

### Joe Kent (WA-03) Preliminary Research Report

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Washington's 3rd Congressional District

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## Kent Was An Extremist Who Was Out Of Touch With Washington's 3<sup>rd</sup> District

### Significant Findings

#### **Kent Was An Extremist On Abortion Who Wanted To Ban Abortion Nationally**

- ✓ Kent had repeatedly supported a national abortion ban and he did not support exceptions for rape or incest.
- ✓ Kent said, “I would move to have a national ban on abortions” after Roe v. Wade was overturned.
- ✓ 2022: Kent supported parts of Senator Graham’s Protecting Pain Capable Unborn Children from Late Term Abortions Act, and if put on the record to vote on the bill he said, “I am always gonna vote for life.”
- ✓ Sept. 13, 2022: Senator Lindsay Graham introduced the Protecting Pain Capable Unborn Children from Late Term Abortions Act to ban abortion after 15 weeks.
- ✓ Sen. Graham’s 15-week abortion ban included narrow exceptions for rape, incest, and life of the woman.
- ✓ Sen. Graham’s 15-week abortion ban could get health care professionals arrested if they did not comply and opened victims up to life threatening medical complications.
- ✓ Center for American Progress: the bill had no exceptions for pregnancies that would not result in a live birth or if the baby would die soon after birth
- ✓ When asked ““under what circumstances should abortion be allowed?” Kent answered, “None, no crime justifies killing an innocent unborn child.”
- ✓ When asked if he believed a woman's right to choose, Kent said “so, no, I don’t think you should be able to get an abortion.
- ✓ In October of 2022, Kent said that he believed “that when a mother’s life is at risk, doctors should be allowed to triage the patients to save her,” but made no mentions of rape or incest.
- ✓ Kent supported giving people who became pregnant from rape or incest resources to see their pregnancy through instead of getting an abortion.
- ✓ Kent wanted Washington laws that protect abortion to be overturned, saying, “I think that the federal government should outlaw it in all the states, I don’t think states should be able to sanction killing the unborn.”
- ✓ Kent said the government needed to protect the unborn and said abortion was not the women’s decisions “until we come up with the technology to poll the unborn.”
- ✓ Kent said he would support and cosponsor a Life at Conception Act, which would ban abortion with no exceptions, put IVF at risk, and put birth control at risk.

- ✓ October 26, 2021: Kent signed and answered “yes” to every question on the National Pro-Life Alliance Pledge that was also a National Pro-Life Alliance 2022 Candidate Survey.
- ✓ On a questionnaire when asked, “Would you support and cosponsor a Life at Conception Act defining that life begins at the moment of conception thereby resolving for all time, as stated by the Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade, ‘the difficult question of when life begins?’” Kent marked “yes.”
- ✓ The Life at Conception Act would ban abortions with no exceptions.
  - ✓ Personhood bills like the Life at Conception Act would severely impact, and potentially eliminate, in vitro fertilization.
  - ✓ The House version of the Life at Conception Act included no exceptions for IVF.
  - ✓ An Alabama ruling that restricted access to IVF was made based on the idea that life starts “at conception.”
  - ✓ The Life at Conception Act could ban birth control pills, IUDs, emergency contraception, IVF, and some cancer treatments.
- ✓ Kent said he would bar the distribution of mifepristone, a safe and popular abortion drug.
  - ✓ October 26, 2021: Kent signed and answered “yes” to every question on the National Pro-Life Alliance Pledge that was also a National Pro-Life Alliance 2022 Candidate Survey.
  - ✓ On a questionnaire when asked “will you vote to bar webcam or ‘telemed’ abortions as well as the distribution of any drugs like RU-486 that are prescribed to cause abortion?” Kent marked “yes.”
  - ✓ Mifepristone was also known as RU-486 and was a safe and effective way to end a pregnancy and used for more than half of abortions in the U.S.
- ✓ Kent supported adding an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to ban abortion except if the woman’s life is in danger.
  - ✓ October 26, 2021: Kent signed and answered “yes” to every question on the National Pro-Life Alliance Pledge that was also a National Pro-Life Alliance 2022 Candidate Survey.
  - ✓ On a questionnaire when asked, “Will you support and amendment to the U.S. Constitution banning abortion except to save the life of the mother?” Kent marked “yes.”
- ✓ Kent repeatedly advocated for repealing Roe v. Wade and was “ecstatic” at its eventual reversal.
  - ✓ Kent called for the Supreme Court to end abortion and celebrated Roe being overturned.
  - ✓ Kent was “ecstatic” that Roe v. Wade was overturned.
- ✓ Kent compared abortion to slavery and segregation multiple times during his 2022 congressional campaign.
- ✓ Kent supported Texas Senate Bill 8, which placed bounties on any individual who aids an abortion.
  - ✓ Kent called abortion “an evil stain on our humanity” in response to Texas SB8 passing and called for Roe v. Wade to be repealed.

- ✓ Kent changed his extreme rhetoric on abortion after losing the 2022 election, stating that a federal level abortion ban would be a mistake and that they have no business touching abortion.
  - ✓ 2024: Kent said on abortion “from a federal perspective, we’ve got no business touching abortion.”
  - ✓ 2024: Kent said he was pro-life and supported the SCOTUS decision to return abortion to states.
  - ✓ 2023: Kent believed a federal level abortion ban would be a mistake and they needed to do more work on the state level.
- ✓ Kent wanted to defund Planned Parenthood and any other place that provided abortion, going so far as to say he would shut down the government over it...
  - ✓ Kent would shut down the government if any legislation appropriates funds to abortion providers.
  - ✓ Kent said Planned Parenthood promoted child grooming and was the “#1 killer of the unborn” and said he would work to cut funding for abortion providers such as planned parenthood.
  - ✓ Kent: “I will vote to defund abortion & protect our kids.”
- ✓ ... but Kent supported and wanted federal funding for crisis pregnancy centers.
  - ✓ Kent wanted federal and state assistance for crisis pregnancy centers, centers that lie, shame, and scare people out of getting an abortion and don’t actually offer health care services.
  - ✓ Kent has supported crisis pregnancy centers who were “working tirelessly to support life.”
    - ✓ Kent joined a crisis pregnancy center’s run for life, who were “working tirelessly to support life.”
    - ✓ On June 24, 2022, the day Roe v. Wade was overturned, Kent held a rally for life outside of a crisis pregnancy center called Options 360 Women’s Clinic that was closed for the rally.
- ✓ Kent supported Republican efforts to restrict abortion in the NDAA and the VA bills despite having said that they shouldn’t touch abortion at the federal level.
  - ✓ Kent did not approve of the FY24 NDAA due to the NDAA allowing the DoD to pay for abortions and said he hoped House Republicans “hold the line” and take abortion out of the NDAA.
  - ✓ Kent criticized Democrats for voting against VA funding because abortion services were removed from VA funding.
    - ✓ 2024: Kent said on abortion “from a federal perspective, we’ve got no business touching abortion”
- ✓ Kent has used extreme and false rhetoric on abortion
  - ✓ Kent said that Democrats use abortion to “try and just trigger the suburban white women” and called an abortion in the case of the life of the woman a “triage.”
  - ✓ Kent compared Democrat’s stance on abortion to China and North Korea and that Democrats use abortion to “try and just trigger the suburban white women.”
  - ✓ Kent said the left was trying to redefine what a man and woman were to destroy the family unit and called abortion “population control.”

- ✓ Kent said the left was trying to redefine men by taking away “what it is to be a defender, to be a protector, to appropriately use aggression,” and if that happens, “you take away people in society, who can go and fight.”
- ✓ Kent said that the left was convincing “young women who are still developing, that they can just get an abortion for birth control.”
- ✓ Kent called abortion “population control.”
- ✓ Kent has said they need to “protect the unborn” and called abortion a “stain on our humanity” and “murder & eugenics.”
- ✓ Kent compared abortion to child sacrifices to a biblical god.
- ✓ Kent retweeted Vice President Harris while she was discussing Roe v. Wade and tweeted “and then we told the female laborers to kill their babies so they can hurry up & get back to work!” Above a picture of lizard people.
- ✓ Kent liked a comment on his post that called abortion “a genocide in the womb.”

#### **Kent Wanted To Raise The Social Security Retirement Age And Privatize Social Security**

- ✓ Kent wanted to privatize Social Security and advocated for individual retirement accounts that incentivize younger workers.
- ✓ Kent wanted to “dramatically change entitlement spending by raising the age at which citizens receive Social Security.”
- ✓ Kent amended the language on his campaign website to no longer include wanting to raise the Social Security retirement age.
  - ✓ On June 12, 2021, Kent’s campaign website stated he wanted to “dramatically change entitlement spending by raising the age at which citizens receive Social Security.”
  - ✓ July 26, 2022, Kent’s campaign website had changed the writing to no longer include raising the age for Social Security and instead said he wanted to “dramatically change entitlement spending by expanding options for younger workers.”
  - ✓ 2024: Kent did not have an issues section on his campaign website and had no area on his website where he explained his views on issues.

#### **Kent Wanted To Defund Federal Law Enforcement Agencies And Deny The Police In Washington State Federal Funding And Instead Give The Federal Funding To Constitutional Sheriffs**

- ✓ Kent supported defunding the FBI by using the appropriations process to defund the FBI and defended a man who he claimed was killed by the FBI for Facebook posts, but who actually raised a gun to federal agents.
  - ✓ Kent repeatedly called to defund the FBI.
  - ✓ Kent wanted to use the “the appropriations process” to defund the FBI and make the agency a purely investigative body.

- ✓ Kent threatened to defund the FBI because of money for Jan. 6-related prosecutions and he was unsure if the FBI could be saved after the FBI killed a man for what Kent claimed were Facebook post but was actually because he raised a gun towards federal agents.
    - ✓ Kent downplayed the actions of a man who threatened to kill the president, federal law enforcement, and local police.
    - ✓ Kent claimed that a man killed by the FBI in Provo, Utah, was shot and killed for Facebook post.
      - ✓ Robertson Facebook post: “hey FBI, you still monitoring my social media? Checking so I can have a loaded gun handy in case you drop by again.”
      - ✓ Robertson Facebook post: “to my friends in the federal bureau of idiots: I know you’re reading this and you have no idea how close your agents came to ‘violent eradication.’”
    - ✓ Kent was referring to a man killed by the FBI in Provo, Utah, in August 2023 when agents served a warrant on his home.
    - ✓ Craig Deleeuw Robertson, the man killed in the Provo raid, made threats against President Biden, law enforcement officials investigating Trump, and FBI agents investigating his threats.
    - ✓ The FBI killed Craig Deleeuw Robertson after he raised a gun at federal agents; he was charged with three felony counts.
  - ✓ Kent wanted to defund and abolish the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.
  - ✓ The ATF and FBI had more than 16,000 federal law enforcement officers.
  - ✓ Kent wanted to defund the Department of Justice until they released January 6 prisoners, and he wanted to defund the Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Homeland Security, and other intelligence agencies.
  - ✓ Kent wanted to use the “appropriations process” to change the DoJ, FBI, CIA, DHS, and other intelligence agencies.
  - ✓ Kent wanted to withhold federal dollars from the police in Washington and instead give the money to constitutional sheriffs.
    - ✓ Kent wanted to fund constitutional sheriffs, who picked and chose which laws to enforce.
      - ✓ The constitutional sheriff movement was inspired by a “far-right, anti-semitic posse comitatus movement of the 1970s and 80s,” where they believed that “sheriffs were responsible for the armed defense of citizens and higher law.”
    - ✓ Kent said he would not allow federal dollars to go to the police and would instead only give the money to sheriffs.
- Kent Wanted To Repeal The Affordable Care Act And Did Not Support A Federal Government Version Of Health Care, Despite The Fact He Himself Was On Government-Funded Health Care**
- ✓ Kent wanted to repeal Obamacare, saying it was “essential” to repeal it.



- ✓ Kent wanted individual private insurance companies and health care companies to compete on the market and did not support a single payer option or a government version of health care, despite the fact he himself is on government-funded health care.
- ✓ When reminded that he himself was on government funded health care, Kent did say he would support programs like Medicaid, Medicare, and VA care, but said it should be private companies competing for people on VA, Medicare, and Medicaid, instead of the government.

**Kent Had Extreme Views On American Defense, Saying He Wanted To Make “Massive Defense Cuts” To The Department Of Defense, Claiming Voting Against The FY22 NDAA Was The Right Thing To Do, And Withdraw All Financial Support Away From The UN**

- ✓ Kent wanted to make “massive defense cuts.”
- ✓ Kent said voting against the FY22 NDAA “was the right thing to do.”
- ✓ Kent wanted to stop sending funds to the UN.

**Kent Derided Bipartisanship And Was More Interested In Revenge Than Getting Things Done And Working Across The Aisle**

- ✓ Kent said he would shut down the government to achieve his policy objectives and block Democratic policies.
- ✓ Kent stated his day one priorities would be to “impeach Joe Biden. Impeach Kamala Harris. Maybe install Donald Trump - or one of his children - as Speaker of the House.”
- ✓ Kent acknowledged these priorities had a slim chance of succeeding, but all he wanted was revenge and to prevent anything from getting done.
- ✓ Kent derided bipartisanship, saying he’d prioritize impeaching Biden over working across the aisle and passing legislation.

**Kent Said He Wanted To Get Rid Of Vote-By-Mail, A Secure System Of Voting That Washington State Had Used Since 2011**

- ✓ Kent said he wanted to get rid of vote-by-mail and said people should vote in person on paper ballots.
  - ✓ Kent said he wanted to get rid of vote-by-mail and make Election Day a federal holiday so that people could vote in person.
  - ✓ Kent said, “People should vote in person on paper ballots that are hand counted under the observation of all parties involved.”
- ✓ Washington had used mail-in voting since 1983 and has used it universally since 2011, with 71% of Washington voters trusting vote-by-mail.

**Kent Was Against The Light Rail Going Across The I-5 Bridge In The 3rd District, And He Was Against Replacing The I-5 Bridge**

- ✓ Kent was against the light rail, claimed that the high-speed rail would “allow you to be assaulted and robbed by drug addicted criminals,” and called the light rail “an antifa superhighway.”

- ✓ Kent did not want to replace the I-5 bridge and instead gave differing answers on how he wanted to fix the bridge.
  - ✓ 2022: Kent did not want to replace the I-5 bridge and instead retrofit the I-5 bridge, add a third bridge, and add ring road.
  - ✓ 2023: Kent wanted to increase the number of lanes and raise the I-5 bridge.
- ✓ Kent called the infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act a disgrace and a catastrophe, but the act allocated a \$600 million grant to replace the I-5 bridge in Washington's 3rd District.
  - ✓ Kent called the Infrastructure Investments & Job Act a "catastrophe" and "a disgrace."
  - ✓ One of the projects that had benefitted from the Infrastructure, Investments & Jobs Act was the I-5 bridge which had received a MEGA grant of \$600 million which was created due to the Infrastructure, Investments & Jobs Act.
- ✓ Kent wanted to pass an infrastructure bill despite the fact that Congress had already passed a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill in 2021.

## **Kent Was An Extremist On Abortion Who Did Not Support Exceptions**

### **Kent Had Repeatedly Supported A National Abortion Ban And He Did Not Support Exceptions For Rape, Or Incest**

#### **2022: Kent Said, "I Would Move To Have A National Ban On Abortions" After Roe V. Wade Was Overturned**

**2022: Kent: "I Would Move To Have A National Ban On Abortions."** HOST: "Do you support the decision that overturned Roe v. Wade, a woman's right to have an abortion?" KENT: "Yes I 100% support Roe v. Wade being overturned. I would move to have a national ban on abortions. I believe that life begins at conception. I think we have to have a pro-life culture in our country that takes care of women who are pregnant who might not necessarily want the baby, that takes care of the woman throughout the pregnancy and then takes care of the child. Revamping how adoptions are handled. I think that we have a great opportunity right now to really lead the way globally and become a truly pro-life country that takes care of life from conception, y'know, until a child becomes a young adult." [Straight Talk, Joe Kent Interview, 15:37, [7/28/22](#)] (VIDEO)

#### **2022: Kent Supported Parts Of Senator Graham's Protecting Pain Capable Unborn Children From Late Term Abortions Act, And If Put On The Record To Vote On The Bill He Said, "I Am Always Gonna Vote For Life"**

**2022: Kent Supported Parts Of Senator Graham's Proposed Federal Abortion Ban.** "Like Perez alluded to in her video, Kent has anti-abortion beliefs. He previously told The Columbian he was ecstatic that Roe v. Wade was handed back to the states and supported components in Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham's proposed federal abortion ban bill. That legislation would prohibit abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy with rare exceptions for rape, incest and the health of the mother. Kent said if a person becomes pregnant because of rape or incest, they should be given resources to see their pregnancy through and make adoption easier if that is their preferred path. If a mother's health is at risk and an abortion is needed to save her life, it is permissible in Kent's eyes - but he doesn't view it as an abortion, rather a 'triage.' [...] Although Kent agreed with points outlined in Graham's bill, he has joined fellow Republicans who criticized the bill's timing, saying it distracts from inflation and other economic issues that GOP lawmakers are tapping on in their campaigns. Moving forward, Republicans need to reposition

their messaging for them to ‘walk the walk’ in upholding abortion bans, Kent said. He suggested that Republicans should focus on providing federal and state assistance to crisis pregnancy centers for people to seek care. ‘For far too long, I think Republicans never really had to step up to the plate of the abortion issue. They could just say ‘Yeah I’m pro-life,’ or they knew that it was a good bumper sticker for a fundraiser,’ he said. ‘I think that’s incumbent upon our messaging. Not just saying, ‘You can’t kill babies anymore.’ That doesn’t work.’” [The Columbian, [10/7/22](#)]

**2022: Kent Said If Senator Graham’s Bill Made It To The Floor “Now, If I’m Put On The Record And That Bill Makes It To The Floor, I Am Always Gonna Vote For Life. I Am Pro-Life, 100 Percent, Like That’s It.”**

HOST: “Last month, Lindsey Graham introduced a bill that would ban abortion at 15 weeks. That was in the Senate. Would you vote for that ban if it were in the house?” KENT: “I think it’s a waste of time because the Supreme Court is just going to rebuke us. Now, if I’m put on the record and that bill makes it to the floor, I am always gonna vote for life. I am pro-life, 100 percent, like that’s it. But, at the end of the day, it would mostly be performative. That’s what I feel like this is right now because the Supreme Court is just gonna come and say, ‘Hey, what did we just say?’ We just said it’s with the court. Because right now the only thing they want to talk about is abortion even though it’s not, it’s not even an issue at the federal level right now. It’s a state issue. And, until we flip the house in Olympia, and we get rid of Jay Inslee, it’s not an issue in Washington state.” [OPB, [10/28/22](#)]

***Sept. 13, 2022: Senator Lindsay Graham Introduced The Protecting Pain Capable Unborn Children From Late Term Abortions Act To Ban Abortion After 15 Weeks***

**Sept. 13, 2022: Senator Lindsay Graham Introduced The Protecting Pain Capable Unborn Children From Late Term Abortions Act To Ban Abortion After 15 Weeks.** “U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina) today introduced the Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act in the United States Senate. The legislation would set a federal minimum protection for unborn children that is in line with European limits and ban abortion after 15 weeks gestation when unborn children can feel pain. [...] The Graham legislation: • Prohibits doctors from performing abortions after 15 weeks gestation – when an unborn child can feel pain – except in situations involving rape, incest, or risks to the life and physical health of the mother. • Leaves in place state laws that are more protective of unborn life. • Puts the United States in line with other modern societies – 47 out of 50 European nations limit elective abortion prior to 15 weeks gestation.” [L Graham.Senate.gov, Press Release, [9/13/22](#)]

***Sen. Graham’s 15-Week Abortion Ban Included Narrow Exceptions For Rape, Incest, And Life Of The Woman.***

**Sen. Graham’s 15-Week Abortion Ban Included Narrow Exceptions For Rape, Incest, And Life Of The Woman.** “Graham’s proposed national ban would prohibit abortion after 15 weeks nationwide, with only very narrow exceptions—while still allowing states to ban abortion even more strictly. [...] Furthermore, in regard to the health of a patient, the ban only contains an exception when ‘necessary to save the life of a pregnant woman’ or ‘substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function.’ This type of vague wording, which appears in many state bans, has led to massive confusion on the ground, and reports quickly began circulating of medical providers delaying care to women experiencing miscarriages or ectopic pregnancies. A person experiencing even the most severe mental health crisis would not qualify for an exception; any threat must be physical. In addition, the ban’s exceptions for rape and incest risk retraumatizing individuals seeking care. Adult rape survivors, for example, are forced to prove that they should qualify for an exception to the ban by either obtaining counseling or receiving ‘medical treatment for the rape or injury related to the rape.’ The survivor could also qualify by reporting the rape to law enforcement or Department of Defense victim assistance personnel. Documentation proving one of these conditions have been met must be included in the survivor’s medical file. Any such requirements indicate mistrust of women and significantly burden a person’s ability to access care.” [Center for American Progress, [9/20/22](#)]

**The Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children From Late-Term Abortions Act Included An Exception For Rape Against Adult Women If They Received Counseling And Related Medical Treatment For The Rape.**

“(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Subparagraph (A) does not apply if [...] (ii) the pregnancy is the result of rape against an

adult woman, and at least 48 hours prior to the abortion— ‘(I) she has obtained counseling for the rape; or ‘(II) she has obtained medical treatment for the rape or an injury related to the rape; or (iii) the pregnancy is a result of rape against a minor or incest against a minor, and the rape or incest has been reported at any time prior to the abortion to either— ‘(I) a government agency legally authorized to act on reports of child abuse; or ‘(II) a law enforcement agency.” [S. 4840, Text, Introduced [9/13/22](#)]

- **The Required Counseling Could Not Be Provided By A Facility That Also Performed Abortions, Unless It Was A Hospital.** “(I) ADDITIONAL EXCEPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS [...] (ii) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES.—Notwithstanding the definitions of the terms ‘medical treatment’ and ‘counseling’ in subsection (g), the counseling or medical treatment described in subparagraph (B)(ii) may not be provided by a facility that performs abortions (unless that facility is a hospital).” [S. 4840, Text, Introduced [9/13/22](#)]
- **Adult Rape Exemption Requirements Did Not Apply If Reported To Police Or Department Of Defense Victim Assistance Personnel.** “(I) ADDITIONAL EXCEPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS [...] (iii) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION IN CASES OF REPORTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.—The requirements of subparagraph (B)(ii) do not apply if the rape has been reported at any time prior to the abortion to a law enforcement agency or Department of Defense victim assistance personnel.” [S. 4840, Text, Introduced [9/13/22](#)]

**The Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children From Late-Term Abortions Act Included An Exception For Rape Against Minors If It Was Reported To A Government Agency Or A Law Enforcement Agency.** “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Subparagraph (A) does not apply if [...] (ii) the pregnancy is the result of rape against an adult woman, and at least 48 hours prior to the abortion— ‘(I) she has obtained counseling for the rape; or ‘(II) she has obtained medical treatment for the rape or an injury related to the rape; or (iii) the pregnancy is a result of rape against a minor or incest against a minor, and the rape or incest has been reported at any time prior to the abortion to either— ‘(I) a government agency legally authorized to act on reports of child abuse; or ‘(II) a law enforcement agency.” [S. 4840, Text, Introduced [9/13/22](#)]

**The Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children From Late-Term Abortions Act Included An Exception For Incest Against Minors If It Was Reported To A Government Agency Or A Law Enforcement Agency.** “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Subparagraph (A) does not apply if [...] (ii) the pregnancy is the result of rape against an adult woman, and at least 48 hours prior to the abortion— ‘(I) she has obtained counseling for the rape; or ‘(II) she has obtained medical treatment for the rape or an injury related to the rape; or (iii) the pregnancy is a result of rape against a minor or incest against a minor, and the rape or incest has been reported at any time prior to the abortion to either— ‘(I) a government agency legally authorized to act on reports of child abuse; or ‘(II) a law enforcement agency.” [S. 4840, Text, Introduced [9/13/22](#)]

**The Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children From Late-Term Abortions Act Included An Exception For The Life Of The Woman If “Endangered By A Physical Disorder, Physical Illness, Or Physical Injury.** “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Subparagraph (A) does not apply if— ‘(i) in reasonable medical judgment, the abortion is necessary to save the life of a pregnant woman whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, but not including psychological or emotional conditions.” [S. 4840, Text, Introduced [9/13/22](#)]

**The Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children From Late-Term Abortions Act’s Life Of The Woman Exception Did Not Include Life-Endangering Psychological Or Emotional Conditions.** “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Subparagraph (A) does not apply if— ‘(i) in reasonable medical judgment, the abortion is necessary to save the life of a pregnant woman whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, but not including psychological or emotional conditions.” [S. 4840, Text, Introduced [9/13/22](#)]

*Sen. Graham’s 15-Week Abortion Ban Could Result In Health Care Professionals Being Arrested If They Did Not Comply And Opened Victims Up To Life-Threatening Medical Complications*

**The Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children From Late-Term Abortions Act Required Doctors To Provide The Abortion In A Manner That “Provide[d] The Best Opportunity For The Unborn Child To Survive.”** “(C) REQUIREMENT AS TO MANNER OF PROCEDURE PERFORMED.—Notwithstanding the definitions of ‘abortion’ and ‘attempt’ in this section, a physician terminating or attempting to terminate a pregnancy under an exception provided by subparagraph (B) may do so only in the manner which, in reasonable medical judgment, provides the best opportunity for the unborn child to survive.” [S. 4840, Text, Introduced [9/13/22](#)]

**Health Care Professionals With Knowledge Of Failure To Comply With Born Alive Requirements Were Required Under The Bill To Immediately Report To State Or Federal Police.** (E) CHILDREN BORN ALIVE AFTER ATTEMPTED ABORTIONS [...] (iii) MANDATORY REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS.—A health care practitioner or any employee of a hospital, a physician’s office, or an abortion clinic who has knowledge of a failure to comply with the requirements of this subparagraph must immediately report the failure to an appropriate State or Federal law enforcement agency or both.” [S. 4840, Text, Introduced [9/13/22](#)]

**Mark Joseph Stern: The Graham Bill’s Language Effectively Required Doctors To Induce Labor In The Third Trimester For Child Rape Victims, Opening The Victims Up To Possibly Life-Threatening Medical Complications.** “Then there is the other ostensible exception in Graham’s bill: a carve-out for rape and incest. The anti-abortion movement has long opposed this exception; it insists that ‘children conceived in rape’ deserve to live, and that women will lie about being raped to circumvent a ban. Graham catered to these reservations by compelling patients to overcome substantial obstacles. An adult victim of rape must obtain counseling or medical treatment from a government-licensed facility then wait 48 hours. Before assisting a child victim, providers must report their rape to a child welfare or law enforcement agency. Even then, in all circumstances, they must use a method that ‘provides the best opportunity for the unborn child to survive.’ This language indicates that, at least in the second trimester, doctors must induce labor rather than performing a D&E, an extremely safe procedure used to remove a pregnancy. D&E is far safer than induced labor, so Graham’s bill ensures that some rape victims will experience totally unnecessary and possibly life-threatening medical complications.” [Slate, [9/14/22](#)]

- **Mark Joseph Stern Was A Legal Writer Who Covered Courts For Slate And Was A Member Of The Maryland Bar.** “Mark Joseph Stern is a staff writer covering courts and the law for Slate Magazine. Based in Washington, D.C., he has covered the U.S. Supreme Court, federal appellate and district courts, and state and local courts since 2013. A native of Tallahassee, Florida, Mark holds a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and a B.A. in History and Art History from Georgetown University. He is a member of the Maryland Bar. His areas of expertise include LGBTQ+ equality, reproductive rights, criminal justice, U.S. territorial law, and Supreme Court jurisprudence. Mark is the author of *American Justice 2019: The Roberts Courts Arrives*, published by the University of Pennsylvania Press. He has published articles in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Week*, *The American Prospect*, and co-authored several law review articles.” [University Of Colorado Boulder, Speaker Bio, Accessed [9/15/22](#)]

***Center For American Progress: The Bill Had No Exceptions For Pregnancies That Would Not Result In A Live Birth Or If The Baby Would Die Soon After Birth***

**Center For American Progress: The Bill Had No Exceptions For Pregnancies That Would Not Result In A Live Birth Or If The Baby Would Die Soon After Birth.** “To start, the ban does not contain an exception for an expectant parent who learns that their pregnancy will never result in a live birth or that the baby will die soon after birth. In an affidavit submitted during a litigation over a state abortion ban, a doctor explained the harms that can result when a patient is unable to decide whether or not to proceed or how to end such a pregnancy: [T]his particular patient was forced to go through a painful, hours-long labor to deliver a nonviable fetus, despite her wishes and best medical advice. She was screaming—not from pain, but from the emotional trauma she was experiencing.” [Center for American Progress, [9/16/22](#)]

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**When Asked, “Under What Circumstances Should Abortion Be Allowed?” Kent Answered, “None, No Crime Justifies Killing An Innocent Unborn Child”**

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**2022: When Asked, “Under What Circumstances Should Abortion Be Allowed?” Kent Answered, “None, No Crime Justifies Killing An Innocent Unborn Child.”** “There's a group called the American Family Association that's compiling an extensive voters guide centered around Christian values. ‘Grounded in God, rooted in research,’ is their motto. They ask the candidates a slew of simple questions, such as: ‘Under what circumstances should abortion be allowed?’ The answers from some of our candidates make Idaho look civilized. ‘None, no crime justifies killing an innocent unborn child,’ answered Joe Kent, the GOP's nominee in the 3rd Congressional District.” [The Seattle Times, [8/17/22](#)]

- **Kent Said There Were No Circumstances Where Abortion Should Be Allowed.** [ivoterguide, accessed [2/21/24](#)]

Under what circumstances should abortion be allowed?

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**When Asked If He Believed A Woman's Right To Choose, Kent Said “So, No, I Don’t Think You Should Be Able To Get An Abortion**

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**When Asked If He Believed A Woman's Right To Choose, Kent Said “So, No, I Don’t Think You Should Be Able To Get An Abortion.** [...] Because that’s not your body.” DUBLIN: “What’s the number one obstruction right now, and, uh, I’m seeing a lot of GOP governors under fire for their Covid stances like Ron DeSantis and what’s going on in Texas with Greg Abbott. GOP’s in a defensive position right now. People are angry about, um, the way you’re trying to impact womens’ healthcare and you’re taking away rights from women. So do you see that as, like, maybe that’s your biggest obstruction, what’s going on with that? Because government shouldn’t—if you’re gonna use the position that government shouldn’t mandate the vaccines, and they shouldn’t participate in the vaccines, why do you think it’s ok for the government to tell a woman what she can and cannot do with her own body because they don’t do it to men?” KENT: “You’re speaking about abortion obviously right?” DUBLIN: “I’m speaking about womens’ healthcare. I’m speaking about government not interfering in anybody’s body autonomy, male or female. If you or I decided we wanted to get an elective procedure, you wanted to get a vasectomy, literally no one would stop you. Your doctor would discuss with you your options as women do when they go for an abortion. But your doctor would ultimately not stop you because it’s your body and what you do with it is your choice. So what makes you different from me as an American tax paying citizen, why is your medical decision yours, my medical decision is not mine? And then you equivocate that with mask wearing.” KENT: “Are you talking specifically about abortion? You’re jumping all around here.” DUBLIN: “I’m not really, I’m trying to draw that direct corollary. Because, Republicans’ stances, big government should only do certain things, but then you’re micromanaging womens’ healthcare. At the same time you’re trying to micromanage mask and vaccine and all of that, but it’s all connected because it’s all connected through healthcare. So if your position is that vaccines should not be mandated, masks should not be mandated, then why should the government mandate anything that goes on inside my body when it would never mandate anything that goes on inside of your?” KENT: “I don’t think they should.” DUBLIN: “So you believe in a womans’ right to choose?” KENT: “Now we’re on abortion. So, no, I don’t think you should be able to get an abortion.” DUBLIN: “Why?” KENT: “Because that’s not your body.” DUBLIN: “Yes it is, it’s inside my body.” KENT: It has a heartbeat, it’s a child.” [Youtube, Tara Dublin Interview w/ Joe Kent, 20:49, [9/10/21](#)]

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**In October Of 2022, Kent Said That He Believed “That When A Mother’s Life Is At Risk, Doctors Should Be Allowed To Triage The Patients To Save Her,” But Made No Mentions Of Rape Or Incest.** Q: “Do you believe Congress should take action on abortion access following the overturning of Roe v. Wade? What action should they take?” KENT: “The Supreme Court’s ruling has determined this issue is going to be addressed at the state level. I believe that the federal government must ensure a nationwide respect for life. We must expand the child tax credit to ensure that families with children can support them. Congress must also increase access to maternal and pediatric healthcare, especially for low-income families, thereby ensuring the best possible outcomes for mothers and newborns alike. I am pro-life, though I believe that when a mother’s life is at risk, doctors should be allowed to triage the patients to save her. In Congress, I will oppose giving tax dollars to Planned Parenthood and will introduce legislation to expand the child tax credit. While voters in our district may have respectful disagreements on the issue of abortion, my opponent’s position of taxpayer funding for abortion through the ninth month of pregnancy is far out of the mainstream, a position too radical even for many who consider themselves pro-choice.” [OPB, [10/24/22](#)]

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**Kent Supported Giving People Who Became Pregnant From Rape Or Incest Resources To See Their Pregnancy Through Instead Of Getting An Abortion**

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**2022: Kent “If A Person Becomes Pregnant Because Of Rape Or Incest, They Should Be Given Resources To See Their Pregnancy Through And Make Adoption Easier.”** “Like Perez alluded to in her video, Kent has anti-abortion beliefs. He previously told The Columbian he was ecstatic that Roe v. Wade was handed back to the states and supported components in Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham's proposed federal abortion ban bill. That legislation would prohibit abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy with rare exceptions for rape, incest and the health of the mother. Kent said if a person becomes pregnant because of rape or incest, they should be given resources to see their pregnancy through and make adoption easier if that is their preferred path. If a mother's health is at risk and an abortion is needed to save her life, it is permissible in Kent's eyes - but he doesn't view it as an abortion, rather a ‘triage.’ [...] Although Kent agreed with points outlined in Graham's bill, he has joined fellow Republicans who criticized the bill's timing, saying it distracts from inflation and other economic issues that GOP lawmakers are tapping on in their campaigns. Moving forward, Republicans need to reposition their messaging for them to ‘walk the walk’ in upholding abortion bans, Kent said. He suggested that Republicans should focus on providing federal and state assistance to crisis pregnancy centers for people to seek care. ‘For far too long, I think Republicans never really had to step up to the plate of the abortion issue. They could just say ‘Yeah I'm pro-life,’ or they knew that it was a good bumper sticker for a fundraiser,’ he said. ‘I think that's incumbent upon our messaging. Not just saying, ‘You can't kill babies anymore.’ That doesn't work.’” [The Columbian, [10/7/22](#)]

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**Kent Wanted Washington Laws That Protect Abortion To Be Overturned, Saying, “I Think That The Federal Government Should Outlaw It In All The States, I Don’t Think States Should Be Able To Sanction Killing The Unborn”**

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**2022: Kent Wanted The Washington Laws That Protect Abortion To Be Overturned, Saying, “I Think That The Federal Government Should Outlaw It In All The States, I Don’t Think States Should Be Able To Sanction Killing The Unborn.”** HOST: “The state of Washington has laws that protect a right to an abortion. Would you want to see those overturned in Washington State?” KENT: “Yes, I would. Yeah. Life begins at conception. And I think that the federal government should outlaw it in all the states, I don’t think states should be able to sanction killing the unborn. For right now, the way it is, with it being a states’ rights issue, that’s a good temporary victory. So, what I would do from the Congressional perspective is I would ensure that not one penny of federal money goes to funding abortions. This is why I’m so critical of Jamie Herrera-Butler. Jamie Herrera-Butler, while claiming that she’s pro-life, has given \$1.5 billion to Planned Parenthood, the number one killer of the unborn, and then also the folks that are pushing the comprehensive groomer sex education on our children in our schools.” [Straight Talk, Jo Kent Interview, 16:20, [7/28/22](#)] (VIDEO)

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**Kent Said The Government Needed To Protect The Unborn And Said Abortion Was Not The Women's Decisions "Until We Come Up With The Technology To Poll The Unborn"**

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**Kent Said Abortion Is Not The Women's Or Doctors Decision "Until We Come Up With The Technology To Poll The Unborn, To See If They Want The Chance To Live Or Not."** DUBLIN: "Government only became interested in that when it combined with conservative, the rise of the evangelicals having influence over the Republican Party. So if you can say that you believe masks are a choice, and vaccines are a choice, where does the line, why do you get to draw the line over where medical decisions are made?" KENT: "Because it involves a life. I mean that's where it's at." DUBLIN: "But the mother's life." KENT: "You can do whatever you want up until—it's a, it's a life. It's a kid. Like I'm sorry, I think, I think we just fundamentally—" DUBLIN: "It's not your decision to decide when that is, it's not your decision, it's not the government's decision, it's a woman's decision with her doctor. KENT: "It's not the mother's decision, it's definitely not the doctor's decision either. Until we come up with the technology to poll the unborn, to see if they want the chance to live or not. But there's no consent there, there's no choice. So this idea that we can just take the kid's life and that's the woman's choice, that just doesn't make any sense." DUBLIN: "But it's not a child's life yet." KENT: "Yes it is." DUBLIN: "Not when it's a clump of cells—if it's not viable to live outside the womb—" KENT: "But then you could say that we could kill up to like, six, seven, I mean—" DUBLIN: "No, we're not talking about killing. We're talking about—" KENT: "No but that's what it is." DUBLIN: "No, we're not talking about that. When people talk about, the, what is it, the Born Alive thing? Nobody is murdering a baby born alive. Nobody is doing that." KENT: "But the baby can't survive on its own so why can't you kill it?" DUBLIN: "There's a difference between getting an abortion and a baby who has come out of a woman's body, right? We understand that they're two different things?" KENT: "No, because it's the same thing. It's the same thing." DUBLIN: "It's not the same thing. It's not the same thing because there's different rules. If I'm holding a baby—" KENT: "Who made the rules? And what say did the baby have in it? What did the clump of cells—" DUBLIN: "A clump of cells cannot live viably by itself. Cancer cells can't live by themselves outside the body, no cells can live by himself outside the body, unless they're cultivated—" KENT: "But the cells, the cells that make human life though, are unique." [Youtube, Tara Dublin Interview w/ Joe Kent, 25:38, [9/10/21](#)] (VIDEO)

**Kent Said They Needed The Government To Protect All Life, Including The Unborn.** DUBLIN: "So many women don't even know they're pregnant by six weeks. They don't. I didn't. When I was pregnant with my first child I had no idea until about eight-ish weeks. You have to skip at least two periods before you're even aware. So Texas removes that because if a woman doesn't even know she's pregnant, then she gets penalized for something she didn't know about and somebody else can turn her in and get \$10,000 for it. That people can bounty hunt women is wrong." KENT: "I agree with you on that. On the bounty part, we don't need to make it punitive." DUBLIN: "So that you would want removed." KENT: "We just need to make abortions, like, we don't need abortion on demand. I disagree with you that it's a woman—" DUBLIN: "We also don't need government deciding when abortion is and is not Ok." KENT: "I disagree. We need government protecting all life, period." DUBLIN: "No we don't." KENT: "So wait, why does someone get to decide who lives and who dies?" DUBLIN: "They don't." KENT: "Choice—isn't that what choice is?" DUBLIN: "Then you support pro-choice, then you are pro-choice for everything. You can't be pro-choice about one part of medicine and not pro-choice about another part of medicine. It's all medicine, all medicine is life." KENT: "When it comes to life—I'm pro-choice when it comes to vaccines and masks too." DUBLIN: "But that's all part of life, it's all science. So how does one part—" KENT: "I think the kid should get the option to live. There's no choice in the pro-choice. When you're talking about abortion, choice is just a very misleading word because the child has no choice." DUBLIN: "It's not about the child, it's about the mother's health and about the mother's life" KENT: "Sure, health is a different story. If there's like, hey, the mom might die, or we do the abortion, that's completely different, that's a medical procedure." [Youtube, Tara Dublin Interview w/ Joe Kent, 27:53, [9/10/21](#)] (VIDEO)

**Kent Said He Would Support And Cosponsor A Life At Conception Act, Which Would Ban Abortion With No Exceptions, Put IVF At Risk, And Put Birth Control At Risk**

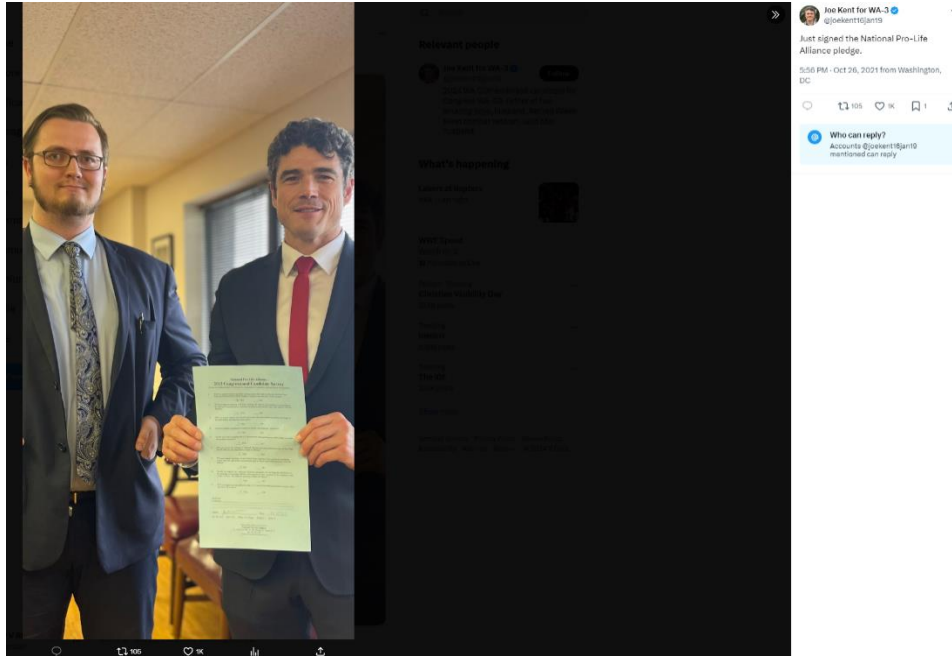


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**October 26, 2021: Kent Signed And Answered “Yes” To Every Question On The National Pro-Life Alliance Pledge That Was Also A National Pro-Life Alliance 2022 Candidate Survey**

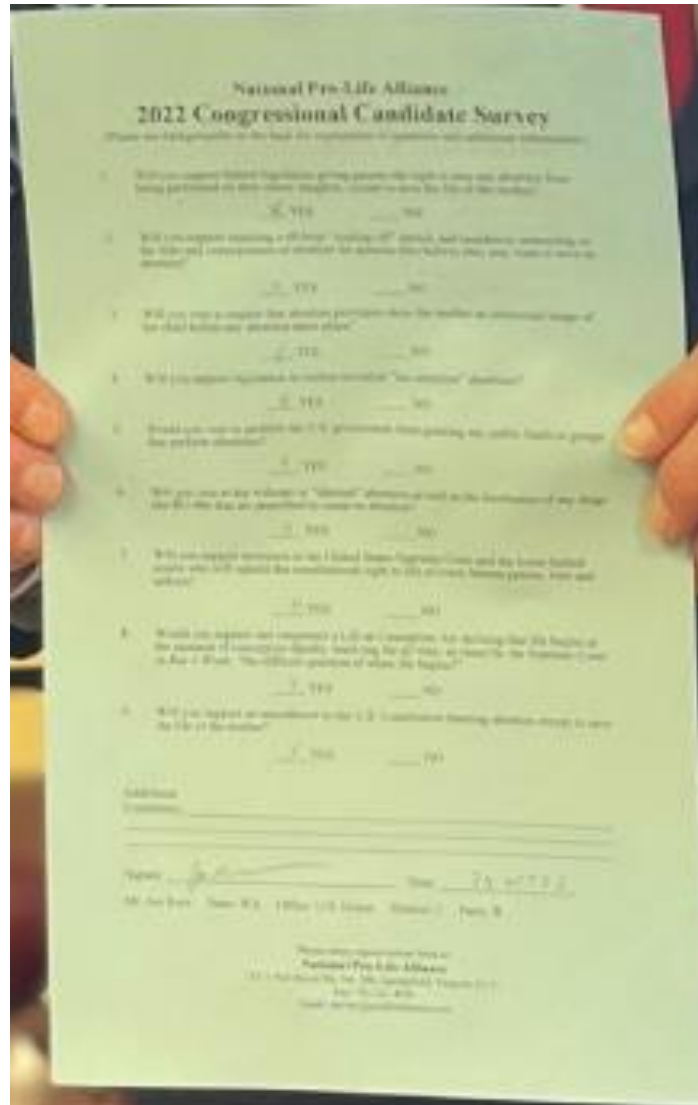
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**October 26, 2021: Kent Signed The National Pro-Life Alliance Pledge That Was Also A National Pro-Life Alliance 2022 Candidate Survey.** In a Tweet Kent said, “Just signed the National Pro-Life Alliance pledge.” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [10/26/21](#)]



[Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [10/26/21](#)]

**Kent Answered “Yes” To Every Question On The Survey.** In the Twitter photo, Kent was holding the questionnaire and had clearly marked “yes” to every question. [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [10/26/21](#)]



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**On A Questionnaire When Asked “Would You Support And Cosponsor A Life At Conception Act Defining That Life Begins At The Moment Of Conception Thereby Resolving For All Time, As Stated By The Supreme Court In Roe V. Wade, ‘The Difficult Question Of When Life Begins?’” Kent Marked “Yes”**

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Questions 9 of the National Pro-Life Alliance candidate questionnaire asks, “Would You Support And Cosponsor A Life At Conception Act Defining That Life Begins At The Moment Of Conception Thereby Resolving For All Time, As Stated By The Supreme Court In Roe V. Wade, ‘The Difficult Question Of When Life Begins?’”

[Twitter, Nathan Davis, [2/14/22](#)]

## National Pro-Life Alliance 2022 Congressional Candidate Survey

(Please see backgrounder on the back for an explanation of questions and additional information.)

1. Will you support federal legislation giving parents the right to stop any abortion from being performed on their minor daughter, except to save the life of the mother?  
 YES  NO
2. Will you support requiring a 48-hour "cooling off" period, and mandatory counseling on the risks and consequences of abortion for persons who believe they may want to have an abortion?  
 YES  NO
3. Will you vote to require that abortion providers show the mother an ultrasound image of her child before any abortion takes place?  
 YES  NO
4. Will you support legislation to outlaw so-called "sex selection" abortions?  
 YES  NO
5. Would you vote to prohibit the U.S. government from granting any public funds to groups that perform abortions?  
 YES  NO
6. Will you vote to bar webcam or "telemed" abortions as well as the distribution of any drugs like RU-486 that are prescribed to cause an abortion?  
 YES  NO
7. Will you support nominees to the United States Supreme Court and the lower federal courts who will uphold the constitutional right to life of every human person, born and unborn?  
 YES  NO
8. Will you vote against any bill that would codify *Roe v. Wade* or expand it?  
 YES  NO
9. Would you support and cosponsor a Life at Conception Act defining that life begins at the moment of conception thereby resolving for all time, as stated by the Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade*, "the difficult question of when life begins?"  
 YES  NO
10. Will you support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution banning abortion except to save the life of the mother?  
 YES  NO

Additional Comments: Since 1973, ~64 million babies have been aborted. It's a silent genocide that MUST end. It's time to end *Roe v. Wade*.

Signed: Nathan Davis Date: 2.13.22

Nathan Davis State: TX Office: House of Representatives District: 32 Party: R

Please return the signed survey form to:

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### The Life At Conception Act Would Ban Abortions With No Exceptions

**Abortions With No Exceptions In Cases Of Rape, Incest Or Risk To The Pregnant Person," Could Result In Criminal Charges Against People Who Help Women Get Abortions, Including Health Care Providers, And It Did Not Explicitly Protect Them From Criminalization.** "With the idea that life begins at conception, personhood laws grant fertilized eggs, zygotes, embryos and fetuses the same status as victims in other scenarios. Because of this, some legal experts — as well as Mathis's campaign — have argued abortion could result in criminal charges, such as homicide. The Life at Conception Act specifically states that nothing within the bill 'shall be construed to authorize the prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child.' But the bill does not explicitly protect anyone else from criminal charges, such as abortion providers or those who help others obtain an abortion. The freshman representative from Iowa has not publicly stated whether she would support criminal charges in this scenario. [...] The Life at Conception Act, co-sponsored by Hinson, would outlaw all abortions with no exceptions in cases of rape, incest or risk to the pregnant person. The bill in question does eliminate the possibility for criminal charges for individuals who receive an abortion, but it does not provide the same guarantees for others. Hinson has never publicly stated she would support legislation that includes criminal penalties for

abortions. But the broad scope of the personhood law does have implications for criminalization of abortion.” [Cedar Rapids Gazette, [7/11/22](#)]

**Rewire: The Life At Conception Act “Would Effectively Ban Abortion With No Exception For Rape, Incest, Or To Save The Life Of The Pregnant Person.”** “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. [...] It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization.” [Rewire, [9/28/19](#)]

**Washington Post: The Life At Conception Act Signaled That Many Members “Would Like To See A Total Ban On Abortion.”** “Several abortion bans have already been introduced in Congress. A six-week abortion ban has been introduced in the House, by Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.), and the Life at Conception Act, which would recognize a fetus as a person with equal protections under the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, has been introduced in both chambers. Nineteen Republican senators and well over 100 Republicans in the House have co-sponsored the measure, signaling that many would like to see a total ban on abortion.” [Washington Post, [5/2/22](#)]

**The Life At Conception Act Would Grant Equal Protection Under The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment To Fetuses, Effectively Banning Abortion With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or Health Of The Woman.** “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. ‘Human person’ is defined as: [...] each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being. The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization. The bill would not allow for prosecution of any pregnant person for the ‘death’ of their ‘unborn child.’” [Rewire, [9/28/19](#)]

**The Life At Conception Act Implemented Equal Protection For Unborn Fetuses Based On The Idea That Human Life Begins At The Moment Of Conception.** “U.S. Senator Rand Paul today introduced the Life at Conception Act. The legislation would implement equal protection under the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment for the right to life of each born and unborn human. [...] ‘The Life at Conception Act legislatively declares what most Americans believe and what science has long known - that human life begins at the moment of conception, and therefore, is entitled to legal protection from that point forward.” [U.S. Senator Rand Paul, Press Release, accessed [6/1/22](#)]

**Los Angeles Times: The Life At Conception Act's Language "Leaves Little Room For Ambiguity On Abortion" And Would Constitute A Nationwide Ban On The Practice From The Moment Of Fertilization.** "The Life at Conception Act is fewer than 300 words, but its language leaves little room for ambiguity on abortion. The bill, introduced in the U.S. House earlier in the congressional session, seeks 'equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person,' specifying that it covers 'all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being.' Put simply: 'It would be a nationwide abortion ban,' said Mary Ziegler, a professor at UC Davis School of Law who studies reproductive rights. Even California, which has positioned itself as a haven for abortion rights, would be affected." [Los Angeles Times, [8/29/22](#)]

***Personhood Bills Like The Life At Conception Act Would Severely Impact, And Potentially Eliminate, In Vitro Fertilization***

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**Personhood Bills That Define Human Life To Begin At Conception Would Severely Impact Infertility Treatments, Especially IVF.** “Personhood bills aim to define human life to begin at the moment of fertilization or conception and grant constitutional rights and privileges to all persons from that moment. If these proposals were to become personhood laws, they would severely impact infertility treatments, especially IVF.” [Arc Fertility, What Do Personhood Bills & Laws Mean in IVF, accessed [2/23/24](#)]

**Arc Fertility: If Fertilized Eggs/Embryos Are Considered Full Humans, Anything That Puts An Embryo At Risk Could Be A Criminal Violation, Including IVF Treatments.** “As outlined by RESOLVE, with Personhood legislation, however, the legality of effective pro-pregnancy fertility treatments such as IVF could be called into question: if microscopic fertilized eggs/embryos are full humans, anything that puts an embryo at risk could be a criminal violation, even if its goal is the undeniable social good of helping someone have a baby.” [Arc Fertility, What Do Personhood Bills & Laws Mean in IVF, accessed [2/23/24](#)]

*The House Version Of The Life At Conception Act Included No Exceptions For IVF*

**The House Version Of The Life At Conception Act Did Not Include Exceptions For IVF.** “This Congress, 125 House Republicans — including Speaker Mike Johnson — have cosponsored the ‘Life at Conception Act,’ which states that the term ‘human being’ includes ‘all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being.’ The bill does not include any exception for in vitro fertilization (IVF), a reproductive treatment that allows mothers to fertilize several eggs outside the womb in order to increase the chances of a viable pregnancy.” [Business Insider, [2/23/24](#)]

**Washington Post: The Life At Conception Act “Has No Provisions For Processes Like IVF, Meaning Access To The Procedure Would Not Be Protected.”** “But many of the same Republicans who are saying Americans should have access to IVF have co-sponsored legislation that employs an argument similar to the one the Alabama Supreme Court used in its ruling. The congressional proposal, known as the Life at Conception Act, defines a ‘human being’ to ‘include each member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization or cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being.’ The bill would also provide equal protection under the 14th Amendment ‘for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.’ The measure has no provisions for processes like IVF, meaning access to the procedure would not be protected. It would ban nearly all abortions nationwide.” [Washington Post, [1/25/24](#)]

*An Alabama Ruling That Restricted Access To IVF Was Made Based On The Idea That Life Starts “At Conception”*

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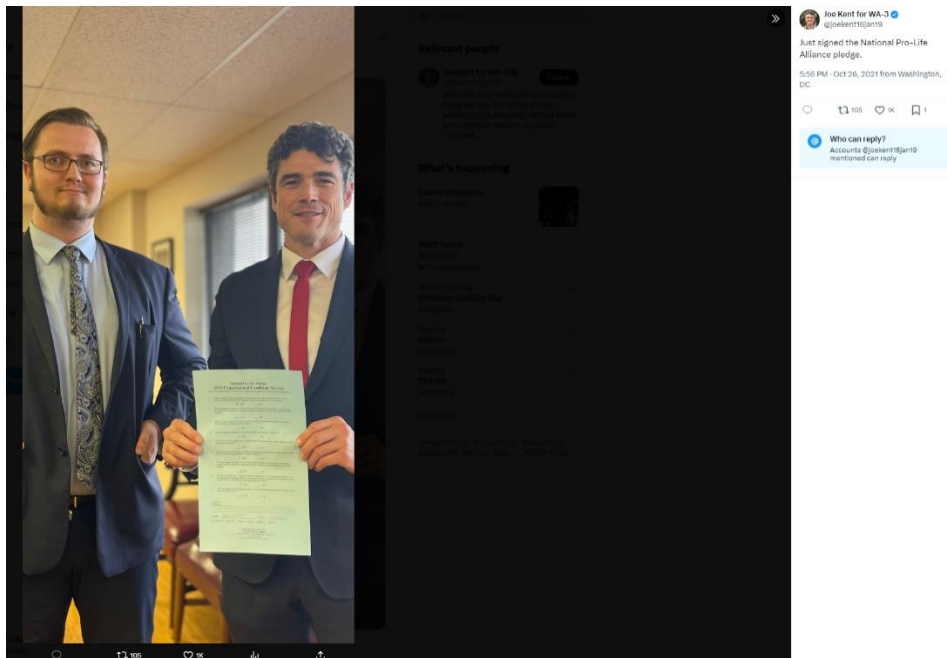
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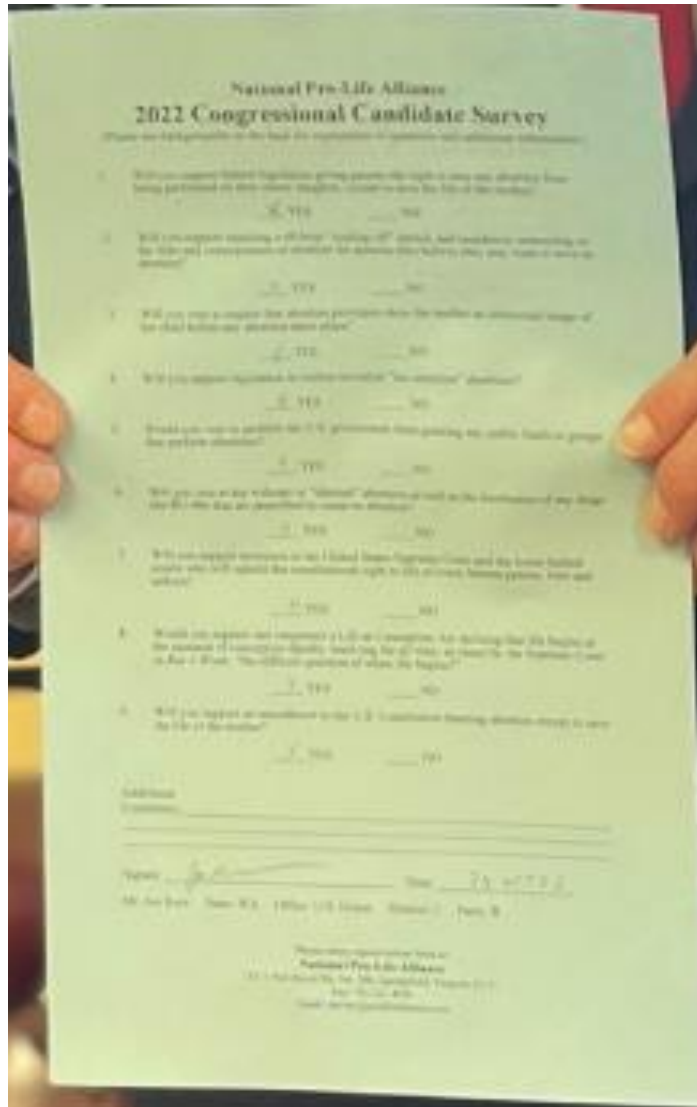
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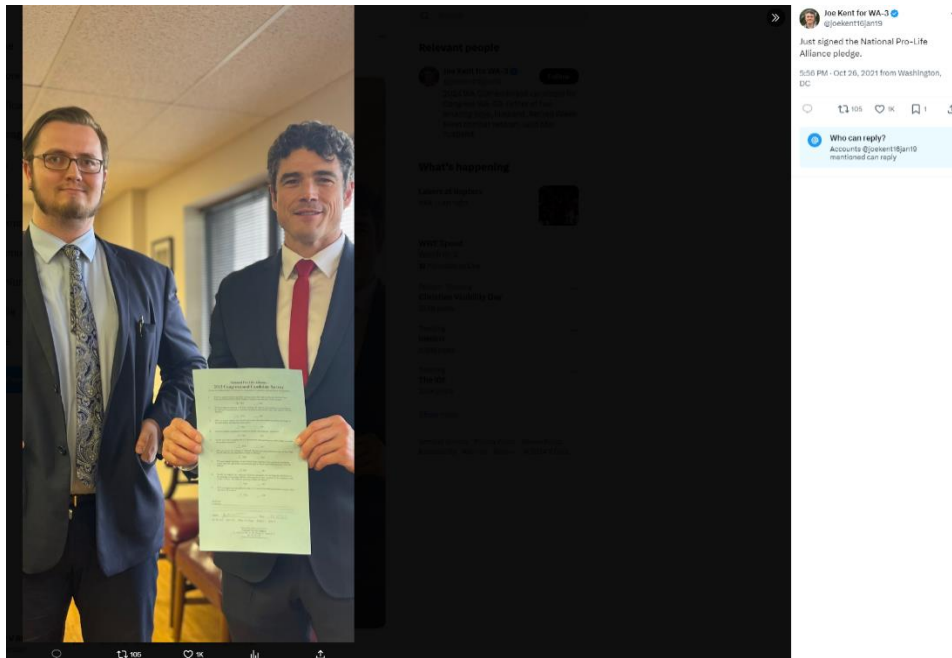


