

Juan Ciscomani Was Closely Tied To Christian Nationalists And Attended And Helped Grow Patriot Academy, An Extreme Right-Wing “Political-Training” Organization That Was Seeking To Re-Write America’s Constitution

Significant Findings

Ciscomani And His Wife Were Patriot Academy Alumni And Held Top Leadership Positions In The Organization For Over A Decade.

- ✓ Juan Ciscomani and his wife Laura were alumni of Patriot Academy. Juan Ciscomani attended Patriot Academy three times, “revolutionizing the very core of his beliefs about government” and claiming in 2010 that “nothing in my life has given me a clearer direction for my life than Patriot Academy.”
- ✓ Both Juan Ciscomani and his wife Laura held leadership positions in Patriot Academy.
 - ✓ From 2007 to 2021, Juan Ciscomani served as a member of the board of directors of Torch of Freedom Foundation, which was the organization behind Patriot Academy. From 2011 to 2019 Ciscomani served as a director of Torch of Freedom Foundation. As of February 2024, Patriot Academy’s Constitution Coach branch still listed Ciscomani as a member of the Board of Directors.
 - ✓ Laura Ciscomani was Patriot Academy’s Southwest Regional Program manager in 2014 and in 2019 received \$10,000 in compensation from Torch of Freedom Foundation.
- ✓ 2013-2018 Juan Ciscomani and his wife founded the first Patriot Academy in Arizona and organized the program annually.
 - ✓ 2013: Juan and Laura Ciscomani hosted the inaugural Patriot Academy in Arizona, with Juan Ciscomani later claiming that he brought Patriot Academy to Arizona.
 - ✓ Between 2013 and 2018, Juan and Laura Ciscomani hosted multiple Patriot Academy events in Arizona.

Patriot Academy Ran “Biblical Citizenship” And “Constitutional Defense” Courses, Teaching Students That The Only Way To Save The United States Was To Rewrite The Constitution To Establish A Christian Nation, And Supplementing That Training With Firearm Skills.

- ✓ Patriot Academy operated “Boot Camps” for participants aged 16-25 to pass mock legislation and receive political training “all from a biblical worldview.”
- ✓ In 2018 Patriot Academy began to offer Constitutional Defense courses, including advanced firearms training, and encouraged children as young as 10 to attend.
- ✓ Patriot Academy’s Constitutional Defense courses were 5-day courses that included firearm and “intellectual” training.
- ✓ Patriot Academy encouraged children as young as eleven to engage in training to use lethal force and fire two shots with a concealed weapon into a “vital area” in under two seconds.

- ✓ Constitutional Defense courses included classes teaching tactical firearm techniques, rifle and shotgun courses, and in at least some cases held firearm trainings with deeply racist activities and instructors.
- ✓ Patriot Academy's Constitutional Defense courses taught students that the only way to save the United States was to re-write the constitution to establish the United States as a Christian nation.
- ✓ Students were automatically enrolled in a Biblical Citizens course that teaches that Christianity and Christian citizens are vital to the survival of the United States.

Patriot Academy's Website And Blog Posts Denigrated The Separation Of Church And State, Espoused Homophobia, Denied Climate Change, Spread Anti-Choice Disinformation, And Promoted Assault Weapons.

- ✓ Patriot Academy sought "to restore America's Constitutional Republic by renewing our Biblical principles" and called the separation of church and state a "myth."
- ✓ 2019: Patriot Academy published material calling marriage equality "scripturally sinful" and denying that Matthew Shepard's murder was a hate crime.
- ✓ 2019: A Patriot Academy participant stated they were taught "ample evidence to counteract the theory of man-made climate change" during the program.

Ciscomani Was Close To Patriot Academy Founder Rick Green, An Extreme Right-Wing Christian Nationalist Who Was At The Center Of Several Texas State Political Scandals.

- ✓ Rick Green, the founder of Patriot Academy, and Juan Ciscomani worked together for over a decade and supported each others political campaigns.
- ✓ 2009: Rick and his wife Kara Green each contributed \$390 to Juan Ciscomani's Arizona State House campaign. That same year Laura Ciscomani commented on Rick Green's Facebook sending her family's love to Rick Green's family.
- ✓ 2014: Juan and Laura Ciscomani donated \$250 to Rick Green's campaign for the Texas Supreme Court.
- ✓ 2021: Rick Green encouraged Juan Ciscomani to run for Congress and later donated \$6,000 to his 2022 congressional campaign.
- ✓ During this time Rick Green promoted Ciscomani's congressional race on social media and called him "by far one of the most impressive Patriot Academy grads."
- ✓ Rick Green was named one of Texas' worst legislators of the 2001 session and had a history of scandals including punching a political opponent.
- ✓ 2001: While a state representative, Green helped win an early prison release for a friend convicted for running a Ponzi scheme that defrauded investors more than \$30 million.
- ✓ 2002: Green was under criminal investigation for potential illegal lobbying for a supplement company that sold a product that healthcare professionals linked to dozens of deaths.

- ✓ 2006: Green was charged with assault after reportedly punching a former political opponent outside a polling location.
- ✓ Rick Green held extreme right-wing and Christian Nationalist views.
- ✓ The Texas Observer described Rick Green as a “Christian-Right prodigy” and Green said that Kari Lake was the “best candidate of [his] life.”
- ✓ Green promoted extreme anti-abortion rhetoric, including comparing abortion in the U.S. to the holocaust.

Patriot Academy Was Closely Tied To Christian Nationalist David Barton, Who Founded The Group WallBuilders.

- ✓ David Barton, the founder of Wallbuilders, provided the funds for Patriot Academy’s founding and his writings heavily influenced their curriculum.
- ✓ David Barton was an activist who argues that the separation of church and state was a myth and that America was supposed to be run as Christian nation. He founded WallBuilders to promote his view that America was founded as a Christian nation.
- ✓ Barton was anti-abortion, anti-gay marriage, and blamed societal issues, including school shootings, on the abandonment of Judeo-Christian values.

Patriot Academy Collaborated With Extreme Right-Wing Figures While Ciscomani Served On Its Leadership.

- ✓ Arizona State Legislator Mark Finchem, an Oathkeeper, election denier, January 6th attendee, and member of Arizona’s right-wing fringe, attended Patriot Academy events with Ciscomani.
- ✓ Ciscomani spoke at a Patriot Academy event alongside Ben Shapiro and Dinesh D’Souza

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



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JENNIFER LACKEY
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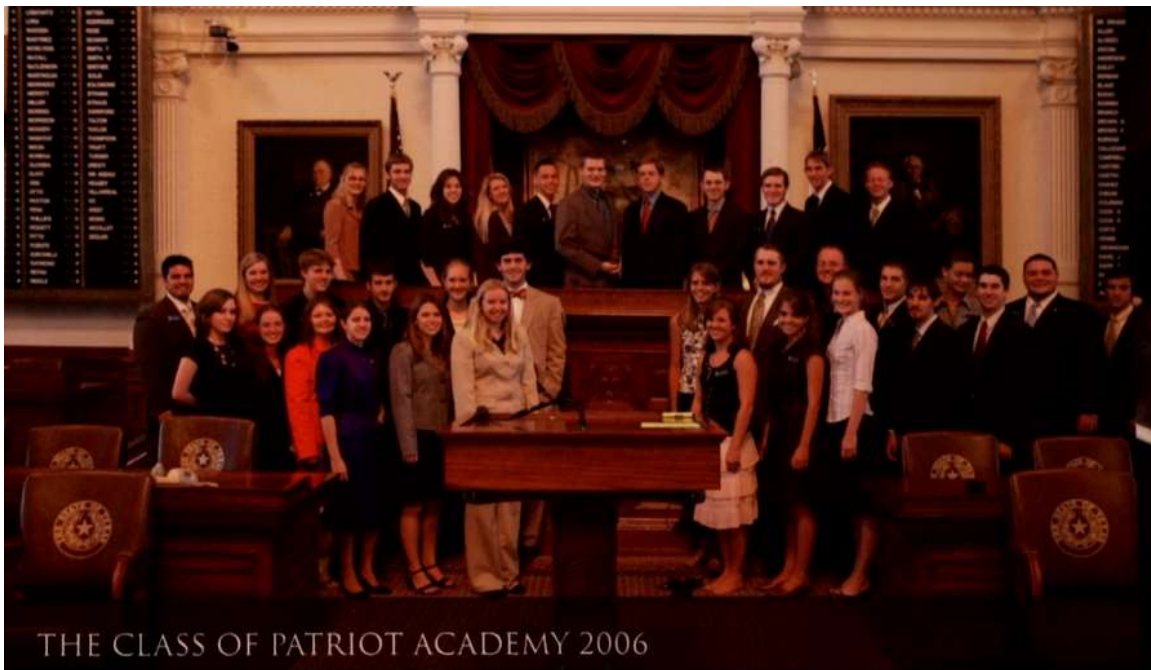
[Patriot Academy, 2013 Torch of Freedom Impact Report, page 11, accessed [1/29/24](#)]

The 2006 Patriot Academy Class Photo Was Featured In A Video Posted On The Organization's Vimeo Page. [Patriot Academy, Vimeo, 0:51, [11/10/22](#)] (VIDEO)



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- **Ciscomani Appeared In The 2006 Patriot Academy Class Photo On The Far Left.** [Patriot Academy, Vimeo, 0:51, [11/10/22](#)] (VIDEO)



[Patriot Academy, Vimeo, 0:51, [11/10/22](#)] (VIDEO)

The 2007 Patriot Academy Class Photo Was Featured In A Video Posted On The Organization’s Vimeo Page. [Patriot Academy, Vimeo, 0:52, [11/10/22](#)] (VIDEO)



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- **Ciscomani Appeared In The 2007 Patriot Academy Class Photo In The Back Row And Two From The Left.** [Patriot Academy, Vimeo, 0:51, [11/10/22](#)] (VIDEO)



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Patriot Academy Founder Rick Green Tweeted That Ciscomani Served As “Governor Of Patriot Academy In His Younger Days.” “Juan Ciscomani is by far one of the most impressive Patriot Academy grads I've ever had. He served as Governor of Patriot Academy in his younger days and was then asked to serve on our Board for the last 10 years. He is an incredibly impressive leader & w <https://juanciscomani.com>.” “and would be a freedom-defending member of the U.S. Congress. Everyone's always asking, ‘what can I do?’ Well, here is a no-brainer easy one. Donate to Juan today and let's start taking back our Nation!” [Rick Green, Twitter, [8/3/21](#)]



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- **Patriot Academy’s Governor Is A Student Who Presides Over The PA Leadership Congress’ Political Simulation.** “A Patriot Academy-Leadership Congress is a three or seven-day leadership and political ‘boot camp’ open to students ages 16 to 25 and held every summer in various state capitols throughout the country. Students delve into the political process from the inside, as they file legislation, debate and pass bills, and campaign for office. [...] Most students assume the role of a State Representative at the Leadership Congress, writing bills, participating in committee meetings and debating on the House floor. Alumni may be selected as Chair of a committee. Senior students take the role of Senators. Each session is presided over by a student-elected cabinet, usually including a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House.” [Patriot Academy, FAQ, accessed [1/29/24](#)]

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Patriot Academy Listed Laura Ciscomani As An Alumni Of Its Program

Patriot Academy Included Laura Ciscomani In Its Annual Impact Report’s Alumni “Where Are They Now?” Section. “The alumni that are trained at Patriot Academy are not your ‘average’ citizens. No matter the career or position they find themselves in, the leaders that have experienced Patriot Academy take the skills they have learned & put them to use in making a difference. [...] Juan: Senior Advisor, Regional/International Affairs for AZ Gov. Laura: Dir, Membership/Dev., AZ Chamber of Commerce. Power couple directly impacting government and business sectors. Juan is a leading 2022 candidate for the United States Congress.” [Patriot Academy, 2021 Impact Report, pg. 6-7, accessed [1/30/24](#)]

Where Are They Now?



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The 2008 Patriot Academy Class Photo Was Featured In A Video Posted On The Organization’s Vimeo Page. [Patriot Academy, Vimeo, 0:52, [11/10/22](#)] (VIDEO)



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- **Laura Ciscomani Appeared In The 2008 Patriot Academy Class Photo In The Front Row And One From The Left.** [Patriot Academy, Vimeo, 0:52, [11/10/22](#)] (VIDEO)



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2007-2021: Juan And Laura Ciscomani Held Top Leadership Positions In Patriot Academy

2007-2021: Ciscomani Served On The Board Of The Torch Of Freedom Foundation, The Organization Behind Patriot Academy

2007-2021: Ciscomani Was A Member Of Torch Of Freedom Foundation's Board. According to Torch of Freedom Foundation's 990 filings and website, Ciscomani served as a board member of the organization since fiscal year 2007. [Torch of Freedom 990 Filings via ProPublica, [12/31/20](#); [12/31/19](#); [12/31/18](#); [12/31/17](#); [12/31/16](#); [12/31/15](#); [12/31/14](#); [12/31/13](#); [6/30/13](#) [6/30/12](#); [6/30/11](#); [2/24/10](#); [6/30/09](#); [6/30/08](#); Patriot Academy, accessed [6/9/23](#)]

- **Ciscomani Worked Zero To One Hours Weekly And Was Not Paid As A Torch Of Freedom Foundation Board Member.** [Torch of Freedom 990 Filings via ProPublica, [Torch of Freedom 990 Filings via ProPublica, [12/31/20](#); [12/31/19](#); [12/31/18](#); [12/31/17](#); [12/31/16](#); [12/31/15](#); [12/31/14](#); [12/31/13](#); [6/30/13](#) [6/30/12](#); [6/30/11](#); [2/24/10](#); [6/30/09](#); [6/30/08](#)]
- **January 2021: Ciscomani Resigned From The Torch Of Freedom Foundation’s Board.** According to his personal financial disclosure filed on May 16, 2022, Ciscomani resigned as a board member of the Torch of Freedom Foundation on January 3, 2021. [Juan Ciscomani, Personal Financial Disclosure, [5/16/22](#)]

FY 2011 – FY 2019: Ciscomani Was A Director Of Torch Of Freedom Foundation. According to Torch of Freedom Foundation’s 990 filings, Ciscomani served as the organization’s director from fiscal year 2011 to fiscal year 2019. [Torch of Freedom 990 Filings via ProPublica, [Torch of Freedom 990 Filings via ProPublica, [12/31/20](#); [12/31/19](#); [12/31/18](#); [12/31/17](#); [12/31/16](#); [12/31/15](#); [12/31/14](#); [12/31/13](#); [6/30/13](#) [6/30/12](#); [6/30/11](#); [2/24/10](#); [6/30/09](#); [6/30/08](#)]

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February 2024: Patriot Academy’s Constitution Coach Branch Still Listed Juan Ciscomani As A Member Of The Board Of Directors. [Patriot Academy; Constitution Coach, Academy Leadership, accessed [2/27/24](#)]

Our Board of Directors

Rick Green, Founder and President



Juan Ciscomani

Juan Ciscomani is a 3-time alumnus and former Gov. of Patriot Academy. He is a proud first generation American citizen, having immigrated from Mexico as a young boy. After graduating Cum Laude from the Univ. of AZ, Juan served as a Legislative Assist. in the U.S. Congress. He later ran as a Republican candidate for State Representative. He is focused on servant-leadership and economic opportunity. He currently serves in a key staff position for the AZ Governor. Juan resides in Tucson with his wife Laura, and their six children.

[Patriot Academy; Constitution Coach, Academy Leadership, accessed [2/27/24](#)]

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- **The Patriot Academy Was The “Flagship Arm” Of The Torch Of Freedom Foundation.** “Patriot Academy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the flagship arm of The Torch of Freedom Foundation. All donations are tax-deductible.” [Patriot Academy, accessed [8/11/22](#)]

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2019: Ciscomani’s Wife Received \$10,000 From Torch Of Freedom Foundation

Fiscal Year 2019: Laura Ciscomani Received \$10,000 In Compensation From Torch Of Freedom Foundation. [Torch of Freedom 990 Filings via ProPublica, [11/14/20](#)]

FORM 990

Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2019 Page **2**

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) RICK GREEN	OFFICER/DIRECTOR	201,001	COMPENSATION		No
(2) NATHAN MACIAS	OFFICER/DIRECTOR	103,125	COMPENSATION		No
(3) KARA GREEN	FAMILY MBR	28,000	COMPENSATION		No
(4) REAGAN GREEN	FAMILY MBR	16,600	COMPENSATION		No
(5) LAURA CISCOMANI	FAMILY MBR	10,000	COMPENSATION		No
(6) SUSAN MACIAS	FAMILY MBR	24,980	COMPENSATION		No

Part V Supplemental Information
Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule L, Part V Supplemental Information	SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR SCH L, PART IV: LINE (1): RICK GREEN, A DIRECTOR AND PAID EMPLOYEE OF TORCH OF FREEDOM FOUNDATION, IS MARRIED TO KARA GREEN. LINE (2): NATHAN MACIAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PAID EMPLOYEE OF TORCH OF FREEDOM FOUNDATION IS MARRIED TO SUSAN MACIAS, AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR PERFORMING SERVICES FOR THE ORGANIZATION. LINE (3): KARA GREEN IS THE WIFE OF DIRECTOR RICK GREEN. LINE (4): REAGAN GREEN IS THE SON OF DIRECTOR RICK GREEN. LINE (5): LAURA CISCOMANI IS THE WIFE OF DIRECTOR JUAN CISCOMANI. LINE (6): SUSAN MACIAS IS THE WIFE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NATHAN MACIAS.

