including “Serious Cardiac Adverse Events”

HEADLINE: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Revokes Emergency Use Authorization for Chloroquine and Hydroxychloroquine. [FDA – Press Release, [6/15/20](#)]

The FDA Revoked The Emergency Use Authorization That Allowed Hydroxychloroquine To Be Used To Treat COVID-19, Saying It Was “Unlikely To e Effective In Treating COVID-19” And Cited “Ongoing Serious Cardiac Adverse Events And Other Potential Serious Side Effects.” “Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) revoked the emergency use authorization (EUA) that allowed for chloroquine phosphate and hydroxychloroquine sulfate donated to the Strategic National Stockpile to be used to treat certain hospitalized patients with COVID-19 when a clinical trial was unavailable, or participation in a clinical trial was not feasible. The agency determined that the legal criteria for issuing an EUA are no longer met. Based on its ongoing analysis of the EUA and emerging scientific data, the FDA determined that chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine are unlikely to be effective in treating COVID-19 for the authorized uses in the EUA. Additionally, in light of ongoing serious cardiac adverse events and other potential serious side effects, the known and potential benefits of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine no longer outweigh the known and potential risks for the authorized use.” [FDA – Press Release, [6/15/20](#)]

July 2020: McCormick’s Campaign Doubled-Down On Hydroxychloroquine As A Coronavirus Treatment, Saying “Let’s Agree To Let Doctors Practice Medicine”

July 2020: McCormick’s Campaign Doubled-Down On Hydroxychloroquine As A Coronavirus Treatment, Saying “Let’s Agree To Let Doctors Practice Medicine” And Adding “This Is Why Political Hacks In Washington DC Shouldn’t Be In Charge Of Healthcare” “Hey @dccc let’s agree to let doctors practice medicine. This is why political hacks in Washington DC shouldn’t be in charge of healthcare.” [Team McCormick via Twitter, [7/3/20](#)]

McCormick Repeatedly Praised Trump’s Response To Coronavirus**March 2020: McCormick Praised President Trump For A “Decisive And Appropriate Response” To Coronavirus**

March 2020: McCormick Praised President Trump For “Excellent Leadership” And A “Decisive And Appropriate Response” To Coronavirus. “Excellent leadership . @realDonaldTrump!!!! Decisive and appropriate response in a time others are panicking. #Coronavirus #CoronaAlert #KAGA2020” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [3/4/20](#)]



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Excellent leadership .@realDonaldTrump !!!! Decisive and appropriate response in a time others are panicking.

#Coronavirus #CoronaAlert #KAGA2020



Donald J. Trump ✓ @realDonaldTrump · Mar 4

Congress has agreed to provide \$8 Billion to fight Coronavirus! This means @CDCgov, @HHSgov, and @DHSgov will have the resources they need to Keep America Safe and keep the risk to workers and families very low. This is great news for our Health, our Economy, and our Nation!

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[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [3/4/20](#)]

March 2020: McCormick Praised President Trump For Taking “Bold Decisive Action...Instead Of Panicking And Freezing”

March 2020: McCormick Praised Trump For Taking “Bold Decisive Action...Instead Of Panicking And Freezing” Adding That Trump “Made Moves With The Intent Of Protecting All Americans.” “This administration has taken bold decisive action! Instead of panicking and freezing .@realDonaldTrump has made moves with the intent of protecting all Americans! Wash your hands, hydrate, and stay home if you are sick! #COVID19 #CoronaVirusUpdate” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [3/10/20](#)]

President Trump Praised The Senate GOP In His Original Tweet. “Thank you @Senate GOP!” [Donald J. Trump via Twitter, [3/10/20](#)]

March 2020: The President Is Doing Everything Possible

McCormick: The Media Continually Blames The President For Not Doing Enough, But I’m Here To Tell You The President Is Doing Everything Possible. “I just got done talking to over 25 physicians, including some of the leading experts in infectious disease about coronavirus. One of the things that’s for sure is that the media has made this much worse than it actually is. They continually blame the President for not doing enough. I’m here to tell you that the President is doing everything possible. We could spend a trillion dollars on this disease and it would still spread. The media continually says that we should be doing more and that we’re not doing enough. Where was their outrage in 2017 and 18 when over 70,000 Americans died of the flu? Where was the media this year when anywhere from 14 to 70,000 people died of the flu and 400,000 people in the world died of the flu. People weren’t making runs on their grocery stores, and the media wasn’t blowing it out of proportion. But they seem to think that this is going to sell papers, and they can politicize it. And that’s the problem. I’m Dr. Rich McCormick. I’m looking for a good conversation, one based on medical fact and not media hype.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [3/10/20](#)]

March 2020: McCormick Said The President’s Decisive Action To Place This Country “On A War Footing” Will Save Lives

McCormick: The President’s Decisive Action To Place This Country On A War Footing Will Save Lives. “@FoxNews asked for my opinion and it’s 100% clear: @realdonaldtrump decisive action to place this country on a war footing will save lives. As a veteran Marine and ER doctor, I will continue to do my part and serve where I am needed. #COVID19 #gapol #GA07 #Coronavirus #FoxNews” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [3/19/20](#)]

March 2020: McCormick Claimed President Trump “Has Taken Decisive Action...Despite The Democrats Best Efforts To Appease Terrorists And Allow Our Economy Sink”