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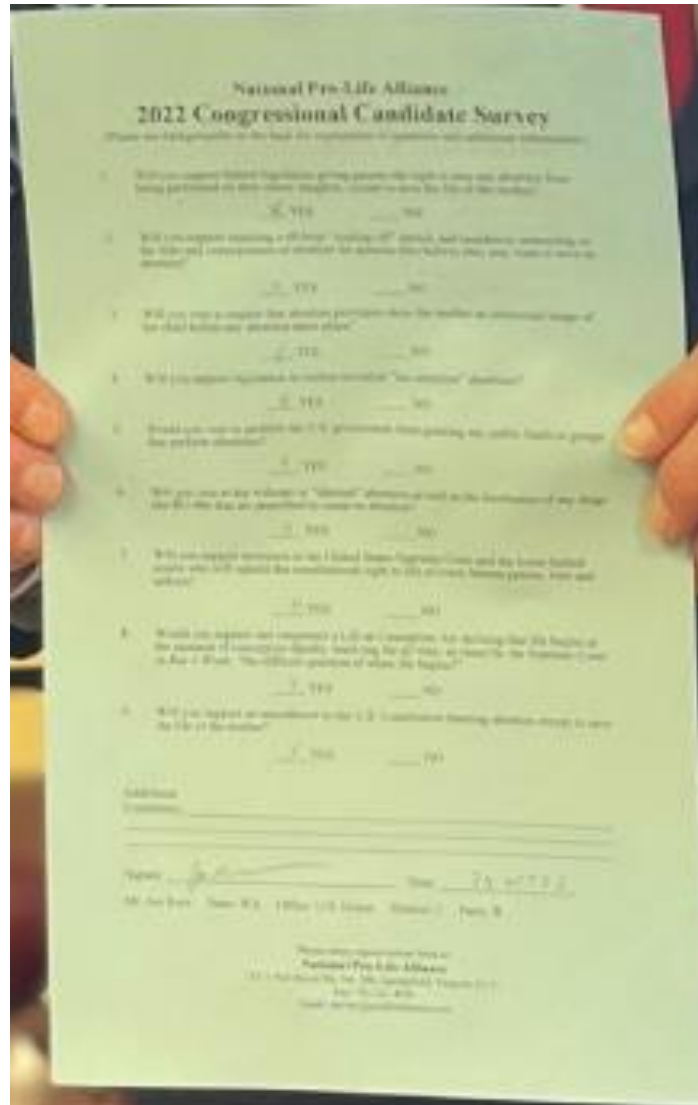
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helped a person get an illegal abortion. Texas inspired Idaho and Oklahoma to follow suit with this type of enforcement mechanism. [...] It allows private citizens to file a civil lawsuit against anyone who knowingly "aids or abets" an abortion. If successful, the law instructs courts to award plaintiffs at least \$10,000 in damages from defendants." [NPR, [7/1/22](#)]

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at the federal level for the House, the Senate to be like ‘y’know what, we got this great idea for a 15-week abortion ban.’ Because that would go against the Supreme Court’s ruling. We just had a victory and so we’d kinda be putting that victory back in question. I think right now, we won a victory, it’s back at the state level. If you’re pro-life like I am, and I think most of us are here in this room, we’ve got a lot more work to do at the state level. I think reforming the way that adoption works, I think federal programs where basically we tell a woman ‘hey, if you’re in crisis and you have an unwanted pregnancy, we will pay for the entire thing. We will pay for your healthcare we will pay for you to get the child successfully birthed, we will pay for the baby, we will pay for the adoption, we’ll pay for any recovery you need.’ I think we need to actually foster a true culture of life. I think the most effective place that’s going to come from is from the ground level at the grassroots here at the state level. That’s how we deal with abortion. We expose how radical the Democrats are on it, abortion up to the ninth month is not popular with most Americans and then we also say hey look, it’s not a federal issue anymore. It’s challenging for Republicans at the state level here in Washington State, but look I understand. The Supreme Court has ruled, let’s honor the Supreme Court, but I also understand it’s a hot button issue, let’s handle it at the most local level possible. For a federal position like mine, it’s not an issue. The only reason Perez wants to talk about it is because she’s trying to scare people.” [Abortion, Cup of Joe at Napavine Diner, 45:10, 12/4/2023] (VIDEO)

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- **Kent Said He Would Be Willing To Shutdown The Government To Block Federal Funding For Abortion Providers.** [ivoterguide, accessed [2/21/24](#)]

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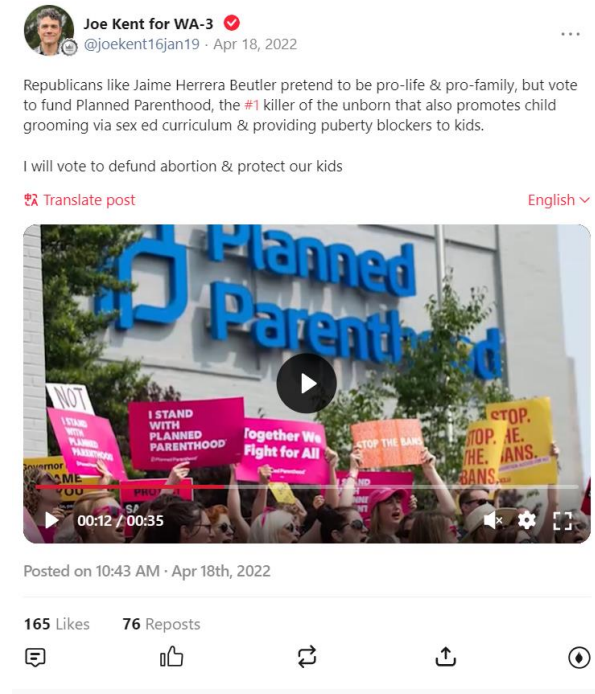
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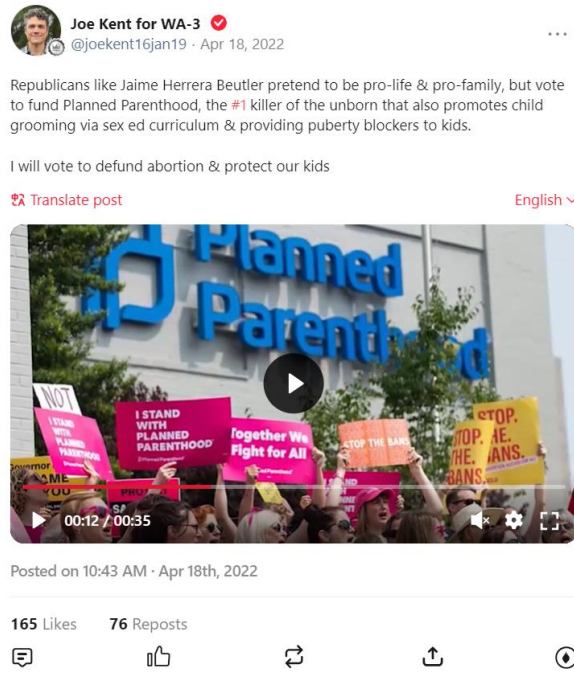
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- **Crisis Pregnancy Centers Are Places That Look Like Real Health Centers, But They Are Run By Anti-Abortion Activists That Scare, Shame, Or Pressure People Out Of Getting An Abortion, And Would Tell Lies About Abortion To Prevent Someone From Receiving One.** “Crisis pregnancy centers (also called CPCs or ‘fake clinics’) are clinics or mobile vans that look like real health centers, but they're run by anti-abortion activists who have a shady, harmful agenda: to scare, shame, or pressure you out of getting an abortion, and to tell lies about abortion, birth control, and sexual health. [...] Crisis pregnancy centers don't provide abortion or offer a full range of health care, and they won't give you honest facts about sexual health and your pregnancy options — their goal is to spread misinformation and propaganda. Most crisis pregnancy

centers aren't legitimate medical clinics, so they don't have to follow HIPAA and keep your information private, like most real health care providers do. These crisis pregnancy centers could even give your information to other anti-abortion organizations or use it to harass you. This could be especially concerning if you live in a state with anti-abortion laws." [Planned Parenthood, What are Crisis Pregnancy Centers, accessed [2/21/24](#)]

- **Crisis Pregnancy Centers Would Advertise Free Pregnancy Tests, Pregnancy Counseling, And STD Testing, But Don't Actually Provide These Services.** "Crisis pregnancy centers usually try really hard to seem like a normal doctor's office. They might have ultrasound machines, staff in white coats, medical-sounding names, and professional websites. They also often post signs near or are located very close to real health centers like Planned Parenthood. They do all of this to try to trick you into coming to CPC instead, so they can pressure you into making certain decisions about sex and pregnancy. Crisis pregnancy centers usually advertise free pregnancy tests and pregnancy counseling, and some may claim they have other services like STD testing — but these centers don't actually provide most kinds of health care, and the information they give isn't always accurate or trustworthy. For example, they may say your pregnancy is earlier or later than it really is, to confuse you about how much time you have to get an abortion if you want one." [Planned Parenthood, What are Crisis Pregnancy Centers, accessed [2/21/24](#)]
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- **Crisis Pregnancy Centers Give Out False Information To Prevent Abortion, Like 'Abortion Pill' Reversal, Abortion Is Unsafe, That Abortion Leads To Cancer, Infertility, Or Mental Health Problems.** "They advertise 'abortion pill reversal' or say you can 'reverse' an abortion. (This isn't true — you can't reverse an abortion.) They say abortion is unsafe, or that it leads to cancer, infertility, or mental health problems. (This isn't true — abortion is one of the safest medical procedures. The rate of major complications is less than 1%, and it's safer than getting your wisdom teeth taken out. Abortion also doesn't increase your risk for cancer, infertility, or mental health problems.) They say negative things about abortion, birth control, condoms, or sex. They don't provide condoms or other effective birth control methods like the pill, patch, ring, shot, IUD, or implant — if they do offer birth control services, it's usually only the fertility awareness method." [Planned Parenthood, What are Crisis Pregnancy Centers, accessed [2/21/24](#)]

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In a Truth post, Kent said, "I had a great time today at Pathways clinic family resources center's run for life. Pathway provides crisis pregnancy assistance to women in need, they are working tirelessly to support life in our district & are absolute heros." [Truth, Joe Kent for Congress WA-03, [6/4/22](#)]



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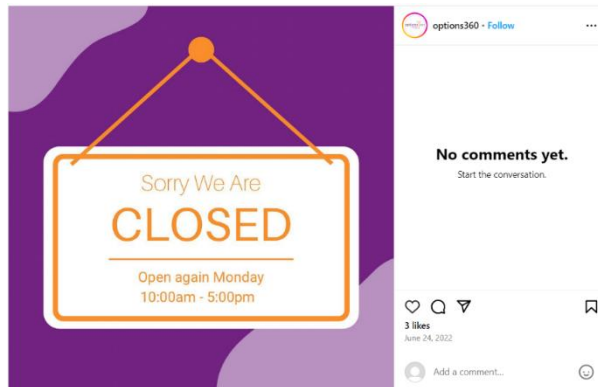
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- On June 24, 2022, The Supreme Court Overturned Roe V. Wade.** “In a historic and far-reaching decision, the U.S. Supreme Court officially reversed Roe v. Wade on Friday, declaring that the constitutional right to abortion, upheld for nearly a half century, no longer exists. Writing for the court majority, Justice Samuel Alito said that the 1973 Roe ruling and repeated subsequent high court decisions reaffirming Roe ‘must be overruled’ because they were ‘egregiously wrong,’ the arguments ‘exceptionally weak’ and so ‘damaging’ that they amounted to ‘an abuse of judicial authority.’ The decision, most of which was leaked in early May, means that abortion rights will be rolled back in nearly half of the states immediately, with more restrictions likely to follow. For all practical purposes, abortion will not be available in large swaths of the country. The decision may well mean too that the court itself, as well as the abortion question, will become a focal point in the upcoming fall elections and in the fall and thereafter.” [NPR, [6/24/22](#)]

**Options 360 Was Closed On June 24, 2022.** In an Instagram post Options 360 stated that they were closed on June 24, 2022, and would reopen Monday. [Truth, Options 360, [6/24/22](#)]



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**Kent Did Not Approve Of The FY24 NDAA Due To The NDAA Allowing The DoD To Pay For Abortions And Said He Hoped House Republicans “Hold The Line” And Take Abortion Out Of The NDAA.** "There's a lot going on right now. Congress is kind of in a mad rush before they clear out of there for the holidays to pass a couple of key bills. First and foremost is the NDAA, the National Defense Authorization Act. This is a massive chunk of our federal budget, so even if you're wondering, Hey, why, you know why why why do I Why should I care about military spending and these types of things? This is almost \$1 trillion, so, the total price tag comes to roughly \$886 billion. Right now, this isn't final. The Senate put forward their numbers and the House has tentatively agreed. The bills gotta go back over to the House for final approvals. I'll get into some of the meat and potatoes overall, I think this NDAA is very bad for quite a few reasons. There's a couple key fights the House Representatives had here this past summer to defund abortion services. Basically, right now, under the Biden administration, post-Roe, the DoD is paying travel expenses and not charging. Leave the service members who want to get an abortion so you can legally get abortions in most states. There's nothing preventing service members from getting abortions, but the DoD is going the extra mile and basically acting as the abortion and travel service. That is still in the Senate version of the bill. I hope House Republicans hold the line, excited to take that out of there." [Abortion, Joe Kent Weekly Livestream, 1:25, 12/8/23] (VIDEO)

## ***Kent Criticized Democrats For Voting Against VA Funding Because Abortion Services Were Removed From VA Funding***

**Kent Criticized Democrats For Voting Against VA Funding Because Abortion Services Were Removed From VA Funding.** KENT: “So uh, the VA number one, that money is the money that we earned with our blood. So, we are entitled to that. The government will make good on that. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, VA benefits, that all has to get paid out before Washington DC wants to find a new war to fund or fund a new pet project or a new agency, all of that has to be paid. We’re not touching anyone’s benefits. Because really those aren’t benefits, that’s what you earned. You either earned it by paying into your taxes with social security, or you earned it with your blood, your VA benefits. Marie Perez voted to defund the VA. So, you’re probably hearing ads on the radio right now where Marie Perez is saying ‘hey veterans, let me know what you can do for you, I love our veterans, I love our veterans.’ But at the same time, she voted to defund the VA. Now she’s been confronted about this, people have asked her why she voted to defund the VA. And she says something like ‘well, I wanted to get the VA more money, so I voted to defund it.’ How much sense does that make? I wanted to give it more money, so I didn’t fund it at all.’ The real reason, if you listen to Hakeem Jeffries and you listen to the Democratic minority in Congress is because the House Republicans took out abortion services and transgender surgeries from the VA. Because common sense, the VA exists to support veterans who’ve been wounded in training or in war, not to be an abortion service, and not, most certainly, to give out gender reassignment surgeries. That’s why all the Democrats bailed. The Republicans actually put more money into the VA than the current VA plan. So Perez and the Democrats, in order to advance their social justice issue, the woke ideology, this crazy trans nonsense, they were willing to defund the VA. So, for me, number one I want to [inaudible] that the VA is always fully funded. I also want to expand veterans’ choice, expand Tricare options because personally I think the VA, having to deal with them personally myself, they’re fairly broken. It’s a hit or miss, sometimes you have a good experience but a lot of times you get left on a waiting list. So, I want the veterans to have way more choice.” [Abortion, Joe Kent Town Hall Old Town Burger and Breakfast, 30:42, 12/5/23] (VIDEO)

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**Kent Said On Abortion, “From A Federal Perspective, We’ve Got No Business Touching Abortion. It’s A States’ Rights Issue.”** KENT: “Abortion, we’re told, I mean, if you say the abortion word automatically you’ll lose like several thousand votes. That’s kinda the, that’s kinda what’s put out I think by a lot of folks because they’re gun shy about what happened right after the Dobbs decision last year. I personally think, I agree with what you said, abortion is now not a federal issue anymore. I agree with the Supreme Court. I’m 100% pro-life but I think we made a lot of progress with that Supreme Court decision. So for me, from a federal perspective, we’ve got no business touching abortion. It’s a states’ rights issue. I do think there’s a lot we can do to create a culture of life.” [Abortion, Joe Kent Town Hall at Brock, Bar and Grill, 24:14, 1/26/24] (VIDEO)

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**Kent Called An Abortion For In The Case Of The Life Of The Woman A “Triage.”** “Like Perez alluded to in her video, Kent has anti-abortion beliefs. He previously told The Columbian he was ecstatic that Roe v. Wade was handed back to the states and supported components in Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham's proposed federal abortion ban bill. That legislation would prohibit abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy with rare exceptions for rape, incest and the health of the mother. Kent said if a person becomes pregnant because of rape or incest, they should be given resources to see their pregnancy through and make adoption easier if that is their preferred path. If a mother's health is at risk and an abortion is needed to save her life, it is permissible in Kent's eyes - but he doesn't view it as an abortion, rather a ‘triage.’ [...] Although Kent agreed with points outlined in Graham's bill, he has joined fellow Republicans who criticized the bill's timing, saying it distracts from inflation and other economic issues that GOP lawmakers are tapping on in their campaigns. Moving forward, Republicans need to reposition

their messaging for them to ‘walk the walk’ in upholding abortion bans, Kent said. He suggested that Republicans should focus on providing federal and state assistance to crisis pregnancy centers for people to seek care. ‘For far too long, I think Republicans never really had to step up to the plate of the abortion issue. They could just say ‘Yeah I’m pro-life,’ or they knew that it was a good bumper sticker for a fundraiser,’ he said. ‘I think that’s incumbent upon our messaging. Not just saying, ‘You can’t kill babies anymore.’ That doesn’t work.’” [The Columbian, [10/7/22](#)]

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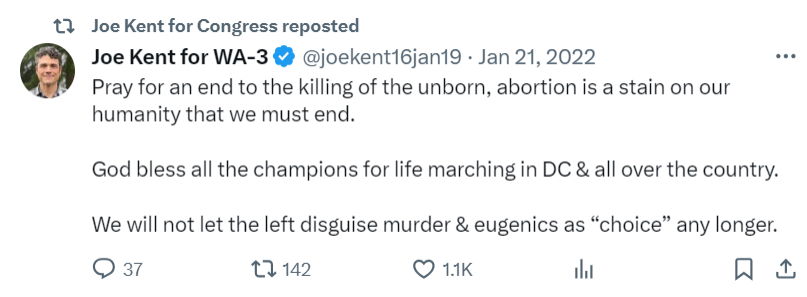
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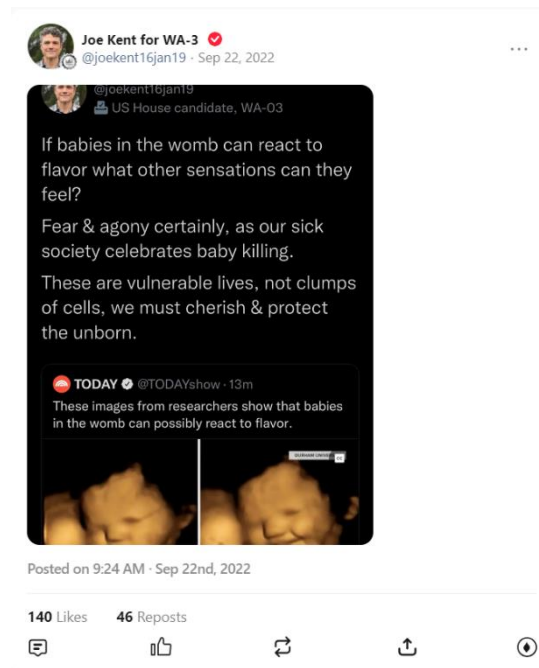
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*NOTE: [Moloch](#) was a Canaanite god in the Old Testament associated with human sacrifice, particularly children sacrifices.*

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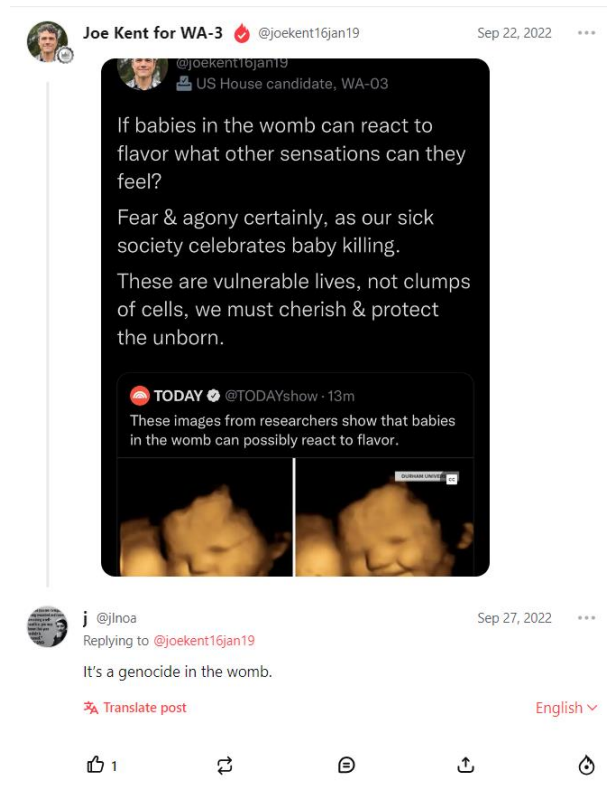
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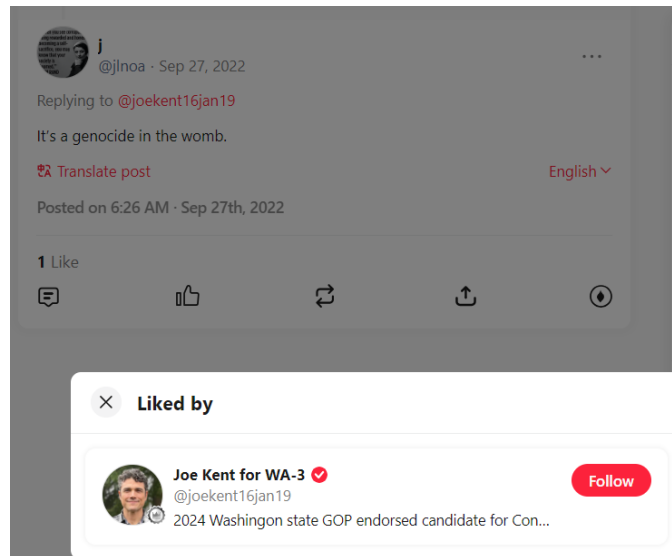
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**2022: Kent Wanted To Raise The Social Security Retirement Age.** HOST: “Ok so when they cite June 4th, 2022, not that long ago, ‘We must balance our budget, end needless spending, and dramatically change entitlement spending by raising the age that citizens’ receive Social Security.’ It might surprise you to say I agree with that and here’s why, because, if you’re not talking about people nearing retirement, but you’re saying—same thing that happened to me. [...] Well today, average life expectancy is nearing 80 which means many people, most people, live past 65 and they haven’t adjusted the ages. So, it’s either raise taxes dramatically, cut benefits 25% in the early 2030s, or change what you’re going to get, but not for those people nearing retirement, is that the gist of what you were saying on June 4th?” KENT: “That’s exactly right Lars. Yeah, absolutely. So again if you’re on Social Security or approaching we’re not gonna mess with your plan, but for us to not realize and recognize, especially for my generation, I’m Gen-X, for us to not realize that the pyramid is reversed right now, we have the baby boomers that are retiring, there’s way more baby boomers than there are Gen-X, millennials, and Z to support them. So, we have to make some changes. The economy has changed a good deal. So, it’s reasonable for us to discuss hey, do we need to raise the retirement age to have a more responsible entitlement spending plan?” [The LarsLarson Show, Do you plan to raise the age of social security like JHB claims?, 3:48, [7/15/22](#)] (AUDIO)

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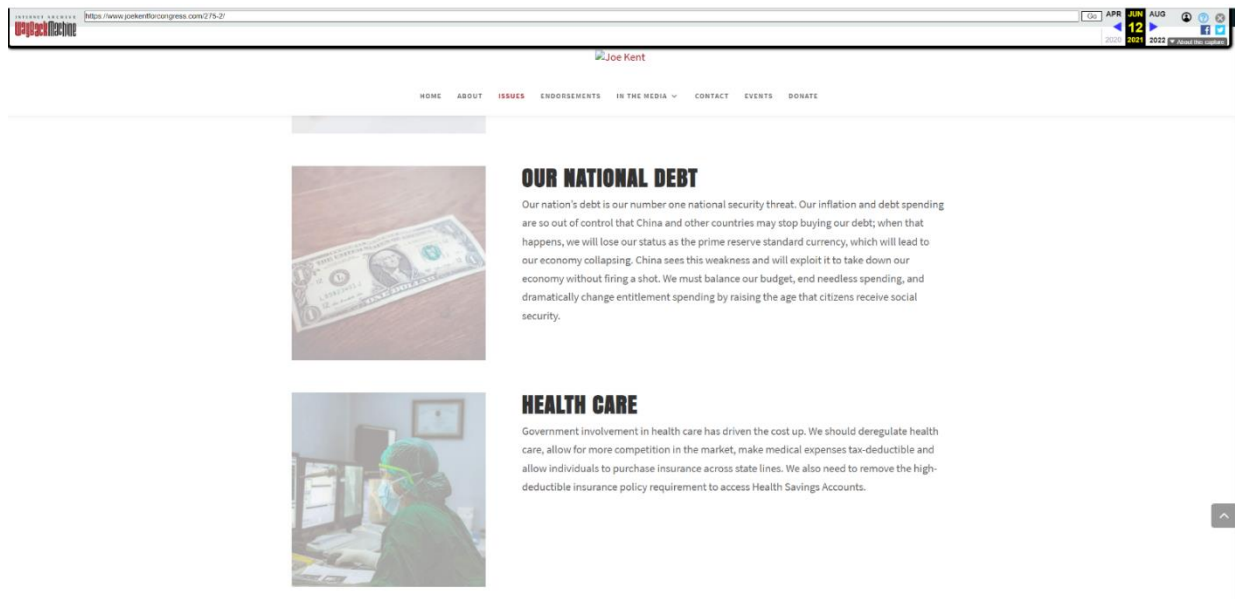
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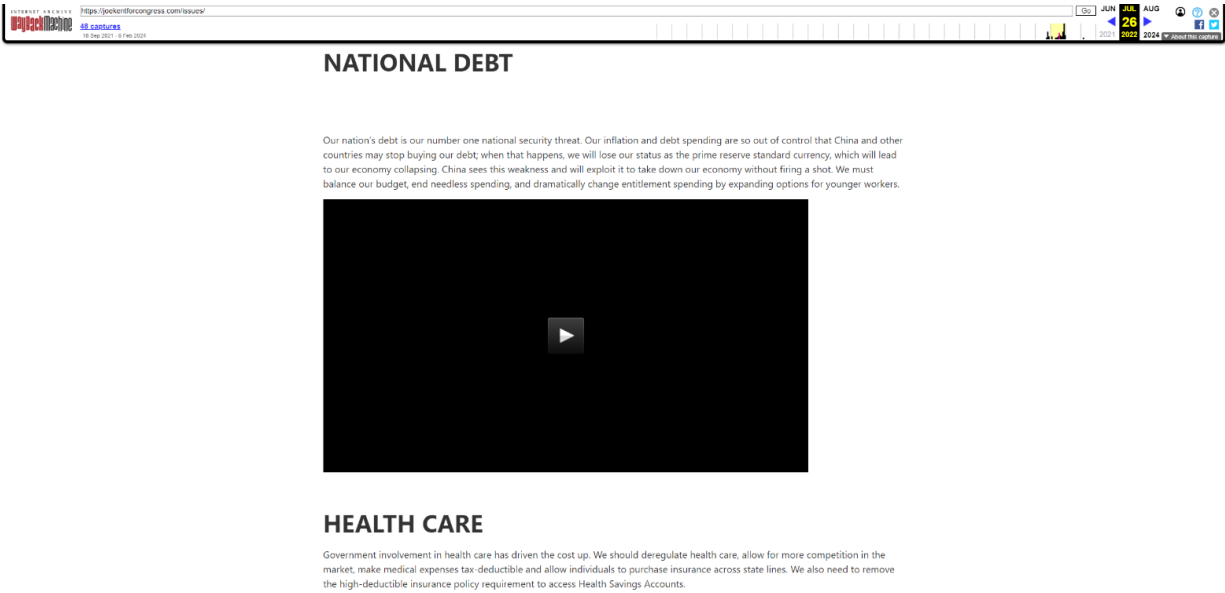
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**HEALTH CARE**

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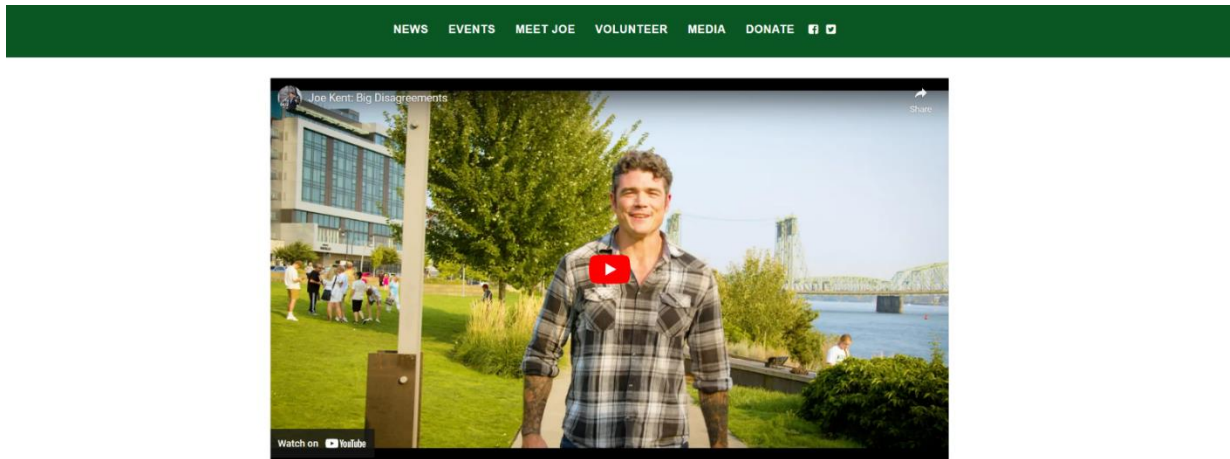
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NEWS EVENTS MEET JOE VOLUNTEER MEDIA DONATE

Joe Kent: Big Disagreements

Watch on YouTube

[Joe Kent for Congress, accessed [2/15/24](#)]

**Kent Wanted To Repeal Obamacare And Did Not Support A Federal Government Version Of Health Care, Despite The Fact He Himself Was On Government Funded Health Care**

**Kent Wanted To Repeal Obamacare, Saying It Was “Essential” To Repeal It**

**Kent: “Repealing Obamacare, I Think Is Absolutely Essential.”** KENT: “We’re gonna go from Iraq rules of engagement to healthcare. So, Trump’s been talking a lot about getting rid of, uh, Obamacare. Obamacare, I think this top-down healthcare plan, absolutely nonsense. We need to make sure that when we do repeal Obamacare that people are able to quickly transition onto a healthcare plan, that no one’s left out in the cold, no one’s left exposed.

I think allowing more competition on the healthcare market is the way to go. Allow people to buy healthcare, telehealth insurance and healthcare, across state lines. Don't have it tied to your employer. That's gonna flood the market, really, with more people competing for your dollar. I think individual tax-free savings accounts that you use specifically for healthcare, I think that's another great idea as well, it's gonna allow people to have more money in their pocket that can't be taxed, that they can use for healthcare and that's again gonna create more competition for your dollar. I think that's absolutely essential. There's a lot more details you could get into, but repealing Obamacare, I think, is absolutely essential. If you talk to any small business owner, what Obamacare did to them, the way that it took away their ability to get the best healthcare for their employees, and the fact they had to buy healthcare from pretty much everybody. A lot of this too led to the destruction of your traditional economy where people work for a company. It brought in a lot more individual contractors because employers didn't want to pay for healthcare et cetera." [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, 32:17, [12/1/23](#)] (VIDEO)

**In 2023, 21,000 People In Washington's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District Were Enrolled In The ACA Marketplace Health Insurance Coverage.** "The enhanced subsidies are providing significant benefits in Washington's 3<sup>rd</sup> District. In 2023, an estimated 21,000 people in the district enrolled in ACA marketplace health insurance coverage. As a result of the IRA, the average enrollee will save \$1,060 in premiums this year." [Regional leadership Council, accessed [12/5/23](#)]

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**Kent Did Not Want The Federal Government To Regulate Peoples Insurance And Wanted Individual Private Insurance Companies And Health Care Companies To Compete On The Market.** HOST: "Joe Kent, what exact regulations in terms of health insurance, are you saying you want to get rid of?" KENT: "From the federal perspective, I don't want the federal government to regulate anything as far as people having to have this insurance or that insurance. I mean, the Supreme Court struck down the individual mandate. Obamacare just trying to do one size fits all top down, that's the problem. The reason why healthcare costs are so expensive is because major pharmaceutical companies and a handful of conglomerates, only a few, they're the ones controlling the prices. We need individual private insurance companies and healthcare companies that are competing on the market because we the consumer, we succeed when businesses are competing for our dollar. That's what we need to introduce into the healthcare system." [OPB, [10/27/22](#)]

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**Kent Did Not Support A Single Payer Option Or A Government Version Of Healthcare, Despite The Fact He Himself Was On Government Funded Healthcare.** HOST: "Do either of you – Joe Kent you can go first – support a single payer option? You can call it Medicare for all if you want, you can call it anything you want. But a government version of basic healthcare that would be available to compete with the private sector?" KENT: "Not from the federal government. No. If the states want to handle that individually, I think that'd be a good thing for states to do. But from the federal level. Every time Washington DC has gotten involved in our healthcare, the healthcare of individuals, they have messed it up. Obamacare is case in point. If you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor. I support some form of a social network, a social fallback system for people to have. I don't want anyone to, you know, not get the healthcare that they need. So I think some sort of a program where funding is provided the same way. We don't have any starving to death in America, but we also don't have deliveries of government food going to people's houses. People get an EBT card that access dollars and then they compete on the market and they have companies competing for their EBT dollars. So something similar to that when we provide the basic funding to be introduced into the market. So the individual consumer has the option. But the last

thing I want is the federal government being involved in the nitty gritty details of healthcare for individuals.” HOST: “I mean what about Medicaid, Medicare, VA care?” KENT: “Those are different. There are several programs, but as far as like for those are . . .” HOST: “But those are examples of what you’re talking about right now. Would you support those programs?” KENT: “Of course. I mean I get my healthcare from the VA.” HOST: “Exactly.” KENT: “Yeah I get help from the VA. And I can tell you it’s got a lot of problems. I think a system where we had more veterans’ choice, is the way to go as far as the VA goes. And I think that goes for most programs. People need to be able to get access to the care they need if they’re entitled to Medicare, they’re entitled to Medicaid. If they’re entitled to VA benefits. Then the money and the driver, they should be in the driver’s seat of that, and they should have healthcare companies competing for them, as opposed to Washington DC. And a bunch of bureaucrats dictating how they get their healthcare.” [OPB, [10/27/22](#)]

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**Kent Supported Defunding The FBI By Using The Appropriations Process To Defund The FBI And Defended A Man Who Was Killed By The FBI For Raising A Gun To The Federal Agents**

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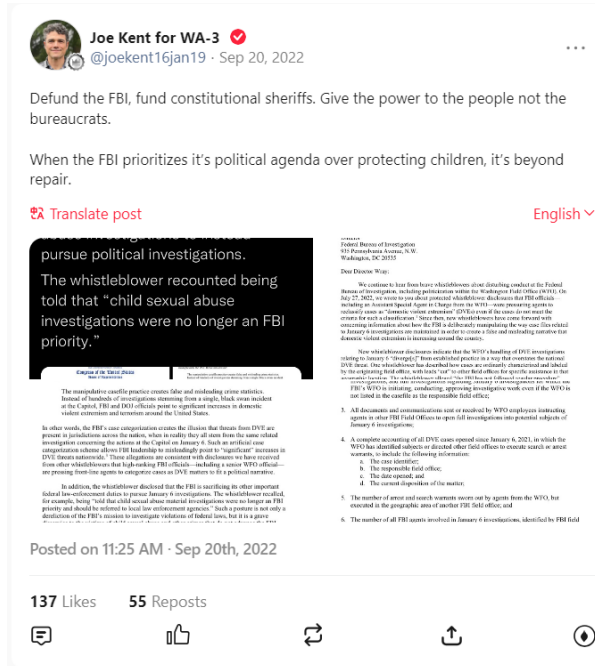
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**Kent Supported Defunding The Federal Bureau Of Investigation.** “Kent’s aspirations are blunt: boost oil and gas production, defund the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Education, impose tariffs in an



attempt to bring back manufacturing jobs, use the death penalty on drug dealers.” [Crosscut, [9/30/22](#)]

**Kent Called To “Defund The FBI.”** In a Gettr post, Kent said, “Defund the FBI, fund constitutional sheriffs. Give the power to the people not the bureaucrats. When the FBI prioritizes it’s political agenda over protecting children, it’s beyond repair.” [Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [9/20/22](#)]



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**Kent Wanted To Use The “The Appropriations Process” To Defund The FBI And Make The Agency A Purely Investigative Body.** “He proposed using ‘the appropriations process’ to gut the agency, ‘taking away the teeth of the FBI.’ The reforms would make the agency a purely investigative body, which could do ‘investigative heavy lifting’ alongside local operations, such as ‘sheriffs.’ ‘I think that might be a good way to go,’ Kent said. ‘But having them as a secret domestic intelligence agency, I think that is going to continue to take us down this road towards total authoritarianism, like we’re on right now.’” [The Daily Beast, [9/24/23](#)]

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### Kent Threatened To Defund The FBI Because Of Money For Jan. 6-Related Prosecutions And He Was Unsure If The FBI Could Be Saved

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**Kent Threatened To Defund The FBI Because Of Money For Jan. 6-Related Prosecutions.** “Kent has repeatedly called people charged with crimes in the Jan. 6 attack ‘political prisoners.’ He has threatened to defund the FBI and reject the Justice Department budget if it includes money for Jan. 6-related prosecutions. Last year, he was one of only two congressional candidates to speak at a poorly attended ‘Justice for J6’ rally in Washington, D.C., seeking to drum up support for the criminal defendants.” [The Seattle Times, [12/4/22](#)]

**Kent Said He Did Not Know If The FBI Could Be Saved.** KENT: “I saw somebody asked me. [...] I really don't know if we actually can save the FBI. We need to use the appropriations process. I think taking away the teeth of the FBI making them an investigative body as opposed to a law enforcement body that cooperated can do investigative heavy lifting. They can do that in conjunction with sheriff's I think that might be a good way to go but having them as a secret domestic intelligence agency. I think that is going to continue to take us down this road towards total authoritarianism, like we're on right now.” [Joe Kent, Twitter, 43:00-43:54, [8/18/23](#)] (VIDEO)

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***Kent Was Referring To A Man Killed By The FBI In Provo, Utah, In August 2023 When Agents Served A Warrant On His Home***

**A Man In Provo, Utah, Was Shot And Killed By The FBI When Agents Attempted To Serve A Warrant On His Home.** “PROVO, Utah (AP) — An armed Utah man accused of making violent threats against President Joe Biden was shot and killed by FBI agents hours before the president landed in the state Wednesday, authorities said. Special agents were trying to serve a warrant on the home of Craig Deleeuw Robertson in Provo, south of Salt Lake City, when the shooting happened at 6:15 a.m., the FBI said in a statement.” [Associated Press, [8/9/23](#)]

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**Craig Deleeuw Robertson, The Man Killed In The Provo Raid, Made Threats Against President Biden, Law Enforcement Officials Investigating Trump, And FBI Agents Investigating His Threats**

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***The FBI Killed Craig Deleeuw Robertson After He Raised A Gun At Federal Agents; He Was Charged With Three Felony Counts***

**The Man Killed In The August Provo FBI Raid Was Named Craig Deleeuw Robertson.** “An armed Utah man accused of making violent threats against President Joe Biden was shot and killed by FBI agents hours before the president landed in the state Wednesday, authorities said. Special agents were trying to serve a warrant on the home of Craig Deleeuw Robertson in Provo, south of Salt Lake City, when the shooting happened at 6:15 a.m., the FBI said in a statement.” [Associated Press, [8/9/23](#)]

- **Robertson Pointed A Gun At FBI Agents Before The Agents Shot And Killed Him.** “The 75-year-old man shot and killed by FBI agents in Provo last week had pointed a gun at the agents before they fatally opened fire on him, the FBI said in an updated statement Monday afternoon.” [Salt Lake Tribune, [8/14/23](#)]

**Robertson Was Charged With Three Felony Counts For Threatening The President And The FBI Agents Investigating Him.** “Robertson’s posts indicated he did appear to own a long-range sniper rifle and numerous other weapons, as well as camouflage gear known as a ‘ghillie suit,’ investigators said in court records. Robertson was charged under seal Tuesday with three felony counts, including making threats against the president and against FBI agents investigating him, court documents show.” [Associated Press, [8/9/23](#)]

***Robertson Made Threats Against President Biden, Law Enforcement, And Public Officials Investigating Former President Trump***

**Robertson Was Initially Contacted By The FBI And Told Agents To Return With A Warrant Then Threatened The FBI Agents That Visited Him In A Facebook Post.** “According to court documents, two FBI agents came to Robertson’s house after the initial warning about him from Truth Social in March. They found Robertson wearing a Trump cap and what one described in a search warrant affidavit as an ‘AR-15 style rifle lapel pin.’ According to the affidavit, he told them his initial threat was just ‘a dream’ and demanded they only return with a warrant. In a Facebook post days later cited in the affidavit, he said, ‘To my friends in the Federal Bureau of Idiots: I know you’re reading this and you have no idea how close your agents came to ‘violent eradication.’ In another undated social media post cited in the document, Robertson wrote: ‘Hey FBI, you still monitoring my

social media? Checking so I can have a loaded gun handy in case you drop by again.’ A post from July 21 unearthed by SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors online extremism, reads, ‘If I really told you what I’d like to do to Joe Biden Facebook would censor me and the FBI would pay me another visit.’” [Associated Press, [8/9/23](#)]

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- **Robertson's Facebook Post: “The Time Is Right For A Presidential Assassination Or Two. First Joe Then Kamala!!!”** [Associated Press, [8/9/23](#)]
- **President Biden Was Traveling To Utah To Talk About Expanding Benefits To Veterans Exposed To Burn Pits.** “Biden flew to Utah Wednesday ahead of a visit to a Veterans Affairs hospital in Salt Lake City Thursday to talk about the PACT Act, which expanded veterans benefits. He also planned to hold a reelection fundraiser. A White House official who requested anonymity to discuss the matter said Biden was briefed after the raid.” [Associated Press, [8/9/23](#)]

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- **Robertson Made Threats Against Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland, And New York Attorney General Letitia James.** “Robertson also referenced a ‘presidential assassination’ and also posted threats against Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland and New York Attorney General Letitia James, authorities said.” [Associated Press, [8/9/23](#)]
- **Robertson Said In A Truth Social Post That He Would “Put A Nice Hole” In Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg’s Forehead.** “Robertson also referenced a ‘presidential assassination’ and also posted threats against Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland and New York Attorney General Letitia James, authorities said. [...] The FBI investigation began with a tip about the Bragg threat from Trump’s own social media platform Truth Social in March, after Robertson posted about ‘waiting in the courthouse parking garage’ with a suppressed weapon and wanting to ‘put a nice hole in his

forehead.’ His account has since been suspended from the platform.” [Associated Press, [8/9/23](#)]

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**Robertson Had Previous Encounters With Law Enforcement Where He Threatened Utility Workers And Local Police With Weapons**

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*August 2018: Robertson Threatened Google Fiber Employees With A Gun; When Police Were Called, Robertson Answered The Door With A Gun And Told Police Officer He Could Have Killed Them*

**Salt Lake Tribune Headline: “Utah Man Killed In FBI Raid Had Confronted Provo Police With AR-15 Before, Records Show.”** [Salt Lake Tribune, [8/15/23](#)]

**In August 2018, Robertson Threatened Two Google Fiber Employees With A Handgun When They Entered His Back Yard.** “The Provo police report released Tuesday states that on Aug. 20, 2018, the two Google Fiber workers arrived at Robertson’s home, near 400 North and 1220 West, to connect a neighbor’s internet. They knocked on his door, but went to his backyard when Robertson didn’t answer. Robertson soon exited his backdoor, allegedly waving a handgun, and yelled for the workers to get off his property, according to the report. One of the workers later told Provo police that Robertson pointed the gun at them as he brandished it.” [Salt Lake Tribune, [8/15/23](#)]

**When The Police Were Called, Robertson Answered The Door Holding A Rifle, Causing A Brief Standoff.** “The men called police, and a Provo officer rang Robertson’s doorbell when he arrived. Robertson answered the door holding an AR-15 rifle, ‘which triggered a bit of a stand off,’ according to the police report. The officer told Robertson to put down the gun, and Robertson initially refused. Eventually, the officer said, Robertson calmed down and put the rifle away.” [Salt Lake Tribune, [8/15/23](#)]

**Robertson Threatened Officers, Telling Them, “Listen If I Wanted To Take You Out, I’ve Got An M24 Sniper Rifle There, You’d Have Never Made It Here.”** ““When I knocked on the front door to speak with the male he answered the door with an AR-15,’ the responding Provo officer reported, ‘which triggered a bit of a stand-off.’ In the video, which is approximately an hour long, he is heard saying, ‘listen, if I wanted to take you out, I’ve got an M24 sniper rifle there, you’d have never made it here.’ An officer responds by saying, ‘That’s probably not a good thing to say to us.’ He later tells officers, ‘If I had evil intent, there is nothing you could do — short of sending a SWAT unit here to take me out.’” [2KUTV, [8/18/23](#)] (VIDEO)

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**Kent Wanted To Defund And Abolish The Bureau Of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms And Explosives**

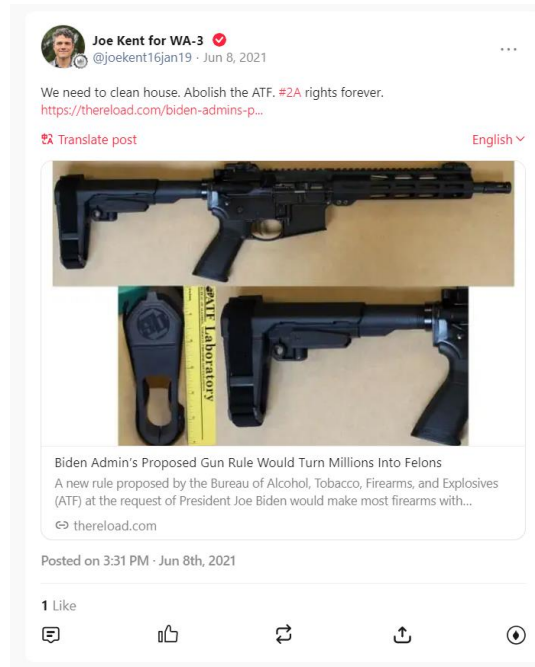
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**Kent Wanted To Abolish The Bureau Of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms And Explosives.** Kent said in a Gettr post, “We need to clean house. Abolish the ATF. #2A rights forever.” [Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [6/8/21](#)]



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**The ATF And FBI Had More Than 16,000 Federal Law Enforcement Officers**

**2020: The ATF And FBI Had A Combined 16,228 Federal Law Enforcement Officers.**

2020: FBI And ATF Full-Time Federal Law Enforcement Officers	
Agency	Number Of Law Enforcement Officers
FBI	13,575
ATF	2,653
TOTAL:	16,228

[Bureau of Justice Statistics, [Sept. 2022](#)]

**Kent Wanted To Defund The Department Of Justice Until They Released January 6 Prisoners And He Wanted To Defund The CIA, DHS, And Other Intel Agencies**

**Kent Called On Republicans To Reject The DoJ Budget Until They Released The January 6 Prisoners And Disclosed How Many Agents/Officers/Informants Were Involved In January 6**

**Kent Called On Republicans To Reject The DoJ Budget Until They Released The January 6 Prisoners And Disclosed How Many Agents/Officers/Informants Were Involved In January 6.** In a tweet, Kent said, “Republicans must reject the 2023 DOJ budget until this waste is taken out. If the DOJ wants funding make them release the political prisoners, tapes & disclose how many agents/officers/informants were involved in J6.” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [4/7/22](#)]



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## Kent Wanted To Use The “Appropriations Process” To Reform The DOJ, FBI, CIA, DHS, And Other Intel Agencies

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**Kent Wanted To Use The “Appropriations Process” To Reform The DOJ, FBI, CIA, DHS, And Other Intel Agencies.** In a Gettr post, Kent said, “Our broken intel agencies are too busy acting as the democrat party’s secret police to deal w/the fentanyl killing Americans, child trafficking or the CCP. Biden must be impeached for leading this rot along w/ his enablers like Wray, Mayorkas & the 51 spies who lied. The leadership of today’s DOJ, FBI, CIA, DHS & other intel agencies are a disgrace to every intelligence officer & federal agent who gave their life protecting our nation. They must be held accountable & real reform must be forced via the appropriations process or we will continue to spiral towards becoming a banana republic.” [Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [7/12/23](#)]



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## Kent Wanted To Withhold Federal Dollars From The Police In Washington And Instead Give The Money To Constitutional Sheriffs

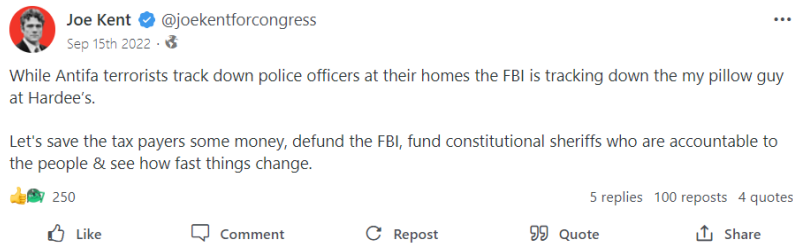
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## Kent Wanted To Fund Constitutional Sheriffs, Who Picked And Chose Which Laws To Enforce, Instead Of Giving Federal Law Enforcement Grants To Cities And States

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**Kent Wanted To Fund Constitutional Sheriffs And Defund The FBI.** In a Gab post, Kent said, “While Antifa terrorists track down police officers at their homes the FBI is tracking down the my pillow guy at Hardee’s. Let's save the tax payers some money, defund the FBI, fund constitutional sheriffs who are accountable to the people & see how fast things change.” [Gab, Joe Kent, [9/15/22](#)]



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**Kent Said That As A Congressman With Control Of The Federal Budget, He Would Take Federal Law Enforcement Grants And Give Them To Constitutional Sheriffs, Instead Of Cities And States.** KENT: “So the other attack is that I want to defund the police. They took some clip of me, uh, yeah, it’s actually a clip of me completely out of context. I want to defund sanctuary cities. So I want to defund Portland, I want to defund Seattle, I want to defund Kate Brown, Jay Inslee, because they’re not enforcing any law and order. They’re not cooperating with federal law enforcement. They made—Portland kicked out ICE. It’s one of the lead failing sanctuary cities that’s a stone throw away. We’re in the same metropolitan area as Portland. So what happens in Portland directly spills over here, into not just Vancouver and Clark county but the entire district. It’s the same thing to a certain extent with Seattle and Olympia. And so me, as a congressman with control of the federal budget, I would just say ‘hey, we’re not gonna give any federal taxpayer dollars to these sanctuary cities and states until they start enforcing basic law and order. I would then take constitutional grants, and I would award constitutional sheriffs with those federal law enforcement grants. Because sheriffs, they’re accountable to us. We actually get to vote on those guys. They’re not faceless bureaucrats. They’re actually elected officials. They have a lot of power. So constitutional sheriffs I think is where—until we can restore some common sense balance when these cities and these states are actually enforcing law and order, that’s where the federal funding can go.” [Constitutional Sheriffs, Response to Opponents Attacks, 16:41, 7/24/22] (VIDEO)

- **Constitutional Sheriffs Did Not Enforce Laws That They Deemed Unconstitutional Or Unjust.** “Leaf is on the advisory board of the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, founded in 2011 by former Arizona sheriff Richard Mack. The group, known as CSPOA, teaches that elected sheriffs must ‘protect their citizens from the overreach of an out-of-control federal government’ by refusing to enforce any law they deem unconstitutional or ‘unjust.’ ‘The safest way to actually achieve that is to have local law enforcement understand that they have no obligation to enforce such laws,’ Mack said in an interview. ‘They’re not laws at all anyway. If they’re unjust laws, they are laws of tyranny.’” [AP, [8/21/23](#)]
- **The Constitutional Sheriff Movement Was Inspired By A “Far-Right, Anti-Semitic Posse Comitatus Movement Of The 1970s And 80s,” Where They Believed That “Sheriffs Were Responsible For The Armed Defense Of Citizens And Higher Law.”** “It’s called the ‘constitutional sheriff’ movement, and as it grows, it’s increasing the risk of conflict between local law enforcement and federal authorities. Its animating idea is that a sheriff holds ultimate law-enforcement authority in his county—outranking even the federal government within its borders. [...] The constitutional sheriff movement arose from the ashes of the far-right, anti-semitic Posse Comitatus movement of the 1970s and 80s, led by William Potter Gale. The insignia favored by these Christian Patriots was a redesigned sheriff’s badge containing a noose, Bible and sword, to reflect their belief that sheriffs were responsible for the armed defense of citizens and higher law (a combination of their view of the Constitution and Christian Identity teachings). Before the movement collapsed with Gale’s death, its paramilitary figures developed an anti-tax, anti-government agenda that stoked conspiracy theories that Jews were responsible for oppressing farmers through crushing taxes and exorbitant loans. Its foot soldiers gained notoriety when they tried to stop foreclosures in the Midwest and engaged in shootouts with U.S. marshals.” [Politico, [9/1/17](#)]
- **Self-Proclaimed Constitutional Sheriffs Have Refused To Enforce “Public Safety Guidelines, Including Those Issued In Response To The Covid-19 Pandemic And Mass Shootings.”** “The ‘constitutional sheriffs’ movement — a fringe theory that holds that sheriffs have more law enforcement power in their home counties

than any other government body or individual — has risen in influence over the past decade. Adherents believe that county sheriffs are the ultimate authority in determining the constitutionality of the laws they must enforce — including on matters of immigration, gun control, and health policy. The movement has gained attention in recent years as self-proclaimed constitutional sheriffs have refused to enforce government-enacted public safety guidelines, including those issued in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and mass shootings. Supporters of the constitutional sheriff ideology also have shared racist and anti-immigrant beliefs on right-wing media, have been accused of mistreatment of immigrant detainees, and have been linked to anti-immigration groups like the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), which the Southern Poverty Law Center has designated as a hate group. In September 2022, a group of sheriffs associated with the movement spoke at a FAIR rally in Washington, D.C., where they applauded anti-immigration efforts and referred to unauthorized immigration as an ‘invasion’ at the southern border.” [American Oversight, [3/7/23](#)]

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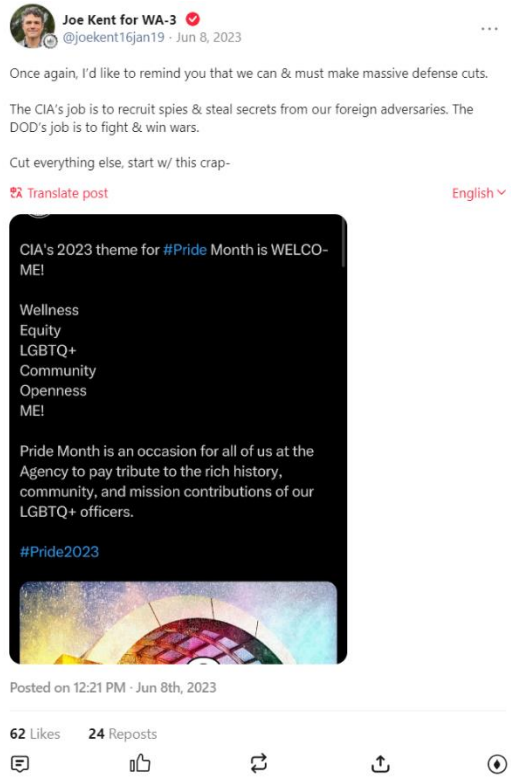
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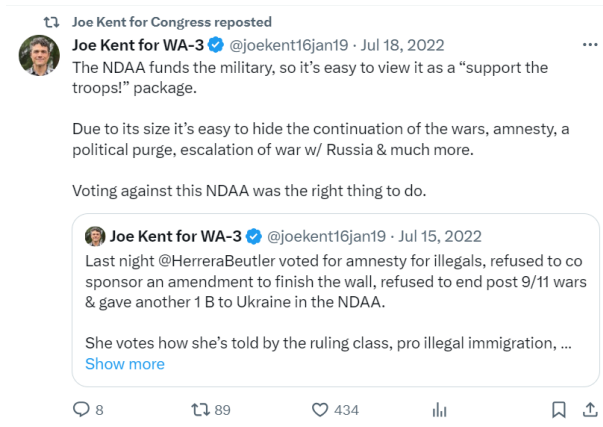




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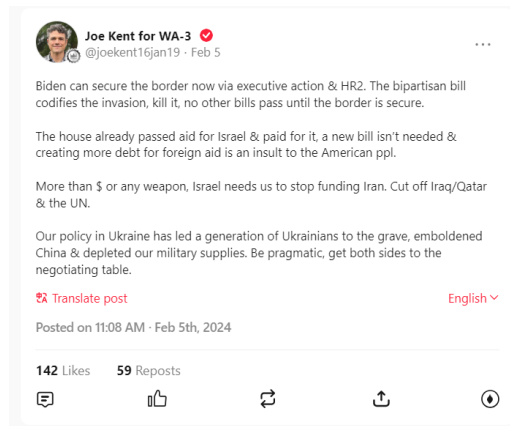


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foreign aid is an insult to the American ppl. More than \$ or any weapon, Israel needs us to stop funding Iran. Cut off Iraq/Qatar & the UN. Our policy in Ukraine has led a generation of Ukrainians to the grave, emboldened China & depleted our military supplies. Be pragmatic, get both sides to the negotiating table.” [Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [2/5/24](#)]



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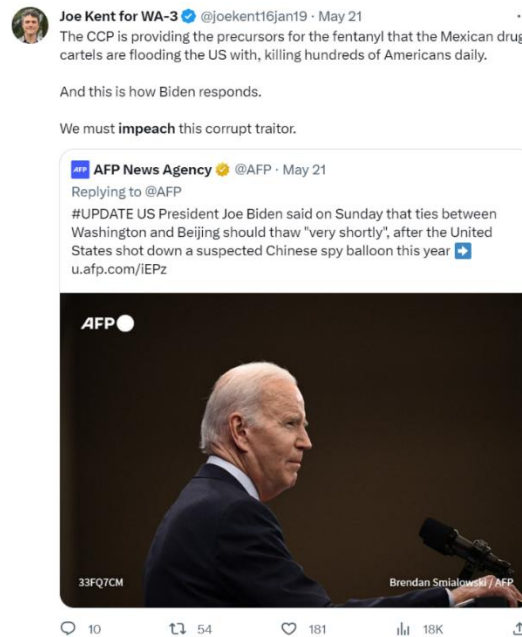
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**May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023: Kent Called To Impeach Biden For His Administration’s Handling Of The Border.** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [5/21/23](#)]



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**August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023: Kent Claimed Republicans Would Impeach Biden For His Administration’s Handling Of The Afghanistan Withdraw.** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [8/15/22](#)]



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**July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021: Kent Called To Impeach Biden Over The 2020 Election.** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [7/20/21](#)]

Joe Kent for WA-3  @joekent16jan19 · Jul 20, 2021Adjudicate the election of 2020 and **impeach Biden** and Harris. 