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Laura Ciscomani Professional Bio: Laura Ciscomani ‘Contracts Privately With Nonprofit Organizations Through Her Consulting Company.’ ‘Laura Ciscomani serves as the Development Director for the Arizona Chamber Foundation and the Chamber proper. [...] In addition, Laura contracts privately with nonprofit organizations through her consulting company.’ [Arizona Chamber Foundation, accessed [7/26/21](#)]

- **9/6/11: Juan And Laura Ciscomani Registered Two Worlds Branding With Arizona Corporation Commission.** Juan and Laura Ciscomani registered Two Worlds Branding at 3706 W. Butterfly Lane, Tucson, AZ on September 6, 2011. As of July 2021, the business was active and in good standing. [Arizona Corporation Commission Search, registered 9/6/11, accessed [6/7/23](#)]

- **According To Its Website, Two Worlds Branding ‘Offers Translation Services Exclusively For Marketing Communications Produced By Both Private And Public Entities In Our Region.’** ‘Two Worlds Branding offers translation services exclusively for marketing communications produced by both private and public entities in our region. Why so specific? In order to be meaningful and effective, translations must speak to culture. For this reason, our prices include the use of native-speaking, bi-cultural and experienced translators in both the initial translation and the revision process. Two Worlds Branding incorporates marketing services in our translation projects, when applicable. Oftentimes, marketing communications that are translated require re-branding. The reason is quite simple: the same brand in English does not make ‘cultural sense’ in the Spanish used in our region. As a result, we help clients brand themselves in Spanish.’ [Two Worlds Branding, accessed Via Internet Archive, [6/9/19](#)]
- **Two Worlds Branding’s Website Indicated Juan And Laura Ciscomani Founded The Business.** ‘Laura & Juan Ciscomani, the founders of Two Worlds Branding, were raised in two cultures— Two Worlds — and as a result, instinctively know how to travel back and forth from Spanish to English and vice versa. For this reason, you can trust that the service you pay for is valuable and effective because it actually makes sense to your target market!’ [Two Worlds Branding, accessed Via Internet Archive, [6/9/19](#)]

Note: Torch of Freedom Foundation did not disclose the services for which Laura Ciscomani received compensation. As of April 2024, Patriot Academy did not appear to offer promotional material on its website in Spanish.

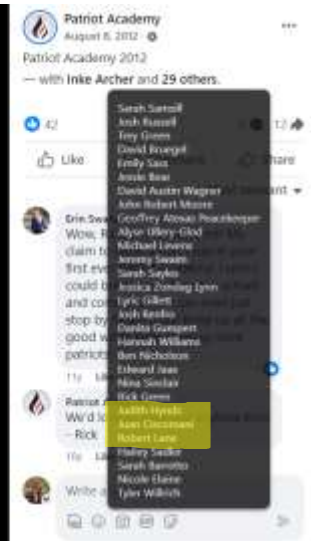
2009-2020: Juan And Laura Ciscomani Were Involved In National Patriot Academy Events

2009: Ciscomani Presented At Patriot Academy On Immigration. [Raz Shafer, Flickr, [8/7/09](#)]



[Raz Shafer, Flickr, [8/7/09](#)]

2012: Ciscomani Appeared In The Patriot Academy Group Photo And Was Tagged In The Facebook Post. “Patriot Academy 2012” [Patriot Academy, Facebook, [8/8/12](#)]



[Patriot Academy, Facebook, [8/8/12](#)]

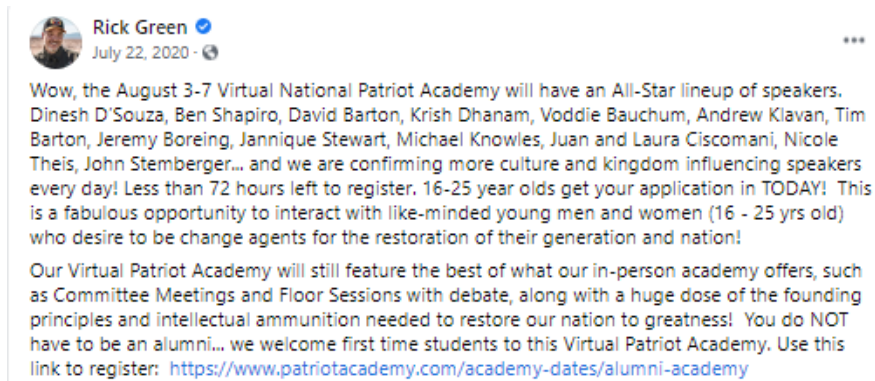
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[Patriot Academy, Facebook, [8/8/12](#)]



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2020: Juan And Laura Ciscomani Spoke At Patriot Academy, Alongside Dinesh D’Souza, Ben Shapiro, And Michael Knowles. “Wow, the August 3-7 Virtual National Patriot Academy will have an All-Star lineup of

speakers. Dinesh D'Souza, Ben Shapiro, David Barton, Krish Dhanam, Voddie Bauchum, Andrew Kiavan, Tim Barton, Jeremy Borein, Jannique Stewart, Michael Knowles, Juan and Laura Ciscomani, Nicole Theis, John Stemberger... and we are confirming more culture and kingdom influencing speakers every day!" [Rick Green, Facebook, [7/22/20](#)]



[Rick Green, Facebook, [7/22/20](#)]

NOTE: As of January 2024, the above Facebook post appears to be deleted.

2013-2018: Ciscomani And His Wife Founded The First Patriot Academy Program In Arizona And Organized The Program Annually

2013: Juan And Laura Ciscomani Hosted The Inaugural Patriot Academy In Arizona

Ciscomani Said That He Brought Patriot Academy To Arizona. CISCOMANI: “Thank you for bringing up Patriot Academy. This is a program that Laura and I have been involved with for gosh, since I was 26, so that’s a long time ago. But this is a program that started in Texas that Laura and I brought to Arizona and it trains young people to engage in the civic process and they play the role of a state senator, a state representative in the capitol here in Phoenix and they have to go through bills and guess what they have to do? They have to read them. They have to read the bills and we also train them on the LIFT principles. L being limited government, I being individual responsibility, F being free enterprise, and T being timeless truths. And these are the lift principles that we train young people in so they can go out and engage and that’s what Laura and have done before.” [Speech at Pima County Republican Club Meeting, 3/29/22] (AUDIO)

- **2013: Regional Patriot Academy Capitol Boot Camps Began At The Arizona State Capitol.** “The inaugural Patriot Academy occurred at the Texas Capitol in 2003 with thirty students. In 2013, regional Patriot Academy Capitol Boot Camps began in the Southwest at the Arizona State Capitol and in the Northwest at the Idaho State Capitol. Regional academies are now also taking place in the Southeast at the Florida State Capitol, the Northeast at the Delaware State Capitol, the Midwest at the Indiana State Capitol, and on college campuses in Colorado and Tennessee.” [Patriot Academy, 2020 Impact Report, pg. 3, accessed [1/30/24](#)]

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PAUL HASTINGS



In 2013 Paul led a group of young men including 5 Patriot Alumni to lobby the Texas Legislature for family and parental rights



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2013: Sophie Johnson Posted On Facebook That Juan And Laura Ciscomani Facilitated The Patriot Academy's Inaugural Class In Arizona. "The amazing Juan Ciscomani and Laura Ciscomani family. WOW! This couple (with the help of Juan's mom) facilitated the Patriot Academy's Inaugural Class in Arizona and took care of their family of three young children all at once. Unbelievable!! Way to go, Juan and Laura (and mom). ♥"
[Sophie Johnson, Facebook, [7/19/13](#)]



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2014: Ciscomani Appeared In Photos Alongside Patriot Academy Founder Rick Green On The Organization's Facebook

2014: Ciscomani Appeared In Photos On Patriot Academy's Facebook From Its Second Annual Arizona Program. [Patriot Academy, Facebook, [7/15/14](#)]



[Patriot Academy, Facebook, [7/15/14](#)]

Ciscomani Was Photographed Standing Next To Founder Rick Green At Patriot Academy's Ceremonial Signing Of The Declaration Of Independence For Students. [Patriot Academy, Facebook, [7/15/14](#)]



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2016: Ciscomani Promoted Arizona Patriot Academy On Facebook

April 2016: Ciscomani Promoted Arizona Patriot Academy On Facebook: "We Are On Our 4th Year! Please Let Us Know If You Have Good Candidates For The Program!" "We are on our 4th year! Please let us know if you have good candidates for the program!" [Juan Ciscomani, Facebook, [4/19/16](#)]



[Juan Ciscomani, Facebook, [4/19/16](#)]

2016: Ciscomani Attended Patriot Academy Promotional Events In Mesa With Rick Green And Andy Biggs

May 2016: Becky Freeman Tweeted A Photo Of Ciscomani With The Caption, “Starting Our Saturday W/ @PatriotAcademy Brkfst!” “Starting our Saturday w/ @PatriotAcademy brkfst! Join us June 9-11 at the Capitol. @JuanCiscomani @LauraCiscomani1” [Becky Freeman, Twitter, [5/7/16](#)]



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May 2016: Ciscomani Tweeted A Photo Of Founder Rick Green In Mesa Promoting The Southwest Regional Patriot Academy. “@RickGreenTX in #mesa promoting SW reg @PatriotAcademy @LauraCiscomani1 @beckyyfreeman @antoniojanss @andybiggs4az” [Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [5/7/16](#)]



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[Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [5/7/16](#)]

May 2016: Patriot Academy Founder Rick Green Posted On Facebook That Juan And Laura Ciscomani Were “Such Great SW Leaders!” “Great Patriot Academy events in Arizona today. Juan Ciscomani and Laura Ciscomani are such great SW leaders!! Inspired tonight by the words of these patriot alum pictured here!” [Rick Green, Facebook, [5/7/16](#)]



Rick Green is with Daniel S. Villa and 3 others.
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[Rick Green, Facebook, [5/7/16](#)]

Ciscomani Appeared In An Photo With Rick Green And Andy Biggs From Patriot Academy’s “Preserving The Constitution” Event In Mesa. “#TBT to our ‘Preserving the Constitution’ event in Mesa, Arizona earlier this

year with Patriot Academy staff, alums, and @andybiggsaz. Senator Biggs has long been a supporter of PA and integral to allowing us to hold our Academy on the Senate Floor. Congratulations to him on his recent election to the U.S. Congress!” [Patriot Academy SW, Instagram, [11/17/16](#)]



[Patriot Academy SW, Instagram, [11/17/16](#)]

2016: Ciscomani Posted On Social Media About The Annual Arizona Patriot Academy, Including Photos Of The Students Meeting Governor Ducey Alongside Rick Green And Mark Finchem

June 2016: Ciscomani Tweeted A Photo Of Southwest Patriot Academy Students With Governor Doug Ducey And Tagged Rick Green And Mark Finchem. “@PatriotAcademy SW reg '16 w/gov @dougducey @LauraCiscomani1 @RickGreenTX @beckyyfreeman @MarkFinchem @antoniojanss” [Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [6/9/16](#)]

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[Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [6/9/16](#)]

June 2016: Ciscomani Tweeted A Photo Of Center For Arizona Policy’s Cathi Herrod Speaking To Southwest Patriot Academy Students. “[@azpolicy](#) [@cathiherrod](#) speaking to [@PatriotAcademy](#) SW reg #patriots [@beckyyfreeman](#) [@LauraCiscomani1](#) [@RickGreenTX](#)” [Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [6/9/16](#)]

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[Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [6/9/16](#)]

June 2016: Ciscomani Tweeted A Photo Of Congressman Andy Biggs Speaking To Southwest Patriot Academy Students. “[@andybiggs4az](#) speaking 2 [@PatriotAcademy](#) SW reg #patriots [@beckyyfreeman](#) [@LauraCiscomani1](#) [@RickGreenTX](#)” [Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [6/10/16](#)]



Juan Ciscomani  @JuanCiscomani · Jun 10, 2016

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[Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [6/10/16](#)]

June 2016: Juan And Laura Ciscomani Appeared On A Patriot Academy Q&A Panel With Rick Green And Mark Finchem. “@PatriotAcademy rocks!” [Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [6/11/16](#)]



Juan Ciscomani  @JuanCiscomani · Jun 11, 2016

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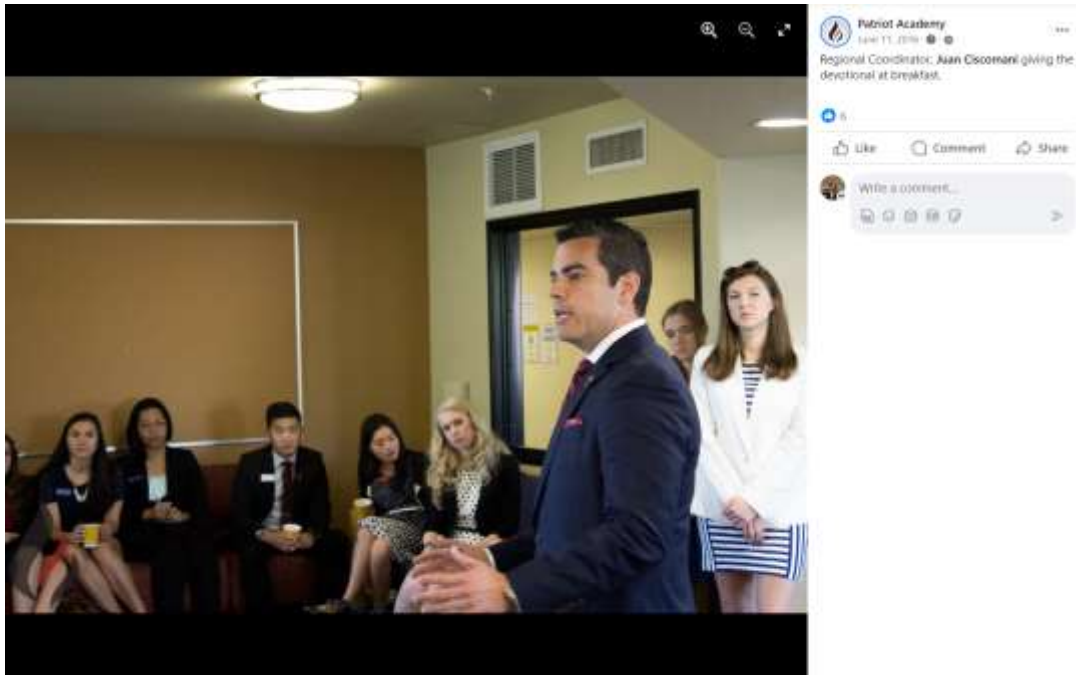
Becky Freeman @BeckyFreemanAZ · Jun 11, 2016

Saturday morning Q&A at @PatriotAcademy w/ @MarkFinchem
@RickGreenTX @JuanCiscomani @LauraCiscomani1 and Paul Parisi



[Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [6/11/16](#)]

June 2016: Patriot Academy’s Facebook Identified Ciscomani As A “Regional Coordinator” And Posted A Photo Of Him Giving A Devotional To Students. “Regional Coordinator, Juan Ciscomani giving the devotional at breakfast.” [Patriot Academy, Facebook, [6/11/16](#)]



[Patriot Academy, Facebook, [6/11/16](#)]

2016: Sophie Johnson Congratulated Patriot Academy’s Graduating Class And Thanked Juan And Laura Ciscomani For Their “Hard Work.” “Congratulations to the Patriot Academy's Class of 2016! Thank you Rick Green. Thanks to the Veteran's for passing on the torch. Special thanks to Juan Ciscomani and Laura Ciscomani for their hard work. Cid De La Fuente - Marines; Dale Wallin - Navy; Carlos Ortiz - Army; John Johnson - Air Force.” [Sophie Johnson, Facebook, [6/11/16](#)]

 Sophie Johnson is at Arizona State Senate Democratic Caucus
June 11, 2016 · Phoenix, AZ · 🌐

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[Sophie Johnson, Facebook, [6/11/16](#)]

2016: Juan And Laura Ciscomani Appeared In A Patriot Academy Group Photo In The Arizona State House. [Patriot Academy, Facebook, [6/12/16](#)]



[Patriot Academy, Facebook, [6/12/16](#)]

2017: Juan And Laura Ciscomani Appeared In Photos From The Annual Southwest Patriot Academy

June 2017: Becky Freeman Tweeted Photos Of Juan And Laura Ciscomani Welcoming Students To The Southwest Patriot Academy. “@JuanCiscomani and @LauraCiscomani1 welcoming Southwest @PatriotAcademy students to the 2017 Academy at the Arizona Senate.” [Becky Freeman, Twitter, [6/14/17](#)]



[Becky Freeman, Twitter, [6/14/17](#)]

June 2017: Ciscomani Tweeted A Photo Of Governor Ducey With Patriot Academy Students And Thanked Him For Hosting. “Thank you Gov @dougducey 4hosting @PatriotAcademy students and your advice! @LauraCiscomani1 @BeckyFreemanAZ @RickGreenTX #LimitedGovernment” [Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [6/15/17](#)]



[Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [6/15/17](#)]

2017: Ciscomani Appeared With Two Students In A Photo Posted On Patriot Academy’s Facebook. [Patriot Academy, Facebook, [6/16/17](#)]



[Patriot Academy, Facebook, [6/16/17](#)]

2017: Laura Ciscomani Appeared On The First “Woman Of Influence” Panel At Patriot Academy. “There's a stereotype that if you're a woman in politics you must be a liberal feminist who votes a certain way, supports certain causes, and fights for certain so-called rights. But each of these women are leaders who are bucking that narrative. They're godly, patriotic, conservative, family-oriented, ambitious, and hard-working and it was inspiring to hear the story of how each of them found themselves in government and to learn about the work they're doing. Shoutout to these special ladies for being part of our first-ever ‘Women of Influence’ panel at Patriot Academy. ♥ #patriotacademy #pasw #ladyleaders #encouragingwomenleaders” [Madeline Peltzer, Facebook, [6/19/17](#)]



[Madeline Peltzer, Facebook, [6/19/17](#)]

2017: Juan And Laura Ciscomani Appeared In A Southwest Patriot Academy Group Photo. “#PASW was a huge success! Principled leaders learning the process & how to carry the Torch of Freedom #SWPA17 #PatriotAcademy” [Patriot Academy, Instagram, [6/16/17](#)]



[Patriot Academy, Instagram, [6/16/17](#)]

2019: Patriot Academy’s Instagram Posted A Photo Of Ciscomani And Southwest Patriot Academy Students With Governor Ducey In His Office

2019: Patriot Academy’s Instagram Posted A Photo Of Ciscomani And Southwest Patriot Academy Students With Governor Ducey In His Office. “Our young people at the SWPA in Arizona got to hear from Governor Doug Ducey today! What an honor! Did you know Gov Ducey is also the former CEO of @coldstone?? @dougducey @patriot.academy.sw” [Patriot Academy, Instagram, [6/21/19](#)]



