

### **Erik Aadland (CO-07) Research Report**

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## **Erik Aadland**

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Republican Candidate in  
Colorado's 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

### **Research Memo – 2022**

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### Significant Findings

#### **Aadland Followed QAnon Accounts On Social Media, Sought The Support Of QAnon Influencers, Worked With QAnon Politicians, And Espoused QAnon Theories**

- ✓ On his Parler account, Aadland followed “at least a dozen” accounts that promoted QAnon conspiracies.
- ✓ Aadland said it was “fantastic” to meet with Scott Presler, an anti-Muslim conspiracy theorist associated with QAnon and the “Stop the Steal” movement.
- ✓ On Facebook, Aadland liked and followed the page, “ThriveOn,” which espoused several QAnon and other conspiracy theories like 9/11 “truthism” and claims of “satanic ritual abuse” at the White House.
- ✓ Aadland bought into the QAnon conspiracy that George Soros funded protest movements.
- ✓ Aadland had a close relationship with Representatives Lauren Boebert and Marjorie Taylor Greene, who both had significant ties to the QAnon movement.

#### **Aadland Was Anti-Abortion, Supported The Overturn Of Roe V. Wade, And Claimed That Abortion Was A “Cultural Sickness”**

- ✓ Aadland applauded the overturn of Roe V. Wade, was a “big fan” of Texas’ bounty hunter abortion ban and called abortion a “cultural sickness.”
- ✓ Aadland was “absolutely against any federal funding of abortion” and advocated for defunding Planned Parenthood.
- ✓ Aadland said he would not support a federal abortion ban because he did not “want Congress or the Federal Government involved in this issue at all” and said, “I can’t contradict myself.”

#### **Aadland Backed The Big Lie, Supported Policies That Would Make It Harder To Vote, And Discussed His Intent To Lie To Voters About His Beliefs On The 2020 Election**

- ✓ Aadland believed that the 2020 election was “absolutely rigged,” influenced by fraud, and had “massive statistical anomalies” but also said he “can’t prove it.”
- ✓ Aadland entertained conspiracy theories about Dominion voting machines leading to election fraud.
- ✓ Aadland said that Biden’s Administration was “an illegitimate government” and that the “country is on the brink of being taken over by a communist government.”
- ✓ On several occasions, Aadland publicly stated that he hid his belief that the 2020 election was stolen while on the campaign trail so as not to dissuade voters from supporting him.
- ✓ Aadland advocated for policies that would harm voting rights and make it more difficult to vote like Voter ID laws “in every state,” purging voter rolls, and opposing “federalization” of elections.

#### **Aadland Sympathized With January 6th Insurrectionists And Proud Boys, Called Them “The Good Guys,” Said That They Were “Political Prisoners,” And Even Hired An Insurrectionist On His Campaign**

- ✓ Aadland said the arrests of the Proud Boys, who he followed on Parler, after January 6<sup>th</sup> were examples of “leftist censorship and government overreach.”
- ✓ Aadland said that the U.S. Government was “Gestapo-Like” in its treatment of insurrectionists who he called “political prisoners.”
- ✓ Talking about January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrectionists, Aadland said that he would “see that justice is done for the good guys.”
- ✓ Aadland believed that Capitol security let insurrectionists into the Capitol Building and that there were “plants” in the crowd encouraging rioters to enter the building.
- ✓ Aadland said that he would support a Congressional investigation into the Capitol police officer who shot January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrectionist Ashli Babbitt.
- ✓ Aadland’s campaign treasurer, Tom Bjorklund, was a January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrectionist.

#### **Aadland Held A Managing Role For Noble Energy When The Company Spilled 7,500 Gallons Of Crude Oil Into The Poudre River In Colorado’s DJ Basin**

- ✓ Aadland said that he would “protect Colorado’s lakes, rivers, and streams.”
- ✓ ... But in 2014, he worked for Noble Energy, an oil and gas company that dumped 7,500 gallons of oil into “Colorado’s only designated scenic river” and was sued by the federal government for the spill.
  - In 2014, Aadland worked as a drilling engineer for Noble Energy in Colorado’s DJ Basin.

#### **Aadland Repeatedly Pushed Dangerous Misinformation About Covid-19 And Supported The Widely Discredited Use Of Ivermectin As A Treatment For The Disease**

- ✓ Aadland frequently pushed misinformation about Covid-19, understated the risks of the Delta Variant, and seemingly supported the use of Ivermectin to treat Covid-19.
- ✓ Aadland was against vaccine mandates.
- ✓ December 2021: Aadland’s campaign fundraised off the fact that he had Covid-19.
- ✓ On multiple occasions, Aadland wrote tweets advocating for the firing and prosecution of Dr. Anthony Fauci.

#### **Aadland Believed Conspiracy Theories And Spread Misinformation About Ukraine And Often Appeared To Align With Russia And Putin Amidst The Ukraine-Russia Conflict**

- ✓ Aadland pushed out conspiracy theories about Ukraine and even claimed it was “one of the most corrupt countries on the planet” and promoted claims that Zelensky was a “puppet.”
- ✓ Aadland railed against sending military aid to Ukraine and said that those who did support military aid were “outrightly betraying the American people.”
- ✓ Aadland aligned with Russia and Putin during the Ukrainian invasion, saying they are not “the demons they’re made out to be” and pushed Russian propaganda that there were secret U.S.-funded biolabs.

**Aadland Was Accused Of Coordinating With A Super PAC For Sharing A Common Vendor That Also Had The Same Address As The Super PAC**

- ✓ A Super PAC named “For Colorado’s Future” funded \$337,736.63 in independent expenditures toward Aadland’s CO-07 congressional campaign entirely through a company called Telephone Town Hall Meeting.
- ✓ For Colorado’s Future PAC was in-debt to Telephone Town Hall Meeting for \$257,736.63 in advertising.
- ✓ Telephone Town Hall Meeting was one of Aadland’s vendors for his CO-07 campaign and received over 20k in disbursements over the course of the cycle.
- ✓ Telephone Town Hall Meeting and the For Colorado’s Future PAC shared the same registered address at 958 Cornflower Drive in Golden, Colorado 80401.
- ✓ Aadland was accused by his CO-07 primary opponents for coordination between the Super PAC that was exclusively donating in favor of his campaign and the vendor that his campaign often used.

**Aadland Firmly Supported Rick Scott’s “Rescue America Plan”**

- ✓ Aadland said he was “in full support” and would do “everything I can to implement” Senator Rick Scott’s Rescue America Plan, which would raise taxes on half of all Americans and sunset Social Security and Medicare
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**Aadland Was A Far-Right Extremist Who Repeatedly Used Unhinged And Violent Rhetoric And Supported Policies That Were Bad For Colorado**

- ✓ Aadland opposed bipartisan gun reforms, said that school shootings were caused by a lack of spirituality in public schools, and made his own “ghost guns.”
- ✓ Aadland was a threat to education, advocating for abolishing the Department of Education and defunding schools because he claimed they were “sexualizing our children.”
- ✓ Aadland wanted to overturn Obergefell & supported discrimination against the LGBTQ+ community.
- ✓ Aadland said that The Affordable Care Act was “the worst written legislation in history” and advocated for the introduction of “free market forces, competition” into healthcare
- ✓ Aadland claimed that the federal income tax was unconstitutional, but the 16<sup>th</sup> amendment of the United States Constitution stated that “Congress shall have the power to lay and collect taxes on incomes.”
- ✓ Aadland repeatedly used unhinged and violent rhetoric about his political opposition.
  - Aadland repeatedly said that he was fighting a spiritual war against evil.
  - Aadland said that “we’re in the trenches fighting in the next revolution” against Democrats.

- Talking about political opponents, Aadland said “the enemy is inside our walls right now.”
- Aadland said that the government “has become an enemy of the people.”

### **Aadland Firmly Aligned Himself With Donald Trump And Adopted His Campaign Slogans And Messaging**

- ✓ Aadland supported Trump and said that Trump inspired him to register as a Republican after being an independent.
  - Aadland: “With all his flaws, Donald Trump restored my hope that we can take back this country.”
- ✓ Aadland adopted Trump campaign slogans and jargon such as “Make America Great Again,” “America First,” And “Fake News.”

### **Aadland Associated With Extremists And Unsavory Characters**

- ✓ Aadland was endorsed by former Rep. Paul Broun, who said evolution was a lie “from the pit of hell.”
- ✓ Aadland’s 2022 U.S. Senate campaign kick-off was headlined by former Rep. Tom Tancredo, who was a “world-famous race-baiting Congressman” who suggested that “the U.S. bomb Mecca.”
- ✓ Aadland said he was friends with Lauren Boebert, who once said that she hoped the QAnon Conspiracy Theory “is real” and supported QAnon.
- ✓ Aadland attended a fundraiser with Marjorie Taylor Greene, who was known as the “QAnon Congresswoman.”
- ✓ Aadland was endorsed by extremist musician Ted Nugent, who told fans at a concert to “go berserk on the skulls of Democrats.”
- ✓ Aadland was endorsed by Trump VA Secretary Robert Wilkie, who was pressured to resign after a report revealed that he tried to discredit an assault victim.
- ✓ Aadland “cozied up” with “Trump loyalist” and Trump Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.
- ✓ Aadland was endorsed by Former Texas Governor Rick Perry, who “has repeatedly questioned the science behind climate change.”
- ✓ Aadland was endorsed by former Trump Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke, who “misused his position” as Interior Secretary to “advance a development project in his Montana hometown.”

### **Aadland Had A History Of Strange And Unsettling Comments**

- ✓ When running for U.S. Senate, Aadland questioned the military service of his opponent, who was a combat veteran that served for 32 years.
  - Aadland: “I know Ron Hanks has claimed to be a combat veteran... I don’t know what his service looks like. What I can tell you is, I did two tours in real combat.”

- ✓ Aadland said that “there was a thrill” when 9/11 first happened because “I knew I was going to have the opportunity to be tested in combat.”
- ✓ On Father’s Day, Aadland tweeted that “Father’s Day is not just about remembering their role in procreation, but also reminding fathers of their role in raising their children.”
- ✓ Aadland said that “most people are not educated” and “they are the sheep of society.”
- ✓ Aadland: “I’m so tired of coming to groups who just meet up every week and just sit and bitch about problems.”
- ✓ Aadland suggested that the quality of political candidate that people can vote for is “terrible” because “only 10% of Christians vote in primaries.”
- ✓ Aadland agreed with a radio host who said “if Presidential administrations were described the way that Friends episodes were titled, this one would be “The One Where America Was A Third World Country.”
- ✓ Aadland said that Black Lives Matter was destroying the nuclear family.

## Background

- **FULL LEGAL NAME:** Erik Anders Aadland
- **BORN:** 1/1980; Age 42
- **FAMILY:** Wife Megan Aadland, 3 children
- **HOME:** Pine, Colorado
- **EDUCATION:**
  - 1998-2002: West Point Military Academy
  - 2018-2021: M.A. Depth Psychology, Pacifica Graduate Institute
  - 2021-2021: Unfinished PhD at unknown program
- **PROFESSIONAL:**
  - 2002-2011: US Army Service; Most recent rank was Captain
  - 2011-2020: Project Manager, Noble Energy
- **POLITICAL:**
  - 2021-2022: Ran for U.S. Senate in Colorado
  - 2021-2022: Switched over to run for Congress in the CO-07 District.
- **AWARDS:**
  - Military Service Awards:
    - Bronze Star Medal (With Combat “V”)
    - Bronze Star Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)
    - Meritorious Service Medal
    - Meritorious Service Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)
    - Army Commendation Medal
    - Army Commendation Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)
    - Army Achievement Medal
    - Overseas Service Ribbon
    - Overseas Service Ribbon (Bronze Star)
    - NATO Medal
    - Combat Action Badge

## **Aadland Followed QAnon Accounts On Social Media, Sought The Support Of QAnon Influencers, Worked With QAnon Politicians, And Espoused QAnon Theories**

### **QAnon Was A Movement That Believed That “A Group Of Satan-Worshipping Elites Who Run A Child Sex Ring” Controlled Government And The Media**

**New York Times: The QAnon Movement Espoused A Belief That “A Group Of Satan-Worshipping Elites Who Run A Child Sex Ring Are Trying To Control Our Politics And Media.”** “QAnon was once a fringe phenomenon — the kind most people could safely ignore. But recently, it has gone mainstream. In 2020, QAnon supporters flooded social media with false information about Covid-19, the Black Lives Matter protests and the presidential election, and recruited legions of new believers to their ranks. A December poll by NPR and Ipsos found that 17 percent of Americans believed that the core falsehood of QAnon — that “a group of Satan-worshipping elites who run a child sex ring are trying to control our politics and media” — was true.” [New York Times, [9/3/21](#)]

**New York Times: Followers Of QAnon “Participated In The Deadly Capitol Riot” On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** “QAnon has also seeped into the offline world. Followers of the movement participated in the deadly Capitol riot in January, and other QAnon believers have been charged with violent crimes, including kidnappings, assassination plots and the 2019 murder of a mafia boss in New York. A terrorism bulletin issued by the Department of Homeland Security in late January warned of increasing violence from domestic extremist groups, including conspiracy theory communities like QAnon.” [New York Times, [9/3/21](#)]

**New York Times: QAnon Followers Believed That Members Of The “Satan-Worshipping Elites” “Kill And Eat Their Victims To Extract A Life-Extending Chemical Called Adrenochrome.”** “A December poll by NPR and Ipsos found that 17 percent of Americans believed that the core falsehood of QAnon — that “a group of Satan-worshipping elites who run a child sex ring are trying to control our politics and media” — was true. [...] QAnon followers believe that this cabal includes top Democrats like President Joseph R. Biden Jr., Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and George Soros, as well as a number of entertainers and Hollywood celebrities like Oprah Winfrey, Tom Hanks and Ellen DeGeneres and religious figures including Pope Francis and the Dalai Lama. Many of them also believe that, in addition to molesting children, members of this group kill and eat their victims to extract a life-extending chemical called adrenochrome. [New York Times, [9/3/21](#)]

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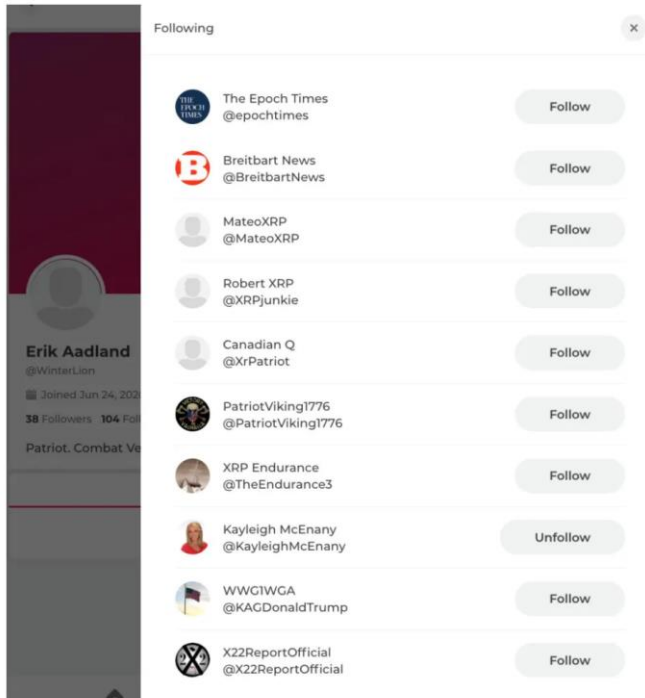
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- **On His Parler, Aadland Followed An Account Named “WWG1WGA” Which Represents The QAnon Catchphrase: “Where We Go One, We Go All.”** “Aadland’s account hasn’t posted its own comments or

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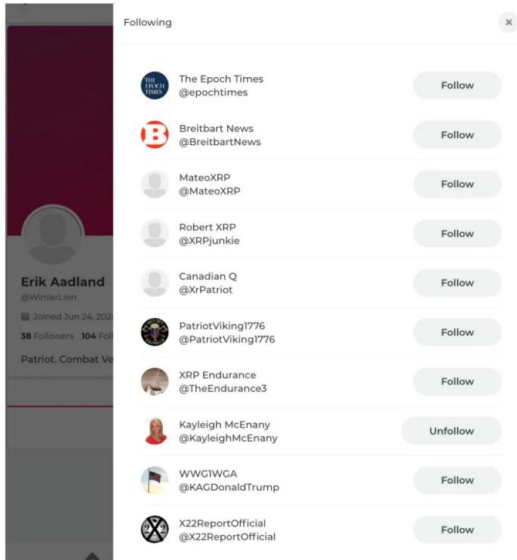


Screenshot of the list of accounts Erik Aadland follows on Parler

[Colorado Times Recorder, [7/19/22](#)]

- **New York Times: “WWG1WGA,” Which Stood For “Where We Go One, We Go All,” Is “QAnon Iconography.”** “The canard is convoluted and confusing, but its iconography is clear and was plentiful: There were shirts with the letter ‘Q’ or slogans like ‘Trust the Plan’; signs saying ‘Save the Children’; and flags with the abbreviation ‘WWG1WGA,’ which stands for ‘Where We Go One, We Go All.’” [New York Times, [1/13/21](#)]
- **On His Parler, Aadland Followed A “QAnon Promoter” Named X22 Report Who Had Nearly A Quarter Million Followers.** “The QAnon accounts followed by Aadland include the user ‘WWG1WGA’ who has the handle @KAGDonaldTrump and has over 15,000 followers; QAnon promoter X22 Report, with nearly a quarter million followers; and Joe M, with the handle @StormIsUponUS, 364,000 followers. Aadland also follows Ghost Ezra, a QAnon account best known for its rabidly antisemitic posts on Telegram, another far

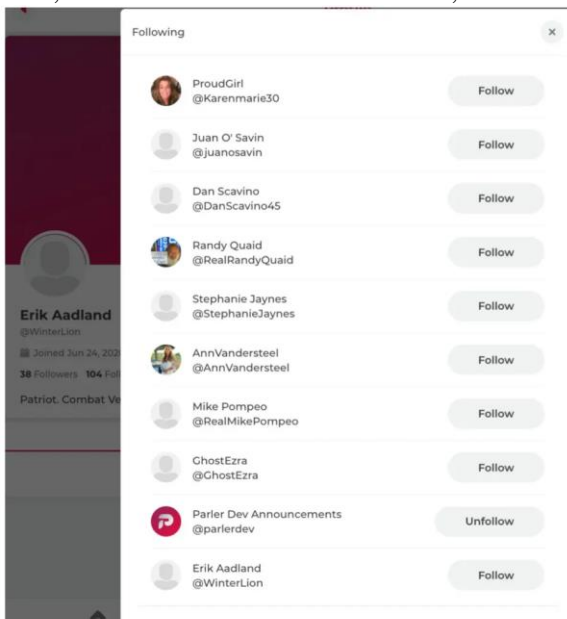
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[Colorado Times Recorder, [7/19/22](#)]

**June 2022: Aadland Said It Was “Fantastic” To Meet With Scott Presler, An Anti-Muslim Conspiracy Theorist Associated With QAnon And The Stop The Steal Movement**

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Erik Aadland for Congress (CO-7)  @AadlandforCO · Jun 15  
Fantastic meeting with @ScottPresler last night and hearing his thoughts the coming #RedWave and how to make it a #RedTsunami. Time for acti #gotv Republicans!



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[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [6/15/22](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “Rep. Elise Stefanik Is Partnering With QAnon Conspiracy Theorist Scott Presler.”** [Media Matters for America, [8/24/21](#)]
- **HEADLINE: “Stefanik Under Fire For Holding Event With Anti-Muslim Conspiracy Theorist Scott Presler.”** [Adirondack Daily Enterprise, [8/25/21](#)]
- **Media Matters For America: “Presler Has A Long History Of Engaging In Extremism, Including Playing A Key Role In ‘Stop The Steal’ Efforts To Overturn President Joe Biden’s Victory.”** “The Daily Beast’s Roger Sollenberger reported after Stefanik’s announcement that Presler has a long history of engaging in extremism, including playing ‘a key role in ‘Stop the Steal’ efforts to overturn President Joe Biden’s victory’ and working for ACT for America, “an organization that the Anti-Defamation League and Southern Poverty Law Center deemed the largest anti-Muslim hate group in the United States.” He added that Presler has also flirted with QAnon and linked to a tweet noting that he was pictured next to a QAnon sign.” [Media Matters for America, [8/24/21](#)]

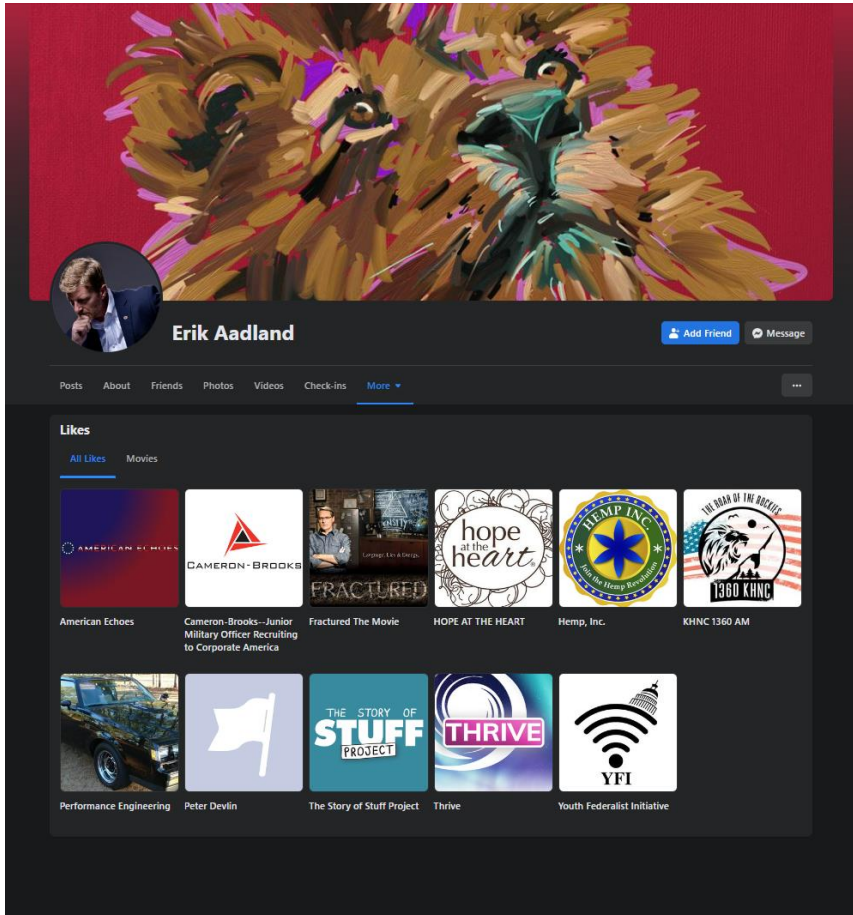
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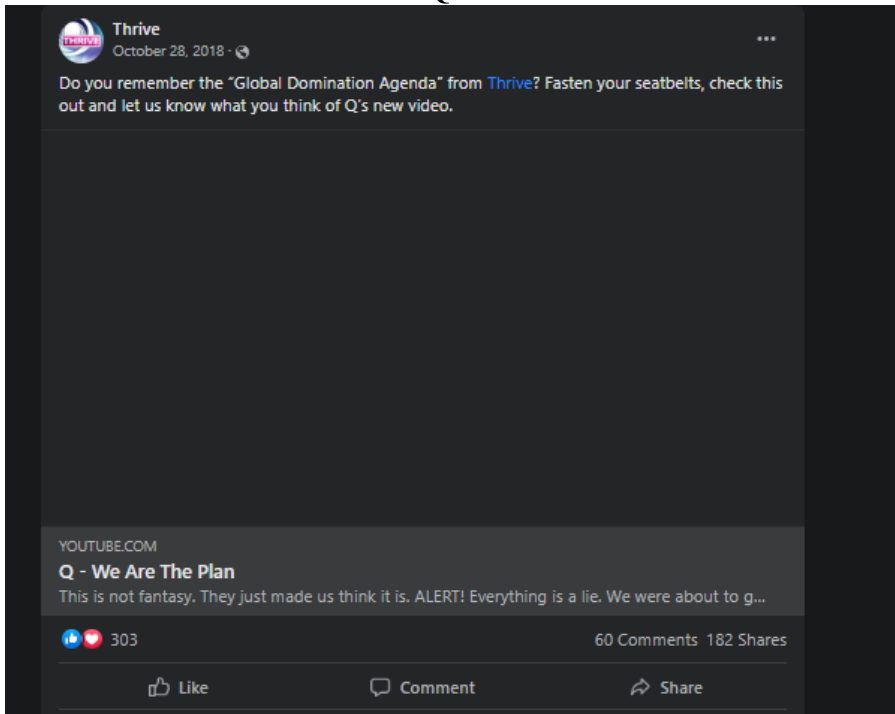
[Erik Aadland, Facebook, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

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**ThriveOn Posted A Video From “Q,” The Internet Poster Behind QAnon**

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### ThriveOn Posted A Video From “Q” Titled “We Are The Plan.”