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[Joe Kent, Twitter, [7/20/21](#)]

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**Washington State Has Had Universal Vote-By-Mail Since 2011.** “For folks in Washington, it will be Tuesday. As one of five states—along with Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, and Utah—that conduct elections entirely by mail-in voting, Washingtonians haven’t had to go to a physical polling place since at least 2011. (Each county opens a voting center prior to each primary, special election, and general election, according to the Secretary of State.) Washington was the second state in the country to go all-in on mail-in voting, following the first state, Oregon, which enacted its law in 2000.” [NW Sidebar, [9/28/20](#)]

**Washington First Allowed Vote-By-Mail In 1983.** “Voting by mail in Washington got rolling in 1983, according to the Secretary of State ‘Washington Vote-By-Mail (VBM) Fact Sheet.’ Prior to then, voters with disabilities or who were 65 or older were eligible for permanent absentee ballots, and other voters could request absentee ballots before each election. In 1983, the state allowed for special elections to be conducted by mail ballot. In 2005, the vote-by-mail system Washingtonians know began to take root in a larger way.” [NW Sidebar, [9/28/20](#)]

**Washington State’s Voting Laws Were Not Challenged After Passing.** “According to officials NWSidebar contacted with the Washington Secretary of State’s Office, the Office of Attorney General (AGO), and more, Washington’s switch to mailed ballots was not subject to any legal challenges after passing. ‘In the period immediately before voting by mail, the percentage of votes cast by mail was steadily rising anyway,’ Jeffrey Even, deputy solicitor general with the AGO and a former attorney with the Secretary of State, said in an email response. ‘There weren’t any problems with it, so there was nothing to challenge.’” [NW Sidebar, [9/28/20](#)]

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## Kent Was A Registered Democrat Who Voted For Bernie Sanders

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**2020: Kent Was A Registered Democrat When In Oregon.** [Multnomah County Board of Elections, Voter Profile, accessed 7/7/23]

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**Kent Confirmed He Was A Registered Democrat And Voted For Bernie Sanders In 2020.** “St. John's campaign has pointed to Kent's registration as a Democrat in Multnomah County and his voting for Bernie Sanders in the 2020 primary. Kent admits he registered as a Democrat and voted for Sanders in the primary, but he said it was ‘a very tactical thing at the time.’” [The Chronicle, [3/7/22](#)]

- **Kent Claimed He Was Working For Donald Trump’s Campaign When He Voted For Bernie Sanders.** “Most recently, Kent voted for Sanders in the 2020 primary, which he said was when he was already working for former President Donald Trump's campaign. As Trump was already a lock to move onto the general election, the move made sense, he said.” [The Chronicle, [3/7/22](#)]
- **Kent Was A Volunteer For The Trump Campaign.** “Kent said he volunteered for Trump's campaign in 2020, and was in active duty in 2016. He called Trump's impeachment trial ‘a shame’ and said citizens ‘weren't even allowed to question’ the results of the 2020 presidential election without being called ‘insurrectionists.’” [Daily Chronicle, [3/12/21](#)]

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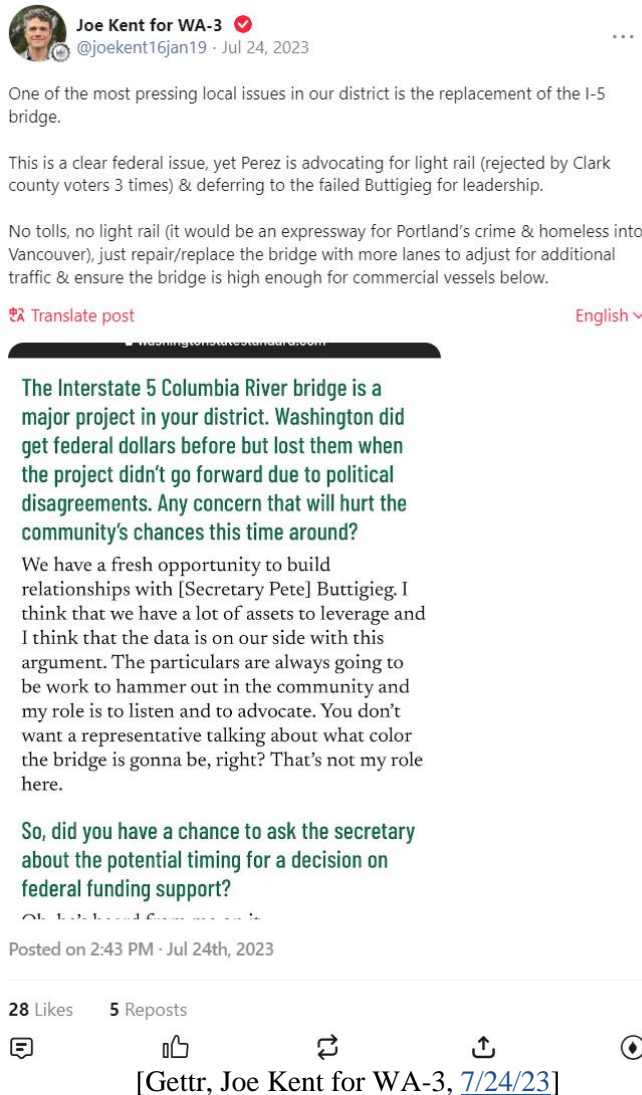
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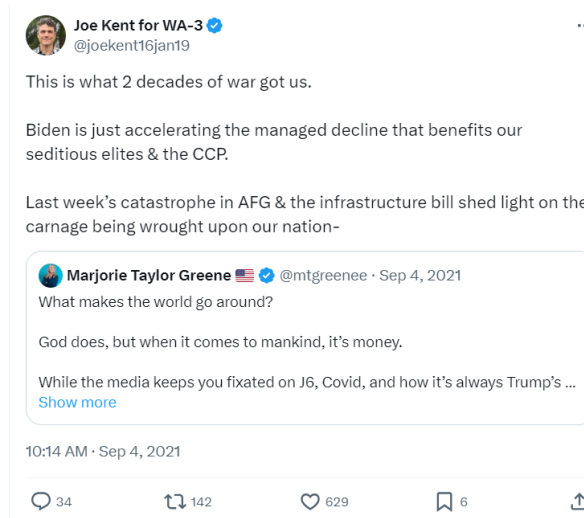
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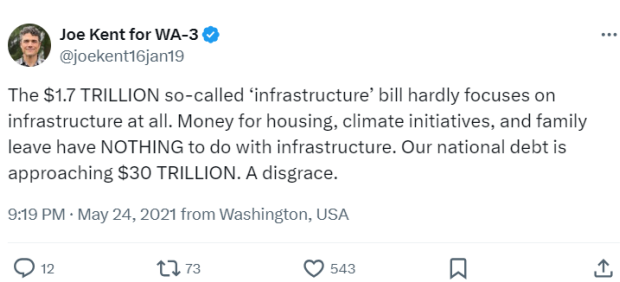
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**Kent Called The Infrastructure Investments & Job Act A “Catastrophe.”** “This is what 2 decades of war got us. Biden is just accelerating the managed decline that benefits our seditious elites & the CCP. Last week’s catastrophe in AFG & the infrastructure bill shed light on the carnage being wrought upon our nation-” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [9/4/21](#)]



[Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [9/4/21](#)]

**Kent Called The Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act “A Disgrace” And Claimed It Had Nothing To Do With Infrastructure.** “The \$1.7 TRILLION so-called ‘infrastructure’ bill hardly focuses on infrastructure at all. Money for housing, climate initiatives, and family leave have NOTHING to do with infrastructure. Our national debt is approaching \$30 TRILLION. A disgrace.” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [5/24/21](#)]



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## One Of The Projects That Had Benefitted From The Infrastructure, Investments & Jobs Act Was The I-5 Bridge Which Had Received A MEGA Grant Of \$600 Million, Which Was Created Due To The Infrastructure, Investments & Jobs Act

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**The I-5 Bridge Received A \$600 Million MEGA Grant To Replace And Improve The Bridge.** “MEGA Grant Program Project Spotlight Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Project The I-5 bridge has received a \$600 million grant The \$600 million Washington State Department of Transportation grant, in partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation, will update Interstate 5 with a seismically resilient replacement of the I-5 bridge over the Columbia River, connecting Vancouver, Washington to Portland, Oregon. The new bridge will include transit improvements such as additional light-rail transit service, enhanced zero-emission express bus service, and the expansion of active transportation networks. The project will address vulnerabilities to make the bridge more resilient and better handle future challenges including correcting structural weaknesses, seismic risks, and congestion issues.” [White House, Washington Fact Sheet, [2/7/24](#)]

**The MEGA Grant Was Created In The Infrastructure, Investments & Jobs Act.** “The National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) program was created in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to fund major projects that are too large or complex for traditional funding programs. The program will provide grants on a competitive basis to support multijurisdictional or regional projects of significance that may also cut across multiple modes of transportation. Eligible projects could include highway, bridge, freight, port, passenger rail, and public transportation projects of national and regional significance. These could be bridges or tunnels connecting two states; new rail and transit lines that improve equity and reduce emissions; and freight hubs integrating ship, train and truck traffic while improving environmental justice. DOT will award 50 percent of funding to projects greater than \$500 million in cost, and 50 percent to projects greater than \$100 million but less than \$500 million in cost. The program will receive up to \$1 billion this year alone and be able to provide multi-year funding to projects.” [NJIT, accessed [3/27/24](#)]

### **Kent Wanted To Pass An Infrastructure Bill Despite The Fact That Congress Had Already Passed A \$1 Trillion Infrastructure Bill In 2021**

#### **2023: Kent Wanted To Pass An Infrastructure Bill Despite The Fact That Congress Had Already Passed A \$1 Trillion Infrastructure Bill In 2021**

**2023: Kent Wanted A Clear Cut Infrastructure Bill.** KENT: “And this is another reason why I’m so anti, y’know, omnibus spending. In general, it’s a bad spending practice. But I think there needs to be a real clear cut infrastructure bill that covers something like infrastructure on I-5, or in particular I-5 bridges. Look throughout our country. Bridges and our transit system is absolutely failing. Everybody knows what happened in East Palestine Ohio, that massive chemical spill from a huge train derailment. We just had another bridge failure that dumped toxic chemicals into a, uh, river in Montana. So, our infrastructure in this country is crumbling all over the place. You don’t have to take my word for it. Go drive on pretty much any road or highway and you can see that we’re approaching, y’know, almost third world conditions on a lot of these major roads. Which is absolutely insanity, because we are paying a ton of money in taxes.” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, 5:36, 6/30/23] (VIDEO)

**2021: A \$1 Trillion Infrastructure Bill Was Passed In November Of 2021.** “President Biden signed a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill into law Monday, enacting a key piece of his domestic spending agenda that will funnel billions to states and local governments to upgrade outdated roads, bridges, transit systems and more. The event — which the White House said was in front of some 800 guests, including members of Congress, governors and state and local officials from both sides of the aisle, as well as labor and business leaders — saw the president deliver on two key campaign promises: his vow to broker legislation that could get support from both Republicans and Democrats; and his pledge to get major legislation to provide badly needed money for public works projects that his predecessors from both parties tried repeatedly to move, but failed to deliver.” [NPR, [11/15/21](#)]

## **Kent Was A Conspiracy Theorist And Associated With Violent Right-Wing Groups, Extremists, And Nazi Sympathizers**

### Significant Findings

#### **Kent Rhetoric On Immigration Mirrored A Conspiracy Theory Called The Great Replacement Theory, An Extreme Ideology Espoused By Dangerous White Supremacists**

- ✓ 2022: Kent supported a shutdown on all immigration for 20 years to help stop demographic replacement.
- ✓ Kent said, “They are literally trying to replace American citizens” and agreed that white replacement theory is actually American replacement theory.
- ✓ Kent repeatedly said Democrats were using immigration to influence the demographic composition of urban areas, to strategically create additional congressional districts and accused Democrats “of an unconventional warfare operation.”
- ✓ 2023: Kent claimed Americans dying from fentanyl overdoses were just a casualty of Democrats’ war to gain more power.
- ✓ Kent’s rhetoric mirrored The Great Replacement Theory; an extreme ideology espoused by dangerous white supremacists.
  - ✓ Dangerous white supremacists espoused The Great Replacement Theory before mass killings of people of color.

#### **Kent Spread Conspiracies About The 2020 Election And Had A Campaign Manager Who Was Accused Of Planning To Commit Voter Fraud For Kent**

- ✓ Kent was an election denier who repeatedly claimed there was fraud in the 2020 election and promoted conspiracies about the 2020 election.
  - ✓ Kent repeatedly claimed that the 2020 election was fraudulent, “rigged & stolen” and said President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris were “not legitimate.”
  - ✓ Kent promoted multiple 2020 election conspiracy theories on social media including, dead people voted, computer algorithms transferred votes, “ghost voters,” irregularities, and stated there was an effort to keep Trump from being president.
- ✓ Kent signed onto multiple lawsuits questioning the validity of Washington’s elections and even implied that his election against Marie Gluesenkamp Perez had fraud.
  - ✓ The lawsuit Kent signed onto also sought to have a full forensic audit be conducted in the same way that Arizona carried their audit out on Maricopa County.
  - ✓ Kent implied that there was fraud going on in his 2022 election against Marie Gluesenkamp Perez and paid \$48,000 for a recount.
- ✓ Kent’s former campaign manager, Ozzie Gonzales, has been accused of planning to commit voter fraud for Kent in 2022.

- ✓ Kent's fired campaign manager Bryan Sanford and former campaign manager Ozzie Gonzales had texts that showed that Ozzie Gonzales had made plans to commit voter fraud for Kent.
- ✓ Texts between Kent's fired campaign manager Bryan Sanford and former campaign manager Ozzie Gonzales showed Gonzales wanted to register homeless people to vote, then make an email for them that he had access to, to print their ballots.
- ✓ After Gonzales printed off the homeless persons ballots and they voted, he was going to look through them to make sure they voted correctly.
- ✓ Kents former campaign manager Ozzie Gonzales said in a text message he was "literally going to steal the election."
- ✓ Kents former campaign manager Ozzie Gonzales said in a text message he would "collect every ballot I can" and "burn the bad ones."
- ✓ Kents former campaign manager Ozzie Gonzales said in a text message he knew "hundreds of illegals through a soccer club my dad ran. They + their families are probably around 5,000. All of them will be voting for Joe Kent."

#### **Kent Repeatedly Spread Conspiracy Theories About The January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection, And Was Sympathetic To The Rioters**

- ✓ Kent supported pardoning insurrectionists who attacked the capitol and even said they needed to elect Trump so he could pardon them.
- ✓ Kent held an event with Rep. Matt Gaetz called "The Great Gaetzby" and allegedly held a ceremony for the rioters from January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Kent spoke at a January 6<sup>th</sup> "Justice for J6" rally, that was organized by one of his advisors, to get support for January 6<sup>th</sup> criminal defendants.
- ✓ Kent repeatedly spread misinformation and conspiracy theories about January 6<sup>th</sup> and said that the government was involved in the insurrection.
  - ✓ Kent said that government agents started and were involved in January 6<sup>th</sup> and that the riot looked "like an intelligence operation."
  - ✓ Kent pledged he would "convene a congressional committee to "disclose the government's involvement" and wanted to keep the January 6<sup>th</sup> committee going to investigate the FBI and search for evidence they instigated January 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - ✓ Kent has promoted a conspiracy theory that a Trump supporter named Ray Epps, who urged people to march on the Capitol on January 6<sup>th</sup>, was a government agent who helped instigate the attack.
- ✓ Kent ran for Congress, and received Trump's endorsement, against former Rep. Jamie Herrera Beutler because she voted to impeach Trump for January 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Kent Suggested That The National Security State Was Involved In John F. Kennedy's Assassination Because He Wanted Peace**

- ✓ Kent suggested that the national security state killed JFK after he discussed having "peace in our time."

- ✓ JFK being killed by the military industrial complex is a theory that claimed the military industrial complex killed JFK because he wanted to end the Cold War and leave Vietnam.
- ✓ Robert Kennedy Jr. Suggested JFK was killed by the military industrial complex due to his refusal to go to war with other countries.

### **Kent Spread Numerous Covid-19 Conspiracy Theories, Opposed Mandates, And Wanted Dr. Fauci To Be Charged With Murder**

- ✓ Kent called for Fauci to be charged with murder and accused him of funding “the people who cooked up Covid.”
- ✓ Kent said COVID-19 was a scam and that the vaccine was “experimental gene therapy” that was causing young men to die suddenly.
- ✓ Kent opposed vaccine mandates in schools and the military and claimed mandates were out of “Marxist and Jihadist playbooks.”
- ✓ Kent implied that the federal vaccine mandate did not apply to postal workers so that they could participate in election fraud.
- ✓ Kent spread misinformation and organized a rally about a state Department of Health board meeting.
  - ✓ Kent spread false rumors about an alleged Department of Health plan to arrest people who refused the Covid-19 vaccine.

### **Kent Was Associated With And Supported By Violent Right Winged Militias, White Nationalists, Alleged Criminals, And Nazi Sympathizers**

- ✓ Kent was associated with white nationalists and echoed white nationalist sentiments.
  - ✓ Kent appeared on a far-right YouTube channel and said, “I don’t think there’s anything wrong with there being a white people special interest group.”
  - ✓ Kent denied claims that he was a white nationalist.
- ✓ Kent’s campaign paid a member of the Proud Boys, a designated hate group whose leaders were convicted of seditious conspiracy.
  - ✓ Kent paid Graham Jorgensen, a member of the Proud Boys and an alleged abuser and stalker, \$11,375 for “campaign consulting.”
  - ✓ The Proud Boys were a designated hate group known for espousing white nationalism and misogyny, whose leaders were convicted of seditious conspiracy for their role in the capitol insurrection.
- ✓ Kent’s close political ally was the founder of a Christian nationalist group.
  - ✓ Kent was a close political ally of Joey Gibson, the founder of the Christian nationalist group Patriot Prayer
- ✓ A political consultant for Kent, Matt Braynard, was an extreme supporter of January 6<sup>th</sup> rioters, an election denier, and attended an event held by white supremacist Nick Fuentes.

- ✓ Braynard was an extreme supporter of January 6<sup>th</sup> rioters, he did interviews with rioters, helped a charged Proud Boy fundraiser, created a rally called “Justice for J6” in support of rioters, and called rioters charged on January 6<sup>th</sup> “political prisoners.”
- ✓ Braynard tried to help Trump overturn the 2020 election by writing an election report “riddled with errors” that helped him receive \$230,000 for consulting.
- ✓ Braynard attended an event held by white supremacist Nick Fuentes and responded to a news article about a politician “minimizing the crimes of Adolf Hitler and Nazism,” saying, “the world will be a better place when Germany is again proud of its history.”
- ✓ Kent did an interview and posed for pictures with a Nazi sympathizer and had allies who were associated with white supremacists and people who admired the American Nazi Party.
  - ✓ Kent gave an interview and posed for pictures with Greyson Arnold, a Nazi sympathizer.
    - ✓ Arnold was in pictures with Kent, wearing Kent merchandise, and was canvassing for Republicans in Washington.
  - ✓ Arnold said Adolf Hitler was “a complicated historical figure which many people misunderstand” and called Nazi men the “pure race” and said, “that the US should have sided with the Nazis during World War two.”
  - ✓ Kent’s allies associated with people who expressed white supremacist views, including admiration for the founder of the American Nazi Party.
- ✓ Kent sought help for his campaign from white nationalist Nick Fuentes, but later tried to distance himself.
  - ✓ Nick Fuentes was a white nationalist who praised Hitler and called for turning America into a nation for white Christians.
  - ✓ Fuentes told Kent, “I love what you’re doing” during a phone call to discuss his campaigns reach on social media.
  - ✓ Fuentes said that he helped boost Kent’s message and said he “got his social media up off the ground.”
  - ✓ Kent sought support from figures associated with the white nationalist “Groyper army” movement led by Nick Fuentes.
  - ✓ Kent defended Fuentes’ and received his endorsement in his 2022 primary.
- ✓ Kent took pictures and shared a stage with Three Percenters, an anti-government militia group.
  - ✓ Kent shared the stage and took pictures with the Three Percenters, who were “anti-government extremists” and “part of the militia movement.”
  - ✓ The Three Percenters have a history of violence and participating in “unite the right,” anti-Muslim activities, and January 6<sup>th</sup>.
    - ✓ Six men who were associated with the Three Percenters were indicted on conspiring to obstruct an official proceeding on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

- ✓ Three Percenters were a part of the militia presence at the white supremacist “unite the right” rally in Charlottesville in 2017.
- ✓ Three Percenters perceived immigrants and Muslims as enemies and were involved in anti-Muslim activities.
- ✓ Kent interviewed a former Washington State house candidate who allegedly committed two counts of voter fraud.
  - ✓ Kent interviewed John Ley, who allegedly committed voter fraud.
  - ✓ John Ley was a candidate for the 18th Legislative District in Washington state but was deemed ineligible to run for office after it was found that he lied about his address on his voter registration and candidate filing forms.
- ✓ Kent was endorsed by Arizona state senator and member of the militia group Oath Keepers, Wendy Rogers, who had a history of racism and extremism.
  - ✓ Rogers said she was a member of the Oath Keepers, a dangerous anti-government group that attempted to overthrow the government.
  - ✓ Rogers celebrated white nationalist groups and claimed a mass shooting targeting African Americans was a false flag carried out by the federal government.
- ✓ Kent supported Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, who espoused, racist, Islamophobic, extreme abortion rhetoric, and antisemitic views.
  - ✓ Kent spoke at a rally that featured Marjorie Taylor Green and said he was “absolutely” a supporter of the congresswoman.
  - ✓ Marjorie Taylor Greene made Islamophobic claims about Muslims and spread a conspiracy theory that President Obama was Muslim.
  - ✓ In racist comments Marjorie Taylor Green called people of color lazy and embraced Great Replacement Theory.
  - ✓ Marjorie Taylor Greene wanted to ban abortion nationally and said extreme rhetoric on abortion.
  - ✓ Marjorie Taylor Greene made repeated antisemitic statements, targeting George Soros.
- ✓ Kent was endorsed, accepted money, campaigned with, and created a joint fundraising committee with Rep. Matt Gaetz who has been accused of breaking multiple laws and ethics.
  - ✓ Kent was endorsed by Gaetz in 2021, had fundraised multiple times together with Gaetz, accepted \$6,000 from Gaetz from 2021-2023, and created a joint victory committee with Gaetz.
  - ✓ Gaetz offered Kyle Rittenhouse an internship and may have violated House rules by renting office space below market value.
  - ✓ Gaetz was arrested for a DUI in 2008.
  - ✓ Gaetz was investigated for possibly threatening a witness and was accused of paying for sex from college women and having sex with a minor.



- ✓ Gaetz asked Trump for a blanket pardon for himself and congressional allies for crimes they may have committed.
- ✓ Gaetz promoted multiple conspiracy theories about the 2020 election and January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- ✓ Kent was endorsed by Rep. Paul Gosar, who was censured after he tweeted a video depicting him murdering Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.
  - ✓ Gosar was censured after he tweeted a video depicting him murdering Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and claimed it was about the “dangers of immigration.”
- ✓ Kent was endorsed by Rep. Scott Perry a fellow conspiracy theorist who compared Democrats to Nazis, met with anti-Muslim groups, tried to help overturn the 2020 election, and defended insurrectionists while dismissing Capitol Police Officers.
  - ✓ 2024: Kent was endorsed by Rep. Scott Perry.
  - ✓ Perry pushed the white nationalist “replacement theory” during a committee hearing.
  - ✓ Perry was the only Pennsylvania lawmaker to vote against a bill to address anti-Asian American hate crimes, saying it provided “unequal justice.”
  - ✓ Perry equated life in America today to life under Hitler’s Germany and directly compared moderate democrats to so-called good Germans.
  - ✓ Perry appeared at least 7 times on the radio show of Frank Gaffney, who the southern poverty law center called “one of America’s most notorious islamophobes.”
  - ✓ December 2016: Perry met with anti-Muslim group act for America.
  - ✓ Perry defended the Capitol insurrectionists and voted against a bill to create a bipartisan commission to investigate the events of the attack.
    - ✓ Perry disrespected the members of the Capitol Police Force by saying only Ashli Babbitt was killed during the Capitol insurrection.
    - ✓ Perry would not admit that the Capitol rioters threatened the lives of Mike Pence or Members of Congress.
    - ✓ Perry claimed the Capitol rioters were all unarmed, which was in conflict with information from federal charging documents.
    - ✓ Perry was the only Pennsylvania Representative who voted against awarding Congressional Gold Medals to members of law enforcement that protected the Capitol on January 6, 2021.
  - ✓ June 2021: House Oversight Committee released emails showing Perry sent false information about Pennsylvania’s voter database to DOJ officials in the waning days of 2020.
  - ✓ Perry voted against certifying the 2020 election results.
  - ✓ Perry played a “key role” in Trump’s scheme to overturn the election by ousting the Acting Attorney General.

- ✓ Perry voted against a resolution condemning Qanon and rejecting its conspiracy theories, saying it was not the government's job to tell people what things were not okay to like.
- ✓ Perry spread irresponsible conspiracy theories about terrorist organizations.
  - ✓ January 2018: perry baselessly said he believed ISIS could be responsible for Las Vegas shooting.
  - ✓ Perry said he believed President Obama enabled and encouraged terrorism.
  - ✓ Perry accused Obama of “really working collaboratively” with ISIS.
- ✓ Kent accepted \$9,600 from three men who were convicted for actions during the January 6th riot.
  - ✓ Kent accepted \$500 from Alexander Sheppard, who was convicted and sentenced to 19 months in prison for actions on January 6<sup>th</sup> and was accused of being one of the first rioters to enter the building.
  - ✓ Kent accepted \$500 from David Rhine, who was convicted and sentenced to four months in prison for actions during January 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - ✓ Kent accepted \$8,600 from Carlos Ayala, who was charged with felony and misdemeanor charges relating to actions on January 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - ✓ Kent previously claimed he would not return contributions from an individual charged for actions during January 6<sup>th</sup> because he believed in due process; Kent also supported pardoning January 6<sup>th</sup> rioters.

#### **Kent Used Militant Language On The Campaign Trail, Saying He Would “Hunt Down” Black Lives Matter Activists And Engage In “Strategic Decapitation” Of Left-Wing Groups**

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- ✓ Kent said, “we’re at war” after the FBI searched Trumps Mar A Lago residence.

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#### **2022: Kent Supported A Shutdown On All Immigration For 20 Years To Help Stop Demographic Replacement**

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**2022: Kent Supported A Shutdown On All Immigration For 20 Years To Help Stop Demographic Replacement.** ‘James, after first bringing up Fuentes, asked Kent: ‘Do you support a complete shutdown on all immigration for the next 20 years, at the very least, to give people time to assimilate? Because we have these massive enclaves that are forming all across the country where people don’t even have the most fundamental form of assimilation, which is language.’ In response, Kent said currently the only form of immigration he supports is through marriage, because it leads to the formation of more families. James then pushed the question again, saying, ‘So a complete shutdown on all immigration for the next 20 years, at the very least. Right?’ Kent responded: ‘Yep.

That's one of the best ways to keep a tight labor market in favor of American workers.' James replied: 'Well, not only because of labor, because of the demographic replacement that's happening in this country as well, right?' Kent responded: 'Yeah.' [The Chronicle, [3/11/22](#)]

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### **Kent Said, "They Are Literally Trying To Replace American Citizens" And Agreed That White Replacement Theory Is Actually American Replacement Theory**

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#### **2024: Kent Agreed With A Town Hall Participant That "The Whole Process Of White Replacement Theory Is Actually American Replacement Theory. It's An Illegal Plan To Subvert The United States."**

PARTICIPANT: "The question I guess is do you agree with me, but you know we wonder if we should call them illegal aliens or migrants or refugees or whatever but they're foreign citizens it seems to me that our government is colluding with foreign citizens to interfere with an election the whole process of white replacement theory is actually American replacement Theory. So, it would be good to call them colluding with foreign citizens, it's literally an illegal plan to subvert the United States by the influence of foreign citizens right?" KENT: "I couldn't agree more yeah absolutely. Yeah I mean when they say they're literally trying to replace American citizens that's what it is, and then they do this trick where they say 'if you say replacement theory you're a white supremacist' but you hit the nail in the head it's got nothing to do with race they're trying to replace American citizens and they're bringing in foreign citizens and they're going to play around with the words and say no these are Asylum Seekers, no these are migrants. We keep hearing migrants from the Biden Administration, refugees, like they just play around these different terms you know and so really, it's nothing more than like you said it's a means to inject foreigners into our country, to inject foreigners into our elections process, they're trying to get foreigners into our country illegally into our military. So, I mean like you said it's part of a foreign invasion and it's 100% being facilitated by the democrat party." [Joe Kent Townhall, 39:32, [1/26/24](#)] (VIDEO)

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**2023: Kent Claimed That The First Americans That Would Be "Replaced" By Illegal Immigrants Were Working Class Americans Struggling To Make Ends Meet.** KENT: "Biden has even said he said in a speech about Bidenomics this week that the influx of immigrants is going to help the economy. So basically, Biden is saying, Yes, this actually is part of my plan to bring in people from South America and from all over the world to come in and work in the American economy. And this is the scam the Democrats the Chamber of Commerce, they love having cheap labor here because they can pay them less and they can get work. what does this do? this undercuts a US labor, this undercuts Americans trying to get a decent paying job. The first Americans that displaces are Americans that are in the working class and the class that is striving to do better in the class is out there, you know, busting their butts everyday trying to make ends meet these the first people that will be replaced in the economy by illegal immigrants, so I think this is unacceptable in terms of securing the border." [Joe Kent, Twitter, 9:25, [9/22/23](#)] (VIDEO)

**2022: Kent Admitted He Believed Democrats Were Trying To Replace White Americans.** CARLSON: "I mean, yeah, we see Democrats now are actively, like, working to—there seems to be a new dialect here, a new way of operating, where the American citizen doesn't matter, what actually matters is the citizens of the world, the immigrants. Y'know, the anglo, the founding stock of America, screw them, they're dying 75,000 a year to Opioids, but, y'know, here we have some person in Guatemala who matters more. We're gonna tailor our policy towards them. So I'm glad to hear you say that." KENT: "And the vast majority of Democrats who are making that

argument are elite whites. They're elite whites who have no issue whatsoever bringing in that unskilled, cheap labor from country—you name the country, you name the ethnicity—that's going to displace a working class white, a working class Hispanic, or a working class black, African-American." CARLSON: "And you believe that they're trying to replace white Americans." KENT: "Yes. Yeah. And, y'know, they'll say if you even mention that then you're some sort of a neo-Nazi white nationalist. That the replacement theory—well no, you are literally trying to replace an American. But you're doing it because you want cheap labor. It's the same reason they shipped the jobs overseas to China. That's exactly what they're doing right there." [American Virtue via Wayback Machine, Setting the Record Straight w/ Joe Kent, 40:59, [3/7/22](#)] (VIDEO)

**Kent Repeatedly Said Democrats Were Using Immigration To Influence The Demographic Composition Of Urban Areas, To Create Additional Congressional Districts And Accused Democrats "Of An Unconventional Warfare Operation"**

**Kent Repeatedly Claimed That Democrats Were Using Immigration To Influence The Demographic Composition Of Urban Areas, To Gain New Congressional Seats**

**2024: Kent Claimed That Democrats Supported Open Borders To "Flood Our Nation W/ Illegals, Count Them In The Next Census & Create New Seats In Congress."** In a tweet, Kent said, "This is why every Democrat supports open borders. Their goal is to flood our nation w/ illegals, count them in the next census & create new seats in congress. The dems view the carnage caused by open borders as collateral damage in their quest for power. This bill is a must pass." [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [1/2/24](#)]



[Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [1/2/24](#)]

**2023: Kent Claimed That "Undocumented Immigrants Have Been Transported Throughout The United States As Part Of A Concerted Effort To Increase The Democratic Voter Base."** "During the event, Kent touched on economic uncertainty and the increase in illegal border crossings. The topics have become hallmarks of his pitch to voters and are among the highest priority issues for Republicans and Republican-leaning citizens, according to Pew Research. In his speech, Kent referred to those crossing the border as 'illegal invaders.' '(United States Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas and President Joe Biden) have made it their policy to flood the United States with as many illegal immigrants as possible,' Kent said, adding that undocumented immigrants have been transported throughout the United States as part of a concerted effort to increase the Democratic voter base. 'This is a pure power play. The Democrats don't care how much carnage is impacted upon us, upon we the people.' Kent further claimed that the increase in undocumented immigration posed a national security threat, through the alleged infiltration of terrorists into the country and the rise in fentanyl." [The Chronicle, [12/8/23](#)]

**2023: Kent Said He Believed Democrats Wanted To “Put A Ton Of People In Urban Hubs” So That They Can Drive Up Census Numbers And Create New Congressional Seats.** KENT: “They want this open border, its essentially their business model. I personally believe at this point they want to flood the zone, not just with cheap labor to undercut US labor though that’s definitely part of it. But also, they want to put a ton of people in these major urban hubs so the next time they do a census they can essentially create new house seats with folks they can just ballot harvest the ballots from. That’s their game, and it’s so cold blooded and callous that they’re overlooking all the damage that’s being done to American citizens.” [Triggered by Donald Trump Jr., Rumble, 1:12:00, [9/11/23](#)] (VIDEO)

**2023: Kent Claimed Democrats Were Against Closing The Border So They Could “Flood” Immigrants Into Urban Areas To Manipulate Census Data To Gain Congressional Districts Through Redistricting.** KENT: “So again, we’ve got enough laws on the books right now. And we have the resources in terms of the military to actually be able to secure our border, it can be done. The Democrats and the Biden administration and Marie Prez they are simply choosing not to close the border, why they want access to the cheap labor, but also the Democrats are going to take a large group, large groups of illegal immigrants and they’re going to flood them into urban areas, and which is what they’re doing or fly them throughout the country. And then they’re going to use that to skew census numbers because when you count the census, when you do a census, you’re only counting heads, you’re not counting if people are US citizens or not. And then you’re basically going to be able to add new legislative districts and new House of Representative seats based on that and then all you got to do is ballot harvest in order to get your person into office. This is a very cold and calculated way for them to gain power. And that’s all they care about. They only care about power. Basically, the fentanyl coming across the border killing over 100,000 Americans killing a ton of folks in Washington three, all of that basically is just a casualty of their war. It’s just a casualty along their way to gain more and more power.” [Joe Kent, Twitter, 12:20, [9/22/23](#)] (VIDEO)

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### **Kent Would Want To Keep The Racial Demographics Similar To What They Were In 2022**

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**Kent Would Want To Keep The Racial Demographics Similar To What They Were In 2022.** CARLSON: “Ok. I mean, we’re talking about demographics here. What are the, I mean, American demographics like what, 70% white, 30% minority, at what point have we lost America? What does that look like to you?” KENT: “It has a lot more to do with, like, who are we bringing in? I think America is very lucky in the fact that like, the people to our south, the Hispanic community, most of them are, they’re Christians, most of them are Catholic right? So I think that’s why they’re so easy to kind of absorb. Again, I don’t want to absorb all, I don’t want it to be one continuous nation. But we’re very lucky compared to Europe, who, their version of Mexico is Africa and the Middle East where there’s drastic cultural and religious differences. So we’re fortunate in that place. I don’t know what the current, I don’t know what the ideal ratio is, I would never want to look at it in terms of racial percentages. I would want to keep it very close to the way it is right now. To make sure that everybody who is a US citizen is getting their fair shake from our country. And to make sure that everybody that’s in our country, that’s new to our country right now legally, that they become full Americans, that we don’t have these massive places where you don’t even know that you’re in America because the street signs are in a different language, and that our tolerance has gone so far over the edge that we’ve lost all cultural identity. I mean the melting pot concept was never intended to be, y’know, the pot bubbles over and then we just become essentially a country that doesn’t have borders or a cultural identity. So I agree with that, yeah.” [American Virtue via Wayback Machine, Setting the Record Straight w/ Joe Kent, 32:16, [3/7/22](#)]

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### **Kent Accused Democrats “Of An Unconventional Warfare Operation,” And Called What Democrats Were Doing “The Great Voter Scam Theory” And “A Diabolical Power Play”**

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**2024: Kent Accused Democrats “Of An Unconventional Warfare Operation,” By Bringing In More People To Get More Political Seats In The U.S. House Of Representatives.** KENT: “So I get asked all the time, ‘hey, is it just incompetence? Why would the Democrats do this? Don’t they know the border’s wide open?’ This is nothing short of an unconventional warfare operation that is being waged against the people. I spent 20 years in the army as a green beret, I fought overseas. This is unconventional warfare. The Democrats have one goal, and our enemy has a goal as well. The Democrats want to pump as many human beings into this country as they possibly can. They

don't care who they are or where they're from. They want to bring them into the country, put them into major urban areas so they can use them during the census to count heads and therefore they'll be able to get more seats at the state level, the county levels, and then all the way up into the US House of Representatives. And then they're going to get these people ballots, either legally or illegally. We're an all-mail-out state in Washington State, so this is the Democrats' diabolical power play." [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-03, [2/3/24](#)] (VIDEO)

**2024: Kent Called What The Democrats Are Doing At The Border “The Great Voter Scam Theory” And “A Diabolical Power Play.”** KENT: “That’s exactly right. I mean look, people gotta understand this is a controlled flow. It’s easy when you look at Biden talk, you’re like ‘wow this must be incompetence.’ This is not incompetence. The border is deliberately open. We are paying billions of dollars every year to receive illegal immigrants down in Panama, down in Columbia, and then to ferry them up to the Mexican border and into the interior of the United States. We’re paying for all of that. And so the Democrats—look, I say this all the time. The Democrats’ diabolical plan is to pump as many bodies into the country to skew census data.” HOST: “Woah woah woah woah that would be the Great Replacement Theory.” (laughs) KENT: “That’s what they’ve been saying. I think this is the Great Voter Scam Theory. If you don’t like your voters just import some more. They’re deliberately pumping these illegal immigrants into major urban hubs. Next time we do a census, when you go to these major urban hubs, there’s going to be new legislative seats at the state and federal level because of all the bodies they’ve added to that area. And the Democrats know by eroding any kind of integrity we have in our elections like we have here in Washington State—go to the DMV, get registered to vote, a ballot goes to that address—they are then going to be able to ballot harvest their way out of actually asking the American people what they want. And so it’s really just a diabolical power play.” [The Nunn Report With Dan Nunn, Green Beret Combat Vet Joe Kent!, 20:18, [2/6/24](#)] (VIDEO)

**2023: Kent Claimed Democrats Want To Bring More Immigrants To Urban Centers To “Manufacture New Congressional Districts,” Calling It “A Complete And Total Power Play.”** KENT: “What they want to do is bring in more bodies and flooding into urban centers. So, the next time there's a census and remember when we do a census, they only count heads they don't check citizenship. So, the Democrats will be able to manufacture new congressional districts, new congressional seats new local representation. This is their plan it is cold blooded and is calculated and it does not have our best interests in mind. It's a complete and total power play at the same time our wide-open border has invited in this attack from the Chinese Communist Party and the Mexican drug cartels.” [Joe Kent, Facebook, 0:00, [11/10/23](#)] (VIDEO)

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## Kent's Rhetoric Mirrored The Great Replacement Theory, An Extreme Ideology Espoused By Dangerous White Supremacists

**The Great Replacement Theory Was A White Supremacist Conspiracy That Claimed Immigration Policies Were Designed To Undermine Or “Replace” The Political Power And Culture Of White People.** “The ‘great replacement’ theory, in simple terms, states that welcoming immigration policies — particularly those impacting nonwhite immigrants — are part of a plot designed to undermine or ‘replace’ the political power and culture of white people living in Western countries. Multiple iterations of the ‘great replacement’ theory have been and continue to be used by antiimmigrant groups, white supremacists, and others.” [National Immigration Forum, [11/22/21](#)]

**The Great Replacement Theory Argued That Nonwhite Individuals Are Being Brought To The United States To “Replace” White Voters To Achieve A Political Agenda.** “In short, the ‘great replacement’ is a conspiracy theory that states that nonwhite individuals are being brought into the United States and other Western countries to ‘replace’ white voters to achieve a political agenda. It is often touted by anti-immigration groups, white supremacists and others, according to the National Immigration Forum. White supremacists argue that the influx of immigrants, people of color more specifically, will lead to the extinction of the white race.” [NPR, [5/16/22](#)]

- **September 22, 2023: Kent Specifically Argued That Democrats’ Immigration Policies Were Aimed At Increasing The Population Of Urban Areas To “Gain More And More Power.”** KENT: “So again, we’ve got enough laws on the books right now. And we have the resources in terms of the military to actually be able to secure our border, it can be done. The Democrats and the Biden administration and Marie Prez they are simply choosing not to close the border, why they want access to the cheap labor, but also the Democrats are going to take a large group, large groups of illegal immigrants and they’re going to flood them into urban areas and which is what they’re doing or fly them throughout the country. And then they’re going to use that to skew census numbers because when you count the census, when you do a census, you’re only counting heads, you’re not counting if people are US citizens or not. And then you’re basically going to be able to add new legislative districts and new House of Representative seats based on that and then all you got to do is ballot harvest in order to get your person into office. This is a very cold and calculated way for them to gain power. And that’s all they care about. They only care about power. Basically, the fentanyl coming across the border killing over 100,000 Americans killing a ton of folks in Washington three, all of that basically is just a casualty of their war. It’s just a casualty along their way to gain more and more power.” [Joe Kent, Twitter, 12:20, [9/22/23](#)] (VIDEO)

**A Senior Fellow At The Anti-Defamation League Center on Extremism Said That A Mainstream View Of Replacement Theory “Baselessly Suggests Democrats Are Encouraging Immigration From Latin America So More Like-Minded Potential Voters Replace ‘Traditional’ Americans.”** “A more mainstream view in the U.S. baselessly suggests Democrats are encouraging immigration from Latin America so more like-minded potential voters replace ‘traditional’ Americans, says Mark Pitcavage, senior research fellow at the Anti-Defamation League Center on Extremism.” [PBS, [5/16/22](#)]

- **September 11, 2023: Kent Specifically Claimed That Democrats Wanted To Put Immigrants Into Urban Hubs So That They Could Create House Seats “With Folks They Can Just Ballot Harvest The Ballots From.** “They want this open border, it’s essentially their business model. I personally believe at this point they want to flood the zone, not just with cheap labor to undercut US labor though that’s definitely part of it. But also, they want to put a ton of people in these major urban hubs so the next time they do a census they can essentially create new house seats with folks they can just ballot harvest the ballots from. That’s their game, and it’s so cold blooded and callous that they’re overlooking all the damage that’s being done to American citizens.” [Triggered by Donald Trump Jr., Rumble, 1:12:00, [9/11/23](#)] (VIDEO)

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**Dangerous White Supremacists Espoused Great Replacement Theory Before Mass Killings Of People Of Color**

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**Great Replacement Theory Was Investigated As A Motivating Factor In Racially Targeted Killing Of African Americans In Buffalo, New York.** “A racist ideology seeping from the internet’s fringes into the mainstream is being investigated as a motivating factor in the supermarket shooting that killed 10 people in Buffalo, New York. Most of the victims were Black. Ideas from the ‘great replacement theory’ filled a racist document supposedly posted online by the white 18-year-old accused of targeting Black people in Saturday’s rampage.” [PBS, [5/16/22](#)]

**Great Replacement Theory Was Linked To Mass Shootings In El Paso And New Zealand.** “Last weekend, a man identified by law enforcement authorities as an avowed white supremacist killed 10 people at a Buffalo grocery store. Police say the suspect intentionally targeted Black Americans on the basis of their race. As with other recent mass shooters in El Paso and Christchurch, New Zealand, authorities say the suspect explained his actions in a screed that draws heavily from the ‘great replacement’ narrative — a racist theory that maintains native-born Whites are being intentionally displaced as ethnic majorities in their nations.” [Washington Post, [5/25/22](#)]

**Great Replacement Theory Was Particularly Dangerous Because It Draws On A Sense Of Imminent Fear.** “The ‘great replacement’ theory encourages a sense of imminent threat much of the great replacement narrative grows from a long history of anti-immigration sentiment in the United States and Europe. But its particular virulence comes from the story it spins about population change. [...] It is the combination of the two ideas that makes great replacement theory particularly toxic. Not only are birthrates flagging across the global North, but these demographic trends are thought to be deliberately accelerated by policymakers to replace White populations with immigrants and people of color. This insistence upon a deliberate threat leads to the more lurid variants of the replacement narrative that cast demographic change as ‘white genocide’ or ‘white extermination.’” [Washington Post, [5/25/22](#)]

**Newsweek: “Great Replacement Theory’ Has Inspired 4 Mass Shootings In Recent Years.”** [Newsweek, [5/16/22](#)]

- **A Gunman Who Killed 11 In A Synagogue In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Espoused Ideas Associated With Replacement Theory.** “A white gunman with a history of spewing antisemitic slurs on social media barged into the Tree of Life Congregation synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh on October 27, 2018, and gunned down 11 worshippers. On social media, the suspect, Robert Bowers, espoused ideas associated with replacement theory, including blaming a Jewish group for allowing ‘invaders in that kill our people.’” [Newsweek, [5/16/22](#)]
- **A Gunman Who Killed 23 In A Walmart In El Paso, Texas, Subscribed To The Replacement Theory.** “Another white man who subscribed to the replacement theory opened fire on shoppers inside a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, on August 3, 2019, killing 23. A manifesto posted on 8chan by the alleged gunman, Patrick Crusius, shortly before the massacre espoused white supremacist rhetoric and railed against the ‘Hispanic invasion of Texas.’ He also told authorities that he ‘wanted to shoot as many Mexicans as possible.’” [Newsweek, [5/16/22](#)]
- **A Gunman Who Killed 51 In Christchurch, New Zealand, Wrote A 74-Page Manifesto Titled “The Great Replacement.”** “The El Paso gunman was apparently inspired by a deadly attack against Muslims in Christchurch, New Zealand, that took place months prior. In that massacre, an Australian white supremacist is accused of killing 51 worshippers at two mosques on March 15, 2019. The gunman, Brenton Tarrant, reportedly authored a 74-page manifesto titled ‘The Great Replacement’ that railed against immigrants and immigration, saying that ‘as long as a white man still lives, they will NEVER conquer our lands and they will never replace our people.’” [Newsweek, [5/16/22](#)]
- **Great Replacement Theory Was A Motivating Factor In Racially Targeted Killing Of African Americans In Buffalo, New York.** “Buffalo shooting, 2022 Screenshots apparently from the Twitch broadcast show a racial slur against Black people scrawled on the gunman's rifle, as well as the number ‘14’—most likely referencing a white supremacist slogan. The manifesto believed to be written by Gendron said the attack was



intended to intimidate all non-white, non-Christian people and get them to leave the country. It said the U.S. should belong only to white people and all others were ‘replacers’ who should be eliminated through force or terror.” [Newsweek, [5/16/22](#)]

## Kent Spread Conspiracies About The 2020 Election And Had A Campaign Manager Accused Of Committing Voter Fraud

### Kent Was An Election Denier Who Repeatedly Claimed There Was Fraud In The 2020 Election And Promoted Conspiracies About The 2020 Election

#### Kent Repeatedly Claimed That The 2020 Election Was Fraudulent, "Rigged & Stolen" And Said President Joe Biden And Vice President Kamala Harris Were "Not Legitimate"

**2021: Kent Claimed That There Was Fraud In The 2020 Election And Said President Joe Biden And Vice President Kamala Harris Were “Not Legitimate.”** “Kent called President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris ‘not legitimate,’ saying he wants to prove the 2020 election a fraud and impeach the duo.” [The Chronicle, [8/13/21](#)]

**2022: Kent: “The 2020 Election Was Rigged & Stolen.”** In a Truth post, Kent said, “The 2020 election was rigged & stolen. Don’t take it from MAGA, just ask Zuck. We must bring the corrupt FBI to heel & dismantle big tech.” [Truth, Joe Kent for Congress WA-03, [8/25/22](#)]



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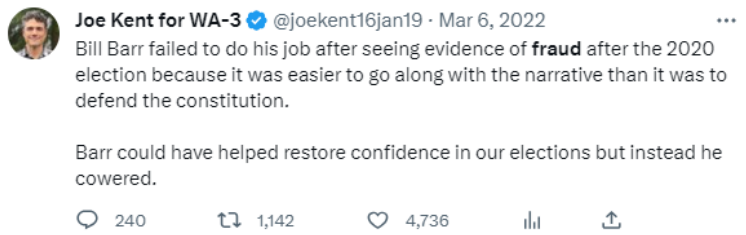
**2022: Regarding The 2020 Election, Kent Said, “If Our Ruling Class Won't Go Back And Actually Adjudicate What Happened With Our Elections, Our System Is Going To Continue To Decay.”** “On Tucker Carlson Tonight, 3rd Congressional District candidate Joe Kent, R-Yacolt, continued to perpetuate the erroneous conspiracy theory that spurred the violent Jan. 6 Capitol rampage. Kent claimed the 2020 presidential election results were fraudulent while on the Fox News program Thursday. Despite comprehensive analyses proving otherwise, Kent continued to back former president Donald Trump's assertion that the election was stolen, which was made in an effort to maintain his position in office. ‘If our ruling class won't go back and actually adjudicate what happened with our elections, our system is going to continue to decay,’ Kent said, referring to the 2020 presidential election.” [The Columbian, [6/10/22](#)]

**2022: Kent Wanted A Full Forensic Audit Of The 2020 Election.** In a tweet, Kent said, “Inslee has shown that he doesn’t feel any obligation to govern by our constitution, he is a tyrant that will continue to take power by any means. I am fighting for a full forensic audit of the 2020 election. Elected officials w/ nothing to hide don’t fear audits or free speech.” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [1/9/22](#)]



[Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [1/9/22](#)]

**2021: Kent Claimed Former Attorney General Bill Barr “Failed To Do His Job After Seeing Evidence Of Fraud” In The 2020 Election.** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [3/6/22](#)]



[Joe Kent, Twitter, [3/6/22](#)]

**2021: Kent Called For Former President Trump To Be Speaker And Congressional Hearings On “Election Fraud In 2020.”** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [7/5/21](#)]





[Joe Kent, Twitter, [7/5/21](#)]

**2021: Kent Called For The Arizona Legislature To Decertify The Election After The Arizona Audit.** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [7/15/21](#)]

 **Joe Kent for WA-3**  @joekent16jan19 · Jul 15, 2021 ...  
With this initial data alone Arizona's legislature must decertify the election of 2020.

The audit must continue to bring all the **fraud** to light, but the legislature & AG must act now.

 **Liz Harrington** @realLizUSA · Jul 15, 2021  
STUNNING in race decided by 10,457 votes  
  
3,981 voted despite registered AFTER Oct 15 deadline  
  
11,326 voted who were NOT on rolls on Nov 7 but WERE on Dec 4  
  
18,000 voted and then were removed from rolls AFTER election  
  
74,243 mail-in ballots w/ NO evidence of ever being sent



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[Joe Kent, Twitter, [7/15/21](#)]

**2021: Kent Claimed The Issue Of Including Women In The Draft Was A Distraction To Cover The Audits And Election Fraud.** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [7/23/21](#)]

 **Joe Kent for WA-3**  @joekent16jan19 · Jul 23, 2021 ...  
My thoughts on including women in the draft.



This is an important discussion, but right now I view most of these issues as distractions to cover the audits/election **fraud**/COVID origins/intel community political targeting/ J6 narrative & political prisoners.



 **Joe Kent for WA-3**  @joekent16jan19 · Jul 23, 2021  
Now, add a clause for beginning the draft automatically after 30 days of combat operations & we may avoid another multi decade war for no gain, largely ignored by the public. [twitter.com/thehill/status...](#)

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[Joe Kent, Twitter, [7/23/21](#)]

**2022: Kent Called For A Full Congressional Inquiry Of The 2020 Election To “Lay Out All The Evidence Of Fraud.”** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [5/1/22](#)]

 **Joe Kent for WA-3**  @joekent16jan19 · May 1, 2022 ...  
Full congressional inquiry of the presidential election of '20, lay out all the evidence of **fraud** so the American ppl can see what happened & take action, decertification, change voter laws & pass a US citizen ID standard.  
  
Full J6 hearing, release all video, disclose feds role.

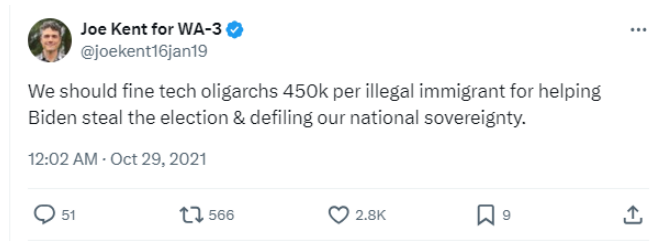
 **Rep. Paul Gosar, DDS**  @RepGosar · May 1, 2022  
Justice for the J6 prisoners and election integrity are two big issues that voters should never allow their representatives to forget or stop fighting for. We must never allow these topics to become 'old news' in the national conversation.