[Patriot Academy, Instagram, [6/21/19](#)]

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Patriot Academy Operated “Boot Camps” And Online Classes That Emphasized “Biblical” Values And “Defense” Of The Constitution

Patriot Academy Ran “Capitol Boot Camp” Programs For Participants Ages 16 To 25 To Pass Mock Legislation, Receive Mentorship, And Receive Political Training “All From A Biblical Worldview.” “A Patriot Academy-Capitol Boot Camp is a three or seven-day leadership and political ‘boot camp’ open to students ages 16 to 25 and held every summer in various state capitols throughout the country. Students delve into the political process from the inside, as they file legislation, debate and pass bills, and campaign for office. In between legislative activities, they receive training in media skills, public speaking, leadership, current issues and America’s heritage—all from a Biblical worldview. Conservative leaders from all areas of the political field mentor students through the process, sharing their experience and wisdom. Patriot Academy offers students the most realistic, condensed, and conservative political training.” [Patriot Academy, accessed [7/16/21](#)]

Patriot Academy Operated “Constitutional Coach,” A Set Of Online Classes To “[Rekindle] The Fire Of Liberty In Your Community!” As of July 2021, Patriot Academy offered three modules of online classes through its “Constitution Coach” program: “You Can Choose the Constitution Course that Best Fits You and Your Audience! Ordinary Citizens restoring an Extraordinary Nation and WE NEED YOU! Using our entertaining, inspiring, and practical Constitution Course videos & materials, YOU can be the Patriot who rekindles the fire of liberty in your community! Choose from Constitution Alive!, Biblical Citizenship, or Constitutional Defense” [Patriot Academy, accessed [7/16/21](#)]

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New York Times: Patriot Academy Ran “‘Biblical Citizenship’ Training Programs In Hundreds Of Churches To Instill The Belief That America Was Founded On Christian Values.” The New York Times reported, “Mr. Mastriano’s ascension in Pennsylvania is perhaps the most prominent example of right-wing candidates for public office who explicitly aim to promote Christian power in America. [...] Rick Green, who leads a group called the Patriot Academy that runs ‘biblical citizenship’ training programs in hundreds of churches to instill the belief that America was founded on Christian values, told the audience he saw ‘a window of opportunity right now to convert millions of Americans to the principles of liberty and to biblical values’ because of ‘the chaos and insanity of the last two years.’ In some places there are signs that conspiracy theorists and far-right activists are embracing an explicitly Christian nationalist identity.” [New York Times, [7/8/22](#)]

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Patriot Academy Automatically Enrolled Attendees Of Its Constitutional Defense Courses In “Biblical Citizen” Classes. “This moral marketing began before the class did. Upon registration, Patriot Academy automatically enrolled us in Biblical Citizenship, an eight-week online course hosted by Rick Green and a man named Mark Meckler.” [The New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]

- **Biblical Citizenship Classes Explicitly Argue Against The Separation Of Church And State.** In Green’s Biblical Citizenship series, which Meckler has both hosted and promoted, Barton explicitly argues against the separation of church and state. Instead, he believes freedom of religion protects the expression of religion in the public sphere. “If we think we should pay adoration to God by hanging the Ten Commandments in public, what business is that of the state?” he asks. [The New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]
- **Biblical Citizenship Classes Taught That The Survival Of The “Constitutional Republic” Was Not**

Possible Without Citizens With A Biblical Worldview. “‘Benjamin Rush said if you don’t teach the Bible in every generation to the children, a constitutional republic will not survive,’ Rick Green told my Constitutional Defense course in his opening lecture. ‘Because, without religion, you don’t have morality. And without morality, you don’t have liberty.’ ‘Biblical principles are what produce freedom of society,’ Barton proclaims in Patriot Academy’s Biblical Citizenship class. ‘But you won’t have biblical principles in society in which you don’t have citizens with a biblical worldview.’” [The New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]

2018: Patriot Academy Began Offering Constitutional Defense Courses, Including Advanced Firearms Training And Encouraging Children As Young As 11 To Attend

The Patriot Academy Hosted A “Multi-Day Intensive Firearms And Constitutional Training Event” That Taught Handgun Defense Alongside Constitutional Education At The NRA Whittington Center. “In 2018, the Green Family and Patriot Academy created a multi-day intensive firearms and constitutional training event. A unique experience, taught by the experts, that you won’t find anywhere else in the nation! Our Constitutional Defense Course is a unique blend of Handgun Defense combined with Constitutional education so that you get both the physical and intellectual training. [...] Whether you have never held a gun before or you consider yourself extremely proficient with firearms, you will LOVE taking this class as you learn the basics and the little known secrets of self-defense, and then practice until you’ve mastered them. By the end of this course, you will be able to spot a threat, present your sidearm from concealment and fire two controlled shots to the vital area on the threat in just 1.5 seconds! [...] At the moment, all classes are held at the NRA Whittington Center, in Raton, NM.” [Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense, accessed [8/12/22](#)]

The image is a screenshot of the Patriot Academy website. At the top left is the Patriot Academy logo, which features a stylized flame icon and the text "PATRIOT academy". To the right of the logo are navigation links: "PROGRAMS", "STORE", "PRESS", and "SPEAKERS". Further right is a red "LOGIN" button. The main content area has a black background. In the center, there is a large white flame icon above the text "Patriot Academy's" and "CONSTITUTIONAL DEFENSE" in a bold, white, serif font. Below this text is a white five-pointed star. Underneath the star, there is a line of smaller white text: "A unique combination of intellectual and physical training you can't find anywhere else!". Below that, it says "5 Days", "28+ Hours of Firearms Training on the Range", and "12+ Hours of Intellectual Training in the Classroom". At the bottom center, there is a white rectangular button with the text "REGISTER TO ATTEND".

[Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense, accessed [8/12/22](#)]

- **Patriot Academy’s “Constitutional Defense” Courses Included 28+ Hours Of Firearms Training And 12+ Hours Of “Intellectual Training.”** [Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense, accessed [8/12/22](#)]

A “Handguns Foundations Class” Was The “Required, Introductory Class” For The Constitutional Defense Program. “The Handgun Foundations Class is the required, introductory class for the Constitutional Defense Program (see tabs below for additional, advanced classes). All first time students must attend either a 3-Day or 5-Day Handgun Foundations course, where you will learn not only a long list of self-defense skills, but you will get an overview of our training philosophy.” [Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense Course, Accessed [5/24/23](#)]

- **Patriot Academy Claimed That, Following Its Handgun Class, Participants Will Be Able To Deliver Two Lethal Shots With A Concealed Weapon In Under 2 Seconds.** “By the end of these classes, you will be able to spot a threat, present your sidearm from concealment and fire two controlled shots to the vital area on the threat in just 1.5 seconds!” [Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense Course, Accessed [5/24/23](#)]

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Patriot Academy: “We Will Be Spending A Large Amount Of Our Time On Repetitive Drills, Meant To Help You Get Comfortable With The Idea Of Loaded Firearms, Keeping Firearms By Your Bed, Having A Loaded Firearm Holstered On Your Body, Etc.” “Most firearms training organizations or instructors gear their training towards individuals with previous firearms experience (law enforcement, military, competition shooter, etc). The training itself is often very good – but equally as often it is too advanced for beginning shooters. Even if the class is built to “push and test” a new shooter, it often does so in a way where basic fundamentals of shooting are set aside in favor of the “cool, flashy” drills that look good on camera and sell more seats. Put simply – when beginner courses have new shooters sprinting up and down a range behind cover, taking multiple shooting positions, etc – we find that most shooters leave that class having had fun, but not having focused enough on the basics to feel completely comfortable with the information. Our philosophy with our Basic Constitutional Defense course is to prepare both brand new and experienced shooters with the fundamentals to win a self-defense encounter. This means that we will be spending a large amount of our time on repetitive drills, meant to help you get comfortable with the idea of loaded firearms, keeping firearms by your bed, having a loaded firearm holstered on your body, etc.” [Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense, accessed [8/12/22](#)]

Attendees Of Patriot Academy’s Constitutional Defense Course Were Taught Lethal Force In Classes With Racist Activities And Instructors

Members Of Patriots Academy’s Constitutional Defense Course Were Taught To Use Lethal Force Against A Threat. “We are standing at the firing line. The world is dust and sun and the kind of oversaturated deep blue sky possible only at high altitudes where the air is thin. Each of us stares down our own personal Bob, as the instructors have named him: a beige, featureless paper silhouette already pockmarked with holes. LaBarbera, our handgun instructor, continues his story. ‘You can’t tell, but he’s got something in his hand. He’s getting a little close, you’re a little worried, you can’t tell what it is. Challenge!’ Our hands fly up, palms out in the universal signal for the thing we shout: ‘Stop right there!’ The New Mexico prairie swallows the words without an echo. ‘He keeps coming, but you don’t know what he has in his hand. Present!’ All down the line, we hear the click of handguns freed from holsters. They point at the ground, ready to come up at a moment’s notice. ‘Stop or I’ll shoot!’ ‘It’s a knife!’ LaBarbera shouts. ‘He’s still coming! THREAT!!’ No words this time, just the thunder of gunfire up and down the line. I take my time aiming to ensure I hit Bob where I’m supposed to: inside what the instructors call the thoracic cavity, where all the vital organs live. I am approximately halfway through Patriot Academy’s Constitutional Defense course, a five-day program run by a right-wing organization that promises to give participants both ‘the physical training you need to be able to defend your family’ and ‘intellectual ammunition to defend the Constitution.’” [The New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]

At Least One Instance Patriot Academy Classes Included A Firing Line Of White Students Shooting At Targets Depicting Exclusively People Of Color With Stereotypical Names. “The next day—our final day of

training, when our aim is best and our confidence high—a second group of bad guys with guns assembles to oppose us. All of them appear to be people of color. I am spectacularly uncomfortable as I step up to the line. With one possible exception, every single student here is white. My opponent is an Asian man in a white T-shirt. Next to me, a classmate takes aim at a Black man in overalls. He names the targets while we wait to begin the drill. Hong. José. Jamal. The drill starts. I take aim at Hong and pull the trigger.” [The New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]

A Constitutional Defense Class Instructor Implied That It Would Be Easy To Shoot Someone With “Dreadlocks” Who Was “Tatted Up.” “The most detailed description comes from Aaron Marshall, the Range A instructor and director of training, in the form of a warning: Your adversary may not conform to your expectations of the enemy. ‘We imagine a scuzzy-looking guy,’ he says. ‘Dreadlocks, hasn’t showered in a month, probably just got out of prison. He’s all tatted up. You think: Oh yeah, I could shoot someone like that.’ What if your bad guy doesn’t fit that profile? What if your bad guy is sharp, clean-cut, well-dressed? What if your bad guy isn’t a guy at all, but a woman?” [The New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]

The Patriot Academy Encouraged Children As Young As 11 To Attend Its Constitutional Defense Courses

The Patriot Academy Encouraged Children As Young As 11 To Attend, Saying, “We Have Had Multiple Families Join Us With 11 Year Olds Who Did Outstanding!” “This course is for everyone, whether you have never held a weapon before or are extremely experienced. We are a family-friendly training program. Minors 11-17 are welcome to attend, but must be accompanied by a parent. We have had multiple families join us with 11 year olds who did outstanding! We often get asked if ladies should get training with firearms for self-defense. Our opinion is a STRONG YES. There is no course better than [sic] this one for preparing ladies for carrying a firearm.” [Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense, accessed [8/12/22](#)]



[Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense, accessed [8/12/22](#)]

Patriot Academy’s Website And Blog Posts Denigrated The Separation Of Church And State, Espoused Homophobia, Denied Climate Change, Spread Anti-Choice Disinformation, And Promoted Assault Weapons

Patriot Academy Taught Its Students That America Is On The Brink Of “Godless Communism” And Only A Conservative Effort To Rewrite The Constitution Would Save It

New Republic: Patriot Academy Sought To “Rewrite America’s Constitution.” “Patriot Academy is engaged in a life-and-death struggle to rewrite America’s Constitution—and teaching its supporters how to defend themselves with a handgun, just in case.” [The New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]

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2008: Patriot Academy Called The Separation Of Church And State A ‘Myth.’ ‘Understand the Philosophy Develop a firm grasp of the Founding Fathers’ vision for America and how that vision remains applicable today In-depth and relevant focus on your rights, namely the following: The Source of your freedoms The myth of separation of church and state The right to bear arms Bill of Rights Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness’ [Patriot Academy, captured [5/11/08](#)]

July 2021: Patriot Academy Stated Its Mission Was To ‘Restore America’s Constitutional Republic By Renewing Our Biblical Principles Of Liberty Upon Which The Nation Was Built.’ ‘Patriot Academy’s purpose is to encourage, educate, and equip young leaders who share the stated mission of The Torch of Freedom Foundation: to restore America’s Constitutional Republic by renewing our Biblical principles of liberty upon which the nation was built. Applicants must demonstrate a mindset in line with this mission, a willingness to learn more about accomplishing such a mission; and a strong work ethic through preparation, fundraising, and service.’ [Patriot Academy, accessed [7/19/21](#)]

Patriot Academy Espoused Extreme Homophobia, Denying That Matthew Shepard’s Murder Was A Hate Crime And Calling Marriage Equality “Scripturally Sinful”

2019: Patriot Academy Published A Blog Post That Said Marriage Equality “Regardless Of Opinions, Is Scripturally Sinful” And Stated That “The Church” Was Being “Blatantly Attacked By The Devil.” ‘Now do not get me wrong, I know all Churches are not like this. But some huge Church sects have turned willingly to openly supporting ‘gay marriage’ and transgenderism. The Church is being blatantly attacked, as it always has been, by the devil. Gay marriage, regardless of opinions, is scripturally sinful.’ [Patriot Academy, Patriot Press Blog, [2/18/19](#)]

- **The Blog Post Denied That Matthew Shepard’s Murder Was A Hate Crime.** ‘According to a journalist named Stephen Jimenez, author of ‘The Book of Matt: Hidden Truths About the Murder of Matthew Shepard’, who spent 13 years investigating the murder and interviewing hundreds of people related to it, found information that pointed to Matthew being a drug addict. Apparently, he had involvement in the crystal methamphetamine drug problem going on in Denver at the time. Other sad findings point to him also being used as a prostitute. Even more tragic because he was at one time a grade A student.(1)(2) Apparently, one of his murderers was someone that he knew, a man named Aaron McKinney. There is apparent evidence of sexual relations with this young man before the tragedy as well.(3) All this information leads to the realization that the men who killed him were not just ‘white men’ who wanted to kill him because he was gay. Rather, they were men who knew him and had been involved with him on drug runs and past alleged sexual

relationships.(4)(5) There is compelling proof that this was the case, and if true, it destroys the narrative of it being just a hate crime against gays.” [Patriot Academy, Patriot Press Blog, [2/18/19](#)]

2019: Patriot Academy Published A Blog Post Calling “Abortion, Homosexuality, [And] Transgenderism” “Manifestations Of The LGBT Agenda.” “So, if what Trump believes can represent a theocracy, so, too, can what Secular Progressives believe. In fact, Secular Progressives are more likely to be truly theocratic, for they regularly exercise coercion to force dissenters to adopt their beliefs. If you doubt this, just ask the bakers, florists, photographers, clerks, chaplains, and others who have tried to avoid participating in the Progressives’ religious rites to their great goddess of the Sexual Revolution, whether abortion, homosexuality, transgenderism, or other manifestations of the LGBT agenda. (Significantly, Romans 2:21-23 in the Bible points out that critics are often guilty of the very crimes and shortcomings they accuse others of. That certainly appears to be so in this case.)” [Patriot Academy, Patriot Press Blog, [12/31/19](#)]

Patriot Academy Taught Its Attendees “Ample Evidence To Counteract The Theory Of Man-Made Climate Change”

2019: Patriot Academy Blogger Stated They Heard “Ample Evidence To Counteract The Theory Of Man-Made Climate Change” At Patriot Academy. ‘Patriot Academy’s Amazing Speakers Throughout the week, many speakers came to Austin and spoke to us on various topics- from what constitutes a prosperous economy, to the stories of famous historical figures such as Isaac Newton, to the evils of socialism. I especially enjoyed historian David Barton’s speech about the history of science and other scientific figures. It set my heart at ease that I was not the only unwoke character who didn’t believe in man-made climate change. Not only was I not alone in my beliefs, David Barton had ample evidence to counteract the theory of man-made climate change, most of which I did not know about or had previously forgotten.’ [Patriot Academy, Patriot Press Blog, [5/21/19](#)]

Patriot Academy Spread Anti-Choice Disinformation

2018: Patriot Academy Published A Blog Post Claiming Planned Parenthood Was “In The Business Of Harvesting Murdered Baby Body Parts For Sale.” ‘Yes, I added the [murder of unborn babies] language because you ‘abort’ a mission, but what Planned Parenthood does is murder – kill — unborn babies. And it’s about time we stop pussyfooting around and trying to soften the language of what they do. We also know they’re in the business of harvesting murdered baby body parts for sale. Isn’t it very funny that investigative journalism is only accepted by the left when it benefits their ends? But if those means are used against them, well, it’s deemed illegal.’ [Patriot Academy, Patriot Press Blog, [1/22/18](#)]

Patriot Academy Published Content Opposing Limits On Assault Weapons And High-Capacity Magazines And Attacking Stoneman Douglas Shooting Survivors

2018: Patriot Academy Published A Blog Post Stating A Ban On Assault Weapons And High-Capacity Magazines Would Signal ‘Hey Mass Shooters! Come Shoot Us Because We’re Totally Defenseless!’ ‘Boulder, Colorado City Council unanimously passed after first reading a city ordinance that would ban the sale & possession of ‘assault weapons’, bump stocks, and magazines of over 10 rounds. The next ordinance that the City Council considered was regarding changing the city’s name to ‘Crazy Town’. That motion was rejected because members didn’t think it really captured the essence of Boulder. The Council then took up consideration of changing the city’s name to ‘Hey Mass Shooters! Come Shoot Us Because We’re Totally Defenseless!’.’ [Patriot Academy, Patriot Press Blog, [4/6/18](#)]