[ThriveOn, Facebook, [10/28/18](#)]

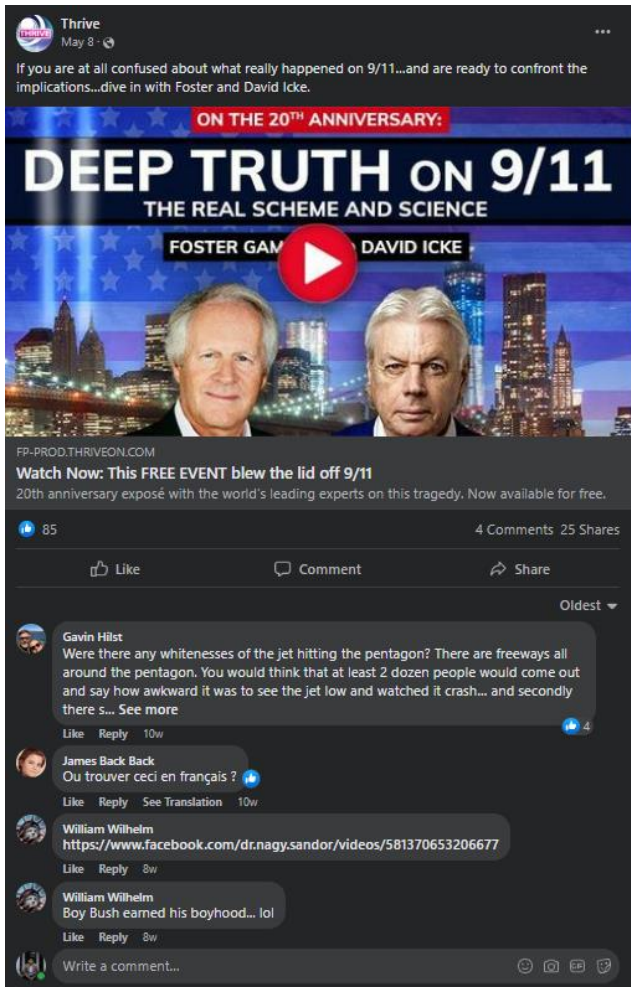
- **New York Times: “Q” Was The Central Figure Behind QAnon Posts And Conspiracy Theories.** “In October 2017, a post appeared on 4chan, the notoriously toxic message board, from an anonymous account calling itself “Q Clearance Patriot.” This poster, who became known simply as “Q,” claimed to be a high-ranking government insider with access to classified information about Mr. Trump’s war against the global cabal. [...] Q’s identity is still unknown, although there have been hints and speculation about it for years. Some speculate that a single internet troll has been posting as Q the entire time; others say that multiple people are involved in posting as Q, or that Q’s identity has changed over time. [...] Q’s account has been quiet in recent months, and has posted only a few times since Mr. Trump’s election loss in November. Many QAnon believers hope that Q will return someday, although others maintain that the movement no longer needs Q as a central figure.” [New York Times, [9/3/21](#)]

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### ThriveOn Posted A Video Promoting 9/11 Trutherism, A Conspiracy That Was Adopted By QAnon

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**May 2022: ThriveOn Posted A Video Discussing “What Really Happened On 9/11” Titled “Deep Truth On 9/11.”**



[ThriveOn, Facebook, [5/8/22](#)]

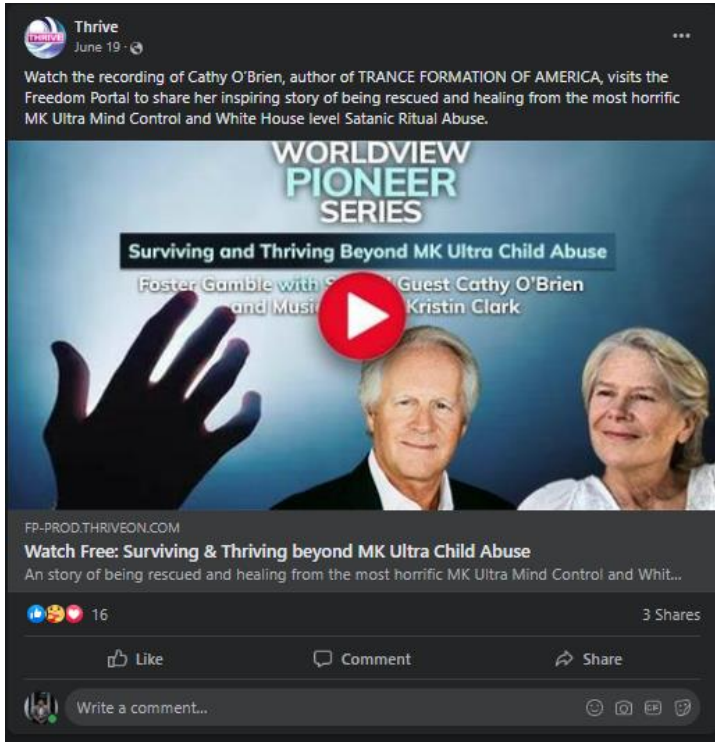
- **New York Times: The 9/11 “Truther” Movement Was Incorporated Into QAnon.** “Not by a long shot. Since it began, QAnon has incorporated elements of many other conspiracy theory communities, including claims about the assassination of John F. Kennedy, the existence of U.F.O.s, and the 9/11 ‘truther’ movement.” [New York Times, [9/3/21](#)]
- **C-SPAN: “Adherents Of The 9/11 Truth Movement Are Conspiracy Theorists Who Dispute The Mainstream Account Of The September 11 Attacks Of 2001.”** “Adherents of the 9/11 Truth movement are conspiracy theorists who dispute the mainstream account of the September 11 attacks of 2001. The ‘truthers’, as they are, sometimes pejoratively, called, dispute the commonly accepted account that Al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four airliners, crashed them into the Pentagon and New York’s Twin Towers, whereupon the crashes led to the collapse of the Twin Towers. Truthers primarily focus on missed information that isn’t explained in the official NIST theory, such as the collapse of World Trade Center 7. They suggest a cover-up and, at the least, complicity by insiders.” [C-Span, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

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**ThriveOn Posted An Interview With A Victim Of “White-House Level Satanic Ritual Abuse,” Which Echoed The QAnon Theory That The Government Was Run By “Satan-Worshipping Elites”**

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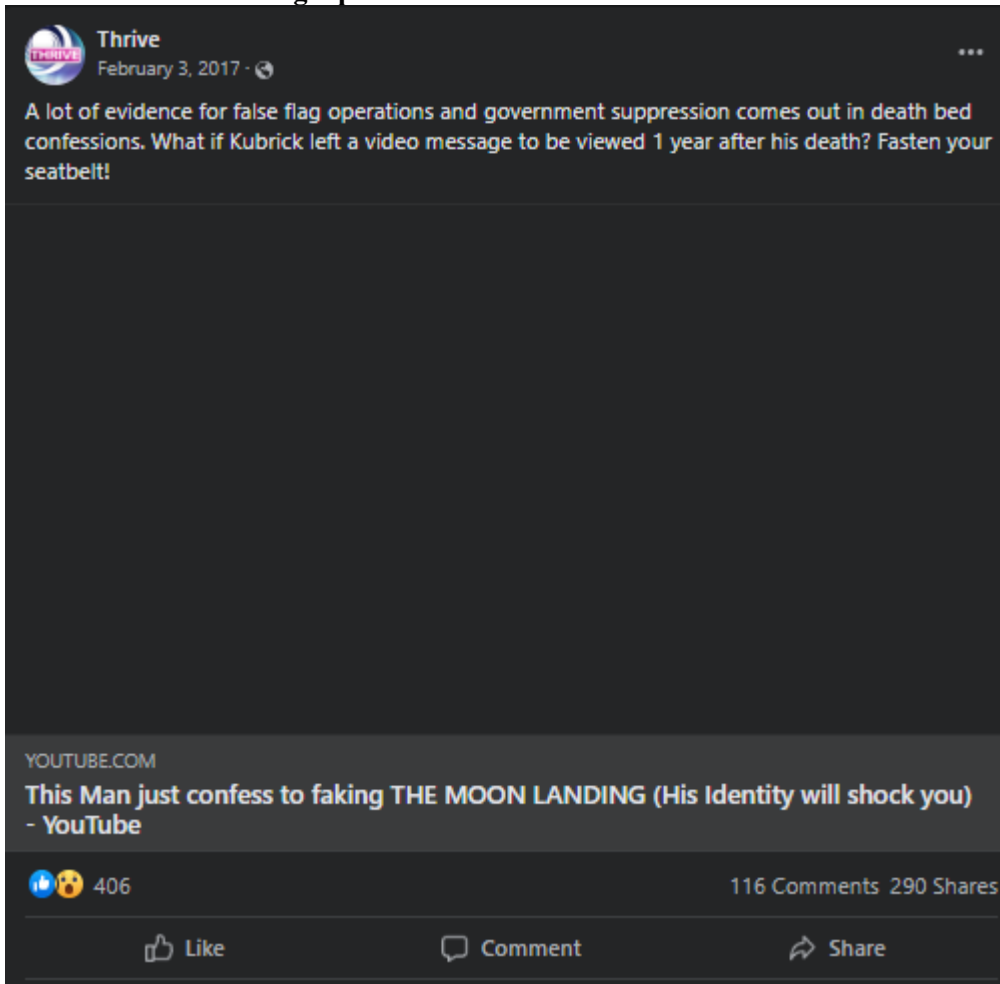
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**ThriveOn Believed That The 1969 Moon Landing Was A “False Flag” Operation**

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### ThriveOn Posted A Video About The 1969 Moon Landing Being Fake And Said There Was “A Lot Of Evidence For False Flag Operations.”



[ThriveOn, Facebook, [2/3/17](#)]

### Aadland Bought Into The QAnon Conspiracy That George Soros Funded Protest Movements

#### Aadland Suggested That Today’s Civil Rights Activists Were Funded By George Soros.



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [9/30/21](#)]

**Guardian: “Far Right Activists And Believers In The QAnon Conspiracy Have Accused Soros Of Funding Violent Protests.”** “Soros, who is Jewish and was born in Hungary, has been subjected to antisemitic attacks from conservatives for decades. Far-right activists and believers in the QAnon conspiracy theory have accused Soros of funding violent protests, of supporting an imagined global ring of pedophiles and of driving illegal immigration, a recurring theme in Carlson’s film.” [Guardian, [2/4/22](#)]

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**Aadland Said He Was Friends With Rep. Lauren Boebert, Who Once Said That She Hoped The QAnon Conspiracy Theory “Is Real” And Supported QAnon**

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**Aadland Said He Was Friends With Lauren Boebert, Who Introduced Him To The Freedom Caucus.** “[25:49] Question: Are you interested in becoming a part of the House Freedom Caucus? A: Lauren Boebert introduced me to the Freedom Caucus and I have since become friends with her and other members of the Freedom Caucus. I love the men and women patriots of the freedom caucus. But this seat will be under attack from the day I take office, so I need to be very deliberate with all of my actions.” [Aadland for Congress, Tele-Townhall, [6/22/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**November 2020: Boebert Expressed Support For QAnon And Said She Hoped It “Is Real.”** “Republican gun-rights activist Lauren Boebert defeated Democrat Diane Mitsch Bush in Colorado's 3rd Congressional District, according to the Associated Press. Why it matters: Boebert, a first-time candidate who defeated five-term GOP incumbent Rep. Scott Tipton in the state's June primary, has expressed support for the baseless QAnon conspiracy theory, saying in May she hopes it "is real." [Axios, [11/4/20](#)]

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

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**Aadland Attended A Fundraiser With Marjorie Taylor Greene, Who Supported QAnon And Was Known As The “QAnon Congresswoman”**

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**August 2021: After Aadland Was Criticized For Attending An Event With Marjorie Taylor Greene, Aadland Said “I’ll Listen To Anyone And Thoughtfully Consider Their Perspective- Including Marjorie Taylor Greene.”**

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I'm a firm believer in 1st Amendment rights. I'll listen to anyone and thoughtfully consider their perspective. Including Marjorie Taylor Greene. Doesn't mean I agree with everything. I fought to protect everyone's right to free speech. Especially a sitting Congresswoman's. - EA

 Colorado Dems  @coloradodems · Aug 6, 2021

QAnon believer Marjorie Taylor Greene is in Colorado RIGHT NOW headlining a fundraiser. Will Republicans take a stand and condemn her... or validate her dangerous right wing conspiracies? #copolitics

**"Colorado Republicans can run from Majorie Taylor Greene, but they can't hide.** While Erik Aadland bought his ticket to proudly welcome Greene to Colorado Springs, Kristi Burton Brown, Heidi Ganahl, Eli Bremer, Juli Henry, and Peter Yu either declined to attend or have remained silent – and none have condemned her hateful comments and dangerous right wing conspiracies. **They can't just sit idly by. Colorado needs to know where they stand."**

**-STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARC SNYDER  
(MANITOU SPRINGS)**



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[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [8/7/21](#)]

**January 2021: RollingStone: Marjorie Taylor Greene Supported QAnon And Was “Known In The Mainstream Media As The QAnon Congresswoman.”** “Marjorie Taylor Greene has had a busy few days since being sworn into Congress. Known in the mainstream media as the ‘Qanon congresswoman’ due to her support for the baseless far-right conspiracy theory QAnon, which posits the existence of a deep state cabal of left-wing cannibals and pedophiles angling for a new world order, Greene’s first big move in Congress was a dramatic announcement that she was filing for articles of impeachment against President Joe Biden.” [RollingStone, [1/27/21](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “Is Marjorie Taylor Greene Becoming The New Face Of QAnon?”** [RollingStone, [1/27/21](#)]

**Aadland Was Anti-Abortion, Supported The Overturn Of Roe V. Wade, And Claimed That Abortion Was A “Cultural Sickness”**

**Aadland Applauded The Overturn Of Roe V. Wade**

**Aadland Applauded The Overturn Of Roe And Criticized A Colorado Law That Codified Roe.** “Another GOP candidate, Erik Aadland, said he agreed with the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and applauded the Justices’ courage. ‘As a father of three children, I am distinctly pro-Life. As a Congressman, I will take a stand against any federal funding of abortion, upholding the Hyde Amendment,’ he said. ‘Abortion should be a states’ rights issue, and even though I strongly disagree with the permissiveness of the recent Colorado law (HB 1279), which puts us on par with the laws of North Korea and China, I also respect the legislative process for the people of Colorado to decide how this sensitive issue is managed within the state.’” [CPR News, [6/24/22](#)]

**Aadland: “I Agree With The Supreme Court’s Decision To Overturn Roe V. Wade.”** “I agree with the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and applaud their courage in turning this back to the states. As a father of three children, I am distinctly pro-Life. As a Congressman, I will take a stand against any federal funding of abortion, upholding the Hyde Amendment. Abortion should be a state’s rights issue, and even though I strongly disagree with the permissiveness of the recent Colorado law (HB 1279) which puts us on par with the laws of North Korea and China, I also respect the legislative process for the people of Colorado to decide how this sensitive issue is managed within the state.”



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[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [6/24/22](#)]

**Aadland Was A “Big Fan” Of Texas’ Bounty Hunter Abortion Ban**

**September 2021: Aadland: “I Support Texas's (And That Of Any State's For That Matter) Right To Adjudicate Abortion At The State Level In Alignment With The Will Of Their Constituency.”** “Colorado Politics reported on where the candidates stand on Texas' draconian law to ban abortion: Erik Aadland: ‘I support Texas's (and that of any State's for that matter) right to adjudicate abortion at the State level in alignment with the will of their constituency, Aadland wrote in a text message. I want the Federal government out of the issue altogether and I am absolutely against any Federal funding of abortion.’ [States News Service, 9/2/21]

**May 2022: ColoradoPols: “Erik Aadland Is A Big Fan Of The Ridiculous Abortion Restrictions Recently Enacted In Texas.”** “There are three Republicans running for Congress in CO-07. It's safe to say that none of them support abortion rights. Erik Aadland is a big fan of the ridiculous abortion restrictions recently enacted in Texas[10], so there's no need to ask him about Roe v. Wade.” [ColoradoPols, 5/3/22]

**Aadland Said That Abortion Was A “Cultural Sickness”**

**Aadland Said That Abortion Was A “Cultural Sickness” Caused Because “Kids Are Not Being Taught That Sex Is Sacred.”** “[21:08] Question: ‘What kind of methods do you have to fight against Colorado being the abortion capitol of the world?’ Aadland: ‘Yeah it’s abhorrent. California’s bill is even more horrible, criminal, and basically infanticide. The way we address it is that we have to take back the state. [...] And at the end of the day we’ve gotta treat this as a cultural sickness. This is an education problem. Kids are not being taught that sex is sacred, this act of creation.’ [Aadland for Congress, Grace Covenant Church Meet And Greet, [5/25/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**Aadland Was “Absolutely Against Any Federal Funding Of Abortion” And Advocated For Defunding Planned Parenthood**

**September 2021: Aadland: “I Am Absolutely Against Any Federal Funding Of Abortion.”** “Colorado Politics reported on where the candidates stand on Texas' draconian law to ban abortion: Erik Aadland: ‘I support Texas's (and that of any State's for that matter) right to adjudicate abortion at the State level in alignment with the will of their constituency, Aadland wrote in a text message. I want the Federal government out of the issue altogether and I am absolutely against any Federal funding of abortion.’ [States News Service, 9/2/21]

**Aadland: “I Want To See Planned Parenthood Defunded.”** “[20:50] Question: How do you stand on the matters of life?’ Aadland: ‘I am pro-life, so what that means is that as a Congressman, I would like to see Roe v. Wade overturned. I believe it was a poorly written decision, it was unconstitutional in nature, and I want this returned back to the states. And I want to stand against the federal funding of abortion whatsoever as your Congressman and I want to see Planned Parenthood defunded.’ [Aadland for Congress, Tele-Townhall, [6/22/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**Aadland Said He Wouldn’t Support A Federal Abortion Ban Because He Did Not “Want Congress Or The Federal Government Involved In This Issue At All” And Said “I Can’t Contradict Myself”**

**Aadland Said He Would Not Support A Federal Abortion Ban Because “I Don’t Want Congress Or The Federal Government Involved In This Issue At All” And “I Can’t Contradict Myself.”** “Question: If a bill were to be offered- let’s say the Republicans take back the House and the Senate and if I’m betting money Erik, I’d bet that we do- and a bill comes across the floor that says ‘we will have a federal ban on abortion.’ Do you sign on to that because it gets you to where you want to be on a standpoint of what you believe in about pro-life? Or do you say no because this hijacks the states again and this is a states’ issue even if my state is wrong on this.’ Aadland: ‘I say no because I don’t want the federal government involved in this whatsoever. As a Congressman I’m going to stand against federal funding of abortion- we’ve got the Hyde Act which does that. I will uphold that. But I want this pushed down to the state’s level. The ends don’t justify the means. I can’t contradict myself. I think this is a state’s rights issue and it needs to be pushed down to the states. I don’t want Congress or the federal government involved in this issue at all.’ [George Show, [5/27/22](#)] (VIDEO)

**Aadland Backed The Big Lie, Supported Policies That Would Make It Harder To Vote, And Publicly Discussed His Intent To Lie To Voters About His Beliefs On The 2020 Election**

**Aadland Believed That The 2020 Election Was “Absolutely Rigged,” Influenced By Fraud, And Had “Massive Statistical Anomalies” But Also Said He “Can’t Prove It”**

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**June 2021: Aadland: “The 2020 Election, It Was Rigged. Absolutely Rigged. If You Do Enough Looking Into It, I Think You’ll Be Convinced. Nevertheless, It’s Extremely Scary What Transpired.”** AADLAND: “[4:11] The 2020 election, it was rigged. Absolutely rigged, if you do enough looking into it, I think you’ll be convinced. Nevertheless, it’s extremely scary what transpired there was a significant amount of fraud in the 2020 election. So this for me, as a former combat veteran, somebody who has fought for this country, and risked my life for this country. I feel called to duty. And honestly, I think there's a call to duty for all patriots who love this country to not die and not let it go quietly into the night and not let it be transformed by radical agenda. So why the Senate in particular? It's partly because I feel a sense of urgency, right? I don't have time to work my way up and I'm most passionate about the federal issues, and I'm very well informed. I've been all over the world. I've worked all over the world. And I think I have a good breadth and understanding of the issues. And I know I'd make a good senator. But ultimately, one doesn't just wake up in the morning and do something like this without being inspired.” [Jefferson County Republican Men’s Club, 6/7/21] (VIDEO)

**Colorado Newslines: Aadland “Has Repeated False Claims That The 2020 Election Was ‘Absolutely Rigged.’** “Aadland, meanwhile, has repeated false claims that the 2020 election was 'absolutely rigged.' [...] Nearly two-

thirds of Aadland's campaign cash has come in the form of personal loans totaling \$112,000, according to FEC data." [Colorado Newline, 10/18/21]

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**June 2022: On A Radio Show, Aadland Said “He Has A Sense” That Fraud Influenced The 2020 Election.** “Other candidates who have cast doubt on the 2020 results who won Tuesday include Army veteran Erik Aadland. He won a three-way GOP primary in the 7th Congressional District and said on conservative talk radio in April that he "has a sense" that fraud in the 2020 election influenced the outcome. ‘Can I say definitively? No,’ Aadland said on George Brauchler's show. Democrats wasted no time in attacking Aadland for his statements about the 2020 election, with the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee calling him too extreme for Colorado.” [Durango Herald, 6/29/22]

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**Aadland: “Clearly Mail-In Ballots” Introduced “Plenty Of Opportunities For Fraud.”** AADLAND: “[35:32] Clearly mail-in ballots and that process introduced plenty of opportunities for fraud. We saw a number of states in this country rush to implement mail-in balloting under the pretext of Covid and the pandemic. This was extremely problematic across the country. Now in-person voting is clearly the securest method. We did this for many years. We do need to have Voter ID laws, we do need to prohibit ballot harvesting. We need to be very careful about involving the federal government in our election process and centralizing it.” [Jeffco Liberty Coalition CD-7 Candidate Debate, [2/17/22](#)] (VIDEO)

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### **April 2022: Aadland Said He Believed That Fraud Played A Role In The 2020 Election But Said “I Can’t Prove It”**

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**Aadland: “Yes, I Believe That Fraud Played A Role In The Outcome Of The 2020 Election, But I Can’t Prove It.”** “[15:30] I’m certain there was fraud in the 2020 elections. I have a sense that it influenced the outcome. Can I say definitively? No.’ George: ‘I’m just asking what does Erik Aadland think. [...] what do you believe?’ Aadland: ‘Any politician who says they know the answer on this I think is a bit disingenuous. Yes I believe that fraud played a role in the outcome 2020 election, but I can’t prove it so I’m very careful of making a declarative statement that I can’t prove myself.’ [George Show, [4/7/22](#)] (AUDIO)

### **Aadland Entertained Conspiracy Theories About Dominion Voting Machines Leading To Election Fraud**

**Aadland Entertained Fears That Dominion Voting Machines Had Security Issues And Were Prone To Fraud Because They Were Connected To The Internet During The 2020 Election.** “[34:10] Question: Jim Powers was concerned about the Dominion voting machines that have come into Colorado and since they’ve come in, we’ve kinda leaned more liberal.’ Aadland: ‘There are a lot of concerns about machines. [...] What they are saying the problem is in Colorado is the audit process and the cleaning of the voter rolls. [...] Getting rid of the machines, this particular type of machine, is important, because I think we need a happy middle ground because hand counting actually introduces more opportunities for fraud and error. So we need machines that are actually connected to the internet that don’t actually have the security issues.’ [Aadland for Congress, Grace Covenant Church, [4/25/22](#)]

### **Aadland “Proudly” Refused To Condemn Trump’s Big Lie About The 2020 Election**

**October 2021: After The Colorado Democratic Party Said That Aadland Raised “Red Flags” For Not Condemning Trump’s Big Lie About The 2020 Election, Aadland Said That The Red Flag Was “A Badge Of Honor.”**



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [10/14/21](#)]

### **Aadland Said That Biden’s Administration Was “An Illegitimate Government” And That The “Country Is On The Brink Of Being Taken Over By A Communist Government”**

**June 2022: Aadland: “We Have An Illegitimate Government In Power” And “I Don’t Always Use This Kind Of Language On The Campaign Trail Because I Am So Deliberate With What I Say Because The Consequences Of Not Winning Are So Significant.”** “[0:33] So when I saw what transpired in the 2020 elections, how they were undermined by fraud, how they were corrupted, and now we have an illegitimate government in power. I was scared to action and I turned to prayer like never before. Now I’m being real with you folks. I’m being real because I’ve spoken to you before. I don’t always use this kind of language on the campaign trail because I am so deliberate with what I say because the consequences of not winning are so significant. So I am strategic. I don’t go out and talk about election integrity on and on and on because It’s not an issue that wins us this race. You need to understand that I know what’s going on and I am much more effective at addressing it as a congressman than I am just screaming from the bully pulpit. So I need your trust. I know what’s going on in this country. I know there is an all out attack on our freedoms.” [YouTube, [6/21/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**June 2021: Aadland: “This Country Is On The Brink Of Being Taken Over By A Communist Government.”** “[3:31] Well, one, we’re in perhaps the greatest crisis this country has seen since the Civil or Revolutionary Wars. We are on the precipice of losing this country if we don’t stand up and fight. And I fear for the future of my children. It’s imperiled your future and your children’s future, your grandchildren’s future is on the brink. This country is on the brink of being taken over by a communist government and perpetuating their communist agenda. We need to we need to open up our eyes and be very aware of that, that’s what’s happening.” [Jefferson County Republican Men’s Club, [6/7/21](#)] (VIDEO)

### **On Several Occasions, Aadland Publicly Stated That He Hid His Belief That The 2020 Election Was Stolen While On The Campaign Trail So As Not To Dissuade Voters From Supporting Him**

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**Aadland Said That He Had To Be “Extremely Strategic” About Hiding His Stance On Election Fraud So That He Could Make It To Congress And Make Policy Changes That “Don’t Appeal To The Broader Constituency In District 7”**

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**Aadland: “I Have To Be Extremely Strategic On Threading A Needle With Our Messaging” So That He Could “Influence A Lot Of The Issues That We Care About As Conservatives That Don’t Appeal To The Broader Constituency In District 7.”** AADLAND: “[45:02] One of the issues that’s very difficult to maneuver is election integrity. The reality is that most Coloradans, most of the voters or constituents of District 7, that’s not their focus. They don’t think that the election was rigged. So it can be one of those issues that if we make it too center, it can affect the outcome of the election and our ability to win. Youngkin was very strategic on what he focused on. We have to be careful about shooting ourselves in the foot while we’re not in a position of power. When we take our power back that’s when we can actually do something about it. We have to find a way to connect with our independent voters and even a slice of the left and so the media is not our friend. They’re gonna do everything they can to make me look like a right-wing nutjob. They’re going to try to put me in a corner and so I have to be extremely strategic on threading a needle with our messaging and picking my battles very deliberately so that I can actually get into a position and make a difference and influence a lot of these issues that we care about as conservatives that don’t appeal to the broader constituency in District 7. [...] I’m very careful with what I don’t say. So many radio talk show hosts make it very hard. Last time- Brauchler was chasing me.” [Grace Covenant Church Meet & Greet, [4/25/22](#)] (AUDIO)

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**Aadland Said That He Would “Lose The Election” If He Campaigned On The 2020 Election Being “Rigged,” Even Though He Believed It Himself.** AADLAND: “[10:20] Trump is the trigger issue in this conversation. To me its not about Trump, its about were the elections serving the American people. The elections were stolen- they weren’t stolen from Trump, they were stolen from the American people. But the reality of the situation is the majority of people in this state don’t believe the elections were rigged. So if I go out as a candidate for office campaigning on election integrity, I will lose the election. Doesn’t mean that I don’t say the truth, it means I want to connect with independents and the slice that are left to vote for me.” [Aadland for Congress Leadville Meet & Greet, [5/20/22](#)] (AUDIO)

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**When Asked If The 2020 Election Was Stolen, Aadland Dodged The Question And Said “I Think That’s The Wrong Word.”** “[6:56] Question: was the 2020 Election for President stolen? Does Erik Aadland think it was? Or think it was not?’ Aadland: ‘I think that’s the wrong word, George, and I’m not dodging the question. I think that it was negatively influenced through a lot of different mechanisms that made it grossly unfair and so this is not a matter of President Trump. What this is is a matter of making sure we have secure elections for the American people.’ [George Show, [4/7/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**April 2022: After Being Pressured Over Whether The 2020 Election Was A Product Of Fraud, Aadland Dodged Multiple Times And Said He Questioned The Validity Of The Election, But Could Not Definitively Say Whether Fraud Influenced The Outcome.** “[9:36] George: Was the 2020 outcome a product of fraud. And if it was, in the election system, what was the fraud?’ Aadland: ‘Well there was fraud in the election, there’s fraud in every election.’ George: ‘Yeah but, but enough to impact the outcome? [...] At the end of the day, was the 2020 outcome in that election for President Trump. Was it decided because of fraud?’ Aadland: ‘Neither you nor me could say definitively if it was or wasn’t. That’s the problem George with these questions. There’s a lot of factors involved in this and it’s extremely complex.’ [...] George: ‘Have you seen sufficient evidence to cause you to say ‘I doubt the outcome of the 2020 election.’ Aadland: ‘I have seen enough to call into question the validity of the election yes, but to say definitively? No.’ George: ‘But what’s the evidence you have seen. Give me an example.’ Aadland: [...] ‘There are massive statistical anomalies throughout those 7 states, and I’m referring to Pennsylvania, Georgia, Wisconsin, Arizona a lot of that is coming out, they rushed through a process unconstitutionally [...], then they bailed out a significant amount of ballots without going through their voter rolls. That is fact, George.’ [George Show, [4/7/22](#)] (AUDIO)

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**... But At A Private Event Later On, Aadland Referenced The Interview Where He Was Pressed On Election Fraud And Said The Host Was “Chasing” Him On Divulging His Views And Said “I’m Very Careful With What I Don’t Say”**

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**April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022: On His More Radical Views, Aadland Said “I’m Very Careful With What I Don’t Say” And Said Radio Host George Brauchler Was “Chasing” Him On Divulging His Radical Views On Election Fraud.** “[45:02] One of the issues that’s very difficult to maneuver is election integrity. The reality is that most Coloradans, most of the voters or constituents of District 7, that’s not their focus. They don’t think that the election was rigged. So it can be one of those issues that if we make it too center, it can affect the outcome of the election and our ability to win. Youngkin was very strategic on what he focused on. We have to be careful about shooting ourselves in the foot while we’re not in a position of power. When we take our power back that’s when we can actually do something about it. We have to find a way to connect with our independent voters and even a slice of the left and so the media is not our friend. They’re gonna do everything they can to make me look like a right-wing nutjob. They’re going to try to put me in a corner and so I have to be extremely strategic on threading a needle with our messaging and picking my battles very deliberately so that I can actually get into a position and make a difference and influence a lot of these issues that we care about as conservatives that don’t appeal to the broader constituency in District 7. [...] I’m very careful with what I don’t say. So many radio talk show hosts make it very hard. Last time- Brauchler was chasing me.” [Grace Covenant Church Meet & Greet, [4/25/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**Aadland Advocated For Policies That Would Harm Voting Rights And Make It More Difficult To Vote**

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**Aadland Supported Implementing Voter ID Laws “In Every State”**

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**Aadland: “I’d Like To See Voter ID Laws Implemented In Every State.”** “[19:25] Question: What sort of reforms or changes would you like to see implemented in order to secure our elections and for the American people to have faith in them.’ Aadland: ‘I’d like to see voter ID laws implemented in every state, I’d like to see ballot harvesting made illegal, I mean, only U.S. citizens should be able to vote. I think you have to make sure the system is very secure from start to finish.’ [All Ears Podcast, [4/21/22](#)]

- **ACLU: Voter ID Laws “Deprive Many Voters Of Their Right To Vote” And “Reduce Participation.”** “Voter ID laws deprive many voters of their right to vote, reduce participation, and stand in direct opposition to our country’s trend of including more Americans in the democratic process. Many Americans do not have one of the forms of identification states acceptable for voting. These voters are disproportionately low-income, racial and ethnic minorities, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Such voters more frequently have difficulty obtaining ID, because they cannot afford or cannot obtain the underlying documents that are a prerequisite to obtaining government-issued photo ID card.” [ACLU, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

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**Aadland: “I Want To Stand Against The Centralization And Federalization Of Our Elections**

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**Aadland: “I Want To Stand Against The Centralization And Federalization Of Our Elections.”** “We’re a nation of immigrants, but at the end of the day we have to put his country first. We gotta protect our borders. Election integrity is fundamental to a free and functioning republic. If we don’t have it we don’t have a free country. So we must secure our elections. So a Congressman I want to stand against the centralization and federalization of our elections. It needs to stay at the state level.” [Fairplay American Legion, [5/5/22](#)] (AUDIO)