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[Joe Kent, Twitter, [5/1/22](#)]

**Kent Said Big Tech Helped “Biden Steal The Election.”** “We should fine tech oligarchs 450k per illegal immigrant for helping Biden steal the election & defiling our national sovereignty.” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3,

10/29/21]

[Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [10/29/21](#)]

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**Kent Promoted Multiple 2020 Election Conspiracy Theories On Social Media Including, Dead People Voted, Computer Algorithms Transferred Votes, “Ghost Voters,” Irregularities, And Stated There Was An Effort To Keep Trump From Being President**

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***Kent Promoted An Election Conspiracy That A Computer Algorithm Transferred 69,000 Votes From Trump To Biden In Michigan***

**Kent Promoted An Election Conspiracy That A Computer Algorithm Transferred 69,000 Votes From Trump To Biden In Michigan.** In a Gettr post, Kent said, “It’s Happening: MIT Scientist Offers President Trump Proof that Computer Algorithm Likely Transferred 69,000 Votes from Trump to Joe Biden in Michigan <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/11/happen...> via @gatewaypundit” [Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [11/11/20](#)]

[Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [11/11/20](#)]***2022: Kent Said Dominion And Vote By Mail Was “Sketchy” And “Wrought With Fraud”***

**2022: Kent Said Dominion And Vote By Mail Was “Sketchy” And “Wrought With Fraud.”** DUBLIN: “So let’s say we’re, it’s November, this is where I want to end with you. It’s November 2022. You’ve made it, you’re up against Jamie, Jamie wins . Are you gonna contest that?” KENT: “I mean, how much power do I have at that point? Does it matter if I contest? So, whether I win or whether I contest it, I support a full forensic audit.” DUBLIN: “Already?” KENT: “Yeah, 100%. Our election system right here, especially in Washington state, we’ve been doing it for so long with the mail-out ballots and the Dominion and other non-open source code tabulation machines, there’s—it’s sketchy. It’s wrought with fraud. So unless we’re getting mass amounts of reform between now and ‘22, that’s fine.” [Youtube, Tara Dublin Interview w/ Joe Kent, 37:06, [9/10/21](#)] (VIDEO)

***Kent Promoted A Conspiracy That GOP Canvass Board Members Claimed There Were Too Many Irregularities In Detroit To Justify Accepting Election Results***

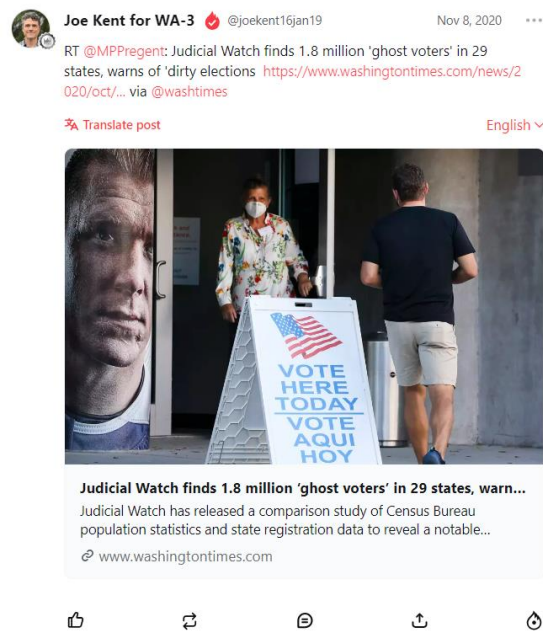
**Kent Promoted A Conspiracy That GOP Canvass Board Members Claimed There Were Too Many Irregularities In Detroit To Justify Accepting Election Results.** In a Gettr post, Kent said, “RT @JennaEllisEsq: BREAKING: In affidavits, GOP canvass board members claim they were bullied and say there are too many irregularities in Detroit vote to justify accepting election results.” [Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [7/18/20](#)]



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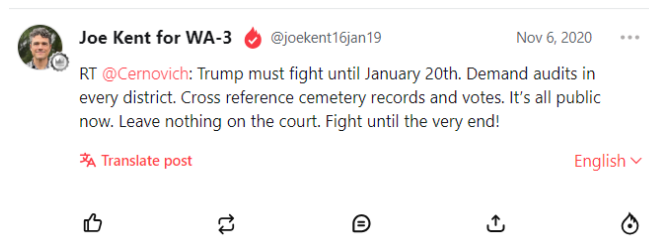
**Kent Promoted A Conspiracy Theory That 1.8 Million “Ghost Voters” Voted In 29 States In 2020.** In a Gettr post, Kent said, “RT @MPPregent: Judicial Watch finds 1.8 million 'ghost voters' in 29 states, warns of 'dirty elections' <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/oct/...> via @washtimes” [Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [11/8/20](#)]



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### ***Kent Promoted The Conspiracy Theory That Dead People Voted In The 2020 Election***

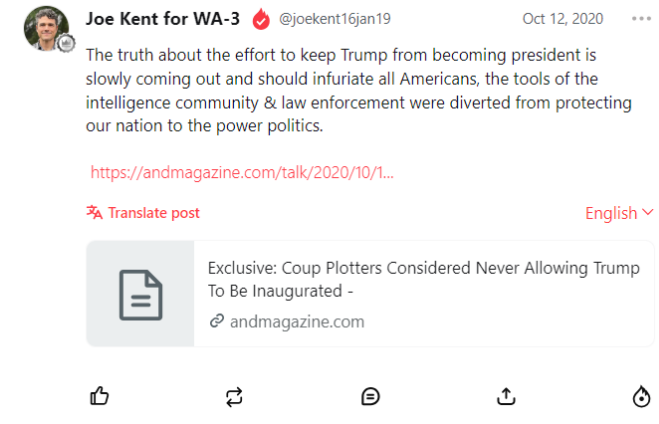
**Kent Promoted The Conspiracy Theory That Dead People Voted In The 2020 Election.** In a Gettr post, Kent said, “RT @Cernovich: Trump must fight until January 20th. Demand audits in every district. Cross reference cemetery records and votes. It’s all public now. Leave nothing on the court. Fight until the very end!” [Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [11/6/20](#)]



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**October 10, 2020: Kent Said There Was An “Effort” To Keep Trump From Becoming President**

**October 10, 2020: Kent Said There Was An “Effort” To Keep Trump From Becoming President Before The 2020 Election Even Happened.** In a Gettr post, Kent said, “The truth about the effort to keep Trump from becoming president is slowly coming out and should infuriate all Americans, the tools of the intelligence community & law enforcement were diverted from protecting our nation to the power politics.” [Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [10/12/20](#)]



[Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [10/12/20](#)]

**Kent Signed Onto Multiple Lawsuits Questioning The Validity Of Washington’s Elections And Even Implied That His Election Against Marie Gluesenkamp Perez Had Fraud**

**Kent Signed Onto A Lawsuit Claiming Auditors In Clark, Snohomish, And Whatcom Counties “Flipped Votes,’ Kept Illegal Records Of Voters By Political Party, Defied Public Records Laws And, In Some Cases, Used Unverified Election Equipment During The November 2020 Election”**

**Kent Signed Onto Multiple Lawsuits Questioning The Validity Of Washington’s Elections.** “Kent signed onto multiple lawsuits filed by Washington Election Integrity Coalition United questioning Washington’s votes in the election. One of the larger suits was dismissed by the Washington state Supreme Court and the court fined the coalition and its attorney \$28,000 for making baseless, unsupported claims. Kent told The Daily News Friday that asking for election audits and opposing voting by mail was not the same as an insurgency. ‘The people should be able to question the manner that our elections are conducted. Inslee’s an elected official, he should want to make sure we have full confidence and transparency in our elections,’ Kent said.” [The Chronicle, [6/25/22](#)]

**Kent Signed Onto A Lawsuit Claiming Auditors In Clark, Snohomish, And Whatcom Counties “Flipped Votes,’ Kept Illegal Records Of Voters By Political Party, Defied Public Records Laws And, In Some Cases, Used Unverified Election Equipment During The November 2020 Election.”** “Lawsuits filed Thursday in Clark, Snohomish and Whatcom counties claim the auditors in each of those counties ‘flipped votes,’ kept illegal records of voters by political party, defied public records laws and, in some cases, used unverified election equipment during the November 2020 election. The suits were filed by the Washington Election Integrity Coalition United with an additional 28 individuals - including congressional candidate Joe Kent, Patriot Prayer founder Joey Gibson and Yacolt Town Council member Michelle Dawson - signing on as plaintiffs. Kent is challenging Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground, for her 3rd Congressional District seat.” [The Columbian, [9/21/21](#)]

**The Lawsuit Kent Signed Onto Also Sought To Have A Full Forensic Audit Be Conducted In The Same Way That Arizona Carried Their Audit Out On Maricopa County**

**The Lawsuit Kent Signed Onto Also Sought To Have A Full Forensic Audit Be Conducted In The Same Way That Arizona Carried Their Audit Out On Maricopa County.** “Along with legal fees, the suits seek a ‘full forensic audit’ be conducted in the same manner as the audit carried out this year in Maricopa County, Ariz. The Arizona audit, which was initiated in April by Senate Republicans, has yet to reveal any evidence of widespread voter fraud. The suits also seek to have Jovan Hutton Pulitzer, who conducted the Arizona audit and claims to have invented technology that can detect fraudulent ballots, perform similar audits here. The suits contend that approximately 6,000 votes were flipped, and more than 400,000 were added or removed in one or more statewide races ‘before, during and/or after the election.’ They argue a part of that happened in the county where each suit is filed. The lawsuits also ask to have the county auditors ‘permanently restrained from allowing and/or facilitating electronic manipulation of the voting results,’ claiming the auditors ‘engaged in wrongful acts, errors and/or neglect of duty.’ According to court records, Clark County Auditor Greg Kimsey in August denied a Washington Election Integrity Coalition United public records request for actual ballots from the November election that the group says it is legally allowed. Kimsey was unavailable for comment Tuesday, and the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office said it could not comment on pending litigation. Washington Election Integrity Coalition United leader Tamborine Borrelli, of Gig Harbor, has traveled the state in search of residents willing to join the effort. One of those stops, on Aug. 15, was at a Snohomish church for an unofficial public hearing at which people testified about fraud and irregularities they say they saw or experienced. State Rep. Robert Sutherland, R-Granite Falls, helped organize the event, along with four other Republican lawmakers. He later emailed some attendees with a direct pitch seeking lawsuit participants.” [The Columbian, [9/21/21](#)]

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**August 2022: Kent Appeared To Agree With Steve Bannon That Washington’s Vote Counting Process Takes Days So That “They Can Get The Result They Want”**

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**August 2022: Kent Appeared To Agree With Steve Bannon That Washington’s Voting Counting Process Takes Days So That “They Can Get The Result They Want.”** “Take GOP congressional candidate Joe Kent in Southwest Washington, who lagged behind after the first vote counts on Tuesday. He went on a podcast Wednesday hosted by former Trump adviser Steve Bannon, nodding along as Bannon charged all-knowingly that the reason Washington state’s vote-counting takes a few days is ‘so they can get the result they want. The last thing they want to see is Joe Kent in Congress.’” [Seattle Times, Danny Westneat Column, [8/6/22](#)]

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**Kent Implied That There Was Fraud Going On In His 2022 Election Against Marie Gluesenkamp Perez And Paid \$48,000 For A Recount**

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### Kent Supported Pardoning Insurrectionists Who Attacked The Capitol And Even Said They Needed To Elect Trump So He Could Pardon Them

**Kent Supported Pardons For The Insurrectionists Who Attacked The U.S. Capitol On January 6<sup>th</sup>.** “While he disavowed the Capitol insurrection publicly when it happened, Kent has been sympathetic to those charged, has downplayed the incident, and said he would support presidential pardons of them.” [Crosscut, [11/7/22](#)]

**Kent Asked For January 6<sup>th</sup> Tapes To Be Released And To “Release The Prisoners In The Gulag.”** In a tweet, Kent said, “Release the tapes & release the prisoners in the gulag. We will get to the bottom of J6, every American should be outraged & every republican should be fighting for the truth.” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [1/18/22](#)]



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**Kent Wanted Trump To Be Elected In 2024 So He Could Pardon January 6<sup>th</sup> Rioters.** KENT: “My position on that is we need to win in 2024 so that we can get President Trump in there to pardon them. Because look I mean again, banana republic stuff, right? People who were accused of a crime, deprived due process, the potentially exculpatory evidence like the J6 footage, was withheld from so many of them. The ones that did get a trial, their defense attorneys didn’t get access to that. And then yeah for all I know, if anybody did anything violent on January 6<sup>th</sup>, and there certainly was that they should be held accountable for it. But the way that there’s been mass arrests, there’s been a real deprivation of due process, like that’s gotta end. I think the people that have been held now for almost three years, like time served, like they should be out, and they’ve probably got a pretty good case to make against the government. Realistically from congress, the best thing that we can do is what Speaker Johnson is in the process of doing right now. And that’s releasing all the footage to get it to the defense attorneys. We’ve gotta win because congress and the senate, we can’t say let those guys out and pardon them. We’ve gotta win the executive branch to get Trump in there to have his DOJ actually release these people and formally pardon them. So again, everything goes back to ballot harvesting.” [Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, Town Hall at Duck Inn, 53:44, 12/13/23] (VIDEO)

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until we take back the WH our entire job is oversight & accountability; not getting pork in exchange for our liberties & children's futures. When we take power back we bring back manufacturing & create the economic environment that puts families & our nation 1st." [Facebook, Joe Kent for Congress WA-03, [12/13/21](#)]



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- **Kent Held An Event With Matt Gaetz Called The Great Gaetzby.** In a tweet, Kent said, “Join the great @mattgaetz & I at Lake Tapps on July 1st for a very special evening! Get your tickets here” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [5/1/23](#)]



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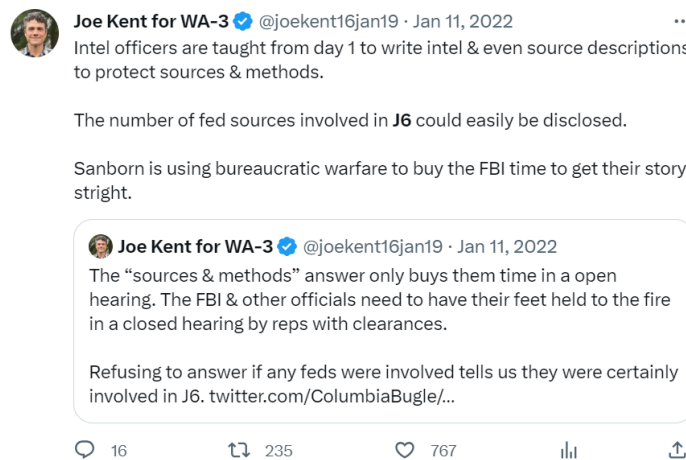
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**2024: Kent Claimed That FBI Agents/Assists Were Involved In January 6<sup>th</sup>.** In a tweet, Kent said, "A member of congress comparing the known lies of the national security state to Sasquatch is something to behold. The party of Frank Church & JFK is dead. You should ask FBI director Wray to explain how many FBI agents/assets were involved in J6 to dispel the conspiracy. Or just keep letting your consultants tweet for you & tell you how to vote." [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [1/6/24](#)]



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**2022: Kent Claimed The FBI Was Using “Bureaucratic Warfare” To Buy Time To Get Their Story Stright About January 6<sup>th</sup>.** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [1/11/22](#)]



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**2021: Kent Questioned How Many Law Enforcement And Intelligence Agents/Informants Were Involved In January 6<sup>th</sup>.** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [7/13/21](#)]



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**2021: Kent Claimed That “J6 Leaders” Were Disappearing And Demanded Law Enforcement Disclose How**

**Many “Government Controlled Agents” Were Involved. [Joe Kent, Twitter, [8/20/21](#)]**

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**2021: Kent Called January 6<sup>th</sup> An “Informant Op Gone Wild.” [Joe Kent, Twitter, [10/25/21](#)]**

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**Kent Said He Has Used His Knowledge Of The Intelligence Community To Call Out That January 6 Looked Like An Intelligence Operation.** CARLSON: “You, uh, obviously we talked about this in our interview, uh, three weeks ago I think we uploaded the interview with you. We talked about your service, you made 11 tours, 20 years in the Green Berets. And then you went to work for the CIA. A lot of people are calling into question that connection into question, they’re saying you’re a Fed, you’re working with the CIA. Obviously if you are you’re gonna lie to me, but if you’re not make your case. What’s going on there?” KENT: “When you leave the CIA you get, you’re allowed to say, you get a choice. You can either disclose your status or not disclose your status. If I was a Fed I think I would’ve opted to, like, not disclose my status. I’ve done a good deal with them, like, using my knowledge of the intelligence community to call out a lot of the shenanigans. Especially around January 6th. I mean the more information that comes out about that—I used to work human intelligence operations—and the more that comes out about January 6th I think that looks a lot more like an intelligence operation than, obviously, a riot inspired by President Trump. Or even just a random riot or a riot that initially—I thought initially maybe the riot just happened due to incompetence. But the more that’s come out, I mean, it reeks of an absolute intelligence operation. I’ve talked about it a good deal. I’m happy to go into details. But I believe, and one of my pillars is bringing the national security state to heel. I have—again, if you’re gonna breed patriots in this country who have a sense of what America’s all about, our institutions have to be worthy of that patriotism. So I take intelligence reform very seriously. Same thing with the DOD, y’know. So that’s—I know a lot of people, because I was in the CIA, they’re not gonna believe that. But y’know, I hate to break it to people but like, the, your average person at the CIA, they probably joined, they had good intentions like your average person that enlists in the military. The rot is in the mid to senior ranks. I mean the CIA does a lot of recruitment out of colleges. I was recruited out of special operations, 20 years of special operations. I went over to be a paramilitary guy. I mean that sounds, whatever, kinda weird or

sexy maybe to some people but it's actually fairly normal for guys who do 20 years in special operations." [American Virtue via Wayback Machine, Setting the Record Straight w/ Joe Kent, 25:21, [3/7/22](#)] (VIDEO)

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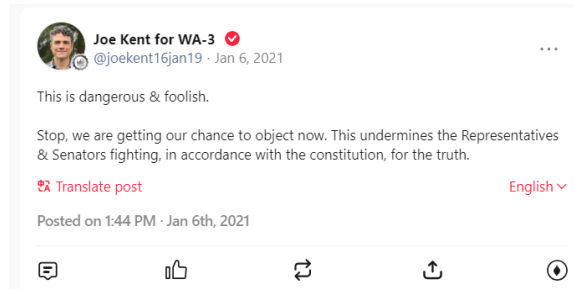
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### **Kent Ran For Congress, And Received Trump’s Endorsement, Against Rep. Jamie Herrera Beutler Because She Voted To Impeach Trump For January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**The Columbian: Kent “Didn’t Anticipate Running For Congress Until Incumbent Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground, Voted In Favor Of Impeaching Former President Donald Trump In 2021.”** “The former Green Beret, 41, said he didn’t anticipate running for Congress until incumbent Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground, voted in favor of impeaching former President Donald Trump in 2021. Now, Kent is weaponizing his Trump endorsement to challenge what he describes as ‘the establishment,’ or Democrats and Republicans whom he says are plotting against the public through policy — Herrera Beutler included, he said.” [The Columbian, [3/17/22](#)]

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business if they don't pay because then we pay more, the military industrial complex gets further and further, more control, they get more rich. But Trump was an affront to that, and that's what they're throwing the kitchen sink at him. I think people fail to realize that. It's like actually they're going after Trump for being radically moderate. Like, they say he's a radical but he's actually trying to get us out of all these entanglements." HOST: "All he did was ask them to pay their fair share." KENT: "Right." HOST: "What's wrong with that, I mean we hear it all the time, pay your fair share." KENT: "They signed the contracts." HOST: "The 90s New York Democrat Donald Trump is a far-right extremist." KENT: "Right, exactly." HOST: "Well it's because they've moved so far off, everyone's far right now. Whoever hasn't seen the Eisenhower speech, please go watch it." KENT: "It's really good." HOST: "It's the last speech he gave in the oval office before he gave the presidency over to JFK." KENT: "To Kennedy, yeah." HOST: "I mean it is such a beautiful speech. And it's like, it's almost like poetry. He predicted everything that we're in right now. And then there's, I forget what the name of the speech is, or the interview that Kennedy gave two years later, but he pretty much in that interview sums up how horrible the press is. And you marry those two things together and here we are." KENT: "Yeah. Yup." HOST: "I'm just going to tweet the Eisenhower speech out right now." HOST: "It's so good." KENT: "And then I think two, three years later was the Kennedy American University address where he talks about the end of Pax America, and how we don't need to be projecting power everywhere we can actually have a peace in our time. And then after that the national security state did what they did." [Timcast IRL, TRUMP DISQUALIFIED, REMOVED FROM BALLOT, Insane Ruling Pushes Civil War w/Joe Kent, 1:28:01, [12/19/23](#)] (VIDEO)

**Kent Claimed That The National Security State Lied About JFK.** In a tweet, Kent said, "Dems demand we believe the national security state about J6, the same natsec state who lied about, JFK, the Iraq war, Russia-gate & spying on US citizens (to name a few). Anyone w/basic pattern recognition can see why we simply can't trust these ppl & why we need transparency." [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [1/6/23](#)]



[Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [1/6/23](#)]

## **JFK Being Killed By The Military Industrial Complex Is A Theory That Claimed The Military Industrial Complex Killed JFK Because He Wanted To End The Cold War And Leave Vietnam**

**One Of The More Popular Conspiracy Theories Into The JFK Assassination Was He Was Assassinated By The Military Industrial Complex Because He Did Not Want To Continue The Cold War Or Stay In Vietnam**

**One Of The More Popular Conspiracy Theories Into The JFK Assassination Was He Was Assassinated By The Military Industrial Complex Because He Wanted To Pull Out Of Vietnam.** "If Oswald didn't act alone, who was behind the shooting in Dallas's Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963? Some conspiracy theorists believe 'the oil people' may have organized a hit on the President; others suspect 'people who didn't like the way Kennedy handled civil rights.' Perry shared five conspiracy theories he believes rank among the most popular: [...] 2. The 'military industrial complex' did it Nope, that doesn't wash either, said Perry. 'The claim is that Kennedy was going to pull (American) troops out of Vietnam (and that) the military wanted to pour more people into Vietnam. That's technically not correct. He talked about trying to resolve the situation, but he never made a claim that he was going to pull out of there.'" [CNN, [3/21/18](#)]

**A Conspiracy Theory Associated With JFK Assassination Was That JFK Was Assassinated By The CIA And Military Industrial Complex Because They Wanted To Continue The Cold War And Stay In Vietnam.** "He defected to the Soviet Union, returned to the United States with a Russian-born wife, and tried to get Soviet and Cuban visas before assassinating President John F. Kennedy. Fifty years later, only a quarter of Americans are

convinced that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. Instead, nearly 60 percent say there was a conspiracy to kill the president, according to a poll by The Associated Press in April. Other theories cropped up almost immediately and have endured: the Soviets murdered Kennedy or the CIA, Cuban exiles, Fidel Castro, the country's military-industrial complex, even President Lyndon B. Johnson. The Warren Commission found in its 879-page report on the assassination that Oswald acted alone -- but it is still being criticized from all sides. The House Select Committee on Assassinations concluded in 1979 that it was likely Kennedy was killed as a result of a conspiracy. [...] Various versions have the CIA, the FBI, the Pentagon or the Secret Service turning on Kennedy as a traitor and plotting his death. James W. Douglass in his 2008 book 'JFK and the Unspeakable: Why He Died and Why It Matters,' argues that Kennedy was killed because he had moved away from a Cold War view of the world and was seeking peace. Oliver Stone's movie, 'JFK,' centers on New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, who conducted his own investigation of the assassination. Garrison told Playboy magazine in 1967 that Kennedy was killed not by Oswald but by a guerrilla team of anti-Castro adventurers and the paramilitary right. The CIA had plotted the assassination together with the military-industrial complex because both wanted to continue the Cold War and the escalation of the conflict in Vietnam, he said." [CBS News, [11/15/13](#)]

- **OPINION: In This Opinion Article, The Author Claims JFK Was Killed By The Military Industrial Complex Due To Being A Champion Of World Peace.** "On this day, Nov. 22, I write for the first time about who I believe killed JFK, and why. I believe JFK was most likely killed by rogue elements of the military industrial complex. I believe that Lee Harvey Oswald was one of at least two shooters. I believe that the Warren Commission was nothing more than a masterminded insider cover-up. I cannot prove that what I believe is true, but here are some facts that cannot be disputed: By the third year of his presidency, when Kennedy reached true presidential greatness, he had become an ardent (and to the military industrial complex, threatening) champion of world peace." [The Hill, Opinion, [11/22/13](#)]

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### **Robert Kennedy Jr. Suggested JFK Was Killed By The Military Industrial Complex Due To His Refusal To Go To War With Other Countries**

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**Robert Kennedy Jr. Suggested JFK Was Killed By The Military Industrial Complex Due To His Refusal To Go To War With Other Countries.** "The assassination has served as the basis for some of history's most well-known conspiracy theories. While Lee Harvey Oswald was officially identified as the gunman in the attack, conspiracy theories have circulated for years around the assassination, casting doubt on whether there were additional shooters or conspirators connected to the attack. A House committee assembled to investigate the killing said in a 1979 report that given the scientific evidence, it was probable that at least two gunmen fired at the president. It also concluded that he was likely assassinated as the result of a conspiracy, but could not identify the second gunman or the extent of the conspiracy. John McCone, CIA director when Kennedy was assassinated, testified to the House committee that Oswald was not a CIA agent and the agency never communicated or associated with him. The commission said his testimony was corroborated by the CIA's file on Oswald. Kennedy Jr. suggested in his Sunday interview that his uncle's killing in November 1963 had to do with his refusal to commit U.S. forces to Vietnam. 'When my uncle was president, he was surrounded by a military-industrial complex and intelligence apparatus that was constantly trying to get him to go to war in Laos, Vietnam, etc.,' Kennedy said. 'He refused. He said that the job of the American presidency is to keep the nation out of war.'" [The Hill, [5/8/23](#)]

### **Kent Spread Numerous Covid-19 Conspiracy Theories, Opposed Mandates, And Wanted Dr. Fauci To Be Charged With Murder**

#### **Kent Called For Fauci To Be Charged With Murder And Accused Him Of Funding "The People Who Cooked Up COVID"**

**Kent Called For Dr. Fauci To Be Charged With Murder.** "Kent, who has called COVID a scam and opposed vaccines, recently called for Dr. Anthony Fauci, the White House's chief medical adviser, to be charged with murder." [Seattle Times, [10/13/22](#)]

**Kent Accused Dr. Fauci Of Funding “The People Who Cooked Up COVID.”** At Tuesday’s debate, in a response that drew both guffaws and applause from the crowd, he again called for Fauci to be ‘held accountable,’ accusing him of funding “the people who cooked up COVID.” [Seattle Times, [10/13/22](#)]

**Kent Signed A Public Health Protection Pledge That Said He Would Investigate Dr. Fauci And Reduce His Salary To Zero.** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [7/8/22](#)]



[Joe Kent, Twitter, [7/8/22](#)]

**Kent Tweeted “Fauci For Prison 2023.”** In a tweet, Kent said, “Fauci for prison 2023.” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [12/6/21](#)]



[Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [12/6/21](#)]

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**Kent Said That COVID-19 Vaccines Were Not Vaccines And Were "Experimental Gene Therapy."** "Kent, who has called COVID a scam and opposed vaccines, recently called for Dr. Anthony Fauci, the White House's chief medical adviser, to be charged with murder. At Tuesday's debate, in a response that drew both guffaws and applause from the crowd, he again called for Fauci to be 'held accountable,' accusing him of funding 'the people who cooked up COVID.' The COVID vaccines, which have proved hugely effective in reducing hospitalization and death from the virus, are 'not a vaccine,' Kent said, but 'an experimental gene therapy.'" [Seattle Times, [9/28/22](#)]

**September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022: Kent Claimed Prior To The COVID Vaccine, Soldiers Were Not Dying Suddenly And Called For A Congress To Investigate And Stop The Vaccine.** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [9/14/22](#)]



[Joe Kent, Twitter, [9/14/22](#)]

**Kent Opposed Vaccine Mandates In Schools And The Military And Claimed Mandates Were Out Of "Marxist And Jihadist Playbooks"**

**Kent Claimed Mask And Vaccine Mandates In Schools Were Out Of "Marxist And Jihadist Playbooks"**

**Kent Participated In An "Unmask Our Kids" Rally Where He Said Mask And Vaccine Mandates Were Out Of "Marxist And Jihadist Playbooks" And Called On Parents To Pull Their Kids Out Of School.** "About 100 people turned out at Martin Dock in the drizzling rain Friday morning to attend an 'unmask our kids' rally. Led by Longview School Board member Crystal Moldenhauer, several political candidates and teachers spoke about the need to stand up to local school boards to make masks optional in school. [...] Congressional candidates for District 3 Heidi St. John and Joe Kent also spoke, with St. John calling on parents to 'commit that this assault on our freedom and children will stop today' and Kent saying 'COVID has become a religion of obedience.' Kent said mask and vaccine mandates were a page out of 'Marxist and jihadist playbooks' and encouraged parents to pull their children out of the school system, so districts would 'feel the pain.'" [Longville Daily News, [8/6/21](#)]

**Kent Opposed The Military Vaccine Mandate**

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Joe Kent for WA-3  @joekent16jan19 · Sep 14, 2022

This is happening way too often for this to be normal.

I spent over 20 years in Special Operations, fit young men were not falling over dead from heart attacks prior to the **Covid** vaccine being forced on our warriors.

Congress must fully investigate & stop the vaccine.

 BowTiedRanger  @BowTiedRanger · Sep 13, 2022

Replying to @BowTiedRanger

It has been confirmed that LTC Goshen died after having a heart attack during a routine physical fitness test while deployed to Romania.

When a servicemember dies from a heart attack, the Army now classifies that death under “natural causes.”

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 1,493

 4,320




[Joe Kent, Twitter, [9/14/22](#)]

### Kent Implied That The Federal Vaccine Mandate Did Not Apply To Postal Workers So That They Could Participate In Election Fraud

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021: Kent Implied That Postal Workers Were Not Required To Get The Vaccine So That They Could “Keep The Mail Out Ballots Moving.” [Joe Kent, Twitter, [9/9/21](#)]



Joe Kent for WA-3  @joekent16jan19

So all federal employees are mandated to take the vaccine, but postal workers are not..... gotta keep the mail out ballots moving. The rest of the government, not essential.

7:32 PM · Sep 9, 2021

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[Joe Kent, Twitter, [9/9/21](#)]

### Kent Spread Misinformation And Organized A Rally About A State Department Of Health Board Meeting

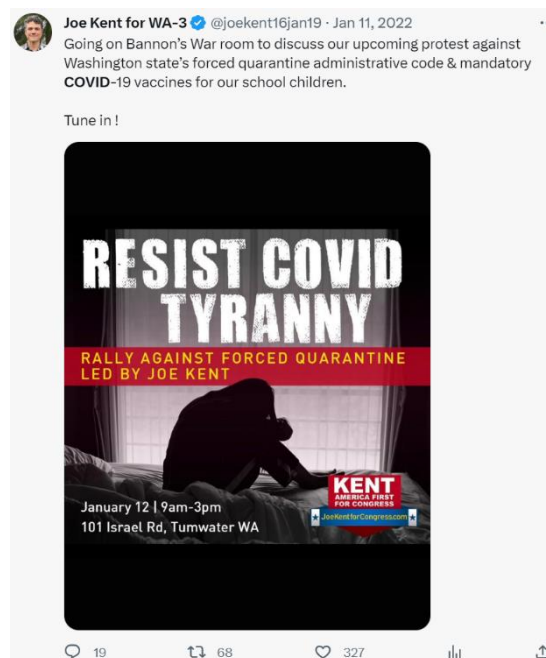
Kent Spread False Rumors About An Alleged Department Of Health Plan To Arrest People Who Refused The Covid-19 Vaccine

**Kent Spread False Rumors About A Plan By The State Board Of Health To Round Up People Who Had Not Received The Covid-19 Vaccine.** “Late last week, disturbing rumors started to fly on social media. The state Board of Health, they claimed, was about to authorize local health officials and police to round up people for refusing to get coronavirus vaccines and forcibly lock them up in quarantine facilities. It wasn’t true. There was no such plan. But the falsehood spread with omicron-like rapidity, fueled by misinformation from anti-vaccine activists, some conservative radio hosts and at least three Republican congressional candidates. [...] In addition to the phone calls and messages, a couple hundred protesters showed up Wednesday morning outside the Department of Health offices in Tumwater, just south of the state Capitol in Olympia. [...] The rally was led by Joe Kent, the Donald Trump-endorsed candidate seeking to unseat U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler in Southwest Washington’s 3rd Congressional District. Kent hyped the rally against ‘COVID tyranny’ and ‘forced quarantine’ on Twitter to his 125,000 followers, with an image of a woman locked in a room with bars on the windows. He also appeared on former Trump adviser Steve Bannon’s popular ‘War Room’ podcast this week to promote the event.” [Seattle Times, [1/13/22](#)]

**Kent Organized A Rally Protesting The State Department Of Health’s “COVID Tyranny” And “Forced Quarantine.”** “In addition to the phone calls and messages, a couple hundred protesters showed up Wednesday morning outside the Department of Health offices in Tumwater, just south of the state Capitol in Olympia. [...] The rally was led by Joe Kent, the Donald Trump-endorsed candidate seeking to unseat U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler in Southwest Washington’s 3rd Congressional District. Kent hyped the rally against ‘COVID tyranny’ and ‘forced quarantine’ on Twitter to his 125,000 followers, with an image of a woman locked in a room with bars on the windows. He also appeared on former Trump adviser Steve Bannon’s popular ‘War Room’ podcast this week to promote the event.” [Seattle Times, [1/13/22](#)]

- **Several Members Of The Far-Right Proud Boys Also Showed Up To The Rally And Threatened To Show Up At The Homes Of Health Officials.** “Several members of the far-right Proud Boys group also attended the rally, which was addressed by Joey Gibson, the founder of the far-right Vancouver-based Patriot Prayer. Gibson urged protesters to start showing up at the homes of local public health officials who are planning to create ‘concentration camps.’ He said demonstrators ‘should not commit any acts of violence — we’re not at that point right now.’” [Seattle Times, [1/13/22](#)]

**Kent Promoted The Rally On Steve Bannon’s War Room.** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [1/11/22](#)]



[Joe Kent, Twitter, [1/11/22](#)]

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**Kent Then Falsely Claimed That The Department Of Health Changed Plans Because Of Public Blowback**

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**January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022: On Twitter, Kent Claimed, “Because Of Our Efforts, The Board Of Health Removed Forced Quarantine & Vax Mandates From Their Agenda For Today!”** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [1/12/22](#)]

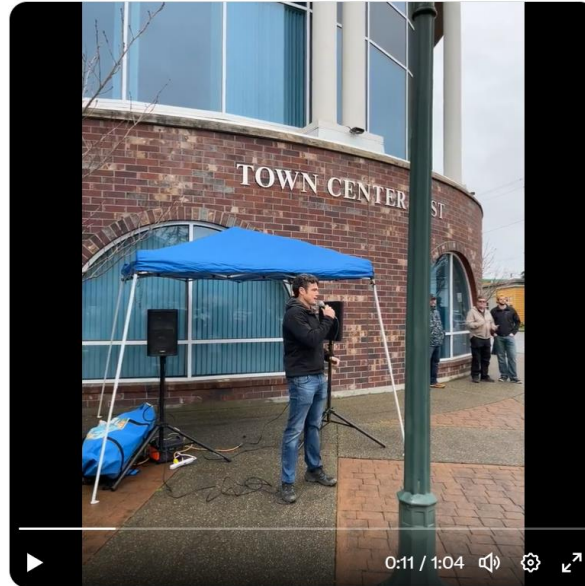


Joe Kent for WA-3  @joekent16jan19 · Jan 12, 2022

Thanks to all who showed up to protest against forced quarantine & COVID-19 vaccine mandates for kids.

Because of our efforts the Board of Health removed forced quarantine & vax mandates from their agenda for today!

We will be here until the meeting ends at 3pm, join us!



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[Joe Kent, Twitter, [1/12/22](#)]

**Kent Falsely Claimed That The Board Changed Its Plans And Admitted That He Understood The State Was Not Going To Start Arresting People.** “At the rally, Kent claimed the board had changed its plans after public blowback, but board officials said that’s false — the agenda was not changed — but the board did issue a statement seeking to clarify the agenda amid the tsunami of misinformation. Kent said he understands the state wasn’t about to ‘flip a switch’ and start arresting people. But he said trust in government has been broken by two years of COVID-19 restrictions. ‘They’re exploiting and using the pandemic to take away our voices,’ he said. ‘This should be a public hearing at 6 or 7 o’clock in the evening so everyone can get off work and attend.’” [Seattle Times, [1/13/22](#)]

**Kent Was Associated And Supported By Violent Right Winged Militias, White Nationalists, Alleged Criminals, And Nazi Sympathizers**

**Kent Was Associated With White Nationalists And Echoed White Nationalist Sentiments**

**Associated Press: Kent “Stands Out For The Breadth Of His Ties” To “Extremist Fringe.”** “A representative for the National Republican Congressional Committee, the organization responsible for helping the GOP regain control of the House, declined to comment, citing a policy of not interfering in primaries. A Trump spokesman did not respond to a request for comment. Of those soon facing elections, Kent stands out for the breadth of his ties to a deep-seated extremist fringe that has long existed in the Pacific Northwest but is often obscured by the region’s overwhelming liberal politics.” [Associated Press, [7/27/22](#)]

**AP: Kent “Courted Prominent White Nationalists.”** “Republican Joe Kent, who is challenging U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler of Washington state in the Aug. 2 primary, has also courted prominent white nationalists and posed recently for a photograph with a media personality who has previously described Adolf Hitler as a ‘complicated historical figure’ who ‘many people misunderstand.’” [Associated Press, [7/27/22](#)]

**Joe Kent’s Association With Right Wing Extremism Was Described As “Unabashed” By A Journalist Who Focuses On Right Wing Extremism In The Pacific Northwest.** “But taken broadly, Kent’s recent relationships and activities reinforce concerns about the GOP’s ties to extremist groups. The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol has drawn attention to the role such organizations, particularly the Proud Boys, played in the effort to disrupt the peaceful transfer of power after Trump’s reelection loss in 2020. ‘There’s a through line,’ said Dave Neiwert, an author and journalist who has covered right-wing extremism in the Pacific Northwest for decades. ‘Many (Republican) politicians play footsie with it. Kent is just unabashed.’” [Associated Press, [7/27/22](#)]

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### **Kent Appeared On A Far-Right YouTube Channel And Said, “I Don’t Think There’s Anything Wrong With There Being A White People Special Interest Group”**

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**Kent Appeared On A Far-Right YouTube Channel And Echoed White Nationalist Sentiments.** “After the rebuke, however, Kent appeared on a far-right YouTube channel where he echoed sentiments similar to those held by many white nationalists. ‘I don’t think there’s anything wrong with there being a white people special interest group,’ Kent said during the YouTube interview with a group called the American Populist Union. He also said the immigration situation between the U.S. and Mexico wasn’t as bad as in Europe because ‘their version of Mexico is Africa and the Middle East.’” [Associated Press, [7/27/22](#)]

- **Kent Claimed That The Immigration Situation In Europe Was Worse Than The U.S. Because “Their Version Of Mexico Is Africa And The Middle East.”** “Kent said during the YouTube interview with a group called the American Populist Union. He also said the immigration situation between the U.S. and Mexico wasn’t as bad as in Europe because ‘their version of Mexico is Africa and the Middle East.’” [Associated Press, [7/27/22](#)]
- **Kent: “I Don’t Think There’s Anything Wrong With There Being A White People Special Interest Group.”** “After the rebuke, however, Kent appeared on a far-right YouTube channel where he echoed sentiments similar to those held by many white nationalists. ‘I don’t think there’s anything wrong with there being a white people special interest group,’ Kent said during the YouTube interview with a group called the American Populist Union. [Associated Press, [7/27/22](#)]

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### **Kent Denied Claims That He Was A White Nationalist**

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**Kent Said Accusations About Ties To White Nationalism Were “Absolutely Despicable.”** “‘This nonsense about me being a white nationalist is absolutely despicable,’ Kent, who deployed in 11 combat tours, said at the debate. ‘I fought for this country for over 20 years, I placed my life in the hands of minorities and people of every single race and creed and sexuality, and they’ve placed their lives in my hands.’” [Crosscut, [9/30/22](#)]

### **Kent’s Campaign Paid A Member Of The Proud Boys, A Designated Hate Group Whose Leaders Were Convicted Of Seditious Conspiracy**

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### **Kent Paid Graham Jorgensen, A Member Of The Proud Boys And An Alleged Abuser And Stalker, \$11,375 For “Campaign Consulting”**

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**Kent Had A Campaign Consultant Who Was A Member Of The Proud Boys.** “A congressional candidate whose compelling personal story of military valor and unfathomable loss helped him win former President Donald Trump’s support has connections to right-wing extremists, including a campaign consultant who was a member of the Proud Boys.” [Associated Press, [7/27/22](#)]

- **Kent Paid \$11,375 For “Campaign Consulting” To Graham Jorgensen.** “Campaign finance disclosures reveal Kent recently paid \$11,375 for ‘consulting’ over the past four months to Graham Jorgensen, who was identified as a Proud Boy in a law enforcement report and was charged with cyber stalking his ex-girlfriend in



2018. The charges were dismissed in late 2019. But a judge in Vancouver, Washington, issued an order of protection requiring Jorgensen to stay away from her, records show.” [Associated Press, [7/27/22](#)]

**According To The FEC, Kent Paid Graham Jorgensen \$11,374 For Campaign Consulting.** [FEC.gov, Joe Kent for Congress, disbursement, accessed [3/6/24](#)]

Joe Kent’s Payments to Graham Jorgensen				
Spender	Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Date	Disbursement Amount
Joe Kent For Congress	Jorgensen, Graham	Campaign Consulting	8/6/2022	\$3,250
Joe Kent For Congress	Jorgensen, Graham	Campaign Consulting	6/2/2022	\$3,250
Joe Kent For Congress	Jorgensen, Graham	Campaign Consulting	4/13/2022	\$1,625
Joe Kent For Congress	Jorgensen, Graham	Campaign Consulting	5/2/2022	\$3,250
Joe Kent For Congress	Jorgensen, Graham	Campaign Consulting	7/6/2022	\$3,250

[FEC.gov, Joe Kent for Congress, disbursement, accessed [3/6/24](#)]

- Graham Jorgensen Was A Member Of The Proud Boys.** “But a key detail of Willey's firing has never been previously examined. Willey and the sheriff's office both believe the photos that catalyzed the Proud Boys' spiral into chaos were sent to the media by an ex-boyfriend and Proud Boy bent on revenge. The Clark County Sheriff's Office report shows Willey was a victim of an alleged campaign of misogyny, abuse and harassment at the hands of her ex-boyfriend, Graham Jorgensen, who the report says is a Proud Boy.” [Willamette Week, [12/19/18](#)]
- Graham Jorgensen, Who Was Identified As A Proud Boy In A Law Enforcement Report, Was Charged With Cyber Stalking His Ex-Girlfriend In 2018.** “Campaign finance disclosures reveal Kent recently paid \$11,375 for ‘consulting’ over the past four months to Graham Jorgensen, who was identified as a Proud Boy in a law enforcement report and was charged with cyber stalking his ex-girlfriend in 2018. The charges were dismissed in late 2019. But a judge in Vancouver, Washington, issued an order of protection requiring Jorgensen to stay away from her, records show.” [Associated Press, [7/27/22](#)]
- In Police Reports, Graham Jorgensen Allegedly Abused And Harassed His Ex-Girlfriend.** “The Clark County Sheriff's Office report shows Willey was a victim of an alleged campaign of misogyny, abuse and harassment at the hands of her ex-boyfriend, Graham Jorgensen, who the report says is a Proud Boy. The sheriff's office concluded in its internal affairs investigation that Jorgensen probably gave the photos of Willey in Proud Boys attire to The Columbian newspaper in an attempt to get her fired. Documents reviewed by WW show he warned her that he would go public, then celebrated after Willey lost her job. The nature of the source of the photographs had little bearing on the decision faced by the sheriff's office. A deputy associating with a far-right group would be a problem regardless of how it came to light.” [Willamette Week, [12/19/18](#)]

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**The Proud Boys Were A Designated Hate Group Known For Espousing White Nationalism And Misogyny, Whose Leaders Were Convicted Of Seditious Conspiracy For Their Role In The Capitol Insurrection**

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**The Proud Boys Were Designated As A Hate Group By The Southern Poverty Law Center, Citing Members’ Professed White Nationalism, Misogyny, And Islamophobia.** “EXTREMIST GROUP INFO: SPLC DESIGNATED HATE GROUP [...] The Proud Boys’ actions belie their disavowals of bigotry: Rank-and-file Proud Boys and leaders regularly spout white nationalist memes and maintain affiliations with known extremists. They are known for anti-Muslim and misogynistic rhetoric. Proud Boys have appeared alongside other hate groups at extremist gatherings such as the ‘Unite the Right’ rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. Former Proud Boys member Jason Kessler helped organize that event, which brought together a broad coalition of extremists including Neo-

Nazis, antisemites and militias. Kessler was expelled from the group after the violence and near-universal condemnation of Charlottesville rallygoers.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [7/22/22](#)]

**May 2023: Four Leaders Of The Proud Boys Were Convicted On Seditious Conspiracy Charges For Their Role In The Capitol Insurrection.** “A jury in the District of Columbia today returned guilty verdicts on multiple felonies against five members of the Proud Boys, finding four of the defendants guilty of seditious conspiracy for their actions before and during the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. According to the evidence at trial, in the months leading up to Jan. 6, the defendants plotted to oppose by force the lawful transfer of presidential power, and to prevent the Members of Congress, and the federal law enforcement officers who protect them, from discharging their duties.” [Department of Justice, Press Release, [5/4/23](#)]

- **Seditious Conspiracy Charges Require “Prosecutors To Show That At Least Two People Agreed To Use Force To Overthrow Government Authority Or Delay The Execution Of A U.S. Law.”** “The charge of seditious conspiracy — which can be difficult to prove and carries particular legal weight as well as political overtones — requires prosecutors to show that at least two people agreed to use force to overthrow government authority or delay the execution of a U.S. law. It carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.” [New York Times, [6/9/22](#)]
- **Attorney General Garland: “Today, The Justice Department Secured The Conviction Of Four Leaders Of The Proud Boys For Seditious Conspiracy Related To The January 6th Attack On The Capitol.”** ““Today, the Justice Department secured the conviction of four leaders of the Proud Boys for seditious conspiracy related to the January 6th attack on the Capitol,” said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. ‘In addition, those defendants and a fifth member of the Proud Boys were all convicted of felonies including obstructing Congress’s certification of the 2020 presidential election results and conspiring to prevent Congress and federal officers from discharging their duties. The evidence presented at trial detailed the extent of the violence at the Capitol on January 6th and the central role these defendants played in setting into motion the unlawful events of that day. The Department has secured more than 600 convictions for a wide range of criminal conduct on January 6th, as well as in the days and weeks leading up to the attack. And we have now secured the convictions of leaders of both the Proud Boys and the Oath Keepers for seditious conspiracy – specifically conspiring to oppose by force the lawful transfer of presidential power. The Justice Department will never stop working to defend the democracy to which all Americans are entitled.” [New York Times, [6/9/22](#)]

**New York Times: The Proud Boys “Maneuvered In A Coordinated Fashion” To Rile Protesters, “Directly [Join] In The Violence,” And Identify Access Points To The Capitol During The Insurrection.** “Building off the work of online researchers, The New York Times has come up with a newly detailed view of the Proud Boys’ role in instigating the chaos that consumed the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. After months of studying video footage of the attack and poring over internal communications by the Proud Boys, The Times has determined that members of the group maneuvered in a coordinated fashion that day in a way that was not previously known and in a manner that was unlike that of the hundreds of other rioters who stormed the building. The analysis by The Times found a pattern in how the Proud Boys moved on the ground. Over and over, at key moments when the Capitol was breached, the group used the same set of tactics: identifying access points to the building, riling up other protesters and sometimes directly joining in the violence. When met with resistance, leaders of the group reassessed, and teams of Proud Boys targeted new entry points to the Capitol. Moreover, members of the Proud Boys, following the orders of their leaders, did not wear their typical black-and-yellow uniforms that day. Instead, they intentionally dressed to blend into the crowd and look like other protesters in a way that disguised their actions and — until now — played down their importance in moving the action forward.” [New York Times, [6/17/22](#)]

**Kent’s Close Political Ally Was The Founder Of A Christian Nationalist Group**

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**Kent Was A Close Political Ally Of Joey Gibson, The Founder Of The Christian Nationalist Group Patriot Prayer.** “Kent is also a close political ally of Joey Gibson, the founder of the Christian nationalist group Patriot Prayer. Since establishing the group in 2016, Gibson has organized demonstrations in Portland, as well as the city’s Washington state suburbs, where he and his followers have clashed with left-wing groups. Many of the demonstrations were coordinated with the Proud Boys. The often-violent rallies organized by Gibson drew anti-government activists, extremists as well as white supremacists to unite in common cause — namely fighting left-wing activists.” [Associated Press, [7/27/22](#)]

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- **Kent Praised Gibson For Defending The Community From Antifa.** “Gibson regularly promotes Kent’s campaign on social media and spoke at a Kent fundraiser last year. When it was Kent’s turn to speak at the event, he lavished Gibson with praise, explaining that Gibson ‘defended this community when our community was under assault from antifa.’ Gibson was acquitted last week on felony riot charges after an altercation with left-wing activists at a Portland bar.” [Associated Press, [7/27/22](#)]
- **Kent Defended Gibson, Calling Him A “Great Guy.”** “Asked about Patriot Prayer and the Proud Boys, Kent pointed out Gibson's acquittal in the bar fight, saying, ‘I think Joey's a great guy, he has a very Christian, peaceful message. Nothing against Joey Gibson and Patriot Prayer.’” [Crosscut, [9/30/22](#)]

**Kent Appeared At Rallies And In Photos With Chandler Pappas Of The Group Patriot Prayer.** “He has appeared in photos or at rallies with Joey Gibson and Chandler Pappas of the group Patriot Prayer, according to news reports, and Tusitala ‘Tiny’ Toese, a member of the Proud Boys, groups that have engaged in street brawls and demonstrations in Portland and Olympia. Pappas earlier this year was sentenced to 13 months in prison for spraying mace at a police officer during a December 2020 riot at the Oregon State Capitol. Last September Toese was shot in the foot by a counter-demonstrator in Olympia – the third of a trio political shootings in Washington's capital since the 2020 election.” [Crosscut, [9/30/22](#)]

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**Braynard Wanted To Rebrand January 6<sup>th</sup> By Creating An Event Called “Justice For J6” And Called Rioters That Were Charged On January 6<sup>th</sup> “Political Prisoners.”** “Now, Braynard and his group, Look Ahead America, are using his newfound platform and resources to present an alternate history of the Jan. 6 attack that was meant to stop Congress from certifying Joe Biden’s victory, rebranding those who were charged as ‘political prisoners.’ Although many members of Congress, including those who are allied with Braynard’s cause, have been mum on whether they will attend Saturday’s protest, the event has put law enforcement on edge, led to stepped-up security measures and created worries that members of the same extremist groups that were present on Jan 6. could also be in attendance. How much of a draw his ‘Justice for J6’ rally ends up being will test the reach and potency of the emerging far-right movement, as well as the extent of Braynard’s own reach.” [AP, [9/17/21](#)]

- **Kent Spoke At Braynard’s “Justice For J6” Rally.** “Kent’s ties to extremism aren’t limited to the Pacific Northwest. Braynard, one of Kent’s top advisers, was the architect of a Washington, D.C., rally last year that sought to build sympathy for those arrested during the insurrection by rebranding them as ‘political prisoners.’ Kent spoke at the rally, which was poorly attended.” [AP, [7/27/22](#)]

**Braynard Helped Fundraise For A Member Of The Proud Boys, Who Was Charged During The Insurrection.** “The Jan. 6 attack quickly became an organizing principle for Braynard’s efforts. [...] Since then, he’s shared a link to a fundraiser for Ethan Nordean, a member of the Proud Boys extremist group, who was charged in the attack. ‘If you don’t share this post I don’t ever want to hear y’all say you’re fighting back against this oppressive government,’ he wrote.” [AP, [9/17/21](#)]

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**Braynard Joined Trump Allies In Trying To Overturn The 2020 Election.** “Matt Braynard worked as an analyst for the Republican Party, crunched data for a small election firm and later started a consulting business that attracted few federal clients, records show. He started a nonprofit after he was dismissed by Donald Trump’s 2016 campaign following several months on the job, but struggled to raise money. The group’s tax-exempt status was revoked last year. But Braynard’s fortunes changed abruptly after Trump’s 2020 election loss. He joined an aggrieved group of Trump allies seeking to overturn the election — and in the process reaped recognition, lucrative fees and a fundraising windfall that enabled him to rekindle his nonprofit.” [AP, [9/17/21](#)]

**Braynard Wrote An Election Report “‘Riddled With Errors’ And Violating ‘Basic Standards For Scientific Evidence’” That Was Used In Numerous Court Cases For Trump And Earned Him \$230,000 In Consulting Fees.** “A subsequent report he wrote on his findings — which one expert excoriated as ‘riddled with errors’ and violating ‘basic standards for scientific evidence’ — was embraced by Trump’s allies and served as an evidentiary cornerstone in numerous court cases that were later dismissed. His participation also earned him at least \$230,000 in consulting fees, court records show. Since then, Braynard has used the influx of resources to revive Look Ahead America and reapply for tax-exempt status, which has yet to be approved, according to an IRS database. The group

now lists 11 staffers on its website.” [AP, [9/17/21](#)]

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**Braynard’s Committee, Look Ahead America, Was Present At An Event Hosted By Nick Fuentes, Who Was A White Supremacist.** “Look Ahead America also tweeted from its account last February that the group would be present at the America First Political Action Conference in Orlando, which was a one-day event hosted by Nick Fuentes, a far-right internet personality who has promoted white supremacist beliefs. But Braynard has also sought to make inroads with more mainstream conservatives. Look Ahead America was a sponsor at this year’s Conservative Political Action Conference, a gathering that typically draws Republican presidential contenders. The group garnered considerable attention for a large golden statue of a ‘surfer’ Trump, complete with red, white and blue shorts, that was part of their booth.” [AP, [9/17/21](#)]

**Braynard Responded To A News Article About A Politician “Minimizing The Crimes Of Adolf Hitler And Nazism,” Saying, “The World Will Be A Better Place When Germany Is Again Proud Of Its History.”** “As some of his links to the far right made news in 2022, Kent tried to moderate his rhetoric including by deleting references to conspiracies about trump’s election loss from his campaign site. However, one of his top advisers in that race, Matt Braynard, had his own history of extremism. Braynard is one of the most prominent defenders of the people who stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6. He was involved in attempts to audit the 2020 election that fueled conspiracy theories about Trump’s loss and later staged a ‘Justice For J6’ rally in September 2021 where Kent was among the speakers and the Capitol rioters were treated as martyrs. Braynard also has his own links to Fuentes and a history of incendiary statements including repeatedly denouncing what he described as ‘globohomo’ politics and a 2018 tweet where he responded to a news article about a French politician facing criticism for minimizing the crimes of Adolf Hitler and Nazism by declaring: ‘The world will be a better place when Germany is again proud of its history.’” [Talking Points Memo, [9/27/22](#)]

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**Kent Gave An Interview And Posed For Pictures With Greyson Arnold, A Nazi Sympathizer**

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**Kent Gave An Interview With Greyson Arnold, Who Was A Nazi Sympathizer.** “Despite disavowing White nationalism last spring when one of its adherents endorsed him, a US House candidate in Washington subsequently gave a previously unreported interview in June to a Nazi sympathizer and White nationalist. While Republican Joe Kent touted his support for prominent far-right figures like Reps. Marjorie Taylor Green and Paul Gosar and supported MAGA policies, he was speaking with Greyson Arnold, a Nazi sympathizer.” [CNN, [9/30/22](#)]

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**Kent Posed For A Photo With Arnold, Who Described Hitler As A “Complicated Historical Figure” Who “Many People Misunderstand.”** “Republican Joe Kent, who is challenging U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler of Washington state in the Aug. 2 primary, has also courted prominent white nationalists and posed recently for a photograph with a media personality who has previously described Adolf Hitler as a ‘complicated historical figure’ who ‘many people misunderstand.’” [Associated Press, [7/27/22](#)]

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**Washington.** “Arnold was pictured in multiple photographs with Kent at a fundraiser in April and has been canvassing for Republican candidates with Washington State Young Republicans, with one recent photo showing Arnold in a Joe Kent shirt according to photos on their public Instagram.” [CNN, [9/30/22](#)]

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**Arnold Called Nazi Men The “Pure Race” And Said, “That The US Should Have Sided With The Nazis During World War Two.”** “On a since-suspended Twitter account and active channel on Telegram called ‘Pure Politics,’ Greyson, or ‘American Greyson’ as he calls himself, has shared posts that called Nazi men the ‘pure race’ and that the US should have sided with the Nazis during World War Two. Arnold has falsely claimed there were ‘Jewish plans to genocide the German people,’ and in a post, he shared a quote that said the ‘Jewish led colored hordes of the Earth’ were attempting to exterminate White people.” [CNN, [9/30/22](#)]

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**Kent Sought Help For His Campaign From White Nationalist Nick Fuentes, But Later Tried To Distance Himself**

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**Nick Fuentes Was A White Nationalist Who Praised Hitler And Called For Turning America Into A Nation For White Christians**

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**AZ Mirror: Fuentes Advocated “Turning America Into A Nation Only For White Christians.”** “Fuentes, an advocate of turning America into a nation only for white Christians, is one of the leaders of the so-called ‘groyper’ movement — along with the founder of American Identity Movement, a white nationalist group formerly known as Identity Ervopa — and Rogers is one of its emerging icons. The groyper movement is a collection of white nationalists who seek to normalize racism and make it a part of mainstream conservative political ideology.” [AZ Mirror, [2/26/22](#)]

**Fuentes Said, “The United States Is The Evil Empire In The World,” And Praised Adolf Hitler.** “AFPAC opened with Fuentes soliciting a round of applause from the crowd for Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. The white nationalists chanted in response, ‘Putin! Putin! Putin!’ In his closing speech, Fuentes said ‘the United States is the evil empire in the world.’ ‘Now, they’re going and saying, ‘Vladimir Putin is Adolf Hitler,’ as if that isn’t a good thing,’ he said, before chuckling a rehearsed nervous laugh and adding, ‘Oops, I shouldn’t have said that.’” [AZ Mirror, [2/26/22](#)]

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**Kent’s Campaign Held A Call With Nick Fuentes To Discuss The Campaigns Reach On Social Media.** “Kent has acknowledged that a political consultant set up a call early in his campaign that Fuentes was part of, where expanding his campaign’s reach on social media was discussed. But he denied that there was any sort of formal arrangement and distanced himself from Fuentes in March after their affiliation became broadly known. Kent tweeted at the time that he did not want ‘want Fuentes’s endorsement due his focus on race/religion.’ After the rebuke, however, Kent appeared on a far-right YouTube channel where he echoed sentiments similar to those held by many white nationalists.” [Associated Press, [7/27/22](#)]

**Fuentes Told Kent, “I Love What You’re Doing.”** “The statement comes a day after Fuentes, who describes his ambitions as ‘fighting for a white majority,’ posted a lengthy livestream where he described the phone call with Kent. According to Fuentes, who could not be reached for comment, Kent told him ‘I love what you’re doing.’ Fuentes said he and his organization — as well as his social media following — boosted Kent’s message. ‘We retweeted his stuff, we showed his stuff on Gab, we got his social media up off the ground,’ Fuentes said in the three-and-a-half-hour livestream. ‘That was part of that call.’ Kent said there was no agreement with Fuentes. He said he didn’t know if anyone in his campaign has communicated with Fuentes. ‘I never told him great job because I didn’t even know what kind of job he was doing,’ Kent said. ‘I didn’t know necessarily what he did.’” [OPB, [3/7/22](#)]

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**Kent Sought Support From Figures Associated With The White Nationalist “Groyper Army” Movement Led By Nick Fuentes.** “Kent has also sought support from figures associated with the white nationalist ‘Groyper Army’ movement led by Nick Fuentes, an internet personality who has promoted white supremacist beliefs and

attended the 2017 white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, as well as the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol.” [Associated Press, [7/27/22](#)]

- **Kent Was Photographed At A Fundraiser Giving A Thumbs-Up With Greyson Arnold, A Groyper-Aligned Commentator Who Identified As A “Christian American Nationalist.”** “In April, Kent was photographed at a fundraiser giving a thumbs-up with Greyson Arnold, a Groyper-aligned commentator who identifies as a ‘Christian American Nationalist.’ Like Fuentes, Arnold was also at the U.S. Capitol during the insurrection.” [Associated Press, [7/27/22](#)]
- **Greyson Arnold Shared Material Referring To Nazis As A “Pure Race,” And Called Hitler “Complicated” And “Misunderstood.”** “Arnold has shared memes online that refer to Nazis as a ‘pure race’ and has called Hitler a ‘complicated’ and ‘misunderstood’ historical figure. He also hosted a ‘White Boy Summer’ celebration in Lake Havasu, Arizona, in June 2021, drawing the event’s title from a popular meme that was circulating among white nationalists and racist groups.” [Associated Press, [7/27/22](#)]

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### Kent Defended Fuentes And Received His Endorsement In His 2022 Primary

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**Kent Received Nick Fuentes Endorsement In His 2022 Primary.** “Back in March 2022, Kent disavowed Nick Fuentes, a 24-year-old far-right white nationalist, after Fuentes endorsed Kent in the primary. Fuentes is the architect of the America First Political Action Conference, a white nationalist conference held annually that received intense backlash this year after Gosar appeared at the event and Greene attended it.” [CNN, [9/30/22](#)]

**Kent Defended Fuentes After He Was Banned From Twitter.** “Kent said at the time that he was unfamiliar with Fuentes despite a brief call with him in spring 2021 about the candidate’s social media strategy. In April 2021, Kent tweeted in defense of Fuentes after he was banned from Twitter. ‘Many are glad that their political rivals are targeted by the state & big tech, they hate Trump, @NickJFuentes & MAGA. This short side thinking has led to some of the greatest tragedies in human history. We must fight for all speech & fight the confluence of gov & big tech.’” [CNN, [9/30/22](#)]

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## Kent Attempted To Distance Himself From Fuentes

**Kent Attempted To Distance Himself From Fuentes After His Association With Him Went Public.** “A congressional candidate in Southwest Washington is attempting to distance himself from a white nationalist figure after the revelation of a phone conversation last year about working together. Joe Kent, a Trump-backed challenger against U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler in Washington’s 3rd Congressional District, said in an interview Friday he talked with Nick Fuentes last spring about helping his social media strategy, but has not associated with the 23-year-old racist activist any further. [...] Kent, who has been the conservative frontrunner among several Republicans hoping to unseat Beutler, said the call was set up by a consulting firm when he was starting to launch his campaign. He couldn’t specify which. ‘I don’t even remember who set it up,’ he said.” [Oregon Public Broadcasting, [3/7/22](#)]

## Kent Took Pictures And Shared A Stage With Three Percenters, An Anti-Government Militia Group

**Kent Shared The Stage And Took Pictures With The Three Percenter Who Were “Anti-Government Extremists” And “Part Of The Militia Movement.”**

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- **Kent Attended A Rally In Olympia And Took Photos And Spoke At The Event.** In a tweet, Kent said, “Great to see all the Patriots at GRIT rally in Olympia yesterday! We will keep fighting for election integrity, the end of Covid tyranny, for our 2A & for the sovereignty of our families & nation.” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [3/6/22](#)]



[Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [3/6/22](#)]

- **Kent Took A Photo With A Three Percenter.** In a Twitter post, Kent posted a picture he took with a Three Percenter. [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [3/6/22](#)]



[Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, 3/6/22]

**The Three Percenters Were “Anti-Government Extremists” Who Were “Part Of The Militia Movement.”**

Three Percenters (also known as 3%ers, III%ers, and Threepers) are anti-government extremists who are part of the militia movement. They compare their hostility to the federal government with the opposition of American patriots to the British during the American Revolution. The term itself is a reference to a false belief that the number of Americans who fought against the British during the Revolutionary War amounted to only three percent of the population at the time (historians say that percentage was actually far higher). Three Percenters believe that, just as a small revolutionary vanguard overthrew the tyrannical British rule in America, a dedicated group of modern patriots could rid the United States of today’s alleged tyranny.” [ADL, 6/26/17]

- **The Three Percenters Name Came From The Inaccurate Claim That Only 3% Of The Population Fought Against The British.** “Kent’s ties to extremists don’t end there. At a March 2022 protest against pandemic mandates, Kent shared the stage and posed for photos with supporters of ‘three percenter’ militia groups, a reference to the inaccurate claim only three percent of the population fought the British during the American Revolution. Over four months last year, Kent’s campaign paid a five-figure sum for ‘consulting’ to a man who was identified by law enforcement as a member of the Proud Boys, the militant far-right group whose leaders were convicted of seditious conspiracy in the Jan. 6 attack.” [Talking Points Memo, 9/27/22]

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**The Three Percenters Have A History Of Violence And Participating In The Charlottesville “Unite The Right,” Anti-Muslim Activities, And January 6<sup>th</sup>**

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***Six Men Who Were Associated With The Three Percenters Were Indicted On Conspiring To Obstruct An Official Proceeding***

**2021: Six Men Who Were Associated With The Three Percenters Were Indicted On Conspiring To Obstruct An Official Proceeding.** “U.S. prosecutors have obtained a conspiracy indictment against six California men associated with the Three Percenters right-wing militia, the latest in a series of such charges arising from the Jan. 6 riot by former President Donald Trump’s supporters. The indictment against the men was returned by a grand jury in the District of Columbia on Wednesday and made public on Thursday. They face charges including conspiring to obstruct an official proceeding, which carries a 20-year maximum sentence, The Justice Department said in a news release that four of the six men ‘identify as members of Three Percenter militias,’ but that all of them chatted on the app Telegram to coordinate their actions on Jan. 6. Two of the six men, Alan Hostetter and Russell Taylor, were seen a day before the riot with Roger Stone, a friend and adviser to Trump, during a protest outside the U.S.