2018: Patriot Academy Published A Blog Post Accusing David Hogg And Other Stoneman Douglas Shooting Survivors Of “Spouting Ill-Advised, Illogical Liberal Talking Points” And “Identity Politics.” “David Hogg has been in the news a lot lately. CNN in particular has thrust him into the spotlight as the moral conscience of America and a shining example of ‘leadership’. This is another example of identity politics at its worst. This is one reason Obama had some of the successes he had. If you criticized Obama, you were instantly labeled as a racist. If you’re for border security, you hate Mexicans. If you believe in traditional marriage, you’re a homophobe and a

hater. And the list goes on. However, recently added to this list: If you disagree with young people spouting ill-advised, illogical liberal talking points regarding unconstitutional gun control, you hate children. [...] Hogg and Company, I'm asking you, please: -Research your topic prior to advocating the removal of a foundational right. -Realize your ideas have consequences and try to imagine what those might be before fundamentally altering 230+ years of American freedom. -Prepare to have your ideas critically examined in light of real facts. -And stop playing identity politics. It's annoying." [Patriot Academy, Patriot Press Blog, [3/30/18](#)]

- **The Blog Post Defended Attacking Children Who Survived A Mass Shooting: ‘How Dare They Attack A Child!!!’ This Is Nothing More Than Classic Leftist Tactics.** ‘The liberal left and the mainstream media (but I repeat myself) are outraged when conservatives defend American freedom and the 2nd Amendment from the attacks of ill-informed young people like Hogg. ‘How dare they attack a child!!!’ This is nothing more than classic leftist tactics. If they can equate the truth with hate, they feel they’ve won.’ [Patriot Academy, Patriot Press Blog, [3/30/18](#)]

Ciscomani Was Close To Patriot Academy Founder Rick Green, An Extreme Right-Wing Christian Nationalist Who Was At The Center Of Several Texas State Political Scandals

Green And The Ciscomanis Worked Together For Over A Decade And Supported Each Other’s Political Campaigns

2008: Rick And Kara Green Each Contributed \$390 To Ciscomani’s Campaign For Arizona’s State House

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Rick & Kara Green: Contributions To Juan Ciscomani 2008					
Date	Contributor Name	State	Employer	Occupation	Amount
7/15/08	Green, Rick	TX	Self	Business Owner	\$ 390.00
7/15/08	Green, Kara	TX	Self	Business Owner	\$ 390.00
TOTAL:					\$ 780.00

[See the Money AZ, Juan Ciscomani 2008, accessed [2/21/24](#)]

2009: Laura Ciscomani Commented On Green’s Facebook Post That She Missed Him And Could Not “Wait To Get Together Again... Juan Zoe And I Send Our Love”

April 2009: Laura Ciscomani Commented On Green’s Facebook Post That She Missed Him And Could Not “Wait To Get Together Again... Juan Zoe And I Send Our Love.” “I miss you guys!!! Can't wait to get together again...Juan Zoe and I send our love.” [Rick Green, Facebook, [4/16/09](#)]



[Rick Green, Facebook, [4/16/09](#)]

2009-2015: Juan And Laura Ciscomani Contributed A Total Of \$250 To Rick Green’s Texas Supreme Court Campaigns

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Juan & Laura Ciscomani: Contributions To Richard Green’s TX Supreme Court Campaigns					
Date	Contributor Name	State	Employer	Occupation	Amount
12/31/09	Ciscomani ,Juan	AZ	University of Arizona	Sr Program Development Specialist	\$50.00
12/31/15	Ciscomani ,Juan	AZ	State of Arizona	Public Relations	\$100.00
12/31/15	Ciscomani ,Laura	AZ	Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Sales	\$100.00
TOTAL:					\$250.00

[Texas Ethics Commission, Richard Green, accessed [2/27/24](#)]

2021: Green Encouraged Ciscomani To Run For Congress On Social Media

July 2021: Green Said He Had Known Ciscomani For More Than A Decade And “We [Needed] This Man In Congress!” “We need this man in Congress! I have known Juan & Laura for more than a decade. Amazing family, solid conservative, and a man of courage and conviction that will stand against the onslaught of the left. Let's convince him to run! Simple step today... join me in simply saying ‘YES, I support Juan running, please keep me informed.’” [Rick Green, Facebook, [7/14/21](#)]



[Rick Green, Facebook, [7/14/21](#)]

July 2021: Green Urged His Twitter Followers To “Convince” Ciscomani To Run And Tweeted A Link To DraftJuan.com. “Amazing family, solid conservative, and a man of courage & conviction & will stand against the onslaught of the left. Convince him to run! Simple step today... join me in simply saying ‘YES, I support Juan running, please keep me informed.’ <https://draftjuan.com>” [Rick Green, Twitter, [7/14/21](#)]



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- **Green Said Ciscomani Was A “Solid Conservative, And A Man Of Courage & Conviction” Who Would “Stand Against The Onslaught Of The Left.”** “Amazing family, solid conservative, and a man of courage & conviction & will stand against the onslaught of the left. Convince him to run! Simple step today... join me in simply saying ‘YES, I support Juan running, please keep me informed.’ <https://draftjuan.com>” [Rick Green, Twitter, [7/14/21](#)]

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Rick Green: Contributions To Ciscomani For Congress

Date	Contributor Name	State	Employer	Occupation	Amount
8/27/21	Green III, Richard	TX	Self	Consulting	\$ 2,900.00
8/27/21	Green III, Richard	TX	Self	Consulting	\$ 2,100.00
11/4/22	Green, Richard	TX	Torch Of Freedom Foundation	Executive Management	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL:					\$ 6,000.00

[FEC, Ciscomani for Congress, accessed [1/31/24](#)]

2021-2022: Green Promoted His “Buddy” Ciscomani’s Congressional Campaign On Social Media, Calling Him “By Far One Of The Most Impressive Patriot Academy Grads”

August 2021: Green Tweeted That Ciscomani Was “By Far One Of The Most Impressive Patriot Academy Grads” And Urged His Followers To Donate To His Congressional Campaign. “Juan Ciscomani is by far one of the most impressive Patriot Academy grads I've ever had. He served as Governor of Patriot Academy in his younger days and was then asked to serve on our Board for the last 10 years. He is an incredibly impressive leader & w <https://juanciscomani.com>.” “and would be a freedom-defending member of the U.S. Congress. Everyone's always asking, "what can I do?" Well, here is a no-brainer easy one. Donate to Juan today and let's start taking back our Nation!” [Rick Green, Twitter, [8/3/21](#); [8/3/21](#)]



[Rick Green, Twitter, [8/3/21](#); [8/3/21](#)]

October 2021: Green Tweeted That We Needed Ciscomani In Website And Told Readers To “Visit His Website, Donate, Pray, Volunteer, And Help Save Our Republic!” “So proud of Patriot Academy grad and former Governor Juan Ciscomani! We need him in Congress! Visit his website, donate, pray, volunteer, and help save our republic!” [Rick Green, Twitter, [10/6/21](#)]



[Rick Green, Twitter, [10/6/21](#)]

July 2022: Ciscomani Retweeted A Tweet From Rick Green Saying “My Buddy Juan Ciscomani Is The D’s Worst Nightmare: Conservative, Hispanic, Amazing Story, Amazing Family, A Fighter For Liberty.”
“BOOM! My buddy Juan Ciscomani is the D’s worst nightmare: Conservative, hispanic, amazing story, amazing family, a fighter for liberty, & will soon join Rep. Mayra Flores as new generation of hispanic leaders that actually represent the conservative values of Hispanics.” [Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [7/16/22](#)]



[Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [7/16/22](#)]

2022-2023: Green Discussed Ciscomani’s Election To Congress And Used The Victory Of “One Of [His] Patriot Academy Grads” To Promote The Program On Social Media

2022: Green Spoke About Ciscomani’s Election On His American Family Association Talk Show, Pointing Out Ciscomani Was “One Of [Green’s] Patriot Academy Grads.” “Looks like Juan Ciscomani is going to win that congressional race in Arizona. That’s a big one. That’s a flip from Democrat to Republican. And he’s one of my Patriot Academy grads, was Governor of Patriot Academy fifteen years ago.” [PatriotRickGreen, Rumble, 7:31, [11/15/22](#)] (VIDEO)



[PatriotRickGreen, Rumble, 7:31, [11/15/22](#)] (VIDEO)

2022: Green Posted On Twitter About Ciscomani’s Election To Congress, Saying He Could Not “Wait To See More Patriot Academy Graduates Impact Our Nations” And Plugging A Link To Donate To The Organization. “Patriot Academy Graduate Juan Ciscomani won a US Congressional seat in Arizona! We are so proud of him and can’t wait to see more Patriot Academy graduates impact our nation. Join us! 24 hours left to send your end of year tax-deductible donation: <http://patriotacademy.com/donate>” [Rick Green, Twitter, [12/31/22](#)]



[Rick Green, Twitter, [12/31/22](#)]

2023: Green Posted A Video Of “Patriot Academy Graduate & US Congressman Juan Ciscomani” Speaking On The House Floor And Encouraging His Followers To “Apply For A Leadership Congress Today!”

“Patriot Academy Graduate & US Congressman Juan Ciscomani on the US House Floor Listen to this moving story... Apply for a Leadership Congress today!” [Rick Green, Twitter, [1/14/23](#)]



[Rick Green, Twitter, [1/14/23](#)]

November 2022: Green Interviewed Ciscomani On The WallBuilders Podcast, Saying Ciscomani Was A “Champ Of The Principles Of Liberty, Biblical Worldview”

November 2022: Ciscomani Was Interviewed By Green On His WallBuilders Podcast To Discuss His Election To Congress. GREEN: “Man, I am so excited to have Congressman-Elect Juan Ciscomani here with us. Juan is a Patriot Academy grad, was governor of Patriot Academy, on the Board of Patriot Academy. He and Laura both Patriot Academy grads. Love their kids. Love their family. And this is one of those seats that flipped from D to R. He was a big part of making it possible for the Republicans to take over in the House. So, Juan Ciscomani, thrilled to have you with us man.” CISCOMANI: “Rick, thank you so much. Thanks for having me on, and thanks for all the support throughout the years. I appreciate it.” [WallBuilders Show, Election Victories – With Gus Booth & Juan Ciscomani, 3:17, [11/29/22](#)] (AUDIO)

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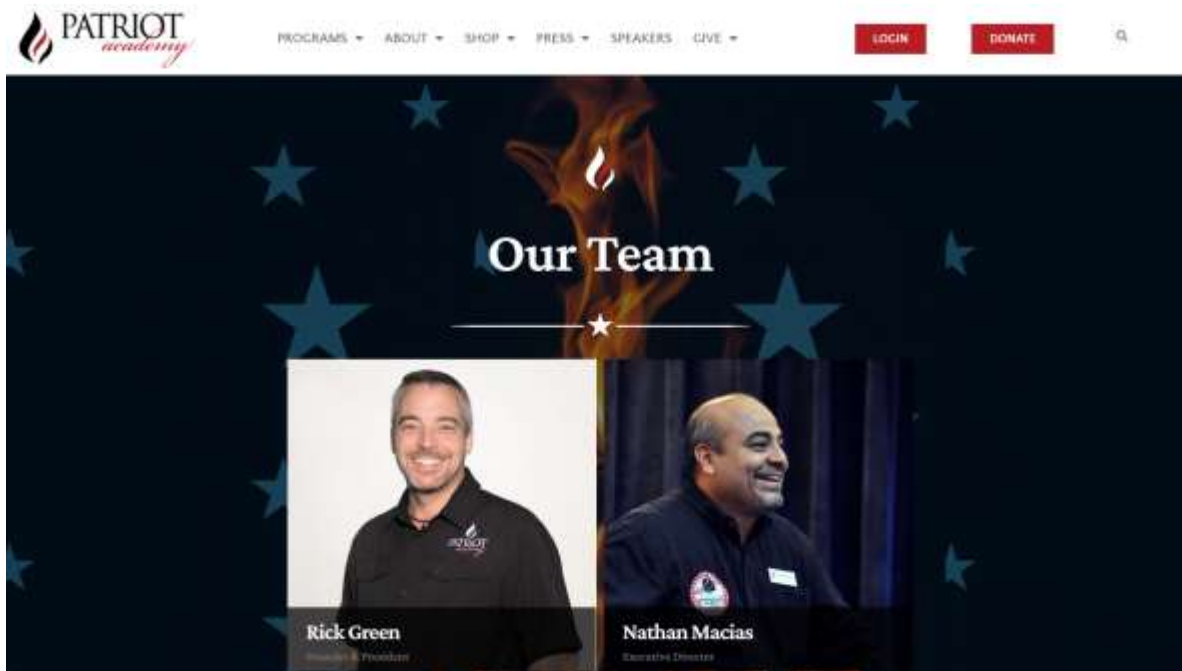
Green Said Ciscomani Was A “Champ Of The Principles Of Liberty, Biblical Worldview.” GREEN: “Well, you're a champ of the principles of liberty, biblical worldview. God fearing man. Biblical, you know, a student, you know, studied WallBuilders forever. So, I mean, you're the kind of guy we want to see more of in elected office at every level, and to have you now in Congress is just huge. I mean, this is a big, big deal. And I know, you know, big change for the Ciscomani family. I know you're excited and going to be going into your first session, but you were also one of the closest races in the country and didn't even know for, what, a week after the election?” [WallBuilders Show, Election Victories – With Gus Booth & Juan Ciscomani, 3:46, [11/29/22](#)] (AUDIO)

Rick Green Was The Founder And President Of Torch Of Freedom Foundation And Patriot Academy

2000: Rick Green Founded Torch Of Freedom Foundation, Which Laid The Groundwork For Patriot Academy. “In 1998, an enthusiastic young attorney named Rick Green was elected to the Texas House of Representatives. Representative Green was a passionate conservative, but grew concerned by the lack of understanding and adherence to conservative principles he saw in his colleagues. He quickly realized that the solution was not to change those in government, but to train up a new generation of conservative leaders. He thought, ‘Why not create a program that combines hands-on political training with instruction in true conservative principles?’ Rick shared his idea with friends and leaders, and in 2000 they formed The Torch of Freedom Foundation...the first step in realizing their vision.” [Patriot Academy, accessed [6/9/23](#)]

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2024: Patriot Academy’s Website Listed Rick Green As The Organization’s Founder And President. [Patriot Academy, accessed [1/29/24](#)]



[Patriot Academy, accessed [1/29/24](#)]

Green Was Named On Of Texas’ Worst Legislators Of The 2001 Session And Had A History Of Scandals, Including Illegally Lobbying For An FDA-Banned Diet Supplement And Punching A Political Opponent

2001: Texas Monthly Named Green As One Of The Worst Legislators Of Texas’ 77th Legislative Session. “SOMETHING ABOUT RICK GREEN JUST DRIVES HIS HOUSE COLLEAGUES nuts. Maybe it's things like

his bill to let parents opt out of required immunizations for their children (currently allowed only for religious reasons). Maybe it's things like the way he introduced his bill in committee: 'If you had told me a year ago I would spend this much time dealing with shots, I would have assumed it was a gun bill.' Maybe it's things like his argument for his bill, that three times as many kids are injured by shots as have gotten the disease the shot is intended to prevent. (Could it be that immunizations are the reason so few children get the disease?) Still, one bad bill and an annoying style does not a Worst legislator make. No, Green had to go out and earn his notoriety. No problem. He spent the session embroiled in ethical pratfalls. First he sponsored a fundraiser for the Torch of Freedom Foundation, which he founded, and sold tickets to lobbyists; solicitations for charitable foundations do not violate prohibitions against fundraising during a session -- but the executive director of Common Cause told the Dallas Morning News that such activity smacks of a 'lobbyist shakedown.' Next, published reports revealed that lawyer Green had worked successfully to secure a state parole for a family friend and associate of a Green family business who had been convicted of defrauding investors of \$ 30 million (the Greens were not linked to the fraud). The man had loaned \$ 400,000 to the Green family, most of which had been forgiven in various transactions. Finally, Green appeared in an infomercial, sitting in his Capitol office and walking through the halls of state, for Focus Factor, a company that sells nutritional supplements to 'supercharge your brain.' When word of this made the rounds, he asked that he be edited out of the infomercial. Forget the ethical issues; the real scandal is, Who decided that Rick Green was the exemplar of a supercharged brain?" [Texas Monthly, [7/1/01](#)]

Texas Observer: "Rick Green Has A Long History Of Skirting Basic Ethics Rules, And His Brief Tenure In State Politics Was Marred By Scandal." [Texas Observer, [2/24/16](#)]

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2001: While A State Representative, Green Helped Win An Early Prison Release For A Friend Convicted Of Defrauding Investors More Than \$30 Million. "A man convicted of defrauding investors of more than \$ 30 million won early release from prison with the help of a state lawmaker who for years has been involved in business deals with the felon, including receiving a \$ 400,000 corporate loan. Investors scammed by the convict are incensed at his parole and are accusing Republican Rep. Rick Green, 30, a lawyer and entrepreneur from Dripping Springs in Central Texas, of improperly using his official clout in the prison case to repay a personal obligation." [Dallas Morning News, 3/29/01]

- **Cox Was Green's Friend, Had Worked With Green's Father For Thirty Years, And Previously Served On The Board Of Green's Nutritional Supplement Company.** "Mr. Cox was a business associate of Mr. Green's father for 30 years and a one-time board member of a nutritional supplement company that Rep. Green founded in 1993, records show. [...] Mr. Cox said he retained Mr. Green because of their friendship and his willingness to serve for a reasonable fee. He said he and Mr. Green discussed the public relations risks handling the case." [Dallas Morning News, 3/29/01]

Green Secured Parole For Cox After He Served Less Than One-Fifth Of His Original 16-Year-Sentence. "Mr. Green said his legal representation of 72-year-old Melvin Cox , who was paroled in May after serving less than one-fifth of his 16-year sentence, had nothing to do with the loan his company got from Mr. Cox." [Dallas Morning News, 3/29/01]