McCormick: President Trump “Has Taken Decisive Action...Despite The Democrats Best Efforts To Appease Terrorists And Allow Our Economy Sink.” “Do you think Hillary would have answered the call to help America or would she have missed it like she did Benghazi? .@realDonaldTrump has taken decisive action time and time again, despite the Democrats best efforts to appease terrorists and allow our economy sink. #Covid19Out” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [3/24/20](#)]

March 2020: After Being Retweeted By President Trump, McCormick Praised The President, Saying “His Leadership During This National Disaster Is A Perfect Balance Of Preserving Individual Liberties While Taking Aggressive Action To Keep Americans Safe”

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April 2020: McCormick Said President Trump Was “Working 24/7 To Keep America Safe And Functional”

April 2020: McCormick: President Trump “Is Working 24/7 To Keep America Safe And Functional” While Speaker Pelosi “Is Forming Another Witch-Hunt Spurning Congress Oversight Committee.” “@DanCrenshawTX nailed it today on @FoxBusiness this morning. The committee being formed by Pelosi should sicken America. @realDonaldTrump is working 24/7 to keep America safe and functional and @SpeakerPelosi is forming another witch-hunt spurning Congress Oversight committee.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/3/20](#)]

April 2020: McCormick Said President Trump Was “Correct To Defund WHO” Because The Organization “Lied,” Was “Corruptible,” “Unaccountable,” “Anti-American” And “Anti-Semitic”

April: McCormick Said President Trump Was “Correct To Defund WHO,” Saying The Organization “Lied.” “.@realDonaldTrump is correct to defund WHO and change the status quo in how international organizations operate. #WHOLiedPeopleDied #WuhanCoronaVirus #ChinaLiedPeopleDied #Gapol #GA07” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/16/20](#)]

McCormick Suggested WHO Was “Corruptible,” “Unaccountable,” “Anti-American” And “Anti-Semitic.” “Let’s talk about the World Health Organization and why President Trump was correct to defund it. You’re talking about an organization that receives hundreds of millions of dollars from the United States, and yet it’s corruptible, unaccountable and has very few measurable results. [...] That’s the problem with global organizations. They don’t have our best interests in hand. Matter of fact, most of the time they’re anti-American, anti-Semitic and they do all the wrong things while they demand 10 percent of the world’s income.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [4/16/20](#)]

May 2020: McCormick Again Touted His Medical Credentials In A Post Supporting Governor Kemp And President Trump’s Decisions To Reopen The Country

McCormick: “As An ER Doc In Georgia I Support [Governor Kemp’s] And [President Trump’s] Decision To Be Bold And Reopen This Country. “As an ER doc in Georgia I support @GovKemp and @realDonaldTrump decision to be bold and reopen this country! @SpeakerPelosi bill to spend without end will

only result in failure.#spendwithoutend #GA07 #Gapol #coronavirus #COVID19 #Trump2020 #KAG2020 #Trump #MAGA #OpenAmericaNOW” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/16/20](#)]

Donald Trump

Significant Findings

- ✓ *McCormick referred to impeachment as a “hoax” and claimed the Democrats were “trying to cancel out an election.”*
- ✓ *McCormick pushed for impeaching Speaker Pelosi, even selling shirts reading “IMPEACH PELOSI” to fund his campaign.*
- ✓ *McCormick pushed a theory that the “real quid pro quo” came from Joe Biden.*
- ✓ *McCormick propagated false theories regarding impeachment, namely that President Trump was falsely accused of withholding aid from Ukraine or putting pressure on Zelensky.*

Impeachment

McCormick Referred To Impeachment As A “Hoax” And Claimed The Democrats Were “Trying To Cancel Out An Election”

McCormick: Democrats’ Impeachment Hoax Is Trying To Cancel Out An Election And Tell Millions Of Americans Their Voices Do Not Matter. “Democrats’ #ImpeachmentHoax is trying to cancel out an election and tell millions of Americans their voices do not matter. Enough is enough! It’s time we send a Decorated Marine . Emergency Room Doctor. Conservative Republican to go ALL IN in Congress to help fight this sham.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [12/10/19](#)]

McCormick Pushed For Impeaching Speaker Pelosi – Even Selling Shirts Reading “IMPEACH PELOSI” To Fund His Campaign

McCormick: It’s Time To Impeach Nancy Pelosi For “Turning Congress Into A 3-Ring Circus.” “Impeach Trump? No Way! It’s time to Impeach Pelosi for turning Congress into a 3-ring circus.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [12/10/19](#)]

McCormick Sold “Limited Edition” Impeach Pelosi Shirts To Support His Campaign. “Get on board and grab your limited edition #ImpeachPelosi shirt today. #ImpeachmentHoax #ImpeachmentSHAM #ImpeachmentBackfire” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [12/10/19](#)]



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[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [12/10/19](#)]

[McCormick for Congress, accessed [7/1/20](#)]

McCormick Pushed A Theory That The “Real Quid Pro Quo” Came From Biden

McCormick Defended Trump, Saying It Was Shameful That His Crime Was “Asking About The Real Quid Pro Quo That Biden Did.” “His ‘crime’ – asking about the REAL quid pro quo that Biden did...shameful.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Personal), [12/10/19](#)]

McCormick Proposed Calling Joe And Hunter Biden To Testify, Claiming That Hunter Biden Was “Cashing In” While Dems Were Calling For Impeachment. “Bring up Joe and Hunter Biden!! Dems were calling for impeachment after the election in 2016 while Hunter was still cashing in! #ImpeachmentTrials #ImpeachmentHoax” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [1/27/20](#)]