Supreme Court against the outcome of the 2020 presidential election.” [Reuters, [6/10/21](#)]

- **The Six Men Used Telegram To Plan To Bring Weapons To The Capitol On January 6<sup>th</sup>.** “Beginning in December 2020, the six men hatched a plan using the encrypted messaging app Telegram to bring weapons to Washington and storm the Capitol, according to the indictment. Prosecutors said the men selected Jan. 6 because of a Dec. 19 Trump Twitter post stating: ‘Big protest in D.C. on January 6th. Be there, will be wild!’ Prosecutors said that on Dec. 29, Taylor told his accused co-conspirators on Telegram: ‘I personally want to be on the front steps and be one of the first ones to breach the doors!’ The pro-Trump mob stormed the Capitol, interrupted the formal congressional certification of Democrat Joe Biden's election victory, clashed with an overwhelmed police force, and invaded the House of Representatives and Senate chambers. The violence left five dead, including a police officer.” [Reuters, [6/10/21](#)]

### ***Three Percenters Were A Part Of The Militia Presence At The White Supremacist “Unite The Right” Rally In Charlottesville In 2017***

**2017: Three Percenters Were A Part Of The Militia Presence At The White Supremacist “Unite The Right” Rally In Charlottesville In 2017.** “In 2017, Three Percenters even appeared at a few white supremacist events, not out of support for the white supremacists, but in anticipation of left-wing protesters showing up. There were even Three Percenters among the militia contingent in Charlottesville during the violent white supremacist ‘Unite the Right’ rally in August 2017, though they subsequently tried to distance themselves from the day’s events. Other Three Percenter groups condemned their appearance. One former member of a Three Percenter militia group, Alex Ramos, actually participated with several white supremacists in an assault on an African-American man in a parking garage at Charlottesville, subsequently receiving a six-year prison sentence for his role in the attack.” [ADL, [6/26/17](#)]

### ***Three Percenters Perceived Immigrants And Muslims As Enemies And Were Involved In Anti-Muslim Activities***

**2017: Three Percenters Perceived Immigrants And Muslims As Enemies And Were Involved In Anti-Muslim Activities.** “Some Three Percenters have focused attention on other perceived enemies, including Muslims and immigrants. Though the militia movement is not a white supremacist movement, since the early 2000s it has displayed considerable hostility (and occasional violence) towards these two communities. This hostility was exacerbated in 2015 following shooting attacks in Tennessee and California by domestic Islamist extremists, resulting in a wave of Three Percenter anti-Muslim activities.” [ADL, [6/26/17](#)]

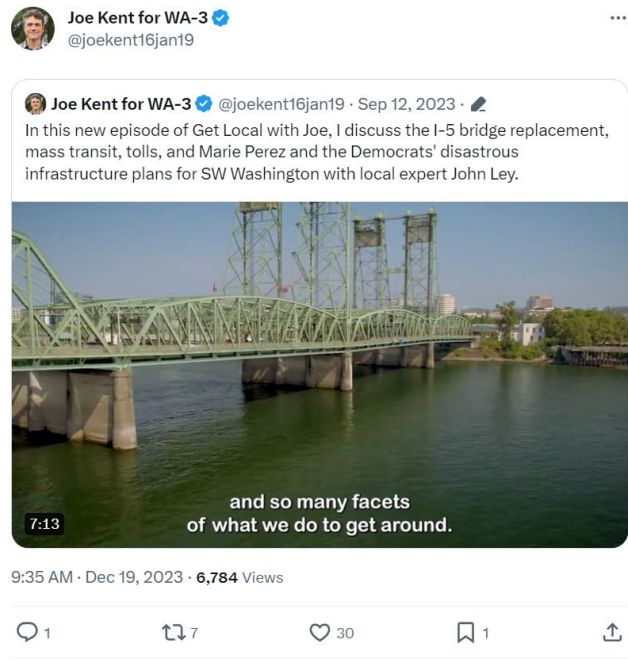
## **Kent Interviewed A Former Washington State House Candidate Who Allegedly Committed Two Counts Of Voter Fraud**

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### **Kent Interviewed John Ley, Who Allegedly Committed Voter Fraud**

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**Kent Interviewed John Ley, Who Allegedly Committed Voter Fraud.** In a tweet, Kent said, “In this new episode of Get Local with Joe, I discuss the I-5 bridge replacement, mass transit, tolls, and Marie Perez and the Democrats' disastrous infrastructure plans for SW Washington with local expert John Ley.” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [12/19/23](#)]



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### **John Ley Was A Candidate For The 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative District In Washington State, But Was Deemed Ineligible To Run For Office After It Was Found That He Lied About His Address On His Voter Registration And Candidate Filing Forms**

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**John Ley Was A Candidate For The Washington State House.** “John Ley wanted to court voters. Now, he’s just going to court. Eighteen months after he filed to run for a Washington state House seat, Ley, 68, is facing two criminal charges of felony voter fraud. He’s set to go before a judge Nov. 28.” [OPB, [11/18/23](#)]

**Ley Changed His Voter Registration From His House In Camas In The 17<sup>th</sup> Legislative District To A Battle Ground Address In The 18<sup>th</sup> District.** “Lee has also filed an objection to holding the trial in Clark County and will likely seek a change in venue. However, there was no discussion on that matter Tuesday. Ley, 68, was one of three Republicans to run for the 18th Legislative District Position 2 seat. Approximately one month before filing to run, Ley changed the address on his voter registration from his Fremont Street home in Camas, which is in the 17th District, to a Battle Ground address in the 18th District.” [The Columbian, [11/28/23](#)]

- **Ley Thought He Could Rent A Room In The State House District He Was Running In And Legally Change His Voting Address.** “In the interview on May 27, 2022, Ley told OPB he believed he could ‘rent a room (in Battle Ground) and legally change my voting address if I wanted to.’ He later said during official hearings that he paid a friend to rent the room for \$1 a month. Ley said he specifically wanted to run in the Battle Ground district to gain a seat on a bistate committee overseeing the replacement of the Interstate 5 Bridge. Ley has been a vocal opponent of the megaproject. In the interview, he called it a ‘huge waste of taxpayer money.’” [OPB, [11/18/23](#)]

**Ley Was Deemed Ineligible By A Clark County Judge To Run For Office.** “The Republican drew headlines in spring 2022 when he filed his candidacy. Although he had owned a two-storey home in Camas, Washington, for more than two decades, he used a new address to run for an open seat in a district near the city of Battle Ground, about 15 miles north of Camas. In an interview with OPB at the time, the retired airline pilot said he rented a room at a friend’s house. When asked if he had slept there within the last month, Ley said, ‘I don’t know off the top of my head.’ Ley’s campaign never made it to Election Day. Washington law requires would-be candidates to be eligible voters for the offices they seek. On July 16, 2022, a Clark County judge deemed Ley ineligible.” [OPB, [11/18/23](#)]

**Ley Has Been Charged With Two Criminal Charges Of Voter Fraud.** “John Ley wanted to court voters. Now, he’s just going to court. Eighteen months after he filed to run for a Washington state House seat, Ley, 68, is facing two criminal charges of felony voter fraud. He’s set to go before a judge Nov. 28.” [OPB, [11/18/23](#)]

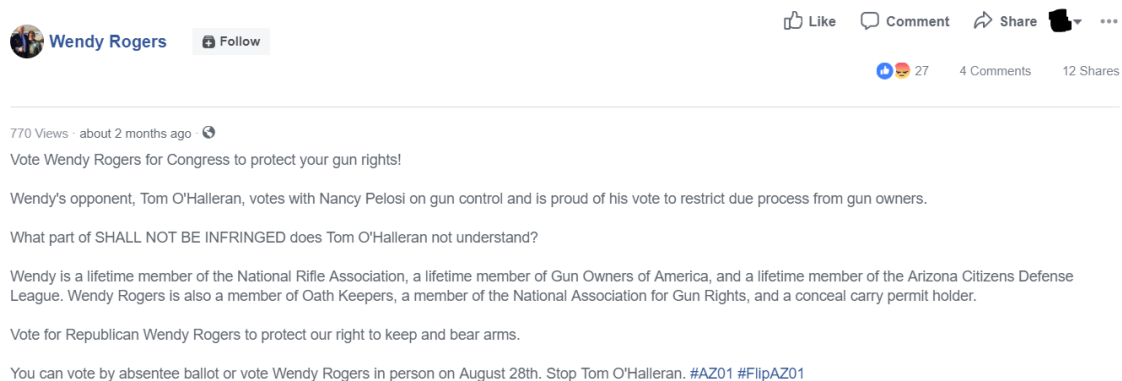
- **Ley Is Suspected Of Knowingly Lying On His Voter Registration And Candidate Filings, Which Are Class C Felonies.** “Ley’s efforts to finagle an address specifically for the election led to a criminal investigation. Court records show he is suspected of breaking state laws for knowingly lying on his voter registration and on his candidate filings. Both are class C felonies. Ley did not respond to OPB’s requests for comment Saturday. Determining where a person lives, as a legal distinction, can be a gray area. Washington laws around voting define a residence as a place where a person ‘physically resides and maintains his or her abode.’” [OPB, [11/18/23](#)]

### **Kent Was Endorsed By Arizona State Senator And Member Of The Militia Group Oath Keepers, Wendy Rogers, Who Had A History Of Racism And Extremism**

**2022: Wendy Rogers Endorsed Joe Kent.** “And his candidacy is endorsed by far-right Arizona state lawmaker Wendy Rogers, who has identified herself as a member of the Oath Keepers, a far-right militia group that played an outside role in the storming of the U.S. Capitol. Kent publicly thanked Rogers for her endorsement and has raised doubts about the circumstances that led to the arrest of Oath Keepers over their role in the attack.” [Associated Press, [7/27/22](#)]

### **Rogers Said She Was A Member Of The Oath Keepers, A Dangerous Anti-Government Group That Attempted To Overthrow The Government**

**On Her Campaign Facebook Page, Rogers Called Herself A Member Of The Oath Keepers.** “Wendy is a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, a lifetime member of Gun Owners of America, and a lifetime member of the Arizona Citizens Defense League. Wendy Rogers is also a member of Oath Keepers, a member of the National Association for Gun Rights, and a conceal carry permit holder.” [Wendy Rogers, Facebook, [7/16/18](#); Wendy Rogers, Facebook, [7/16/18](#)]



The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook post by Wendy Rogers. At the top, there is a profile picture of Wendy Rogers, her name, and a 'Follow' button. To the right, there are icons for 'Like', 'Comment', 'Share', and a menu icon. Below these are statistics: 27 reactions, 4 comments, and 12 shares. The post text reads: '770 Views · about 2 months ago · Vote Wendy Rogers for Congress to protect your gun rights! Wendy's opponent, Tom O'Halleran, votes with Nancy Pelosi on gun control and is proud of his vote to restrict due process from gun owners. What part of SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED does Tom O'Halleran not understand? Wendy is a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, a lifetime member of Gun Owners of America, and a lifetime member of the Arizona Citizens Defense League. Wendy Rogers is also a member of Oath Keepers, a member of the National Association for Gun Rights, and a conceal carry permit holder. Vote for Republican Wendy Rogers to protect our right to keep and bear arms. You can vote by absentee ballot or vote Wendy Rogers in person on August 28th. Stop Tom O'Halleran. #AZ01 #FlipAZ01'.

[Wendy Rogers, Facebook, [7/16/18](#); Wendy Rogers, Facebook, [7/16/18](#)]

**The Oath Keepers Were A “Far-Right Militia Group.”** “A North Carolina member of the Oath Keepers pleaded guilty on Wednesday to seditious conspiracy and obstruction of an official proceeding in connection with the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. William Todd Wilson, a 44-year-old former leader of the Sampson County chapter of the far-right militia group, is the third Oath Keeper to admit to seditious conspiracy. Joshua James and Brian Ulrich pleaded guilty to the charge earlier this year and agreed to cooperate with the government.” [NBC, [5/4/22](#)]

**Jan. 2022: Eleven Oath Keepers, Including Its Founder And Leader, Were Charged With Seditious Conspiracy Over Allegations That They Plotted To Violently Overthrow The Government On January 6<sup>th</sup>.**

“In laying out the sedition charge against Stewart Rhodes, the founder and leader of the far-right Oath Keeper militia, and 10 others, federal prosecutors have built a timeline of events as evidence of a conspiracy to storm the Capitol on Jan. 6 last year. Seditious conspiracy can be a difficult charge to prove, and it requires prosecutors to show that at least two people conspired to overthrow the government or delay the execution of a U.S. law. The charge is the most serious yet to be filed in connection with the riot. So far, more than 700 people have been accused of crimes related to the Jan. 6 assault. The case is ongoing, but the charging documents released last week provide a detailed look at activities of Mr. Rhodes and other Oath Keepers, beginning as early as two days after Election Day in 2020. Mr. Rhodes and 10 other Oath Keepers and affiliates are accused of recruiting participants, organizing trainings in paramilitary combat, coordinating travel, teams and logistics and bringing weapons to the Washington, D.C., area in order to carry out the conspiracy.” [New York Times, [1/19/22](#)]

- **As Of May 2022, Three Oath Keepers Pleaded Guilty To Seditious Conspiracy Charges.** “A North Carolina member of the Oath Keepers pleaded guilty on Wednesday to seditious conspiracy and obstruction of an official proceeding in connection with the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. William Todd Wilson, a 44-year-old former leader of the Sampson County chapter of the far-right militia group, is the third Oath Keeper to admit to seditious conspiracy. Joshua James and Brian Ulrich pleaded guilty to the charge earlier this year and agreed to cooperate with the government.” [NBC, [5/4/22](#)]

**Members Of The Oath Keepers Were Also Charged With Assaulting Law Enforcement Members, Bringing Weapons To The Capitol, And Attempting To Take Control Of The Capitol Building.** “As part of their sedition charge, the documents also accuse the Oath Keepers and affiliates of bringing paramilitary equipment, such as tactical gear and chemical spray into the Capitol; assaulting police officers; and trying to take control of the Capitol building. All of the defendants are charged with several other crimes in addition to sedition.” [New York Times, [1/19/22](#)]

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**Rogers Celebrated White Nationalist Groups And Claimed A Mass Shooting Targeting African Americans Was A False Flag Carried Out By The Federal Government**

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**HEADLINE: “Arizona Sen. Wendy Rogers Embraces White Nationalist Extremist Group”** [12 News, [3/1/22](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Wendy Rogers Said White Nationalists Are ‘Patriots’ And Called For Hanging Political Enemies”** [AZ Mirror, [2/26/22](#)]

**AZ Mirror: Rogers “Fawned Over The Leader Of A White Nationalist Movement” And Told His Followers That She Fantasized “About Hanging Her Perceived Enemies From Gallows.”** “A Republican state senator fawned over the leader of a white nationalist movement on Friday and told his followers that she fantasizes about hanging her perceived enemies from gallows. ‘I’ve said we need to build more gallows. If we try some of these high-level criminals, convict them and use a newly built set of gallows, it’ll make an example of these traitors who have betrayed our country,’ Sen. Wendy Rogers, R-Flagstaff, said Feb. 25 in her speech to the white nationalist America First Political Action Conference in Florida. Rogers told the white nationalists who were assembled in the ballroom at the Orlando World Center Marriott that they were ‘patriots.’ [AZ Mirror, [2/26/22](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Wendy Rogers Will Face An Investigation After Claiming The Buffalo Mass Shooting Was Done By The ‘Feds,’ Not A Heavily Armed Racist”** [AZ Mirror, [5/16/22](#)]

- **Rogers Blamed The Buffalo Mass Shooting “On Federal Law Enforcement Instead Of The White Supremacist Accused Of Carrying Out The Attack.”** “The Arizona Senate is launching an ethics investigation into Republican Sen. Wendy Rogers for her comments on social media blaming the mass shooting in Buffalo on Saturday on federal law enforcement instead of the white supremacist accused of carrying out the attack.” [AZ Mirror, [5/16/22](#)]

## Kent Received Money And Supported Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, Who Espoused, Racist, Islamophobic, Extreme Abortion Rhetoric, And Antisemitic Views

### Kent Spoke At A Rally That Featured Marjorie Taylor Green And Said He Was “Absolutely” A Supporter Of The Congresswoman

**Columbian Headline: “WA-3 Candidate To Speak At Rally Headlined By Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene”**  
[Columbian, [4/22/21](#)]

**Kent Spoke At A Rally That Featured Marjorie Taylor Green And Said He Was “Absolutely” A Supporter Of The Congresswoman.** “Joe Kent, a Republican running for Southwest Washington's congressional seat, is speaking at a rally this Saturday headlined by Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene. Kent is one of a handful of speakers billed on the event's flyer in addition to Greene, a Republican from Georgia. Other guests include former Trump campaign data strategist Matthew Braynard and a candidate challenging moderate GOP Rep. Liz Cheney for her House seat. The ‘America First Rally’ will be hosted Saturday by the Republican Women of Indian River County, located on the east Florida coast. Kent confirmed his attendance at the rally on Thursday, adding that he obtained the invitation through a mutual friend of Greene's. [...] I asked Kent if he is a supporter of Greene. ‘I am, absolutely,’ Kent responded. ‘I really like the way that she is fighting for the America First agenda in Congress.’”  
[Columbian, [4/22/21](#)]

- **Kent Posted A Picture Of Himself With Majorie Taylor-Green On Instagram.** Kent said in an Instagram post, “Friday evening with @realmarjoriegreene. #AmericaFirst #Trump2024 #MAGA #Conservative”  
[Instagram, joekent16jan19, [4/24/21](#)]



[Instagram, joekent16jan19, [4/24/21](#)]

**Kent Said He Stood With Marjorie Taylor-Greene.** In a tweet, Kent said, “We stand with @RepMTG & @CawthornforNC! The establishment fears them because they fight for their constituents not the corporate special interest groups who cling to power in DC.” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [4/22/22](#)]



[Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [4/22/22](#)]

**Kent Said He Would Sign On To Majorie Taylor-Green’s Protect Children’s Innocence Act.** In a Twitter post, Kent said, “I will immediately & proudly sign @RepMTG’s Protect Children’s Innocence Act in January. We must end the barbaric & predatory ritual of mutating vulnerable children.” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [9/8/22](#)]



[Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [9/8/22](#)]

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**Kent Received \$1,000 From Majorie Taylor Greene’s Leadership PAC**

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**Kent Received \$1,000 From Majorie Taylor Greene’s Leadership PAC.** According to the FEC, Kent received \$1,000 from Majorie Taylor Greene’s Leadership PAC, Save America Stop Socialism On October 10, 2022. [FEC, Receipts, accessed [3/21/24](#)]

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FEC, Receipts, accessed [3/21/24](#)]

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**Marjorie Taylor Greene Made Islamophobic Claims About Muslims And Spread A Conspiracy Theory That President Obama Was Muslim**

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**Marjorie Taylor Greene Falsely Claimed That Both President Obama Was Muslim.** “Greene also falsely claimed that former President Barack Obama and former senior White House adviser Valerie Jarrett are Muslims, stating: ‘Yes. I do believe he is a Muslim. And yes, Valerie Jarrett is, too.’” [Media Matters, [8/13/20](#)]

**Marjorie Taylor Greene Said That Obama Opened The Borders As Part Of A Plan For A “Muslim Invasion.”** “‘Obama opened up our borders to an invasion by Muslims. They did the same stupid thing in Europe, but they're all on board together. You see, it was like all part of a plan.’” [Media Matters, [8/13/20](#)]

**Marjorie Taylor Greene Described Muslim Countries Under Sharia Law As Incestuous And Pedophilic and Said Muslims Who Believe In Sharia Law Do Not Belong In American Government.** “In recordings obtained by POLITICO, Greene described Islamic nations under Sharia law as places where men have sex with ‘little boys, little girls, multiple women’ and ‘marry their sisters’ and ‘their cousins.’ She suggested the 2018 midterms — which ushered in the most diverse class of House freshmen — was part of “an Islamic invasion of our government” and that “anyone that is a Muslim that believes in Sharia law does not belong in our government.” [Politico, [6/18/20](#)]

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### **In Racist Comments Marjorie Taylor Green Called People Of Color Lazy And Embraced Great Replacement Theory**

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**Marjorie Taylor Green Claimed High Unemployment Affected People Of Color Disproportionately Because Of Bad Choices And Being Lazy.** “The House’s highest-ranking Republicans are racing to distance themselves from a leading GOP congressional candidate in Georgia after POLITICO uncovered hours of Facebook videos in which she expresses racist, Islamophobic and anti-Semitic views. [...] Sitting cross-legged on the floor and sporting an American flag baseball cap, Greene said in one video that unemployment — which affects people of color at disproportionately higher rates — is simply the product of ‘bad choices’ and being ‘lazy.’” [Politico, [6/18/20](#)]

**Marjorie Taylor Green Claimed Racial Disparities Could Not Affect Peoples Quality Of Life Because “Slavery Is Over.”** “The House’s highest-ranking Republicans are racing to distance themselves from a leading GOP congressional candidate in Georgia after POLITICO uncovered hours of Facebook videos in which she expresses racist, Islamophobic and anti-Semitic views. [...] In other videos, she directly compared Black Lives Matter activists to the neo-Nazis and Ku Klux Klan members who marched at a white nationalist rally three years ago in Charlottesville, Va., denouncing them all as ‘idiots.’ And Greene forcefully rejected the notion there are racial disparities in the U.S. or that skin color affects the ‘quality’ of one’s life: ‘Guess what? Slavery is over,’ she said. ‘Black people have equal rights’” [Politico, [6/18/20](#)]

**Marjorie Taylor Green Embraced Great Replacement Theory And Said, “Joe Biden's 5 Million Illegal Aliens Are On The Verge Of Replacing You, Replacing Your Jobs And Replacing Your Kids.”** “On Sunday in Mesa, Arizona, Greene, R-Ga., claimed, ‘Joe Biden's 5 million illegal aliens are on the verge of replacing you, replacing your jobs and replacing your kids in school and, coming from all over the world, they're also replacing your culture. And that's not great for America. Her comments echoed the ‘Great Replacement’ conspiracy theory long promoted by white nationalists that nonwhite immigrants could eventually displace native-born white Americans.” [Spectrum News, [10/10/22](#)]

- **“Great Replacement” Theory Was A White Supremacist Conspiracy That Claimed Immigration Policies Were Designed To Undermine Or “Replace” The Political Power And Culture Of White People.** “The ‘great replacement’ theory, in simple terms, states that welcoming immigration policies — particularly those impacting nonwhite immigrants — are part of a plot designed to undermine or ‘replace’ the political power and culture of white people living in Western countries. Multiple iterations of the ‘great replacement’ theory have been and continue to be used by antiimmigrant groups, white supremacists, and others.” [Immigration Forum, [11/22/21](#)]

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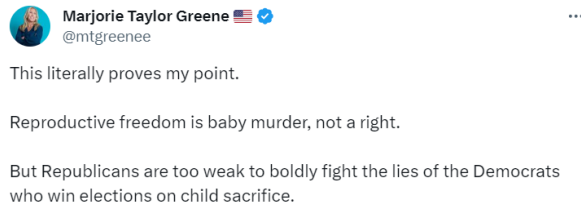
### **Greene Wanted To Ban Abortion Nationally And Said Extreme Rhetoric On Abortion**

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**Greene Wanted To Ban Abortion Nationally.** “In another notable moment, presented with her comments that America should have a ‘Christian government,’ that abortion should be banned nationally, that the FBI should shut down and that all immigration should stop for four years, Greene confirmed those was her views and expanded on her desire for a Christian government.” [ABC News, [4/3/23](#)]

**Marjorie Taylor Greene Said, “Reproductive Freedom Is Baby Murder, Not A Right,” And Called The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade A “Miracle”**

**Marjorie Taylor Greene: “Reproductive Freedom Is Baby Murder, Not A Right.”** In a Twitter post, Majorie Taylor Greene said, “This literally proves my point. Reproductive freedom is baby murder, not a right. But Republicans are too weak to boldly fight the lies of the Democrats who win elections on child sacrifice.” [Marjorie Taylor Greene, Twitter, [11/8/23](#)]



[Marjorie Taylor Greene, Twitter, [11/8/23](#)]

**Greene Called The Overturn Of Roe V. Wade A “Miracle.”** “After Roe V. Wade was overturned, Greene celebrated the Supreme Court's decision on social media, calling it a ‘miracle.’ In a video posted on X, formerly Twitter, the Georgia Republican said at the time, ‘I think it's a miracle. I'm so thrilled, like I've cried about this.’ Greene added: ‘Everybody here is celebrating that the Supreme Court had the courage, they had the bravery, overturning Roe v. Wade, giving it back to the states.’” [Newsweek, [11/8/23](#)]

**Greene Claimed That The Ideas That Abortion Was Health Care Or A Right For Women Were “Evil Lies.”** “On Wednesday morning, Greene posted about her thoughts on abortion and on the Democrats' ‘evil lies’ that abortion is both a right and healthcare for women. She wrote on X, ‘Healthcare saves lives. Abortion kills lives.’” [Newsweek, [11/8/23](#)]

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## Marjorie Taylor Greene Made Repeated Antisemitic Statements, Targeting George Soros

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**Marjorie Taylor Greene Shared A Video Claiming That There Was A Jewish Plan To Destroy Europe.** “A 2015 video, which appeared to be the result of a collaboration between 4chan and 8chan users — both message forums which lean heavily toward fringe conspiracy theories — spliced Barbara Lerner Spectre, an Israeli-American academic, out of context so that she appeared to be discussing a Jewish plan to destroy Europe. The video also quoted Nick Griffin, a former leader of far-right British political party, warning about an “unholy alliance of leftists, capitalists and Zionist supremacists” plotting to destroy European society by ‘breeding us out of existence in our own homelands.’ Greene shared the video in 2018, complaining that she had been censored from speaking about the issue of ‘illegal invaders.’” [Haaretz, [2/4/21](#)]

- **Marjorie Taylor Greene Said That Holocaust Survivor George Soros Was A Nazi Sympathizer And A Nazi.** “In videos unearthed by Politico, Greene goes on hourslong rants against Muslims, Democrats and Soros. Frustrated with his criticisms of Trump, Greene accused the billionaire Holocaust survivor of collaborating with Nazis and ‘[turning] in his own people over to the Nazis.’ Later, she called Soros ‘the Nazi himself trying to continue what was not finished.’” [Haaretz, [2/4/21](#)]

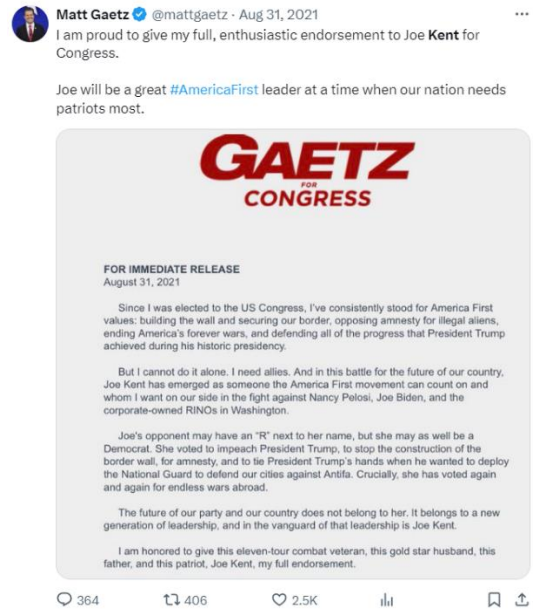
**Kent Was Endorsed, Accepted Money, Campaigned With, And Created A Joint Fundraising Committee With Rep. Matt Gaetz Who Has Been Accused Of Breaking Multiple Laws And Ethics**

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## Kent Was Endorsed By Matt Gaetz In 2021

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**Kent Was Endorsed By Matt Gaetz In 2021.** In a tweet, Gaetz said, “I am proud to give my full, enthusiastic endorsement to Joe Kent for Congress. Joe will be a great #AmericaFirst leader at a time when our nation needs patriots most.” [Twitter, Matt Gaetz, [8/31/21](#)]



[Twitter, Matt Gaetz, [8/31/21](#)]

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## Gaetz And Kent Had Fundraised Multiple Times Together

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**Kent Held An Event With Matt Gaetz Called “The Great Gaetzby.”** In a tweet, Kent said, “Join the great @mattgaetz & I at Lake Tapps on July 1st for a very special evening! Get your tickets here” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [5/1/23](#)]



[Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [5/1/23](#)]

**Kent Had A Reception With Rep. Matt Gaetz In DC.** In a tweet, Kent said, “If you are in the DC area join us for

this special event! I'm honored to have the support of America 1st firebrand @RepMattGaetz , get your tickets here-“ [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [3/14/23](#)]



[Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [3/14/23](#)]

**Kent Accepted \$6,000 From Gaetz From 2021-2023**

**2023: Kent Received \$2,000 From Rep. Matt Gaetz’s Campaign Committee.** According to the FEC, Kent received \$2,000 from Friends of Matt Gaetz, on February 7, 2023. [FEC, Kent for Congress, Receipts, pg77, accessed [2/12/23](#)]

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[FEC, Kent for Congress, Receipts, pg77, accessed [2/12/23](#)]

**2021: Kent Received \$2,000 From Rep. Matt Gaetz’s Campaign Committee.** According to the FEC, Kent received \$2,000 from Friends of Matt Gaetz, on August 31 2021. [FEC, Kent for Congress, Receipts, pg77, accessed [2/12/23](#)]

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[FEC, Kent for Congress, Receipts, pg77, accessed [2/12/23](#)]

## Kent And Gaetz Created A Joint Victory Committee

**Friends Of Matt Gaetz And Joe Kent For Congress Are The Beneficiaries Of A Joint Fundraising Committee.** According to the FEC, Friends of Matt Gaetz and Joe Kent for Congress are the beneficiaries of a Joint Fundraising Committee called Gaetz Kent Joint Victory Committee. [FEC, Gaetz Kent Joint Victory Committee, About This Committee, accessed [2/12/24](#)]

### Committee information

Committee name: GAETZ KENT JOINT VICTORY COMMITTEE  
Mailing address: PO BOX 183  
HUDSON, WI 54016  
Treasurer: DATWYLER, THOMAS  
Committee type: House  
Committee designation: Joint fundraising committee  
Statement of organization: [Current version \(PDF\)](#)  
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Filed 04/25/2023

### Committees

#### Current joint fundraising participants:

- [FRIENDS OF MATT GAETZ](#)
- [JOE KENT FOR CONGRESS](#)

[FEC, Gaetz Kent Joint Victory Committee, About This Committee, accessed [2/12/24](#)]

## Kent Has Received \$23,271.59 From A Joint Fundraising Committee He Created With Gaetz

**Kent Received \$23,271.59 From A Joint Fundraising Committee He Formed With Rep. Matt Gaetz.** [FEC, Kent for Congress, Receipts, accessed [2/12/24](#)]

Gaetz Kent Joint Victory Committee				
Committee Name	Recipient	Election	Date	Amount
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Gaetz Kent Joint Victory Committee	Joe Kent For Congress	Primary	07/05/2023	\$1,239.23
Gaetz Kent Joint Victory Committee	Joe Kent For Congress	Primary	07/03/2023	\$2,391.50
Gaetz Kent Joint Victory Committee	Joe Kent For Congress	Primary	06/22/2023	\$5,000.00
<b>Total</b>				\$23,271.59

[FEC, Kent for Congress, Receipts, accessed [2/12/24](#)]

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**Gaetz Was An Unethical Representative Who Promoted Conspiracies And Has Been Accused Of Multiple Crimes**

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***Gaetz Offered Kyle Rittenhouse An Internship And May Have Violated House Rules By Renting Office Space Below Market Value***

**Gaetz Was Accused Of Violating House Rules By Renting Office Space For Below Market Value.** “Common Cause, a group that touts its dedication to upholding the core values of American democracy, has lodged complaints against U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz and Pensacola businessman Collier Merrill. Nearly identical complaints were filed Wednesday with the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. House Committee on House Administration and the Office of Congressional Ethics. Each calls for an investigation into whether Gaetz, R-Fort Walton Beach, and Merrill broke the law by failing to fully disclose their personal relationship prior to entering into a rental agreement. Gaetz has a congressional office on the sixth floor of the Seville Tower in Pensacola. He has rented it from Merrill’s Empire Partner’s LLC since taking office in 2017 and, according to an article appearing in Politico, has paid more than \$184,000 in rent. The complaint, citing Politico’s reporting, alleges Gaetz has been renting the office space for below market value. House rules require that members rent at market value.” [Pensacola News Journal, [4/23/20](#)]

**Gaetz Offered Kyle Rittenhouse, A Teenager Who Shot And Killed Two People, An Internship.** “Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) said Kyle Rittenhouse, the teenager currently on trial for fatally shooting two people in Kenosha, Wis., would make a ‘great’ intern, in an appearance on Newsmax. As of Thursday morning, the jury was still deliberating in the case against Rittenhouse, who is facing numerous charges related to the shootings, with his lawyers arguing the then-17-year-old acted in self-defense. ‘He is not guilty and deserves a not guilty verdict,’ Gaetz stated Wednesday. ‘You know what, Kyle Rittenhouse would probably make a pretty good Congressional intern. We might reach out to him and see if he be interested in helping the country in additional ways.’ In a tweet, Gaetz added: ‘In fact, he’d make a great Congressional Intern.’” [The Hill, [11/18/21](#)]

***Gaetz was arrested for a DUI in 2008***

**Gaetz Was Arrested For A DUI In 2008.** “It was the night before Halloween in 2008 when Gaetz, then 26, drove

back from the Swamp, a nightclub on Okaloosa Island. He drove a 2001 BMW SUV registered to his state senator dad. Near midnight, Okaloosa County Deputy Chris Anglin clocked Gaetz going 48 in a 35 mph zone. Anglin later reported that Gaetz fumbled for his license and registration, his eyes were watery and bloodshot, and he swayed and staggered when he got out of the car. Smelling alcohol, Anglin asked Gaetz if he had been drinking. Gaetz replied no. Minutes later, he admitted he had consumed two beers. Twice, Anglin conducted an eye test. Twice, Gaetz's eyes didn't follow the prompt. Gaetz, who had recently begun practicing law, declined any field sobriety tests. He was arrested and refused the breath test.” [Tampa Bay Times, [2/17/14](#)]

### ***Gaetz Was Investigated For Possibly Threatening A Witness And Was Accused Of Paying For Sex From College Women And Having Sex With A Minor***

**Gaetz Was Being Investigated By The Florida Bar For Threatening Micael Cohen Before He Testified Against Trump.** “The Florida Bar is investigating Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), who is licensed to practice law in the state, for his incendiary tweet accusing Michael Cohen of infidelity. On Tuesday, he tweeted, ‘Hey @MichaelCohen212 — Do your wife & father-in-law know about your girlfriends? Maybe tonight would be a good time for that chat. I wonder if she’ll remain faithful when you’re in prison. She’s about to learn a lot.’ Hours after he posted the message, Gaetz apologized and deleted it, insisting that he did not intend to threaten President Trump’s former lawyer on the eve of his highly anticipated testimony before Congress. On Wednesday, Gaetz said that he’d personally apologized to Cohen as well and issued a plea to his Twitter followers to ‘leave the Cohen family alone.’ ‘The Florida Bar is aware of the comments made in a tweet yesterday by Rep. Matt Gaetz, who is a Florida Bar member, and I can confirm we have opened an investigation,’ spokeswoman Francine Andía Walker said in a statement to The Washington Post.” [Washington Post, [2/27/19](#)]

**Gaetz Was Accused By A Former Friend That He Paid For Sex With Multiple Women, Including A Minor.** “A confession letter written by Joel Greenberg in the final months of the Trump presidency claims that he and close associate Rep. Matt Gaetz paid for sex with multiple women—as well as a girl who was 17 at the time. ... ‘My lawyers that I fired, know the whole story about MG’s involvement,’ Greenberg wrote to Stone on Dec. 21. ‘They know he paid me to pay the girls and that he and I both had sex with the girl who was underage.’ ... In those letters, Greenberg detailed his relationship with Gaetz. He confessed to paying young women for sex. And he claimed that he, Gaetz, and others had sex with a minor they believed to be 19 at the time. Greenberg said he learned she was underage on Sept. 4, 2017, from ‘an anonymous tip’ and quickly contacted Gaetz.” [The Daily Beast, [4/30/21](#)]

**Gaetz Was Accused Of Paying For Sex With College Women.** “In his confession letter, Greenberg also admitted he facilitated Gaetz’s interactions with college students—and paid them on his behalf. ‘All of the girls were in college or post college and it was not uncommon for either myself or the Congressman to help anyone [sic] of these girls financially, whether it was a car payment, a flight home to see their family or something as simple as helping pay a speeding ticket,’ Greenberg wrote. A partial record of Greenberg’s Venmo and Cash App transactions suggests that payments were usually for a lot more than ‘gas money.’ The Daily Beast identified more than 150 Venmo payments from Greenberg to women, as well as more than 70 additional payments on the Cash App, that were generally between \$300 and \$500—though some exceeded \$1,000. The Daily Beast also talked to 12 of the more than 40 different women who received money, and they all said they understood Greenberg was paying them at least in part for sex,” [The Daily Beast, [4/30/21](#)]

### ***Gaetz Asked Trump For A Blanket Pardon For Himself And Congressional Allies For Crimes They May Have Committed***

**Gaetz Asked Trump For A Blanket Pardon For Himself And Congressional Allies For Crimes They May Have Committed.** “Representative Matt Gaetz, Republican of Florida, was one of President Donald J. Trump’s most vocal allies during his term, publicly pledging loyalty and even signing a letter nominating the president for the Nobel Peace Prize. In the final weeks of Mr. Trump’s term, Mr. Gaetz sought something in return. He privately asked the White House for blanket pre-emptive pardons for himself and unidentified congressional allies for any crimes they may have committed, according to two people told of the discussions. Around that time, Mr. Gaetz was also publicly calling for broad pardons from Mr. Trump to thwart what he termed the ‘bloodlust’ of their

political opponents. But Justice Department investigators had begun questioning Mr. Gaetz’s associates about his conduct, including whether he had a sexual relationship with a 17-year-old that violated sex trafficking laws, in an inquiry that grew out of the case of an indicted associate in Florida.” [New York Times, [4/6/21](#)]

### ***Gaetz Promoted Multiple Conspiracy Theories About The 2020 Election And Jan 6 2021***

**Gaetz Said That Trump Won The 2020 Election.** “Florida congressman Matt Gaetz often repeats the falsehood that Donald Trump won the 2020 presidential election, but on one local news station, he found himself being unexpectedly fact-checked in real time. ‘So you’re still maintaining the 2020 election was stolen? Are we still going with that?’ WEAR ABC 3 anchor Bob Solarski asked the Republican on Friday, as their conversation was broadcast live. ‘Listen,’ Mr Gaetz replied. ‘I believe that Donald Trump won the 2020 election. I believe that he won the Electoral College.’” [The Independent, [3/6/22](#)]

**Gaetz Promoted An Election Conspiracy That Former Mayor Micael Bloomberg Was Illegally Buying Votes.** “Last fall, Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody and Congressman Matt Gaetz floated a conspiracy theory that former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg was trying to illegally buy Democratic votes in Florida. Their theory, which fit neatly into Donald Trump’s ‘rigged’ election narrative, was that Bloomberg was paying off the fines of former felons just so they could vote for Joe Biden. Both floated their theories on Fox News. Both also wanted criminal investigations. Gaetz tweeted one night that he had just spoken to Moody, saying: ‘Law enforcement all over the country should be looking for the cheating Democrats are going to try in this election.’” [Orlando Sentinel, [5/18/21](#)]

**Gaetz Said That Jan 6 Was Not An Insurrection, But A “Fedsurrection,” Orchestrated By The FBI.** “More than a dozen members of Congress have spread the “fedsurrection” conspiracy theory. Sixteen members of Congress have pushed, or at least ‘entertained,’ a conspiracy theory suggesting that the January 6 insurrection was an ‘inside job’ orchestrated by the FBI, according to an analysis by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington. Although the theory originally stemmed from right-wing reports, it has now permeated the mainstream of the congressional GOP....On January 6, 2022, Greene and Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., held a press conference to discuss the theory, asserting that January 6 was not an insurrection but potentially a ‘fedsurrection,’ according to CREW’s report. On the same day, then-Rep. Madison Cawthorn, R-N.C., tweeted, ‘Who is Ray Epps?’ Trump posted about the ‘fedsurrection’ theory three days later. The following day, Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., during an appearance on Sean Hannity's show, inquired, ‘What about Epps? Did he work for the FBI?’” [Salon, [12/24/23](#)]

### **Kent Was Endorsed By Rep. Paul Gosar, Who Was Censured After He Tweeted A Video Depicting Him Murdering Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez**

**Congressman Paul Gosar Endorsed Kent.** “Kent has also sought out alliances with other far-right and pro-Trump figures. He has been endorsed by Arizona Congressman Paul Gosar, who has ties to white nationalist activists.” [Seattle Times, [9/1/21](#)]

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### **Gosar Was Censured After He Tweeted A Video Depicting Him Murdering Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez And Claimed It Was About The “Dangers Of Immigration”**

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**Paul Gosar Was Censured After He Tweeted A Video Depicting Him Murdering Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.** “The House of Representatives voted Wednesday to approve a resolution that censures Rep. Paul Gosar and strips him of his two committee assignments, the first time a sitting House member has been censured in more than 10 years. The action led by House Democrats represents a major rebuke to the Arizona Republican for posting a photoshopped anime video to social media showing him appearing to kill Democratic Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and attacking President Joe Biden.” [CNN, [11/17/21](#)]



**Paul Gosar Said There Was No Threat In The Video “Except The Threat Immigration Poses To Our Country.”** ““There is no threat in the cartoon,” said Congressman Paul Gosar of a video in which a character with his face is depicted murdering a character representing another member of Congress, ‘except the threat that immigration poses to our country.’” [Esquire, [11/18/21](#)]

**Paul Gosar Claimed The Video Contributed To The Understanding And Discussion Of President Biden’s Immigration Policy.** “Last week my staff posted a video depicting a policy battle regarding amnesty for tens of millions of illegal aliens. This is an anime that speaks to young voters who are too often overlooked. Even Twitter, the left’s mouthpiece, did not remove the cartoon, noting that it was in the public’s interest for it to remain. The cartoon directly contributes to the understanding and the discussion of the real-life battle resulting from this administration’s open-border policies. This body is considering passage of Mr. Biden’s reckless socialist Marxist \$4.9 trillion spending bill that provides \$100 billion for amnesty to tens of millions of illegal aliens already in this country.” [Esquire, [11/18/21](#)]

**Kent Was Endorsed By Rep. Scott Perry A Fellow Conspiracy Theorist Who Compared Democrats To Nazi’s, Met With Anti-Muslim Groups, Tried To Help Overturn The 2020 Election, And Defended Insurrectionists While Dismissing Capitol Police Officers**

## 2024: Kent Was Endorsed By Rep. Scott Perry

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## **Perry Pushed The White Nationalist “Replacement Theory” During A Committee Hearing**

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**April 2021: Perry Pushed The White Nationalist “Replacement Theory” During A House Foreign Affairs Committee Hearing.** “U.S. Rep. Scott Perry on Wednesday repeated a controversial talking point largely viewed as racist that insinuates that Americans are being ‘replaced’ by immigrants. The Carroll Township Republican's comments came during a hearing held by a subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to discuss immigration from Central America. ‘For many Americans, what seems to be happening or what they believe right now is happening is, what appears to them is we’re replacing national-born Americans, native-born Americans to permanently transform the landscape of this very nation,’ Perry said.” [York Dispatch, [4/17/21](#)]

**Perry: “We’re Replacing National-Born Americans, Native-Born Americans To Permanently Transform The Landscape Of This Very Nation.”** PERRY: “For many Americans, what seems to be happening or what they believe right now is happening is, what appears to them is we’re replacing national-born Americans, native-born Americans to permanently transform the landscape of this very nation.” [U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Reviewing the Untied States’ Commitment to Addressing the Root Causes of Migration from Central America, Remarks by Rep. Scott Perry, [4/14/21](#)] (VIDEO) 1:45:30

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## **Perry Was The Only Pennsylvania Lawmaker To Vote Against A Bill To Address Anti-Asian American Hate Crimes, Saying It Provided “Unequal Justice”**

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**Perry Voted Against A Bill To Address The Increase In Hate Crimes Against Asian Americans During The COVID-19 Pandemic.** On May 18, 2021, Perry voted against a motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 937, the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, a bill that would “address the increase in hate crimes and violence against Asian Americans during the coronavirus pandemic” by “instruct[ing] the Department of Justice to designate a point person to expedite the review of hate crimes related to COVID-19.” The bill passed the House by a vote of 364-62. [S. 937, Roll Call #145, [5/18/21](#); NPR, [5/18/21](#)]

**Go Erie: “Of The 20 Lawmakers Who Represent Pennsylvania In The U.S. House And Senate, Only One Voted Against It: Rep. Scott Perry, A Republican From York County.”** “Congress on Tuesday overwhelmingly passed the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, and on Thursday afternoon President Joe Biden signed it into law. Of the 20 lawmakers who represent Pennsylvania in the U.S. House and Senate, only one voted against it: Rep. Scott Perry, a Republican from York County.” [Go Erie, [5/20/21](#)]

**Headline: “All but one Pa. House representative sign off on Anti-Asian Hate Crimes Bill.”** [WHTM, [5/21/21](#)]

**Perry Said He Voted Against A Bill Condemning AAPI Hate Crimes Because He Did Not Stand For “Unequal Justice.”** PERRY: “Racism, bigotry, making decisions based on a person's appearance is unacceptable in America. Our constitution outlines that. The people in my district regardless of what side of the aisle they are on or who they are as a person, they know that about me. That bill in my opinion elevated some people over other people so I’m for equal justice under the law, not unequal justice so I voted accordingly so that everybody is judged by the law by the same set of standards and that's the way it's supposed to be in America and that's what I voted for.” [Fox 43, Interview with Rep. Scott Perry, [6/16/21](#)] (VIDEO)

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## **Perry Equated Life In America Today To Life Under Hitler’s Germany And Directly Compared Moderate Democrats To So-Called Good Germans**

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**Perry Compared The U.S. Under Democrats To Germany Under Hitler.** PERRY: “They're coming for your Second Amendment. They're coming for your First Amendment right now. It's happening right now. They're not doing it themselves, the federal government isn't doing it, but the boardrooms are doing it. And you know where else this happened? It wasn't the government in Germany that took people's rights away immediately. It was

fascism. Fascism took it away because the government put a heavy hand on the companies and the companies did the government's work. Look around, ladies and gentlemen, look around. And you say, Perry, you sound like you're anti-fascist, are you for Antifa? Antifa comes from Germany in the 30s. That's where it comes from. They were anti-fascist, they were pro-Stalin." [YouTube, PLC2021 Scott Perry, [6/14/21](#)] (VIDEO)

**Perry Equated Democrats That Did Not Support Defunding The Police And Other Ultra-Progressive**

**Priorities To So-Called Good Germans.** PERRY: "We were having a discussion about some amendment, 'You can't say -- That's not fair, you can't say all Democrats are for defunding the police.' That's what it was about. But I can say that only Democrats are for defunding the police. Why would you do that? I can say that and I can say this too: that maybe not all Democrats are, but the Democrat Party is for the things I've already talked about because they're not doing anything to stop those things. And so we can acknowledge that maybe not every one of them is that way, but it doesn't matter, ladies and gentlemen. It doesn't matter if that's what's happening. And we've seen this throughout history, right? Not every member, citizen in Germany in the 1930s and 40s was in the Nazi party. They weren't. But what happened across Germany? That's what's important. What were the policies? What was the leadership? That's what we have to focus on." [YouTube, PLC2021 Scott Perry, [6/14/21](#)] (VIDEO)

- **Perry Said The Democrats Were No Longer "Loyal Opposition" But Just "Opposition" That Sought To Destroy The Country.** PERRY: "When you lost the election, right, whether you were a Democrat or Republican you said yes well we're going to be the loyal opposition. That person won, that party won, but we're going to be the loyal opposition. You think about that: loyal opposition. Well, we're going to be loyal to the country because we love our country but we're opposed to that person and their policies. And we kind of lived under that program, both Democrats and Republicans, for a long time. [...] You were all loyal to the country. Ladies and gentlemen, things have changed. You know that right, it's not the loyal opposition anymore, it's just the opposition. [...] They want to destroy the country that you grew up in. They want to destroy the country the Founders made. That is their plan, that is their goal." [YouTube, PLC2021 Scott Perry, [6/14/21](#)] (VIDEO)

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**Perry Appeared At Least 7 Times On The Radio Show Of Frank Gaffney, Who The Southern Poverty Law Center Called "One Of America's Most Notorious Islamophobes"**

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*Frank Gaffney Was A Notorious Islamophobe And Conspiracy Theorist, And Praised Perry*

**Local Columnist: Gaffney "A Paranoid Loon And Peddler Of Strange Conspiracy Theories" Who Pointed Out That Perry Has Been Criticized For Spreading Conspiracy Theories.** "Perry mentioned the theory on a radio show hosted by Frank Gaffney, who bills himself as a national security expert and who others bill as a paranoid loon and peddler of strange conspiracy theories. It was kind of hard to follow, and didn't make a lot of sense, but hey, transcripts of Gaffney's shows read like the kind of stream-of-consciousness word salads that we've come to expect from people who peddle their wares in a world that seemingly has no connection to one in which the sky is blue. (During one show, Gaffney mentions that Perry has been attacked for spreading conspiracy theories and thanks the congressman for 'standing up to this kind of, well, character assassination.'" [Mike Argento, York Daily Record, [8/1/18](#)]

**Southern Poverty Law Center: Gaffney "One Of America's Most Notorious Islamophobes."** "Once a respectable Washington insider, Frank Gaffney Jr. is now one of America's most notorious Islamophobes. Grippled by paranoid fantasies about Muslims destroying the West from within, Gaffney believes that 'creeping Shariah,' or Islamic religious law, is a dire threat to American democracy. In 1988, he founded the neoconservative turned anti-Muslim think tank Center for Security Policy. He favors congressional hearings to unmask subversive Muslim conspiracies, and was even banned from far-right Conservative Political Action Conference events after accusing two of its organizers of being agents of the Muslim Brotherhood." [SPLC, accessed [9/18/18](#)]

**Gaffney: Perry Has "Uncommon Intelligence, A Wealth Of Experience, And Innate Leadership Skills."**

"This is Frank Gaffney, your host and guide for what I think of as an intelligence briefing for the war on the free world. There is a man in congress who I have established has uncommon intelligence, a wealth of experience and innate leadership skills to bring them to bare for the country's well being. He is doing it these days on Capitol Hill

representing the people of the fourth district of Pennsylvania. His name is representative Scott Perry, but he also goes by Brigadier General Scott Perry, United States Reserves. He has experienced a lot in time and combat in the kinetic and political kind and it's always a delight to have him with us." [Center For Security Policy, [6/19/17](#)]

[AUDIO] Gaffney: Perry "An Extraordinary Friend Of Mine." [1:50; Center For Security Policy, [12/8/17](#)]

[AUDIO] Perry To Gaffney: "Thanks For What You Do." [2:00, Segment 1; Center For Security Policy, [12/8/17](#)]

### *2016-2017: Perry Appeared On Gaffney's Radio Show At Least 7 Times*

- [May 11, 2016](#): Perry appeared on Gaffney's show to discuss "Ramifications of moving Guantanamo detainees to the U.S., Vulnerability of the electric grid to EPA regulations, Should Ben Rhodes, Deputy National Security advisor, resign for lying about the Iran nuclear deal?"
- [July 26, 2016](#): Perry appeared on Gaffney's show to discuss "the recent Islamist attack in France" and "Iran Deal updates."
- [November 4, 2016](#): Perry appeared on Gaffney's show to discuss "Did Hillary's server create the largest security breach in State Department history?, Presidential Study Directive 11, North Korean and Iranian nuclear threats."
- [January 13, 2017](#): Perry appeared on Gaffney's show to discuss defunding the UN, Israel-Palestine, and the Muslim Brotherhood.
- [July 19, 2017](#): Perry appeared on Gaffney's show to discuss designating the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organization, the NDAA, climate change, and gender reassignment surgeries for servicemembers.
- [October 16, 2017](#): Perry appeared on Gaffney's show to discuss "Informal hearing on House IT Scandal, Why won't the House leadership hold a formal hearing or investigation?, Iranian backed militia's violent seizure of oil fields in Kurdish territory."
- [December 8, 2017](#): Perry appeared on Gaffney's show to discuss "Implications of SPLC member serving as witness in Homeland Security hearing, Jim Jordan questions Director Wray regarding politicization of FBI, Peter Strzok's role in Clinton investigation, The Muslim Brotherhood and the downfall of Western civilization, The civil affairs mission in Africa, President Trump's Jerusalem embassy decision, The resignation of Rep. Trent Franks."

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### **December 2016: Perry Met With Anti-Muslim Group ACT For America**

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**December 2016: Perry Met With Anti-Muslim Group ACT For America.** "U.S. Rep. Scott Perry met recently with the leader of an organization labeled by the Southern Poverty Law Center as 'the largest grass-roots anti-Muslim group in America.' On Dec. 14, the Dillsburg Republican posted a photo on his Facebook page of himself with Brigitte Gabriel, founder of ACT for America, whom he describes as 'someone who demands (and deserves) to be heard about the security of our nation.' ACT, which stands for American Congress for Truth, is a nonprofit organization that compares itself to the National Rifle Association, but for national security, according to its website. [...] Perry said his meeting with Gabriel and one of her staffers was relatively routine, as he meets with people and groups of all backgrounds throughout the year. The three of them spoke about what Donald Trump's presidency might look like, how best to fight ISIS and certain pieces of legislation ACT for America hopes to influence, Perry said. The meeting went well, he said, and so they took a picture, which he posted on his official Facebook page." [York Dispatch, [12/20/16](#)]

**ACT For America Has Been Designated As A Hate Group By The SPLC Since 2015.** "ACT for America is listed as an anti-Muslim hate group because it pushes wild anti-Muslim conspiracy theories, denigrates American Muslims and deliberately conflates mainstream and radical Islam. [...] ACT for America has been an SPLC designated hate group since 2015, though Gabriel has a long history of degrading Muslims." [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [9/20/18](#)]

**Perry Said That Meeting With Anti-Muslim Groups Did Not Equate To His Support Of The Group.**

“HARLOW: Congressman, I have one more question for you before you go, and that is, a meeting that you had [...] with a group called Act for America. This is a group that the Southern Poverty Law Center calls the largest anti-Muslim group in America [...] the woman you met with [...] said [...] practicing Muslim who believe in the teachings of the Koran cannot be a loyal citizen to the United States. Your response to those who criticize this meeting? PERRY: My response is that as a representative of Congress, I meet with people from all different groups from all different ideologies, from different religions and so on and so forth, whether I agree with them or not [...] really look at the Southern Poverty Law Center, as the -- as the arbiter of who is a -- hate groups or terrorist organizations is ludicrous.” [CNN, CNN Newsroom, [12/26/16](#)]

- **Perry Said That ACT For America Was Not Anti-Muslim, And That He Was “Not Going To Be Bullied By Ideologically Driven, Radical Organizations Into Not Taking Meetings.”** “Perry called the Southern Poverty Law Center an ‘extremist left-wing organization’ and said anyone referencing its viewpoint is ill-informed or without merit. ‘The fact that they would condemn anyone is laughable,’ Perry said, urging anyone who reads this article to do their own research before accepting the center’s definition of hate group. ‘One person’s hate group is another person’s patriot.’ Perry said he doesn’t see ACT as anti-Muslim but rather as an anti-religious discrimination and anti-radical terrorism group. ‘I’m not going to be bullied by ideologically driven, radical organizations into not taking meetings,’ he said.” [York Dispatch, [12/20/16](#)]

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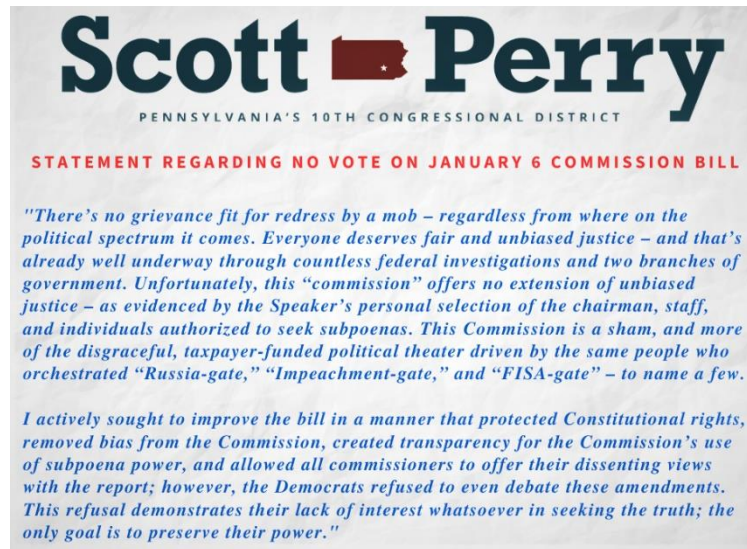
**Perry Defended The Capitol Insurrectionists And Voted Against A Bill To Create A Bipartisan Commission To Investigate The Events Of The Attack**

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**Perry Voted Against A Bill To Create A Bipartisan Commission To Investigate The January 6, 2021**

**Insurrection At The U.S. Capitol.** “The House voted Wednesday for bipartisan legislation to create an independent commission to investigate the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol when a mob of Trump supporters stormed the building to stop the congressional affirmation of President Biden’s win. All 217 Democrats backed the measure, and they were joined by 35 Republicans, who defied GOP leadership and former president Donald Trump, who opposed the bill. [...] Against commission: 175 Republicans [...] Rep. Scott Perry (Pa.)” [Washington Post, [5/19/21](#)]

- **Perry On The Capitol Insurrection Investigation: “Let’s Have An Evenhanded Approach To The Whole Thing. Let’s Make Sure That People Who Are Innocent Are Not Treated As Criminals.”** PERRY: “I just want to make sure that you don't think I said it -- I never said it did not happen. I was here, ma'am, when it was occurring, living right through it, so no one said it did not happen, but let's have an evenhanded approach to the whole thing. Let's make sure that people who are innocent are not treated as criminals. So if the commission is set up to be one-sided, I am not sure that any American that is looking for actual truth or justice is supportive of that, and that is what the commission was.” [CSPAN, Interview with Rep. Scott Perry, [5/20/21](#)] (VIDEO)
- **Perry Said The Proposed Bipartisan Commission On The Capitol Insurrection Was A “Sham” And “Disgraceful, Taxpayer-Funded Political Theatre.”** “There’s no grievance fit for redress by a mob – regardless from where on the political spectrum it comes. Everyone deserves fair and unbiased justice – and that’s already well underway through countless federal investigations and two branches of government. Unfortunately, this ‘commission’ offers no extension of unbiased justice – as evidenced by the Speaker’s personal selection of the chairman, staff, and individuals authorized to seek subpoenas. This Commission is a sham, and more of the disgraceful, taxpayer-funded political theatre driven by the same people who orchestrated ‘Russia-gate,’ ‘Impeachment-gate,’ and ‘FISA-gate’ – to name a few. I actively sought to improve the bill in a manner that protected Constitutional rights, removed bias from the Commission, created transparency for the Commission’s use of subpoena power, and allowed all commissioners to offer their dissenting views with the report; however, the Democrats refused to even debate these amendments. This refusal demonstrates their lack of interest whatsoever in seeking the truth; the only goal is to preserve their power.” [Facebook, Rep. Scott Perry, [5/20/21](#)]



[Facebook, Rep. Scott Perry, [5/20/21](#)]

### ***Perry Disrespected The Members Of The Capitol Police Force By Saying Only Ashli Babbitt Was Killed During The Capitol Insurrection***

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### ***Perry Would Not Admit That The Capitol Rioters Threatened The Lives Of Mike Pence Or Members Of Congress***

**Perry: "I Think We Have Got To Be Careful About Assigning The Fact, The Supposition That Anybody Was Going To Be Killed By The People Who Came Into The Capitol On January 6."** CALLER: "Congressman Perry, or you capable of recognizing that an angry mob who entered the Capitol would have killed the Vice President and other members of Congress if they got their hands on them? In addition, the January 6 violence and the other unspeakable acts of violence which have taken place, this mob actually prevented the peaceful transfer of power. They actually did that. They prevented that. That was their intent. Again, this was an attack on American democracy, which again, if you recognize it, they would have killed Kevin McCarthy, they would have killed Mitch McConnell." [...] PERRY: "I think we have got to be careful about assigning the fact, the supposition that anybody was going to be killed by the people who came into the Capitol on January 6." [CSPAN, Interview with Rep. Scott Perry, [5/20/21](#)] (VIDEO)

### ***Perry Claimed The Capitol Rioters Were All Unarmed, Which Was In Conflict With Information From Federal Charging Documents***

**WTF: Perry's Claim That All Of The Capitol Rioters Were Unarmed Conflicted With Information In Federal Charging Documents.** "There was no arms that came in as far as I know, other than the people who were

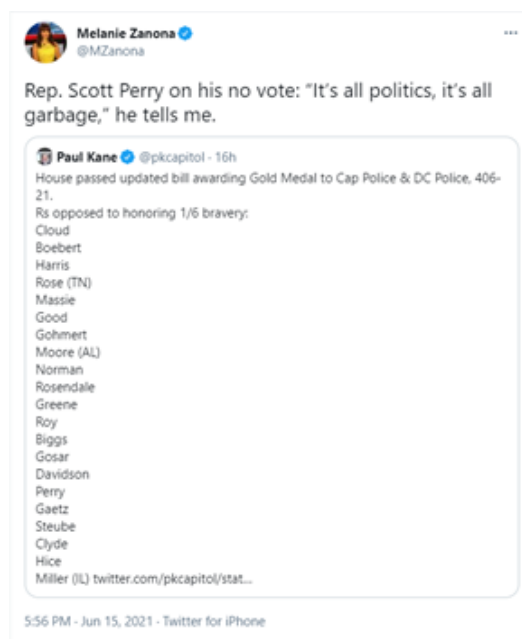
armed at the Capitol as security. No arms came into the Capitol with the people that did walk in,' he said. Federal charging documents related to the attack identify a number of weapons including handguns, stun guns, chemical spray, baseball bats, and flagpoles as clubs. Police union representatives say 140 officers were injured in the attack. Video and charging documents show attackers chanted 'Hang Mike Pence' and roamed the Capitol halls trying to find him and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. There were also pipe bombs found at the Democratic and Republican parties headquarters the night before the insurrection." [WITF, [5/20/21](#)]

***Perry Was The Only Pennsylvania Representative Who Voted Against Awarding Congressional Gold Medals To Members Of Law Enforcement That Protected The Capitol On January 6, 2021***

**June 15, 2021: Perry Was The Only House Member From Pennsylvania To Oppose Awarding Police Officers Who Defended The Capitol During The January 6 Riot With The Congressional Gold Medal.**

“Midstate Congressman Scott Perry was the only House member from Pennsylvania to oppose awarding police officers who defended the Capitol during the January 6 riot. Perry and 20 other Republicans voted against the measure which passed by a vote of 406 to 21. Perry says the measure was ‘all politics.’ The bill will award four medals. Capitol Police and DC Police will each get one. Another will be displayed at the Smithsonian and the fourth will be put on display at the Capitol.” [ABC 27, [6/16/21](#); H.R. 3325, Vote #161, [6/15/21](#)]

**Perry On His Vote Against Honoring Capitol Police With Congressional Gold Medals: “It’s All Politics, It’s All Garbage.”**



[Twitter, @MZazona, [6/15/21](#)]

**Perry Said The Bill Honoring Capitol Police With Congressional Gold Medals Was “Politicized” In An “Absolutely Outrageous” Way.** PERRY: “Especially the officers that have lost their lives, I’ve signed onto legislation to recognize them and give them the awards that they are due which were included in the bill yesterday. But what is absolutely outrageous is politicizing their supreme sacrifice while in duty, in service, and in uniform. That’s what that bill did. This is not about politics. It should not be about politics. [...] Politicizing these accolades and this recognition is unacceptable to anybody in uniform. They absolutely should be recognized but it should not be politicized.” [Fox 43, Interview with Rep. Scott Perry, [6/16/21](#)] (VIDEO)

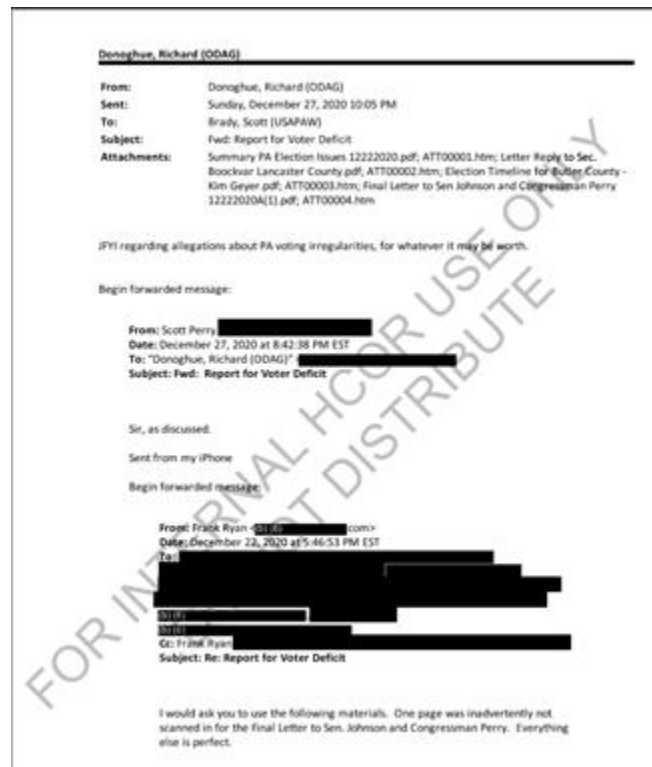
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**June 2021: House Oversight Committee Released Emails Showing Perry Sent False Information About Pennsylvania’s Voter Database To DOJ Officials In The Waning Days Of 2020**

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**Headline: “PA Congressman’s Letter Surfaces In U.S. House Investigation Into Jan. 6 Insurrection.”** [WSKG, [6/16/21](#)]

**Newly Released Emails Showed Perry In December 2020 Shared A Slideshow Including Debunked Information About Pennsylvania’s Voter Database With Justice Department Lawyers.** “Many of the roughly 18 claims in the five-page letter had already been proven wrong by then, or were debunked after Mastriano wrote the letter. For example, the letter cites a discrepancy between the number of votes counted and the number of people who voted. By the next day, the claim had been debunked: the Department of State said the group had relied on incomplete data from the state’s voter database. [...] The emails also show Rep. Frank Ryan (R-Lebanon) was also in the mix. He shared a slideshow outlining the misleading voter database claim with U.S. Rep. Scott Perry (R, PA-10) a week before he released it to the public on Dec. 28. Perry then forwarded the slideshow to Justice Department lawyers, referencing a previous discussion he had with Donoghue.”