Texans For Public Justice Director Craig McDonald: Green "Abused The Power Of His Office To Help Release A Convicted Felon Who Appears To Have Showered Green With Hundreds Of Thousands Of Swindled Dollars." "A political watchdog group in Austin also questioned the propriety of Mr. Green's efforts on behalf of Mr. Cox, saying parole members probably felt undue pressure to release him because a legislator was handling the request. 'Just as most Americans think ex-President Clinton abused his office to pardon Marc Rich, Representative Green abused the power of his office to help release a convicted felon who appears to have showered Green with hundreds of thousands of swindled dollars,' said Craig McDonald, director of Texans for Public Justice, a nonprofit group that tracks money and politics." [Dallas Morning News, 3/29/01]

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2002: Green Was Under Criminal Investigation For Potential Illegal Lobbying For A Supplement Company That Sold A Product Healthcare Professionals Linked To Dozens Of Deaths

2002: Travis County Attorney Ken Oden Launched A Criminal Investigation Into Green For Potential Illegal Lobbying Activities While Serving As A State Representative. "Unusual letters began arriving at 20 state agencies last week, noting a legal review under way into the ethics of certain Texas lawmakers. Travis County Attorney Ken Oden, who launched a criminal investigation into the private lobbying activities of two Republican lawmakers, wants to find out if other legislators have privately lobbied state agencies for paying clients. [...] 'It's definitely not uncommon,' agreed Cris Feldman, a lawyer for Texans for Public Justice, which alerted Oden to possible illegal lobbying by Rep. Rick Green of Dripping Springs and Sen. Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio. 'There is probably a sizable minority of lawmakers that do this. It needs to be further examined,' he said. Texas law

allows legislators to represent paying clients before state agencies, but only in a public forum or adversarial hearing in which they disclose they are paid advocates, Oden said. When such activity happens behind closed doors in private meetings, it can cross the line into a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jail, a \$ 4,000 fine or both per offense, Oden said.” [Houston Chronicle, 10/20/02]

Green Was Under Scrutiny For Lobbying The State Health Department On Behalf Of The Herbal Supplements Company Metabolife, Which Wanted To Keep Warning Labels Off A Dietary Supplement. “It’s definitely not uncommon,” agreed Cris Feldman, a lawyer for Texans for Public Justice, which alerted Oden to possible illegal lobbying by Rep. Rick Green of Dripping Springs and Sen. Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio. [...] Both are under scrutiny for possibly illegal lobbying at the state health department last year on behalf of the company Metabolife International Inc. The herbal supplements company wanted to keep warning labels off the dietary supplement ephedrine. It also wanted to prevent any labels from carrying the toll-free telephone number of an information line at the federal Food and Drug Administration. The lobbying efforts failed when health experts at the agency argued that ephedrine can cause seizures, strokes, heart attacks and death.” [Houston Chronicle, 10/20/02]

- **Metabolife Was One Of The Nation’s Largest Sellers Of Products Containing Ephedrine, Which Many Healthcare Professionals Linked To Dozens Of Deaths Across The Country.** “Both legislators were actively involved in unsuccessful efforts last year aimed at persuading the Texas Department of Health to delay a new rule requiring a warning label on products containing ephedrine, including the dietary supplements sold by Metabolife. The label was to give consumers a toll-free phone number sponsored by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to report any adverse health effects from products containing ephedrine. As one of the nation’s largest sellers of products containing ephedrine, Metabolife objected to the warning labels. The company maintains that ephedrine, a natural stimulant that suppresses appetite, is safe. Many health-care professionals, however, argue that ephedrine has been linked to dozens of deaths across the country. The Texas Department of Health considers the product risky and has tried unsuccessfully in the past to require a doctor’s prescription for ephedrine products.” [Austin American-Statesman, 10/12/02]
- **Metabolife Was An “Energy Booster Commonly Called ‘Legal Speed’” And Was Later Banned By The FDA.** “Green also violated state ethics regulations by lobbying while in office for Metabolife, an energy booster commonly called ‘legal speed.’ It was ultimately banned by the FDA, but not before Green lobbied the Texas Department of Health to weaken regulations that would have reduced Metabolife sales.” [Texas Observer, [2/24/16](#)]

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2006: Green Was Charged With Assault After Reportedly Punching A Former Political Opponent Outside A Polling Location

2006: Green Was Charged With Assault After Reportedly Punching A Former Political Opponent Outside A Polling Location. “A former state representative from Dripping Springs has been charged with assaulting the man who defeated him in an extremely close and frequently nasty race four years ago. A witness said Rick Green, a Republican, shoved and then punched state Rep. Patrick Rose, D-Dripping Springs, as they stood outside a polling place Tuesday morning at Sunset Canyon Baptist Church east of Dripping Springs. Rose, 28, who was leading in his bid for re-election Tuesday, said Green, 35, shoved him but didn’t land a punch. ‘Rick lost his temper,’ he said.

‘It’s unfortunate that something like this happened on Election Day.’ Green turned himself in at the Hays County sheriff’s office Tuesday afternoon and was charged with assault with bodily injury, a Class A misdemeanor that carries a maximum punishment of one year in jail and a \$4,000 fine, Lt. Leroy Opiela said in a press release. [...] Jackie Whalen, a witness to the incident, said she was standing in line to vote when she saw Rose and Green standing and talking between two vehicles. She said she saw Green push Rose against a sport-utility vehicle and then punch Rose in the face.” [Austin American Statesman, 11/8/06]

Green Held Extreme Right-Wing And Christian Nationalist Views

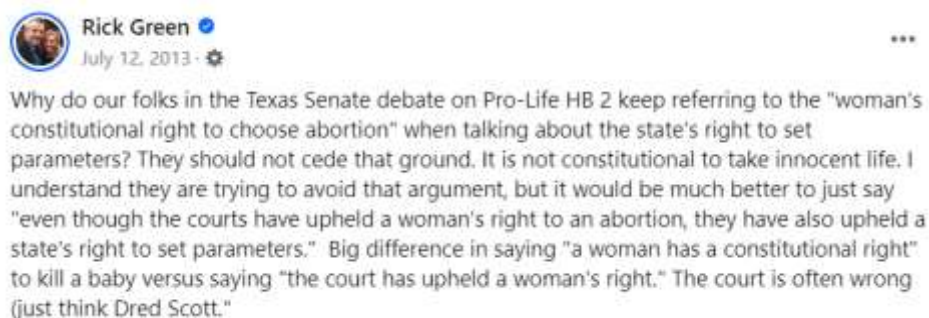
Texas Observer: Rick Green Was A “Christian-Right Prodigy.” “That’s why the recent alliance of Rick Green, the twenty-seven-year-old, Christian-right prodigy, and Suzanna Gratia Hupp, the gun lobby’s trigger woman at the Capitol, has people running for cover. In recent months, New Orleans, Atlanta, Chicago, and Miami have filed suits alleging negligence by major gun manufacturers – and seeking reimbursement for costs associated with gun violence, especially in the inner city. The two Republican legislators have teamed up to sponsor House Bill 1561, to ensure that no Texas cities will be filing similar suits – which Green compared to punishing auto makers for the actions of drunk drivers.” [Texas Observer, [3/19/99](#)]

Green Said That Kari Lake Was The “Best Candidate Of [His] Life”

December 2022: Green Said That Kari Lake Was The Best Candidate Of His Life And “Articulated The Positions Of A Constitutional Conservative Better Than Anybody [He Had] Ever Watched In A Campaign.” GREEN: “First of all, I want to say, Kari, best candidate of my life. I’m telling you she’s been absolutely phenomenal. Articulated the positions of a constitutional conservative better than anybody I’ve ever watched in a campaign. Phenomenal campaign. And no question, it was voter suppression. I mean, look, the evidence was overwhelming. We heard the testimony of people to the supervisors. We saw the videos. So many people turned away and had to go to multiple locations. If that’s not voter suppression, I don’t know what is. And what disappoints me, Gene, is the fact that everybody’s rushing to rubber stamp this thing so quickly instead of letting the legal remedies play out.” [PatriotAcademy, Rumble, 0:11, [12/7/22](#)] (VIDEO)

Green Promoted Extreme Anti-Abortion Ideas, Including Comparing Abortion In The U.S. To The Holocaust And Sharing An Article Arguing Abortion Was Worse Than Slavery

Green Argued Against Referring To The “Woman’s Constitutional Right To Choose Abortion” Because It Was “Not Constitutional To Take Innocent Life.” “Why do our folks in the Texas Senate debate on Pro-Life HB 2 keep referring to the ‘woman’s constitutional right to choose abortion’ when talking about the state’s right to set parameters? They should not cede that ground. It is not constitutional to take innocent life. I understand they are trying to avoid that argument, but it would be much better to just say ‘even though the courts have upheld a woman’s right to an abortion, they have also upheld a state’s right to set parameters.’ Big difference in saying ‘a woman has a constitutional right’ to kill a baby versus saying ‘the court has upheld a woman’s right.’ The court is often wrong (just think Dred Scott.” [Rick Green, Facebook, [7/12/13](#)]



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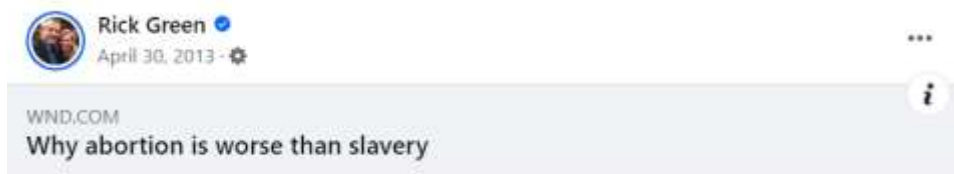
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Green Posted On Facebook, “American Christians Are Just As Complicit In The Gosnell Barbarism And Holocaust Of Abortion As The German Church Was For The Murder Of The Jews.” “Weeping after my interview today with Dr. Laurence White. We American Christians are just as complicit in the Gosnell barbarism and holocaust of abortion as the German church was for the murder of the jews. Don’t miss the program when it airs next Tuesday, May 14th, on WallBuildersLive.com. In the meantime, visit our archived programs from Nov 19 & 20 and also October 22nd when we had him on last.” [Rick Green, Facebook, [5/7/13](#)]



[Rick Green, Facebook, [5/7/13](#)]

Green Shared An Article On Facebook Titled, “Why Abortion Is Worse Than Slavery.” [Rick Green, Facebook, [4/30/13](#)]

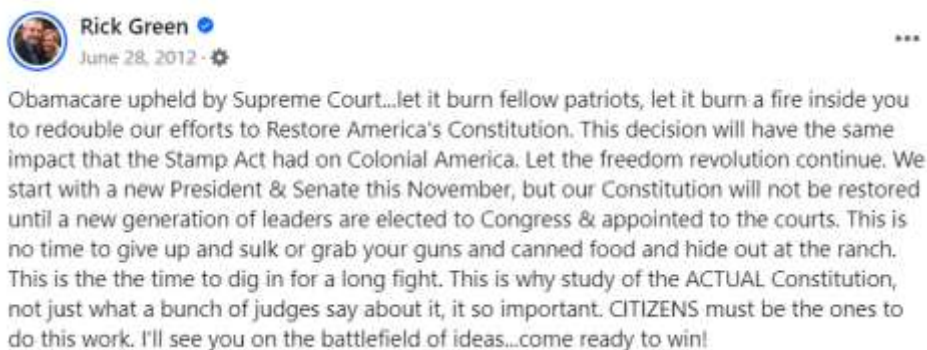


[Rick Green, Facebook, [4/30/13](#)]

- **Green Shared An Article That Argued “It [Was] Easier To Understand And Justify Slavery Than It [Was] To Justify Abortion.”** “I would argue that it is easier to understand and justify slavery than it is to justify abortion. With that thought in mind, let me remind you that there is a trial taking place in Philadelphia in effort to find abortionist Kermit Gosnell guilty of what was seven murders. (Three of the seven murder charges were dropped by judicial edict.)” [WND, [4/29/13](#)]
- **WND: “I Would Bet A Good Cigar The Only Reason Obama [Was] With Us Today [Was] Because Abortion [Was Not] Legal When He Was Born.”** “I offer two final thoughts. One is that I would bet a good cigar the only reason Obama is with us today is because abortion wasn’t legal when he was born. The other is when he closes his eyes in this life and opens in the next, he and Margaret Sanger can share eternity in the fires of hell discussing what a wonderful job her progeny are doing.” [WND, [4/29/13](#)]

Green Suggested The Supreme Court Decision Upholding Obamacare Would Lead To A “Freedom Revolution” Similar To How The Stamp Act Affected Colonial America

Green Said The Supreme Court Decision Upholding Obamacare Would “Have The Same Impact That The Stamp Act Had On Colonial America,” Adding “Let The Freedom Revolution Continue.” “Obamacare upheld by Supreme Court...let it burn fellow patriots, let it burn a fire inside you to redouble our efforts to Restore America's Constitution. This decision will have the same impact that the Stamp Act had on Colonial America. Let the freedom revolution continue. We start with a new President & Senate this November, but our Constitution will not be restored until a new generation of leaders are elected to Congress & appointed to the courts. This is no time to give up and sulk or grab your guns and canned food and hide out at the ranch. This is the the time to dig in for a long fight. This is why study of the ACTUAL Constitution, not just what a bunch of judges say about it, it so important. CITIZENS must be the ones to do this work. I'll see you on the battlefield of ideas...come ready to win!” [Rick Green, Facebook, [6/28/12](#)]



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- “The American Revolution was precipitated, in part, by a series of laws passed between 1763 and 1775 that regulating trade and taxes. This legislation caused tensions between colonists and imperial officials, who made it clear that the British Parliament would not address American complaints that the new laws were onerous. [...] After news of the successful passage of the Stamp Act reached the colonies, the Virginia House of Burgesses passed resolutions denying the British Parliament’s authority to tax the colonies. In Boston, colonists rioted and destroyed the house of the stamp distributor. News of these protests inspired similar activities and protests in other colonies, and thus the Stamp Act served as a common cause to unite the 13 colonies in opposition to the British Parliament. In October of 1765, delegates from 9 colonies met to issue petitions to the British Government denying Parliament’s authority to tax the colonies. An American boycott of British goods, coupled with recession, also led British merchants to lobby for the act’s repeal on pragmatic economic grounds. Under pressure from American colonists and British merchants, the British Government decided it was easier to repeal the Stamp Act than to enforce it.” [Office of the Historian, U.S. Department of State, accessed [2/28/24](#)]

Green Sponsored A Bill In The Texas Legislator To Protect Gun Companies From Lawsuits Claiming They Were Legally Responsible For The Harm Caused By Their Products

1999: Green Sponsored A Bill In The Texas Legislator To Protect Gun Companies From Lawsuits Claiming They Were Legally Responsible For The Harm Caused By Their Products. “State Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp said she was busy working on a bill that would protect gun companies from tobacco-style lawsuits even before a New York jury ruled against several gun makers earlier this month. Fearing that Texas cities might follow the lead of other municipalities and sue the gun industry for gun violence, the second-term lawmaker filed House Bill 1716 last week. It bars any state agency or local governmental unit, including cities and counties, from filing suit against legal gun or ammunition manufacturers, trade associations or sellers without the Legislature's consent. Over the past several months, New Orleans, Chicago, Miami-Dade County, Atlanta and Bridgeport, Conn., have filed suit claiming gun companies are legally responsible for the harm caused by their products. [...] Her anti-gun lawsuit

legislation, co-authored by Democrat Ron Wilson of Houston and Republican Reps. Bob Hunter, Ron Clark and Rick Green, is modeled after a bill that sailed through the Georgia Legislature and was signed into law three weeks ago.” [Houston Chronicle, 2/28/99]

Green’s Bill Barred Local Governments From Suing Gun Manufacturers And Exempted Concealed Handgun Permits From State Open Records. “Handgun law took center stage in the Texas House yesterday, with lawmakers approving bills barring local governments from suing gun manufacturers, and exempting from open records the identities of Texans with concealed handgun permits. By a 107-39 vote, the House gave final approval to Senate Bill 717, by Sen. Jon Lindsay, R-Houston, barring cities and counties from suing gun and ammunition manufacturers. Under the legislation, only the state attorney general could file such a suit. But unlike the preliminary vote Monday, the House vigorously debated the issue yesterday. Its House sponsors, Rep. Rick Green, R-Dripping Springs, and Suzanna Gratia Hupp, R-Lampasas, fought off six amendments.” [Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 5/19/99]

Green Reportedly Wrote On Facebook Comparing Food Stamp Recipients To Wild Animals In National Parks

Texas Freedom Network Shared A Screenshot Of A Green Facebook Post Where He Compared Food Stamp Recipients To Wild Animals In National Parks. “Former Texas legislator Rick Green, a speaker for David Barton’s Texas-based WallBuilders organization and Barton’s sidekick on the daily WallBuilders Live radio program, clearly has a pretty low opinion of people who receive food stamps. In a repellent Facebook post last week (image below), Green compared people who receive that government assistance to wild animals who become dependent on food from humans visiting national parks.” [Texas Freedom Network, Blog, [3/14/12](#)]



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- **February 2024: The Facebook Post Linked In The Texas Freedom Network Blog Was No Longer Available.** [Texas Freedom Network, Blog, [3/14/12](#)]

Green Was Endorsed By Far-Right Groups And Individuals, Including Texas Right To Life, Focus On The Family’s James Dobson, And Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller

2016: Green Was Endorsed By Far-Right Groups And Individuals, Including Texas Right To Life, Focus On The Family’s James Dobson, And Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller. “Green’s endorsements include a who’s who of the far-right: Texas Right to Life, Focus on the Family’s James Dobson, who has said gay marriage

could lead to a civil war; and Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller, who once suggested in a Facebook meme that the United States should nuke the Middle East.” [Texas Observer, [2/24/16](#)]

Rick Green Hosted A Radio Show With The Extreme Religious Right Organization American Family Radio

Green Hosted The “At The Core” Radio Show With The CEO Of AFA Action On American Family Radio.