McCormick Propagated False Theories Regarding Impeachment

McCormick Retweeted A Post By Rep. Andy Biggs That Claimed “Aid Was Given To Ukraine Within Time Limits Of The Law Passed By Congress” And That “There Was NO Pressure On Zelensky.” “Democrats claim that we run the risk of being a monarchy or dictatorship. That is one of the sloppiest arguments for impeachment. It ignores the facts that all aid was given to Ukraine within time limits of the law passed by Congress, & that there was NO pressure on Zelensky.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Original: Rep. Andy Biggs), [12/18/19](#)]

McCormick Retweeted A Post By Rep. Markwayne Mullin That Claimed The Democrats And Speaker Pelosi Impeached Trump Because They “Hate Him” And “Don’t Want Him To Get Re-Elected.” “History is being made today, but it’s being made in the wrong fashion. The House is voting to impeach @realDonaldTrump today, not because he did something wrong, but because Pelosi Democrats hate him and they don’t want him to get re-elected.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Original: Rep. Markwayne Mullin), [12/18/19](#)]

McCormick Retweeted A Post By Rep. Phil Roe That Called Impeachment A “Sham” And Claimed The President Was “Falsely Accused” Of Withholding Aid From Ukraine. (TWEET) “Today is a sad day in American history. We are voting to impeach a duly-elected @realDonaldTrump without evidence a crime was committed. I won’t stand for this political sham and will be voting no. (VIDEO) ROE: “The President has been falsely accused of colluding with Ukrainians to withhold money to get information on a political rival.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Original: Dr. Phil Roe), [12/18/19](#)]

Political Career

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2020, McCormick admitted that Georgia was a battleground state.*
- ✓ *In June 2020, McCormick cleared the GOP primary election without a runoff by finishing first out of seven with 55 percent of the vote.*
- ✓ *In May 2020, two of McCormick's GOP opponents criticized him for not voting for Trump in 2016, making excuses for his missed vote and repeatedly changing his excuses.*
 - ✓ *Renee Unterman – one of the GOP candidates in GA-07 – claimed McCormick refused to vote for Donald Trump in 2016, said he couldn't "get his story straight" and mocked him for providing documentation confirming he received an absentee ballot but still didn't vote for Trump.*
 - ✓ *Mark Gonsalves – one of the GOP candidates in GA-07 – released audio recorded by a voter that included McCormick claiming he sent in an absentee ballot, but they wouldn't be counted unless it would make a difference in the election's outcome.*
 - ✓ *Gonsalves released a video suggesting McCormick made up a new excuse when asked about his absentee ballot in public, with McCormick claiming he was away from his family for nine months – mostly in Afghanistan.*
 - ✓ *Gonsalves responded with a screenshot of a McCormick social media post claiming he returned from a weekend vacation from Turks and Caicos on Oct. 30, 2016.*
- ✓ *McCormick defended himself against his opponents' attacks by posting a FOIA response he received from Santa Rosa County (FL) showing he received a ballot to an address in North Carolina.*
- ✓ *McCormick was endorsed by President Trump, Senator Ted Cruz, Club for Growth Action, Rep. Rob Woodall, the House Freedom Caucus, and others.*
 - ✓ *Club for Growth Action spent nearly \$750,000 pushing McCormick through the primary.*

2020 Election

McCormick Admitted That Georgia Was A Battleground State

McCormick: Georgia Is A Battleground State! "Georgia is a battleground state!" [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [1/4/20](#)]



[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [1/4/20](#)]

GA-07 Primary Election

June 2020: McCormick Cleared The GOP Primary For GA-07, Placing First Out Of Seven With 55 Percent Of The Vote

June 9, 2020: McCormick Cleared The GOP Primary For GA-07, Placing First Out Of Seven With 55 Percent Of The Vote. [GA Secretary of State – Results: US House District 7, [7/2/20](#)]

GA-07 GOP Primary Results (2020)		
Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Lisa Noel Babbage	3,336	5.21%
Mark Gonsalves	4,640	7.25%
Lynne Homrich	4,567	7.13%
Zachary H. Kennemore	1,195	1.87%
Rich McCormick	35,280	55.11%
Renee S. Unterman	11,143	17.41%
Eugene Yu	3,856	6.02%
TOTAL	64,017	

[GA Secretary of State – Results: US House District 7, [7/2/20](#)]

May 2020: McCormick’s GOP Opponents Criticized Him For Not Voting For Trump In 2016, Making Excuses For His Missed Vote And Repeatedly Changing His Excuses

Renee Unterman – A GOP Candidate In GA-07 – Claimed McCormick Refused To Vote For Donald Trump In 2016. “Rich McCormick’s squealing doesn’t change the fact that he refused to vote for Donald Trump for president while Renee Unterman campaigned for Trump and proudly voted for the leader she considers the best president of her lifetime.” [Renee Unterman for Congress, accessed [7/7/20](#)]

Unterman Said Rich Couldn't "Get His Story Straight" And Mocked Him For Providing Documentation Confirming He Received An Absentee Ballot But Still Didn't Vote For Trump. "It's taken weeks for Rich to get his story straight. And it's still not working. After all this time, he's finally providing documentation that he requested an absentee ballot from a Florida county. That means he got the ballot and STILL didn't vote for Trump, when the nation faced the dire prospect of a Hillary win." [Renee Unterman for Congress, accessed [7/7/20](#)]