[WSKG, [6/16/21](#); U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Reform, [6/15/21](#)]

**The Emails Were Released As Part Of An Investigation Into The Capitol Insurrection.** “A letter from Republican state Sen. Doug Mastriano that includes numerous false claims about Pennsylvania’s 2020 election has surfaced in a U.S. House committee’s investigation into the causes of the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. The Democratic-led committee released a trove of emails that show Trump allies trying to pressure the Justice Department to look into baseless or disproven election-fraud claims. That effort supported a wider goal of overturning or invalidating election results in several swing states, including Pennsylvania.” [WSKG, [6/16/21](#)]

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**Perry Voted Against Certifying The 2020 Election Results**

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**Perry Said He Had A “Constitutional Duty” To Vote Against Certifying The 2020 Election Results.** “Leading up to the insurrection at the capitol in January, he publicly denied the 2020 election result. But Perry is still making headlines nationally and here in Pennsylvania. ‘If we’re not going to be true to the process if we’re just going to unilaterally change the process then someone’s going to feel unfairly treated. So, for me it was a constitutional duty. I was bound to ask these questions I’m just asking the questions based on the decisions that were made by others and the validity of those decisions.’” [CBS 21, [4/29/21](#)]



**June 16, 2021: Perry Said He Stood By His Vote To Invalidate The 2020 Election.** HOST: “I want to ask you this because we have been trying to get you on the program and thankfully you are here now but we’ve been trying to get you on the program since January 6. That was the day when you were among 138 house republicans to vote against certifying the 2020 election. Given what we know today that there is still no evidence of widespread voting fraud from the election would you still vote that way?” PERRY: “I still would, Matt.” [Fox 43, Interview with Rep. Scott Perry, [6/16/21](#)] (VIDEO)

- **Perry: “We’re Still Over 100,000 More Votes In Pennsylvania Than Actually Voters In Pennsylvania On Election Day, So There’s Obviously Something, Something Amiss There.”** PERRY: “Just to be clear, my objection wasn’t about voting fraud, even though we’re still over 100,000 more votes in Pennsylvania than actually voters in Pennsylvania on Election Day, so there’s obviously something, something amiss there.” [Fox 43, Interview with Rep. Scott Perry, [6/16/21](#)] (VIDEO)

**The Sentinel: Perry “Downplayed His Role” In The Capitol Insurrection, Saying It Was “Hardly Appropriate To Blame Any Of The Objectors” For Things The Rioters Did.** “On Thursday, challenged by a caller on how he could continue to serve after his role in the lead-up to the riot by Trump supporters during the Electoral College certification vote, Perry downplayed his role. ‘The vote to object was on Jan. 6 so I hardly think that it’s appropriate to blame any of the objectors for the events that occurred essentially simultaneously with that objection,’ Perry said, referring to the Electoral College certification vote that took place shortly after the riot had been quelled. ‘My objections were regarding the extrajudicial activity by the Secretary of State in Pennsylvania and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania who sought to determine the law themselves, and it was in contravention to the law specifically and explicitly passed by the state legislature,’ Perry continued.” [The Sentinel, [5/2/20](#)]

**Perry Attacked Members Of Congress Who Sought To Expel The Seditious Caucus Who Voted Against Certifying The 2020 Election.** PERRY: “And of course the worst of it: Representatives right here in this body, the gentlelady from Missouri, and 54 of her colleagues, sought to cancel 140 members of congress for objecting to the electors in several states due to the election irregularities and constitutional infractions in these states, including my home state of Pennsylvania. They introduced House Resolution 25, calling for the removal of those members from the House of Representatives. They didn’t bother telling you that they themselves objected to more states in 2016 than the Republicans in 2020. Canceled. Let’s cancel them. Free speech has been canceled.” [CSPAN, Remarks by Rep. Scott Perry, [5/11/21](#)] (VIDEO)

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## **Perry Played A “Key Role” In Trump’s Scheme To Overturn The Election By Ousting The Acting Attorney General**

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**Headline: “Pennsylvania Lawmaker Played Key Role in Trump’s Plot to Oust Acting Attorney General.”** [New York Times, [1/28/21](#)]

**New York Times: Perry Introduced Trump To Obscure Justice Department Official Jeffrey Clark, Who Was Sympathetic To The View That Trump’s Election Had Been Stolen.** “But Mr. Perry, an outspoken Pennsylvania Republican, played a significant role in the crisis that played out at the top of the Justice Department this month, when Mr. Trump considered firing the acting attorney general and backed down only after top department officials threatened to resign en masse. It was Mr. Perry, a member of the hard-line Freedom Caucus, who first made Mr. Trump aware that a relatively obscure Justice Department official, Jeffrey Clark, the acting chief of the civil division, was sympathetic to Mr. Trump’s view that the election had been stolen, according to former administration officials who spoke with Mr. Clark and Mr. Trump. Mr. Perry introduced the president to Mr. Clark, whose openness to conspiracy theories about election fraud presented Mr. Trump with a welcome change from the acting attorney general, Jeffrey A. Rosen, who stood by the results of the election and had repeatedly resisted the president’s efforts to undo them.” [New York Times, [1/28/21](#)]

**New York Times: Perry And Clark Discussed A Plan To Have The DOJ Send A Letter To Georgia State Lawmakers Informing Them Of An Investigation Into Voter Fraud In Their State.** “As the date for Congress

to affirm Mr. Biden's victory neared, Mr. Perry and Mr. Clark discussed a plan to have the Justice Department send a letter to Georgia state lawmakers informing them of an investigation into voter fraud that could invalidate the state's Electoral College results. Former officials who were briefed on the plan said that the department's dozens of voter fraud investigations nationwide had not turned up enough instances of fraud to alter the outcome of the election." [New York Times, [1/28/21](#)]

- **Trump Nearly Fired Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen Because He Would Not Send The Letter.** "Mr. Perry and Mr. Clark also discussed the plan with Mr. Trump, setting off a chain of events that nearly led to the ouster of Mr. Rosen, who had refused to send the letter." [New York Times, [1/28/21](#)]

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### **Perry Voted Against A Resolution Condemning QAnon And Rejecting Its Conspiracy Theories, Saying It Was Not The Government's Job To Tell People What Things Were Not Okay To Like**

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**Perry Was One Of Only 17 Republicans To Vote Against A Resolution Condemning QAnon And Rejecting The Conspiracy Theories It Promotes.** On October 2, 2020, Perry voted against H. Res. 1154, a resolution condemning QAnon and rejecting the conspiracy theories it promotes. The resolution was agreed to in the House by a vote of 371-18. [H. Res. 1154, Roll Call #218, [10/2/20](#)]

**Perry Defended His Vote By Saying It Was "Very Dangerous" For The Government To Determine "What It Is Okay To Like And What It Is Not Okay To Like."** "At an Oct 19 debate with DePasquale, Perry was asked about his vote. 'A lot of people dislike a lot of things in this country, some people don't like certain vegetables or what have you,' Perry said at the debate. 'But it's very dangerous for the government ... to determine what is okay to like and what is not okay to like.'" [Pennsylvania Capital-Star, [10/30/20](#)]

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### **Perry Spread Irresponsible Conspiracy Theories About Terrorist Organizations**

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*January 2018: Perry Baselessly Said He Believed ISIS Could Be Responsible For Las Vegas Shooting*

**HEADLINE: Perry: ISIS might be tied to Las Vegas shooting** [York Daily Record, 1/20/18]

**January 2018: Perry Said He Received Evidence That A "Possible Terrorist Nexus" Was Responsible For Las Vegas Shooting.** "Recently, I've been made aware of what I believe to be credible evidence or credible information regarding potential terrorist infiltration through the southern border [...] they could be – let's face it, ISIS – twice before the attack, ISIS warned the United States that they would attack Las Vegas, I think, in June, and August, and then, after the attack, claimed responsibility four times. [...] I'm just telling you, I have received what I feel to be, and believe to be, credible evidence of a possible terrorist nexus." [Fox News, Tucker Carlson Tonight, [1/18/18](#)]

- **Perry On Las Vegas Attack: "Nothing Adds Up. But I'm Just Telling You, I Have Received What I Feel To Be And Believe To Be Credible Evidence Of A Possible Terrorist Nexus."** "Perry's response: 'Well, they could be, well, let's face it, ISIS twice before the attack, ISIS warned the United States that they would attack Las Vegas by, I think, in June and August, and then after the attack claimed responsibility four times. 'Meanwhile, the local law enforcement investigative services are telling us there is no terrorist connection, lone gunman. Again, something's not adding up.' Catherine Lombardo, an attorney for Las Vegas shooting victims, appeared on the same segment. She called Perry's comments 'a bit irresponsible.' 'If you do have any evidence of that, I'm asking you right now to share it with us and tell us what that is,' she said. Perry replied: 'Nothing adds up. But I'm just telling you, I have received what I feel to be and believe to be credible evidence of a possible terrorist nexus.'" [The Evening Sun, 1/21/18]
- **Perry On Las Vegas Attack: "But Even More Troubling Than That, Recently, I've Been Made Aware Of What I Believe To Be Credible Evidence Or Credible Information Regarding Potential Terrorist Infiltration Through The Southern Border, Regarding This Incident."** "Perry's response: 'Well, they could

be, well, let's face it, ISIS twice before the attack, ISIS warned the United States that they would attack Las Vegas by, I think, in June and August, and then after the attack claimed responsibility four times. 'Meanwhile, the local law enforcement investigative services are telling us there is no terrorist connection, lone gunman. Again, something's not adding up.' Catherine Lombardo, an attorney for Las Vegas shooting victims, appeared on the same segment. She called Perry's comments 'a bit irresponsible.' 'If you do have any evidence of that, I'm asking you right now to share it with us and tell us what that is,' she said. Perry replied: 'Nothing adds up. But I'm just telling you, I have received what I feel to be and believe to be credible evidence of a possible terrorist nexus.'" [The Evening Sun, 1/21/18]

#### **January 2018: Perry Said He Smelled A "Rat" In Local Police Investigation Into The Las Vegas Shooting.**

"CARLSON: Congressman, you are the only member of Congress who has taken a position asking questions about this. What are your questions? [...] PERRY: [...] Well, I smell a rat like a lot of Americans do. Nothing is adding up. It's been four months [...] He is a lone gunman, lone shooter, yet we can't get the autopsy results. [...; ISIS] claimed responsibility four times. Meanwhile, the local law enforcement investigative services are telling us there is no terrorist connection, lone gunman. Again, something is not adding up." [Fox News, Tucker Carlson Tonight, 1/18/18]

#### ***An Attorney For The Shooting's Victims And Then-Nevada Senator Dean Heller Criticized Perry's Conspiratorial Remarks***

**An Attorney For Victims Of The Las Vegas Shooting Called Perry's Comments "Irresponsible."** "Perry's response: 'Well, they could be, well, let's face it, ISIS twice before the attack, ISIS warned the United States that they would attack Las Vegas by, I think, in June and August, and then after the attack claimed responsibility four times. 'Meanwhile, the local law enforcement investigative services are telling us there is no terrorist connection, lone gunman. Again, something's not adding up.' Catherine Lombardo, an attorney for Las Vegas shooting victims, appeared on the same segment. She called Perry's comments 'a bit irresponsible.' 'If you do have any evidence of that, I'm asking you right now to share it with us and tell us what that is,' she said. Perry replied: 'Nothing adds up. But I'm just telling you, I have received what I feel to be and believe to be credible evidence of a possible terrorist nexus.'" [The Evening Sun, 1/21/18]

**Republican Former Senator Dean Heller Called Perry's Las Vegas Comments "Inexcusable."** "Congressman Scott Perry, who represents Adams, York, and part of Cumberland County, has come under fire from his own party for comments made on Fox News regarding the Las Vegas shooting. On Friday afternoon, Republican Sen. Dean Heller of Nevada posted on Twitter that 'Rep. Scott Perry's comments on the Oct. 1st shooting in Las Vegas are inexcusable.'" [The Daily American, 1/19/18]

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#### **Perry Said He Believed President Obama Enabled And Encouraged Terrorism**

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**December 2015: In Response To The San Bernardino Shooting, Perry Said The Obama Administration Threatened The U.S. By Putting "Policy And Political Correctness Above The National Security."** "You realize there is actually a memo signed by Jeh Johnson that says that this was actually the policy not to look at their social media, then you wonder if the existential threat is just ISIS or Islamists, or is it also an administration that for political narrative puts policy and political correctness above the national security of the nation." [Fox News, On The Record With Greta Van Susteren, 12/14/15]

**February 2015: Perry Said He Believed President Obama Rhetoric "Enables And Encourages" Terrorism.** "COSTELLO: Ok. So in the past along those lines you suggested that Mr. Obama is actually collaborating with Islamic state militants. Are you suggesting the President is a traitor? PERRY: Absolutely not. [...] Where you talk about al Qaeda being on the run and being ineffective anymore when we see this march of radical Islam going around the globe... that's what we're talking about where the rhetoric that the president engages actually kind of incites some of this stuff and enables and encourages it. COSTELLO: So you're saying by these actions in a way, in an indirect way the President is collaborating with the enemy. PERRY: What we're saying is that he seems to be

disregarding what most Americans see right in front of them. And we don't understand that. We're frustrated by it." [CNN, CNN Newsroom, 2/18/15]

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## Perry Accused Obama Of "Really Working Collaboratively" With ISIS

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**HEADLINE: Scott Perry: Obama is working collaboratively with Islamic militants** [PennLive, [2/13/15](#)]

**At A Panel Hosted By Frank Gaffney, Perry Said That Obama Was Collaborating With ISIS.** "U.S Rep. Scott Perry this week suggested that President Obama was collaborating with Islamic State militants. Perry, who serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and is oversight chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, was part of a roundtable discussion on jihadist militants when he offered his opinion on whether he would vote to authorize military force against the so-called Islamic State. Appearing on a panel discussion entitled 'Defeat Jihad Summit' hosted by Frank Gaffney, Perry, a Republican from the 4th congressional district, said he and the people of the United States were in a 'conundrum' as to whether support the president's request for military action. The panel of about 35 participants included Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Sen. Ted Cruz." [PennLive, [2/13/15](#)]

- **Perry: Obama Was "Really Working Collaboratively With What I Would Say Is The Enemy Of Freedom And Individual Freedom And Liberty And Western Civilization And Modernity."** "Perry said he felt 'duty bound' to stop the 'growing scourge' of the Islamic State, but added he doesn't want to sanction the use of force by Obama. He said the president is 'really working collaboratively with what I would say is the enemy of freedom and individual freedom and liberty and Western civilization and modernity. And in that context, how do you vote to give this commander-in-chief the authority and power to take action when...you know in your heart that, if past performance is any indicator of future performance, that he won't, and that he actually might use it to further their cause and what seems to be his cause and just drag you as a complicitor in it.'" [PennLive, [2/13/15](#)] (VIDEO)
- **After Receiving Scrutiny, Perry Softened His Statement, Saying Obama Wasn't Collaborating With Enemies But "Embolden[ing] Those Who Seek To Harm Us."** "Rep. Scott Perry on Friday softened charges he made earlier in the week on President Obama, focusing the tenor of his criticism on what he said was the president's lack of leadership and not the earlier charge that the president was collaborating with Islamist militants. 'Many citizens, including fellow service members, are increasingly more frustrated and fearful about the effects of the President's lack of leadership,' said Perry, a Republican from Pennsylvania's 4th congressional district. 'Of course he isn't collaborating with our enemies; but by failing to offer a coherent strategy to confront this threat, he's emboldened those who seek to harm us.'" [PennLive, [2/13/15](#)]

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## Perry Repeatedly Accused President Obama And Democrats Of Boosting The Muslim Brotherhood

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**Perry Claimed That A Democratic Witness At A Congressional Hearing Was A Member Of The Muslim Brotherhood.** [0:33, Segment 2] GAFFNEY: In the Africa subcommittee, I was struck again by one of the witnesses in the latter, a fellow by the name of Saed Saed, a figure in an organization called the Islamic Society of North America. One that has been identified by the Justice Department as a Muslim Brotherhood front organization. Again, it's a question of legitimizing organizations like that that's worrying, I gather that was another Democratic witness, but tell us about these hearings, if you would, and the advisability of taking testimony from the Muslim Brotherhood. PERRY: Well that of course, let's start with the Muslim Brotherhood, an organization started specifically for the furtherance of Islamism and the downfall of western civilization at their hand and of course the Muslim Brotherhood is the instrument by which it's supposed to occur. Of course, as you know, Frank, many countries around the globe have listed them as a terrorist organization, and the United States much to my dismay has not yet, but it is troubling when your own Justice Department is very concerned about them and lists them as so and investigates them as terrorist organizations and front groups, then these individuals are testifying on their behalf in front of Congress. That's very troubling indeed. But again it is a Democrat witness, so that should inform your listeners as well." [Center For Security Policy, [12/8/17](#)] (AUDIO)

**Perry: The Obama Administration Supported Organizations And Individuals “That Wish To Subvert The United States Government And Our Freedoms.”** “I think you would agree, and most people would agree if they look at the facts—there has been a turning of the head by the current administration, by the Obama administration, to organizations and individuals tied to those organizations that wish to subvert the United States government and our freedoms. And that can be found quite easily in what I know you are very familiar with, The Holy Land Foundation investigation files and the evidence gleaned from that which shows that these individuals and organizations—including the Muslim Brotherhood, including the Council on American Islamic Relations and others, operating in and around America—they have a different plan in mind, shall we say, for America, and we want to point out these things because, look, we have finite resources and while we are seeing people being blown up and murdered around the world—and now, in many cases as you know, sadly it has come to America—and where people are searching for answers, many of us say ‘our resources are stretched thin, and the answer is right in front of us,’ and we can’t really abide an administration that has taken an oath to uphold and defend the constitution, among other things, to look the other way when we have individuals tied to organizations that seek to do exactly the opposite.” [Center For Security Policy, [1/13/17](#)]

**Perry Accused Obama Of Changing U.S. Policy To Work With The Muslim Brotherhood.** [5:37, Segment 1] Perry: “The United States, under Obama, by the written word, in a classified document that you can find some information on open source, presidential directive 11, which changes our policy in the United States to one of stability in the Middle East, well we deal with people that we don’t like and don’t necessarily agree with for the sake of stability and security for the United States and the greater western free world, we would deal with these people. The president, President Obama, changed that policy to one of working with organizations and individuals within those countries to overthrow those governments, and what’s more breathtaking in that is that the organization of choice is the Muslim Brotherhood, Frank, and I would remind you that Egypt just upheld a life sentence for the Muslim Brotherhood leader in that country. [...] And that’s who we chose to work with. [Center for Security Policy, [11/4/16](#)] (AUDIO)

**Perry Agreed With Gaffney That Americans Should Be Concerned That Huma Abedin Had Ties To The Muslim Brotherhood.** [7:30] After Gaffney stated that Huma Abedin had ties to the Muslim Brotherhood and asked if Americans should be concerned, Perry repeatedly said “absolutely.” [Center for Security Policy, [11/4/16](#)] (AUDIO)

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**Perry Defended Rep. Trent Franks, Who Resigned After Asking His Staffer To Be His Surrogate, And Said What Franks Was Accused Of Was “Not Sexual Harassment”**

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**12/8/17: HEADLINE: Trent Franks, Accused of Offering \$5 Million to Aide for Surrogacy, Resigns.** [New York Times, [12/8/17](#)]

**New York Times: Franks “Offered \$5 Million To A Female Employee To Be A Surrogate... She And Another Female Employee Worried That The Lawmaker Wanted To Have Sex As A Means Of Impregnating Them.”** “Representative Trent Franks announced Friday that he would resign from Congress immediately after accusations emerged that he had offered \$5 million to a female employee to be a surrogate mother for his children, and that she and another female employee worried that the lawmaker wanted to have sex as a means of impregnating them.” [New York Times, [12/8/17](#)]

**The Day Franks Resigned, Perry Defended Franks, Saying That What He Was Accused Of Was “Not Sexual Harassment” And That It Was A “Guilty Until Proven Innocent Environment.”** [7:11, Segment 2] “Trent is a very, very knowledgeable and outspoken advocate of our national security and particularly things like our electricity grid. He’s a well-renowned expert on the grid and the electro-magnetic pulse threat that we face as well as our anti-missile defense shield. He is a salt of the earth guy, he would never hurt a flea, and I was just so crestfallen to hear the news. And I will tell you certainly I don’t know the facts. But I would say, you know, what he’s been accused of, is not sexual harassment, and I wish that he would stand and fight as opposed to walk away. But in this climate, I understand it’s easy to say when you’re not involved in it that it’s a very, it’s a guilty until

proven innocent environment based on any accusation. He's gonna be a huge loss to the Congress and to the American people and to the people of Arizona." [Center For Security Policy, [12/8/17](#)] (AUDIO)

**Kent Accepted \$9,600 From Three Men Who Were Convicted On Charges For Actions During The January 6<sup>th</sup> Riot And Said He Would Not Return Contributions From An Individual Charged For Actions During January 6<sup>th</sup> Because He Believed In Due Process**

**Kent Accepted \$500 From Alexander Sheppard, Who Was Convicted And Sentenced To 19 Months In Prison For Actions On January 6<sup>th</sup> And Was Accused Of Being One Of The First Rioters To Enter The Building**

*Alexander Sheppard, Who Was Sentenced On Charges Connected To January 6<sup>th</sup>, Contributed \$500 To Joe Kent*

**Kent Accepted \$500 From Alexander Sheppard From Columbus, Ohio.** [Federal Election Commission, [2/11/22](#)]

Contributions To Joe Kent From Alexander Sheppard					
Source Name	Recipient	Date	Address	City, State	Amount
Sheppard, Alexander	Joe Kent for Congress	2/11/22	7878 Meadowhaven Blvd	Columbus, Ohio	\$500

[Federal Election Commission, [2/11/22](#)]

- **Sheppard's Address, 7878 Meadowhaven Blvd, Was In Northwest Columbus, Near Powell, Ohio.** [Google Maps, accessed [2/4/24](#)]
- **The Alexander Sheppard Sentenced On Charges Connected To January 6<sup>th</sup> Was From Powell, Ohio.** "An Ohio man was sentenced in the District of Columbia today on five offenses, including a felony, committed during the Jan. 6, 2021, breach of the U.S. Capitol. His actions and the actions of others disrupted a joint session of the U.S. Congress convened to ascertain and count the electoral votes related to the 2020 presidential election. Alexander Sheppard, 24, of Powell, Ohio, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge John D. Bates to serve 19 months in prison and 24 months of supervised release. Sheppard also was ordered to pay \$3,170 in restitution and fines." [Department of Justice, [9/5/23](#)]

*Sheppard, Who Was One Of The First Rioters To Enter The Capitol, Was Found Guilty On Four Charges Relating To January 6<sup>th</sup>, Including A Felony; He Also Made Violent Threats Towards Vice President Pence*

**Sheppard Was Found Guilty Of Obstruction Of An Official Proceeding, A Felony, Entering And Remaining In A Restricted Grounds Or Building, Disorderly And Disruptive Conduct In A Restricted Building Or Grounds, Disorderly Conduct In A Capitol Building, And Parading, Demonstrating, Or Picketing In A Capitol Building.** "An Ohio man was sentenced in the District of Columbia today on five offenses, including a felony, committed during the Jan. 6, 2021, breach of the U.S. Capitol. His actions and the actions of others disrupted a joint session of the U.S. Congress convened to ascertain and count the electoral votes related to the 2020 presidential election. Alexander Sheppard, 24, of Powell, Ohio, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge John D. Bates to serve 19 months in prison and 24 months of supervised release. Sheppard also was ordered to pay \$3,170 in restitution and fines. Sheppard was found guilty in January of obstruction of an official proceeding, a felony, entering and remaining in a restricted grounds or building, disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly conduct in a Capitol building, and parading, demonstrating, or picketing in a Capitol building." [Department of Justice, [9/5/23](#)]

**According To The DOJ, Sheppard Was One Of The First Rioters To Enter The Capitol On January 6<sup>th</sup> And Pushed Through A Police Line Attempting To Stop The Mob From Getting To The House Chamber.**

“According to evidence introduced at trial, Sheppard was among the first rioters to enter the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, and joined others in overrunning multiple police lines established to stop the mob’s spread. Inside the Crypt, he and fellow rioters were captured on video as they pushed through a police line designed to prevent the mob from moving towards the House Chamber where members of Congress were present. He then recorded a video of himself proudly proclaiming: ‘I’m here with some goddamn heroes, and we just shut down Congress! They called an emergency session, they said we’re too scared, they’ve shut down Congress. Let’s fucking go!’” [Department of Justice, [9/5/23](#)]

**Video Showed Sheppard Yelling At Police And Looked On While Rioters Punched Out Windows Of Doors.**

“Additional video showed Sheppard running to the Speaker’s Lobby doors and screaming at the U.S. Capitol Police officers who stood guard there while House members and staff prepared to evacuate behind them. Sheppard captured video of fleeing members of congress and looked on as other rioters violently punched out the windows of the doors— just inches away from the officers’ heads. Sheppard left only after witnessing another rioter get shot by law enforcement after attempting to climb through the broken windows of the same doors.” [Department of Justice, [9/5/23](#)]

**In The Days Following The Breach Sheppard For Vice President Mike Pence To Be Executed By A Firing Squad.** “In the days following the breach, Sheppard posted threatening statements on social media directed towards the Vice President. On Jan. 9, 2021, Sheppard posted on Parler, ‘[w]e shouldn’t hang Mike Pence. Firing squad!’” [Department of Justice, [9/5/23](#)]

**Sheppard Posted On Social Media That He Was In Washington Because Of The “Rigged Election.”** The FBI was alerted to Sheppard’s conduct in 2021 by a friend of the 23-year-old, who contacted the agency about Sheppard’s social media posts. A December 2020 Facebook post made by Sheppard read: “Millions of us will be in Washington D.C. on January 6th to protest the RIGGED election and the acts of WAR that China committed on our country. I’ll see you there!” [NBC 4, [1/27/23](#)]

**The FBI Arrested Sheppard On February 22, 2021.** “FBI agents arrested Sheppard on Feb. 22, 2021, in Columbus, Ohio. This case was investigated by the FBI’s Cincinnati and Washington Field Offices. Police from Columbus provided cooperation and assistance in the investigation. Valuable assistance was provided by the U.S. Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Department.” [Department of Justice, [9/5/23](#)]

**A Jury Found Sheppard Guilty In January 2023.** “A Washington, D.C. jury convicted on Thursday a Powell man who participated in the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol two years ago. Alexander Sheppard, 23, was found guilty of obstructing an official proceeding, a felony offense, and several misdemeanor crimes for storming the Capitol building with a large group of rioters as Congress was certifying President Joe Biden’s victory in the 2020 general election, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.” [NBC 4, [1/27/23](#)]

**A Federal Judge Sentenced Sheppard To 19 Months In Prison And 24 Months Of Supervised Release In September 2023.** “An Ohio man was sentenced in the District of Columbia today on five offenses, including a felony, committed during the Jan. 6, 2021, breach of the U.S. Capitol. His actions and the actions of others disrupted a joint session of the U.S. Congress convened to ascertain and count the electoral votes related to the 2020 presidential election. Alexander Sheppard, 24, of Powell, Ohio, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge John D. Bates to serve 19 months in prison and 24 months of supervised release. Sheppard also was ordered to pay \$3,170 in restitution and fines. Sheppard was found guilty in January of obstruction of an official proceeding, a felony, entering and remaining in a restricted grounds or building, disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly conduct in a Capitol building, and parading, demonstrating, or picketing in a Capitol building.” [Department of Justice, [9/5/23](#)]

***Like Joe Kent, Sheppard Falsely Claimed The January 6th Insurrection Was A “False Flag” Operation Involving The Government And Antifa***

**Sheppard Claimed The January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection Was A “False Flag” Operation Planned By Or Involving The Government, “Federal Agitators,” And Antifa.** “Sheppard originally had been scheduled to be sentenced on April 26, 2023. Sheppard had claimed the siege of the U.S. Capitol was a ‘false flag’ operation planned by or involving the government, ‘federal agitators,’ and Antifa.”

**Kent Accepted \$500 From David Rhine, Who Was Convicted And Sentenced To Four Months In Prison For Actions During January 6<sup>th</sup>**

*David Rhine, Who Was Sentenced On Charges Connected To January 6<sup>th</sup>, Contributed \$500 To Joe Kent*

**Kent Accepted \$500 From David Rhine From Bremerton, Washington.** [Federal Election Commission, [2/11/22](#)]

Contributions To Joe Kent From David Rhine					
Source Name	Recipient	Date	Address	City, State	Amount
Rhine, David C	Joe Kent for Congress	6/27/23	3189 Rocky Point Rd NW	Bremerton, WA	\$62.50
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Rhine, David	Joe Kent for Congress	6/4/21	3189 Rocky Point Rd NW	Bremerton, WA	\$250
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$500</b>

[Federal Election Commission, [2/11/22](#)]

- David Charles Rhine Of Bremerton Was Found Guilty By A Federal Jury On Four Misdemeanor Crimes Related To January 6<sup>th</sup>.** “Federal jurors convicted a Gig Harbor businessman in connection with the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. Prosecutors charged David Charles Rhine, who lives in Bremerton, with four misdemeanor crimes. Court records show the jury returned guilty verdicts on all four charges Monday, convicting Rhine of entering or remaining in a restricted building or grounds; engaging in disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds; disorderly conduct in a Capitol building; and parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building.” [Seattle Times, [4/27/23](#)]

***Rhine Was Sentenced To Four Months In Prison By A Federal Judge After Being Found Guilty Of Four Misdemeanor Counts Related To Actions On January 6<sup>th</sup>; Rhine Was Detained In The Capitol With Knives And Pepper Spray***

**Rhine Was Sentenced To Four Months In Prison By A Federal Judge.** “A Gig Harbor businessman will serve four months in prison for his participation in the Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol riot. David Rhine, 54, sought one year of probation and 100 hours of community service. The government asked for one year of incarceration, one year of supervised release, 60 hours of community service and \$500 in restitution. U.S. District Judge Rudolph Contreras sentenced Rhine, of Bremerton, to four months of incarceration for each of four misdemeanors, to run concurrently, followed by one year of supervised release on each count, concurrently. Contreras ordered Rhine to pay a \$7,376 fine but no restitution.” [Gig Harbor Now, [9/12/23](#)]

**Rhine Was Charged With Entering And Remaining In A Restricted Building Or Grounds; Disorderly And Disruptive Conduct In A Restricted Building Or Grounds; Disorderly Conduct In A Capitol Building Or Grounds; Parading, Demonstrating Or Picketing In A Capitol Building.** “Rhine and thousands of President Donald Trump supporters disrupted a joint session of Congress that was meeting to certify President-elect Joe



Biden's victory. He was convicted on April 24 in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia of all four crimes of which he was charged: Entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds; Disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds; Disorderly conduct in a Capitol building or grounds; Parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building." [Gig Habor Now, [9/12/23](#)]

**Rhine Was Detained In The Capitol And Found To Have Two Pocket Knives And Pepper Spray.** "Rhine, who owns Cox & Lucy CPAs on Soundview Drive, spent just 22 minutes inside the Capitol building. He entered on the second floor through the Upper House door at 2:42 p.m., wearing a dark blue hooded jacket, red baseball cap embroidered with 'USA' and a backpack. He was carrying a blue flag with white stars known as the Navy Jack, and white cowbells. A Capitol Police officer detained Rhine, searched him, seized two pocketknives and pepper spray, and put him in flex cuffs. The officer escorted Rhine to the Rotunda door and told him to leave, which video footage showed him doing at 3:04 p.m." [Gig Habor Now, [9/12/23](#)]

**U.S. Attorney Matthew Graves Claimed Rhine Gave A Recorded Interview Where He Claimed He Wanted To Stop Congress From Certifying The Electoral College.** "U.S. Attorney Matthew Graves wrote that Rhine: Gave a recorded interview outside the Capitol in which he said his intent was to prevent Congress from certifying the Electoral College vote. He stated, in part: 'It is time for us to take this and to take it back. We are sick and tired of the cheating. We are here to stop the steal.'" [Gig Habor Now, [9/12/23](#)]

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**Kent Accepted \$8,600 From A Man Charged For Actions Committed During The January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection, Including With A Felony**

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**Kent Accepted \$8,600 From Carlos Ayala, Who Was Charged With Felony And Misdemeanor Charges Relating To Actions On January 6<sup>th</sup>.** "Joe Kent, a right-wing Republican who is vying for a rematch against Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-Wash.), received \$8,600 in campaign donations from an accused Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol rioter facing felony and misdemeanor charges. The Department of Justice announced earlier this month that it was charging Salisbury, Maryland, resident Carlos Ayala with civil disorder, a felony, as well as several misdemeanors, including knowingly entering a restricted building, and knowingly engaging in disruptive conduct designed to interfere with government business. Ayala's arrest prompted him to resign from his post as a Republican member of the Maryland State Board of Elections." [HuffPost, [1/26/24](#)]

**Ayala Was Accused Of Entering The Capitol, Poking A Police Officer With A Flagpole, And Throwing A PVC Pipe At A Police Officer.** "Ayala, who was wearing a painter's mask and America-flag hoodie, stands accused of climbing over police barricades and poking his 'We the People' flag at a U.S. Capitol Police officer guarding an entrance to the U.S. Capitol building. Later, when the door to the building was forced open, Ayala allegedly threw the PVC pipe that had served as his flagpole into the building where it struck an officer." [HuffPost, [1/26/24](#)]

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**Kent Repeatedly Spread Misinformation And Conspiracy Theories About January 6<sup>th</sup> And Implied That The Government Was Involved In The Insurrection**

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**July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021: Kent Questioned How Many Law Enforcement And Intelligence Agents/Informants Were Involved On January 6<sup>th</sup>.** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [7/13/21](#)]



[Joe Kent, Twitter, [7/13/21](#)]

**August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021: Kent Claimed That “J6 Leaders” Were Disappearing And Demanded Law Enforcement Disclose How Many “Government Controlled Agents” Were Involved.** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [8/20/21](#)]



[Joe Kent, Twitter, [8/20/21](#)]

**October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021: Kent Called January 6<sup>th</sup> An “Informant Op Gone Wild.”** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [10/25/21](#)]



[Joe Kent, Twitter, [10/25/21](#)]

**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022: Kent Claimed The FBI Was Using “Bureaucratic Warfare” To Buy Time To Get Their Story Stright About January 6<sup>th</sup>.** [Joe Kent, Twitter, [1/11/22](#)]





Joe Kent for WA-3  @joekent16jan19 · Jan 11, 2022

Intel officers are taught from day 1 to write intel & even source descriptions to protect sources & methods.


The number of fed sources involved in J6 could easily be disclosed.

Sanborn is using bureaucratic warfare to buy the FBI time to get their story straight.

 Joe Kent for WA-3  @joekent16jan19 · Jan 11, 2022

The “sources & methods” answer only buys them time in a open hearing. The FBI & other officials need to have their feet held to the fire in a closed hearing by reps with clearances.

Refusing to answer if any feds were involved tells us they were certainly involved in J6. [twitter.com/ColumbiaBugle/...](https://twitter.com/ColumbiaBugle/...)

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[Joe Kent, Twitter, [1/11/22](#)]

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### **Kent Claimed He Would Not Return The Contributions Because He “Believed In Due Process” And Believed The Man Was “Innocent Until Proven Guilty”**

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**Through A Spokesperson, Kent’s Campaign Said They Would Not Return The Money From Ayala Because He “Believed In Due Process” And That Ayala Was “Innocent Until Proven Guilty.”** “Ayala, who was wearing a painter’s mask and America-flag hoodie, stands accused of climbing over police barricades and poking his ‘We the People’ flag at a U.S. Capitol Police officer guarding an entrance to the U.S. Capitol building. Later, when the door to the building was forced open, Ayala allegedly threw the PVC pipe that had served as his flagpole into the building where it struck an officer.” [HuffPost, [1/26/24](#)]

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### **Kent Supported Pardoning January 6<sup>th</sup> Rioters**

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**2023: During A Campaign Event, Kent Said Trump Needed To Be Elected So He Could Pardon January 6<sup>th</sup> Rioters.** “A Republican running for one of the most competitive congressional seats in the country has stressed his belief that Donald Trump needs to win the White House and pardon some of the mob who took part in the Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol. [...] During a recent campaign stop, footage obtained by CBS News shows Kent being asked about the Jan. 6 defendants ‘still rotting in jail and who didn't get a speedy trial.’ ‘We need to win in 2024 so that we can get President Trump in there to pardon them,’ Kent answered, and added that ‘if anybody did anything violent on Jan. 6, and there certainly was that, they should be held accountable for it. But the way that there's been mass arrests, there's been a real deprivation of due process, like that's got to end.’” [CBS News, [1/5/24](#)]

**2022: Kent Supported Pardons For The Insurrectionists Who Attacked The U.S. Capitol On January 6<sup>th</sup>.** “While he disavowed the Capitol insurrection publicly when it happened, Kent has been sympathetic to those charged, has downplayed the incident, and said he would support presidential pardons of them.” [Crosscut, [11/7/22](#)]

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**Kent Claimed He Would “Hunt Down” Black Lives Matter Activist And Engage In “Strategic Decapitation” Of ANTIFA And Black Lives Matter Groups.** “Joe Kent further solidified his place as perhaps the furthest-right candidate challenging U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler Thursday night. The Conservative Ladies of Washington candidate forum was held in Centralia’s Pathway Christian Church, where Morton Police Chief Roger Morningstar posed questions to candidates Kent, Wadi Yakhour and Heidi St. John. While all three announced their candidacy

in response to Herrera Beutler's vote to impeach then-president Donald Trump, Kent was distinguished by his sometimes-militant language, including his promise to 'hunt down' Black Lives Matter activists — who he referred to as terrorists — pull on his overseas combat experience and engage in 'strategic decapitation' of anti-fascist and Black Lives Matter groups. The Army Special Forces veteran compared liberal cities and anti-fascists to 'Al Qaeda, the Islamic State and Iranians,' promising the crowd 'you're going to be in physical danger.' 'This can't be the first time you get punched in the mouth or you've been blown up,' he said. 'This is going to be a knockdown, drag-out brawl to save our country.'" [The Chronicle, [8/13/21](#)]

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**Kent Said, "We're At War" After The FBI Searched Trumps Mar A Lago Residence**

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**Kent Said, "We're At War" After The FBI Searched Trumps Mar A Lago Residence.** "For the past six years, Donald J. Trump's most loyal supporters have gone on the attack against federal law-enforcement officials whenever they have sought to investigate the former president or his allies. But the reaction this week to the F.B.I.'s court-approved search of Mar-a-Lago, Mr. Trump's residence in Palm Beach, Fla., went far beyond the usual ire and indignation. Pro-Trump influencers, figures in the media and a Republican candidate for office employed the language of violence to rally opposition. [...] Hours later, on the podcast 'Bannon's War Room,' Mr. Bannon himself asked Joe Kent, a Trump-endorsed House candidate in Washington State, for his assessment of the search. 'This just shows everyone what many of us have been saying for a very long time,' Mr. Kent declared. 'We're at war.'" [New York Times, [8/9/22](#)]

## Kent Was An Extreme Candidate Who Had Out Of Touch And Dangerous Views

### Significant Findings

#### **Kent Had Detrimental U.S. Immigration Policy Ideas, Including Halting All Immigration For 20 Years And Militarizing The Southern Border**

- ✓ Kent has consistently wanted moratoriums on immigration, wanting a 10-year moratorium and then later agreeing they needed a 20-year moratorium on all immigration.
- ✓ Kent wanted to ban work and student visas, which would adversely affect Washington State and Washington's 3rd Congressional District.
  - ✓ Kents policy on eliminating all visas would adversely affect Washington's 3rd Congressional District's farming industry.
    - ✓ H-2A visas are a type of work visa that allows foreign nationals to fill temporary agricultural jobs, as long as there are not enough U.S. workers who are able to do the temporary work.
    - ✓ Washington State was the 4th highest state in the U.S. to use H-2A visas for agriculture work at 9%.
    - ✓ Washington's 3rd Congressional District contained the 5th highest amount of farmland and the 4th highest number of dairy farms in the state.
- ✓ Kent wanted to take higher education opportunities away from 446,200 international students in the U.S., including 23,100 international students studying at higher education institutes in Washington State.
  - ✓ In 2023, the U.S. issued 446,200 student visas. Washington State had 23,100 international students in 2023 and international students provided Washington State with \$830.3 million in financial contributions and supported 6,415 jobs in the state.
- ✓ Kent wanted to ban H-2B visas that help nonagricultural international workers to work in the U.S. in industries like fishing and forestry.
  - ✓ Washington's 3rd Congressional District contained 18 businesses that benefitted from H-2B visas in the agriculture, forestry, and fishing industries.
  - ✓ Five out of the fifteen top companies in 2020 who requested and received H-2B visas were in Washington and in the fishing industry.
- ✓ Kent supported eliminating H-1B visas.
  - ✓ H-1B visas are a type of work visa that allows foreign nationals to fill specialty occupations, and there were rules "in order to protect similarly employed U.S. workers from being adversely affected by the employment of the nonimmigrant workers."
  - ✓ Washington State had 10,266 foreign workers on H-1B visas in 2023.
- ✓ Kent wanted to end birthright citizenship, DACA, and make sure there was "zero pathway to citizenship for illegals or their children."

- ✓ Kent opposed birthright citizenship and wanted to end it, changing the 14th Amendment of the Constitution.
- ✓ Kent said he supported an end to the DACA program.
- ✓ In a tweet, Kent called for “zero pathway to citizenship for illegals or their children.”
- ✓ Kent was opposed to two bipartisan efforts to secure the border, and instead of offering solutions reiterated he wanted no amnesty, no tolerance, and mass deportations at the border.
  - ✓ Kent called a bipartisan House bill to fund U.S. allies and tighten border security a “scam.”
  - ✓ Kent called on every republican to be a “hard no” on the bipartisan Senate border bill and said to “kill” the bipartisan Senate border bill.
  - ✓ Kent said to “shut down the border, zero amnesty, zero tolerance, mass deportations.”
- ✓ Kent wanted to defund the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, two agencies that were tasked with securing the U.S. border.
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    - ✓ The Department of Homeland Security protects the U.S. land borders with Canada and Mexico, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection was one of the world’s largest law enforcement agencies and was the U.S.’s unified border agency.

### **Kent Had Embraced Pro-Putin Rhetoric When Talking About The Russian War With Ukraine**

- ✓ Kent said that the U.S. should be offering Putin “a(n) off-ramp” to the war in Ukraine and that Putin’s terms to halt military action were “very reasonable.”
  - ✓ Kent said Putin was a “reasonable thug” and claimed that Russia’s demands of Ukraine were “very reasonable.”
- ✓ Kent blamed the west for Putin invading Ukraine and called the Ukrainian war Biden’s “money laundering operation.”
  - ✓ Kent claimed it was the West that pushed Russia into invading Ukraine because of NATO.
  - ✓ Kent called the war in Ukraine Biden’s “money laundering operation.”
  - ✓ Kent claimed that “Ukraine is a D.C. distraction and scam.”
- ✓ Kent refused to say Russia’s military invasion of Ukraine was unprovoked and claimed, “Putin will take Ukraine.”
  - ✓ Kent refused to say Russia’s military invasion of Ukraine was unprovoked and claimed that Putin had “legitimate concerns about Russia.”
  - ✓ Kent said that “Putin will take Ukraine” because “history & geography win.”
- ✓ Kent agreed with a comment saying Ukrainian President Zelensky was a “thug.”

- ✓ Kent said there should be no NATO membership for Ukraine and described the U.S. funding of Ukraine as “the worst possible alternative” to handling the war in eastern Europe.
- ✓ Kent wanted Ukrainian neutrality and no NATO membership for Ukraine.
- ✓ Kent described the U.S. funding of Ukraine as “the worst possible alternative” to handling the war in Eastern Europe and wanted to stop arming Ukraine.

### **Kent Has Made Disparaging And Offensive Remarks About LGBTQ Individuals And Compared The Gay Agenda To Unconventional And Psychological Warfare**

- ✓ Kent compared the “gay agenda” and “trans ideology” to the Maoist cultural revolution and called the “gay agenda” and “trans ideology” in schools “very sophisticated, unconventional warfare and psychological warfare.”
- ✓ Kent criticized the VA and threatened to cut funding from the State Department for fighting to end LGBTQ discrimination and the Department of Defense for hiring a soldier who also was a drag queen.
  - ✓ The Department of State released a tweet saying they would continue to fight to end discrimination against LGBTIQ+, and Kent replied he would like to cut their funding for wanting to fight against LGBTQ discrimination.
  - ✓ Kent criticized the Navy for appointing Yeoman 2nd Class Joshua Kelly to be their digital ambassador because he was also a drag queen, Kent then said they can “cut significant funding from the DoD.”
  - ✓ Kent called it a “disgrace” that the VA displayed a “sexual preference alphabet flag.”
- ✓ Kent attacked Democrats for supporting a “radical trans agenda.”
  - ✓ Kent criticized Democrats for voting against VA funding because transgender surgeries were removed from VA funding.
    - ✓ Kent said Rep. Gluezenkamp Perez voted to preserve the “radical trans agenda.”

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#### **Kent Has Consistently Wanted Moratoriums On Immigration, Wanting A 10 Year Moratorium And Then Later Agreeing They Needed A 20 Year Moratorium On All Immigration**

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**The Chronicle: 2022: Kent Agreed That There Should Be A “Complete Shutdown On All Immigration For The Next 20 Years,” Due To Demographic Replacement That’s Happening In The Country.** “James then pushed the question again, saying, ‘So a complete shutdown on all immigration for the next 20 years, at the very least. Right?’ Kent responded: ‘Yep. That’s one of the best ways to keep a tight labor market in favor of American workers.’ James replied: ‘Well, not only because of labor, because of the demographic replacement that’s happening in this country as well, right?’ Kent responded: ‘Yeah.’” [The Chronicle, [3/11/22](#)]

- **Headline: “The Chronicle Stands By Coverage After Attorney For Joe Kent Threatens Legal Action Over 2022 Article.”**[The Chronicle, [9/5/23](#)]
- **Kent, Through A Lawyer, Threatened The Chronicle With Legal Action If They Did Not Retract An Article That Claimed Kent Supported An Immigration Moratorium.** “A lawyer representing Republican candidate Joe Kent sent a letter to Chronicle Publisher Chad Taylor last week demanding the newspaper ‘promptly retract’ an article in which Kent appears to agree with an audience member who suggests the U.S. completely restrict immigration for 20 years because of the ‘demographic replacement that’s happening.’” [The Chronicle, [9/5/23](#)]
- **The Letter From Kent’s Lawyers Claimed The Article In Question Opened The Newspapers Up To Litigation For Defamation And Libel.** “The six-page letter, sent by the Dhillon Law Group and dated Aug. 28, alleges ‘the defamatory statement’ made in the article opens The Chronicle up to potential litigation for both defamation and libel. In the letter, the attorney also asked The Chronicle to hand over its recording of the event in question.” [The Chronicle, [9/5/23](#)]
- **Kent Called The Chronicle’s Initial Report A “Smear” And Accused The Newspaper Of “Aiding White Nationalist.”** “When provided an opportunity to comment on this story Tuesday, Kent issued a press release calling The Chronicle’s initial report a ‘smear’ and accusing the newspaper of ‘aiding white nationalists who made defeating Joe their #1 priority.’ He characterized the arrival of the Idaho men at the Onalaska town hall in March 2022 as an attempted ‘ambush’ and described them as ‘aggrieved white nationalists.’” [The Chronicle, [9/5/23](#)]
- **The Chronicle Stood By Their Reporting And Claimed They Reviewed Bot Video And Audio Of The Event.** “Chronicle owners Coralee and Chad Taylor and Editor-in-Chief Eric Schwartz stand by the accuracy of the reporting in the article, which was completed by Assistant Editor Isabel Vander Stoep, who was a reporter at the time of the March 2022 event. In addition to its own audio recording, The Chronicle has reviewed video footage of the interaction. ‘We had two journalists who observed it, we have audio that confirms it, and we have (seen) video that leaves no question,’ Schwartz said. ‘And we have no plans to alter the story.’” [The Chronicle, [9/5/23](#)]
- **In Response To The Letter The Chronicle Told Kent’s Lawyers It Should Act Appropriately And Not Waste Their Clients Reputation And Financial Resources.** “An attorney retained by The Chronicle has formally responded to the law firm representing Republican congressional candidate Joe Kent following threatened legal action over an article published in March 2022. ‘We hope you will act appropriately — rather than waste your client’s reputation and consume his financial resources with wholly unnecessary and frivolous litigation,’ Bruce E. H. Johnson, of the firm Davis Wright Tremaine, wrote in a letter to the firm representing Kent Thursday afternoon. The response comes after a lawyer for Kent demanded The Chronicle ‘promptly retract’ an article in which Kent appears to agree with an audience member who suggests the U.S. completely restrict immigration for 20 years because of the ‘demographic replacement that’s happening.’” [The Chronicle, [9/8/23](#)]



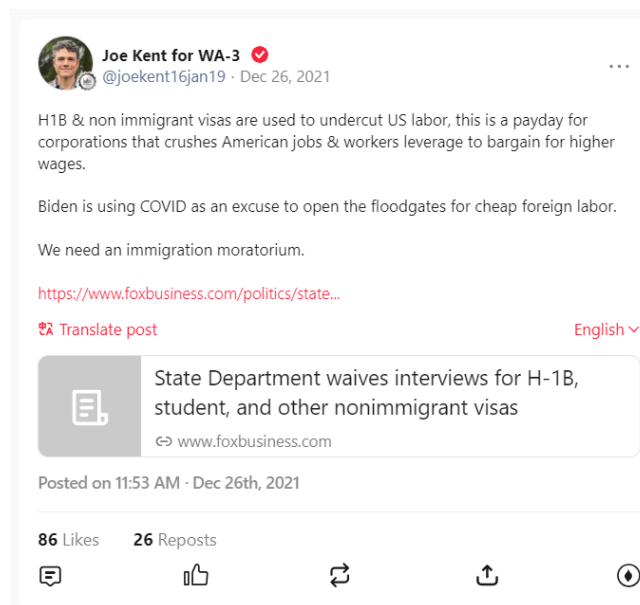
- **2022: Kent Wanted To Impose A Moratorium On All Immigration Into The United States.** “Immigration is another major tenet of Kent’s campaign for Washington’s 3rd District. He calls for a moratorium on both illegal and legal immigration, saying H-1B work visas for foreign workers shouldn’t be permitted. ‘I have a major issue with our ruling class thinking so little of our American workers that they want to import more workers to take away jobs from them,’ he said.” [KGW8 News, [10/28/22](#)]

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### In 2021, Kent Called For An Immigration Moratorium

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**2021: Kent Called For An Immigration Moratorium.** In a tweet, Kent said, “H1B & non immigrant visas are used to undercut US labor, this is a payday for corporations that crushes American jobs & workers leverage to bargain for higher wages. Biden is using COVID as an excuse to open the floodgates for cheap foreign labor. We need an immigration moratorium.” [Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [12/26/21](#)]



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### Kent Wanted To Ban Work And Student Visas, Which Would Adversely Affect Washington State And Washingtons 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District

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### Kent Was Against Visas For Low Skilled And Manual Labor, And Was Against Job Based Immigration

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low skill jobs that we import illegal immigrants for. That's gonna be a big cultural shift that we have to have, but I am 100% against us just having immigration for the sake of just like, I mean Democrats will always say 'oh well it's because of the economy.' And really all that is is a payday for Wall St and the big corporations, because they wanna bring in people who will work for less wages than American citizens will. Y'know they wanna undercut the American worker. So illegal immigration and then also job-based immigration, that is an absolute assault on the working class. So we've gotta really tightly fight against that." [Immigration, Cup of Joe Townhall, 40:37, [12/5/23](#)] (VIDEO)

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**Kent Was Against Immigration For Manual Labor Jobs.** KENT: "You hear all the time—he asked about, I guess, legal immigrants, [inaudible] and a lot of more traditional Republicans use this argument, even some libertarians. But then you hear them a lot from Democrats that 'hey look, we need all these immigrants to come into our country because there's just not enough Americans doing jobs.' When you think about it, it's pretty preposterous. You're basically saying that you think Americans are either too dumb to do, not enough Americans are doing STEM. We don't have enough engineers. So we need to import tons of them from India and from Asia. So we can't train Americans to do STEM. But then at the same time you're also hearing Americans don't want to do manual labor jobs. So Americans are, like, both dumb and lazy at the same time is basically what the ruling class is saying about American workers. I completely reject that. I am against any kind of visa that brings someone here to take a job away from an American citizen. I think in very limited cases, like if there's some scientist somewhere who's got, like, the cure to cancer or something like sure, we'll give that guy a visa. However, just these generic folks that we're bringing in to work in tech, working in a lot of manual labor types, I think that absolutely just drives down and oppresses American wages. It makes it so Americans can't compete, because they will work for less wages than American citizens. It's just a fact." [Immigration, Joe Kent Townhall, 52:15, [2/8/24](#)] (VIDEO)

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### **Kents Policy On Eliminating All Visas Would Adversely Affect Washingtons 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District's Farming Industry**

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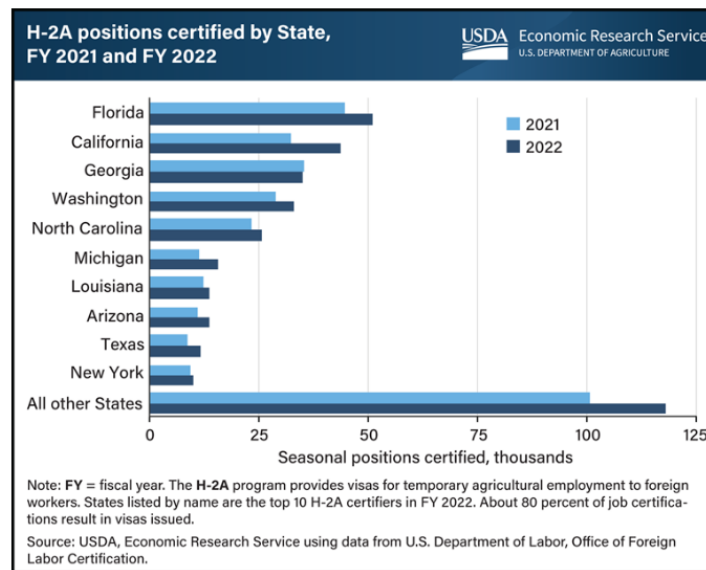
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214.2(h)(5)(x) for specific details.)” [U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services, H-2A Temporary Agricultural Workers, accessed [2/26/24](#)]

**Washington State Was The 4<sup>th</sup> Highest State In The U.S. To Use H-2A Visas For Agriculture Work At 9%**

**Washington State Was The 4<sup>th</sup> Highest State In The U.S. To Use H-2A Visas For Agriculture Work At 9%.** “In 2022, 35 percent of the total jobs available through the H-2A visa program for temporary foreign agricultural workers were in three States. The U.S. Department of Labor certified around 370,000 temporary jobs in fiscal year (FY) 2022 under the H-2A program. This program enables U.S. agricultural employers anticipating a shortage of domestic workers to fill seasonal farm jobs with temporary foreign workers. The top 3 States were Florida, with 14 percent of total H-2A jobs certified, California, with 12 percent, and Georgia, with around 9 percent. Other States in the top 10 included Washington with around 9 percent; North Carolina with 7 percent; Michigan, Louisiana, and Arizona each with 4 percent; and Texas and New York with 3 percent each. Increases in employment were particularly large in California, which gained over 11,000 H-2A jobs, a 35-percent increase from 2021. H-2A certifications increased in all U.S. States except Georgia (which declined by less than 1 percent), Delaware (20 percent decline), and Alaska (no change), compared with 2021. Not all certifications lead to the issuance of H-2A visas. In 2021, 258,000 H-2A visas were issued, whereas, in 2022, this number increased to 298,000. This chart updates information in the USDA, Economic Research Service report The H-2A Temporary Agricultural Worker Program in 2020, published in August 2022.” [USDA, Florida, California, and Georgia accounted for one-third of H-2A jobs in FY 2022, [5/30/23](#)]



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**Washington’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District Contained The 5<sup>th</sup> Highest Amount Of Farmland And The 4<sup>th</sup> Highest Number Of Dairy Farms In The State.** According to the Washington State department of Agriculture, Washington’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District contained the 5<sup>th</sup> highest amount of farm land and the 4<sup>th</sup> highest amount of dairy farms in the state. The Third District contained 242,694 acres of farm land and 39 dairies. [Washington State Department of Agriculture, accessed [2/26/24](#)]

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to U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services, Washington’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District contained two farms that benefitted from H-2A Visas and were businesses mainly in the agriculture, forestry, and fishing industry. [U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services, accessed [3/27/24](#)]

Washington’s 3 <sup>rd</sup> Congressional District H2-A Visas								
Employer (Petitioner) Name	Industry	Occupation Code	Petitioner City	Petitioner State	Petitioner Zip Code	Works ite State	Wage Rate	Initial Approval
Bear Canyon Tree Farm LLC	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Mossyrock	WA	98564	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	5
John P Burton DBA Christmas Hills	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Mossyrock	WA	98564	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	8
Total:								13

[U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services, accessed [3/27/24](#)]

*NOTE: All the businesses listed are the Petitioners and are located in Washington’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District according to the petitioner city. The petitioners have the job listed as being located in Washington.*

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**Kent Wanted To Take Higher Education Opportunities Away 23,100 International Students Studying At Higher Education Institutes In Washinton And These Students Brought \$830.3 Million In To The State**

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**In 2023, The U.S. Issued 446,200 Student Visas.** “Number of US Student Visas Issued Continues to Grow In the 2023 fiscal year, the U.S. Department of State issued over 446,200 student visas. This was the highest number of student visas issued in a single year since 2016, and continued the upward trend from 2021 and 2022.”