“At The Core is hosted by Walker Wildmon and Rick Green and can be heard each weekday from 1:00PM - 2:00PM CDT on American Family Radio. Walker Wildmon serves as Vice President of Operations for American Family Association (AFA) and as a spokesperson for AFA and has been quoted by CNN, Fox News and other major news outlets. He also serves as Chief Executive Officer and Member of the Board of Directors of AFA Action. Walker graduated from Mississippi State University with a degree in Political Science. He calls Tupelo, Mississippi home and is beginning to raise a family there. Walker and his wife Lexie are happily married with four children. Rick Green is a former Texas State Representative, national speaker, author, and radio host. He & his family travel the nation speaking on America’s forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on our moral, religious, and constitutional heritage. Rick co-hosts the national daily radio program, WallBuilders Live!, with David Barton. Join Walker and Rick as they tackle the issues of the day from a biblical and constitutional perspective.” [American Family Radio, At the Core, accessed [2/12/24](#)]



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Patriot Academy Was Closely Tied To Christian Nationalist David Barton, Who Ciscomani Invited To Come Speak At The Inaugural Arizona Patriot Academy Program

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Barton Provided The Funding For Patriot Academy’s Founding. “That dubious tale of America’s origins appears to come courtesy of David Barton, the man who put up the cash for Patriot Academy’s founding. [...] Few conservatives, however, can boast a closer relationship with David Barton than Rick Green. In the two decades

following Patriot Academy's founding, the men have formed a close working relationship. In 2004, Green became a featured speaker for WallBuilders, Barton's flagship organization 'dedicated to presenting America's forgotten history and heroes.' In 2009, the duo launched WallBuilders Live!, a syndicated radio show that consistently ranks in the top 100 news commentary podcasts on Apple. Green and Barton teach online courses together, promote each other's work, and appear together at conferences." [New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]

Patriot Academy's Curriculum "[Drew] Heavily From Barton's Writing" And Included Roleplayed Discussions Where Barton Acted As A History Teacher

Patriot Academy's Constitutional Curriculum "[Drew] Heavily From Barton's Writing." "Despite these criticisms and setbacks, Barton's work has found new life in a partnership with Rick Green, a former Texas legislator, who founded Patriot Academy, an organization that combines gun training with Constitutional education 'to help restore our Constitutional Republic and the Biblical principles that cause a Nation to thrive.' Patriot Academy offers different curricula, including 'Constitution Alive!' and 'Biblical Citizenship,' that have proved popular with not only evangelical and charismatic churches but also tea party groups and other patriot groups that have arisen since the COVID-19 pandemic. The curricula draw heavily from Barton's writing, and Constitution Alive begins every lesson with a discussion between Green, who acts as pupil, and Barton, in the role of history teacher, in Barton's headquarters and library in Texas." [Southern Poverty Law Center, Extremist Files, David Barton, accessed [1/29/24](#)]

- **Texas Tribune: Patriot Academy Borrowed "Heavily From Barton's Teachings."** "In Texas, Barton has become increasingly instrumental among GOP politicians. He and WallBuilders currently work closely with Rick Green, a former state representative and current leader of Patriot Academy, a Dripping Springs-based group that trains young adults, churches and others how to 'influence government policy with a Biblical worldview' and borrows heavily from Barton's teachings." [Texas Tribune, [11/3/23](#)]

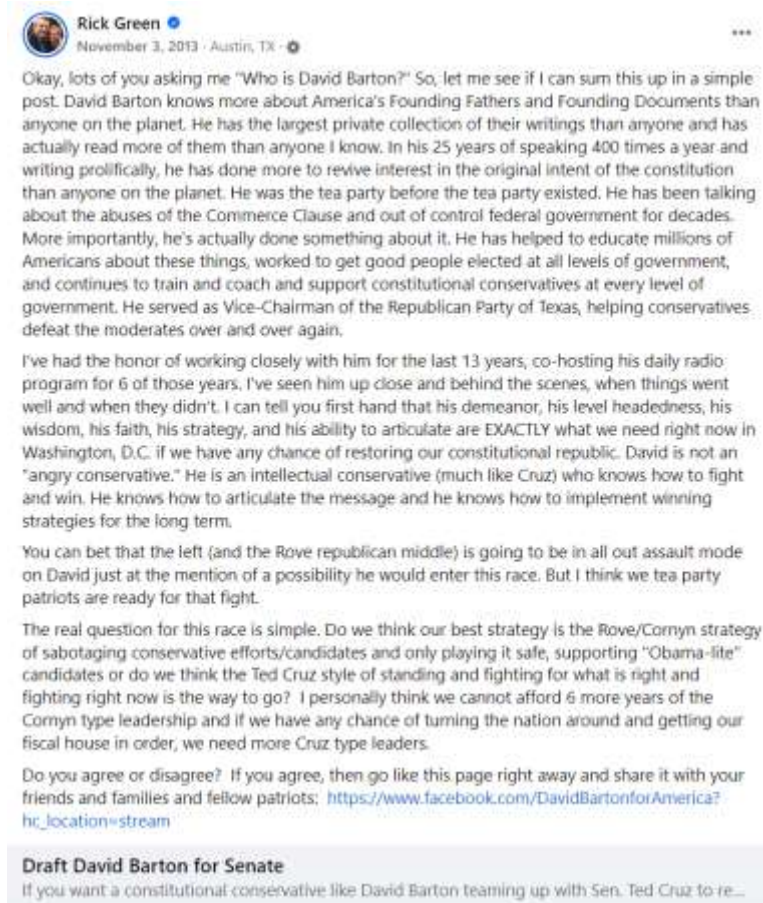
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Barton Was A Close Friend And Long-Time Collaborator Of Patriot Academy Founder Rick Green

Rick Green Was "A Close Friend Of Barton." "The conservative base loves Cruz and they appear to want another senator just like him. Rick Green, another ultra-conservative figure and a close friend of Barton, told National Review, 'More than 1,000 (zero exaggeration, that is an actual number) Tea Party and republican party leaders have asked David Barton to run.'" [Newsweek, [11/4/13](#)]

Barton Co-Hosted A Long-Running Radio Show, "WallBuilders Live!," With Rick Green. "The voters unlikely to be confused by the Green versus Green showdown are the conservative Christian fans of Green's long-running radio show, 'WallBuilders Live!,' which he co-hosts with influential Texas evangelical leader David Barton. The show is part of Green's work for WallBuilders, an organization founded by Barton that publishes videos and books hypothesizing that the Founding Fathers intended for the United States to be a Christian nation." [Texas Observer, [2/24/16](#)]

2013: Rick Green Said He “Had The Honor Of Working Closely With Him For The Last 13 Years, Co-Hosting His Daily Radio Program For 6 Of Those Years.” “Okay, lots of you asking me ‘Who is David Barton?’ [...] I’ve had the honor of working closely with him for the last 13 years, co-hosting his daily radio program for 6 of those years. I’ve seen him up close and behind the scenes, when things went well and when they didn’t. I can tell you first hand that his demeanor, his level headedness, his wisdom, his faith, his strategy, and his ability to articulate are EXACTLY what we need right now in Washington, D.C. if we have any chance of restoring our constitutional republic. David is not an ‘angry conservative.’ He is an intellectual conservative (much like Cruz) who knows how to fight and win. He knows how to articulate the message and he knows how to implement winning strategies for the long term.” [Rick Green, Facebook, [11/3/13](#)]



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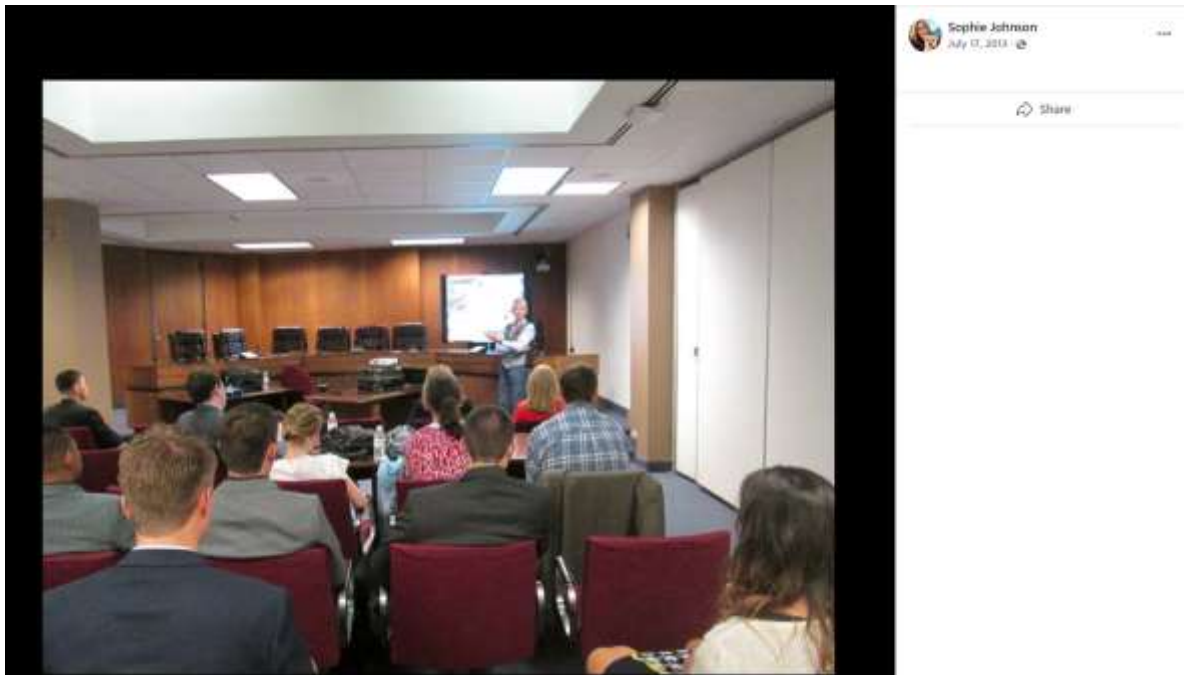
2013: Barton Presented At The Inaugural Arizona Patriot Academy, Which Juan And Laura Ciscomani Organized

Green Posted A Photo Of Barton With The Caption, “David Barton Visiting With Arizona Senate President Andy Biggs And His Wife Cindy, Just Before Speaking To The Students Of Patriot Academy.” “David Barton visiting with Arizona Senate President Andy Biggs and his wife Cindy, just before speaking to the students of Patriot Academy. Training champions to change the world!!!” [Rick Green, Facebook, [7/17/13](#)]



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Sophie Johnson Posted A Photo Of David Barton Giving A Presentation In Her Facebook Album, “Patriot Academy With David Barton Of WallBuilders.” [Sophie Johnson, Facebook, accessed [7/17/13](#)]



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Sophie Johnson Posted A Photo Of A Presentation Slide With The Words, Slavery, Abortion, Homosexuality, Self-Defense, And Property In Her Facebook Album, “Patriot Academy With David Barton Of WallBuilders.” [Sophie Johnson, Facebook, accessed [7/17/13](#)]



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Patriot Academy Posted On A Photo Of David Barton With The Hashtag “#PatriotAcademyAZ” And Caption, “We Have Been Blessed With Great Speakers!” “What a day we had yesterday at #PatriotAcademyAZ! From Krish Dhanam to David Barton/WallBuilders to Rick Green to David Bowman from Bowman Artt. We have been blessed with great speakers!” [Patriot Academy, Facebook, [7/18/13](#)]

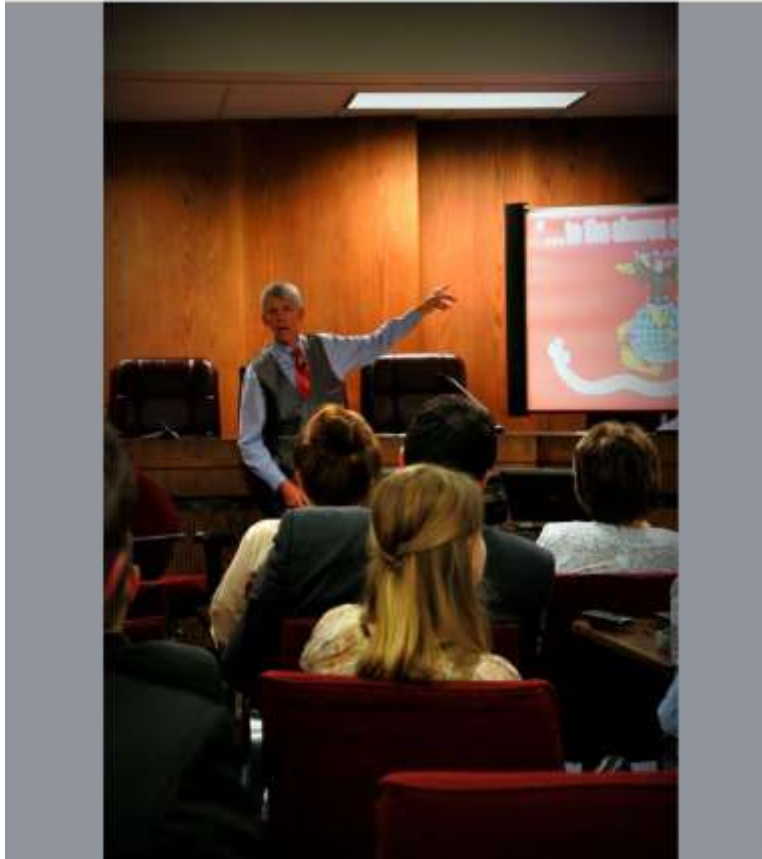


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[Patriot Academy, Facebook, [7/18/13](#)]

Sophie Johnson Posted A Photo Of Her And Laura Ciscomani With David Barton At The Arizona Patriot Academy. “Dodie Londen Alumi, (me, Rep. Brenda Barton, Laura Ciscomani, and Senator Kelli Ward) with David Barton of WallBuilders at the Arizona Senate building (Arizona State Capitol) for Patriot Academy. Thank you Laura Ciscomani and Juan Ciscomani for all of your dedication and hard work bringing the Patriot Academy Leadership program to Arizona! I support you and the program 100%. God bless you!” [Sophie Johnson, Facebook, [7/7/13](#)]



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Juan And Laura Ciscomani Introduced Sophie Johnson To David Barton And Green

October 2013: Sophie Johnson Thanked Juan And Laura Ciscomani For “Introducing Me To Mr. Barton And Mr. Green.” “I met David Barton and Rick Green of Wall Builders a couple of months ago and informed them that I am a candidate for Arizona State House of Representatives. Today, I received an e-mail from Mr. Barton that reads that although I am not a Legislator yet, they are giving me a full scholarship to attend the ProFamily Legislators Conference in Dallas, Texas because it will prepare me for when I do serve the people of Arizona. Wow! I'm speechless. Thank you Juan Ciscomani and Laura Ciscomani for introducing me to Mr. Barton and Mr. Green. God bless all of you!” [Sophie Johnson, Facebook, [10/10/13](#)]



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October 10, 2013 · 🌐

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[Sophie Johnson, Facebook, [10/10/13](#)]

July 2013: Sophie Johnson Thanked Juan And Laura Ciscomani After She Was Invited To A “Special Training With David Barton” As A Thank You For Helping Launch Patriot Academy. “As a ‘thank you’ for helping launch Patriot Academy, I have been invited to spend a day this week in special training with David Barton, the Founder and President of WallBuilders. WallBuilders is a national pro-family organization that presents America's forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on our moral, religious, and constitutional heritage. David is the author of numerous best-selling books, with the subjects being drawn largely from his massive library of tens of thousands of original writings from the Founding Era. His exhaustive research has rendered him an expert in historical and constitutional issues and he serves as a consultant to state and federal legislators, has participated in several cases at the Supreme Court, was involved in the development of the History/Social Studies standards for states such as Texas and California, and has helped produce history textbooks now used in schools across the nation. A national news organization has described him as ‘America's historian,’ and Time Magazine called him ‘a hero to millions - including some powerful politicians. In fact, Time Magazine named him as one of America's 25 most influential evangelicals. Thank you Lord for this amazing opportunity! Thank you Patriot Academy! Thank you Juan Ciscomani and Laura Ciscomani! I love what Patriot Academy is about and I love you guys! God bless you!” [Sophie Johnson, Facebook, [7/14/13](#)]



Sophie Johnson

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Our Virtual Patriot Academy will still feature the best of what our in-person academy offers, such as Committee Meetings and Floor Sessions with debate, along with a huge dose of the founding principles and intellectual ammunition needed to restore our nation to greatness! You do NOT have to be an alumni... we welcome first time students to this Virtual Patriot Academy. Use this link to register: <https://www.patriotacademy.com/academy-dates/alumni-academy>

[Rick Green, Facebook, [7/22/20](#)]

David Barton Was An Activist Who Argued The Separation Of Church And State Was A Myth And America Should Be Run As A Christian Nation

David Barton Was “Arguably The Most Influential Figure In A Growing Movement To Undermine The Establishment Clause Of The U.S. Constitution’s First Amendment.” “In 1988, Barton founded his group, WallBuilders, to ‘exert a direct and positive influence in government, education, and the family by educating the nation concerning the Godly foundation of our country’ and ‘providing information to federal, state, and local officials as they develop public policies which reflect Biblical values,’ according to the group’s website. Since then, Barton has been arguably the most influential figure in a growing movement to undermine the establishment clause

of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment, which states that 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion.'" [Texas Tribune, [11/3/23](#)]

- **Barton Said The Founding Fathers “Never Intended The First Amendment To Become A Vehicle To Promote A Pluralism Of Other Religions” Besides Christianity.** “Since then, Barton has been arguably the most influential figure in a growing movement to undermine the establishment clause of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment, which states that 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion.' Barton claims the clause has been misunderstood. He argues that most of the Founding Fathers were 'orthodox, evangelical' Christians, and that it would thus be more accurate to read the establishment clause's use of the word 'religion' as a stand-in for 'Christian denomination.' 'We would best understand the actual context of the First Amendment by saying, 'Congress shall make no law establishing one Christian denomination as the national denomination,' he has said. Barton also argues that the country's founders 'never intended the First Amendment to become a vehicle to promote a pluralism of other religions.' In his mind, the wall separating church and state was only meant to extend one way, protecting religion — specifically, Christianity — from the government, but not vice versa.” [Texas Tribune, [11/3/23](#)]
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Experts Have Found Strong Correlations Between Christian Nationalist Beliefs And Opposition To Immigration, Racial Justice And Religious Diversity. “The mainstreaming of Barton's views has corresponded with a series of U.S. Supreme Court decisions that have allowed for a greater infusion of Christianity into the public sphere, and a burgeoning Christian nationalist movement on the right that was turbocharged by former President Donald Trump and his promise to white evangelicals that 'Christianity will have power' should they support him. February polling from the Public Religion Research Institute found that more than half of Republicans adhere to or sympathize with foundational aspects of Christian nationalism, including beliefs that the U.S. should be a strictly Christian nation. Of those respondents, PRRI found, roughly half supported having an authoritarian leader who maintains Christian dominance in society. Experts have also found strong correlations between Christian nationalist beliefs and opposition to immigration, racial justice and religious diversity.” [Texas Tribune, [11/3/23](#)]