Mark Gonsalves – A GOP Candidate In GA-07 – Released Audio Recorded By A Voter That Includes McCormick Claiming He Sent In An Absentee Ballot, But They Wouldn't Be Counted Unless It Would Make A Difference In The Outcome. VO: "When asked why he didn't vote for Trump against Hillary, Rich McCormick claimed:" MCCORMICK (VO): "I sent an absentee ballot, which does not get counted unless it's going to make a difference in the outcome." [Mark Gonsalves via Twitter, [5/8/20](#)]

Gonsalves Released A Video Suggesting McCormick Made Up A New Excuse When Asked About His Absentee Ballot In Public, Showing McCormick Saying He Was Away From His Family For Nine Months, Mostly In Afghanistan. VO: "Asked publicly why he refused to vote for Trump, he made up a new excuse." MCCORMICK: "I'll tell you what I was doing in 2016. I spent over nine months of my life away from my family. Most of it, in Kandahar." [Mark Gonsalves via Twitter, [5/8/20](#)]

Gonsalves Posted A Social Media Post Written By McCormick That Said He Had Returned From A Weekend Vacation In Turks And Caicos On Oct. 30, 2016. [Mark Gonsalves via Twitter, [5/8/20](#)]



Mark Gonsalves 
@MarkCongressGA7



Audio Reveals Rich McCormick (@RichforGA) Using The Military As Excuse For Not Supporting Donald Trump in 2016.

Why can't this guy ever be straight with voters?

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#GA07



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[Mark Gonsalves via Twitter, [5/8/20](#)]

McCormick Blocked Gonsalves Four Days After Gonsalves' Video Attacking McCormick Was Released. “‘I have never been afraid of a fight.’ - @RichforGA Sure Rich. Sure. #gapol” [Mark Gonsalves via Twitter, [5/12/20](#)]



"I have never been afraid of a fight." -@RichforGA

Sure Rich.

Sure.

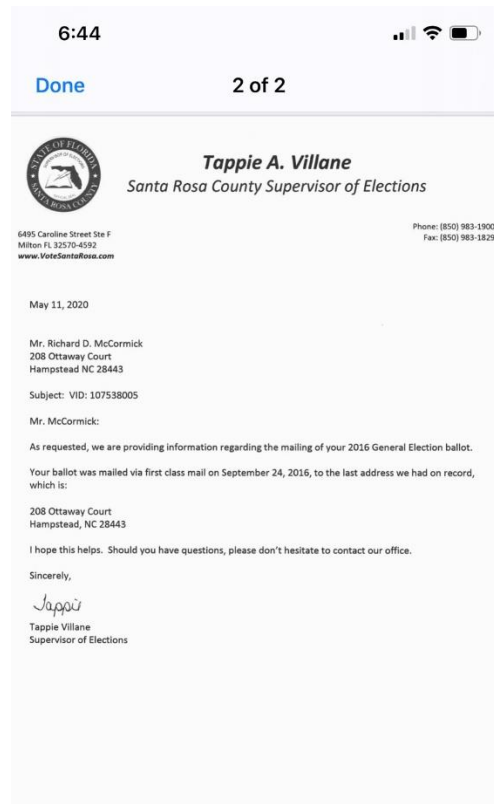
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[Mark Gonsalves via Twitter, [5/12/20](#)]

McCormick Defended Himself Against Attacks Against His Voting Record By Posting A FOIA Response From Santa Rosa County (FL) That Showed He Received A Ballot To An Address In North Carolina.



[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/12/20](#)]

McCormick Said Renee Unterman Was Attacking Him Because She Was “Desperate To Remain In Office,” Calling Her Claims a “Lie.” “Career politician Renee Unterman is desperate to remain in office. She’s attacking me on TV saying I didn’t request and absentee ballot and didn’t support @realdonaldtrump. That’s a lie and here is the proof. @renee_unterman, Georgia voters deserve better than this. #GA07 #Gapol” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/12/20](#)]

May 2020: McCormick Posted Polling Result That Had Him Leading Other GOP Candidates And Credited President Trump’s Retweets For The Momentum

May 2020: McCormick Tweeted Polling That Showed Him Up By Almost Double The Points Of His Nearest GOP Opponent. “New Polling shows us doubling our nearest opponent and with more support than all other candidates combined! Thank you to .@realDonaldTrump for the retweets and to all of our supporters! You patriots are the reason I am running in this race!! #GA07 #Gapol #Trump #MAGA #KAG” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/6/20](#)]

McCormick Thanked President Trump For His Retweets After Touting His Polling Results. “New Polling shows us doubling our nearest opponent and with more support than all other candidates combined! Thank you to .@realDonaldTrump for the retweets and to all of our supporters! You patriots are the reason I am running in this race!! #GA07 #Gapol #Trump #MAGA #KAG” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/6/20](#)]