[ApplyBoard, [2/21/24](#)]

**F-1 Student Visas Allow International Students To Study At U.S Higher Education Institutions.** “If you would like to study as a full-time student in the United States, you will generally need a student visa. There are two nonimmigrant visa categories for persons wishing to study in the United States. These visas are commonly known as the F and M visas. You may enter in the F-1 or M-1 visa category provided you meet the following criteria: You must be enrolled in an ‘academic’ educational program, a language-training program, or a vocational program Your school must be approved by the Student and Exchange Visitors Program, Immigration & Customs Enforcement You must be enrolled as a full-time student at the institution You must be proficient in English or be enrolled in courses leading to English proficiency You must have sufficient funds available for self-support during the entire proposed course of study You must maintain a residence abroad which you have no intention of giving up. The F-1 Visa (Academic Student) allows you to enter the United States as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, seminary, conservatory, academic high school, elementary school, or other academic institution or in a language training program. You must be enrolled in a program or course of study that culminates in a degree, diploma, or certificate and your school must be authorized by the U.S. government to accept international students. The M-1 visa (Vocational Student) category includes students in vocational or other nonacademic programs, other than language training.” [U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services, accessed [2/27/24](#)]

***Washington State Had 23,100 International Students In 2023 And International Students Provided Washington State With \$830.3 Million In Financial Contributions And Supported 6,415 Jobs In The State***

**Washington State Had 23,100 International Students In 2023.** According to open doors state fact sheets, Washington State has 23,100 international students studying in Washington state universities in 2022 and 2023.

[Open Doors, State Fact Sheets, accessed [2/27/24](#)]

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**Kent Wanted To Ban H-2B Visas That Help Non Agricultural International Workers Work In The U.S. In Industry’s Like Fishing And Forestry**

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***Washington’s 3rd Congressional District Contained 18 Businesses That Benefitted From H-2B Visas In The Agriculture, Forestry, And Fishing Industries***

**Washington’s 3rd District Contained 18 Businesses That Benefitted From H-2B Visas In The Agriculture, Forestry, And Fishing Industries.** According to U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services, Washington’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District contained 26 businesses that benefitted from H-2B Visas and were businesses mainly in the agriculture, forestry, and fishing industry. [U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services, accessed [2/27/24](#)]

Washington 3 <sup>rd</sup> Congressional Districts H-2B Visas							
Employer (Petitioner) Name	Industry Code	Occupation Code	Petitioner City	Work Site State	Hourly Wage	Initial Approval (Workers)	Continuing Approval (Workers)
C & V Reforestation Inc	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Chehalis	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	70	0
Camacho Evergreen Inc Cam123	Manufacturing	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	Chehalis	WA	\$14.00 - \$15.99	15	0
Camacho Evergreen Inc Cam123	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	Chehalis	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	18	0
Cascadia Forestry Inc	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Longview	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	36	0
Champion Greens Inc	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Production Occupations	Chehalis	WA	\$14.00 - \$15.99	11	0
Corruco Reforestation Inc	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Chehalis	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	15	0

Curtis Hill Forestry LLC	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Chehalis	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	0	29
D&D Forestry LLC	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Centralia	WA	\$20.00 and more	15	0
Four Seasons Forestry Services Inc	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Chehalis	WA	\$9.99 and under	17	0
Four Seasons Forestry Services Inc	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Chehalis	WA	\$9.99 and under	0	3
G R Green Mountain Llc	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Longview	WA	\$18.00 - \$19.99	5	0
G R Green Mountain Llc	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Longview	WA	\$18.00 - \$19.99	10	0
Hugo Reforestation Inc	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Chehalis	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	0	60
Joses Reforestation	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Chehalis	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	15	0
Martinez Landscaping And Tree Serv	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Longview	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	30	0
Martinez Landscaping And Tree Serv	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Longview	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	0	14
Mt St Helens Reforestation Inc	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Chehalis	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	84	0
Mt St Helens Reforestation Inc	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Chehalis	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	0	36
Ramirez Reforestation Inc	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Chehalis	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	85	0
Ramon Coronel Reforestation Inc	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Chehalis	WA	\$18.00 - \$19.99	20	0
Ramos Reforestation Inc	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Kelso	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	0	38
Safe Coast Seafoods WA LLC	Wholesale Trade	Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	Ilwaco	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	27	0
Zaldivar S Forestry Corp	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Centralia	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	42	0
Zaldivar S Forestry Corp	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	Centralia	WA	\$16.00 - \$17.99	0	3
<b>Total:</b>						515	183

[U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services, accessed [2/27/24](#)]

*NOTE: All the businesses listed are the Petitioners and are located in Washington’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District and have the job listed as being located in Washington. There are more businesses in Washington’s 3<sup>rd</sup> District who petitioned and got H-2B Visas, but the work site was outside of the state.*

**Five Out Of The Fifteen Top Companies In 2020 Who Requested And Received H-2B Visas Were In Washington And In The Fishing Industry**

**Five Out Of The Fifteen Top Companies In 2020 Who Requested And Received H-2B Visas Were In Washington And In The Fishing Industry.** “Five out of the fifteen Table 1 below shows the top 15 companies, by the number of approved workers, that submitted petitions for H-2B workers in FY 2020. In addition, the table shows the number of petitions filed by all other companies. In total, the top 15 petitioners were approved for 12,816 workers or about 14 percent of all approved H-2B workers in FY 2020. Note that the number of approved beneficiaries may not reflect the number of workers ultimately issued visas by the Department of State (DOS) or that acquired H-2B status because, among other reasons, some positions may not have been filled, some approved workers may not have received a visa from DOS, or some workers ultimately may not have traveled to the United States.” [Department of Homeland Security, H–2B Visa Program Reporting: Top 15 Petitioners, [1/29/21](#)]

Last Four Digits of the Tax ID Number	Petitioner (Company) Name	Petitioner’s State	Number of Approved Beneficiaries
2463	TRIDENT SEAFOODS CORP	Washington	1,852
7036	PROGRESSIVE SOLUTIONS LLC	Arkansas	1,401
2760	IMPERIAL PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS LLC	Northern Mariana Islands	1,092
7126	UNISEA INC	Washington	977
4879	ALPHA SERVICES LLC	Idaho	938
8309	FAITH FORESTRY SERVICES INC	Mississippi	933
2025	SILVER BAY SEAFOODS LLC	Washington	798
2180	ICICLE SEAFOODS INC	Washington	749
6456	PETER PAN SEAFOODS INC	Washington	664
4313	BVL3834 BRIGHTVIEW LANDSCAPES LLC	Pennsylvania	625
5468	ISCIN LLC	Texas	600
0454	CORE TECH CONSTRUCTION CORP	Guam	576
3151	GREAT ARROW BUILDERS LLC	Pennsylvania	566
6297	ABC PROFESSIONAL TREE SERVICES INC	Virginia	546
4616	BLACK CONSTRUCTION CORP	Guam	499
All Other Companies			79,899

[Department of Homeland Security, H–2B Visa Program Reporting: Top 15 Petitioners, [1/29/21](#)]

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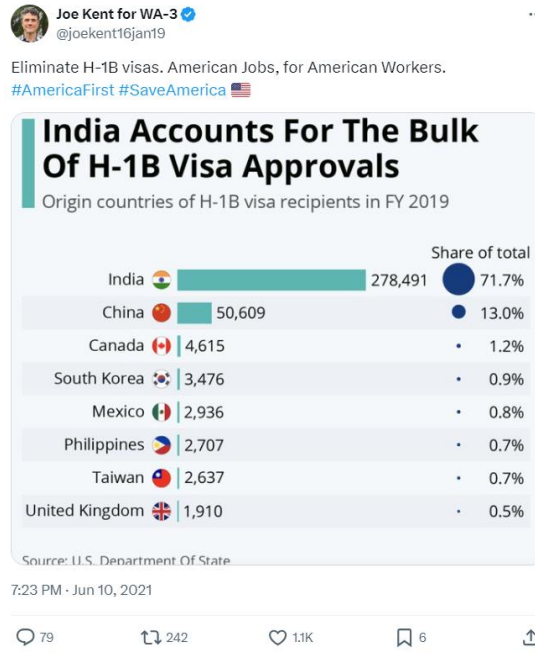
**Kent Supported Hurting Washington Businesses By Eliminating 10,266 Jobs By Eliminating H-1B Visas**

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***Kent Supported Eliminating H-1B Visas***

**Kent Supported Eliminating H-1B Visas.** “‘This isn’t our fight. We have enough problems right here,’ he said in an interview. He supports shutting the door to virtually all immigration, including banning H-1B visas used by tech firms such as Microsoft to hire highly skilled workers.” [The Seattle Time, [4/11/22](#)]

**In A Tweet, Kent Called To Eliminate H-1B Visas.** In a Tweet, Kent said, “Eliminate H-1B visas. American Jobs, for American Workers. #AmericaFirst #SaveAmerica” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [6/10/21](#)]



[Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [6/10/21](#)]

***H-1B Visas Are A Type Of Work Visa That Allows Foreign Nationals To Fill Specialty Occupations, There Were Rules “In Order To Protect Similarly Employed U.S. Workers From Being Adversely Affected By The Employment Of The Nonimmigrant Workers”***

**H-1B Visas Are A Type Of Work Visa That Allows Foreign Nationals To Fill Specialty Occupations, There Were Rules “In Order To Protect Similarly Employed U.S. Workers From Being Adversely Affected By The Employment Of The Nonimmigrant Workers.”** “The H-1B program applies to employers seeking to hire nonimmigrant aliens as workers in specialty occupations or as fashion models of distinguished merit and ability. A specialty occupation is one that requires the application of a body of highly specialized knowledge and the attainment of at least a bachelor’s degree or its equivalent. The intent of the H-1B provisions is to help employers who cannot otherwise obtain needed business skills and abilities from the U.S. workforce by authorizing the temporary employment of qualified individuals who are not otherwise authorized to work in the United States. The law establishes certain standards in order to protect similarly employed U.S. workers from being adversely affected by the employment of the nonimmigrant workers, as well as to protect the H-1B nonimmigrant workers. Employers must attest to the Department of Labor that they will pay wages to the H-1B nonimmigrant workers that are at least equal to the actual wage paid by the employer to other workers with similar experience and qualifications for the job in question, or the prevailing wage for the occupation in the area of intended employment – whichever is greater.” [U.S. Department of Labor, H-1B Program, accessed [2/29/24](#)]

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**Kent Wanted To End Birthright Citizenship, DACA, And Make Sure There Was “Zero Pathway To Citizenship For Illegals Or Their Children”**

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**Kent Opposed Birthright Citizenship And Wanted To End It, Changing The 14th Amendment**

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**Kent Opposed Birthright Citizenship And Wanted To End It, Changing The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment Of The Constitution.** “He also said he wants to end birthright citizenship, which makes any person born in the United States a citizen, as defined by the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. ‘I think that has created a perverse incentive system that brings people over to this country, so I think we need to do away with that completely to end that incentive system,’ Kent said.” [KGW8 News, [10/28/22](#)]

- **Kent Said The Only Type Of Immigration That He Supports Is Through Marriage.** “James, after first bringing up Fuentes, asked Kent: ‘Do you support a complete shutdown on all immigration for the next 20 years, at the very least, to give people time to assimilate? Because we have these massive enclaves that are forming all across the country where people don’t even have the most fundamental form of assimilation, which is language.’ In response, Kent said currently the only form of immigration he supports is through marriage, because it leads to the formation of more families.” [The Chronicle, [3/11/22](#)]
- **Kent Wanted To End Birthright Citizenship.** “The candidates also offered varying perspectives on immigration, with Yakhour describing illegal border crossings as ‘a slow, crippling death for us, the conservative movement,’ and St. John calling the United States ‘a nation of immigrants.’ ‘We love our immigrants here,’ she said. But ‘what we’re seeing happen now is people come across our border who hate the country ... It’s like it’s open season on the United States of America and our sovereignty right now.’ Kent, on the other hand, said he would place a moratorium on all legal and illegal immigration and end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. ‘Tell anyone that’s here, if you’re here illegally, you self-deport now. There is no pathway to citizenship here if you are here illegally,’ he said. ‘And that goes for your children too. We get rid of birthright citizenship.’” [The Chronicle, [8/13/21](#)]

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### **In A Tweet Kent Called For “Zero Pathway To Citizenship For Illegals Or Their Children”**

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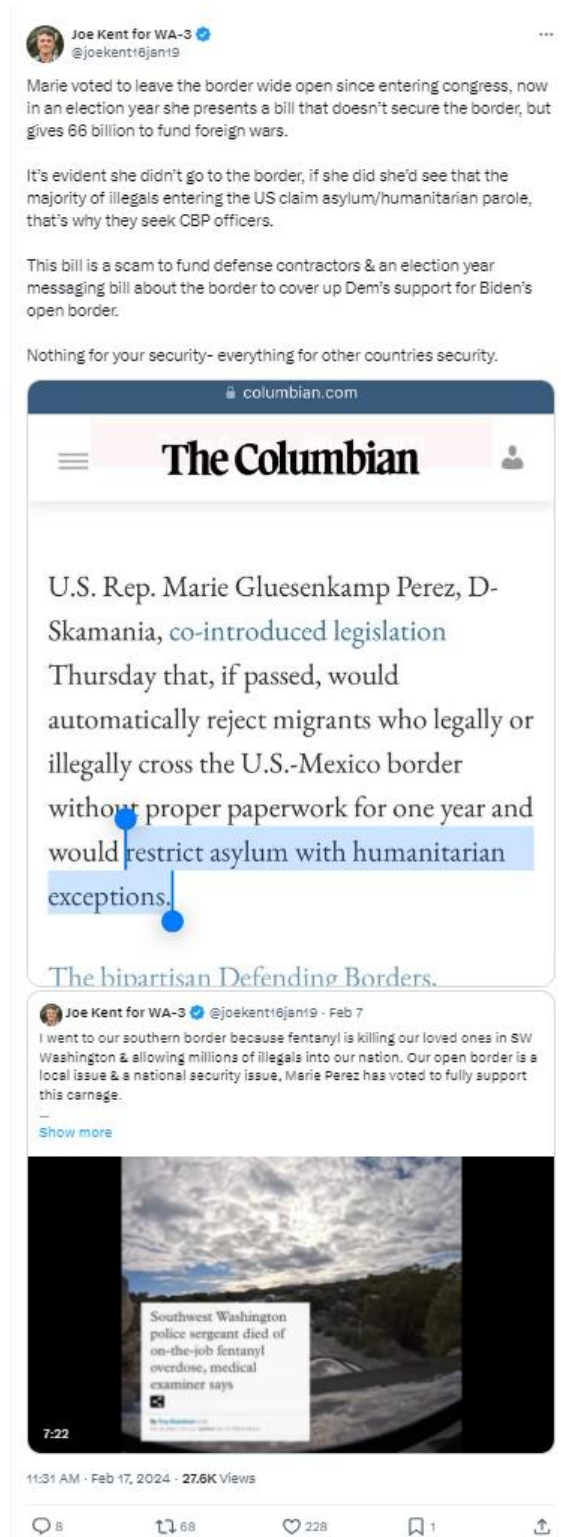


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**Kent Opposed Two Bipartisan Efforts To Secure The Border, And Instead Of Offering Solutions Reiterated He Wanted No Amnesty, No Tolerance, And Mass Deportations At The Border**

**Kent Called A Bipartisan House Bill To Fund U.S Allies And Tighten Border Security A “Scam”**

**Kent Called A Bipartisan House Bill To Fund U.S Allies And Tighten Border Security A “Scam.”** In a Tweet, Kent said, “Marie voted to leave the border wide open since entering congress, now in an election year she presents a bill that doesn’t secure the border, but gives 66 billion to fund foreign wars. It’s evident she didn’t go to the border, if she did she’d see that the majority of illegals entering the US claim asylum/humanitarian parole, that’s why they seek CBP officers. This bill is a scam to fund defense contractors & an election year messaging bill about the border to cover up Dem’s support for Biden’s open border. Nothing for your security- everything for other countries security.” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [2/17/24](#)]



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**The Bipartisan House Bill On The Border Would Tighten Border Security by Reinstating The Remain In Mexico Policy, Suspend The Entry Of Migrants If Necessary To Achieve Control Of The Border And Would Require Immigration Officers To Either Detain Or Expel Migrants Deemed Inadmissible**

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**The Bipartisan House Bill On The Border Would Tighten Border Security.** “A bipartisan group of eight House

lawmakers on Friday unveiled a \$66.3 billion proposal to fund military aid for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan in a bid to break the House logjam on the issue before Kyiv's war effort sputters. The measure, spearheaded by Ukraine Caucus co-Chair Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.), is a narrower version of the \$95 billion aid package passed by the Senate this week. The House counterproposal removes tens of billions of dollars in humanitarian and economic aid for Ukraine and Gaza included in the upper chamber's bill and leaves the military portion that was in the Senate bill. The bipartisan bill also includes provisions aimed at tightening border security and winning over Republicans who won't approve Ukraine aid without addressing the border." [Politico, [2/16/24](#)]

**The House Bill Would Reinstate Remain In Mexico Policy.** "The House measure would, for one year, reinstate the Trump-era 'Remain in Mexico' policy, requiring migrants seeking asylum to wait in Mexico while their claims are adjudicated. It would also, for one year, allow the secretary of Homeland Security to suspend the entry of migrants if necessary to achieve 'operational control' of the U.S.-Mexico border. The measure would require immigration officers to either detain or expel migrants deemed 'inadmissible' without hearing or review, with certain exceptions. 'The provisions in this bipartisan proposal are only active for one year because it's not meant to be the ultimate fix — it's a much-needed, long-overdue patch that will help secure the border while simultaneously supporting our friends and allies around the world,' said Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer, R-Ore., a sponsor of the bill." [Roll Call, [2/16/24](#)]

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### **Kent Called On Every Republicans To Be A "Hard No" On The Bipartisan Senate Border Bill And Said To "Kill" The Bipartisan Senate Border Bill**

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**Kent Called On Every Republicans To Be A "Hard No" On The Bipartisan Senate Border Bill.** In a tweet, Kent said, "Must read this border / foreign aid bill is trash. Every Republican must be a hard no. Biden can secure the border, make him do it." [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [2/4/24](#)]



[Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [2/4/24](#)]

**Kent Said To “Kill” The Bipartisan Senate Border Bill, Saying It “Codifies The Invasion.”** In a tweet, Kent said, “Biden can secure the border now via executive action & HR2. The bipartisan bill codifies the invasion, kill it, no other bills pass until the border is secure. The house already passed aid for Israel & paid for it, a new bill isn’t needed & creating more debt for foreign aid is an insult to the American ppl. More than \$ or any weapon, Israel needs us to stop funding Iran. Cut off Iraq/Qatar & the UN. Our policy in Ukraine has led a generation of Ukrainians to the grave, emboldened China & depleted our military supplies. Be pragmatic, get both sides to the negotiating table.” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [2/5/24](#)]



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**Senators Released A Bipartisan Border Security Bill To Tighten Immigration And Asylum Laws.** “Senators released the long-awaited text of a bipartisan agreement to impose tougher immigration and asylum laws Sunday, as Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer eyes votes on the package this week. The \$118 billion package includes a series of provisions aimed at reducing record high crossings at the southern border and tightening an asylum system that has been overwhelmed by migrants fleeing their homes to seek refuge. It also includes critical aid to Israel, Ukraine and Taiwan, which Republicans have said they’ll only support if it is paired with significant new U.S. immigration restrictions.” [NBC, [2/4/24](#)]

**The Agreement “Would Be The Most Aggressive Border Security And Migration Overhaul Bill In Decades If It Passes Congress.”** “The agreement — reached by Sens. James Lankford, R-Okla., Chris Murphy, D-Conn., and Kyrsten Sinema, I-Ariz. — would be the most aggressive border security and migration overhaul bill in decades if it passes Congress. It would raise the standard to get asylum, send away those who don’t qualify and expedite cases for those who do. ‘The Senate’s bipartisan agreement is a monumental step towards strengthening America’s national security abroad and along our borders,’ Schumer, D-N.Y., said in a statement. ‘This is one of the most necessary and important pieces of legislation Congress has put forward in years to ensure America’s future prosperity and security.’” [NBC, [2/4/24](#)]

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**The Bill Would Allow The Department Of Homeland Security To Shut Down The Border.** “The bill includes a new emergency authority that would allow the Department of Homeland Security to, as Biden has put it, ‘shut down’ the border if there are too many migrants trying to cross. DHS could close the border if Border Patrol encountered 4,000 or more migrants on average over seven days. The border would have to be shut down if those encounters reached a seven-day average of 5,000 or if they exceeded 8,500 in a single day. The border couldn’t be shut down under this authority for more than 270 days in the first year. And the bill would give the president the power to suspend a border closure ‘on an emergency basis for up to 45 days if it is in the national interest.’” [NBC, [2/4/24](#)]

**The Bill Would End Catch And Release.** “The bill would also end the practice of ‘catch and release.’ If passed into law, the bill would allow migrants who come to the border through lawful ports of entry and families to enter the U.S. under federal supervision for 90 days while they complete asylum interviews. Those who pass would receive work permits as they await adjudication of their claims. Those who fail would be removed from the U.S. and repatriated to their home countries or to Mexico. The bill would mandate detaining migrants who try to enter the U.S. outside of official ports of entry, pending any asylum claims. Those who fail would also be removed. The bill allocates funding for repatriation flights up to 77 per day.” [NBC, [2/4/24](#)]

- **Trump Wanted To Use The Border In His 2024 Rematch With Biden.** “But the deal is mired in election-year politics, and it’s unclear whether it has the support to pass the Senate, where it will need at least 60 votes to defeat a guaranteed filibuster. Conservative senators have been mobilizing against the deal, egged on by former President Donald Trump, who has told Republicans to reject it if it isn’t ‘perfect.’ He has also falsely suggested that the bill would allow 5,000 illegal border crossings per day as he seeks to wield border chaos as a political weapon in a likely 2024 rematch against President Joe Biden, who quickly endorsed the bill.” [NBC, [2/4/24](#)]

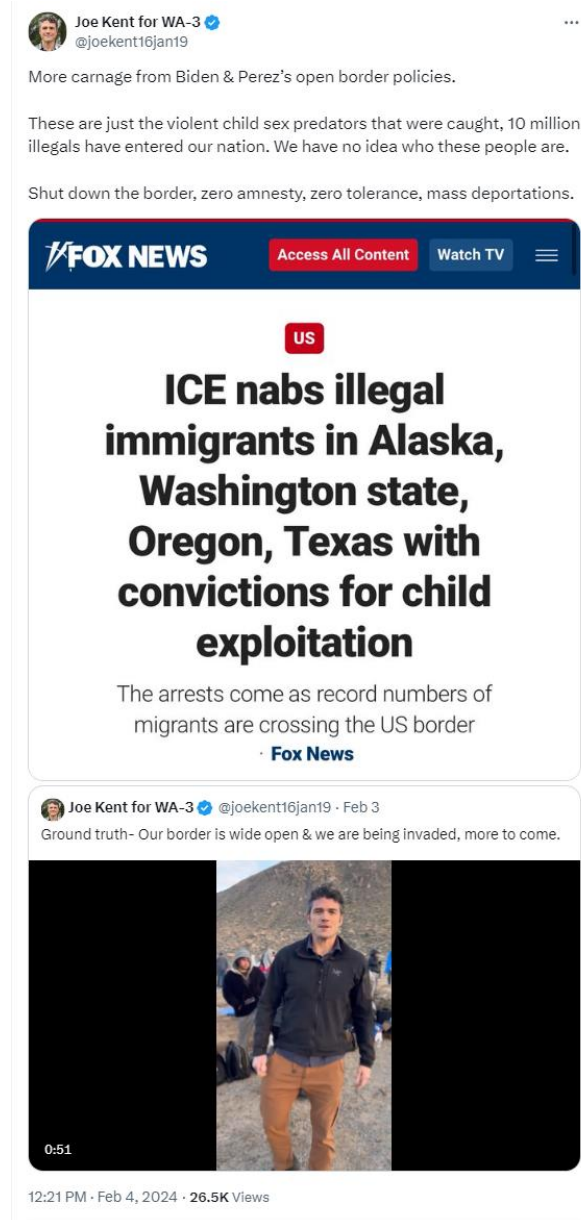
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**Kent Call To “Shut Down The Border, Zero Amnesty, Zero Tolerance, Mass Deportations.”** In a tweet, Kent

said, “More carnage from Biden & Perez’s open border policies. These are just the violent child sex predators that were caught, 10 million illegals have entered our nation. We have no idea who these people are. Shut down the border, zero amnesty, zero tolerance, mass deportations.” [Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [2/4/24](#)]



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**Kent Wanted To Defund The Department Of Homeland Security And U.S. Customs And Border Protection If They Were Not Deporting Illegal Immigrants.** KENT: “I mean the short answer is we have to win a stronger majority in the House of Representatives. Like right now we have a razor thin majority. For some reason Republicans, about 100 of them, thought it’d be a good idea to kick one of our members out, so now we have even less of a majority right now in the house. And then the Senate is controlled by the Democrats and obviously the

executive branch with Biden there and all the unelected bureaucrats that lean heavy left. So the, the odds are stacked against us. So we need a stronger majority in the House. We've got to take the Senate. We're basically two seats away from doing that, in the Senate, so it's very doable. And I personally believe the Republicans are gonna win the executive branch in 2024. I favor Trump, I think it's gonna be Trump. So if we can make that happen we've got to get very serious very very quickly. Number one to secure the border. And I think we have to have the presidency back because we need him to have our military to go down there and actually fortify that border and basically to militarize it which is why they're invading right now. Something that we can do from the congressional level then is go through those different organizations like CBP and DHS and say look, you need to show us that you are actively deporting illegal aliens or you will be defunded and we'll find another agency that can actively take care of this. That's the power that the Congress has." [Immigration, Town Hall at Old Town burger and Breakfast, 22:29, [12/5/23](#)] (VIDEO)

**Kent Wanted Congress To Take Away The Department Of Homeland Security's Money Because They Were Not Doing Their Job.** KENT: "When I get to Congress, I mean the big thing, Congress controls the purse strings. So right now we've only got a slim majority in congress, we don't control the Senate, we don't control the executive branch. I personally think Congress shouldn't have moved the last budget forward until Biden secured the border. But then also they can go through programmatically they can say hey border patrol, what are you guys doing right now? Oh you're participating in the invasion of our country? Check it out, we're not gonna fund you. So they can actually, Congress can claw back that money for border patrol, for DHS, because look, that's the only thing these guys understand. I mean we can impeach Mayorkas, that's great, and we should impeach Mayorkas because he's one of the, the head figures in charge of all this. In theory he's in charge of DHS. But until we start taking their money and saying like, if you guys won't actually do your job, why would we give you money? That's one of the things Congress is supposed to do. [Immigration, Town Hall at Brock's Bar and Grill, 22:29, [1/26/24](#)] (VIDEO)

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**The Department Of Homeland Security Protects The U.S. Land Borders With Canada And Mexico, And They Manage The Flow Of People That Came Into The U.S.** "The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) protects our country's borders and manages the flow of people and products into and out of the United States. Here are some of the ways they do this. Protect and Manage Air, Land, and Water Borders DHS guards our land borders with Canada and Mexico, and patrols our coasts including the Atlantic, Pacific, and Arctic oceans, as well as the Gulf of Mexico. They also guard our 'borders in the air' at each airport where planes from foreign countries land. Whether it's a Customs and Border Patrol agent on horseback, a Coast Guard member on a boat, or a Transportation Safety Administration employee at an airport, DHS employees are working to protect our borders." [Department of Homeland Security, Employee Resources, accessed [3/8/24](#)]

**Securing And Managing The U.S. Border Was A Priority Mission For The Department Of Homeland Security.** "Securing and managing our borders have been priority mission areas for DHS since its creation The United States shares 7,500 miles of land border with Canada and Mexico, as well as rivers, lakes and coastal waters along both borders. In addition, our international airports receive international flights, serving as the primary entry point into the United States for large volumes of travelers and commercial goods. Land, sea, and air borders are important economic gateways that account for trillions of dollars in trade and travel each year and are found in many of our nation's largest cities and are integral parts of many American communities. Protecting our borders from the illicit movement of weapons, drugs, contraband, and people, while promoting lawful entry and exit, and lawful trade, is essential to homeland security, economic prosperity, and national sovereignty." [Department of Homeland Security, Border Security, accessed [3/8/24](#)]

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a comprehensive approach to border management and control, combining customs, immigration, border security, and agricultural protection into one coordinated and supportive activity.” [Department of Homeland Security, Border Security, accessed [3/8/24](#)]

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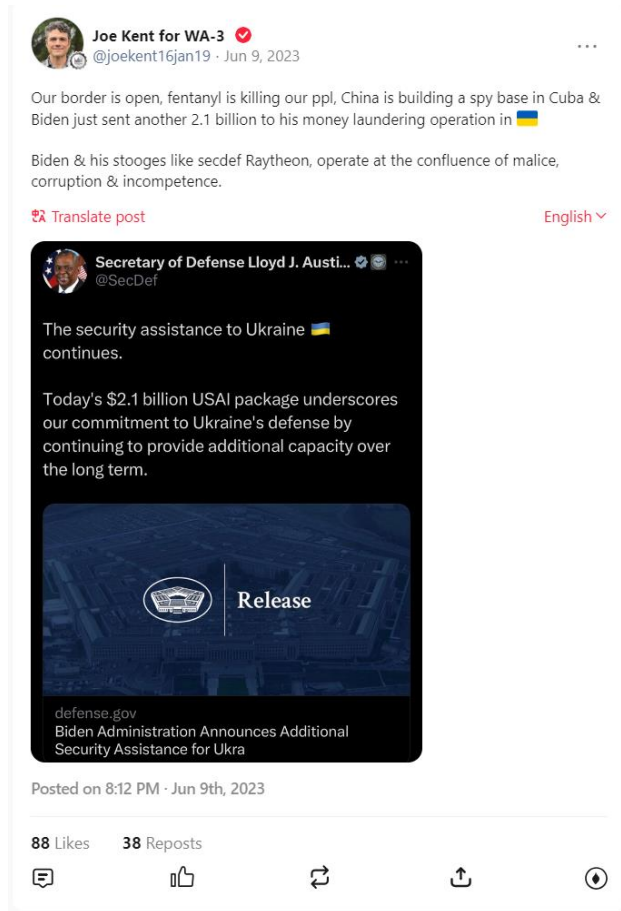
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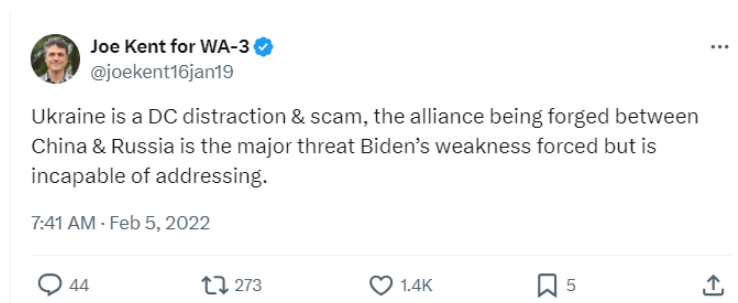
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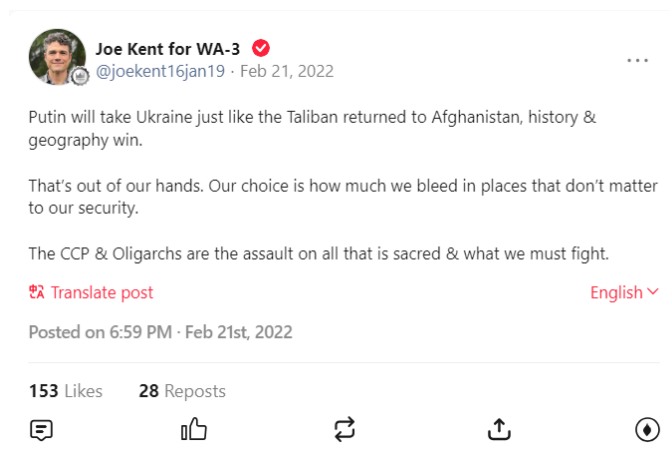
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### **Kent Said That “Putin Will Take Ukraine” Because “History & Geography Win”**

**Kent Said That “Putin Will Take Ukraine” Because “History & Geography Win.”** In a tweet, Kent said, “Putin will take Ukraine just like the Taliban returned to Afghanistan, history & geography win. That’s out of our hands. Our choice is how much we bleed in places that don’t matter to our security. The CCP & Oligarchs are the assault on all that is sacred & what we must fight.” [Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [2/21/22](#)]



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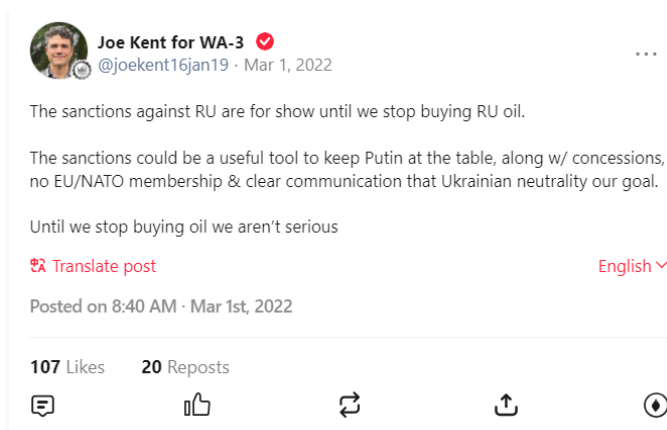
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**“Thug.”** “Apparently, he thinks Zelensky is one of them, too. Though he did not use the qualifier of ‘reasonable’ when describing the Ukrainian president. Kent again represented a controversial opinion and misaligned with the majority of his party when he took to Twitter on Saturday to say that Rep. Madison Cawthorn, R-North Carolina, ‘nailed it’ when he called Zelensky a ‘thug.’ ‘Zelenskyy was installed via a US backed color reevaluation, his goal is to move his county west so he virtue signals in woke ideology while using nazi battalions to crush his enemies,’ Kent wrote on social media. ‘He was also smart enough to cut our elite in on the graft.’ Kent's position runs contrary to incumbent Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground, who he is seeking to unseat. In a recent statement, the congresswoman called Russia's aggression in Ukraine ‘unwarranted,’ and included a list of legislative actions she has taken to support Ukraine, one of which was: ‘Helping Congress advance funding this week totaling \$13.6 billion in security assistance to Ukraine. This is in addition to the \$3.1 billion since 2014, which includes anti-aircraft weaponry, helicopters, and other vital equipment.’” [The Chronicle, [3/14/22](#)]

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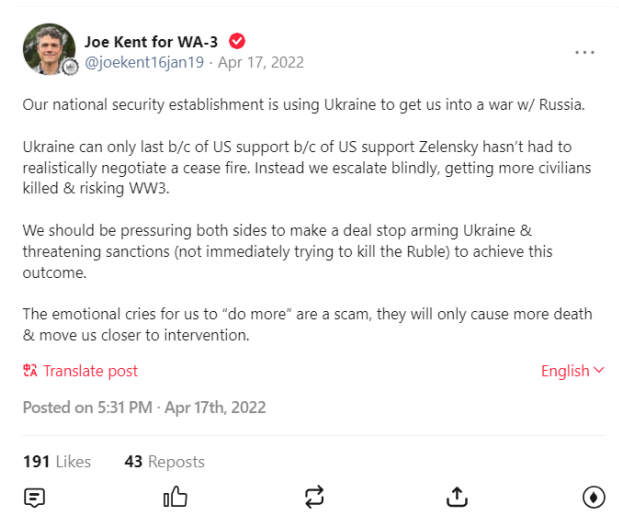
**Kent Described The U.S. Funding Of Ukraine As “The Worst Possible Alternative” To Handling The War In Eastern Europe.** “There are two potential pathways that their advocates say could put an end to the conflict in Ukraine. One is to insist on an immediate armistice and peace negotiations. The other is to grant Ukraine NATO membership which would obligate the U.S. and other NATO countries to push Russia out of Ukraine. While I support the former, I can understand why many Ukrainian advocates support the latter. However, Democratic Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez and the Biden administration support neither of those options and instead have chosen the worst possible alternative: enrich defense contractors and oligarchs with billions of U.S. tax dollars as Ukrainian civilians fight and die against a superior military, all while opposing the one thing that could help them win — NATO membership.” [The Columbian, Joe Kent Op/Ed, [9/18/23](#)]

- **U.S. Assistance To Ukraine Has Been Critical In Ukraine’s Defense Against Russian Aggression.** “The United States is announcing the year’s final package of weapons and equipment for Ukraine. Our assistance has been critical to supporting our Ukrainian partners as they defend their country and their freedom against Russia’s aggression. This package provides up to \$250 million of arms and equipment under previously directed drawdowns for Ukraine. Capabilities provided in today’s package include air defense munitions, other air defense system components, additional ammunition for high mobility artillery rocket systems, 155mm and 105mm artillery ammunition, anti-armor munitions, and over 15 million rounds of ammunition. A coalition of more than 50 countries continues to provide critical support for Ukraine’s forces. It is imperative that Congress act swiftly, as soon as possible, to advance our national security interests by helping Ukraine defend itself and secure its future.” [U.S. Embassy Ukraine, [12/27/23](#)]

**Kent Wanted To Stop Money From Going To Ukraine.** KENT: (laughs) “What’s my position on continuing to fund Ukraine? So the only thing that we should be working towards with Ukraine right now is a ceasefire, is getting people to the negotiating table. We have spent, I don’t think it’s possible the accurate numbers, I think we’re approaching the \$2 billion dollar mark. And basically all that we’ve done is get a generation of Ukrainians killed. We said ‘hey, we’re gonna be with you guys until the very end.’ That’s just not sustainable. We pushed them basically into the charnel house, into the meat grinder, supplying minimal weapons. There was no accountability, there was no oversight for where those weapons were going. We know there’s massive fraud in there. The Democrats fought us tooth and nail on attempting to get an auditor in. And so now we’ve got the situation where it’s become a massive money pit. Ukrainians—It was always impossible, short of NATO going to war with Russia, it was always impossible for Ukraine to take back that territory from Russia. [...] All we’re doing is getting Ukrainians killed. We simply can’t afford it. Like we have to be very, very honest. [...] So I think we need to stop how much money is going to Ukraine. Now, I’m willing to say hey if Zelensky is willing to sit down at the negotiating table, or whoever ends up being in charge in Ukraine, is willing to sit down at the negotiating table, we can talk about funding to keep their government going. But anything else that we do give them, it needs to come

equally from NATO.” [Ukraine, Town Hall at Duck Inn, 22:32, [12/13/23](#)] (VIDEO)

**Kent Wanted To Stop Arming Ukraine And Didn't Want To Kill The Ruble.** “Our national security establishment is using Ukraine to get us into a war w/ Russia. Ukraine can only last b/c of US support b/c of US support Zelensky hasn't had to realistically negotiate a cease fire. Instead we escalate blindly, getting more civilians killed & risking WW3. We should be pressuring both sides to make a deal stop arming Ukraine & threatening sanctions (not immediately trying to kill the Ruble) to achieve this outcome. The emotional cries for us to ‘do more’ are a scam, they will only cause more death & move us closer to intervention.” [Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [4/17/22](#)]



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## Kent Attacked Democrats For Supporting A “Radical Trans Agenda”

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**Kent Compared The “Gay Agenda” And “Trans Ideology” To The Maoist Cultural Revolution.** HOST: “So you go into a library, you're going into a school and you're seeing pride flags all over the place and I want to be clear again, I say this every podcast I do where we discuss this, we've got gay members, we've got members with gay kids. This isn't about sexual orientation. My children do not need a sexual spirit guide at school. [...] But what does it mean to you as a veteran when you walk into schools and you're seeing these other flags being flown and maybe not even the American flag?” KENT: “Yeah, you know, I was a Green Beret, so unconventional warfare is something I specialized in and walking into a school and seeing the flags of other countries, seeing these essentially these made-up flags. I mean, the pride flag gets a new symbol, or a new color added to it, I think every June they unveil a new pride flag that has another group that's included in it, but seeing this to me it's very clear indoctrination. Yes, the trans ideology and the Gay Agenda that's pretty unique to United States. However, if you just look at the basic methodology, this is the exact same thing that's done the world over. The Cultural Revolution that we saw in China, the way that Mao really sought to break up of the nuclear family and to take control of the children and you hear Biden use a lot of this language. He says, there our kids, you know, it's very nefarious, when you really look at the underpinnings and what they're trying to do.” [Moms for Liberty via YouTube, 11:40, uploaded, [11/13/23](#)] (VIDEO)

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**Kent Called The “Gay Agenda” And “Trans Ideology” In Schools “Very Sophisticated, Unconventional Warfare And Psychological Warfare That's Being Waged On The American People.”** HOST: “So let's dive into a little bit your military background and how that informs your perspective. So you go into a library, you're going into a school and you're seeing pride flags all over the place and I want to be clear again, I say this every podcast I do where we discuss this, we've got gay members, we've got members with gay kids. This isn't about sexual orientation. My children do not need a sexual spirit guide at school. [...] But what does it mean to you as a veteran when you walk into schools and you're seeing these other flags being flown and maybe not even the American flag?” KENT: “Yeah, you know, I was a Green Beret, so unconventional warfare is something I specialized in and walking into a school and seeing the flags of other countries, seeing these essentially these made up flags. I mean, the pride flag gets a new symbol, or a new color added to it, I think every June they unveil a new pride flag that has another group that's included in it, but seeing this it to me it's very clear indoctrination. Yes, the trans ideology and the Gay Agenda that's pretty unique to United States. However, if you just look at the basic methodology, this is the exact same thing that's done the world over. [...] They're trying to take away the things that unite us, which is what our national flag does, or the American flag unites us, regardless of your sexual orientation, your skin color, any of that says hey, we're all Americans. You're here at an American public school. And this is what unites us. Having all these different subgroups is done very deliberately. It's done to confuse kids and to break up the nuclear family. It's done to pit people against each other. It's really about division, and it's really about giving the people that control the system, this managerial class, giving them control. So, I see it as you know, very sophisticated, unconventional warfare and psychological warfare that's being waged on the American people. And the critical terrain, the hill that they want to take, so to speak, is our children to break up the nuclear family.” [Moms for Liberty via Youtube, 13:54, uploaded, [11/13/23](#)] (VIDEO)

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**Kent Criticized The VA And The State Department For Fighting Against LGBTQ Discrimination And Criticized The Department Of Defense For Hiring A Soldier Who Happened To Also Be A Drag Queen**

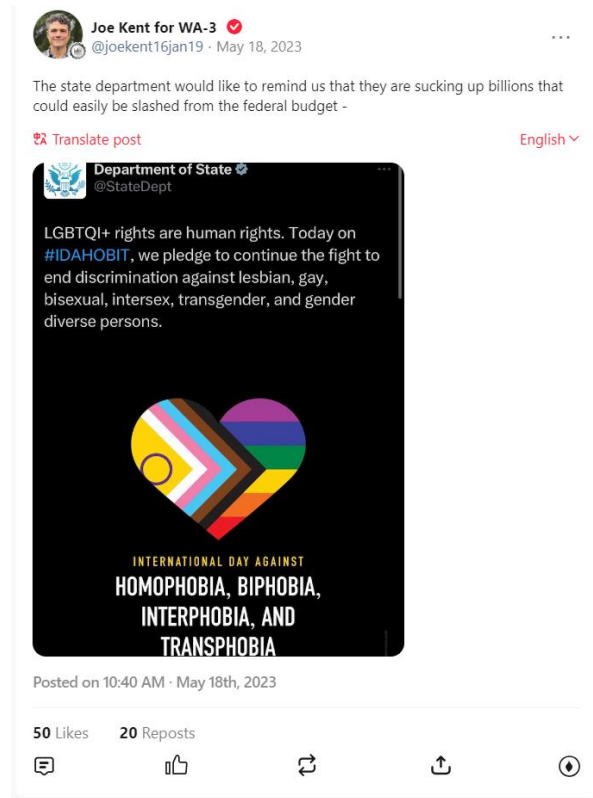
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**The Department Of State Released A Tweet Saying They Would Continue To Fight To End Discrimination Against LGBTQ+, And Kent Replied He Would Like To Cut That Funding From Their Budget.** In a Gettr post, Kent replied to a tweet from the Department of State, saying, “The state department would like to remind us that they are sucking up billions that could easily be slashed from the federal budget –“ After the State Department posted a tweet saying they would continue to fight to end discrimination against LGBTQ+ individuals. [Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [5/18/23](#)]



[Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [5/18/23](#)]

**In A Questionnaire, Kent Strongly Disagreed With Making Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity Protected Classes In Non-Discrimination Laws.** STATEMENT: “Sexual orientation and gender identity should be protected classes in non-discrimination laws.” KENT: “Strongly Disagree Sexual orientation and gender identity have no place being discussed in classrooms.” [ivoterguide, accessed [3/25/24](#)]

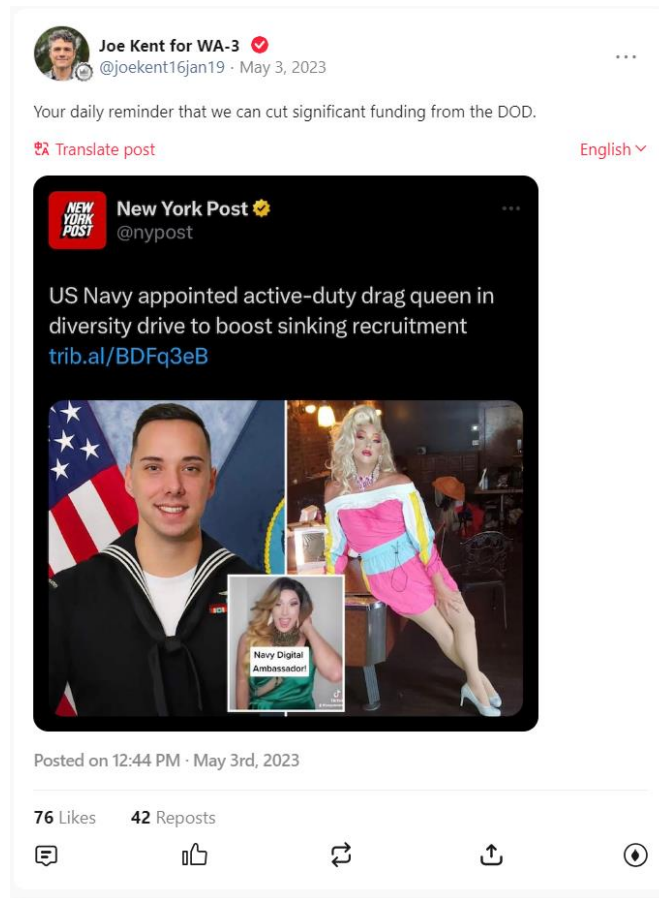
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**Kent Criticized The Navy For Appointing Yeoman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Joshua Kelly To Be Their Digital Ambassador Because He Was Also A Drag Queen, Kent Then Said They Can “Cut Significant Funding From The DOD”**

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**Kent Said In A Gettr Post “Your Daily Reminder That We Can Cut Significant Funding From The DOD” After The Navy Appointed A Drag Queen To Be Their Digital Ambassador.** Kent posted on Gettr, “Your daily reminder that we can cut significant funding from the DOD.” After the Navy appointed a drag queen to be their digital ambassador. [Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [5/3/23](#)]





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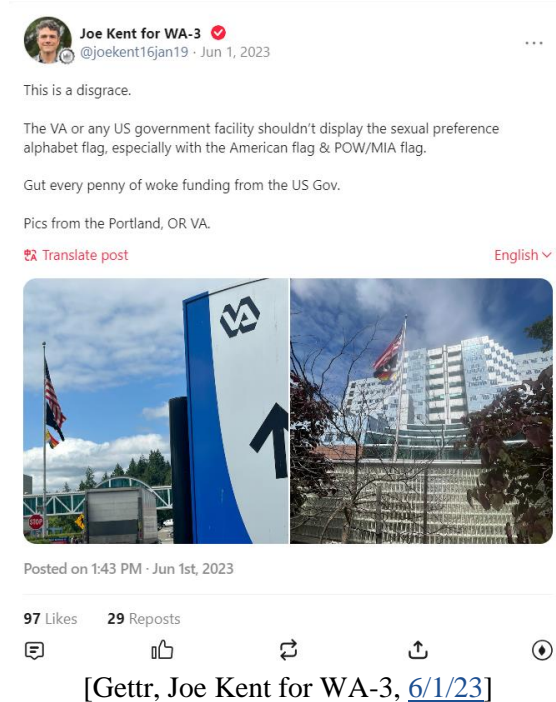
- The Navy Appointed Joshua Kelley, A Yeoman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class And A Drag Queen To Be Their Digital Ambassador.** ‘The U.S. Navy has received harsh criticism after appointing an active-duty drag queen to be a ‘digital ambassador’ in a new effort to attract recruits as it is not expected to meet recruiting goals this year. The military branch designated Yeoman 2nd Class Joshua Kelley as the first of five Navy Digital Ambassadors in a pilot program that ran from October to March, according to the New York Post. Kelley, whose stage name is Harpy Daniels and who identifies as non-binary, joined the Navy in 2016 and said their experience as a sailor has ‘been a blessing.’ [The Hill, [5/5/23](#)]

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**Kent Called It A “Disgrace” That The VA Displayed A “Sexual Preference Alphabet Flag.”** In a Gettr post, Kent said, “This is a disgrace. The VA or any US government facility shouldn’t display the sexual preference alphabet flag, especially with the American flag & POW/MIA flag. Gut every penny of woke funding from the US Gov. Pics from the Portland, OR VA.” [Gettr, Joe Kent for WA-3, [6/1/23](#)]



**Kent Had Criticized Democrats For Voting Against The VA Because Trans Surgeries Were Removed, And Voting Against The Parents Bills Of Rights, And Allowing Men To Play In Women's Sports**

**Kent Criticized Democrats For Voting Against VA Funding Because Transgender Surgeries Were Removed From VA Funding**

**Kent Criticized Democrats For Voting Against VA Funding Because Transgender Surgeries Were Removed From VA Funding.** KENT: "So uh, the VA number one, that money is the money that we earned with our blood. So we are entitled to that. The government will make good on that. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, VA benefits, that all has to get paid out before Washington DC wants to find a new war to fund, or fund a new pet project or a new agency, all of that has to be paid. We're not touching anyone's benefits. Because really those aren't benefits, that's what you earned. You either earned it by paying into your taxes with social security, or you earned it with your blood, your VA benefits. Marie Perez voted to defund the VA. So you're probably hearing ads on the radio right now where Marie Perez is saying 'hey veterans, let me know what you can do for you, I love our veterans, I love our veterans.' But at the same time she voted to defund the VA. Now she's been confronted about this, people have asked her why she voted to defund the VA. And she says something like 'well, I wanted to get the VA more money, so I voted to defund it.' How much sense does that make? I wanted to give it more money so I didn't fund it at all.' The real reason, if you listen to Hakeem Jeffries and you listen to the Democratic minority in Congress is because the House Republicans took out abortion services and transgender surgeries from the VA. Because common sense, the VA exists to support veterans who've been wounded in training or in war, not to be an abortion service, and not, most certainly, to give out gender reassignment surgeries. That's why all the Democrats bailed. The Republicans actually put more money into the VA than the current VA plan. So Perez and the Democrats, in order to advance their social justice issue, the woke ideology, this crazy trans nonsense, they were willing to defund the VA. So for me, number one I want to [inaudible] that the VA is always fully funded. I also want to expand veterans' choice, expand Tricare options because personally I think the VA, having to deal with them personally myself myself, they're fairly broken. It's a hit or miss, sometimes you have a good experience but a lot of times you get left on a waiting list. So I want the veterans to have way more choice." [Abortion, Joe Kent Town Hall Old Town Burger and Breakfast, 30:42, 12/5/23] (VIDEO)

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 **Joe Kent for WA-3** @joekent16jan19 · Sep 22, 2023  
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Dems like Perez are prioritizing this radical agenda over supporting our heros. Fund the veterans not this woke nonsense.



[Twitter, Joe Kent for WA-3, [9/22/23](#)]

## Kent Renamed The LGBTQ Acronym In To The LGBTQLMNOP

**Kent Renamed The LGBTQ Acronym In To The LGBTQLMNOP.** In a Telegram post Kent said, “This is how stupid the Biden admin thinks Americans are, our airspace is being violated & our sensitive military are vulnerable, what’s team feckless’s response? Tweet about LGBTLMNOP. It’s pathetic, insulting & negligent.” [Telegram, Joe Kent for Congress WA-03, [2/12/23](#)]



[Telegram, Joe Kent for Congress WA-03, [2/12/23](https://t.me/JoeKent4WA/1347)]

## **Kent Was An Unethical Candidate Who Had A History Of Not Properly Disclosing His Employer, Income, And Assets**

### **Significant Findings**

#### **Despite Six-Figure Income, Kent Failed To Report Any Assets On His 2022 Financial Disclosures, Not Even A Bank Account, Only To Then Suddenly Report Between \$46,001 – \$165,000 In Investment Assets On His 2023 Financial Disclosures**

- ✓ Kent failed to disclose a single asset on any of his four 2022 financial disclosures, even though he reported earning more than \$268,000 in earned income that year.
  - ✓ Candidates are required to report all assets held as an investment or the production of income valued at more than \$1,000.
- ✓ Kent reported between \$46,001 – \$165,000 in assets on his 2023 financial disclosure including one Roth IRA account with more than \$50,000 in value.
  - ✓ Kent was a candidate for Congress and was required to file an accurate PFD with the House Ethics Committee or face criminal and civil penalties.

#### **Kent Had A History Of Reporting Errors When Disclosing His Earned Income On His 2022 Financial Disclosures**

- ✓ Kent filed seven financial disclosures since February 2022, where he reported different dollar amounts for his 2022 earnings from a company with two different names.
  - ✓ 2022: Kent filed one financial disclosure and three amendments that reported income from an employer at two different dollar amounts and changed the name of the employer after two reports.
  - ✓ Kent claimed the company name changed, but public records showed any name change predated Kent's disclosures.

#### **An FEC Complaint Filed Against Kent's Campaign Alleged He Violated Campaign Finance Law By Accepting Excessive Contributions In The Form Of Polling And Salary Payments, The Kent Campaign Did Not Cooperate With The FEC**

- ✓ The complaint accused Kent of accepting prohibited contributions in two forms, in salary payments for an alleged "no show" job and polling paid for by an outside source.
- ✓ Kent's campaign denied the allegations but did not cooperate with the federal electoral commission while Kent's employer submitted a "more fulsome response."
  - ✓ Kent's employer claimed that their CEO, Sean Reed, paid into a polling group with personal funds to commission a poll but denied coordinating with the campaign despite allegations in the complaint.
- ✓ In a split 4-2 ruling, the FEC decided Kent did not receive prohibited in-kind contributions in the form of polling because sworn statements from Kent's employer stated the poll was conducted without coordination with the Kent campaign.

- ✓ The FEC ruled that all available information was insufficient to prove payments to Kent were for anything other than work for the company.