HEADLINE: NPR: “The Most Influential Evangelist You've Never Heard Of.” [NPR, [8/8/12](#)]

HEADLINE: Politico: “The Bogus Historians Who Teach Evangelicals They Live in a Theocracy.” [Politico, [12/1/23](#)]

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nonprofit organization that promotes Barton's view, through recordings, books, trainings, and curricula, that the United States was founded as a Christian nation and therefore cannot survive without Biblical values to guide legislation, policy, and the broader culture." [Southern Poverty Law Center, Extremist Files, David Barton, accessed [1/29/24](#)]

Barton Founded WallBuilders With The Mission To Encourage Government Officials To Develop Policies Reflecting "Biblical Values" And Christians To Involve Themselves In Politics. "Barton's involvement in politics, in the past and now, is a logical extension of Wallbuilders, the Aledo, Texas, company he founded whose mission is to encourage government officials to develop policies that 'reflect Biblical values.' Wallbuilders also calls on Christians to involve themselves government and politics and creates DVDs and books that feature some of the thousands of original documents from the country's founding that Barton has acquired, which he points to as proof that the United States was founded explicitly as a Christian nation." [Daily Beast, [1/29/16](#)]

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Barton Was Anti-Abortion, Anti-Gay Marriage, And Blamed Societal Issues – Including School Shootings And Crime – On The Abandonment Of Judeo-Christian Values

Daily Beast: Barton Was "Staunchly Anti-Abortion, Anti-Gay Marriage, Pro-Second Amendment, And Pro-Free Market." "Barton's own politics are conservative and, as he describes them, 'bible centered.' He is staunchly anti-abortion, anti-gay marriage, pro-second Amendment, and pro-free market. He has spoken extensively about his belief that Jesus was against capital gains taxes, the estate tax, and the minimum wage. He has called President Obama 'the most biblically hostile president in U.S. history' and calls on Christians to vote for and elect 'righteous' leaders." [Daily Beast, [1/29/16](#)]

Barton Argued That Most Of What He Considered Society's Ills -- Including School Shootings, Crime, And LGBTQ+ People – Were Natural Consequences Of Abandoning Judeo-Christian Values. "For nearly four decades, Texas activist David Barton has barnstormed statehouses and pulpits across the nation, arguing that the separation between church and state is a myth and that America should be run as a Christian nation. [...] And he argues that most of what he considers society's ills — from school shootings, low standardized test scores and drug use to divorce, crime and LGBTQ+ people — are the natural consequences of abandoning the Judeo-Christian virtues, as articulated in his form of Christianity, that he says are the bedrock of the nation's founding. Sometimes, he's drawn fire for those views — such as when he said the lack of cure for AIDS was God's vengeance for homosexuality or when he compared the Third Reich's 'evils' to the 'homosexual lifestyle' in 2017." [Texas Tribune, [11/3/23](#)]

Barton Was Staunchly Anti-Abortion

2012: Barton Suggested Increased Mental Health Problems And Breast Cancer Rates Were God's Punishments For Having An Abortion. "There's a passage that I love in Romans 1 – I don't love what the topic is – but it talks about homosexuality and it says that they will receive in their bodies the penalties of their behavior. [...] The same thing goes with abortion and now we're getting studies, and these are somewhat negative studies, but they're positive studies in that they prove that the Bible is right. So I want to read you the results of a couple of

new studies that are out. Here's a new study that out, now this is the second study that shows that women who have abortions double the risk of mental health problems ... Now that's not good news; the good news in this is God says 'don't kill unborn babies.' Now, along the same thing, here's another study, a new study now shows those who have abortions nearly triple the risk of breast cancer. It's bad news, but it's good news in the sense that it does show that the Bible is right. When God says don't kill those unborn babies, there's a reason. And He tells us in Deuteronomy 6:24 and Joshua 1:8, everything I tell you to do is for your good, for your benefit, so that you can prosper and you can have success. So when he tells us not to do this stuff, whether it's homosexual behavior or whether its abortion, hey it's for our benefit he tells us not to do it and now studies prove that to be true." [Right Wing Watch, [4/27/12](#)]

2012: Barton Was A Member Of The RNC's Platform That Called For A Constitutional Ban On Abortion.

"While Barton may be new to super PACs, he is not at all new to politics. The former Christian school principal and ordained minister was also the vice chairman of the Texas GOP for nearly 10 years. In 2004, he worked for the RNC to turn evangelicals in Texas out to for George W. Bush. In 2012, he was a member of the RNC's Platform Committee that called for a constitutional ban on abortion and defined marriage as a union between one man and one woman." [Daily Beast, [1/29/16](#)]

- **The Republican Party Committee Embraced Anti-Abortion Language With No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest.** "A Republican Party committee on Tuesday embraced anti-abortion language it has used in its platform since 2004, with no mention of exceptions for rape or incest, as one of its Senate candidates was widely condemned over his comments about rape. [...] The language backed by the platform committee says an unborn child has a fundamental right to life that cannot be infringed. It also says the Republican Party supports a 'human life amendment' to the Constitution and endorses legislation to ensure that unborn children are protected by the 14th Amendment." [Reuters, [8/21/12](#)]

Barton Was Extremely Anti-LGBTQ+, Suggesting The Government Should "Regulate Homosexuality" And Comparing LGBT Activists To Nazis

2010: Barton Argued Heterosexuals Were Healthier Than LGBTQ+ Individuals, Asking "Why [Do We Not] Regulate Homosexuality?" BARTON: "We have a Department of Health and Human Services; we have health care bills; we have health insurance and we're trying to stop all unhealthy things so we're going after trans fats and we're going after transparency in labeling to make sure we get all the healthy stuff in there. [...] So if I got to the Centers for Disease Control and I'm concerned about health, I find some interesting stats there and this should tell me something about health. Homosexual/bi-sexual individuals are seven times more likely to contemplate or commit suicide. Oooh, that doesn't sound very healthy. Homosexuals die decades earlier than heterosexuals. That doesn't sound healthy. Nearly one-half of practicing homosexuals admit to five hundred or more sex partners and nearly one-third admit to a thousand or more sex partners in a lifetime. That doesn't sound very healthy. Homosexuals have an HIV prevalence sixty times higher than the general population. Homosexuals have Hepatitis B virus five to six times more often and Hepatitis C virus infections about two times more often than the regular population. Homosexuals are less than three percent of the population but they account for sixty-four percent of the syphilis cases. I mean, you go through all this stuff, sounds to me like that's not very healthy. Why don't we regulate homosexuality?" [Right Wing Watch, [10/5/10](#)]

- **HEADLINE: Right Wing Watch: "David Barton Calls For Government Regulation of Gay Sex."** [Right Wing Watch, [10/5/10](#)]

2012: Barton Suggested AIDS Could Not Be Cured Because It Was God's Consequences For Homosexual Behavior. BARTON: "There's a passage that I love in Romans 1 – I don't love what the topic is – but it talks about homosexuality and it says that they will receive in their bodies the penalties of their behavior. And the Bible again, it's right every time, and studies keep proving that and that's why AIDS has been something they haven't discovered a cure for or a vaccine for, because it's the fastest self-mutating virus known to mankind. Every time they just about get a vaccine discovered for it, it transmutes into something new and they have to start over again.

And that goes to what God says, hey you're going to bear in your body the consequences of this homosexual behavior." [Right Wing Watch, [4/27/12](#)]

2013: Barton Said AIDS Was God's Penalty for Those Who Engage in "Shameful Sexual Acts." BARTON: "I've gone on record before, and I'll say it again: I think Romans 1:27 is one of the reasons that we'll never find a complete cure for AIDS; and if we do there will be another disease pop up like this bacterial meningitis because the Bible says this, Romans 1:27 says 'men committed shameful acts with other men, sexual acts, and received in themselves the due penalty for the error.' There is going to be a consequence for this type of sexual behavior, so even if we find a cure for AIDS, something like bacterial meningitis is going to pop up; if we cure that, something else is going to pop up because God says there is a penalty in your own body when you do this kind of sexual acts – the Bible calls them shameful sexual acts – and so we as Christians have to have that same position, regardless of what the culture says." [Right Wing Watch, [5/20/13](#)]

2014: Barton Disagreed With Young Christians Who Did Not Think Homosexuality And Abortion Were Sins, Saying "There [Was] Nothing In The Bible – Nothing – That Aligns With This." "David Barton doesn't pretend to be just a historian. He also appears to see himself as qualified to judge who is a real Christian and who isn't. See here, for example. Our friends at Right Wing Watch heard him do it again Wednesday on his WallBuilders Live! radio program. Lamenting the fact that polls show many young Christians don't think homosexuality and abortion are sins and that some have had abortions or are LGBT themselves, Barton insisted that they — those young folks — can't really be Christians: 'Whoa. There is nothing in the Bible — nothing — that aligns with this. How can you be a Christian and a follower of Jesus Christ when you don't follow his teachings on these things?'" [Texas Freedom Network, Blog, [8/7/14](#)]

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2017: Barton Compared LGBT Rights Activists To Nazis. "More recently, Barton compared LGBT rights activists to Nazis on his radio show in 2017 after a trip to Poland. 'The evil that's there, it still works in the same deceptive means today, it still has that nice smiling face and, you know, a homosexual lifestyle, it's such a wonderful lifestyle, yeah?' Barton said. 'Why don't you look at the medical stats and see if that's really true? And so it always disguises itself in different ways, it comes through different means. We see it all the time.' He went on: 'So, what I learned is what I already knew, and that is human nature does not change and if you don't have the impact of religion to change a heart you will end up like the Nazis.'" [Kansas City Star, [10/10/18](#)]

- **2018: Josh Hawley Abruptly Canceled A Campaign Event With David Barton.** "Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley's campaign abruptly canceled an event with a preacher who once called for government regulation of homosexuality. Hawley, who is running for U.S. Senate against incumbent Democrat Claire McCaskill, was set to appear with Pastor David Barton in Springfield on Wednesday evening for an event geared toward evangelical voters, according to an Eventbrite page promoting the event. [...] The Star contacted Hawley's campaign Tuesday afternoon to see whether the candidate agreed with Barton's views about the LGBT rights movement, which Barton has compared to Nazism in the past." [Kansas City Star, [10/10/18](#)]

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2009: While Serving As An Appointed Reviewer Of Texas' Social Studies Standards, Barton Recommended Removing César Chávez As An Example Of A Significant Role Model In State Curriculum. "The State Board of Education has appointed six experts to review existing social studies standards. They also will influence the new curriculum. Two of them have recommended that migrant farm labor union leader César Chávez, who died in 1993,

be removed as an example of a significant role model for ‘active participation in the democratic process.’ [...] Another expert reviewer, David Barton, said: ‘César Chávez may be a choice representing diversity, but he certainly lacks the stature, impact and overall contributions of so many others; and his open affiliation with Saul Alinsky's movements certainly makes dubious that he is praiseworthy, to be heralded to students as someone 'who modeled active participation in the democratic process.’” [San Antonio Express-News, 7/12/09]

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Southern Poverty Law Center: Barton Was Best Seen As A “Republican Political Operative” And “Culture Warrior” Deeply Committed To Right-Wing Theology. “Rather than a historian, or even a lawyer, Barton is better seen as a Republican political operative, as researcher Frederick Clarkson has described him, and as a culture warrior, who is deeply committed to right-wing theology, and seems focused not on accurate historical writing but instead on rewriting the norms of government and culture in a decidedly Christian supremacist direction. [...] Barton’s political work, however, continues to be very effective both locally and nationally. He has promoted the idea throughout the religious right world of the separation of church and state being a myth manufactured by the Supreme Court with great effect since the early 1990s, gaining the support of religious right leaders such as Pat Robertson, James Dobson and Jerry Fallwell. He has advised Newt Gingrich, Michele Bachmann, Sam Brownback, and Michael Huckabee. Bachmann has argued Barton should teach constitutional studies to the Congressional caucus.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, Extremist Files, David Barton, accessed [1/29/24](#)]

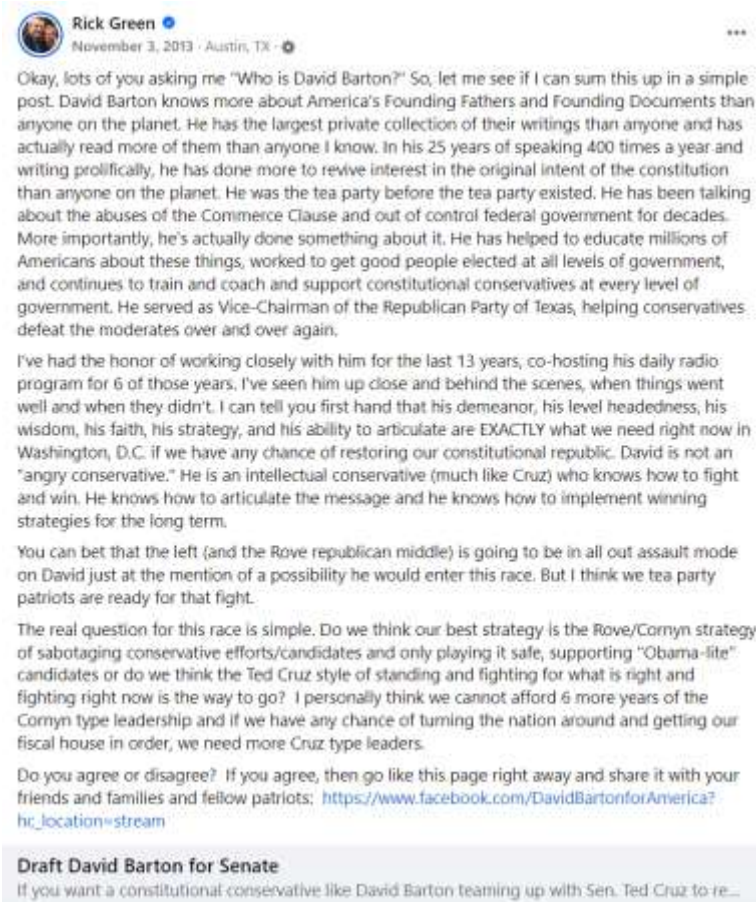
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served as vice chair of the Texas Republican Party from 1997 to 2006 and has advised a variety of prominent conservatives over the years, including Newt Gingrich and Ted Cruz.” [New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]

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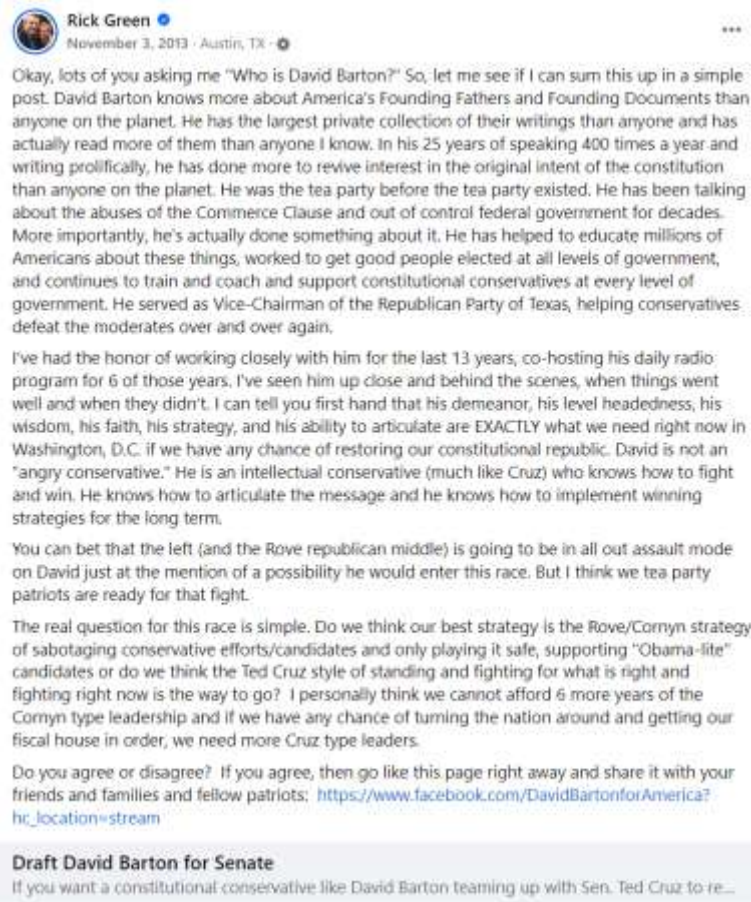
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Barton Had Close Ties To Extreme Right-Wing And Tea Party Figures Like Ted Cruz

Rick Green: Barton “Was The Tea Party Before The Tea Party Existed.” “Okay, lots of you asking me ‘Who is David Barton?’ So, let me see if I can sum this up in a simple post. David Barton knows more about America's Founding Fathers and Founding Documents than anyone on the planet. He has the largest private collection of their writings than anyone and has actually read more of them than anyone I know. In his 25 years of speaking 400 times a year and writing prolifically, he has done more to revive interest in the original intent of the constitution than anyone on the planet. He was the tea party before the tea party existed.” [Rick Green, Facebook, [11/3/13](#)]



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Barton Was Closely Tied To Ted Cruz

2012: Barton Was An Early Endorser Of Cruz's Campaign For U.S. Senate. “Texas tea party activists eager to send another firebrand in the mold of Ted Cruz to the Senate have launched a movement to draft evangelical historian David Barton to run against Sen. John Cornyn. [...] Barton has strong ties to many tea party favorites, including Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota and Rep. Louie Gohmert of Texas. Barton's early endorsement helped propel Cruz to his improbable victory in 2012. He has also campaigned for Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and Texas Gov. Rick Perry.” [Politico, [11/3/13](#)]

2016: Barton Ran Keep The Promise PAC, A SuperPAC Supporting Cruz's Presidential Campaign.