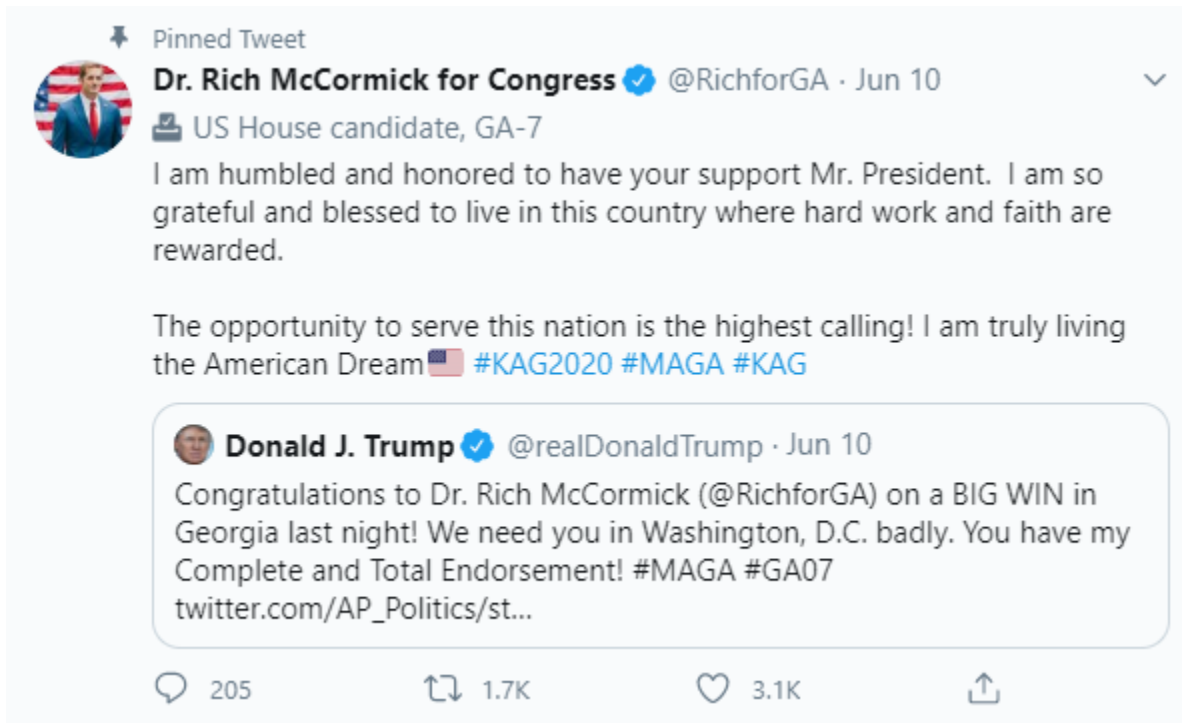
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McCormick Tweeted A Video With Renee Unterman’s Ex-Husband Thanking Him For Being Part Of His Host Committee. “Big shout out and thank you to Dr. Unterman and the host committee this weekend! What a fantastic evening! We are “All In” to get control of the House and help @realDonaldTrump KAG! #Ga07 #gapol #KAG” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [2/10/20](#)]

Endorsements

President Trump Endorsed McCormick

President Trump Endorsed McCormick. “Congratulations to Dr. Rich McCormick (@RichforGA) on a BIG WIN in Georgia last night! We need you in Washington, D.C. badly. You have my Complete and Total Endorsement! #MAGA #GA07” [Donald J. Trump via Twitter, [6/10/20](#)]



[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [6/10/20](#)]

Club For Growth PAC Endorsed McCormick And Spent Nearly \$750,000 Pushing Him Through The Primary

Feb. 2020: Club For Growth PAC Endorsed McCormick For GA-07, Praising Him For A “Firm Understanding Of Free Markets, A Constitutionally Limited Government, And America’s Dire Debt And Deficit Situation.” “Club for Growth PAC announced the endorsement of Rich McCormick for the Republican primary in Georgia’s 7th Congressional District. The primary will be held on May 19. McCormick is currently an emergency room doctor and has 20 years of experience as a pilot and physician in the Marine Corps and Navy.” [Club for Growth – Press Release, [2/24/20](#)]

Club For Growth Spent \$747,980.67 Supporting McCormick And Opposing His GOP Opponents In The GA-07 Primary Race. [FEC – Independent Expenditures, accessed [7/8/20](#)]

Sen. Ted Cruz Endorsed McCormick

May 14, 2020: Ted Cruz Endorsed McCormick. “I am humbled and honored to receive such a prestigious endorsement from Senator @tedcruz. With the support of conservative leaders on the national level we will defeat the Democrats in November and help @realDonaldTrump fulfill his promises to America! #GA07 #Gapol #KAG2020 #KAG” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (OP: Ted Cruz via Twitter), [5/14/20](#)]

Rep. Rob Woodall Endorsed McCormick

Rep. Rob Woodall – The Outgoing Representative For GA-07 – Endorsed McCormick. “Thank you Congressman Rob Woodall for your endorsement! I will make sure to uphold your legacy as Georgia's next Congressman from the #GA7! #GA07 #Gapol #RedWave2020 #MAGA2020” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [7/1/20](#)]

The House Freedom Caucus Endorsed McCormick

March 2020: The House Freedom Caucus Endorsed McCormick For GA-07. “Honored to have the endorsement of the House Freedom Caucus! They support open, accountable, limited government, the constitution and rule of law, and policies that promote liberty, safety and prosperity of all Americans!” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [7/2/20](#)]

McCormick’s Post Included Photos Of House Freedom Fund Members, Including Jim Jordan, Mark Meadows, Andy Biggs And Jody Hice. [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [7/2/20](#)]



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@RichforGA

US House candidate, GA-7

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[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [7/2/20](#)]

The NRCC Added McCormick To Their “Young Guns” List As An “On The Radar” Candidate

The NRCC Added McCormick To Their “Young Guns” List As An “On The Radar” Candidate. “The new additions to the 2020 Young Guns program are as follows: [...] (GA-07) Rich McCormick” [NRCC – Press Release, [4/27/20](#)]