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**Aadland Advocated For Voter Purges And Said “We Need To Clean The Voter Rolls”**

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**Aadland: “We Need To Clean The Voter Rolls.”** “[14:13] Question: I am severely concerned about the integrity of our election. I believe they’ve been crooked for a long time. I think the 2020 election was a travesty, and the election was absolutely stolen not only from President Trump but others. I want to know what you think we can do about this?’ Aadland: [...] Secure elections are fundamental to a free country, they’re fundamental to this republic. And if we don’t have them, we don’t have representation and our vote must count. It must be impossible to cheat and very accessible for the population. [...] We need to make ballot harvesting illegal. It’s a technique that Democrats have perfected to influence the outcome of our elections. It introduces unfairness into it and it introduces rampant opportunity for fraud. We also need to implement voter ID laws. The only ones who should vote are American citizens and they should only vote once. And we also need to clean the voter rolls.” [Aadland for Congress, Tele-Townhall, [6/22/22](#)] (AUDIO)

- **Brennan Center For Justice: “Voter Purges Are An Often-Flawed Process Of Cleaning Up Voter Rolls By Deleting Names From Registration Lists.”** “Voter purges are an often-flawed process of cleaning up voter rolls by deleting names from registration lists. While updating registration lists as voters die, move, or otherwise become ineligible is necessary and important, when done irresponsibly — with bad data or when two voters are confused for the same person — the process can knock eligible voters off the roll en masse, often with little notice. Many voters discover they’re no longer listed only when they arrive at the polling place. As a result, many eligible Americans either don’t vote or are forced to cast provisional ballots.” [Brennan Center for Justice, accessed [7/20/22](#)]
- **Brennan Center For Justice: Voter Purges “Can Knock Eligible Voters Off The Roll En Masse” And Prevent Eligible Voters From Voting.** “Voter purges are an often-flawed process of cleaning up voter rolls by deleting names from registration lists. While updating registration lists as voters die, move, or otherwise become ineligible is necessary and important, when done irresponsibly — with bad data or when two voters are confused for the same person — the process can knock eligible voters off the roll en masse, often with little notice. Many voters discover they’re no longer listed only when they arrive at the polling place. As a result, many eligible Americans either don’t vote or are forced to cast provisional ballots.” [Brennan Center for Justice, accessed [7/20/22](#)]

**Aadland Sympathized With Insurrectionists And Proud Boys, Called Them “The Good Guys,” And Said That They Were “Political Prisoners,” And Even Hired An Insurrectionist**

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**Aadland Said Arrests Of The Proud Boys After The Capitol Insurrection Were Examples Of “Leftist Censorship And Government Overreach.”** “[50:08] Question: I was wondering if you think the recent arrests of the Proud Boys is just another example of Leftist censorship and government overreach?’ Aadland: ‘Yes, Carol I do. Because they're not treating BLM or Antifa the same way. And this is about justice needing to be blind. And it's clearly not, justice should be applied to those who break the law. Not because somebody is part of a group they have the freedom to participate and be part of a group, but if that group is practicing violent behavior. I don't care whether it's the proud boys or Antifa they need to be treated the same way and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. criminality shouldn't be allowed for the view of the day, justice must be blind. And that is accomplished through an impartial judicial system and the process of trial by jury. So if somebody commits a crime, they need to be prosecuted and justice needs to be blind.” [YouTube, [6/7/22](#)] (AUDIO)

- **Southern Poverty Law Center: The Proud Boys Were An Hate Group That Spouted White Nationalism, Anti-Muslim, And Misogynistic Rhetoric.** “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.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [7/20/22](#)]
- **February 2021: The Canadian Government Designated The Proud Boys As A “Terrorist Entity.”** “In early February 2021, the Canadian government designated the Proud Boys as a terrorist entity, citing the role the group played in the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [7/20/22](#)]

**Colorado Times Recorder: Aadland Followed The Proud Boys On His Parler Account.** “Aadland follows the well-known Parler site of the Proud Boys, whose leaders face “seditious conspiracy” charges for their involvement in the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol. Several members of the group have been arrested for their alleged roles in organizing the insurrection.” [Colorado Times Recorder, [7/19/22](#)]

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**Colorado Sun: Aadland “Attacked Federal Authorities For How They Handled Those Arrested In The Wake Of The Attack, Calling Them ‘Political Prisoners.’** “Erik Aadland, an Army veteran who is the Republican nominee in the 7th Congressional District, called the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol “a tragedy for this nation.” But speaking at a primary candidate forum in May he also attacked federal authorities for how they handled those arrested in the wake of the attack, calling them ‘political prisoners.’” [Colorado Sun, [7/5/22](#)]

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**Aadland Agreed With The Statement That Security Let Insurrectionists Into The Capitol And The Fact That “There Were Plants In The Crowd Encouraging Them To Do It.”** “[30:29] Question: We were talking about the second amendment right and January 6th. These people are considered insurrectionists because they walked through an open gate with security guards welcoming them in. Did some of them do things that were wrong? Of course, but that's because there were plants in the crowd encouraging them to do it. Now they are treated as less than humans.’ Aadland: ‘They sure were. Over 600 individuals were not given a speedy trial. The government has been given police powers in contradiction to the constitution. A lot of this was due to the Patriot Act. The U.S. The Constitution is never suspended for any reason.’” [YouTube, [3/26/22](#)] (AUDIO)

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initiative for Congress to hold a formal independent investigation and potential prosecution of the D.C. officer who executed U.S. Airforce veteran Ashli Babbitt?’ Aadland: ‘I’d support it. I don’t agree that it’s a yes or no question because Congress doesn’t have those powers to prosecute but I would support an initiative to investigate.’ [Jeffco Liberty Coalition Debate, [2/12/22](#)] (VIDEO)

- **Associated Press: Babbitt Was Fatally Shot “While Attempting To Climb Through The Broken Window Of A Barricaded Door Leading To The Speaker’s Lobby Inside The Capitol.”** “Babbitt, 35, was fatally shot while attempting to climb through the broken window of a barricaded door leading to the Speaker’s Lobby inside the Capitol, where police officers were evacuating members of Congress from the mob supporting Trump’s false claim that the 2020 presidential election was stolen. She was one of five people who died during or immediately after the riot, including a Capitol Police officer. [Associated Press, [1/3/22](#)]
- **Associated Press: The Officer That Shot Babbitt Was “Cleared Of Any Wrongdoing By Two Prior Federal Investigations.”** “Trump has called her “an incredible person” and he even taped a posthumous birthday greeting to her in October. Trump has also demanded the Justice Department reinvestigate Babbitt’s death, though the officer who shot her was cleared of any wrongdoing by two prior federal investigations. But the life of the Air Force veteran from California, who died while wearing a Trump campaign flag wrapped around her shoulders like a cape, was far more complicated than the heroic portrait presented by Trump and his allies.” [Associated Press, [1/3/22](#)]

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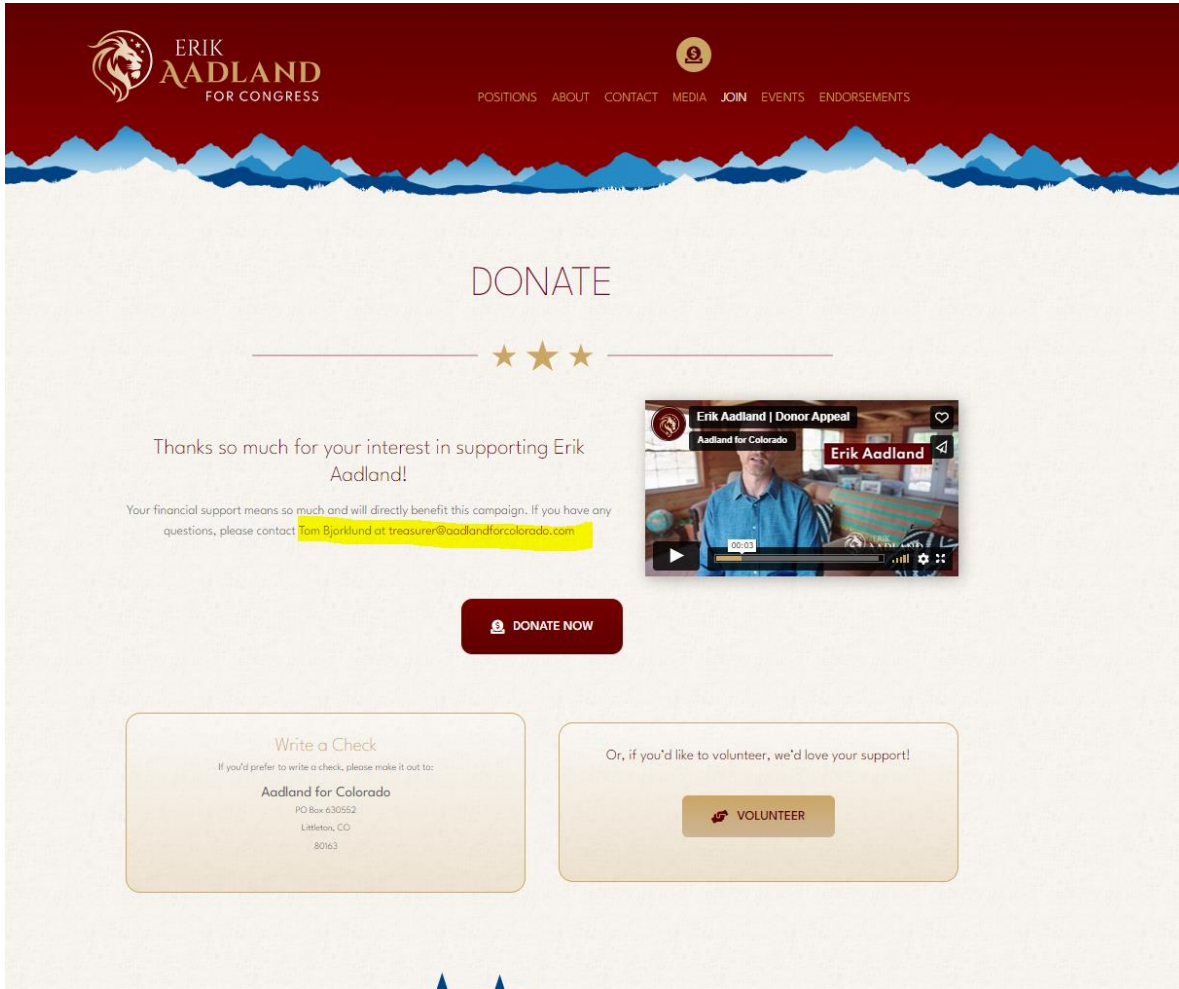
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**Aadland’s Campaign Treasurer, Tom Bjorklund, Was At The Capitol Building On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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[Tom Bjorklund Was Aadland’s Campaign Treasurer For His 2022 CO-07 Congressional Campaign](#)

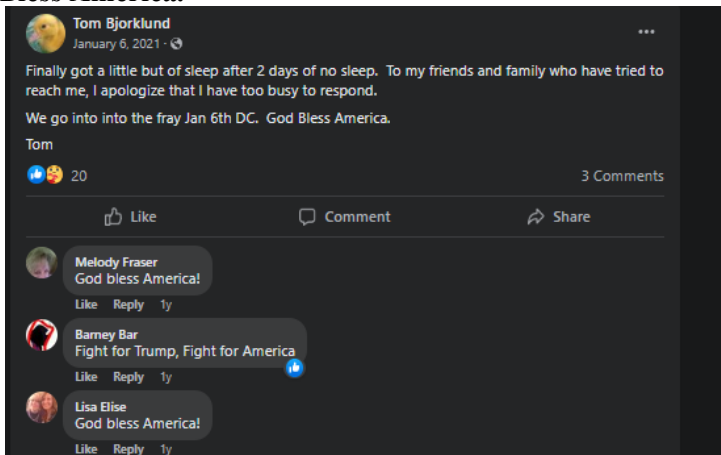
**According To Aadland’s Campaign Website, Tom Bjorklund Served As The Treasurer For Aadland For Colorado.**



[Erik Aadland for Congress, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

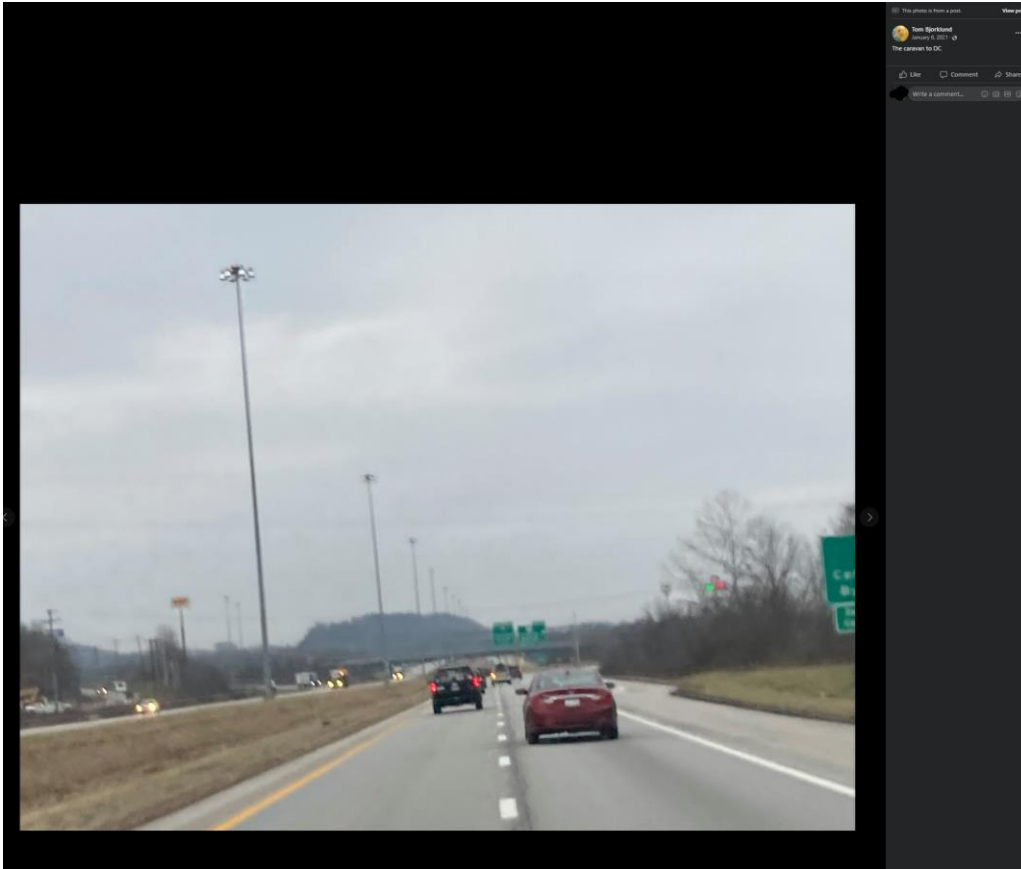
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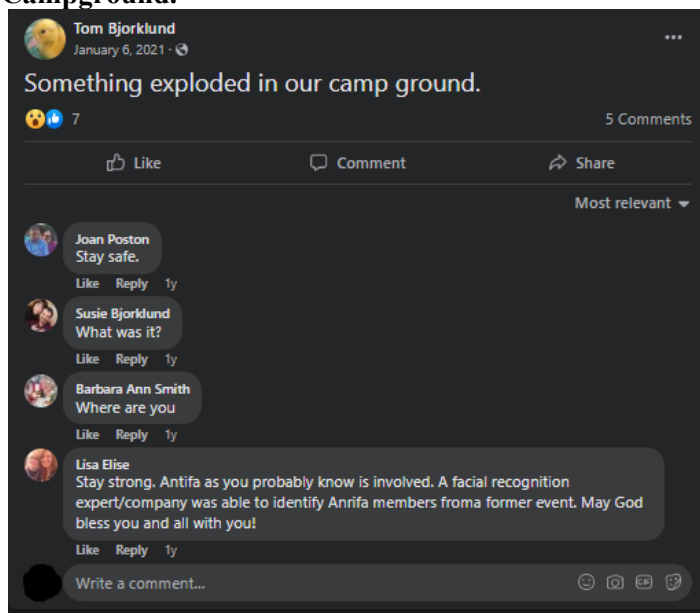
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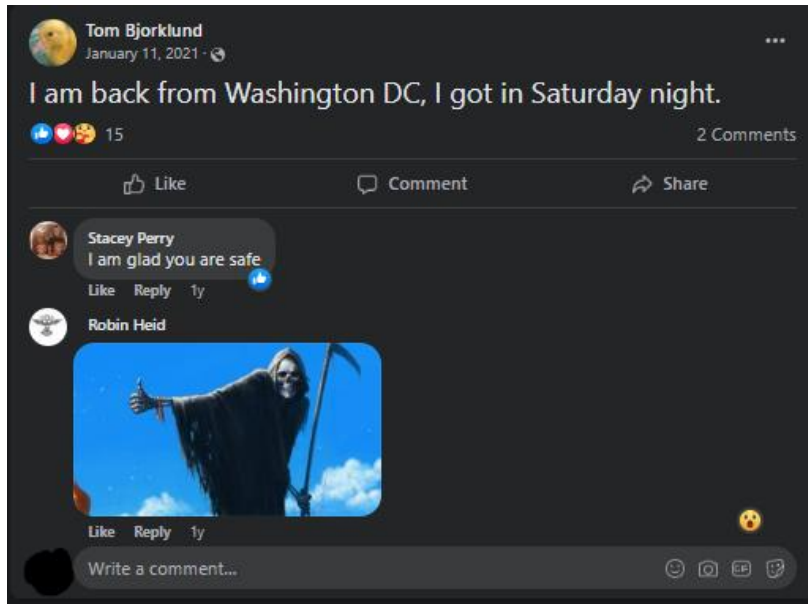
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[Tom Bjorklund, Facebook, [1/6/21](#)]

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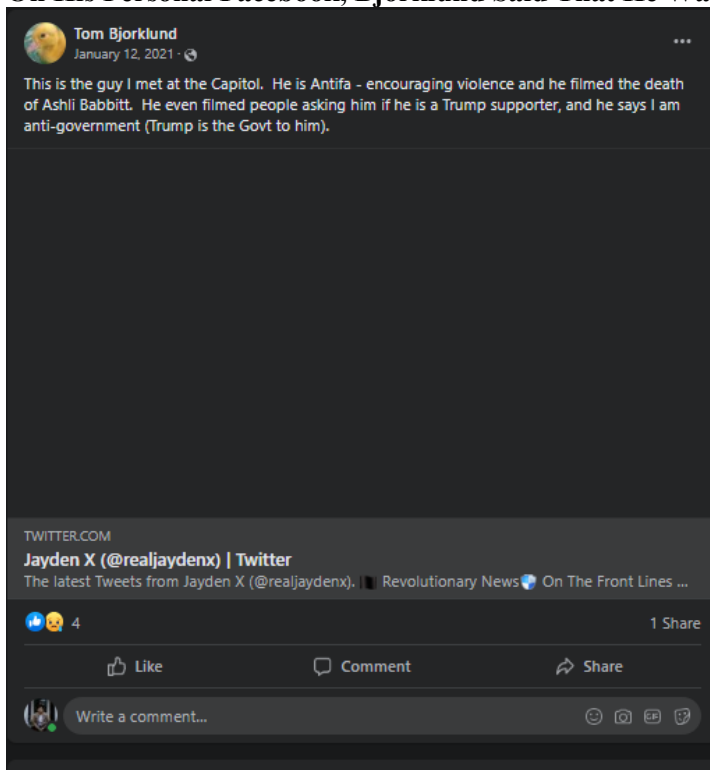
**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021: On His Personal Facebook, Bjorklund Said That He Returned From D.C. On January 10<sup>th</sup>.**



[Tom Bjorklund, Facebook, [1/11/21](#)]

January 12<sup>th</sup>: Bjorklund Publicly Stated That He Was “At The Back Of The Capitol Steps” On January 6<sup>th</sup>

**On His Personal Facebook, Bjorklund Said That He Was “At The Capitol.”**




[Tom Bjorklund, Facebook, [1/12/21](#)]

**On His Personal Facebook, Bjorklund Confirmed That He Was “At The Back Of The Capitol Steps” On January 6th.**

**Tom Bjorklund**  
January 14, 2021 · 🌐

Antifa and BLM were absolutely there. They instigated the violence and then documented it. All who joined them in breaking the law - you all were set up.  
<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/.../blm-activist...>



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**Marie Bjorklund**  
He was there he should know something, I would love to read something you write on what you saw and the truth from a conservative side  
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**Tom Bjorklund**  
I was seeing these people in all black with their Trump flags upside down. I got one on video. I remarked, why is that woman's flag upside down?  
Like Reply 1y Edited


**DW Brown**  
Then they should be arrested. But so far, of the 190 the FBI has arrested, none have any left wing ties, and all are certified Trump people.  
That's not to say there weren't BLM/Antifa people in and around the rally and capitol. The crowd was massive (in both spots).  
Like Reply 1y

**Tom Bjorklund**  
DW Brown <https://www.oann.com/michael-yon-antifa-clearly-led.../>



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Michael Yon: Antifa clearly led attack at the Capitol | One America News Network  
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**Tom Bjorklund**  
They temporarily detained John Sullivan - he is 100% BLM/Antifa. The police simply wanted his pictures and let him go. He went by Jayden X. I met him at the back of the capitol steps. I knew immediately that he was Antifa. I agree they should be arrested, but DW you haven't been paying attention very well - Antifa/BLM have been burning down cities and then have been let out of jail free for months now. This was a trap to rope in Trumpers so they could accuse them of stuff they have been doing for months. And Buffalo Man is a left wing Climate Change activist.  
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[Tom Bjorklund, Facebook, [1/14/21](#)]

## Aadland Held A Managing Role For Noble Energy When The Company Spilled 7,500 Gallons Of Crude Oil Into The Poudre River In Colorado

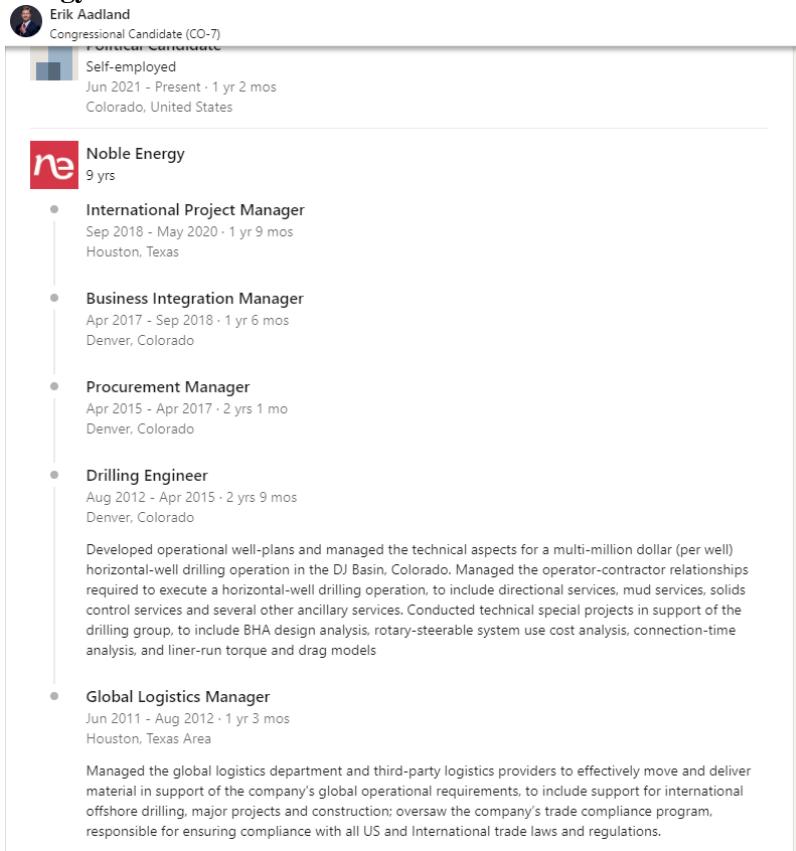
### Aadland Said That He Would “Protect Colorado’s Lakes, Rivers, And Streams”

**Aadland: “I Will Protect Colorado’s Lakes, Rivers, And Streams, Land, And Air.”** “I love the state of Colorado with all its natural beauty and grandeur. I will protect Colorado’s lakes, rivers, and streams, land, and air. We must effectively manage our forests so that we do not have to fear destructive wildfires. We can protect the environment with smart regulations without throttling industry and productivity.” [Aadland for Colorado, accessed [7/14/22](#)]

### ... But In 2014, He Worked For Noble Energy That Dumped 7,500 Gallons Of Oil Into “Colorado’s Only Designated Scenic River” And Was Sued By The Federal Government For The Spill

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**Noble Energy**  
9 yrs

- International Project Manager**  
Sep 2018 - May 2020 · 1 yr 9 mos  
Houston, Texas
- Business Integration Manager**  
Apr 2017 - Sep 2018 · 1 yr 6 mos  
Denver, Colorado
- Procurement Manager**  
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- Drilling Engineer**  
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**2014: A Damaged Tank Owned By Noble Energy Dumped “7,500 Gallons Of Crude Oil Into The Poudre River” In Weld County, Colorado.** “A storage tank damaged by floodwaters dumped 7,500 gallons of crude oil into the Poudre River near Windsor in northern Colorado, slickening vegetation a quarter-mile downstream, but apparently not affecting any drinking water, state officials said Friday. [...] The tank's operator, Noble Energy Inc., discovered the spill Friday and reported it to state officials. Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission officials and state Department of Public Health and Environment water quality staff responded, along with a Noble Energy response team, Hartman said.” [Associated Press, 6/21/14]

- **HEADLINE: “Colorado’s Only Designated Scenic River Damaged From Oil Spill.”** “Cache La Poudre river is the only river in Colorado designated as naturally made and the only scenic river in the state. Through years of time and erosion the river created the scenic Poudre canyon with steep cliffs and is a favorite spot of white water rafting. According to the website RT.com, Noble Energy stated they believe the high waters of the river was the cause of the spill. The storage tank had dropped from it's foundation and broke a discharge valve causing the tank to completely drain it's contents into the river.” [Digital Journal, 6/24/14]

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**2021: Noble Energy Was Sued By The Federal Government For The 2014 Oil Spill In Weld County**

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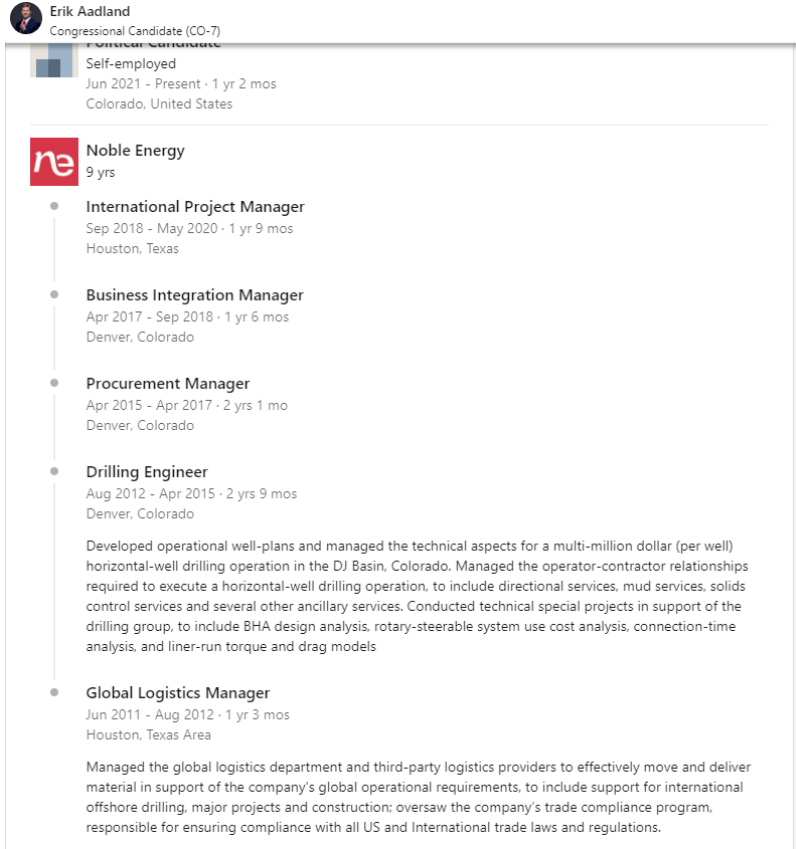
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**NPR For Northern Colorado: The Site Of The Spill Was “At The End Of Weld County Road 23.”**



*Jim Hill/KUNC /*

As seen from the Poudre Trail, the tanks at the well site, and site of the spill, at the end of [Weld](#) County Road 23, June 24, 2014.