### **Matt Braynard, A Campaign Consultant And Volunteer For Joe Kent, May Have Been Directly Communicating With A Super PAC That Supported Kent, While He Was Still Connected To Kent's Campaign And Before The 120 Day Cooling Off Period Had Ended**

- ✓ QUB Consulting was registered at Matt Braynard's address and registered under his wife's name.
- ✓ Starting from November 3, 2022, QUB Consulting has received \$64,000 from Super PAC Pacific Northwest, the last received payment was in February 2023.
- ✓ 2022: Braynard claimed he had stopped working for the Kent campaign in November of 2022, but Braynard was still answering questions for the Kent campaign one day after QUB Consulting was paid for a text message blast in November 2022 by Pacific Northwest PAC.
- ✓ 2023: Braynard did not deny he wrote blog posts for Joe Kent for Congress in December 2023 and said he "long volunteered my services" to the campaign.
  - ✓ Federal law requires campaign staff and vendors to take a 120-day period before they can begin working with a Super PAC.
- ✓ Braynard did not deny that Pacific Northwest paid him through QUB consulting or deny that he was running QUB or receiving the payments from Pacific Northwest PAC and did not explain why Pacific Northwest was the only entity that had hired QUB.

### **Kent Was Using What Appeared To Be A Shell Company To Pay Campaign Vendors And Staff Which Potentially Violated Campaign Finance Laws**

- ✓ Kent has routed "the vast majority" of his campaign money through what appeared to be a shell company called HWY 99, a registered corporate agency in Delaware that appeared to have functioned as a master payer to hide the identities of campaign vendors and staffers for Kent.
  - ✓ Joe Kent for Congress, Keep Electing New Talent, Joe Kent Victory Fund, and Gaetz Kent Joint Victory Committee disbursed \$1,389,545.77 to HWY 99 from 2022 until current.
  - ✓ HWY 99 was only associated with Kent's committees and had never been paid by another committee and legal experts said, "the company appears to be a shell."
  - ✓ The FEC required committees to "report the full name and address" of each "person to whom an expenditure in an aggregate amount or value in excess of \$200 within the election cycle is made by the reporting authorized committee to meet the authorized committee's operating expenses."

**Despite Six-Figure Income, Kent Failed To Report Any Assets On His 2022 Financial Disclosures, Not Even A Bank Account, Only To Then Suddenly Report Between \$46,001 – \$165,000 In Investment Assets On His 2023 Financial Disclosures**

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**February 2022: Kent Did Not Disclose Any Assets On His Financial Disclosures.****FILER INFORMATION**

**Name:** Joseph Kent  
**Status:** Congressional Candidate  
**State/District:** WA03

**FILING INFORMATION**

**Filing Type:** Candidate Report  
**Filing Year:** 2021  
**Filing Date:** 02/3/2022

**SCHEDULE A: ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME**

None disclosed.

**SCHEDULE C: EARNED INCOME**

Source	Type	Amount Current Year to Filing	Amount Preceding Year
American Enterprise Solutions	Work, this is my full time job	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00

[Clerk of the House of Representatives, [2/3/22](#)]

**April 2022: Kent Did Not Disclose Any Assets On His Financial Disclosures.****FILER INFORMATION**

**Name:** Joseph Kent  
**Status:** Congressional Candidate  
**State/District:** WA03

**FILING INFORMATION**

**Filing Type:** Candidate Report  
**Filing Year:** 2022  
**Filing Date:** 04/19/2022

**SCHEDULE A: ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME**

None disclosed.

**SCHEDULE C: EARNED INCOME**

Source	Type	Amount Current Year to Filing	Amount Preceding Year
American enterprise solutions	salary	\$32,307.32	\$122,110.36

[Clerk of the House of Representatives, [4/19/22](#)]

**October 2022: Kent Did Not Disclose Any Assets On His Financial Disclosures.**



**FILER INFORMATION**

Name: Joseph Kent  
Status: Congressional Candidate  
State/District: WA03

**FILING INFORMATION**

Filing Type: Amendment Report  
Filing Year: 2021  
Filing Date: 10/25/2022

**SCHEDULE A: ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME**

None disclosed.

**SCHEDULE C: EARNED INCOME**

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[Clerk of the House of Representatives, [10/25/22](#)]

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**Kent Reported Earning \$268,479 In Earned Income In 2022**

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**Kent Reported Earning \$268,479 In Earned Income 2022.** [Clerk of the House of Representatives, [4/12/23](#)]

Joe Kent 2022 Earned Income			
Source	Type	Amount Current Year to Filing (2023)	Amount Preceding Year (2022)
Advanced Enterprise Solutions	Salary	\$16,450.00	\$96,921.96
DFAS Military pension	Pension for 20 years of service in the US Army	\$5,965.52	\$35,548.08
DFAS US military annuity	Wife killed in combat while serving US mil payment	\$4,026.00	\$24,156.00
US Veteran Admin	Military service-related disability payment	\$8,144.24	\$48,865.44
US Veteran Admin	Wife killed in combat while serving US mil VA payment	\$4,674.08	\$28,044.48
social sec admin	Wife killed in combat while serving US mil Socsec payment for our children	\$6,328.00	\$34,944.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$45,587.84</b>	<b>\$268,479.96</b>

[Clerk of the House of Representatives, [4/12/23](#)]



**Candidates Are Required To Report All Assets Held As An Investment Or The Production Of Income Valued At More Than \$1,000**

**On A Federal PFD, Candidates Are Required To Report All Assets Held As An Investment Or The Production Of Income Valued At More Than \$1,000 Including: Property, IRAs, 401ks, Retirement Plans, Pensions, 529s, Securities, Bank Accounts, And Ownership Interests In Privately Held Companies.** “You are required to disclose the following on Schedule A: Assets (real and personal property) held for investment or the production of income valued at more than \$1,000 at the close of the reporting period [...] Reportable assets include: Real Property, Farms, Underlying assets in Brokerage Accounts, Underlying assets in IRAs, 401(k) Plans, and Other Non-Federal Retirement Accounts, Pensions, 529 College Savings Accounts, Corporate Securities, Mutual Funds, Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs), and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), Government Securities and Agency Debt, Asset-Backed Securities, Futures and Options, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds, Cryptocurrencies, Annuities, Insurance Policies, Bank Accounts, Ownership Interests in Privately-Held Companies, Debts Owed to the Filer, Trusts, Investment Clubs, Collectibles, Intellectual Property/Royalties. [U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ethics, Instruction Guide: Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports, Accessed [5/31/23](#)]

**Kent Reported Between \$46,001 – \$165,000 In Assets On His 2023 Financial Disclosure Including One Roth IRA Account With More Than \$50,000 In Value**

**Kent Only Reported Three Assets With A Total Value Between \$46,001 And \$165,000 On His 2023 Financial Disclosure; He Did Not Report Any Bank Accounts.**

Kent 2023 Personal Financial Disclosure Assets			
Asset	Description	Min Value of Asset	Max Value of Asset
529 College Fund	NSA Association College Fund	\$1,001	\$15,000
Roth IRA	Roth IRA Charles Schwab [Held in Cash]	\$50,001	\$100,000
Roth IRA	Separate IRA Simplified Employee [Held in Cash]	\$15,001	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$46,001.00</b>	<b>\$165,000.00</b>

[Clerk of the House of Representatives, [4/12/23](#)]

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**Kent Was A Candidate For Congress And Was Required To File An Accurate PFD With The House Ethics Committee Or Face Criminal And Civil Penalties**

**February 2021: Kent Filed A Statement Of Candidacy On February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Which Made Him A**



### Candidate For Congress In Washington’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District.

**FEC FORM 2**

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY**

FILING FEC-1499464

- 1. **Joseph Kent**  
37607 NE Eagle View Dr  
Yacolt, WA 98673
- 2. Identification Number: H2WA03100
- 3. Party: Republican Party
- 4. Office Sought: House of Representatives
- 5-6. State & District of Candidate: Washington - 3

**DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE**

7. I hereby designate the following named political committee as my Principal Campaign Committee for the 2022 election(s).

**Joe Kent for Congress**  
37607 NE Eagle View Dr  
Yacolt, WA 98673

**DESIGNATION OF OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES**

8. I hereby designate the following named committee, which is NOT my principal campaign committee, to receive and expend funds on behalf of my candidacy.

**DECLARATION OF INTENT TO EXPEND PERSONAL FUNDS (House or Senate Only)**

9. I intend to expend personal funds exceeding the threshold amount (see 11 C.F.R. 400.9) by  
9A. 0.00 for the primary election, and  
9B. 0.00 for the general election

Signed as: Joseph Kent  
Signed by the candidate on: 02/10/2021  
Filed: 02/10/2021

[Federal Election Committee, [2/10/21](#)]

### January 2023: Kent Filed A Statement Of Candidacy On January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Which Made Him A Candidate For Congress In Washington’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District.

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY**

FILING FEC-1675537

- 1. **Joseph Kent**  
PO Box 2123  
Battle Ground, WA 98604
- 2. Identification Number: H2WA03100
- 3. Party: Republican Party
- 4. Office Sought: House of Representatives
- 5-6. State & District of Candidate: Washington - 3

**DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE**

7. I hereby designate the following named political committee as my Principal Campaign Committee for the 2024 election(s).

**JOE KENT FOR CONGRESS**  
FEC ID #: C00771394  
37607 NE EAGLE VIEW DRIVE  
YACOLT, WA 98673

**DESIGNATION OF OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES**

8. I hereby designate the following named committee, which is NOT my principal campaign committee, to receive and expend funds on behalf of my candidacy.

**Kent Sabatini Joint Victory Committee**  
FEC ID #: C00787838  
6059 Leeborn2 F38  
B7  
Falls Church, VA 22044

**Joe Kent Victory Fund**  
FEC ID #: C00797043  
PO Box 183  
Hudson, WI 54095

**Renew America Joint Victory Committee**  
FEC ID #: C00797944  
PO Box 183  
Hudson, WI 54095

**MAGASEVEN JFC**  
FEC ID #: C00816132  
2200 WILSON BLVD  
STE 102 NUN 214  
ARLINGTON, VA 22201

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Signed by the candidate on: 01/11/2023  
Filed: 01/11/2023

[Federal Election Committee, [1/11/23](#)]

**Candidates For Congress Were Required To File Financial Disclosures Once They “Qualify” As A Candidate.** “Individuals are required to file a Financial Disclosure Statement once they ‘qualify’ as a candidate by raising or spending more than \$5,000 in a campaign for election to the House of Representatives. Both the office-seeker’s own funds and contributions from third parties count towards the threshold. An individual who never

raises or spends more than \$5,000 has no financial disclosure obligations with the House, even if that person’s name appears on an election ballot. All individuals who do meet this definition must file each year that they continue to be candidates. The deadline for filing the Financial Disclosure Statement depends on whether you qualify as a candidate in an election or non-election year.” [House Ethics Committee, accessed [5/31/23](#)]

**Candidates Were Required To Sign Their Financial Disclosure Personally, Certifying That Their Report Was Accurate And Complete.** “You must sign and date the signature page after completing the attached FD Statement if you file the paper form. If you file online, you will be required to sign the form digitally before submission. By your signature or online filing, you are certifying that the attached report (including any accompanying schedules or information) is accurate and complete. This page must be signed, either online or on paper, by you personally, not by someone acting on your behalf, even if someone else prepared or assisted you in completing the FD Statement.” [U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ethics, Instruction Guide: Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports, accessed [5/31/23](#)]

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**Submitting False Financial Disclosures Carried Potential Civil And Criminal Penalties**

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**Falsifying A Federal PFD Was A Criminal Offense.** “Any individual who knowingly and willfully falsifies, or who knowingly and willfully fails to file, a required FD Statement may be subject to incarceration and/or a fine pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 13106, and criminal sanctions under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. [...] Each individual is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information contained in the individual’s FD Statement or PTR, even if someone else prepared, or assisted in preparing, all or part of it. The EIGA provides that the Attorney General may pursue either civil or criminal penalties against an individual who knowingly and willfully falsifies a Statement or fails to file a Statement required by the EIGA. The maximum civil penalty is \$62,313. The maximum criminal penalty is up to one year in prison and a fine of up to \$62,313.” [U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ethics, Instruction Guide: Financial Disclosure Statements and Periodic Transaction Reports, accessed [5/31/23](#)]

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Joe Kent Earned Income From Advance / American Enterprise Solutions 2022			
Date Filed	Name Of Employer	Amount Current Year	Amount Preceding Year
2/3/22	American Enterprise Solutions	\$105,000	\$105,000
4/19/22	American Enterprise Solutions	\$32,307	\$122,110
10/25/22	Advance Enterprise Solutions	\$105,000	\$105,000
10/25//22	Advance Enterprise Solutions	\$32,307	\$122,110

[Clerk of the House of Representatives, [2/3/22](#); [4/19/22](#); [10/25/22](#); [10/25/22](#)]

- **February 2022: Kent Reported Working At American Enterprise Solutions And Making \$105,000 In 2022 And \$105,000 In 2021.**



**FILER INFORMATION**

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**State/District:** WA03

**FILING INFORMATION**

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**FILER INFORMATION**

**Name:** Joseph Kent  
**Status:** Congressional Candidate  
**State/District:** WA03

**FILING INFORMATION**

**Filing Type:** Candidate Report  
**Filing Year:** 2022  
**Filing Date:** 04/19/2022

**SCHEDULE A: ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME**

None disclosed.

**SCHEDULE C: EARNED INCOME**

Source	Type	Amount Current Year to Filing	Amount Preceding Year
American enterprise solutions	salary	\$32,307.32	\$122,110.36

[Clerk of the House of Representatives, [4/19/22](#)]

**Kent Filed Two Disclosures On The Same Day That Changed The Name Of His Employer To Advanced Enterprise Solutions And Reported His Salary In 2022 As Either \$105,000 Or \$32,307.**

Joe Kent Earned Income From Advance Enterprise Solutions 2022			
Date Filed	Name Of Employer	Amount Current Year	Amount Preceding Year
10/25/22	Advance Enterprise Solutions	\$105,000	\$105,000
10/25//22	Advance Enterprise Solutions	\$32,307	\$122,110

[Clerk of the House of Representatives, [10/25/22](#); [10/25/22](#)]

- **October 2022: Kent Filed An Amended Disclosure That Changed The Name Of His Employer To Advanced Enterprise Solutions, Where He Made \$105,000 In Income In 2022 And \$105,000 In Income In 2021.**



**FILER INFORMATION**

Name: Joseph Kent  
Status: Congressional Candidate  
State/District: WA03

**FILING INFORMATION**

Filing Type: Amendment Report  
Filing Year: 2021  
Filing Date: 10/25/2022

**SCHEDULE A: ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME**

None disclosed.

**SCHEDULE C: EARNED INCOME**

Source	Type	Amount Current Year to Filing	Amount Preceding Year
Advanced Enterprise Solutions	Work, this is my full time job	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00

[Clerk of the House of Representatives, [10/25/22](#)]

- **October 2022: Kent Filed Another Amended Report That Reported Receiving \$32,307 In Income In 2022 And \$122,110 In Income In 2021.**

**FILER INFORMATION**

Name: Joseph Kent  
Status: Congressional Candidate  
State/District: WA03

**FILING INFORMATION**

Filing Type: Amendment Report  
Filing Year: 2022  
Filing Date: 10/25/2022

**SCHEDULE A: ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME**

None disclosed.

**SCHEDULE C: EARNED INCOME**

Source	Type	Amount Current Year to Filing	Amount Preceding Year
Advanced enterprise solutions	salary	\$32,307.32	\$122,110.36

[Clerk of the House of Representatives, [10/25/22](#)]

**2023: Kent Filed One Financial Disclosure And One Amendment That Reported His Salary From American Enterprise Solutions To Be \$96,921 In 2022.**

Joe Kent Earned Income From Advance Enterprise Solutions 2023			
Date Filed	Name Of Employer	Amount Current Year	Amount Preceding Year
3/15/23	Advance Enterprise Solutions	\$16,450	\$96,921
4/12/23	Advance Enterprise Solutions	\$16,450	\$96,921

[Clerk of the House of Representatives, [3/15/23](#); [4/12/23](#)]

- **March 2023: Kent Filed A Disclosure That Reported Working At Advanced Enterprise Solutions, Where He Made \$16,450 In 2023 And \$96,921 In 2022.**



**FILER INFORMATION**

**Name:** Joseph Kent  
**Status:** Congressional Candidate  
**State/District:** WA03

**FILING INFORMATION**

**Filing Type:** Candidate Report  
**Filing Year:** 2023  
**Filing Date:** 03/15/2023

**SCHEDULE A: ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME**

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type(s)	Income Current Year to Filing	Income Preceding Year
Roth IRA ⇒ Roth IRA [IH]		\$15,001 - \$50,000	None		
DESCRIPTION: Roth IRA Charles Schwab					
Roth IRA ⇒ Separate IRA [IH]		\$15,001 - \$50,000	None		

\* Asset class details available at the bottom of this form. For the complete list of asset type abbreviations, please visit <https://fd.house.gov/reference/asset-type-codes.aspx>.

**SCHEDULE C: EARNED INCOME**

Source	Type	Amount Current Year to Filing	Amount Preceding Year
Advanced Enterprise Solutions	salary	\$16,450.00	\$96,921.96

COMMENTS: I resigned from AES in February of 2023.

[Clerk of the House of Representatives, [3/15/23](#)]

- **April 2023: Kent Filed An Amended Disclosure That Reported Working At Advanced Enterprise Solutions, Where He Made \$16,450 In 2023 And \$96,921 In 2022.**

**FILER INFORMATION**

**Name:** Joseph Kent  
**Status:** Congressional Candidate  
**State/District:** WA03

**FILING INFORMATION**

**Filing Type:** Amendment Report  
**Filing Year:** 2023  
**Filing Date:** 04/12/2023

**SCHEDULE A: ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME**

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type(s)	Income Current Year to Filing	Income Preceding Year
College fund for Colt and Josh ⇒ 529 college fund [5P]	DC	\$1,001 - \$15,000	None		
LOCATION: MD DESCRIPTION: NSA association College fund for my son's Colt and Josh					
Roth IRA ⇒ Roth IRA [IH]		\$50,001 - \$100,000	None		
DESCRIPTION: Roth IRA Charles Schwab					
Roth IRA ⇒ Separate IRA Simplified employee [IH]		\$15,001 - \$50,000	None		

\* Asset class details available at the bottom of this form. For the complete list of asset type abbreviations, please visit <https://fd.house.gov/reference/asset-type-codes.aspx>.

**SCHEDULE C: EARNED INCOME**

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Advanced Enterprise Solutions	salary	\$16,450.00	\$96,921.96

COMMENTS: I resigned from AES in February of 2023.

[Clerk of the House of Representatives, [4/12/23](#)]

**Kent Provided W-2 Tax Forms To Local Press Which Showed He Made \$111,799 In 2020 And \$122,110 In 2021 From Advanced Enterprise Solutions**

**Kent Provided The Columbian With His 2021 W-2 Tax Form That Reported Earning \$122,110 From Advanced Enterprises Solutions LLC**

**Kent Provided The Columbian With His 2021 W-2 Tax Form.** “The campaign statement went on to say that when Kent was hired, the company’s name was American Enterprise Solutions. It said the company’s name was later changed to Advanced Enterprise Solutions LLC, and provided what it said were copies of Kent’s W-2 forms submitted to the Internal Revenue Service reporting his pay and tax withholding for 2020 and 2021.” [The Columbian, [10/26/22](#)]

- **Kent’s 2021 W-2 Tax Form That Reported Earning \$122,110 From Advanced Enterprises Solutions LLC.**

Copy B To Be Filed With Employee's FEDERAL Tax Return		2021 OMB No. 1545-0008	
a Employee's social security number XXX-XX-XXXX	1 Wages, tips, other comp. 122110.36	2 Federal income tax withheld 12917.90	
b Employer ID number [REDACTED]	3 Social security wages 128299.02	4 Social security tax withheld 7954.56	
	5 Medicare wages and tips 128299.02	6 Medicare tax withheld 1860.35	
c Employer's name, address, and ZIP code Advanced Enterprises Solutions LLC 13800 Coppermine Road Herndon, VA 20171			
d Control Number 144089 17			
e Employee's name, address, and ZIP code Joe Kent [REDACTED] Yacolt, WA 98675			
7 Social security tips	8 Allocated tips	9 Advance EIC payment	
10 Dependent care benefits	11 Nonqualified plans	12a Code D	6188.66
13 Statutory employee Retirement plan X 3rd party sick pay	14 Other	12b Code	
		12c Code	
		12d Code	
WA NOT NEEDED	122110.36		
15 State Emplr.'s state I.D. #	16 State wages, tips, etc.	17 State income tax	
18 Local wages, tips, etc. 10062.50 10062.50	19 Local income tax 25.49 13.03	20 Locality name WA Family Leave WA EE Healthcare	

Form W-2 Wage and Tax Statement  
This information is being furnished to the Internal Revenue Service  
Dept. of the Treasury - IRS

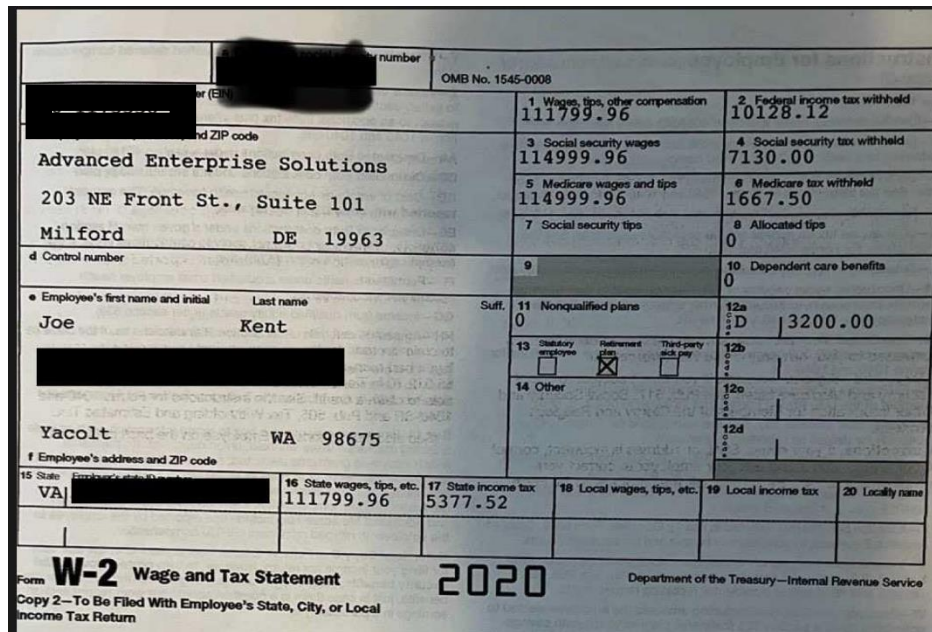
[The Columbian, [10/26/22](#)]

**Kent Provided The Columbian With His 2022 W-2 Tax Form That Reported Earning 122,110 From Advanced Enterprises Solutions LLC.** “The campaign statement went on to say that when Kent was hired, the company’s name was American Enterprise Solutions. It said the company’s name was later changed to Advanced Enterprise Solutions LLC, and provided what it said were copies of Kent’s W-2 forms submitted to the Internal Revenue Service reporting his pay and tax withholding for 2020 and 2021.” [The Columbian, [10/26/22](#)]

**Kent Provided The Columbian With His 2020 W-2 Tax Form That Reported Earning \$111,799 From Advanced Enterprise Solutions LLC**

**Kent Provided The Columbian With His 2020 W-2 Tax Form.** “The campaign statement went on to say that when Kent was hired, the company’s name was American Enterprise Solutions. It said the company’s name was later changed to Advanced Enterprise Solutions LLC, and provided what it said were copies of Kent’s W-2 forms submitted to the Internal Revenue Service reporting his pay and tax withholding for 2020 and 2021.” [The Columbian, [10/26/22](#)]

- **Kent’s 2021 W-2 Tax Form That Reported Earning \$111,799 From Advanced Enterprises Solutions LLC.**



1 Wages, tips, other compensation 111799.96		2 Federal income tax withheld 1012.12	
3 Social security wages 114999.96		4 Social security tax withheld 7130.00	
5 Medicare wages and tips 114999.96		6 Medicare tax withheld 1667.50	
7 Social security tips 0		8 Allocated tips 0	
9		10 Dependent care benefits 0	
11 Nonqualified plans 0		12a 3200.00	
13 Statutory employee <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Third-party sick pay <input type="checkbox"/>		12b	
14 Other		12c	
12d		12e	
15 State VA	16 State wages, tips, etc. 111799.96	17 State income tax 5377.52	18 Local wages, tips, etc.
			19 Local income tax
			20 Locality name

[The Columbian, [10/26/22](#)]

**Kent Claimed The Company Name Changed, But Public Records Showed Any Name Change Predated Kent’s Disclosures**

**Any Name Changes Advanced Enterprise Solutions Made Predated Kent’s Disclosures.** “A search for the company’s name on OpenCorporates, an open database of corporate records, showed that between December 2019 and December 2020, Advanced Enterprise Solutions Group LLC, ‘used in Virginia by Advanced Enterprise Solutions LLC,’ changed its name to Advanced Enterprise Solutions Group LLC. A filing with the Delaware Division of Corporations showed a company named Advanced Enterprise Solutions LLC was incorporated in Delaware on Jan. 31, 2019 — the same day Advanced Enterprise Solutions Group LLC was formed in Virginia. Those changes predate Kent’s using American Enterprise Solutions as his employer in 34 individual contributions to a variety of political causes, including WinRed, the House Freedom Fund and the Trump Make America Great Again Committee, between May 1, 2020 and July 31, 2021.” [The Columbian, [10/26/22](#)]

**Kent Told Oregon Public Broadcasting He Likely “Screwed Up” When Reporting The Companies Name.** “The campaign did not reply to a request from The Columbian to clarify the situation beyond its Tuesday evening statement, but Kent and his senior policy adviser, Matt Braynard, told Oregon Public Broadcasting that the mixing up of names of his employer in statements and official filings was a mistake. ‘There’s a good chance I screwed it up,’ Kent told OPB.” [The Columbian, [10/26/22](#)]



## **Kent's Inconsistent Income Reporting Resulted In Complaints Filed With The FEC And The House Ethics Committee**

**A Clark County Investor Submitted Ethics Complaints Against Joe Kent For His Inaccurate Employer Identification To The Federal Election Commission And The House Ethics Committee.** “On Thursday, a Clark County investor tapped into the region’s politics submitted ethics complaints against Republican congressional candidate Joe Kent for inaccurately identifying his employer in official filings. David Nierenberg, who is a major donor to Democratic candidate Marie Gluesenkamp Perez’s campaign, sent letters to the Federal Election Commission and House Ethics Committee urging the bodies to investigate Kent’s inaccurate identification of his employer in financial disclosures.” [The Colombian, [11/3/22](#)]

## **An FEC Complaint Filed Against Kent's Campaign Alleged He Violated Campaign Finance Law By Accepting Excessive Contributions In The Form Of Polling And Salary Payments, The Kent Campaign Did Not Cooperate With The FEC**

### **The Complaint Accused Kent Of Accepting Prohibited Contributions In Two Forms, In Salary Payments For An Alleged “No Show” Job And Polling Paid For By An Outside Source**

**The Complaint Filed Against Kent And His Campaign Alleged Violated Campaign Finance Law By Accepting Excessive And Potentially Prohibited Corporate Contributions.** “The Complaint in this matter alleges that Joseph Kent, and Joe Kent for Congress and Thomas Datwyler in his official capacity as treasurer (the ‘Committee’) violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the ‘Act’), by accepting excessive and potentially prohibited corporate contributions from Kent's employer, which the Complaint identifies as being either American Enterprise Solutions or Advanced Enterprise Solutions, LLC (‘AES’), and correspondingly that American Enterprise Solutions or AES made the potentially excessive and prohibited corporate contributions.” [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

**The Complaint Filed Against Kent And His Campaign Alleged That Kent Was Employed By A Shell Company And Paid Him A Salary Purely To Support His Campaign.** “The Complaint details confusion over the name of Kent's employer, noting that Kent referred to his employer as ‘American Enterprise Solutions’ rather than ‘Advanced Enterprise Solutions’ on his public financial disclosure forms and when making political contributions to other candidates and committees, as observed in press reports. The Complaint further questions whether the employer is a ‘shell company’ paying Kent solely for the purpose of supporting his campaign, raising doubts as to whether Kent was actually performing work for his purported employer. Correspondingly, the Complaint alleges that Kent's employer made ‘large-scale’ contributions to the Committee. Finally, the Complaint alleges that his employer may have also made an in-kind contribution by paying for polling on behalf of Kent's campaign.” [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

**The Complaint Also Alleged That Kent's Employer Made “Large Scale” Contributions To His Campaign In Addition To In-Kind Contributions By Paying For Polling On Behalf Of Kent's Campaign.** “The Complaint details confusion over the name of Kent's employer, noting that Kent referred to his employer as ‘American Enterprise Solutions’ rather than ‘Advanced Enterprise Solutions’ on his public financial disclosure forms and when making political contributions to other candidates and committees, as observed in press reports. The Complaint further questions whether the employer is a ‘shell company’ paying Kent solely for the purpose of supporting his campaign, raising doubts as to whether Kent was actually performing work for his purported employer. Correspondingly, the Complaint alleges that Kent's employer made ‘large-scale’ contributions to the Committee. Finally, the Complaint alleges that his employer may have also made an in-kind contribution by paying for polling on behalf of Kent's campaign.” [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

**Kent's Campaign Denied The Allegations But Did Not Cooperate With The Federal Electoral Commission While Kent's Employer Submitted A "More Fulsome Response"**

**Kent And His Campaign Denied The Allegations Of The Complaint But Did Not Submit A "Substantive Response" To The Federal Election Commission.** "Kent and the Committee did not submit a substantive response, stating through their counsel that they 'deny the allegations in their entirety, but [they] will not be filing a response to the complaint at this time.'" [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

**Kent's Employer Submitted A "More Fulsome Response" Including Company Records Showing Kent Becoming An Employee Over A Year Before He Was A Candidate.** "AES provides a more fulsome response, attaching tax records and other company documents to substantiate its statements that it is a for-profit LLC, and that AES, rather than American Enterprise Solutions, was Kent's employer. More specifically, AES's Response and the attached documents provide support for its claim that AES hired Kent nearly a year and a half before he became a candidate, and that payments made to Kent were in consideration of his bona fide employment with the company." [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

**Kent's Employer Claimed Their CEO Paid Into A Polling Group To Obtain Polling For The WA-03 Election Without Any Coordination From The Kent Campaign****Kent's Employer Claimed That Their CEO, Sean Reed, Paid Into A Polling Group With Personal Funds To Commission A Poll But Denied Coordinating With The Campaign Despite Allegations In The Complaint**

**Kent's Employer Provided A Sworn Statement From The CEO, Which Said He Was Involved In Commissioning A Poll In The WA-03 Race With Personal Funds And Did Not Coordinate With Kent's Campaign.** "The AES Response further provides a sworn statement from Sean Reed, the company's CEO, acknowledging that that he was involved in commissioning a poll using his personal funds regarding the election in which Kent was running, but asserting that the poll was not coordinated with Kent or his Committee." [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

**The Complaint Alleged Kent's Employer AES Paid For Polling By Trafalgar In The Race In Coordination With The Kent Campaign.** "The allegation in the Complaint regarding AES's payment for polling also appears to be derived from statements made by Sanford. The Daily Beast reported that 'Sanford further recalled sitting in on a conference call in which Kent revealed that his employer would finance a survey by Trafalgar Polling of voters in the House district.'" [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

**AES Denied Allegations And Claimed Their CEO, Sean Reed, Paid Between \$15,000 And \$22,000 From His Personal Funds To Become A Member Of The Trafalgar Group In Order To Commission A Poll.** "In its response, AES states that the company paid for no such poll, but that its CEO, Sean Reed, paid between \$15,000 to \$22,000 from his personal funds to become a member of the Trafalgar Group in order to conduct such a poll." [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

**AES CEO Sean Reed Claimed In A Sworn Statement That He Paid To Become A Member Of Trafalgar To Recommend Which Races Trafalgar Conduct Polls, To Determine Whether AES Would Lose An Employee, And Because Reed Wished Kent Luck In His Endeavor.** "In a sworn declaration attached to the response, Reed states that he 'supported [Kent's campaign] by paying for polling research from my personal funds' for three reasons: (1) to enable Reed 'to recommend races about which to conduct polls;' (2) to determine whether AES 'was likely to lose a uniquely skilled and difficult-to-replace employee in the event Mr. Kent won the election;' and (3) 'because Mr. Reed wished Mr. Kent success in his endeavor.'" [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

**Reed Denied Any Coordination Between The Kent Campaign And Trafalgar Group And Said No**

**Underlying Information From The Poll Was Released.** “Reed denies coordinating the poll with Kent or the Committee. Further, he states that he did not share the poll with Kent or the Committee or anyone else but authorized Trafalgar Group to release the results publicly. Finally, he notes that the poll released ‘did not contain detailed, underlying raw data generated from a poll such as the cross-tabulations, questions asked, and methodology.’ [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

**In A Split 4-2 Ruling, The FEC Decided Kent Did Not Receive Prohibited In-Kind Contributions In The Form Of Polling Because Sworn Statements From Kent’s Employer Stated The Poll Was Conducted Without Coordination With The Kent Campaign**

**The FEC Does Not Treat A Poll As An In-Kind Contribution If The Poll Is Not In Coordination By The Candidate And The Results Are Made Public Without Any Request, Authorization, Prearrangement, Or Coordination.** “However, Commission regulations also state that ‘acceptance of any part of a poll’s results which part, prior to receipt, has been made public without any request, authorization, prearrangement, or coordination by the candidate-recipient or political committee-recipient, shall not be treated as a contribution inkind.’ [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

**Sean Reed Claimed In A Sworn Statement That He Never Released The Results Of The Poll To Anyone, Including Kent And His Campaign.** “Reed states that he ‘never released the results of the poll directly to anyone-including Mr. Kent and his campaign but rather authorized the Trafalgar Group to release the results.’ Our review of the public record indicates that Trafalgar Group did make public three polls regarding the relevant election, two of which were conducted prior to the release of the Daily Beast article, making it possible one of them is the poll in question.” [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

**According To Press Reports, Kent’s Former Campaign Manager Alleged Kent’s Campaign Had Prior Knowledge Of The Poll.** “However, according to Kent’s former campaign manager, Sanford, Kent indicated knowledge that the poll was being commissioned prior to its public release. According to the press reports cited in the Complaint, Sanford alleges that Kent stated on a conference call that his employer would be financing a survey of voters in his district by Trafalgar Polling, implying that the polling may have been ‘prearranged or coordinated.’ In his sworn declaration, Reed denies such coordination regarding the poll, stating that he ‘did not commission the poll at the request or suggestion of Mr. Kent or his PAC’ and that ‘neither Mr. Kent nor his PAC were substantially involved in creating the content of the poll or selecting its audience.’” [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

**The FEC Deemed That Because The Claims Made By Reed Were Made In A Sworn Statement And The Allegations Were Made In Unsworn Statements, There Was Insufficient Information To Support That The Poll Was Coordinated.** Sanford’s unsworn statements in the press are outweighed by the explicit denial of coordination in a sworn statement. Therefore, the available information is insufficient to support a reasonable inference that the polling in question was prearranged or coordinated.” [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

- **The FEC Stated That While Sworn Statements Are Not Required In Complaints, They Tend To Be Helpful.** “There is no prescribed format for responses. While not required, providing documentation, including sworn affidavits from persons with first-hand knowledge of the facts, tends to be helpful.” [Federal Election Commission, Guidebook for Complainants and Respondents on the FEC Enforcement Process, [5/1/12](#)]

**The FEC Also Noted That Even If Kent’s Campaign Was Aware Of The Poll, It Would Not Amount To Coordination.** “Moreover, even if the Commission were to credit Sanford’s statement that Kent knew ahead of time that his employer would be conducting a poll through Trafalgar Group, there would not be a sufficient basis to find reason to believe. Simply being made aware that a poll was forthcoming does not make such a public poll ‘prearranged or coordinated.’ Under Commission regulations, coordination requires that the act be ‘made in cooperation, consultation or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of’ the candidate or his committee, which are steps beyond mere knowledge. Accordingly, the Commission finds no reason to believe that Advanced

Enterprise Solutions, LLC made and Joe Kent for Congress and Thomas Datwyler in his official capacity as treasurer accepted potentially excessive or prohibited in-kind contributions in the form of payments for polling.” [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

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### **The FEC Commissioners Were Split 4-2 On The Decision That The Polling Constituted An In-Kind Contribution, With Two Democratic Commissioners Dissenting**

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**FEC Commissioners Decided By A Vote Of 4-2 That Kent Did Not Receive Prohibited In-Kind Contributions In The Form Of Payments For Polling, With Commissioners Broussard And Weintraub Dissenting.** “Decided by a vote of 4-2 to: Find no reason to believe that Advanced Enterprise Solutions, LLC violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116(a)(1)(A) or 30118(a) by making excessive or prohibited corporate in-kind contributions in the form of payments for polling. Commissioners Cooksey, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, and Trainor voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioners Broussard and Weintraub dissented.” [Federal Election Commission, Certification MUR 8087, [8/29/23](#)]

**FEC Commissioners Decided By A Vote Of 4-2 To Approve The Factual And Legal Analysis Of The Case, With Commissioners Broussard And Weintraub Dissenting.** “Decided by a vote of 4-2 to: Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the First General Counsel’s Report dated July 13, 2023, subject to the edits as last circulated by Commissioner Dickerson’s Office on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 11:18 a.m. Commissioners Cooksey, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, and Trainor voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioners Broussard and Weintraub dissented.” [Federal Election Commission, Certification MUR 8087, [8/29/23](#)]

**Commissioners Broussard And Weintraub Are Two Of The Three Democratic Commissioners On The Federal Election Commission.** [Federal Election Commission, All Commissioners, accessed [10/27/23](#)]



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Democrat

[Federal Election Commission, All Commissioners, accessed [10/27/23](#)]

**While The Complaint Alleged Kent’s Job Was A “No Show Job,” The FEC Found Kent’s Employer Provided Sufficient Evidence That Kent Did Hold A Position At AES That Had Irregular And Flexible Hours**

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**Kent And His Employer Claimed Kent’s Position At AES Provided Flexibility To Work At Irregular Hours, Disputing Claims That The Position Was A No Show Position**

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**Kent Claimed That With His Job With AES He Had Flexibility Where Some Weeks The Work Was Lighter While Others Were More Demanding.** “Kent has told the press that he does, in fact, perform work for AES, explaining that: ‘There’s definitely work weeks that are lighter.... But then there are, you know, 30-hour work weeks, 40-hour work weeks.’ Kent elaborated, explaining that: ‘I do have flexibility, and I can dictate my schedule. I don’t have a boss, you know, making sure I clock in and clock out and report at a desk somewhere.... But it requires, you know, a fair amount of work on a daily basis.’” [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

**Kents Employer AES Denied The Allegation That Kent’s Job Was A “No Show Job” And Claimed Kent’s**

**Job “Required That He Be Engaged On Projects Around The World, Working Remotely With People In Different International Time Zones.”** “Further, AES explicitly denies that Kent was being paid for a ‘no show’ job and provides a consistent explanation that Kent’s work: ‘required that he be engaged on projects around the world, working remotely with people in different international time zones. Mr. Kent’s work therefore cannot be placed neatly within a typically American eight hours a day, five days per week business schedule.’” [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

**Kent’s Employer Also Provided The FEC With Documents Showing Kent’s Employment Began In 2019, A Year And A Half Prior To His Candidacy.** “AES also provided the Commission with documentary support regarding Kent’s employment in the form of Kent’s signed engagement letter from 2019, nearly a year and a half prior to his candidacy, along with copies of Kent’s W-2 forms from 2019- 2021.” [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

**The FEC Ruled That All Available Information Was Insufficient To Prove Payments To Kent Were For Anything Other Than Work For The Company**

**The FEC Ruled That While Allegations Raised Questions About Whether Payments From AES Were Legitimate, Available Information Was Insufficient To Conclude that The Payments Were Not For Bona Fide Compensation.** “Compensation to candidates for employment, however, is not considered a contribution when three conditions are met: (A) the compensation results from bona fide employment that is genuinely independent of the candidacy; (B) the compensation is exclusively in consideration of services provided by the employee as part of this employment; and (C) the compensation does not exceed the amount of compensation which would be paid to any other similarly qualified person for the same work over the same period of time. While the statements of Kent’s former campaign manager raise questions as to whether the payments from AES to Kent meet this test, on balance there is insufficient information available to conclude that the payments were not for bona fide compensation.” [Federal Election Commission, Factual And Legal Analysis MUR 8087, [9/6/23](#)]

**Matt Braynard, A Campaign Consultant And Volunteer For Joe Kent, May Have Been Directly Communicating With A Super PAC That Supported Kent, While He Was Still Connected To Kent’s Campaign And Before The 120-Day Cooling Off Period Had Ended**

**QUB Consulting Was Registered At Matt Braynard’s Address And Registered Under His Wife’s Name**

**QUB Consulting Was Based In Virginia And Registered At The Same Address Braynard Uses On His FEC Donations.** According to Virginia State Cooperation Commission, QUB Consulting was registered at 1747 Tysons Central St Apt 1407, Vienna, VA, 22182 and became active on September 9, 2022. [Virginia State Cooperation Commission, QUB Consulting, accessed [2/9/24](#)]

Entity Information	
Entity Name: qub consulting, LLC	Entity ID: 11440493
Entity Type: Limited Liability Company	Entity Status: <b>Active</b>
Series LLC: No	Reason for Status: Active
Formation Date: 09/23/2022	Status Date: 09/23/2022
VA Qualification Date: 09/23/2022	Period of Duration: Perpetual
Industry Code: 0 - General	Annual Report Due Date: N/A
Jurisdiction: VA	Charter Fee: N/A
Registration Fee Due Date: Not Required	

Registered Agent Information	
RA Type: Individual	Locality: FAIRFAX COUNTY
RA Qualification: General Partner of a General or Limited Partnership that is a Member or Manager of the Limited Liability Company	
Name: Benita Lagzdina	Registered Office Address: 1747 Tysons Central St Apt 1407, Vienna, VA, 22182, USA

[Virginia State Cooperation Commission, QUB Consulting, accessed [2/9/24](#)]

**Matt Braynard Listed His Mailing Address On FEC Forms As The Same One Used For QUB Consulting.** According to FEC, Matt Braynard’s mailing address was at 1747 Tysons Central St Apt 1407, Vienna, VA, 22182. [FEC, Washington State Republican Party, Pg 70, accessed [2/9/24](#)]

Full Name of Individual (Last, First, Middle Initial) or Full Organization Name <b>B. BRAYNARD, MATT, . . .</b>			Date of Receipt MM / DD / YYYY 11 / 21 / 2023
Mailing Address #1747 TYSONS CENTRAL ST 1407			Transaction ID : <b>A920861BD5E2F49AABFF</b>
City TYSONS	State VA	Zip Code 22182-6050	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 10000.00
FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee. <b>C</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Memo Item
Name of Employer (for Individual) LOOK AHEAD ORGANIZATION		Occupation (for Individual) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	CORRECTIVE ACTION ON LINE 28A
Receipt For: <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▼		Aggregate Year-to-Date ▼ 26140.00	

[FEC, Washington State Republican Party, Pg 70, accessed [2/9/24](#)]

**QUB Was Registered To Benita Lagzdina The Possible Wife Of Matt Braynard.** QUB Consulting was registered to Benita Lagzdina. [Virginia State Cooperation Commission, QUB Consulting, accessed [2/9/24](#)]

Entity Information	
Entity Name: qub consulting, LLC	Entity ID: 11440493
Entity Type: Limited Liability Company	Entity Status: <b>Active</b>
Series LLC: No	Reason for Status: Active
Formation Date: 09/23/2022	Status Date: 09/23/2022
VA Qualification Date: 09/23/2022	Period of Duration: Perpetual
Industry Code: 0 - General	Annual Report Due Date: N/A
Jurisdiction: VA	Charter Fee: N/A
Registration Fee Due Date: Not Required	

Registered Agent Information	
RA Type: Individual	Locality: FAIRFAX COUNTY
RA Qualification: General Partner of a General or Limited Partnership that is a Member or Manager of the Limited Liability Company	
Name: Benita Lagzdina	Registered Office Address: 1747 Tysons Central St Apt 1407, Vienna, VA, 22182, USA

[Virginia State Cooperation Commission, QUB Consulting, accessed [2/9/24](#)]

*NOTE: Nexis lists Benita Lagzdina as the possible wife of Matt Braynard with no other associates being listed as such.*

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**Braynard’s Wife Has Never Appeared In FEC Payment Records And Was Working At Agence France-Presses Full-Time From 2021 Until-Present.** “Braynard’s wife has never appeared in FEC payment records. In September 2022, she was apparently wrapping up her master’s thesis in computer science at Stockholm University. Her LinkedIn profile indicates she has worked on the business side of Agence France-Presses (AFP) full-time since 2021, when she left her newsroom associate position. Her current role is commercial operations manager. The PAC’s first payment to QUB, in November 2022, came when her page shows she worked as the French news agency’s business operations manager, just months before a promotion to her present position.” [The Daily Beast, [1/4/24](#)]

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Pacific Northwest Receipts To QUB Consulting						
Spender	Support/Oppose	Candidate	Recipients	Description	Date	Amount
Pacific Northwest Political Action Committee	Non-IE Expense	Non-IE Expense	QUB Consulting LLC	Fundraising Consulting	2/10/2023	\$30,000.00
Pacific Northwest Political Action Committee	Non-IE Expense	Non-IE Expense	QUB Consulting LLC	Fundraising Consulting	11/14/2022	\$5,000.00
Pacific Northwest Political Action Committee	Oppose	Gluesenkamp Perez, Marie	Texting	QUB Consulting LLC	11/08/2022	\$3,500.00
Pacific Northwest Political Action Committee	Support	Kent, Joseph	Texting	QUB Consulting LLC	11/08/2022	\$3,500.00
Pacific Northwest Political Action Committee	Support	Kent, Joseph	Texting	QUB Consulting LLC	11/03/2022	\$22,000.00
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$64,000</b>

[FEC, Pacific Northwest PAC, Independent Expenditures, [2/9/24](#)] [FEC, Pacific Northwest PAC, Disbursements, [2/9/24](#)]

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running in Washington state's 3rd District, ultimately lost to Democratic Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Pérez in 2022 by fewer than 3,000 votes. He's challenging her again this cycle. Braynard told Talking Points Memo in September that he stopped working for the Kent campaign in November 2022. But that may coincide with another role Braynard took on." [The Daily Beast, [1/4/24](#)]

**2022: Braynard Was Still Answering Questions For The Joe Kent Campaign One Day After QUB Consulting Was Paid For A Text Message Blast in November 2022.** "But it's unclear if Braynard ever took that break—he was still fielding campaign comments one day after the super PAC paid QUB \$22,000 for a text message blast—and it's unclear if he ever stopped working for Kent. A Google search returns campaign blog posts published in the last few months with metadata and source code showing Braynard's byline—the most recent, announcing a fundraiser this month, posted on Dec. 16, 2023. One update even boasted about Kent dodging an FEC complaint, in which Braynard played a key role. In a statement to The Daily Beast, Braynard didn't deny that he wrote the blog posts on the Joe Kent for Congress site, but he asserted that he had 'long volunteered my services' to the campaign. Braynard's statement also didn't deny that the super PAC paid him through QUB. Instead, he attacked the 'sexist' suggestion that his wife is incapable of running a political consulting firm—a suggestion The Daily Beast never made." [The Daily Beast, [1/4/24](#)]

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### **Kent Has Routed “The Vast Majority” Of His Campaign Money Through What Appeared To Be A Shell Company Called HWY 99, A Registered Corporate Agency In Delaware That Appeared To Have Functioned As A Master Payer To Hide The Identities Of Campaign Vendors And Staffers For Kent**

**Kent Has Routed Most Of His Campaign Money Through What Appeared To Be A Shell Company Called HWY 99.** “But that doesn’t mean Braynard hasn’t gotten any money from the campaign at all. The Kent operation has routed the vast majority of its expenses—about two of every three dollars spent—through an apparent shell company, called ‘HWY 99 Corporation.’ And Braynard did not deny having ever gotten money from this entity when The Daily Beast pressed him, but only alluded vaguely to having ‘long volunteered’ for the campaign.” [The Daily Beast, [1/4/24](#)]

**HWY 99 Was A Registered Corporate Agency In Delaware And Functioned As A Master Payer To Hide The Identities Of Campaign Vendors And Staffers.** “Campaign finance experts told The Daily Beast that HWY 99—registered in Delaware under the name of a nondescript corporate agent—appears to function as a master payer. The pass-through entity obscures the identities of the true payees, including campaign vendors and possibly even staffers. These experts said the whole arrangement raises concerns about disclosure rules, as well as the campaign’s transparency with voters.” [The Daily Beast, [1/4/24](#)]

- **HWY 99 Corp. Was Formed On August 16, 2022 And The Registered Agent Was Paracorp Incorporated.** According to the Delaware Department of State, HWY 99 Corp. was formed on August 16, 2022, and the registered agent was Paracorp Incorporated. [Delaware Department of State, HWY 99 Corp., File Number: 6971209, Incorporation Date [8/16/22](#)]

Entity Details			
<b>THIS IS NOT A STATEMENT OF GOOD STANDING</b>			
File Number:	6971209	Incorporation Date / Formation Date:	8/16/2022 (mm/dd/yyyy)
Entity Name:	HWY 99 CORP.		
Entity Kind:	Corporation	Entity Type:	General
Residency:	Domestic	State:	DELAWARE
<b>REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION</b>			
Name:	PARACORP INCORPORATED		
Address:	2140 S DUPONT HWY		
City:	CAMDEN	County:	Kent
State:	DE	Postal Code:	19934
Phone:	302-697-4590		

[Delaware Department of State, HWY 99 Corp., File Number: 6971209, Incorporation Date [8/16/22](#)]

*NOTE: [Paracorp](#) was a company that helped with [entity formations](#).*

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### **LLCs Have Become More Common In Political Campaigns To Hide Who Is Being Paid, And Delaware Did Not Make LLCs Disclose Who Their Owners Are Or Directors, And Delaware Is Labeled A “Tax Haven”**

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**Delaware Provided LLCs With Anonymity And The LLCs Located In Delaware Have Been Used In “The Highest-Profile Global Money Laundering Schemes In Recent Decades.”** “To create the Delaware LLCs, Cohen employed the help of a local company that registers and maintains entities on behalf of their beneficial owners. Known as a corporate capital, Delaware is the legal home to over 1 million business entities. For some, the relative anonymity of beneficial owners and quickness is a selling point for forming a limited liability company in Delaware. Some of those companies have been used in the highest-profile global money laundering schemes in recent decades.” [Delaware Online, [4/4/23](#)]

**Delaware Does Not Make LLCs Disclose Their Owners Or Directors.** “Cohen’s shell company is registered in Delaware, a state that allows companies to disclose little trace of their owners or directors. This has raised questions over who actually owns Cohen’s firm. Because the United States has taken no comparable action to the U.K.’s, it also means that law enforcement officials may have little help from state records in tracking down the true nature of Cohen’s firm, Essential Consultants LLC.” [ICIJ, [5/21/18](#)]

**LLCs Have Become More Common In Political Campaigns To Hide Who Is Paid By The Campaigns.** “Instead, roughly \$5.3 million went to two shadowy entities: newly formed limited liability companies with no online presence and no record of other federal election work, whose addresses are Staples stores in suburban strip malls. Their minimal business records show they were set up by the same person in the months before Mr. Scott entered the race. Masking the companies, groups and people ultimately paid by campaigns — effectively obscuring large amounts of spending behind businesses and convoluted consulting arrangements — has become common, as political candidates and organizations test the limits of campaign finance law.” [NY Times, [7/28/23](#)]

**Delaware Was Labeled As A “Tax Haven” For Companies.** “U.S. law, as is well known and well reported, allows companies to incorporate in Delaware (or any other state) and be governed by that state’s laws and tax code. Delaware doesn’t tax ‘intangible assets,’ and this encourages companies to move parts of their business to Delaware to avoid taxes in other states. This has led to Delaware being labeled a ‘tax haven.’” [The Atlantic, [10/5/16](#)]

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Kent's Disbursements to HWY 99				
Committee Name	Recipient Name	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Date	Disbursement Amount
Keep Electing New Talent Pac	HWY 99	Pac Strategy Consulting	6/6/24	\$3,000.00
Keep Electing New Talent Pac	HWY 99	Pac Strategy Consulting	5/31/24	\$350.00
Keep Electing New Talent Pac	HWY 99	Pac Strategy Consulting	5/9/24	\$5,408.95
Keep Electing New Talent Pac	HWY 99	Pac Strategy Consulting	3/19/24	\$350.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign, Digital And Strategic Consulting	3/11/24	\$50,000.00
Keep Electing New Talent Pac	HWY 99	Pac Strategy Consulting	3/11/24	\$300.00
Joe Kent Victory Fund	HWY 99 LLC	Strategy Consulting	3/11/24	\$350.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign, Digital And Strategic Consulting	3/4/24	\$350.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign, Digital And Strategic Consulting	2/29/24	\$10,000.00
Joe Kent Victory Fund	HWY 99 LLC	Strategy Consulting	2/19/24	\$350.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign, Digital And Strategic Consulting	2/19/24	\$350.00
Keep Electing New Talent Pac	HWY 99	Pac Strategy Consulting	2/5/24	\$300.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign, Digital And Strategic Consulting	1/30/24	\$25,000.00
Keep Electing New Talent Pac	HWY 99	Pac Strategy Consulting	1/30/24	\$300.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign, Digital And Strategic Consulting	1/9/24	\$350.00
Joe Kent Victory Fund	HWY 99 LLC	Strategy Consulting	12/24/23	\$700.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign Consulting	12/7/23	\$25,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign, Digital And Strategic Consulting	11/2/23	\$25,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign, Digital And Strategic Consulting	9/30/23	\$20,000.00
Joe Kent Victory Fund	HWY 99 LLC	Strategy Consulting	9/6/23	\$1,000.00
Keep Electing New Talent Pac	HWY 99	Fundraising And Pac Strategy Consulting	9/5/23	\$576.86
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign Consulting	8/21/23	\$25,000.00
Joe Kent Victory Fund	HWY 99 LLC	Strategy Consulting	8/20/23	\$500.00

Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign Consulting	8/9/23	\$20,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign Consulting	8/1/23	\$300.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign Consulting	7/25/23	\$10,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign Consulting	7/24/23	\$400.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign Consulting	7/19/23	\$20,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign Consulting	7/10/23	\$2,100.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign Consulting	7/10/23	\$10,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign Consulting	7/8/23	\$20,000.00
Joe Kent Victory Fund	HWY 99 LLC	Strategy Consulting	7/5/23	\$2,500.00
Gaetz Kent Joint Victory Committee	HWY 99	Campaign Consulting	7/5/23	\$1,600.00
Joe Kent Victory Fund	HWY 99 LLC	Strategy Consulting	7/5/23	\$2,150.00
Joe Kent Victory Fund	HWY 99 LLC	Strategy Consulting	7/3/23	\$5,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign Consulting	7/1/23	\$1,600.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign Consulting	6/5/23	\$300.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign Consulting	6/5/23	\$2,059.74
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign Consulting	5/1/23	\$10,000.00
Joe Kent Victory Fund	HWY 99 LLC	Strategy Consulting	4/14/23	\$5,000.00
Joe Kent Victory Fund	HWY 99 LLC	Strategy Consulting	3/31/23	\$1,500.00
Joe Kent Victory Fund	HWY 99 LLC	Fundraising Consulting	3/31/23	\$750.00
Joe Kent Victory Fund	HWY 99 LLC	Travel And Lodging	3/31/23	\$2,059.74
Joe Kent Victory Fund	HWY 99 LLC	Fundraising Consulting	3/10/23	\$750.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Legal And Campaign Consulting	1/21/23	\$66,149.43
Joe Kent Victory Fund	HWY 99 LLC	Strategy Consulting	1/9/23	\$750.00
Joe Kent Victory Fund	HWY 99 LLC	Compliance Consulting	11/30/22	\$500.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign Consulting	11/18/22	\$50,000.00

Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Media Placement	11/14/22	\$30,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Media Placement	11/10/22	\$25,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Media Placement	11/6/22	\$25,000.00
Keep Electing New Talent Pac	HWY 99	Fundraising And Pac Strategy Consulting	11/3/22	\$40,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Media Placement	11/2/22	\$42,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Media Placement	10/28/22	\$50,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Media Placement	10/24/22	\$145,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Media Placement	10/19/22	\$150,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Media Placement	10/13/22	\$150,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Media Placement	10/7/22	\$150,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Digital Consulting	9/14/22	\$50,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Fundraising And Campaign Consulting And Fundraising Consulting	9/5/22	\$50,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Printing, Billboards, Campaign Consulting And Fundraising Consulting	8/31/22	\$25,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Printing, Billboards, Campaign Consulting And Fundraising Consulting	8/24/22	\$75,000.00
Joe Kent For Congress	HWY 99 CORPORATION	Campaign Consulting And Fundraising Consulting	8/24/22	\$50,000.00
<b>Total:</b>				\$1,487,004.72

[FEC, HWY 99, accessed [7/22/24](#)]

**HWY 99 Was Only Associated With Kent’s Committees And Had Never Been Paid By Another Committee And Legal Experts Said “The Company Appears To Be A Shell”**

**HWY 99 Was Only Associated With Kent’s Committees And Had Never Been Paid By Another Committee.** “It’s unclear who exactly is behind HWY 99. The company is only associated with Kent’s political committees, and no other committee has ever paid it, according to FEC records. As of the most recent filings, covering through late September, the company had siphoned more than \$1.3 million from the Kent operation—about two-thirds of its total spending. The payments were ascribed to a wide range of services, from ‘media placement’ to ‘digital consulting’ to ‘legal and campaign consulting’ to the catch-all ‘printing, billboards, campaign consulting, and fundraising consulting.’” [The Daily Beast, [1/4/24](#)]

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**Entity That Was Recently Set Up, No Other Campaigns Pay It, And You Can't Trace It, Which All Points To An Effort To Conceal Something.**” “legal experts expressed concerns about the HWY 99 setup. ‘The company appears to be a shell,’ said Ghosh, of CLC. ‘Here you have an entity that was recently set up, no other campaigns pay it, and you can’t trace it, which all points to an effort to conceal something.’ Named for a state route coursing along the Pacific coastline, the company appears in Kent campaign filings as ‘HWY 99 Corporation’ and as ‘HWY 99 LLC.’ But while HWY 99 is registered in Delaware, it accepts the campaign’s payments at a different address: 499 South Capitol Street SW, suite #405, Washington, D.C. Multiple entities registered to Datwyler—the treasurer to both the campaign and the super PAC—have previously used that precise address: the nonprofit Great American Coalition; his 9Seven Consulting; multiple state and federal campaigns for which he has served as treasurer; and a group called New Journey PAC, which operates the websites MagaWomen.Org and Maga.Black.” [The Daily Beast, [1/4/24](#)]

**Kent’s Campaign Had Only Reported One Payroll Expenses Ever.** “In fact, the Kent campaign has reported only one ‘payroll’ or ‘salary’ expense ever—a \$5,000 disbursement in July 2021 to former campaign manager Byron Sanford. Sanford’s other Kent payouts, like many of the campaign’s advisers, were chalked up to the outside role of ‘campaign consulting.’ Sanford later turned on Kent, claiming that the right-wing candidate’s personal funds came from a shady company for a no-show job. (Kent loaned his 2022 campaign \$205,000, and as of last September has not repaid any of it.)” [The Daily Beast, [1/4/24](#)]

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