The Guardian Fund – Founded By Allen West – Endorsed McCormick

The Guardian Fund – Founded By Allen West – Endorsed McCormick. “Humbled and honored to be endorsed and supported by American Veterans [@Jim_Banks](#) and [@AllenWest](#) Flag of United States I believe if we had more veterans in Congress we could get something done for America! #DoNothingDemocrats #MAGA2020 #GA07 #Gapol” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/5/20](#)]

Rep. Mike Garcia Endorsed McCormick

Rep. Mike Garcia Endorsed McCormick. “Honored to have the endorsement of fellow pilot Congressman Mike Garcia! Flag of United States [@MikeGarcia2020](#) won his seat from the Democrats in California! Together we will stand and help [@realDonaldTrump](#) bring back the economy and #MAGA! #GA07 #Gapol #Trump2020 #Trump #RedWave #KAG #KAGA2020” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [6/2/20](#)]

Rep. Jody Hice Endorsed McCormick

Rep. Jody Hice Endorsed Rich McCormick. “I’ve been a big fan of Congressman Hice and it is an honor to be endorsed by him! Together we will help @realDonaldTrump hold China responsible and bring back the economy! #Gapol #GA07 #thursdaymorning #Trump #MAGA #KAG #KAG2020 #MAGA2020” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/28/20](#)]

Mayor Nancy Harris Of Duluth Endorsed McCormick

Mayor Nancy Harris Of Duluth Endorsed McCormick. “Proud to be the ONLY candidate endorsed by Mayor Nancy Harris of Duluth, Georgia. I am honored and humbled to have your support! Thank you for such kind words! “The best is yet to come!”-@realDonaldTrump #GA07 #Gapol #PresidentTrump #redwave #KAG #KAG2020” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/13/20](#)]

2020 Democratic Presidential Primary Election
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McCormick Posted A Rebuke Of The Possibility Of A Bloomberg-Hillary Clinton Presidential Ticket, Saying She Has “Been Close To Some Of The Worst Sex Offenders In Our Generation”

McCormick: Hillary Has Been Close To Some Of The Worst Sex Offenders In Our Generation – [Bill] Clinton, Cosby, And Weinstein Will Go Down In History As The Sleaziest Most Disgusting Monsters.

“Hillary is toxic and a liability! How can you be proud of someone that has been close to some of the worst sex offenders in our generation? Clinton, Cosby, and Weinstein will go down in history as the sleaziest most disgusting monsters. #Trump2020Landslide #KAG2020” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [2/15/20](#)]

Issue Positions

Significant Findings

Tax Issues

- ✓ McCormick wanted to “double down” on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Health Care

- ✓ McCormick called the Affordable Care Act “a disaster.”
- ✓ McCormick said that single-payer health care would lead to socialism.
 - ✓ McCormick called socialism “an epidemic” – adding, “Trust me, I’m a doctor.”
 - ✓ McCormick said Medicare-for-All “won’t fix health care problems – it’ll make them worse and cost taxpayers trillions of dollars.”
- ✓ McCormick claimed socialized medicine was “rationing health care” and giving resources “to those with the highest chance of survival or to families that support the political party in power.”
- ✓ McCormick promised to go “all in” to end surprise billing.
 - ✓ The Medical Association of Georgia endorsed McCormick and supported his opposition toward a federal “compromise” on surprise medical billing.

Abortion

- ✓ McCormick boosted an assertion that “abortion is health care” were a “brainwashing method” being used on “young teens.”
- ✓ McCormick said he would never let PPP loans be used to pay for abortion.

Black Lives Matter Protests

- ✓ McCormick said the anti-police movement isn’t about justice – it’s about anarchy and lawlessness pushed by radicals.
- ✓ McCormick criticized House Democrats for voting “against condemning the defunding of police departments, against condemning the violence, rioting, and looting and vot[ing] against condemning the autonomous zones established by anarchists.”
- ✓ McCormick criticized the Museum of Natural History’s removal of a statue depicting President Theodore Roosevelt and accused “socialists” of “rewriting” history.

Judiciary Issues

- ✓ McCormick claimed the Democrats carried out a “smear campaign on lies and false accusations” against Brett Kavanaugh.

Economic Issues

- ✓ McCormick claimed President Trump had “insulated the American economy from world depression.”

Environmental Issues

- ✓ McCormick mocked the Green New Deal – citing the USSR, China and Venezuela as examples of socialist/communist countries that had bad track records with environmental issues.

Foreign Policy

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Voting Rights

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Military and Veterans

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Tax Issues

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Health Care Issues

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McCormick Called Socialism "An Epidemic," Adding "Trust Me, I'm A Doctor." "It's an epidemic, folks. Trust me, I'm a doctor. #DemDebate #Ga07 #gapol" [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [11/20/19](#)]



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[Rich McCormick via Twitter, [11/20/19](#)]

McCormick Retweeted A Post Saying Medicare For All “Won’t Fix Our Health Care Problems – It’ll Make Them Worse And Cost Taxpayers Trillions Of Dollars” And Called It “Medicare-For-None.”