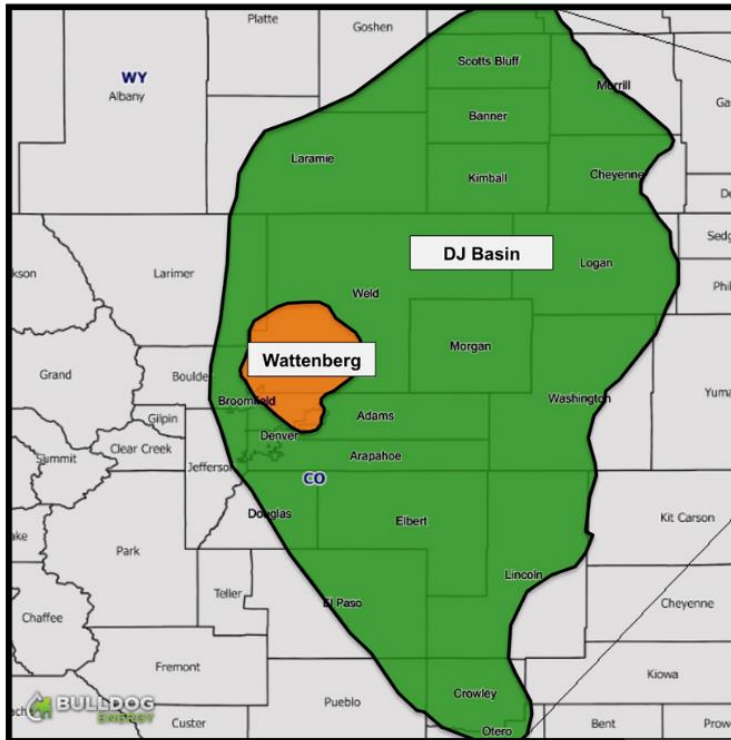
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**The DJ Basin, Where Aadland Worked, Included The Entirety Of Weld County, Colorado**

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**Weld County Was Fully Encompassed Within The DJ Basin.**



[Bulldog Energy, accessed [7/14/22](#)]

**Despite Potentially Having Been Involved In A Massive Oil Spill In Northern Colorado, Aadland Touted The Fact That He “Drilled All Over Northern Colorado” And “Drilled All Over” Weld County**

**Aadland: “I Worked A Decade In The Oil And Natural Gas Industry And Drilled All Over Northern Colorado.”** “[1:00] I worked a decade in the oil and natural gas industry and drilled all over Northern Colorado helping produce energy independence and also giving that to the state of Israel.” [AadlandforCO, Twitter, [2/15/22](#)] (VIDEO)

**August 2021: Aadland: “Weld County Holds A Special Place In My Heart” Because “I Drilled All Over This County Working For Noble Energy.”** “[0:34] I want to tell you... Weld County holds a special place in my heart. Because I was in oil and gas, and I drilled all over this county working for Noble Energy. I love this county. It’s a county of hardworking American people.” [AadlandforCO, Twitter, [8/4/21](#)] (VIDEO)

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**Aadland Frequently Pushed Misinformation About Covid-19**

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**August 2021: Aadland: “The Delta Variant Is Less Dangerous Than The Original COVID Virus.”**



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [8/7/21](#)]

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[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [8/7/21](#)]

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[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [3/7/22](#)]

- **Dr. Tracy Hoeg, Who Attended DeSantis’ Roundtable Was Reported To Have Used Flawed Data And Had Several “Potential Conflicts Of Interest” In Her Research On Coronavirus Vaccines.** “One panelist, a California doctor named Tracy Beth Høeg, talked about a study that she authored on the risks of myocarditis, an inflammation of the heart muscle, after some people, especially boys, received coronavirus vaccines. [...]

Høeg's study has not been peer-reviewed, and PolitiFact reported that flawed data and potential conflicts of interest may have impacted the researchers' findings. [Tampa Bay Times, [3/8/22](#)]

- **Florida Surgeon General Joseph Ladopo, Who Attended DeSantis' Roundtable, Drew Criticism Over His Resistance "To Covid-19 Mandates For Vaccines And Masks And Other Health Policies Endorsed By The Federal Government."** "Florida Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo was confirmed to his position Wednesday, as Senate Republicans approved the nomination of the state's top doctor over criticism that his opposition to coronavirus mandates is too aligned to the politics of Gov. Ron DeSantis. Ladapo, who was appointed by DeSantis in September, has drawn intense scrutiny over his shared resistance with the governor to COVID-19 mandates for vaccines and masks and other health policies endorsed by the federal government. [Associated Press, [2/23/22](#)]
- **Dr. Robert Malone, Who Attended DeSantis' Roundtable, Compared Biden's Pandemic Response "To Nazi Germany."** "Malone had a following before his "Joe Rogan Experience" interview that was released Dec. 31 — but that show introduced him to an even wider audience. On it, he promoted an unfounded theory called "mass-formation psychosis," telling Rogan that a "third of the population [is] basically being hypnotized" into believing what the mainstream media and Anthony S. Fauci, the nation's top infectious-disease expert and chief medical adviser to President Biden, report on the vaccines. Malone went on to compare the country's pandemic policies to Nazi Germany. His remarks drew massive attention — and outrage." [Washington Post, [1/24/22](#)]
- **Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, Who Attended DeSantis' Roundtable, Was A Co-Author Of The Great Barrington Declaration, A Strategy To Address Covid-19 That "Was Widely Condemned By Scientists Around The Globe" For Being "Nonsense" And "Very Dangerous."** "The Great Barrington Declaration touted a strategy called "focused protection," which encouraged governments to lift lockdown restrictions on young and healthy people while continuing to restrict vulnerable groups. This strategy promoted the spread of COVID-19 in populations where it is less likely to be deadly, encouraging widespread immunity that did not depend on vaccination, the authors argued. The Great Barrington Declaration was widely condemned by scientists around the globe, and NIAID Director Anthony Fauci, MD, referred to it as 'nonsense' and 'very dangerous.' However, the previous White House administration embraced it for a period of time. The declaration was signed at a summit in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and hosted by the American Institute of Economic Research (AIER) -- although the AIER maintained that there were no financial ties. AIER, a libertarian, free-market think tank, has a long history of denying science on climate change. [...] Joining Kulldorff as a senior scholar at the Brownstone Institute is Jay Bhattacharya, MD, PhD, of Stanford University, who is also a co-author of the Great Barrington Declaration. [MedPage Today, [11/11/21](#)]
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## October 2021: Aadland Retweeted Senator Rand Paul Who Tweeted An Article From An Organization That Pushed Dangerous And Widely Condemned Ideas About Covid-19

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**October 2021: Aadland Retweeted Senator Rand Paul Who Tweeted An Article Touting Natural Immunity To Covid-19.** Erik Aadland retweeted Rand Paul and tweeted: "Prosecute Fauci." RT: "30 Peer reviewed journal articles confirming natural immunity after Covid infection. Will Fauci now finally apologize to the 100 million or more Americans who've had COVID? Natural Immunity and Covid-19: Twenty-Nine Scientific Studies to Share."



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[Twitter, @AadlandforCO, [10/12/21](#)]

- **Rand Paul Tweeted An Article From The Brownstone Institute That Claimed Natural Immunity From A SARS-Type Virus Was “Effective Even In The Case Of Mutations, Generally More So Than Vaccines.”** "These studies demonstrate what was and is already known: natural immunity for a SARS-type virus is robust, long-lasting, and broadly effective even in the case of mutations, generally more so than vaccines. In fact, a major contribution of 20th-century science has been to expand upon and further elucidate this principle that has been known since the ancient world. Every expert presumably knew this long before the current debates. The effort to pretend otherwise is a scientific scandal of the highest order, especially because the continued neglect of the topic is affecting the rights and freedoms of billions of people." [Brownstone Institute, [10/10/21](#)]
- **MedPage Today: The Brownstone Institute Published Controversial Ideas About COVID-19, Including Articles That “Criticize COVID Lockdowns, Question Vaccine Mandates, And Describe Masking As ‘An Attack On Our Communal Life.’** "A new think tank is promoting some old, controversial ideas about COVID-19 -- and has strong ties to the parties involved in the Great Barrington Declaration. The Brownstone Institute for Social and Economic Research aims to evaluate the ‘global crisis’ stemming from the policy response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Its stated mission is ‘constructively to come to terms with what happened, understand why, discover and explain alternative paths, and prevent such events from happening again.’ It currently publishes articles that criticize COVID lockdowns, question vaccine mandates, and describe masking as ‘an attack on our communal life.’ That may not be surprising given its strong ties to the Great Barrington Declaration, a document published last year that advocated lifting all lockdown restrictions on the young and healthy in a bid for promoting natural immunity." [MedPage Today, [11/11/21](#)]
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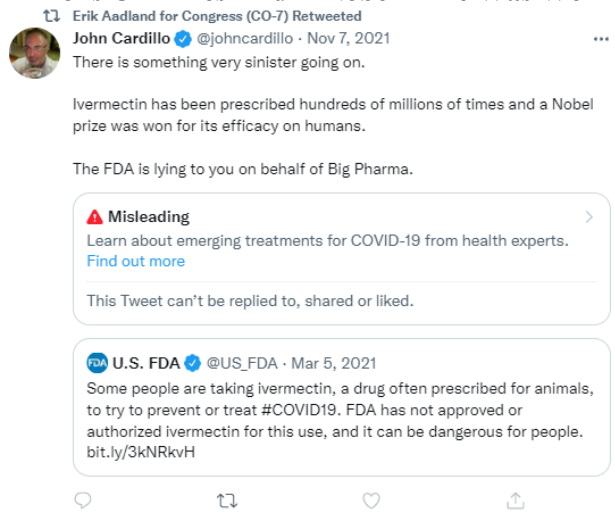
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### Aadland Seemingly Supported The Use Of Ivermectin To Treat Covid-19 Despite FDA Warnings That It Was Dangerous And Not Effective In Treating The Disease

#### Aadland Retweeted A Conservative TV Host Who Claimed The FDA Was Lying To Americans About Ivermectin

#### November 2021: Aadland Retweeted A Post That Said “Ivermectin Has Been Prescribed Hundreds Of Millions Of Times And A Nobel Prize Was Won For Its Efficacy On Humans.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [11/7/21](#)]

#### The FDA Warned That Ivermectin Was “Dangerous” And Data Did Not Show That Ivermectin Was Even Effective Against Covid-19

- **Food And Drug Administration: “Currently Available Data Do Not Show That Ivermectin Is Effective Against Covid-19.”** “Currently available data do not show ivermectin is effective against COVID-19. Clinical trials assessing ivermectin tablets for the prevention or treatment of COVID-19 in people are ongoing.” [FDA, accessed [7/12/22](#)]
- **Food And Drug Administration: “Taking Large Doses Of Ivermectin Is Dangerous.”** “The FDA has not authorized or approved ivermectin for use in preventing or treating COVID-19 in humans or animals. Ivermectin is approved for human use to treat infections caused by some parasitic worms and head lice and skin

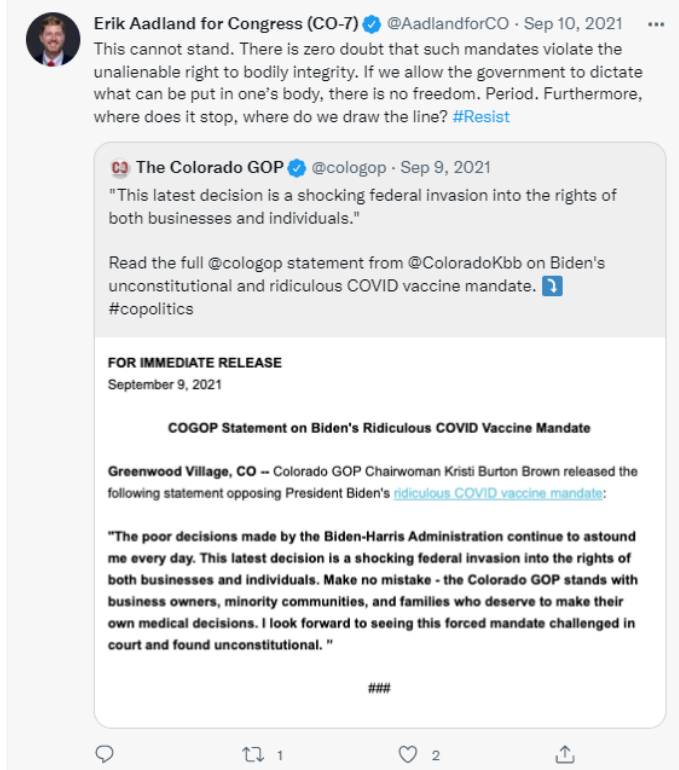
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- **Wisconsin Examiner: Senator Ron Johnson Pushed Ivermectin As A Treatment For COVID-19 Despite FDA Warnings That It Was Dangerous And Not To Use It.** "Sen. Ron Johnson has made multiple podcast and radio appearances this week in which he pushes Ivermectin as a treatment for COVID-19 while fear mongering about vaccinations. And he's continued to do so, even after clear warnings that his message is dangerous. Johnson, who has regularly argued for the use of unproven drugs such as Hydroxychloroquine and Ivermectin as treatments for COVID-19, appeared on the shows of Wisconsin right wing radio host Vicki McKenna and Washington Times opinion editor Cheryl Chumley to criticize the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)'s decision to fully authorize Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine and advocate for people to take Ivermectin to treat the disease. Ivermectin is commonly used to deworm livestock, and although it is approved for use in humans to treat parasitic infection, has not been shown to be effective at preventing COVID-19 infection or treating patients with the disease. This week, following a prominent push by figures such as Johnson on right wing media outlets such as Fox News, the FDA was forced to put out a warning against the use of Ivermectin." [Wisconsin Examiner, [8/25/21](#)]

## Aadland Was Against Vaccine Mandates

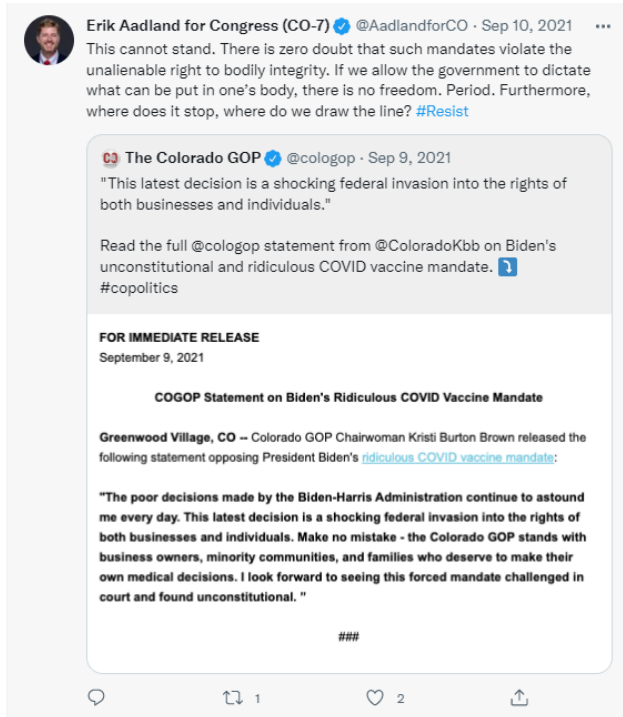
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**On Vaccine Mandates, Aadland Said That "Such Mandates Violate The Unalienable Right To Bodily Integrity."** "This cannot stand. There is zero doubt that such mandates violate the unalienable right to bodily integrity. If we allow the government to dictate what can be put in one's body, there is no freedom. Period. Furthermore, where does it stop? Where do we draw the line?"



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [9/10/21](#)]

- **Aadland: “If We Allow The Government To Dictate What Can Be Put In One’s Body, There Is No Freedom.”**



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [9/10/21](#)]

- **January 2022: Aadland: “Freedom Begins At The Boundary Of Our Skin Which Is Inviolable.”** “Vaccine mandates are inhumane, unconstitutional and antithetical to freedom. Freedom begins at the boundary of our skin which is inviolable. SCOTUS must rule to protect our rights of bodily sovereignty, or we have no freedom.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [1/7/22](#)]

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**Aadland Posted Tweets Against Mask And Vaccine Mandates, And Called President Biden “Dictator Biden” For Implementing Pandemic Response Policies**

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**August 2021: Aadland Retweeted A Ted Cruz Post That Said “No COVID Mandates. No Mask Mandates. No Vaccine Mandates. No Vaccine Passports.”**

[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [8/7/21](#)]

**Aadland Made A Tweet Against Vaccine Mandates With The Hashtag #DictatorBiden.**

[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [9/10/21](#)]

**December 2021: Aadland’s Campaign Fundraised Off The Fact That He Had Covid-19**

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the kids and I didn't have any issues, but it really knocked Erik on his back for the past 2 weeks. He's getting back into the swing of things, but now he's 2 weeks behind in fundraising. I know I've never reached out to you before, so this is a first time for me, but I need your help to get Erik back in the saddle? Will you pitch in just \$10 or even \$20 to help Erik get back to where he needs to be? [...] I know Erik can be a hard-working super soldier, but he's human just like the rest of us, and losing those 2 weeks while being stuck in bed the whole time really hurt his numbers."

Erik's been out for 2 weeks with Covid Inbox x



Megan Aadland (Erik's Wife) [Unsubscribe](#)  
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**PITCH IN \$10 >> HELP ERIK CATCH UP FROM COVID**

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**I know it's a lot to ask, but Erik needs your help right now.** Winning back Colorado and the Majority in the U.S. Senate isn't going to be easy, but it's so critical right now if we really want to win our country back so we can start serving the people again, instead of politicians.

I know Erik can be a hard-working super soldier, but he's human just like the rest of us, and **losing those 2 weeks while being stuck in bed the whole time really hurt his numbers.** That's why if you're able to, [please pitch in anything to help Erik so we can get this show back on the road to winning the U.S. Senate and flipping Colorado back to red.](#)

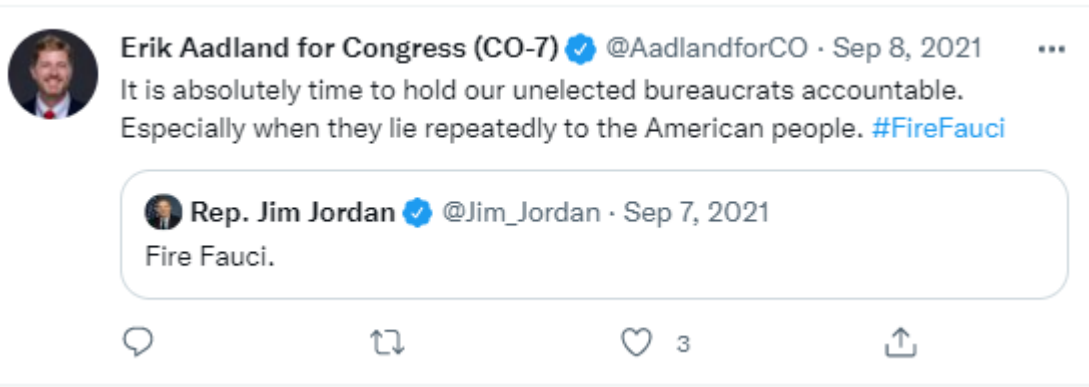
**It's the little things that count these days, and right now just a little bit of help would go a long way for Erik, even if it's just a prayer.** With that being said, I'm grateful for your time and for everything you've done to support Erik on his campaign for the U.S. Senate, it truly means a lot to him and our family.

Thank you for any help you're able to give and Merry Christmas to you and your family,

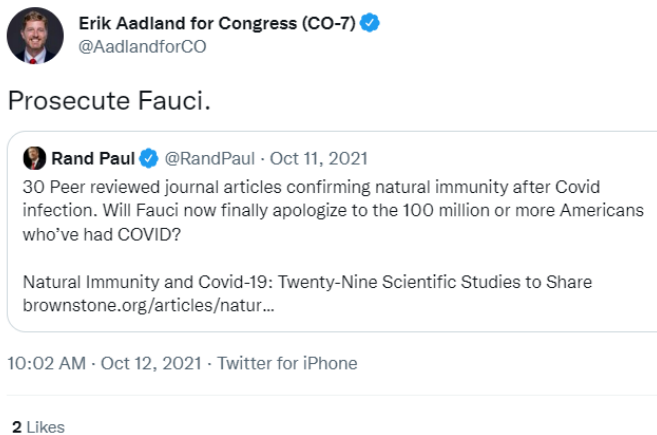
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[Aadland for Senate, Fundraising Email, 12/10/21]

**On Multiple Occasions, Aadland Made Tweets Advocating For The Firing And Prosecution Of Dr. Anthony Fauci**

**Aadland Made A Tweet With The Hashtag #FireFauci.**

[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [9/8/21](#)]

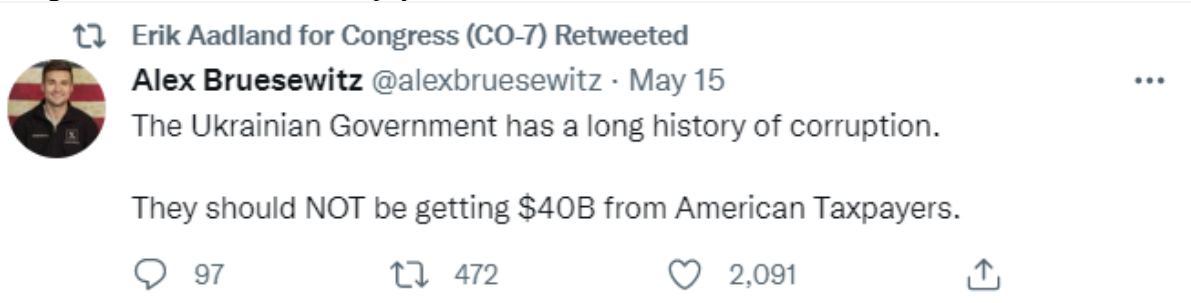
**October 2021: Aadland Tweeted “Prosecute Fauci.”**

[Twitter, @AadlandforCO, [10/12/21](#)]

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**May 2022: Aadland: “Ukraine Is One Of The Most Corrupt Countries On The Planet.”** AADLAND: “[8:05] I’m disturbed by hawkish rhetoric. I am not a hawk. [...] This is a nuanced situation that can’t be covered in any soundbite. It’s not black and white as a lot of the mainstream media wants to make it out to be. [...] But, for the most part, I don’t like this black and white polarized look at the situation where Putin is made out to be a demon and Ukraine and Zelenskyy is made out to be this shining (unintelligible) of democracy because neither is the exact truth. I think in many cases what Russia did is self-interested, and look I’m not saying that Russia is good [...] Ukraine is one of the most corrupt countries on the planet according to the country corruption index.” [KOA, Ross Kaminsky, [5/3/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**Aadland Retweeted A Post From Alex Bruesewitz That Said “The Ukrainian Government Has A Long History Of Corruption.”** “The Ukrainian government has a long history of corruption. They should NOT be getting \$40B from American Taxpayers.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [5/15/22](#)]

**March 2022: Aadland Retweeted A Post That Suggested That Ukrainian President Zelenskyy Was A “Puppet.”**



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [3/4/22](#)]

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**March 2022: Aadland Retweeted A Video Of UFC Fighter Bryce Mitchell Who Said “You Got Biden And His Son Making A Shit Ton Of Money” And “Using Our Tax Dollars To Bribe Their People” In Ukraine.** “[0:44] There’s been so much political corruption in that area. You got Biden and his son making a shit ton of

money, and using our tax dollars to bribe their people. That’s treasonous in my opinion.



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [3/5/22](#)] (VIDEO)

- **CNN Politics: “There Is No Evidence Joe Biden Has Profited From His Son’s Business Dealings Abroad.”** “The President has been dissembling about so many different things at once that it can be difficult to keep track of what is true and what isn’t. To help you fight Trump-induced dizziness as the trial gets underway, we’ve tallied his dishonesty on the subject of Ukraine and impeachment. [...] Joe Biden, along with his son Hunter Biden, has ‘ripped off at least two countries for millions of dollars.’ (There is no evidence Joe Biden has profited from his son’s business dealings abroad.)” [CNN Politics, [1/20/20](#)]

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**May 2022: Aadland Retweeted A Post That Said “I Do Not Believe Anything I Read, Hear, Or See From Anywhere About What Is Going On In Ukraine.”** “I do not believe anything I read, hear, or see from anywhere about what is going on in Ukraine. Too many different entities with too many interests in painting a certain version of what’s happening. I believe nothing.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [5/16/22](#)]

**Aadland Railed Against Sending Military Aid To Ukraine And Said That Those Who Did Support Military Aid Were “Outrightly Betraying The American People”**

**Aadland Appeared To Agree With A Tweet From Pundit Charlie Kirk That Criticized Biden And Senator Lindsey Graham For Supporting Military Aid To Ukraine.** “Politicians and pundits who’ve never serve in the

military escalating a war without clearly articulating American interests while simultaneously eroding American strength on every level. Once again, power-hungry elites are putting the American people last. Time for a sea change.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [5/10/22](#)]

**Aadland Said That He Would “Proudly Join” A List Of 57 Republicans That Voted Against An Aid Package For Ukraine.**



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [5/10/22](#)]

**Aadland Suggested That Members Of Congress Were “Outrightly Betraying The American People” By Providing Ukraine With Aid.** “The same oath I took as an Army officer, the one I honor still, and the one I will uphold in Congress. Imagine what this country would look like today if all members of Congress honored their oath

instead of outrightly betraying the American people. Time for change.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [5/13/22](#)]

### **Aadland Seemingly Aligned With Russia And Putin During The Invasion And Said That They Are Not “The Demons They’re Made Out To Be”**

**Aadland: “I Don’t Think Putin And Russia Are The Demons They’re Made Out To Be.”** “[11:07] At the end of the day this is a much more complex situation than it’s made out to be. We need to be descalating it not escalating it. I don’t think Putin and Russia are the demons they’re made out to be. I see Russia acting in its own self-interest. That doesn’t mean that I think Putin and Russia is good and that we should make friends with them or that we should condone their actions.” [All Ears Podcast, [4/21/22](#)] (AUDIO)

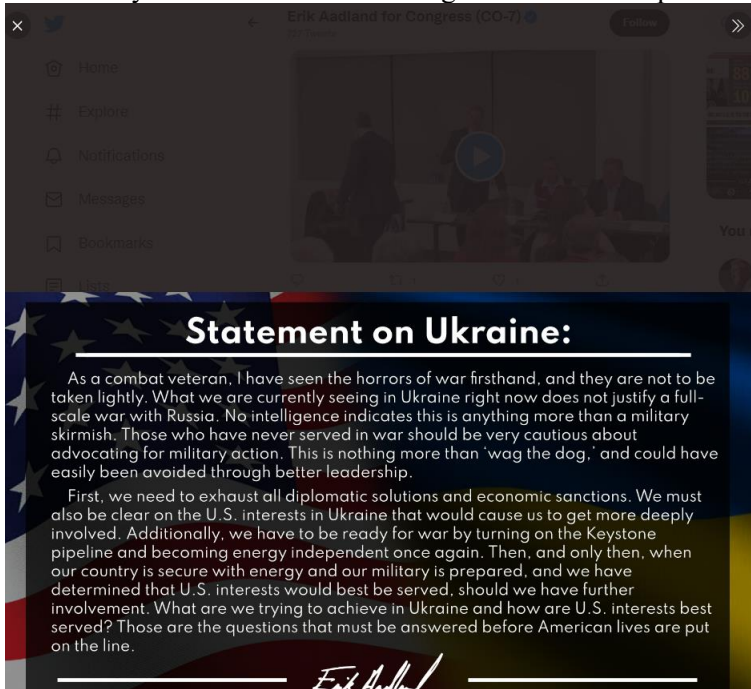
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### **Aadland Downplayed News Of Russia’s Invasion Of Ukraine And Said “No Intelligence Indicates This Is Anything More Than A Skirmish”**

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**February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022: On Russia’s Invasion Of Ukraine, Aadland Said That “No Intelligence Indicates This Is Anything More Than A Military Skirmish.”** “As a combat veteran, I have seen the horrors of war firsthand, and they are not to be taken lightly. What we are currently seeing in Ukraine right now does not justify a full-scale war with Russia. No intelligence indicates this is anything more than a military skirmish. Those who have never served in war should be very cautious about advocating for military action. This is nothing more than ‘wag the dog,’ and

could easily have been avoided through better leadership.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [2/24/22](#)]



- **February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022: Russia Began Its Invasion Of Ukraine.** “Russia invaded Ukraine on 24 February, but Ukrainian forces retook large areas around Kyiv in early April after Russia abandoned its push towards the capital. Areas in the west of the country ,including Lviv, have seen missile attacks but no attempt by Russian forces to take and occupy ground.” [BBC, [7/4/22](#)]

### **Aadland Was A Mouthpiece For Putin’s Propaganda That Ukraine Had Secret U.S. Funded Biolabs That Could Release And Spread Deadly Pathogens If Breached**

**Aadland Retweeted A Post From Tulsi Gabbard That Suggested Ukraine May “25+ US Funded Biolabs” Which Would Release And Spread Deadly Pathogens If Breached.**



[Twitter, Erik Aadland, [3/14/22](#)]