“Moments before Glenn Beck endorsed Ted Cruz for president in Iowa this weekend, he huddled to pray with his longtime friend, David Barton, whose super PAC, Keep the Promise, is supporting Cruz for president and

sponsored the rally where Beck and Cruz would appear together. [...] Barton oversees Keep the Promise PAC, one of several multimillion-dollar super PACs supporting Sen. Ted Cruz's presidential bid, has never run a campaign, never run a super PAC, and never run for office. But the self-taught historian and evangelical Tea Party favorite may be the perfect man in 2016 to court and care for deep-pocketed evangelical GOP donors in a year when Cruz and the super PACs supporting him will rely on evangelicals for every vote—and every dollar—they can get.” [Daily Beast, [1/29/16](#)]

- **Cruz South Carolina Evangelical Chair Mike Gonzalez: “Having David Barton Running The Super PAC Gives It A Lot Of Validity For Evangelicals And Pastors.”** ““Having David Barton running the super PAC gives it a lot of validity for evangelicals and pastors,” said Mike Gonzalez, the South Carolina evangelical chair for the Cruz for President campaign.” [Daily Beast, [1/29/16](#)]

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HEADLINE: “Texas Activist David Barton Wants To End Separation Of Church And State. He Has The Ear Of The New U.S. House Speaker.” [Texas Tribune, [11/3/23](#)]

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2021: Boebert Attended Patriot Academy's Inaugural Fundraiser With Rick Green And David Barton

2021: Green Posted On Facebook That Congresswoman Lauren Boebert And David Barton Attended Patriot Academy's Inaugural Fundraiser. "Beyond Blessed today as we reflect on the weekend. It was absolutely incredible. Lauren Boebert, Beneil Dariush, Timothy Barton, David Barton/WallBuilders, Senator Bob Hall, and so many of YOU! What an amazing weekend! We kicked off our inaugural fundraiser in Ft Worth for the Patriot Academy Campus with 500 people! It was like a big family reunion. So much fun! If you want to be a part of supporting the Patriot Academy Campus, you can sponsor a brick engraved with your name to be installed on the campus grounds. Tune in tonight at 7:30 pm to our Front Porch Live to get a recap of the weekend. A big shout out to our staff who worked tirelessly to help make the weekend a success. We have the hardest working team, but they do it because they believe passionately in the cause we are fighting for! And to the 125 Constitution Coaches who came Saturday for for the training at Mercury One. Just wow, wow, wow!" [Rick Green, Facebook, [9/19/21](#)]

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Beyond Blessed today as we reflect on the weekend. It was absolutely incredible. [Lauren Boebert](#), [Israel Dantash](#), [Timothy Barton](#), [David Barton/Wallbuilders](#), [Senator Bob Hall](#), and so many of YOU! What an amazing weekend! We kicked off our inaugural fundraiser in Ft Worth for the Patriot Academy Campus with 500 people! It was like a big family reunion. So much fun! If you want to be a part of supporting the Patriot Academy Campus, you can sponsor a brick engraved with your name to be installed on the campus grounds. www.PatriotAcademy.com/Campus

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Independent: Congresswoman Boebert “Rose To Notoriety Despite Dragging A History Of Criminal Troubles, Financial Malfeasance, And Association With Militias And Conspiracy Theories.” “When Representative Lauren Bobert attended a remote Congressional committee meeting with a pile of guns stacked up behind her, the image was less than shocking. Most Americans' first exposure to Ms Boebert occurred on 6 January,

when she joined Senate Republicans to challenge the results of the 2020 election, stating that she had ‘constituents outside the building’ as Trump supporters were battling Capitol police officers on the building’s steps. But that is hardly where Ms Boebert’s troubled history with law enforcement and extreme right-wing politics began. The Congresswoman rose to notoriety despite dragging a history of criminal troubles, financial malfeasance, and association with militias and conspiracy theories.” [Independent, [3/5/21](#)]

HEADLINE: “Republican And QAnon Supporter Lauren Boebert Wins House Race In Colorado.” [Axios, [11/4/20](#)]

- **Boebert: “I Hope That This [QAnon Theory] Is Real...It Could Be Really Great For Our County”**
“Appearing on a radio program last month, she said of QAnon: ‘I hope that this is real because it only means America is getting stronger and better, and people are returning to conservative values, and that’s what I am for.’ ‘If this is real,’ she added, ‘then it could be really great for our country.’” [New York Times, [7/1/20](#)]
- **Boebert Appeared On The Show “Steel Truth,” Which Was Hosted By A QAnon Supporter.** “Lauren Boebert is a Republican candidate running in Colorado’s 3rd Congressional District. She won the Republican primary on June 30 and thus will be on the ballot in November’s general election. She appeared on the online show Steel Truth, hosted by QAnon supporter Ann Vandersteel, during which Vandersteel asked her if she knew about ‘the Q movement.’” [Media Matters, [7/1/20](#)]

Boebert Implied Fellow Congresswoman Rep. Ilhan Omar Was Mistaken For A Terrorist

2021: Boebert Called Fellow Congresswoman Rep. Ilhan Omar A Member Of The “Jihad Squad” And Implied Omar Was Mistaken For A Terrorist In An Elevator On Capitol Hill. “In the video, posted last Saturday on Facebook from an event that day, Boebert implied Omar had been mistaken for a terrorist in an elevator on Capitol Hill. ‘So the other night on the House floor was not my first jihad squad moment,’ Boebert told a crowd. ‘I was getting into an elevator with one of my staffers and he and I were leaving the Capitol, we’re going back to my office and we get in the elevator and I see a Capitol Police officer running hurriedly to the elevator. I see fret all over his face. And he’s reaching. The door is shutting. I can’t open it.’ ‘What’s happening? I look to my left and there she is, Ilhan Omar, and I said, ‘Well she doesn’t have a backpack, we should be fine,’” Boebert continued. ‘So we only had one floor to go and I say, do I say it or do I not? And I look over and I say, ‘Look, the jihad squad decided to show up for work today.’ Don’t worry, it’s just her staffers on Twitter that talk for her. She’s not tough in person.’” [CNN, [11/27/21](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “Rep. Lauren Boebert Suggested Rep. Ilhan Omar Was Terrorist In Anti-Muslim Remarks At Event.”** [CNN, [11/27/21](#)]

Arizona State Legislator Mark Finchem – An Oathkeeper, Election Denier, And Member Of The State’s Right-Wing Fringe – Attended Patriot Academy Events With Ciscomani

2016: Mark Finchem Attended Southwest Patriot Academy Events, Including Participating In A Q&A Panel With Juan And Laura Ciscomani

Ciscomani Tweeted A Photo Of Southwest Patriot Academy Students With Governor Doug Ducey And Tagged Rick Green And Mark Finchem. “@PatriotAcademy SW reg '16 w/gov @dougducey @LauraCiscomani1 @RickGreenTX @beckyyfreeman @MarkFinchem @antoniojanss” [Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [6/9/16](#)]

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[Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [6/9/16](#)]

Juan And Laura Ciscomani Appeared On A Patriot Academy Q&A Panel With Rick Green And Mark Finchem. “[@PatriotAcademy](#) rocks!” [Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [6/11/16](#)]

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 **Becky Freeman** @BeckyFreemanAZ · Jun 11, 2016
Saturday morning Q&A at [@PatriotAcademy](#) w/ [@MarkFinchem](#)
[@RickGreenTX](#) [@JuanCiscomani](#) [@LauraCiscomani1](#) and Paul Parisi



[Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [6/11/16](#)]

Mark Finchem Was An Arizona State Lawmaker Who “Frequently Traffic[ed] In Ideas On The Far-Right Political Fringe”

Mark Finchem Was An Arizona State Lawmaker And Longtime Leader Of The Legislature’s Far-Right “Liberty Caucus.” “When Arizona state lawmaker Mark Finchem, a 2020 election denier who deals in fringe legal theories, won the Republican nomination for secretary of state earlier this month, many of his GOP colleagues in the state Legislature couldn’t believe it. [...] In many ways, Finchem is a man made for the times. He’s a longtime leader of the legislature’s far-right ‘Liberty Caucus,’ and is revered in conservative grassroots circles as one of the few ‘good lawmakers.’” [Politico, [8/18/22](#)]

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

Arizona GOP State Legislator Paul Boyer: Finchem Was “Known As The Guy [That Was] Probably The Dumbest — Well, [There Was] A Long List, But One Of The Dumbest — Legislators In The State House.” “When Arizona state lawmaker Mark Finchem, a 2020 election denier who deals in fringe legal theories, won the Republican nomination for secretary of state earlier this month, many of his GOP colleagues in the state Legislature couldn’t believe it. [...] ‘Never in a million years’ would Paul Boyer, a fellow GOP state legislator, have imagined that Finchem would crush a field of qualified candidates and win a nomination to statewide office. ‘Mark is known as the guy that’s probably the dumbest — well, there’s a long list, but one of the dumbest — legislators in the state House,’ he says. (Finchem’s retort: Boyer is an ‘utter disgrace.’)” [Politico, [8/18/22](#)]

Finchem Was A Member Of The Far Right Militia Group Oath Keepers

2014: Finchem Described Himself As An Oath Keeper, Saying He Was “Committed To The Exercise Of Limited, Constitutional Governance.” Q: “What differentiates you from your opponents?” FINCHEM: “I am not backed by big-money special interests but by voters who have had enough of the undue and unacceptable influence has over government. I’m an Oath Keeper committed to the exercise of limited, constitutional governance. I stand against policies that expand the role of government in our lives which include Common Core, Medicaid expansion, extinguishment of long-standing water and land-use rights.” [InMaricopa.com, [7/30/14](#)]

- **The Oath Keepers Was An Anti-Government, Far-Right Militia Composed Of Former And Active Military And Law Enforcement.** “The Oath Keepers, of which Finchem self-identified as a member since 2014, is an anti-government, far-right militia composed of former and active military and law enforcement that purports to defend the US Constitution. The group is perhaps best known for providing security for the January 6, 2021, ‘Stop the Steal’ rally preceding the Capitol riot. Eleven members, including its leader, were charged by the Justice Department with ‘seditious conspiracy’ related to the Capitol attack.” [CNN, [8/16/22](#)]

2020: Finchem Was A Leader In The Movement To Decertify Arizona’s 2020 Election Results And Was Present At The Capitol During The January 6th Insurrection

2020: Finchem Held A Meeting With Rudy Giuliani And Dozens Of Trump Allies To Consider Methods To Reverse Trump’s Loss In Arizona After The State House Speaker Refused His Repeated Requests To Convene A Special Session. “A state lawmaker from southern Arizona, Finchem took extraordinary steps to try to overturn Trump’s narrow loss in 2020. After House Speaker Rusty Bowers (R-Mesa) refused his repeated requests to convene a special session of the state legislature to consider reversing Trump’s loss, Finchem held his own meeting in downtown Phoenix with Trump’s attorney, Rudy Giuliani, and dozens of Trump allies. Shortly before Congress was due to certify the electoral college votes on Jan. 6, 2021, Finchem asked Republican leaders of the

state legislature to join him in submitting a formal complaint about voting machines to Trump, according to emails obtained through the state's open records law. Finchem urged then-state Sen. Eddie Farnsworth (R-Mesa) and Senate President Karen Fann (R-Prescott) to sign a draft letter, which has not been previously reported, asking Trump to 'immediately send an outside team of cyber experts to investigate potential hacking and other irregularities.'" [Washington Post, [10/31/22](#)]

The Lead Organizer Of The January 6th Rally In D.C. Said That Arizona's "#StopTheSteal" Movement Started With Mark Finchem. "The lead organizer of the Jan. 6 rally in Washington, D.C., that turned into a deadly coup attempt based on the false idea that Donald Trump failed to win a second term as president because of massive voter fraud said Arizona's #StopTheSteal movement started with one man: Mark Finchem. 'Arizona started with one man, State Representative Mark Finchem,' Alexander said to an interviewer posted by Church Militant on Jan. 10. 'I'm very confident that the Stop The Steal movement has taken over Arizona.'" [AZ Mirror, [2/10/21](#)]

Politico: "Finchem Became The Thought Leader Of The Movement To Decertify The 2020 Election In Arizona." "Finchem was an early adopter of fringe politics in Arizona. He was touting state sovereignty issues long before phrases like 'plenary powers' and the 'independent state legislature doctrine' entered the mainstream political lexicon. Armed not with a law degree, but a masters in legal studies from the University of Arizona's 'freedom school,' Finchem became the thought leader of the movement to decertify the 2020 election in Arizona." [Politico, [8/18/22](#)]

2021: Video Showed Finchem In Front Of The Capitol In D.C. During The January 6th Insurrection After Rioters Had Already Broken Into The Building. "Newly discovered footage taken during the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riot shows Arizona GOP legislator Mark Finchem was much closer to the day's violence than he has previously claimed. Finchem has insisted that he never got within 500 yards of the Capitol building, but Getty footage of the failed attempt to stop Congress from certifying Joe Biden's election that was recently discovered by activists on Twitter shows Finchem walking directly in front of the east steps at the Capitol after pro-Trump rioters had already broken through a series of barricades and police lines, and then smashed their way into the Capitol building." [AZ Mirror, [6/2/21](#)]

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July 22, 2020

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Our Virtual Patriot Academy will still feature the best of what our in-person academy offers, such as Committee Meetings and Floor Sessions with debate, along with a huge dose of the founding principles and intellectual ammunition needed to restore our nation to greatness! You do NOT have to be an alumni... we welcome first time students to this Virtual Patriot Academy. Use this link to register: <https://www.patriotacademy.com/academy-dates/alumni-academy>

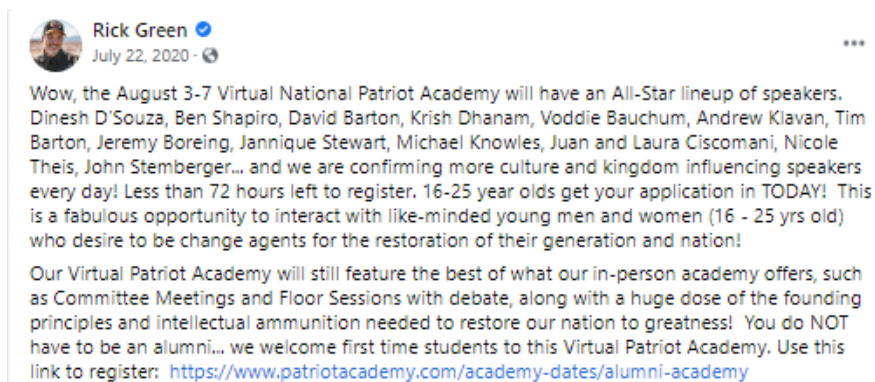
[Rick Green, Facebook, [7/22/20](#)]

2010: Shapiro Supported Classifying LGBTQ People As Mentally Ill. “Back in 1974, for example, the DSM removed ‘homosexuality’ from its list of mental illnesses. There was no actual scientific reason to do so – homosexual men still have higher rates of suicide and depression than heterosexuals, homosexual women still have higher rates of substance abuse, homosexuals are statistically deviant (a crucial issue when discussing normality in any statistical sense), and homosexuals are definitionally incapable of natural reproduction. But due to pressure group influence, homosexuality was out.” [Patriot Post, Ben Shapiro Editorial, [2/17/10](#)]

2014: Shapiro Claimed That “More Than Half The Muslims On Earth” Were “Radicalized” And Asked His Audience If They Were “Scared Yet?” “In a video, Shapiro blended survey data and population statistics for 15 countries. A good example of his thesis about Islam is in the way he talked about Indonesia, the world’s most populous Muslim nation. ‘It’s got almost 205 million Muslims,’ Shapiro said. ‘According to one 2009 poll, it showed almost 50 percent of Indonesians support strict Sharia law, not just in Indonesia but in a lot of countries. And 70 percent blame the United States, Israel or somebody else for 9/11. You make that calculation, it’s about 143 million people who are radicalized. You scared yet? We’re just getting started.’ [...] ‘We’re above 800 million Muslims radicalized, more than half the Muslims on Earth,’ Shapiro said. ‘That’s not a minority. That’s now a majority.’” [PolitiFact, [11/5/14](#)]

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2014: D’Souza Pled Guilty To Using Straw Donors To Contribute To A Senate Campaign And Was Sentenced To A \$30,000 Fine And Five Years Of Probation. “In 2014, Mr. D’Souza was accused of using straw donors to donate \$20,000 to a Republican Senate candidate in New York, exceeding the personal limit of \$5,000. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a \$30,000 fine and five years of probation, including eight months living under supervision in a ‘community confinement center’ in San Diego. Prosecutors said he enlisted two people to donate \$10,000 apiece on behalf of themselves and their spouses to Wendy E. Long, a friend from Dartmouth who lost in a landslide to Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand, a Democrat. He then reimbursed the donors in cash.” [New York Times, [5/31/18](#)]

New York Times: D’Souza Was “Criticized For Making Incendiary Or Conspiracy-Promoting Remarks,” Including That The Charlottesville Rally Was Staged And Joking About The Holocaust. “Mr. D’Souza has frequently been criticized for making incendiary or conspiracy-promoting remarks, including his suggestion in August that a violent white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Va., had been staged, and his incorrect claim in

October that Hitler was not anti-gay. The commentator's appearances at colleges have also stoked controversy. Speaking at Stony Brook University in April, he joked about the Holocaust. 'When I turn on the TV and I see Charlottesville, I literally see this scene: There's one white supremacist and the guy himself doesn't even look like he knows where he is,' he said, according to The Statesman, a campus newspaper. 'He's a virtual imbecile, he may call himself a neo-Nazi, but the truth is Himmler would've sent him straight to the gas chambers.'" [New York Times, [5/31/18](#)]