“#MedicareForAll won’t fix our health care problems -- it’ll make them worse and cost taxpayers trillions of dollars. Medicare-for-All is Medicare-for-NONE! RT if you agree!” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Originally post by Bill Cassidy), [10/15/19](#)]

McCormick Said He Wanted To Protect People With Pre-Existing Conditions

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McCormick Promised To Go “All In” To End Surprise Billing

McCormick: In Congress, I Will Go All In To End Surprise Billing. “Such an honor to be endorsed by

@MAG1849, In Congress I will go ALL IN to end surprise billing. #GA07 #healthcare” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [12/10/19](#)]

McCormick Attached A Press Release From The Medical Association Of Georgia That Expressed Opposition Toward A Federal “Compromise” On Surprise Medical Billing – That Read, “The Only Winner Under This Legislation Would Be The Health Insurance Industry, Which Continues To Rack Up Record Profits.” “The Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) is opposing a federal surprise medical billing ‘compromise’ that was recently introduced by U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and U.S. Reps. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ) and Greg Walden (R-OR). ‘MAG has been taking steps to eliminate surprise bills for out-of-network medical care for five years now,’ says MAG President Andrew Reisman, M.D. ‘But the only winner under this legislation would be the health insurance industry, which continues to rack up record profits. This isn’t a sustainable solution because the delta between physician pay and the cost associated with delivering the care is simply too great.’” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [12/10/19](#)]

The Medical Association Of Georgia Endorsed McCormick For GA-07. “The Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) is endorsing Richard ‘Rich’ McCormick, M.D., M.B.A., for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 7th Congressional District of Georgia.” [Medical Association of Georgia – Press Release, accessed [7/1/20](#)]

McCormick Said He Defended Patients Against Surprise Billing At The Georgia State Capitol, Calling It His “First Foray Into Politics”

McCormick: “My First Foray Into Politics Was At The State Capitol, Defending Patients Against SURPRISE BILLING.” “@MAGAmomDawn (#winwithlynn) Problem is you have it backwards. My first foray into politics was at the state capitol, defending patients against SURPRISE BILLING with the @MAG1849 (several employed by Envision) supported by PATIENT ADVOCACY GROUPS. [...] The PATIENT-DOCTOR relationship is what is under attack.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [12/9/19](#)]

Abortion


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“I’ve noticed that everyone that is for abortion has been born already”—President Ronald Reagan

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McCormick Of Schumer: “I Hope When He Meets Our Maker He Has To Explain To The Lord Why He Worked So Hard To Kill Babies.” “I hope when he meets our maker, he has to explain to the Lord why he worked so hard to kill babies.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [3/4/20](#)]



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McCormick Said He Would Never Let PPP Loans Be Used To Pay For Abortion

McCormick: “I Strongly Support The Hyde Amendment And Will Never Let Federal Funds Be Used To Pay For Abortion.” “Real small businesses are struggling and need PPP loans to keep their employees on the payroll. I strongly support the Hyde Amendment and will never let federal funds be used to pay for abortion. #Covid_19 #COVID19 #OpenAmerica #PPP #GA07 #Gapol #ProLife” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [5/20/20](#)]

Black Lives Matter Protests

Law Enforcement

McCormick: The Anti-Police Movement Isn’t About Justice – It’s About Anarchy And Lawlessness Pushed By Radicals. “Newt is right. The anti-police movement isn’t about justice, its about anarchy and lawlessness pushed by radicals. The bad behavior of a few has never been a justification for prejudicing an entire group and it shouldn’t start now with police.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [6/22/20](#)]

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McCormick Posted A Photo For “Law Enforcement Appreciation Day,” Saying He Was “Grateful For Sheriff Freeman And All Law Enforcement Personnel That Keep Us Safe By Putting Their Lives On The Line Day And Night.” “Grateful for Sheriff Freeman and all Law Enforcement personnel that keep us safe by putting their lives on the line day and night. #LawEnforcementAppreciationDay #gapol #GA07” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [1/9/20](#)]

McCormick’s Campaign Criticized House Democrats For Voting “Against Condemning The Defunding Of Police Departments, Against Condemning The Violence, Rioting, And Looting And Vot[ing] Against Condemning The Autonomous Zones Established By Anarchists.” “Yesterday House Democrats voted against condemning the defunding of police departments, against condemning the violence, rioting, and looting and voted against condemning the autonomous zones established by anarchists. These are @Carolyn4GA7’s values, are they yours? #gapol #GA07” [Team McCormick, [6/26/20](#)]

McCormick Criticized The Removal Of A Statue Depicting President Theodore Roosevelt, Accusing “Socialists” Of “Rewriting” History

McCormick Criticized The Museum Of Natural History’s Removal Of A President Teddy Roosevelt Statues, Calling It “Ridiculous” And Accusing “Socialists” Of “Rewriting” History. “The Museum of Natural History’s removal of President Roosevelt’s statue is ridiculous. Teddy was one of the most important leaders in our nation’s history. A statesman, trailblazer and conservationist, he embodied all of the characteristics the museum was founded upon. [...] As the socialist rewriting of history continues, let us be reminded of some Teddy wisdom that I find extremely applicable to yesterday’s news: ‘to educate a person in the mind but not in morals is to educate a menace to society.’” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [6/22/20](#); [6/22/20](#)]

Judiciary Issues

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Economic Issues

McCormick Claimed President Trump Had “Insulated The American Economy From World Depression”

McCormick: President Trump Insulated The American Economy From World Depression. “So many important issues to address by Congress but we waist time instead. No chance of success. Investigating a president who has insulated the American economy from world depression. His “crime” - asking about the REAL quid pro quo that Biden did... shameful.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Personal), [12/10/19](#)]

Environmental Issues

McCormick Mocked The Green New Deal

McCormick Mocked The Green New Deal, Citing The USSR, China And Venezuela As Examples Of Socialist/Communist Countries That Had Bad Track Records With Environmental Issues. “Right!? USSR, China, Cuba, Venezuela and all the other socialist/communist countries have such a great track record with environmental issues....#SocialismKills” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [2/14/20](#)]