- Washington Post: “Russia For Years Has Been Seeding The Ground To Claim That The United States Set Up Biowarfare Labs In Ukraine.”** “Russia for years has been seeding the ground to claim that the United States set up biowarfare labs in Ukraine and other former Soviet republics — claims that have been revived as part of the invasion of Ukraine. As part of his media presentation, Igor Kirillov of the Russian armed forces alleged the labs were part of the U.S. plot to study the natural immunity of the population to identify the most dangerous pathogen for people in the region.” [Washington Post, [3/29/22](#)]

**Aadland Was Accused Of Coordinating With A Super PAC After One Of His Campaign Vendors Shared The Same Address As And Received Over 300K From The Group**

**A Super PAC Named “For Colorado’s Future” Funded \$337,736.63 In Independent Expenditures Through A Company Called Telephone Town Hall Meeting Towards Erik Aadland’s Campaign**

**For Colorado’s Future Was A Super PAC**

**For Colorado’s Future’s Website Stated That It Was A Super PAC.**



[For Colorado’s Future, accessed [7/18/22](#)]

**June 2022: For Colorado’s Future Spent \$253,381.05 Towards Independent Expenditures, Through A Company Called Telephone Town Hall Meeting, In Support Of Erik Aadland’s Campaign**

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<b>For Colorado’s Future Super PAC Independent Expenditures In Support Of Erik Aadland</b>			
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>
Telephone Town Hall Meeting	Live Calls	6/27/22	\$10,433.58
Telephone Town Hall Meeting	Texting and Autodialed Calls	6/27/22	\$4,406.88
Telephone Town Hall Meeting	Text Messages	6/23/22	\$5,450.65
Telephone Town Hall Meeting	Live Calls	6/21/22	\$16,907.18
Telephone Town Hall Meeting	Text & Voice Broadcast	6/17/22	\$6,610.95
Telephone Town Hall Meeting	Direct Mail & Postage	6/17/22	\$15,008.45

Telephone Town Hall Meeting	Text Messaging	6/8/22	\$8,253.70
Telephone Town Hall Meeting	Television Advertisement	6/6/22	\$130,000
Telephone Town Hall Meeting	Mail Piece Production & Postage	6/3/22	\$23,427.91
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		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$253,381.05</b>

[FEC.gov, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

**For Colorado’s Future Spent \$84,355.58 Towards Independent Expenditures, Through A Company Called Telephone Town Hall Meeting, In Opposition To Aadland’s CO-7 Primary Opponent, Tim Reichert**

**For Colorado’s Future Spent \$84,355.58 Towards Independent Expenditures In Opposition To Aadland’s CO-7 Primary Opponent, Tim Reichert.**

<b>For Colorado’s Future Super PAC Independent Expenditures In Opposition To Tim Reichert</b>			
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>
Telephone Town Hall Meeting	Direct Mail and Postage	6/17/22	\$15,008.44
Telephone Town Hall Meeting	Mailer and Postage	6/13/22	\$23,736.47
Telephone Town Hall Meeting	Text messages and voice broadcasts	6/12/22	\$9,546.87
Telephone Town Hall Meeting	Mailpiece production and postage	6/8/22	\$36,063.80
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$84,355.58</b>

[FEC.gov, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

**For Colorado’s Future Was “Newly-Created” And Funded By A Colorado Sports Writer, A Wireless Communications Company, And A CEO Of A Different Wireless Communications Company**

**“For Colorado’s Future” Was A “Newly-Created” Super PAC That Was Registered On May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**June 2022: A “Newly-Created” Super PAC Named “For Colorado’s Future” Provided \$260,000 In Independent Expenditures For Aadland’s Congressional Campaign.** “Thanks in part to a \$500,000 personal loan, Arvada economist Tim Reichert has outspent his top rival, former oil and gas executive and onetime Senate candidate Erik Aadland, in the Republican primary. Aadland, however, has benefited from over \$260,000 in independent expenditures by super PAC For Colorado's Future, a newly-created group whose donors won't be disclosed until next month. Far-right candidate Laurel Imer trailed far behind both Aadland and Reichert with just \$85,770 in reported campaign contributions.” [Colorado Newslines, 6/20/22]

**According To The Federal Elections Commission, For Colorado's Future Was Registered To Operate On May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

## FOR COLORADO'S FUTURE

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[FEC.gov, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

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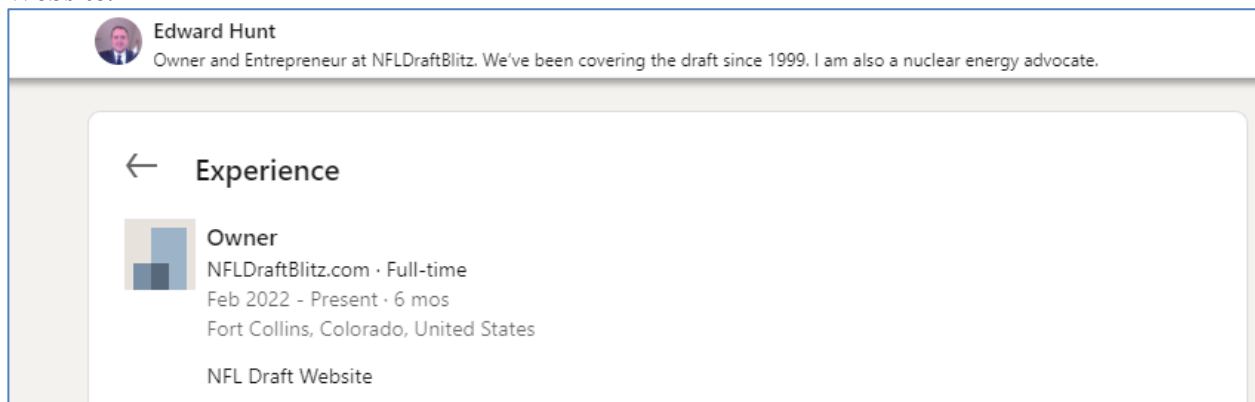
**For Colorado's Future Received \$5,000 From Edward Hunt, A Sports Writer That Owned NFLDraftBlitz.Com**

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**Edward Hunt, Who Worked For NFLDraftBlitz.Com Donated \$5,000 To "For Colorado's Future."**

[FEC.gov, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

**According To His LinkedIn, Hunt Said That He Was The Owner Of NFLDraftBlitz.Com, An "NFL Draft Website."**



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**For Colorado's Future Received \$25,000 From Pericle Communications Company**

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**For Colorado's Future Received \$25,000 From Pericle Communications Company.** [FEC.gov, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

**Pericle Communications Company Was A "Firm Specializing In Wireless Communications" And Was Owned By Jay Jacobsmeyer.** "Pericle Communications Company is a nationally-recognized engineering firm specializing in wireless communications. Incorporated in 1992, Pericle is headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The company is named after Pericle Rock, a rock formation on Pikes Peak popular with climbers. Pericle provides engineering services to public safety agencies, airports, local governments, and to the cellular, broadcast, aviation, and utility industries. Five of our team hold four-year degrees in electrical engineering and one is a senior radio technician with over 30 years experience with Motorola and Harris radio systems. Our owner, Jay Jacobsmeyer, has over 35 years experience in the industry and is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Colorado." [Pericle Communications Company, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

**Pericle Communications Company's Contribution To "For Colorado's Future" Was The Only Reported Contribution That Company Had Ever Made.** [FEC.gov, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

**Pericle Communications Company's Owner, Jay Jacobsmeyer, Was An Active Republican Donor In Colorado Who Had Donated To Aadland, Lauren Boebert, And Mitt Romney.**

Sample: Jay Jacobsmeyer Political Contributions		
Recipient	Date	Amount
Aadland for Colorado	1/21/22	\$2,900
Lauren Boebert for Congress	9/17/20	\$1,000
Romney Victory Inc	9/5/12	\$2,500
Romney for President INC	9/5/12	\$2,500

[FEC.gov, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

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**For Colorado’s Future Received \$50,000 From Jonathan Sawyer, CEO Of XetaWave**

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“For Colorado’s Future” Received \$50,000 From Jonathan Sawyer, CEO Of XetaWave. [FEC.gov, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

**XetaWave Was A Wireless Technology Company That Built Radios.** “Co-founded in 2010 by Jonathan Sawyer, a pioneer in wireless technology for over 30 years, and Robert Campbell, a technology entrepreneur, XetaWave is the ideal partner for the deployment of wireless technologies that are proven and lead the industry in performance, functionality and reliability. All XetaWave radios are 100% designed, manufactured, and tested at its headquarters in Louisville, Colorado.” [XetaWave, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

*Note: The contributions to For Colorado’s Future from Edward Hunt, Pericle Communications Company, and Jonathan Sawyer only comprise \$80,000 of the \$337,736.63 that the PAC spent on independent expenditures. The PAC owes the remainder, \$257,736.63 in debt to Telephone Town Hall Meeting.*

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**For Colorado’s Future Owed \$257,736.63 In Debt To Telephone Town Hall Meeting**

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**For Colorado’s Future Owed \$257,736.63 In Debt To Telephone Town Hall Meeting For “Advertising.”**

**DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

Line #: 10

**Committee: FOR COLORADO'S FUTURE**

Name	Address	Line Number	Amount This Period	Nature of Debt	Text
Telephone Town Hall Meeting	958 Cornflower Drive Golden, Colorado 80401	10	257736.63	Advertising	

Total Debts This Period = 257736.62

[FEC.gov, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

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**For Colorado’s Future And Telephone Town Hall Meeting Shared The Same Address**

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**Telephone Town Hall Meeting Was Located At 958 Cornflower Drive In Golden, Colorado 80401**

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**Telephone Town Hall Meeting Was Located At 958 Cornflower Drive In Golden, Colorado 80401, Jefferson County.** [Nexis Comprehensive Business Report, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

**June 2022: Telephone Town Hall Meeting Was Listed As Having A Mailing Address Of 958 Cornflower Drive, Golden, Colorado 80401.**

NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full) <b>FOR COLORADO'S FUTURE</b>		FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER <b>C00815506</b>	
Check if <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 24-hour report <input type="checkbox"/> 48-hour report		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New report <input type="checkbox"/> Amends report filed on	
Full Name of Payee <b>Telephone Town Hall Meeting</b>		Date of Public Distribution/Dissemination 06 / 26 / 2022	
Mailing Address <b>958 Cornflower Drive</b>		Amount <b>4406.88</b>	
City <b>Golden</b>	State <b>CO</b>	Zip Code <b>80401</b>	Transaction ID : <b>SE.4146</b>
Purpose of Expenditure <b>Texting &amp; Autodialed calls</b>		Category/Type	Date of Disbursement or Obligation 06 / 27 / 2022
Name of Federal Candidate <b>AADLAND, ERIK, . .</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	Office Sought: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> House <input type="checkbox"/> President <input type="checkbox"/> Senate
Calendar Year-To-Date Per Election for Office Sought <b>151426.97</b>		District: <b>07</b> State: <b>CO</b>	
		Disbursement For: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	

[FEC.gov, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

**For Colorado’s Future Was Also Located At 958 Cornflower Drive In Golden, Colorado 80401**

**According To The Federal Election Commission, “For Colorado’s Future” Had A Mailing Address Of 958 Cornflower Drive In Golden, Colorado 80401.**

**FOR COLORADO'S FUTURE**

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**ABOUT THIS COMMITTEE**

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2021-2022

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**Committee information**

Committee name: FOR COLORADO'S FUTURE

Mailing address: 958 CORNFLOWER DRIVE  
GOLDEN, CO 80401

Treasurer: MCCAULEY, MIKE

Committee type: Super PAC (Independent Expenditure-Only)

Committee designation: Unauthorized

Statement of organization: [Current version \(PDF\)](#)  
FEC-1595190  
Filed 05/18/2022

FEC.gov, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

**Telephone Town Hall Meeting Was One Of Aadland’s Campaign Vendors For His 2022 Congressional Campaign**

**Aadland's 2022 Congressional Campaign Spent Over \$20K On Services From Telephone Town Hall Meeting.**

<b>Disbursements From Aadland's 2022 Congressional Campaign To Telephone Town Hall Meeting</b>		
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Postage	8/3/21	\$2,951
Texting Services	3/4/22	\$775.78
Remit Envelopes Printing	2/11/22	\$347.30
Print Tri-Fold	2/11/22	\$1,126.10
Tuscany Text	6/8/22	\$611.62
Text and Townhall	6/7/22	\$9,236.21
Dupe Pmt-Credit Toward Next Invoice	6/7/22	\$663.90
Grace Text	5/10/22	\$663.90
Texting Services	4/21/22	\$673.40
Tele Meeting	4/21/22	\$904.29
Tele Meeting	4/21/22	\$906.50
Texting Services	4/21/22	\$1,107.52
Printing Marketing Materials	4/21/22	\$1,179.44
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$20,483.06</b>

[FEC.gov, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

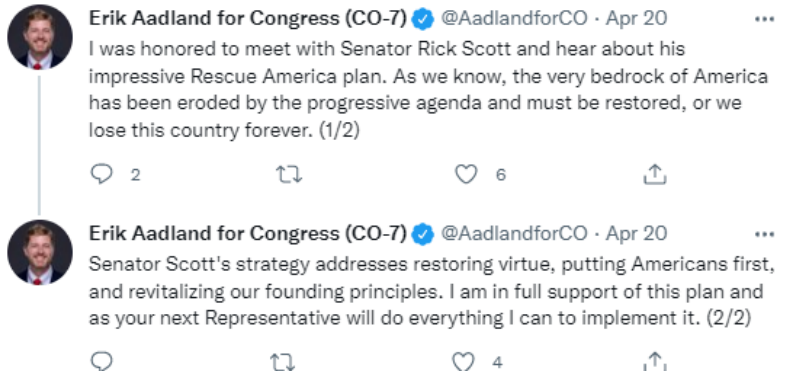
**Aadland Was Accused By Opponents For Coordinating With "For Colorado's Future" To Contribute To Telephone Town Hall Meeting, One Of Aadland's Top Vendors**

**Colorado Sun: Aadland Allegedly Coordinated With An Independent Expenditure Supporting Him.** "All of super PAC For Colorado's Future spending on mailers and texts supporting Aadland and opposing the third candidate in the contest, economist Tim Reichert, is going to Telephone Town Hall Meeting, a Golden company with the same address as the super PAC. For Colorado's Future won't report its donors until mid-July, after the primary is settled. Telephone Townhall Meeting was the Aadland campaign's top vendor between April 1 and June 8, earning \$16,000 for printing, texting and meetings." [Colorado Sun, [6/21/22](#)]

- **Colorado Sun: "All Of Super PAC For Colorado's Future Spending On Mailers And Texts Supporting Aadland" Was Going To Telephone Town Hall Meeting, Aadland's Top Campaign Vendor.** "In the 7th Congressional District, Republican candidate Laurel Imer posted a video last week questioning primary opponent Erik Aadland's relationship with a nonprofit and super PAC that are spending to support Aadland. All of super PAC For Colorado's Future spending on mailers and texts supporting Aadland and opposing the third candidate in the contest, economist Tim Reichert, is going to Telephone Town Hall Meeting, a Golden company with the same address as the super PAC. For Colorado's Future won't report its donors until mid-July, after the primary is settled. Telephone Townhall Meeting was the Aadland campaign's top vendor between April 1 and June 8, earning \$16,000 for printing, texting and meetings." [Colorado Sun, [6/24/22](#)]

**Aadland Was A Far-Right Extremist Who Repeatedly Used Unhinged And Violent Rhetoric And Supported Policies That Were Bad For Colorado****Aadland Said He Would Do "Everything I Can To Implement" Rick Scott's Plan That Would Raise Taxes On Half Of Americans And Sunset Social Security And Medicare****Aadland Said He Was "In Full Support" Of Florida Senator Rick Scott's Rescue America Plan And Said He "Will Do Everything I Can To Implement It"**

**April 2022: Aadland Said He Was “Honored” To Talk To Rick Scott About His “Impressive Rescue America Plan” And Said He Was “In Full Support” And “Will Do Everything I Can To Implement It.”** “I was honored to meet with Senator Rick Scott and hear about his impressive Rescue America plan. As we know, the very bedrock of America has been eroded by the progressive agenda and must be restored, or we lose this country forever. Senator Scott’s strategy addresses restoring virtue, putting Americans first, and revitalizing our founding principles. I am in full support of this plan and as your next Representative will do everything I can to implement it.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [4/20/22](#)]

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## **Rick Scott’s Rescue America Plan Was “Ultra-Maga Madness”**

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**HEADLINE: “Rick Scott Backtracks, But His Plan Is Still Ultra-MAGA Madness”** [New York Magazine, [6/10/22](#)]

**New York Magazine: Rick Scott’s Plan “Marries The Very Latest In Apocalyptic Hate-Filled MAGA Rhetoric With Fiscal And Social Positions From The Museum Of Conservative Ideology Circa 1964.”** “Scott claims the “plan” contains 128 “ideas,” which may be accurate if you consider owning the libs and cutting culture-war capers “ideas.” The “plan” is innovative insofar as it marries the very latest in apocalyptic hate-filled MAGA rhetoric with fiscal and social positions from the museum of conservative ideology circa 1964. [New York Magazine, [Intelligencer, 6/10/22](#)]

[The Rescue America Plan Would Require Kids In Public Schools To Stand For The National Anthem And “Honor” The American Flag](#)

**CNN Politics: The Rescue America Plan Would Require Kids In Public Schools To Stand For The National Anthem And “Honor” The American Flag.** “So what’s actually in the plan? A fair amount of it is just red-meat rhetoric sure to make the base of the party happy. But amid the spin -- and the attacks on Democrats, ‘wokeness’ and the media -- there are some actual policy proposals. Let’s go through them. [...] Kids in public schools would say the Pledge of Allegiance and be required to stand for the National Anthem. They also would have to “honor” the American flag.” [CNN Politics, [2/23/22](#)]

[The Rescue America Plan Would Close The Department Of Education](#)

**CNN Politics: The Rescue America Plan Would Close The Department Of Education.** “So what’s actually in the plan? A fair amount of it is just red-meat rhetoric sure to make the base of the party happy. But amid the spin -- and the attacks on Democrats, ‘wokeness’ and the media -- there are some actual policy proposals. Let’s go through them. [...] The Department of Education would close. “Education is a state function,” wrote Scott.” [CNN Politics, [2/23/22](#)]

### The Rescue America Plan Would Cut Federal Funding And Tax-Exempt Status For Colleges And Universities That Used Affirmative Action In Their Admissions Process

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### The Rescue America Plan Would Impose “Strict” Mandatory Minimum Sentences In Every Case That A Police Officer Was Seriously Injured

**CNN Politics: The Rescue America Plan Would Impose “Strict” Mandatory Minimum Sentences In Every Case That A Police Officer Was Seriously Injured.** “So what's actually in the plan? A fair amount of it is just red-meat rhetoric sure to make the base of the party happy. But amid the spin -- and the attacks on Democrats, ‘wokeness’ and the media -- there are some actual policy proposals. Let's go through them. [...] Strict’ mandatory minimum sentences would be required in every case in which a police officer is seriously injured.” [CNN Politics, [2/23/22](#)]

### The Rescue America Plan Would Strongly Oppose Any “Attempt To Deny Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights”

**CNN Politics: The Rescue America Plan Would Strongly Oppose Any “Attempt To Deny Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights.”** “So what's actually in the plan? A fair amount of it is just red-meat rhetoric sure to make the base of the party happy. But amid the spin -- and the attacks on Democrats, ‘wokeness’ and the media -- there are some actual policy proposals. Let's go through them. [...] Any ‘attempt to deny our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment freedoms’ would be strongly opposed.” [CNN Politics, [2/23/22](#)]

### The Rescue America Plan Would Complete The Wall Along The US Southern Border And Name It After President Trump

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### The Rescue America Plan Would Prevent Immigrants To The US From Collecting Unemployment Benefits Or Welfare Until They Have Lived In The United States For 7 Years

**CNN Politics: The Rescue America Plan Would Prevent Immigrants To The US From Collecting Unemployment Benefits Or Welfare Until They Have Lived In The United States For 7 Years.** “So what's actually in the plan? A fair amount of it is just red-meat rhetoric sure to make the base of the party happy. But amid the spin -- and the attacks on Democrats, ‘wokeness’ and the media -- there are some actual policy proposals. Let's go through them. [...] Immigrants to the US would not be able to collect unemployment benefits or welfare until they have lived in the country for seven years.” [CNN Politics, [2/23/22](#)]

### The Rescue America Plan Would Strip Sanctuary Cities Of Federal Funding

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the spin -- and the attacks on Democrats, 'wokeness' and the media -- there are some actual policy proposals. Let's go through them. [...] So-called sanctuary cities would be stripped of all federal funding." [CNN Politics, [2/23/22](#)]

### The Rescue America Plan Would Raise "Taxes On Half The American People" And Sunset All Federal Legislation Such As "Social Security And Medicare Within Five Years"

#### **New York Magazine: The Rescue America Plan Would Raise "Taxes On Half The American People" And Sunset All Federal Legislation Such As "Social Security And Medicare Within Five Years."**

"McConnell denounced them with Scott standing nearby. 'If we're fortunate enough to have the majority next year, I'll be the majority leader. I'll decide in consultation with my members what to put on the floor,'" McConnell told reporters. 'Let me tell you what will not be on our agenda. We will not have as part of our agenda a bill that raises taxes on half the American people and sunsets Social Security and Medicare within five years. That will not be part of the Republican Senate majority agenda.' The Kentuckian was referring to Scott's demand that all Americans pay federal income tax to exhibit they had 'skin in the game' as well as Scott's proposal that all federal laws (including Social Security and Medicare) sunset within five years." [New York Magazine, [Intelligencer, 6/10/22](#)]

### The Rescue America Plan Would Make Voter ID The "Law Of The Land." Ensure That "All Arguments Against Voter ID Are In Favor Of Fraud," And Ban Same-Day Voter Registration

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**CNN Politics: The Rescue America Plan Would Ban Same-Day Voter Registration.** "So what's actually in the plan? A fair amount of it is just red-meat rhetoric sure to make the base of the party happy. But amid the spin -- and the attacks on Democrats, 'wokeness' and the media -- there are some actual policy proposals. Let's go through them. [...] Same-day voter registration would be banned." [CNN Politics, [2/23/22](#)]

### The Rescue America Plan Would Remove Options For "Gender Identity" And "Sexual Preference" From Government Forms

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### The Rescue America Plan Would Ban "Biological Males" From Competing In Women's Sports

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### The Rescue America Plan Would Subject "All Social Media Platforms That Censor Speech And Cancel People" To Legal Action

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[The Rescue America Plan Would “Take Climate Change Seriously, But Not Hysterically”](#)

**CNN Politics: The Rescue America Plan Would “Take Climate Change Seriously, But Not Hysterically.”** “So what's actually in the plan? A fair amount of it is just red-meat rhetoric sure to make the base of the party happy. But amid the spin -- and the attacks on Democrats, ‘wokeness’ and the media -- there are some actual policy proposals. Let's go through them. [...] The weather is always changing. We take climate change seriously, but not hysterically. We will not adopt nutty policies that harm our economy or our jobs.” [CNN Politics, [2/23/22](#)]

**Aadland Opposed Bipartisan Gun Reforms, Said That School Shootings Were Caused By A Lack Of Spirituality In Public Schools, And Made His Own “Ghost Guns”**

**Aadland Supported Arming Teachers And Reinstating School Prayer As Ways To Address School Shootings Which Were Caused By A Lack Of Spirituality In Public Schools**

**Aadland Supported Arming Teachers As A Way To Address School Shootings.** AADLAND: “[3:13] In the short term, we’ve got an issue with these school shootings. And the answer is not gun control. That’s what the left always tries to do- they try to capitalize on these tragic events. They try to increase control, increase power at the federal government level. That’s not the answer. I mean, we just need to look at Chicago. More people are killed due to gun violence every weekend than what happened in this school shooting. Doesn’t take away the tragedy of it but I think we need to secure our schools, we need to ensure that there is law enforcement on every school. We don’t need to make them gun free zones, we need to encourage well trained teachers to be able to carry in order to address this in the short term.” [710 KNUS The George Show, [5/27/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**May 2022: Aadland Suggested That A Lack Of Spirituality In Public Schools Was Causing School Shootings.** AADLAND: “We have to find ways to address the mental sickness that contributes to such gun violence. We’ve taken spirituality out of our schools. In many ways, we’ve taken morality out of our schools. The left, at the heart of it, the progressives, see human nature very differently than I think most conservatives. We don’t see human beings as strictly animals to be controlled- we see them as spiritual beings. I think the morality in this country needs to be restored. [710 KNUS The George Show, [5/27/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**June 2022: Aadland Said He Supported Reinstating School Prayer And Speculated That School Shootings Were Caused By Taking “God Out Of Our School System.”** “[5:42] Question: I heard you talk on the radio about how gun violence has increased because they kicked God out of public schools. Do you think we should bring back God into our public schools and introduce a federal mandate for public school prayer?” Aadland: ‘Well, I want God back in our schools. Matthew I don't want the federal government or government legislating against practicing faith in our school system. I also don't want the government enforcing that either. I believe strongly in our freedom to practice religion, however we see fit. I am a Christian. I'm a man of faith and I'm guided in that respect. In my daily walk, that's extremely important to me. At the same time, I don't want to proselytize or push it on anyone else. So it's striking the right balance and allowing people the freedom to practice their faith, even the school system I think we're witnessing with gun violence and school shootings is extremely tragic and is a result of moral decay in this country, much of which is because the progressives have fought to take virtue and morality and wisdom and God out of our school system and we need to restore that to address the root cause of this violence, mental illness and sickness in many respects is a component of not having grounded in faith and grounded in truth. I want to address those but I want to limit federal government involvement in our lives.’ [Youtube, [6/7/22](#)] (AUDIO)

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## Aadland Said He Opposed The Bipartisan Gun Law Signed Into Law In June 2022

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**Aadland Opposed The Bipartisan Gun Law Signed Into Law In June 2022 Saying “I Don’t Support Any Federal Gun Control Legislation.”** “[10:26] Question: The senate has reached a tentative framework on gun control which includes closing the boyfriend loophole. Would you support such legislation if you were in congress?’ Aadland: ‘No I don’t support any federal gun control legislation or the bill that the senate just passed. It does not address the root causes of gun violence. Look at the cities with the most gun violence, they also have the strictest gun control. I want a wise and grounded well-armed citizenry to defend themselves. It’s a right you are born with. Red flag laws especially infringe on our rights.” [YouTube, [6/22/22](#)] (AUDIO)

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## Aadland Implied That He Did Not Support Any Restrictions On Gun Ownership And Did Not Support Allowing Victims To Sue Gun Manufacturers

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**When Asked What Gun Restrictions He Supported, Aadland Said That “Everyone Has An Inherent, Unalienable Right To Defend Themselves” And We Should “Refuse To Give Up Our Ability To Defend Ourselves.”**

What restrictions on gun ownership are needed to protect public safety?

*Everyone has an inherent, unalienable right to defend themselves. And we know criminals will always find a way to possess guns. Yet, there are those who want to completely disarm our society while they simultaneously move to de-fund law enforcement. We must not only ask why but refuse to give up our ability to defend ourselves. The facts speak for themselves—firearm ownership is proven to deter crime. I will stand resolutely for our right to bear arms. Colorado has a spirit of independence and self-governance, and the Second Amendment is a key component of maintaining our individual freedoms.*

Victims of gun violence should be able to sue firearms dealers and manufacturers.

*Strongly Disagree*

[iVoterGuide, Erik Aadland, accessed [7/20/22](#)]

## Aadland Said He Did Not Support Allowing Victims To Sue Gun Manufacturers.

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## Aadland Said He Made His Own Ghost Guns And Said The ATF Was Overstepping In Regulating Them

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**Aadland Said He Made His Own Ghost Guns And Said The Bureau Of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, And Explosives Was Overstepping In Regulating Them.** “[26:01] Q: (An audience member brings a homemade ghost gun to the stage) What will you do to stop the ATF from making rules pertaining to our legal right to create our own firearms or so-called ‘ghost gun?’ Aadland: ‘I have made a few of those myself. Your right to bear arms shall not be infringed upon. And so we must stand up. You have the right to build your own firearms and I think the ATF is way overstepping its jurisdiction to regulate as is the federal government. [Youtube, [5/5/22](#)] (AUDIO)

*NOTE: It is unclear if Aadland had these guns serialized as required by law.*

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**May 2022: The Day After The Uvalde Shooting, Aadland Was Listed As An Attendee To An Event Where An AR-15 Semi-Automatic Rifle Was Being Auctioned Off To Guests**

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**May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022: Aadland Was Listed As An Attendee To A Debate And Fundraiser Hosted By The Teller County Republican Party Where An AR-15 Was Being Auctioned Off To The Winner Of A Silent Auction.** “To encourage citizens to attend its June 11 ‘Big Tent’ candidate debate, Teller County Republican Party will be once again giving away a semi-automatic AR-15 rifle to the winner of its ‘Awesome Silent Auction.’ The southern Colorado Republican group is not only publicizing the chance to win an assault rifle, but also the “Mouthwatering BBQ Food, and Complimentary Beer and Wine Bar” that will be offered at the event. The event is meant for Republican voters who live in Teller County to meet the candidates running for office and will raise money for the party. All announced candidates have been invited, but as of right now the confirmed candidates are: 7th Congressional District: Erik Aadland, Laurel Imer, Timothy Reichert.” [ColoradoPols, 5/25/22]

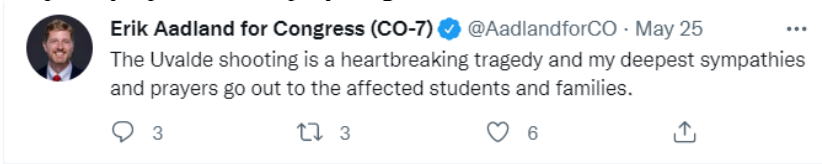


[ColoradoPols, [5/25/22](#)]

- **May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022: 19 Children And 2 Adults Were Killed In A Shooting At Robb Elementary School In Uvalde, Texas.** “Nineteen children and two adults were killed in a shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde County on May 24. It is the deadliest shooting ever at a Texas public school. We’re covering updates on this shooting and what it might — and might not — mean for the state’s gun policies.” [Texas Tribune, accessed [7/5/22](#)]
- **When Asked About Canceling The Rifle Giveaway In Light Of The Uvalde Shooting, Teller County GOP Chair Parnow Stated That The Rifle Being Sold “Wasn’t Used In The Texas Shooting.”** “The featured rifle is a Palmetto State Armory PA-15 with a 16” barrel, the minimum length legally allowed without the weapon being considered a short barrel rifle subject to additional federal regulation, including registration. Asked if there had been any discussion of canceling the rifle giveaway in light of yesterday’s massacre at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas that took the lives of at least 21 people, including 19 children, Teller GOP chair Ross Parnow stated that the rifle ‘wasn’t used in the Texas shooting.’ [ColoradoPols, [5/25/22](#)]

On The Same Day As The Teller County Republican Party’s Event With An AR-15 Auction, Aadland Made A Tweet Stating That The Uvalde Shooting Was “A Heartbreaking Tragedy”

**May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022: Aadland Said That The Uvalde Shooting Was “A Heartbreaking Tragedy” And Sent His “Deepest Sympathies And Prayers” To The Victims.** “The Uvalde shooting is a heartbreaking tragedy and my deepest sympathies and prayers go out to the affected students and families.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [5/25/22](#)]

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**May 2022: A Few Days After The Uvalde Shooting, Aadland Retweeted A Post That Said “What Stops Armed Bad Guys Is Armed Good Guys” Despite The Fact That 376 Law Enforcement Officers Were Unable To Stop The Uvalde Shooter From Killing 21 People**

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**May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022: Aadland Retweeted A Post From Senator Ted Cruz That Said “What Stops Armed Bad Guys Is Armed Good Guys.”**



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [5/27/22](#)]

- **Texas Tribune: “376 Law Enforcement Officers” Descended Upon Robb Elementary School In Uvalde, Texas On May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, But “No One Was Able To Stop The Gunman From Carrying Out The Deadliest School Shooting In Texas History.”** “In total, 376 law enforcement officers descended upon the school, according to the most extensive account of the shooting to date. It says that better-equipped departments should have stepped up to fill a leadership void after the Uvalde schools police chief failed to take charge. [...] No one was able to stop the gunman from carrying out the deadliest school shooting in Texas history, in part because of “systemic failures and egregious poor decision making” by nearly everyone involved who was in a position of power, a new investigation into the shooting has found.” [Texas Tribune, [7/17/22](#)]

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**Aadland Said The Right To Bear Arms Was “Divinely Inspired”**

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**Aadland: The Right To Bear Arms Was “A Divinely Inspired Tenant Of The Constitution.”** “[0:32] The left will do anything they can to take away our guns. They’ve been making that play for decades now. We can’t let our right to bear arms be ingringed. It’s a divinely inspired tenant of the Constitution. It’s meant to inhibit tyranny.” [630 KHOW, Leland Conway Show, [4/13/22](#)] (AUDIO)

## **Aadland Was A Threat To Education, Advocating For Abolishing The Department Of Education And Defunding Schools Because They Were “Sexualizing Our Children”**

### **Aadland Claimed That Schools Were Sexualizing Children And Should Be Defunded**

**Aadland Said That The Federal Government Should Get Out Of Education And Schools That Were “Sexualizing Our Children” Or Teaching Critical Race Theory Should Be Defunded.** AADLAND: “I want the federal government out of our children’s education. I want great educational opportunities for all children. This push for racist ideologies like CRT have no place in our schools. We need to defund schools that are pushing CRT and sexualizing our children. We need to help them develop critical thinking schools and discernment. Ultimately parents are responsible for that.” [(14:12), YouTube, [6/11/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**Aadland: “They Are Sexualizing Our Children.”** AADLAND: “[24:08] I have three children. They are 7, 5, and 1. I homeschool our kids. But CRT is a racist ideology and they are sexualizing our children. There is no reason why 5 year olds should be learning sexual education, and there is no reason why they should be learning about gender choices. We need to teach our kids not what to think, not how to think.” [YouTube, [4/21/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**Aadland Said He Was Homeschooling His Kids Because Of “Sexual Topics” In School.** AADLAND: “[17:47] Well there are two things I never thought I’d do in this life and that is run for political office and homeschool my children, but I am now homeschooling my children. Insidious racist doctrines like critical race theory and inappropriate sexual topics are being taught in schools.” [YouTube, [3/26/22](#)] (AUDIO)

### **Aadland Repeatedly Said The Federal Department Of Education Should Be Abolished**

**Aadland Said That The Federal Department Of Education Should Be Abolished.** AADLAND: “[34:11] I am uniquely situated to address this as I was pursuing a PhD in psychology. We need to bring morality back to our schools. We have removed morality and God from our schools. We need to bring that back. They have not had the right attention. They have been under unnecessary mask mandates and vaccine mandates. We need to restore character and abolish the Department of Education. We need to get us on a spiritual path that returns us to a path of service.” [YouTube, [6/11/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**February 2022: Aadland Said That He Would Eliminate The Department Of Education.** “Question: If you could eliminate one Federal Dept, what would it be? Aadland: ‘The Dept. of Education. The federal government does not need to dictate our children’s education. [Parents] should be in charge of what our children learn- it should never be centralized at the federal level.’ [AadlandforCO, Twitter, [2/17/22](#)]

### **Aadland Said That School Prayer Should Be Reinstated**

**Aadland Said That God Should Be Put Back In Schools.** “[34:11] I am uniquely situated to address this as I was pursuing a phd in psychology. We need to bring morality back to our schools. We have removed morality and God from our schools. We need to bring that back. They have not had the right attention. They have been under unnecessary mask mandates and vaccine mandates. We need to restore character and abolish the department of education. We need to get us on a spiritual path that returns us to a path of service.” [YouTube, [6/11/22](#)] (VIDEO)

**Aadland Said He Supported Reinstating School Prayer And Speculated That School Shootings Were Caused By The Removal Of “God Out Of Our School System.”** “[5:42] Question: I heard you talk on the radio about how gun violence has increased because they kicked God out of public schools. Do you think we should bring back God into our public schools and introduce a federal mandate for public school prayer?” Aadland: ‘Well, I want God back in our schools. Matthew, I don’t want the federal government or government legislating against practicing faith in our school system. I also don’t want the government enforcing that either. I believe strongly in our freedom to practice religion; however we see fit. I am a Christian. I’m a man of faith and I’m guided in that respect. In my

daily walk, that's extremely important to me. At the same time, I don't want to proselytize or push it on anyone else. So it's striking the right balance and allowing people the freedom to practice their faith, even the school system I think we're witnessing with gun violence and school shootings is extremely tragic and is a result of moral decay in this country, much of which is because the progressives have fought to take virtue and morality and wisdom and God out of our school system and we need to restore that to address the root cause of this violence, mental illness and sickness in many respects is a component of not having grounded in faith and grounded in truth. I want to address those but I want to limit federal government involvement in our lives." [Youtube, [6/7/22](#)] (AUDIO)

## Aadland Wanted To Overturn Obergefell & Supported Discrimination Against The LGBTQ+ Community

### June 2022: Aadland Said Obergefell Should Be Overturned

**June 22, 2022: Aadland Said He Wanted Obergefell To Be Overturned.** “[6:00] Question: My question is do you think the supreme court should overturn Obergefell V Hodges and return the issue of marriage to the states?” Aadland: ‘That's a great question Bridgett, for the most part I want the federal government out of marriage. I want them out of marriage all together. I think that's a choice between two people. I want the government out of our bedrooms. Marriage is a pact between two people. So yes, I would restore that to the states and get the federal government out of it. But a great question, one I'm not usually asked.” [Youtube, [6/23/22](#)] (AUDIO)

- **Oyez: The Obergefell Case Concluded That “The Fourteenth Amendment Requires Both Marriage Licensing And Recognition For Same-Sex Couples.”** “Groups of same-sex couples sued their relevant state agencies in Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, and Tennessee to challenge the constitutionality of those states' bans on same-sex marriage or refusal to recognize legal same-sex marriages that occurred in jurisdictions that provided for such marriages. The plaintiffs in each case argued that the states' statutes violated the Equal Protection Clause and Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, and one group of plaintiffs also brought claims under the Civil Rights Act. In all the cases, the trial court found in favor of the plaintiffs. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit reversed and held that the states' bans on same-sex marriage and refusal to recognize marriages performed in other states did not violate the couples' Fourteenth Amendment rights to equal protection and due process. [...] The Fourteenth Amendment requires both marriage licensing and recognition for same-sex couples. [Oyez, accessed [7/19/22](#)]
- **June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022: 47 House Republicans Voted To Pass A Bill That Would Protect “Legal Protections For Same-Sex Marriages.”** “Dozens of Republicans have sided with Democrats in the US House of Representatives to pass a bill that would boost legal protections for same-sex marriages. Democrats have suggested the US Supreme Court could roll back gay marriage rights, but some Republican critics dismissed the bill as a gimmick. America's high court legalised same-sex marriage nationwide in 2015. But last month it quashed a long-held constitutional right to abortion. Prospects for the Respect for Marriage Act look less certain in the finely balanced Senate. Some 47 Republicans joined all Democrats in voting for the measure by 267-157 on Tuesday after Republican leaders allowed party members to vote with their conscience.” [BBC, [7/19/22](#)]

### Aadland Opposed Non-Discrimination Laws To Protect The LGBTQ+ Community

#### Aadland Said He “Strongly Disagree[d]” With Including Protections For Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity In Non-Discrimination Laws.

Sexual orientation and gender identity should be protected classes in non-discrimination laws.

*Strongly Disagree*

[iVoterGuide, Erik Aadland, [7/20/22](#)]

## Aadland Said That The ACA Was “The Worst Written Legislation In History” And Advocated For The Introduction Of “Free Market Forces, Competition” Into Healthcare

### Aadland Said That The Affordable Care Act Was “The Worst Written Legislation In History”

**Aadland Said That The Affordable Care Act Was “The Worst Written Legislation In History.”** “Utter nonsense. The so-called Affordable Care Act has driven the cost of healthcare through the roof and reduced accessibility for the poorest Americans. It’s the worst written legislation in history. Like most Socialist programs, it’s done the opposite of what Dems promised.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [10/23/21](#)]

### Aadland Advocated For Introducing Free Market Forces And Competition Into Healthcare

**Aadland: “We Need To Introduce Free Market Forces, Competition” Into Healthcare.** “[33:49] Question: Okay. Now the second question is related to healthcare. What’s your perception of our current healthcare system? Is it expensive compared to what it could be and what can be done about that?’ Aadland: ‘Since the inception of the so-called Affordable Care Act, healthcare for most Americans have become unaffordable. And we’ve gotta address that. A lot of what is happening is the gross over regulation of insurance companies and the reduction of competition within the healthcare marketplace. That’s what driving up costs. So, the answer is not single payer healthcare or a government-run program. Now that might be an option for a certain select few in our society. I’m not saying throw the baby out with the bathwater, but for the most part, we need to introduce free market forces, competition in the marketplace to drive down costs, and that’s by giving people options.” [Aadland For Congress, Tele-Town Hall, [4/19/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**Aadland: “We Need To Reform Healthcare” By “Increasing Competition Within The Marketplace To Drive Down Costs.”** “I want every Coloradan to have access to superb healthcare. We want the best doctors and practitioners to flock to Colorado. For that, we need a competitive health care system that is both affordable and efficient. Unfortunately, we cannot rely on the government to create this outcome—their interventions are not affordable, efficient, or well-planned. Thus, we need to reform health care by removing present drains on the system, as well as increasing competition within the marketplace to drive down costs.” [Aadland for Colorado, Campaign Website, accessed [7/14/22](#)]

## Aadland Claimed That The Federal Income Tax Was Unconstitutional Despite It Being Explicitly Written Into The Constitution

**April 2022: Aadland Claimed That The Federal Income Tax Was Unconstitutional.** “[9:48] Question: When I say things went to shit ages ago, I think of Income Tax. Income tax is less than 2/5ths of the age of our country. It came about in the early 1900’s, because it was struck down as unconstitutional following the early implementation of it, the first one I believe Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War.’ Aadland: ‘And it is unconstitutional. And it is a drain on American labor and it de- incentivizes our work, ingenuity, effort, right? [Colorado School of Mines College Republicans, [4/27/22](#)] (AUDIO)

- **The 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment To The United States Constitution Stated That “Congress Shall Have The Power To Lay And Collect Taxes On Incomes.”** “In 1913, the Sixteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified. It states: "The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration.” [Cornell Law School, accessed [7/19/22](#)]

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### **Aadland Repeatedly Used Unhinged And Violent Rhetoric About His Political Opposition**

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#### **Aadland Repeatedly Said That He Was Fighting A Spiritual War Against Evil**

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**Aadland: “The Fact Of The Matter Is, We Are In A Spiritual War.”** AADLAND: “[6:10] I want you to know who you’re voting for. [...] I am a Christian guided by faith. I have no qualms about who I serve on this walk. At the end of the day my faith is my core that will keep me uncorruptable in Washington. The fact of the matter is, we are in a spiritual war, and without restoring the spiritual values in this country, we are lost.” [Mountain Republican Club, [6/21/22](#)]

**Aadland: “We Are At War. And In Many, Many Ways This Is A Spiritual War. We Are Up Against Evil.”** AADLAND: “[20:56] The fact of the matter is, whether you realize it or not, I figure that most of you are here because you do realize it, we are at war. And in many many ways this is a spiritual war. We are up against evil. And we are up against an enemy that will not sleep, that will not stop. [...] We as conservatives all we do is hold the line. I’m tired of holding the line! It’s a question of what we are going to do to stop the leftist agenda in its track and start taking ground back.” [Teller County Republican Central Committee, [4/12/22](#)] (AUDIO)

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#### **Aadland Said That “We’re In The Trenches Fighting In The Next Revolution” Against Democrats**

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**Aadland: “We’re In The Trenches Fighting In The Next Revolution” Against Democrats.** AADLAND: “[14:54] The Democrats lie, lie, lie. But they lie in a way that people find appealing and compassionate and loving and kind. We’ve gotta change our messaging in a way that is connective, and then bring in all the facts. But if we don’t change the way we talk, we lose. Because this is an information war. They’ve got the media, they’ve got the money. They’ve got a global society against us. We’re in the trenches fighting in the next revolution in this information war.” [Aadland for Congress Leadville Meet & Greet, [5/20/22](#)] (AUDIO)

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#### **Talking About Political Opponents, Aadland Said “The Enemy Is Inside Our Walls Right Now”**

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**Aadland, On Political Opponents: “The Enemy Is Inside Our Walls Right Now.”** AADLAND: “[2:48] I’m doing this because I took an oath to defend the United States against enemies foreign and domestic, but guess what folks, the enemy is inside our walls right now.” [Bandimere Speedway Rally, [4/3/22](#)] (VIDEO)

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#### **Aadland Said That The Government “Has Become An Enemy Of The People**

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**Aadland: The Government “Has Become An Enemy Of The People.”** AADLAND: “[7:45] This is no longer about right and left. Republican versus Democrat or everything in between. It is about a government that is lost its accountability to the American people, no longer serves the American people, and in fact in many ways has become an enemy of the people.” [Aadland for Colorado, [10/16/21](#)] (VIDEO)

## **Aadland Firmly Aligned Himself With Donald Trump And Adopted His Campaign Slogans And Messaging**

### **Aadland Supported Trump And Said That Trump Inspired Him To Register As A Republican**

**Axios: Aadland Was “Touting Support For Trump And Hoping To Get Noticed.”** “Ron Hanks, first-term state lawmaker, crossed the police line at the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riot and is a prominent voice of support for QAnon and election conspiracies. Peter Yu: He ran for the U.S. House in 2018 and lost. In the Senate race, it didn't take him long to find controversy for comments in which he appeared to dismiss racism against Asian Americans. What to watch: Two other candidates, Erik Aadland and Gino Campana, are touting support for Trump and looking to get noticed.” [Axios, 10/20/21]

**Aadland: “With All His Flaws, Donald Trump Restored My Hope That We Can Take Back This Country.”** “[6:35] With all his flaws, Donald Trump restored my hope that we can take back this country through political action. And that's the way I want to do it. I want to avoid violence at all costs. Because I've seen what it really looks like in combat. I think there are a political means. But as Fred and Casper and others have said, we have to take back and attack every office in this state. There should not be a single office we're not running for. We have to restore it through political action. So I am a newly forged proud Republican, (unintelligible) we need to be advocates for this party and restore the party. Because the fact is, there's plenty of corruption in the Republican party that needs to go. One of my first aims is to attack corruption within the establishment.” [Lincoln County Republican Men's Club, 6/7/21] (AUDIO)

**Aadland: “I Think Donald Trump Did A Lot Of Great Things.”** “[0:00] I think Donald Trump did a lot of great things. It's his policies that we need to focus on. How successful those policies were in creating a booming economy, in creating security at our southern border, in creating peace through strength. He was ending the wars in the world. He was bringing the soldiers home with skill and deliberation. I look at what he accomplished in the Middle East with the Abraham Accords.” [Aadland for Colorado, Campaign Website, accessed [7/14/22](#)] (VIDEO)

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### **2021: Aadland “Registered As A Republican The Day After” Trump's CPAC Speech Where He Announced That He Was Not Starting A Third Party**

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**June 2021: “I Registered As A Republican The Day After” Trump's CPAC Speech “When He Said That He's Not Starting A Third Party.”** “[5:29] Who are you that we've never heard of you? What is Aadland? I'm ready to face that I understand that's coming in. And I'm going to, I will take the time by outworking everybody to get my name out there and show why I am why I am a good fit. Why am I a perfect fit to be your Senator. But I have a lot of work to do. And I'm going to outwork everybody in this race guaranteed. I can guarantee it. Excuse me. I want to say a few words about Donald Trump, because he's played a pivotal role. I think we're mostly Trump supporters here. He's played a pivotal role in me being here. You're gonna find out over the course of this election, and I was an unaffiliated voter. And then I registered as a Republican the day after his speech at CPAC when he said he's not starting a third party. I said, the Republican Party is my party, I voted Republican my entire life. But I was not all that active within the party politics. And when I moved to Colorado, I chose not to affiliate. In fact, I've lost faith in our political system This was a few years ago.” [Lincoln County Republican Men's Club, 6/7/21] (AUDIO)

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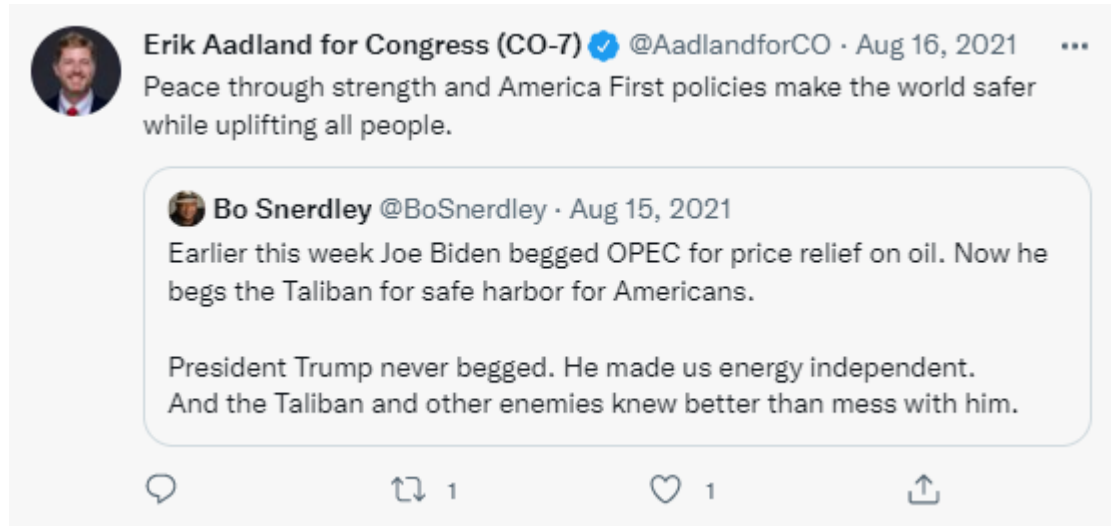
### **Aadland Adopted Trump Campaign Slogans And Jargon Such As “Make America Great Again,” “America First,” And “Fake News”**

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**Aadland: “We Can Make America Great Again.”** “[19:37] I still believe we can build a brighter future for our children and grandchildren. I believe in that shining city on the hill that Ronald Reagan talked about. That's my

mission. My mission is not to orient on the negative, it is to orient on everything that is phenomenal about this country. Everything that is beautiful; virtue, goodness, the amazing United States Constitution, divinely inspired. This grand experiment that we can be- we are the last beacon of hope on this planet. If we shine than ever before, we can make America great again.” [Mountain Republican Club, [6/21/22](#)]

#### Aadland: “America First Policies Make The World Safer.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [8/16/21](#)]

**In A May 2022 CO-07 GOP Candidate Forum, Aadland Said That Mainstream Media “Have Become Lying Machines. They Are The Fake News, Folks.”** “Same with mainstream media. They’ve becoming lying machines. They are the fake news, folks. We’ve gotta exercise discernment as American people when we consume that media.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [5/27/22](#)]

### Aadland Associated With Extremists And Unsavory Characters

**Aadland Was Endorsed By Former Rep. Paul Broun, Who Said Evolution Was A Lie “From The Pit Of Hell”**

**Aadland Was Endorsed By Former Rep. Paul Broun.** [Aadland for Colorado, accessed [7/8/22](#)]

**HEADLINE: U.S. Rep. Paul Broun: Evolution A Lie ‘From The Pit Of Hell.’** “Evolution, embryology and the Big Bang theory are major underpinnings of mainstream science. And Georgia Republican Rep. Paul Broun, a physician who sits on the House Science, Space and Technology Committee, says they are ‘lies straight from the pit of hell.’” [Los Angeles Times, [10/7/12](#)]

**Aadland’s Senate Campaign Kickoff Was Headlined By Former Rep. Tom Tancredo, Who Was A “World-Famous Race-Baiting Congressman” Who Suggested That “The U.S. Bomb Mecca”**

**HEADLINE: “Erik Aadland Headlines Campaign Kickoff On 9/11 With Right Wing Extremist Tom Tancredo.”** “This Saturday, on the 20th anniversary of 9/11, Erik Aadland is headlining his campaign kickoff with Tom Tancredo, an anti-immigrant, right wing extremist who advocated for bombing islamic holy sites, including Mecca, and spread dangerous and racist rhetoric on immigration. ‘By inviting Tom Tancredo to headline his first official campaign event, Erik Aadland has made it clear that his campaign is more focused on division and hate than representing Coloradans. Does he align with Tancredo's right-wing agenda and proposal to bomb holy sites and potentially kill millions of people?’ Nico Delgado, Colorado Democratic Party spokesperson.” [States News Service, 9/9/21]

- **October 2021: Rep. Tom Tancredo Endorsed Aadland For U.S. Senate.** “Former Republican American Constitution Party Republican officeholder/candidate Tom Tancredo has endorsed Republican Erik Aadland U.S. Senate. Honestly, we can't be sure if Tancredo's endorsement even matters anymore.” [ColoradoPols, 10/27/21]
- **September 2021: Aadland Hosted Former Congressman Tom Tancredo To Kick Off His Campaign For U.S. Senate On The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of 9/11.** “Republican Erik Aadland plans to kick off his 2022 campaign for Colorado's U.S. Senate seat on Saturday at a rally in Lakewood headlined by former U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo. A decorated Army combat veteran who joined the GOP this spring, Aadland is one of four Republicans running for the nomination to take on Democratic U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet, who is seeking a third term in next year's election. It's his first run for office. Aadland told Colorado Politics that he's formally launching his campaign on the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks because of the date's importance. That's right! This guy is hosting former Congressman Tom Tancredo to kick off his campaign for U.S. Senate in Colorado on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11.” [ColoradoPolitics, [9/8/21](#)]
- **2005: Denver Post: Tancredo Was A “World-Famous Race-Baiting Congressman” Who Suggested That “The U.S. Bomb Mecca.”** “No one must confuse Tancredo for a terrorist. So he should get a new mug shot. Preferably one with his foot stuffed in his mouth. Colorado’s world-famous race-baiting congressman hit a new low Tuesday. Fresh from suggesting the U.S. bomb Mecca, Saudi Arabia, if terrorists mount a nuclear attack on America, Tancredo asked the federal government to change the design of a 9/11 memorial in Pennsylvania because its crescent shape suggested an Islamic symbol. The memorial will be built where United Flight 93 crashed. The plane went down after passengers overpowered terrorists trying to fly the hijacked jet supposedly into the White House.” [Denver Post, [9/13/05](#)]
- **2005: Denver Post: Tancredo Said That A “Crescent-Shaped” 9/11 Memorial Should Be Scrapped Because The Hijackers Were “Radical Islamists” And The Design “Will In Fact Make The Memorial A Tribute To The Hijackers Rather Than The Victims.”** “A proposed crescent-shaped memorial to 9/11 victims killed in Pennsylvania too closely resembles a key symbol of Islam and should be scrapped because the terrorist hijackers were ‘radical Islamists,’ Colorado Rep. Tom Tancredo said Tuesday. In a letter to the National Park Service, Tancredo said that the plan for the memorial at the site where hijacked United Flight 93 crashed ‘has raised questions in some circles about whether the design, if constructed, will in fact make the memorial a tribute to the hijackers rather than the victims.’ Forty passengers and crew members died in the Sept. 11, 2001, crash after a struggle with terrorists who had commandeered the jet.” [Denver Post, [9/13/05](#)]

- **Spokesman For The Council On American Islamic Relations: “Congressman Tancredo Seems To Have Almost An Allergy To Islam.”** “Tancredo’s criticism comes less than two months after the Littleton Republican suggested on a Florida talk radio program that the United States should consider bombing Islamic holy sites if extremist Muslims launched a nuclear attack against U.S. cities. ‘Congressman Tancredo seems to have almost an allergy to Islam,’ said Ibrahim Hooper, spokesman for the Council on American Islamic Relations. ‘If he’s so hostile to symbols that are associated with Islam, what does that say about his attitude toward the American Muslim community and Muslims in the state of Colorado?’ [Denver Post, [9/13/05](#)]

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**Aadland Had A Close Relationship With Representatives Lauren Boebert And Marjorie Taylor Greene, Who Had Significant Ties To The QAnon Movement**

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**Aadland Said He Was Friends With Rep. Lauren Boebert, Who Once Said That She Hoped The QAnon Conspiracy Theory “Is Real” And Supported QAnon**

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**Aadland Said He Was Friends With Lauren Boebert, Who Introduced Him To The Freedom Caucus.**

“[25:49] Question: Are you interested in becoming a part of the House Freedom Caucus? A: Lauren Boebert introduced me to the Freedom Caucus and I have since become friends with her and other members of the Freedom Caucus. I love the men and women patriots of the freedom caucus. But this seat will be under attack from the day I take office, so I need to be very deliberate with all of my actions.” [Aadland for Congress, Tele-Townhall, [6/22/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**November 2020: Boebert Expressed Support For QAnon And Said She Hoped It “Is Real.”** “Republican gun-rights activist Lauren Boebert defeated Democrat Diane Mitsch Bush in Colorado's 3rd Congressional District, according to the Associated Press. Why it matters: Boebert, a first-time candidate who defeated five-term GOP incumbent Rep. Scott Tipton in the state's June primary, has expressed support for the baseless QAnon conspiracy theory, saying in May she hopes it "is real." [Axios, [11/4/20](#)]

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

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**Aadland Attended A Fundraiser With Marjorie Taylor Greene, Who Supported QAnon And Was Known As The “QAnon Congresswoman”**

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**August 2021: After Aadland Was Criticized For Attending An Event With Marjorie Taylor Greene, Aadland Said “I’ll Listen To Anyone And Thoughtfully Consider Their Perspective- Including Marjorie Taylor Greene.”**



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@AadlandforCO

I'm a firm believer in 1st Amendment rights. I'll listen to anyone and thoughtfully consider their perspective. Including Marjorie Taylor Greene. Doesn't mean I agree with everything. I fought to protect everyone's right to free speech. Especially a sitting Congresswoman's. - EA

 Colorado Dems  @coloradodems · Aug 6, 2021

QAnon believer Marjorie Taylor Greene is in Colorado RIGHT NOW headlining a fundraiser. Will Republicans take a stand and condemn her... or validate her dangerous right wing conspiracies? #copolitics

**"Colorado Republicans can run from Majorie Taylor Greene, but they can't hide.** While Erik Aadland bought his ticket to proudly welcome Greene to Colorado Springs, Kristi Burton Brown, Heidi Ganahl, Eli Bremer, Juli Henry, and Peter Yu either declined to attend or have remained silent – and none have condemned her hateful comments and dangerous right wing conspiracies. **They can't just sit idly by. Colorado needs to know where they stand."**

**-STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARC SNYDER  
(MANITOU SPRINGS)**



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[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [8/7/21](#)]

**January 2021: RollingStone: Marjorie Taylor Greene Supported QAnon And Was “Known In The Mainstream Media As The QAnon Congresswoman.”** “Marjorie Taylor Greene has had a busy few days since being sworn into Congress. Known in the mainstream media as the ‘Qanon congresswoman’ due to her support for the baseless far-right conspiracy theory QAnon, which posits the existence of a deep state cabal of left-wing cannibals and pedophiles angling for a new world order, Greene’s first big move in Congress was a dramatic announcement that she was filing for articles of impeachment against President Joe Biden.” [RollingStone, [1/27/21](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “Is Marjorie Taylor Greene Becoming The New Face Of QAnon?”** [RollingStone, [1/27/21](#)]

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### Rock Legend Ted Nugent endorses Erik Aadland

April 25, 2022

Today, Republican candidate for Congress Erik Aadland, announced the endorsement from one of America's greatest entertainers and a literal rock star, Ted Nugent.