Foreign Policy

Israel

McCormick Said He Was Proud To Stand With Israel, Adding That The Israeli Military Were Some Of The “Hardest Warriors” He Had Ever Met. “In my experience Israeli military was some of the hardest warriors I have met! I'm proud to stand with them!” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [1/3/20](#)]

Iran

McCormick Retweeted A Post That Claimed The Iranian People “Love Trump And Hate The Regime.” “The Iranian people love Trump and hate the regime.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Original: Bill Mitchell), [1/7/20](#)]

Death Of Qasem Soleimani

McCormick: President Trump Did The Right Thing In Iraq, Ridding The World Of Qasem Soleimani. America – And The World – Is Safer For It. “The President @realDonaldTrump did the right thing in Iraq, ridding the world of Qasem Soleimani. America - and the world - is safer for it. #AmericaFirst #MAGA #GA07 #IranVSAmerica” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [1/8/20](#)]

McCormick: “If You’re Worried About Starting A World War, That Started A Long Time Ago. The War On Terror Is Never Gonna Stop As Long As The United States Stands For Freedom.” (0:30) “And if you’re worried about starting a world war, that started a long time ago. The War on Terror is never gonna stop as long as the United States stands for freedom.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [1/8/20](#)]

McCormick Retweeted A Post From The White House That Read, “Soleimani Was A Monster” – To Which McCormick Summarized: “Bad Things Happen To Bad Guys.” MCCORMICK: “Bad things happen to Bad guys...” WHITE HOUSE: “Soleimani was a monster. And he’s no longer a monster. He’s dead.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Quote: White House), [1/7/20](#)]

North Korea

McCormick Said Giving Preferred Trade Status To North Korea Only Encouraged Bad Behavior. (0:45) “We’ve already given favored trade status to North Korea, and it only encouraged the bad behavior.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [1/8/20](#)]

Gun Policy

McCormick: Our Second Amendment Rights Aren’t Up For Negotiation

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McCormick: Gunowners Aren't The Problem, They Are The Solution. (0:17) “Since when does making a law against people like you and I that have concealed weapons permits or people who openly carry – since when has that been the solution? We’re not the problem. We are the solution.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [1/20/20](#)]

McCormick: Creating Laws Against Weapons Hasn't Been Followed By Criminals And Hasn't Helped Us In America. (0:31) “Since when does making a law against weapons been followed by criminals? Everywhere we create these laws – everywhere we restrict law-abiding citizens from carrying weapons, it hasn't helped us in America.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [1/20/20](#)]

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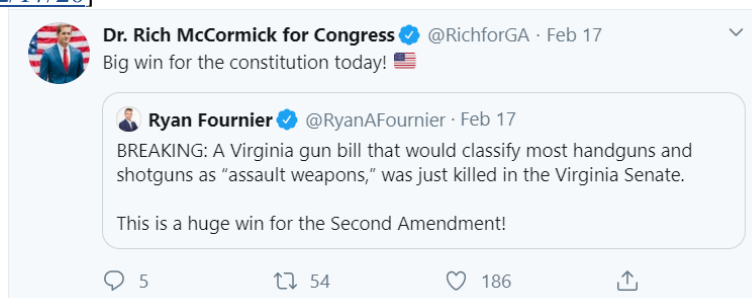
McCormick Supported Virginians Rallying For Gun Rights – Saying “The Right To Bear Arms Will Stay In The Constitution”

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McCormick Praised The Virginia State Senate For Rejecting A Bill That Banned The Sale Of Certain Semiautomatic Weapons

McCormick Said Virginia's Rejection Of Semiautomatic Firearms Was A “Big Win For The Constitution.” When A Virginia Gun Bill Classified Handguns As Assault Weapons. “Big win for the constitution today!” [Twitter, @RichforGA, [2/17/20](#)]



[Twitter, @RichforGA, [2/17/20](#)]

The Bill Prohibited The Sale Of Certain Semiautomatic Firearms. “Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam's push to ban the sale of assault weapons has failed after members of his own party balked at the proposal. Senators voted to shelve the bill for the year and ask the state crime commission to study the issue, an outcome that drew cheers from a committee room packed with gun advocates. Four moderate Democrats joined Republicans in Monday's committee vote, rejecting legislation that would have prohibited the sale of certain semiautomatic firearms, including popular AR-15 style rifles, and banned the possession of magazines that hold more than 12 rounds.” [WHSV, [2/17/20](#)]

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Immigration

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Opioid Crisis

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McCormick Compared The Opioid Crisis To The Widespread Use Of Cigarettes – Arguing That Education Would Be Key To Overcoming The Current Crisis Because It Helped “One Generation From Overcoming Cigarette Use.” “Stop prescribing so many to begin with. Control the boarders where most come from and most importantly- educate. We are one generation from overcoming cigarette use by youth. That’s because of tons of educational effort. #DemocraticDebate #opioidcrisis” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [10/15/19](#)]

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Voting Rights

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McCormick Responded To The Examiner’s Post, Saying: “For Four Years We’ve Been Told Russian Manipulated The 2016 Election, But When The President Says He Fears Foreign Manipulation, The Left

Says It's Impossible. "For four years we've been told Russia manipulated the 2016 election, but when the president says he fears foreign manipulation, the left says that's impossible. Which one is it? #GA07 #GA7 #Gapol #McCormick2020 #Trump #MAGA #KAG2020TRUMPVICTORY" [Rich McCormick via Twitter, [6/23/20](#)]

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Military And Veterans

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