A legend in Rock 'n' Roll for over forty years, he has recently become an outstanding and vocal supporter of conservative values such as individual freedom, law & order and a constitutional federal government.

[Aadland for Colorado, [4/25/22](#)]

- **May 2022: At A Trump Rally, Nugent Told Fans “I’d Love You More If You Went Forward And Just Went Berserk On The Skulls Of Democrats.”** “[0:00] Think of what the enemies of America have done over the last 14 months. And that they didn’t sneak into the White House. They lied. They cheated. They scammed, and every day the Democrats violate their sacred oath to the Constitution. [...] So I love you people madly but I’d love you more if you went forward and just went berserk on the skulls of the Democrats and the marxists and the communists.”

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## Nugent’s Wife, Shemane, Was A “QAnon Influencer” Who Used QAnon Hashtags And Messaging

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**HEADLINE: “Shemane Nugent Says QAnon Influencer Has Met With Trump.”** [Media Matters For America, [7/14/22](#)]

**Nugent’s Wife, Shemane, Posted A Video With Known QAnon Hashtags Such As “#GreatAwakening And #wvg1wga.**

A screenshot of a Facebook post by Shemane Nugent, dated August 19, 2020. The post features a video of President Trump speaking at a news conference. The video player shows the White House logo and the text "PRESIDENT TRUMP NEWS CONFERENCE". Below the video, there are several QAnon-related hashtags: #QAnon, #GreatAwakening, #Trump, #wvg1wga, #Q, #WomenForTrump, and #ConservativeWomen. The post also includes a "Follow" button and a "Comments" section with two visible comments. The first comment is from Cecilia Michele, praising President Trump for his policies. The second comment is from Caleb Schulze, quoting Seth MacFarlane's criticism of President Obama.

[Shemane Nugent, Facebook, [8/19/20](#)]

**Aadland Was Endorsed By Trump VA Secretary Robert Wilkie, Who Was Pressured To Resign After A Report Revealed That He Tried To Discredit An Assault Victim**

**Aadland Was Endorsed By Robert Wilkie.** “In a statement sent to Erik Aadland’s campaign, Secretary Wilkie said: ‘Erik Aadland is an American leader who loves his state and country and he already has the record to demonstrate this fact,’ said former U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Robert Wilkie. “As a proven combat leader in Iraq and Afghanistan, and an accomplished businessman of international repute, he brings a deep understanding about our place in the world, and he can recognize problems and solve them. This separates him from the usual Washington politician intent on the next office or winning the next election. He’s a champion of the people and veterans, firmly grounded in right and wrong. Without hesitation, I wholeheartedly endorse Erik Aadland for Congress.” [Aadland for Colorado, [4/28/22](#)]

**HEADLINE: Veterans Groups Demand VA Secretary Wilkie Resign After Scathing Report That He Tried To Discredit Assault Victim.** “The country’s leading veterans groups — including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America — echoed the call, saying that Wilkie had breached their trust and could no longer effectively lead an agency responsible for the care of 9 million veterans. ‘It is unfair to expect accountability from the nearly 400,000 VA employees and not demand the same from its top executive,’ wrote American Legion National Commander James W. ‘Bill’ Oxford. ‘Wilkie failed to meet the standard that the veteran who came forward with the complaint deserved. By the promises set forth by his own department, the American Legion believes Secretary Wilkie should resign.’” [Washington Post, [12/12/20](#)]

**August 2021: Aadland “Cozied Up” With “Trump Loyalist” Mike Pompeo**

**August 2021: Colorado Democratic Party: “Erik Aadland Cozied Up With Trump Loyalist Mike Pompeo” At An Event In Beaver Creek, Colorado.** “The following information was released by the Colorado Democratic Party: Today marks three weeks since failed GOP insider Eli Bremer announced his candidacy for U.S. Senate on Fox News and he has yet to hold a public campaign event in Colorado or in his stomping grounds, El Paso County. Instead of meeting with Coloradans to talk about his candidacy, Bremer is doubling down on his hateful rhetoric towards trans athletes and flirting with insurrection on Twitter. While Bremer is avoiding his turbulent history with the El Paso County GOP, his opponent Erik Aadland cozied up with Trump loyalist Mike Pompeo at Beaver Creek last Friday.” [States News Service, 8/31/21]

- **August 2021: Aadland Was “Thrilled And Honored To Meet Mike Pompeo.”**



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [8/28/21](#)]

**Aadland Was Endorsed By Former Texas Governor And Trump Administration Secretary Of Energy Rick Perry, Who “Has Repeatedly Questioned The Science Behind Climate Change”**

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Rick Perry, former Secretary of Energy and Governor of Texas, has announced his endorsement of Erik Aadland, Republican candidate for Congressional District 7

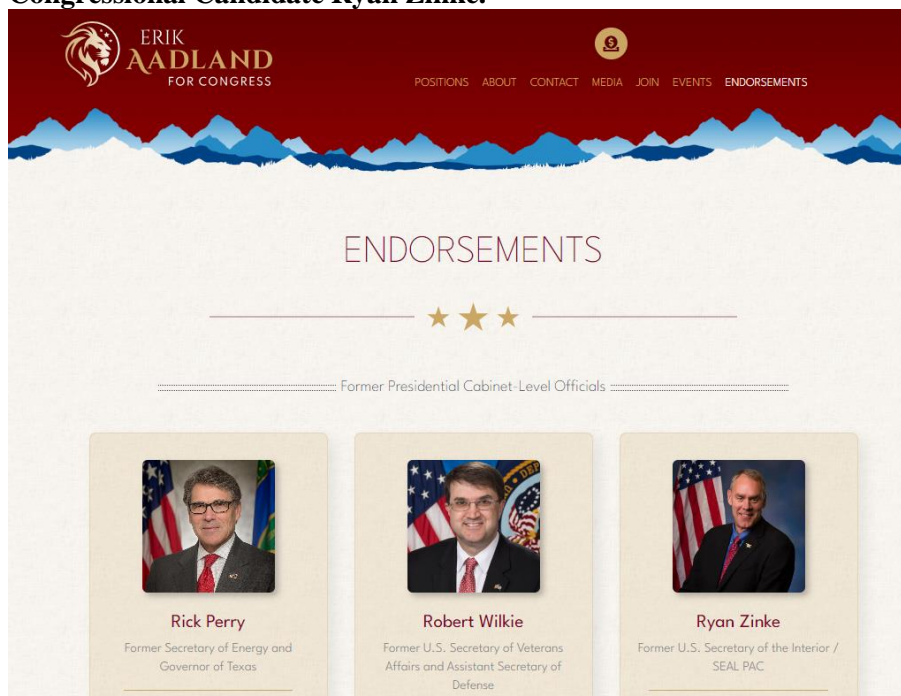
April 4, 2022

[Aadland for Colorado, [4/2/22](#)]

**NPR: Rick Perry “Has Repeatedly Questioned The Science Behind Climate Change.”** “Perry has repeatedly questioned the science behind climate change. Still, his home state of Texas is the largest wind energy producer in the country. For the first half of this year, more electricity was generated in the state by wind than coal, according to member station KUT.” [NPR, [10/17/19](#)]

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The screenshot shows the 'ENDORSEMENTS' page of Erik Aadland's campaign website. The page features a red header with the campaign logo and navigation links. Below the header, the word 'ENDORSEMENTS' is centered. A section titled 'Former Presidential Cabinet-Level Officials' is highlighted with three gold stars. Three endorsement cards are displayed, each with a portrait and text: Rick Perry (Former Secretary of Energy and Governor of Texas), Robert Wilkie (Former U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs and Assistant Secretary of Defense), and Ryan Zinke (Former U.S. Secretary of the Interior / SEAL PAC).

[Aadland for Colorado, accessed [7/14/22](#)]

**NPR: While Serving As Interior Secretary, Zinke “Misused His Position To Advance A Development Project In His Montana Hometown.”** “Former U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke misused his position to advance a development project in his Montana hometown and failed to disclose details of his involvement when questioned by ethics officials, a federal investigation has found. The report, released Wednesday by the Department of Interior's Office of Inspector General, centers on the former Trump Cabinet member's affiliation with the nonprofit Great Northern Veterans Peace Park Foundation, which he and others established in 2007, and a development called the 95 Karrow project.” [NPR, [2/16/22](#)]

## **Aadland Had A History Of Strange And Unsettling Comments**

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**October 2021: Aadland: “There Was A Thrill” When 9/11 First Happened Because “I Knew I Was Going To Have The Opportunity To Be Tested In Combat.”** “While I’m at West Point, I’m a senior, and then 9/11, and that just changed the future. And we knew we were going to war. So 9/11 when it first happened, there was a thrill honestly, because I knew that I was going to have the opportunity to be tested in combat. That was an immature perspective. I mean I grew up on a diet of Hollywood and war. I thought there was glory in war. [...] It is the worst of all things.” [AadlandforCO, Twitter, [10/9/21](#)]

**When Running For U.S. Senate, Aadland Questioned The Military Service Of His Opponent, Who Was A Combat Veteran That Served For 32 Years**

**December 2021: In His Senate GOP Primary Race, Aadland Questioned Opponent Ron Hanks’ Military Service And Bragged That His Own Service Was “Real” Combat And Said “I’m The Only Decorated Combat Veteran In The Race”**

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**Ron Hanks Said He Was A U.S. Air Force Combat Veteran Who Served For 32 Years In Both Active And Reserve Service**

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**Ron Hanks Said He Was A Combat Veteran Who Had “Served In The Military Throughout The World And Across The United States.”** According to Ron Hanks’ Senate campaign website: “Combat veteran - Ron served in the military throughout the world and across the United States. He purchased land in Colorado in 2007 with the intent to retire and explore the Mountain West from the center of it all. Out-of-control government forced him back in to public service.” [Hanks For Colorado, Accessed [12/15/21](#)]

**Ron Hanks Said He Retired From The Air Force In 2017 After More Than 32 Years Of Active And Reserve Service, “Serving As An Enlisted Man And As A Commissioned Officer.”** According to Ron Hanks’ Senate campaign website: “Ron retired from the U.S. Air Force at the end of 2017 after more than 32 years of active and reserve service, serving as an enlisted man and as a commissioned officer. He worked as a linguist in Desert Storm and during multiple operations, including Northern Watch, Southern Watch, and Earnest Will. During the Global War on Terror, Ron served as an intelligence officer, performing duties in Iraq, Kuwait, and United Arab Emirates.” [Hanks For Colorado, Accessed [12/15/21](#)]

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## Aadland Said That He Was A Decorated Iraq And Afghanistan War Veteran Who Graduated From West Point And Spent Eight Years In The Army

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### November 2008-January 2011: Erik Aadland Said He Was Deployed To Southern Afghanistan For One Year And Served As “Reconnaissance Troop Commander.”

 Erik Aadland  
Congressional Candidate (CO-7)

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Managed the global logistics department and third-party logistics providers to effectively move and deliver material in support of the company's global operational requirements, to include support for international offshore drilling, major projects and construction; oversaw the company's trade compliance program, responsible for ensuring compliance with all US and International trade laws and regulations.

 **US Army**  
8 yrs 8 mos


- Reconnaissance Troop Commander**  
Nov 2008 - Jan 2011 · 2 yrs 3 mos  
Led an organization of 130 personnel (officers, non-commissioned officers, soldiers, interpreters and attachments) through preparation, deployment, and 12 months of combat operations in Southern Afghanistan. Accounted for over \$80 million worth in equipment and property. Managed a monthly budget of \$20,000 a month, with an approved project budget of over \$5 million. Awarded Bronze Star Medal and Meritorious Service Medal.
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- **For His Service As Reconnaissance Troop Commander, Aadland Was Awarded A Bronze Star And A Meritorious Service Medal.** [LinkedIn, Erik Aadland, Accessed [12/15/21](#)]

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## 2002-2004: Aadland Said He Was Deployed To And Helped Conduct Combat Operations In Iraq

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Bayji, Iraq

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- **Assistant Operations Officer**  
Jun 2002 - May 2003 · 1 yr  
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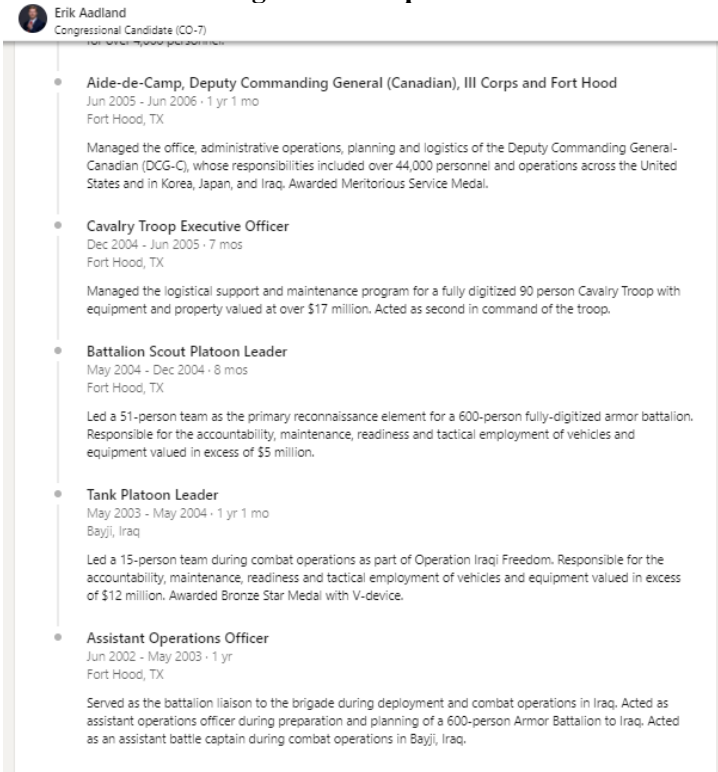
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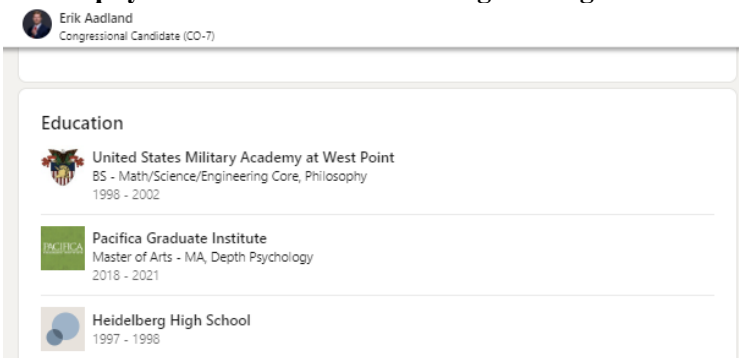
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Led a 15-person team during combat operations as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Responsible for the accountability, maintenance, readiness and tactical employment of vehicles and equipment valued in excess of \$12 million. Awarded Bronze Star Medal with V-device.
- **Assistant Operations Officer**  
Jun 2002 - May 2003 · 1 yr  
Fort Hood, TX  
Served as the battalion liaison to the brigade during deployment and combat operations in Iraq. Acted as assistant operations officer during preparation and planning of a 600-person Armor Battalion to Iraq. Acted as an assistant battle captain during combat operations in Bayji, Iraq.

[LinkedIn, Erik Aadland, Accessed [12/15/21](#)]

- **While Serving As Tank Platoon Leader, Aadland Was Awarded A “Bronze Star Medal With V-Device.”** [LinkedIn, Erik Aadland, Accessed [12/15/21](#)]

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Erik Aadland  
Congressional Candidate (CO-7)

#### Education

- **United States Military Academy at West Point**  
BS - Math/Science/Engineering Core, Philosophy  
1998 - 2002
- **Pacifica Graduate Institute**  
Master of Arts - MA, Depth Psychology  
2018 - 2021
- **Heidelberg High School**  
1997 - 1998

[LinkedIn, Erik Aadland, Accessed [12/15/21](#)]

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[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [6/20/21](#)]

**Aadland Said That “Most People Are Not Educated” And “They Are The Sheep Of Society”**

**Aadland: “Most People Are Not Educated” And “They Are The Sheep Of Society.”** “[18:05] Most people are not educated. They’re not paying any attention to what’s going on. They are at the mercy of the system. They are sitting in the middle. They are the sheep of society. They vote when they get a ballot, or they don’t even vote.”

[Aadland for Congress Leadville Meet & Greet, [5/20/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**Aadland: “I’m So Tired Of Coming To Groups Who Just Meet Up Every Week And Just Sit And Bitch About Problems”**

**Aadland: “I’m So Tired Of Coming To Groups Who Just Meet Up Every Week And Just Sit And Bitch About Problems.”** “[13:46] It is disheartening being a candidate. I tell you what because the negativity is extreme. Everywhere I go, problems, problems, problems. Well, I am trying to solve this. I’m risking everything to try and solve this and I’m giving more commitment than anybody I know. And I’ve done that in my life previously on the battlefield and so.. When I go to-aha- I went to a group I think it was last night in Jefferson County and it was like- I’m so tired of coming to groups who just meet up every week and just sit and bitch about problems. And they’ve been doing it for years.” [Aadland for Congress Leadville Meet & Greet, [5/20/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**Aadland Suggested That The Quality Of Political Candidate That People Can Vote For Is “Terrible” Because “Only 10% Of Christians Vote In Primaries”**

**Aadland Suggested That “You Get Terrible Candidates” Because “Only 10% Of Christians Vote In Primaries”** “[6:06] I’ve been told this, I can’t confirm it, I think it’s anecdotal. Only 10% of Christians vote in primaries. So you’re letting 90% of candidates that will go to the general election. You get terrible candidates and

terrible politicians that enact bad policy. And you wonder- we say- well why does this continue to happen? Well we're not participating in the process." [Aadland for Congress Leadville Meet & Greet, [5/20/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**Aadland Agreed That "If Presidential Administrations Were Described The Way That 'Friends' Episodes Were Titled, This One Would Be 'The One Where America Became A Third World Country'"**

**Aadland Agreed With A Radio Host Who Said "If Presidential Administrations Were Described The Way That Friends Episodes Were Titled, This One Would Be 'The One Where America Became A Third World Country.'"** HOST: "[12:14] If Presidential administrations were described the way that Friends episodes were titled, this would be 'The One Where America Became A Third World Country.' That is honestly what he's doing to us.' Aadland: 'That's absolutely right.'" [Uncommon Sense with Leland Conway, [5/23/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**Aadland Said That Black Lives Matter Was Destroying The Nuclear Family**

**Aadland Said That Black Lives Matter Was Destroying The Nuclear Family.** "[36:37] It's about addressing moral decay. The left is working on destroying the nuclear family. Black Lives Matter was trying to do that. This is no longer about left or right it is about we the people versus an elite that has taken control of our government." [YouTube, [4/27/22](#)]

## Afghanistan

**Aadland Said That Afghanistan Was "200 To 1000 Years Behind Us Culturally" And That It Was A "Tribal" Country**

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**On The Withdrawal From Afghanistan, Aadland Said "The Way We Left Is A Crime"**

**On The Withdrawal From Afghanistan, Aadland Said "The Way We Left Is A Crime."** "When asked about his reaction to seeing images from Kabul, Aadland said he felt 'devastation, anger, hurt, sadness at how all this all ended up. It's a dereliction of duty,' Aadland said. 'It stops with the president of the United States, the commander in chief, who is responsible for all our military forces on the planet and making sure we are doing it the right way. We're putting innocent lives in harm's way. The way we left is a crime.'" [FOX-31 KDVR, 8/17/21]

## Covid Relief

### Discussing PPP Loans For Companies, Aadland Said “Bailouts And Government Funding Of Corporations Is Not Capitalism” And “That Is Not A Free Market Society”

**Talking About PPP Loans For Companies, Aadland Said “Bailouts And Government Funding Of Corporations Is Not Capitalism” And “That Is Not A Free Market Society.”** “[47:39] Question: ‘There’s been a lot of talk of these corporations that have reaped a lot of the benefits of the policies that have been implemented in the last 2-3 years. Specifically with having basically free money to go borrow and have these crazy smaller rates where they’re getting all these loans. Companies during the time of the pandemic with the PPP loans, corporations were getting a lot of free money that they didn’t have to pay back. [...] What can we do as a nation and the leaders of our nation to ensure that they are looking out for the best interests of the American people and not for corporations?’ Aadland: ‘For those socialists out there, for those that think socialism is a good idea, bailouts and government funding of corporations is not capitalism. And in fact, it’s creating the situation that most liberals I talk to don’t want. I talk to liberals who are afraid of corporations taking over. Well, what do you think the government bailouts do? What do you think that socialism leads to? It’s the union of government and corporations. That is not capitalism, and that is not a free-market society. [Esoteric Quandary Podcast, Youtube, [2/15/22](#)] (VIDEO)


*Note: As of July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Aadland’s registered company, Winterlion Group LLC, and his most recent employer, Noble Energy, had not filed for any PPP money according to FederalPay.*

## Budget

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**Erik Aadland for Congress (CO-7)**  @AadlandforCO · Aug 12, 2021 ...  
Like most things the Commu-Socialist Democrats are championing, the \$3.5 trillion budget proposal is a Trojan horse, a thinly veiled abuse of power, destructive to the economy and each person’s civil rights. A well-marketed packet of lies which does the opposite of what they say.



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [8/12/21](#)]

## Race

### Aadland Said That Critical Race Theory Was A “Racially-Repugnant,” “Racist,” And “Marxist” Ideology

### Aadland Said That Critical Race Theory Was A Racist Ideology.



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [8/28/21](#)]

**Aadland Said That Critical Race Theory Was “Racially-Repugnant” And “Marxist.”** “Michael Bennet and Joe Biden are hurtling Colorado and the nation on the downslope to a cataclysm of disasters: skyrocketing energy and commodity prices; a southern border catastrophe; out-of-control crime in Democrat-controlled states and cities; Marxist, racially-repugnant Critical Race Theory indoctrination of our children and military; forced experimental Covid vaccination regardless of natural immunity, health or religious conflicts; and most recently, the self-inflicted Afghanistan disaster to our national security and global trust.” [Newsmax, [9/29/21](#)]

### Aadland Said That The United States Was “The Least Racist” Society On Earth

**Aadland: The United States Was “The Least Racist” Society On Earth.** “[19:34] Question: I am tired of politicians vowing to uphold every aspect of the constitution. The Constitution is a living breathing document that was written 250 years ago. If it was perfect it wouldn't have been amended 26 times.’ Aadland: ‘Well we always have to be open to change and open to new information, but it's a very dangerous precedent when we do it frivolously. It has to sustain the test of time. We've created a nation of the greatest opportunity, the greatest freedom, and in many respects, the least racist, the least exclusive society on Earth.’ [Ross Kaminsky Show, 6/8/22] (AUDIO)

## Economy

### Aadland Did Not Support Taxing “Unrealized Capital Gains” And Said That It Would Be “Highly Destructive To The Middle Class”

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[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [10/28/21](#)]

### **Aadland Did Not Believe That Representatives Should Be Able To Trade Personal Stock Portfolios**

**When Asked If Representatives Should Be Able To Trade Personal Stock Portfolios, Aadland Said “No.”**

“[35:06] Question: Do you think Congress folks should be trading personal portfolios given the nature of the information they have access to?’ Aadland: ‘No. [...] Nobody should come out of congress having hundreds of millions of dollars, so there needs to be restrictions against insider trading just like there would be on anybody serving on a corporate board or as part of a corporation.” [Esoteric Quandary Podcast, Youtube, [2/15/22](#)] (VIDEO)

### **Aadland Admitted That He Did Not “Even Know How We Address The Debt At This Point”**

**Aadland: “I Don’t Even Know How We Address The Debt At This Point.”** “[42:01] We need strong people who can come together in times of crisis and weather the storm. There’s always gonna be hard times, and the more dependency we have on the government, the less self sufficient we are, the less able we are to respond to crises, and the more our children pay by shouldering a debt that- I- I don’t even know how we address the debt at this point, but it’s not by printing more money.” [Esoteric Quandary Podcast, Youtube, [2/15/22](#)] (VIDEO)

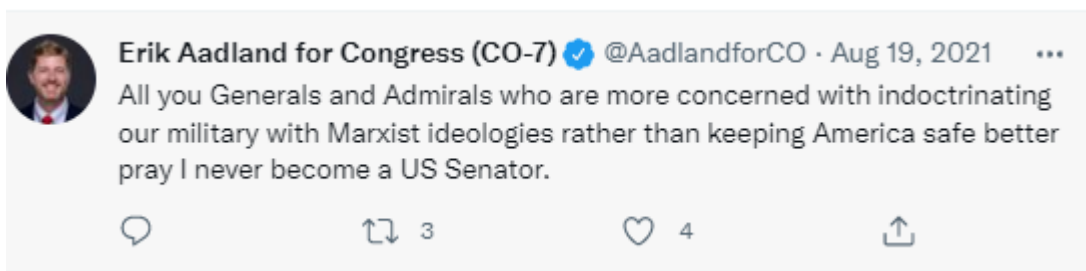
## **Military**

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**Aadland: “The Military Is Not A Democracy” But Rather “An Arm Of Violence Meant To Go Kill On Behalf Of This Country.”** “[22:50] So the question is what am I going to do about ‘wokeism’ in the military- the undermining of our military strength, which is happening. Critical Race theory is now being introduced at West Point and other military academies. It undermines morale and welfare in our ability to fight and win our nations borders and that is unconscionable to me. The military is not a democracy folks. The military is an arm of violence meant to go kill on behalf of this country to make sure our freedoms are secure and the U.S. Constitution is upheld- and be a force for good on this planet.” [Mountain Republican Club, [6/21/22](#)] (AUDIO)

### **Aadland Said That “Generals And Admirals Who Are More Concerned With Indoctrinating Our Military With Marxist Ideologies” “Better Pray” That He Would Not Win His Senate Election**

## August 2021: Aadland Said That “Generals And Admirals Who Are More Concerned With Indoctrinating Our Military With Marxist Ideologies” “Better Pray” That He Would Not Win His Senate Election.



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [8/19/21](#)]

## Aadland Said That He Would Use His Congressional Investigation Powers To “Hunt” Military Officers For “Leaning Way Too Far To The Left”

**Aadland: When I’m Elected To Congress, I’m Going To Use My Investigational Powers To Hunt” Military Officers For “Leaning Way Too Far To The Left.”** “[23:28] [The Military] is being undermined by Marxist ideologies, by wokeism, by flag officers who are leaning way too far to the left. And when I’m elected to congress, I’m going to use my investigational powers to hunt those flag officers down and make their lives as miserable as possible.” [Mountain Republican Club, [6/21/22](#)] (AUDIO)

## Israel

### Aadland Said That Muslims “Enjoy A Greater Freedom Than Anywhere Else In The Middle East, Right In Israel”

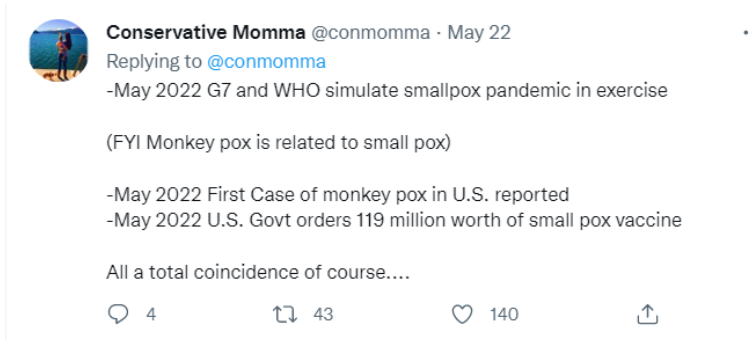
**Aadland: Muslims “Enjoy A Greater Freedom Than Anywhere Else In The Middle East, Right In Israel.”** “[1:07] In terms of Israel, I spent about a year and a half working there extensively. I managed a pipeline construction project for a \$5 billion offshore project. That made Israel a net exporter of natural gas and wow, I got to know the country very well. I have many dear friends there. And what I recognized having served in the Army and fought in Iraq and also Afghanistan was that Israel is really a model for democracy in the Middle East. In fact, Arabs enjoy, or Muslims enjoy a greater freedom than anywhere else in the Middle East, right in Israel.” [Richard Randall Show, [7/13/22](#)] (AUDIO)

## Conspiracy Theories

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[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [5/22/22](#)]

### **Aadland Said That The “Power In Washington Is Not Left Or Right. It Is Globalist, And That Includes A Good Portion Of The Republican Party”**

**Aadland: “The Power In Washington Is Not Left Or Right. It Is Globalist, And That Includes A Good Portion Of The Republican Party.”** “[18:55] The power in Washington is not left or right. It is globalist, and that includes a good portion of the Republican party. It’s actively exploiting the division of the American people. It’s fomenting the divide. Fox News is not our friend. They have an agenda, just like CNN or the other liberal networks- to foment division in this country, because it’s exploitative.” [Aadland for Congress Leadville Meet & Greet, [5/20/22](#)] (AUDIO)

## **Infrastructure**

### **Aadland Said That The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Was “Reckless And Abusive Spending”**

**November 2021: Aadland Said That The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Was “Reckless And Abusive Spending That Will Bring Irreparable Harm To Our Economy.”** “Thank you @BuckforColorado for standing up to this reckless and abusive spending that will bring irreparable harm to our economy.” [AadlandforCO, Twitter, [11/7/21](#)]

## **Education**

### **On Student Loan Debt Relief, Aadland Said “We Need To Hold Young People Accountable” For Making “Bad Decisions” And Getting “Degrees That Don’t Serve In The Commercial Marketplace”**

**When Asked About Student Loan Debt Relief, Aadland Said “We Need To Hold Young People Accountable” For Making “Bad Decisions” And Getting “Degrees That Don’t Serve In The Commercial Marketplace.”** “[0:00] Question: What, if anything, should be done about student loan debt?” Aadland: ‘We’re a country founded on personal responsibility, and when we start forgiving bad decisions and forgiving debt, debt that’s taken on to go pursue degrees that don’t serve in the commercial marketplace, then we de-incentivize making good decisions. We need to hold young people accountable, teach them responsibility. As a young man at 22 I was on the battlefield, leading troops in combat.’”



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Question: “what, if anything, should be done about student loan debt?”



12:32 PM · May 27, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [5/27/22](#)]

### **Aadland Said That People Are “Less Accountable For Our Actions” Because “We’ve Removed God From Schools”**

**Aadland: People Are “Less Accountable For Our Actions” Because “We’ve Removed God From Schools.”** “I’ve thought a lot about this in terms of how we change as a society. And what I’ve seen is we’ve removed god from schools, we’ve removed teaching of right values and morality, we’ve also demonized law enforcement. These are endemic in our society, and I think they lead to a permissiveness where we’re increasingly less accountable for our actions.” [The George Show, [5/27/22](#)]

### **Aadland Supported School Choice**

**Aadland: “I Support School Choice.”** “Education must be grounded in solid psychological principles. Harmony, kindness, love, and respect only exist in environments where the individual feels secure. (Public school systems currently do little to foster such personal security). I will stand for an educational environment that focuses on character and merit rather than superficial differences. I will advocate for education that develops wisdom and personal responsibility rather than a victim mentality. I am against any curricula which distorts America’s history. I support School Choice.” [Aadland for Colorado, Campaign Website, accessed [7/14/22](#)]

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## On His Campaign Website, Aadland Said That “The Man-Made Impact On The Environment Is Real And May Have Long Reaching Consequences For The Future Of Humanity”

**Aadland: “Man-Made Impact On The Environment Is Real And May Have Long Reaching Consequences For The Future Of Humanity.”** “Adverse impacts on our environment are of great concern to me for several reasons: Everyone wants to breathe clean air, drink clean water, and live in places of unpolluted beauty (I especially want this for my children) We have limited resources that may be carelessly depleted, robbing future generations of the energy required to thrive. Man-made impact on the environment is real and may have long reaching consequences for the future of humanity.”



[Aadland for Colorado, Campaign Website, accessed [7/14/22](#)]

## ... But He Also Promoted Claims That Climate Crisis Was “Fear-Based Climate Propaganda” And Downplayed The Threat Of Global Warming

**Aadland Retweeted A Post From Pundit Charlie Kirk That Said “I’m Much More Worried About The Threat Of Global Government Than The ‘Threat’ Of Global Warming.”**



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [5/24/22](#)]

**Aadland Said That He Cared “Deeply” About The Environment But Said “We Must Rise Above Fear-Based Climate Propaganda.”** “Michael Bennet has fought Trump administration rollbacks of radical climate policies—including the Paris Agreement and has supported the Biden administration’s fantasy goal of 100% clean electricity by 2035 as part of an agenda to address the ‘climate crisis’ As the only senator on both the Senate Democrats' Special Committee on the Climate Crisis and Senate Climate Solutions Caucus, Michael cast the 2017 deciding vote to place federal anti-drilling methane emission regulations on public lands. Let’s be clear. Colorado people care deeply about the environment, as do I. But we must rise above fear-based climate propaganda.” [Newsmax, [9/29/21](#)]

**Aadland Supported Title 42, A Regulation That Has Been Misused By Border Patrol Agents To Expel Immigrants At The Mexican Border “Without Giving Them The Opportunity To Seek Asylum”**

**March 2022: Aadland Tweeted That “Ending Title 42 Will Be An Absolute Disaster.”** “Even Democrats agree: ending Title 42 will be an absolute disaster! Ending the policy will only overwhelm our border facilities & communities, and cripple our national security.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [3/31/22](#)]

- American Immigration Council: Title 42 Was A Regulation Intended For Disease Control That Ended Up Being Used By Border Patrol Agents To Expel “Individuals Who Arrive At The U.S. Mexico Border Without Giving Them The Opportunity To Seek Asylum.”** “On March 20, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued an emergency regulation to implement a specific aspect of U.S. health law. Section 265 of U.S. Code Title 42 permits the Director of the CDC to ‘prohibit ... the introduction’ into the United States of individuals when the director believes that ‘there is serious danger of the introduction of [a communicable] disease into the United States.’ The HHS regulation allows any customs officers—which includes officers of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) such as Border Patrol agents—to implement any such order issued by the CDC. The same day, CDC Director Robert R. Redfield relied on this regulation to issue an order suspending the ‘introduction’ into the United States of certain individuals who have been in “Coronavirus Impacted Areas.” The order targets individuals who have entered the United States from Canada or Mexico and ‘who would be introduced into a congregate setting’ at a port of entry or in a Border Patrol station. This includes individuals who would normally be detained by CBP after arriving at the border, including asylum seekers, unaccompanied children, and people attempting to enter the United States without inspection. Citing the new CDC order, that same day the Border Patrol began “expelling” individuals who arrive at the U.S.-Mexico border without giving them the opportunity to seek asylum.” [American Immigration Council, [10/15/21](#)]

**Aadland Said He Would Support Trump’s Wall On The Southern Border**

**Aadland Said That He Would Pass “Legislation That Forces The Executive Branch To Finish The Wall.”** “[16:14] Question: If elected, what actions would you take, if any, to deal with the current border crisis and address immigration reform in regards to election integrity?” Aadland: ‘First of all we need to pass legislation that forces

the executive branch to finish the wall. The wall is an effective deterrent. At the same time we need to effectively resource our border patrol police both with the technology and training in competencies so they can do their job.” [Fairplay American Legion, [5/5/22](#)] (AUDIO)

## Social Media

### Aadland Promoted Truth Social, Gab, Gettr, And Telegram As “Good Alternatives” For Social Media

**In A May 2022 CO-07 GOP Candidate Forum, Aadland Promoted Truth Social, Gab, Gettr, And Telegram As “Good Alternatives” For Social Media.** “Big tech has become a political weapon. One of the ways we address it is in the free marketplace. We see sites standing up like Truth Social and Gab and Gettr, and Telegram. And those are good alternatives. And we need to exercise our voice through those platforms in the free market.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [5/27/22](#)]

## Water

### Aadland Said That Israel “Demonstrated How To Preserve Water” Without “Onerous Government Involvement” And Planned To Model Their Example For Water Preservation

**Aadland Said That Israel “Demonstrated How To Preserve Water” Without “Onerous Government Involvement” And Planned To Model Their Example For Water Preservation.** “Water is the lifeblood of the planet, our country, and our state. We must protect this precious resource and manage it effectively. In seeking solutions to balance supply, demand, and conservation, I plan to draw on my experiences working in Israel. Israel is an extremely arid country that has nonetheless demonstrated how to preserve water resources with ingenuity and without onerous government involvement. I believe we can do the same here in Colorado.” [Aadland for Colorado, Campaign Website, accessed [7/14/22](#)]

## Supreme Court

### Aadland, On Justice Clarence Thomas: “I Love This Man For His Character, Courage, Principles, And Fortitude”

**Aadland, On Justice Clarence Thomas: “I Love This Man For His Character, Courage, Principles, And Fortitude.”** “I love this man for his character, courage, principles, and fortitude...and for choosing the harder right against enormous political pressure, standing up to the ruthless and hateful radicals who believe that “by any means necessary” is justification for the worst wrongs.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [6/27/22](#)]

## Energy

### **Aadland Claimed That Fossil Fuels Provided Clean Energy More Efficient And Less Harmful To The Environment Than “So-Called Renewables”**

**Aadland: “Fossil Fuels Such As Natural Gas Provide Clean Energy” More Efficient And Less Harmful To The Environment “Than So-Called Renewables.”** “Carbon Dioxide or CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the United States are down significantly in the last three decades. Fossil fuels such as Natural Gas provide clean energy, orders of magnitude more efficient and less harmful to the environment than many so-called renewables. The earth has generously provided these organic compounds in abundance, and we should use them wisely while using our creativity and ingenuity to find ways to healthfully utilize them while exploring efficient alternatives that can stand alone without government subsidies.” [Aadland for Colorado, Campaign Website, accessed [7/14/22](#)]

### **Aadland Criticized Biden For His Work To “Demonize Oil And Natural Gas Companies” Amidst Rising Gas Prices**

**Amidst Rising Gas Prices, Aadland Criticized Biden For His Work To “Demonize Oil And Natural Gas Companies,” Kill The Keystone XL Pipeline, And Revoke Leases On Federal Lands.** “In Colorado, leading Republican figures and oil and gas industry executives are claiming stricter environmental regulations have caused gas prices to increase. However, an examination of that claim shows that it is a misleading argument. [...] Erik Aadland, a former executive for an oil and gas company and candidate for Colorado's 7th Congressional District, tweeted criticism towards Joe Biden last week. ‘The Biden administration has done everything in its power to demonize oil and natural gas companies and de-incentivize production in the US, from killing to Keystone XL, revoking leases on federal lands and in the Gulf of Mexico and encouraging undue litigation,’ Aadland tweeted.” [ColoradoPolls, 3/18/22]

## Personal History

## Education

**Aadland Pursued A Ph.D To Become A Counselor For Veterans And Trauma Victims.** “Question: ‘What experience has prepared you for office?’” Aadland: ‘We need wise and determined leadership of character grounded in virtue to face today’s unprecedented challenges with reason-based solutions that uphold our values. I have the broadest range of experience and the most significant leadership credentials of anyone in this race. As an Army officer, I led brave men and women through harm’s way on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. After that, I built a second career in the energy sector by leading multicultural project teams both in Colorado and all over the world (including Israel). After nearly a decade in the energy sector, I achieved a master’s degree in depth psychology and was pursuing a Ph.D to become a counselor with a desire to work with veterans and trauma victims.” [Gazette, [6/5/22](#)]

## Net Worth

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Gryder Assets As Of May 2022		
Asset	Value Of Asset	Income Type(s)
Checking	\$1,001-15,000	None
Coinbase Global, Inc.- Class A (COIN)	\$50,001-\$100,000	None
Cryptocurrency: USDT- Bittrue	\$50,001-\$100,000	Interest
Cryptocurrency: USDT- Nexo	\$100,001-\$250,000	Interest
Cryptocurrency: USDT- Uphold	\$1,001-\$15,000	None
Linqto (Non-publicly traded stock held by Linqto, Inc.)	\$100,001-\$250,000	None
Marqeta, Inc. – Class A (MQ)	\$1,001-\$15,000	None
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$303,007-\$745,000</b>

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- **January 2022: According To His Financial Disclosure Report, Aadland’s Total Liabilities Were Worth Between \$250,001-\$500,000.**

Gryder Liabilities As Of May 2022			
Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount of Liability
Freedom Mortgage	2017	Mortgage for personal residence	\$250,001-\$500,000

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## Professional History

### Salary

**January 2022: According To His Financial Disclosure, Aadland Reported Having A Salary Of \$251,877 While Working At Noble Energy In 2021.**



**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT**

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**FILER INFORMATION**

**Name:** Erik Aadland  
**Status:** Congressional Candidate  
**State/District:** CO07

**FILING INFORMATION**

**Filing Type:** Candidate Report  
**Filing Year:** 2022  
**Filing Date:** 01/17/2022

**SCHEDULE A: ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME**

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type(s)	Income Current Year to Filing	Income Preceding Year
Checking [BA]		\$1,001 - \$15,000	None		
Coinbase Global, Inc. - Class A (COIN) [ST]		\$50,001 - \$100,000	None		
Cryptocurrency ⇒ USDT - Bittrue [OT] Description: Cryptocurrency		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Interest	\$201 - \$1,000	\$5,001 - \$15,000
Cryptocurrency ⇒ USDT - Nexo [OT] Description: Cryptocurrency		\$100,001 - \$250,000	Interest	\$201 - \$1,000	\$5,001 - \$15,000
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\* 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
Noble Energy, Inc	Salary	N/A	\$251,877.00

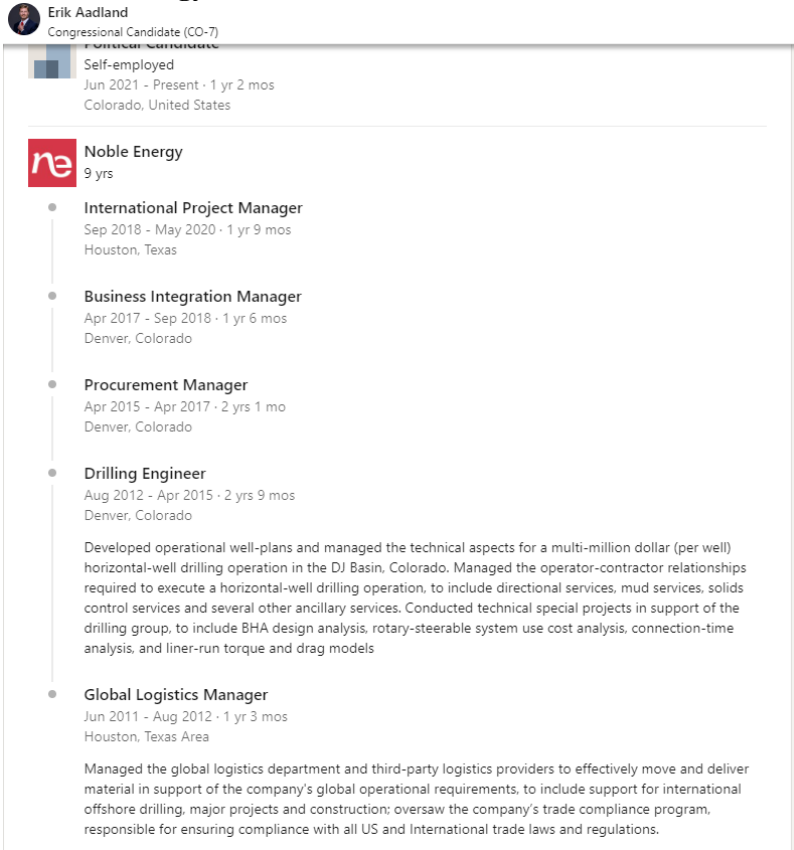
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Colorado, United States

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9 yrs

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## Aadland’s Work Experience In Israel

**Aadland Said That He “Served As Project Manager For Pipelines In A Massive Natural Gas Field In Israel.”** “Having served as project manager for pipelines in a massive natural gas field in Israel, I appreciate the importance of real-world knowledge in decisions that ensure a reliable flow of life-blood energy that fuels our lives and economy.” [Newsmax, [9/29/21](#)]

**Aadland Said He Helped “Produce Energy Independence” For “The State Of Israel.”** “[1:00] I worked a decade in the oil and natural gas industry and drilled all over Northern Colorado helping produce energy independence and also giving that to the state of Israel.” [AadlandforCO, Twitter, [2/15/22](#)] (VIDEO)

**October 2021: Aadland: “I Finished Managing A \$300 Million Project In Israel” That “Has Made Israel A Net Exporter Of Natural Gas” And Had “Geopolitical Significance.”** “But I have two children born here and we've chosen Colorado because we love this state. So I did about a decade now in oil and natural gas and have finished managing a \$300 million project in Israel, a project that has made Israel a net exporter of natural gas. It has geopolitical significance. So I've built the pipeline and the gathering facility as part of a \$5 billion natural gas

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### **July 2009-July 2010: Aadland Was Deployed To Afghanistan For One Year And Served As Stryker Reconnaissance Troop Commander**

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**November 2008-January 2011: Erik Aadland Said He Was Deployed To Southern Afghanistan For One Year And Served As "Reconnaissance Troop Commander."**




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**US Army**  
8 yrs 8 mos

- **Reconnaissance Troop Commander**  
Nov 2008 - Jan 2011 · 2 yrs 3 mos

Led an organization of 130 personnel (officers, non-commissioned officers, soldiers, interpreters and attachments) through preparation, deployment, and 12 months of combat operations in Southern Afghanistan. Accounted for over \$80 million worth in equipment and property. Managed a monthly budget of \$20,000 a month, with an approved project budget of over \$5 million. Awarded Bronze Star Medal and Meritorious Service Medal.
- **Brigade Force Modernization Officer**  
Jun 2006 - Nov 2008 · 2 yrs 6 mos  
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- **For His Service As Reconnaissance Troop Commander, Aadland Was Awarded A Bronze Star And A Meritorious Service Medal.** [LinkedIn, Erik Aadland, Accessed [12/15/21](#)]

**July 2009: Aadland Departed Ft. Lewis And Deployed To Spin Boldak, Afghanistan To Serve As Stryker Reconnaissance Troop Commander.** “In July 2009, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, CPT Aadland departed from Fort Lewis with C Troop, 8th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 5th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division as Stryker Reconnaissance Troop Commander (Company-sized element) to Spin Boldak, Afghanistan (Kandahar District). His Command was responsible for the border crossing point between Afghanistan and Pakistan, considered the second most important strategic location in theater. Combat actions occurred in and around Spin Boldak, in the Kandahar region of Afghanistan. During his deployment, his Troop was visited twice by ISAF Commanders GEN Stanley McChrystal and GEN David Petraeus. In July 2010, CPT Aadland returned to Ft Lewis, WA with C Troop, and the 5th Stryker Brigade. For combat operations he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Overseas Ribbon, the NATO Medal, various Service, and Campaign Medals.” [Aadland for Colorado, Campaign Website, accessed [7/14/22](#)]

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**2002-2004: Aadland Said He Was Deployed To And Helped Conduct Combat Operations Around Bayji, Iraq**

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**May 2003-May 2004: Aadland Said He Was A Tank Platoon Leader In Bayji, Iraq Where He “Led A 15-Person Team During Combat Operations As A Part Of Operation Iraqi Freedom.”**



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Led a 51-person team as the primary reconnaissance element for a 600-person fully-digitized armor battalion. Responsible for the accountability, maintenance, readiness and tactical employment of vehicles and equipment valued in excess of \$5 million.
- **Tank Platoon Leader**  
May 2003 - May 2004 - 1 yr 1 mo  
Bayji, Iraq  
Led a 15-person team during combat operations as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Responsible for the accountability, maintenance, readiness and tactical employment of vehicles and equipment valued in excess of \$12 million. Awarded Bronze Star Medal with V-device.
- **Assistant Operations Officer**  
Jun 2002 - May 2003 - 1 yr  
Fort Hood, TX  
Served as the battalion liaison to the brigade during deployment and combat operations in Iraq. Acted as assistant operations officer during preparation and planning of a 600-person Armor Battalion to Iraq. Acted as an assistant battle captain during combat operations in Bayji, Iraq.

[LinkedIn, Erik Aadland, Accessed [12/15/21](#)]

- **While Serving As Tank Platoon Leader, Aadland Was Awarded A “Bronze Star Medal With V-Device.”**  
[LinkedIn, Erik Aadland, Accessed [12/15/21](#)]
- **Aadland: “My Brigade Captured Saddam Hussein.”** “[7:55] 9/11 happened when I was a senior at West Point. At that time, that was a pivotal moment in all our lives. Because we knew that that’s when we were going to go off to war. So not long after graduating from West Point in 2002, I deployed to Iraq and I took over a tank platoon. One month into my deployment, my brigade captured Saddam Hussein.” [Mountain Republican Club, [6/21/22](#)] (AUDIO)

**June 2002-May 2003: Aadland Said He Was An Assistant Operations Officer At Fort Hood, Texas**



Erik Aadland  
Congressional Candidate (CO-7)

- **Aide-de-Camp, Deputy Commanding General (Canadian), III Corps and Fort Hood**  
Jun 2005 - Jun 2006 · 1 yr 1 mo  
Fort Hood, TX  
Managed the office, administrative operations, planning and logistics of the Deputy Commanding General-Canadian (DCG-C), whose responsibilities included over 44,000 personnel and operations across the United States and in Korea, Japan, and Iraq. Awarded Meritorious Service Medal.
- **Cavalry Troop Executive Officer**  
Dec 2004 - Jun 2005 · 7 mos  
Fort Hood, TX  
Managed the logistical support and maintenance program for a fully digitized 90 person Cavalry Troop with equipment and property valued at over \$17 million. Acted as second in command of the troop.
- **Battalion Scout Platoon Leader**  
May 2004 - Dec 2004 · 8 mos  
Fort Hood, TX  
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- **Aadland Said He Served As “Battalion Liason To The Brigade During Deployment And Combat Operations In Iraq.”** [LinkedIn, Erik Aadland, Accessed [12/15/21](#)]
- **Aadland Said He Served As “Assistant Operations Officer During Preparation And Planning Of A 600-Person Armor Battalion To Iraq.”** [LinkedIn, Erik Aadland, Accessed [12/15/21](#)]
- **Aadland Said He Served As “Assistant Battle Captain During Combat Operations In Bayji, Iraq.”** [LinkedIn, Erik Aadland, Accessed [12/15/21](#)]
- **Upon Transferring To Ft. Hood, Aadland Was Placed In The 3<sup>rd</sup> Armor Battalion, 66<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division As An Assistant Operations Officer.** “Cadet Erik Aadland was sworn into the US Army as a Second Lieutenant on June 1, 2002, at the US Military Academy at West Point, New York. On July 7, 2002, 2nd LT Aadland reported to the US Army Armor Officer Basic Course at Fort Knox, KY, he completed training on November 22, 2002, and was transferred to Fort Hood, TX to the 3rd Armor Battalion, 66th Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division as an Assistant Operations Officer (A/S3).” [Aadland for Colorado, Campaign Website, accessed [7/14/22](#)]

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### **1998-2002: Aadland Attended And Graduated From The U.S. Military Academy At West Point**

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**2002: Aadland Graduated From The U.S. Military Academy At West Point With A Bachelor’s Degree In Philosophy With A “Math/Science/Engineering Core.”**

 Erik Aadland  
Congressional Candidate (CO-7)

### Education

-  United States Military Academy at West Point  
BS - Math/Science/Engineering Core, Philosophy  
1998 - 2002
-  Pacifica Graduate Institute  
Master of Arts - MA, Depth Psychology  
2018 - 2021
-  Heidelberg High School  
1997 - 1998

[LinkedIn, Erik Aadland, Accessed [12/15/21](#)]

**1998: Aadland Received A “Presidential Appointment To The US Military Academy At West Point.”** “Erik Aadland entered the Army through a Presidential appointment to the US Military Academy at West Point, New York in June 1998. While at West Point, he rowed crew and participated in intramural football, rugby, and wrestling. He graduated on June 1, 2002, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Philosophy.” [Aadland for Congress, Campaign Website, accessed [7/14/22](#)]

## Political History

### Political Ideology

#### **Aadland Claimed That He Wanted To Be A Candidate Who Was A “Unifying Voice,” And Not “Divisive”**

**2021: Aadland: “I Want To Be A Unifying Voice And Factor, Not Someone Who Is Divisive.”** “A Republican Army veteran from Jefferson County has announced he will seek the Republican nomination to challenge Democrat U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet in next year's election. Erik Aadland, 41, is a West Point graduate and decorated officer[1] who served tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. He now lives in Pine with his family, and until last year he worked for Noble Energy as a project manager. In a Colorado Politics interview, Aadland described his campaign as a call to duty. 'I think we're in crisis everywhere — at the border; we're in crisis economically,' he told Colorado Politics. 'But the fact is, Americans are fighting Americans. The division and the polarization is at an extraordinary level. I want to be a unifying voice and factor, not someone who is divisive.’ [Colorado Peak Politics, 6/9/21]

#### **2021: Aadland Went Through Candidate Training With “America First Republicans”**

**Aadland “Went Through Candidate Training With America First Republicans” Which Was Founded By Former Congressional Candidate Casper Stockham.** “Aadland recently joined the Republican Party, having previously voted independent. He went through candidate training with America First Republicans, which was founded by former congressional candidate Casper Stockham.” [Colorado Peak Politics, 6/9/21]

#### **Aadland Said That He Was “Called By God” To Run For Political Office**

**Aadland Said He Was “Divinely Inspired” And “Called By God” To Be Trained To Run For Political Office.** “Aadland said he decided to launch a campaign after going through candidate training with America First Republicans, a nonprofit started late last year by perennial GOP congressional nominee Casper Stockham. 'I found America First because I was following Casper on Twitter leading up the 2020 elections and then was somewhat devastated by what transpired in the elections,' Aadland said Monday in an appearance with Stockham on the conservative PJNET Live video podcast. 'I just felt divinely inspired to show up there. Very quickly, he planted a seed that I should run for office,' Aadland said, referring to Stockham, who ran unsuccessfully against U.S. Rep. Ed Perlmutter last year and lost a bid for state Republican Party chairman in April. 'I think I'm called by God and it's

been a series of synchronicities and meeting the right people and not making this decision on my own,' he said.”  
[ColoradoPols, 6/9/21]

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### **Aadland Said He “Never Wanted To Get Into Politics” And Was “Not Doing This To Chase A Title”**

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**Aadland: “I’m Not Doing This To Chase A Title. I Never Wanted To Get Into Politics.”** “I’m not doing this to chase a title. I never wanted to get into politics. I’m running for Senate because I want our children to inherit a better future than the one we did.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [10/29/21](#)]

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### **Aadland: “We Need To Govern With Those Judeo-Christian Principles That Made This Country Great”**

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**Aadland: “We Need To Govern With Those Judeo-Christian Principles That Made This Country Great.”** “[1:47] At the end of the day, we need to govern with those Judeo-Christian principles that made this country great. That’s what we have to do folks. That’s conservatism.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [5/27/22](#)] (VIDEO)

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### **Aadland: “We Need Less Legislation, We Don’t Need To Continue To Pass More”**

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**Aadland: “We Need Less Legislation, We Don’t Need To Continue To Pass More.”** “In most cases, we need less legislation, we don’t need to continue to pass more. There is no magic bullet legislation that’s gonna fix these.

What we need is people of character that are gonna make wise decisions that put this country first and it's citizens first." [Uncommon Sense with Leland Conway, [5/23/22](#)] (AUDIO)

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**Aadland: "There Is No Dirt On Me That You Can Find- I Challenge You To It"**

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**Aadland: "There Is No Dirt On Me You That You Can Find. I Challenge You To It."** "[16:52] I am the only electable candidate in this race. I'm a combat veteran- that goes a long way. I have no chinks in my armor. There is no dirt on me that you can find. I challenge you to it." [Mountain Republican Club, [6/21/22](#)] (VIDEO)

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**Endorsements And Affiliations**

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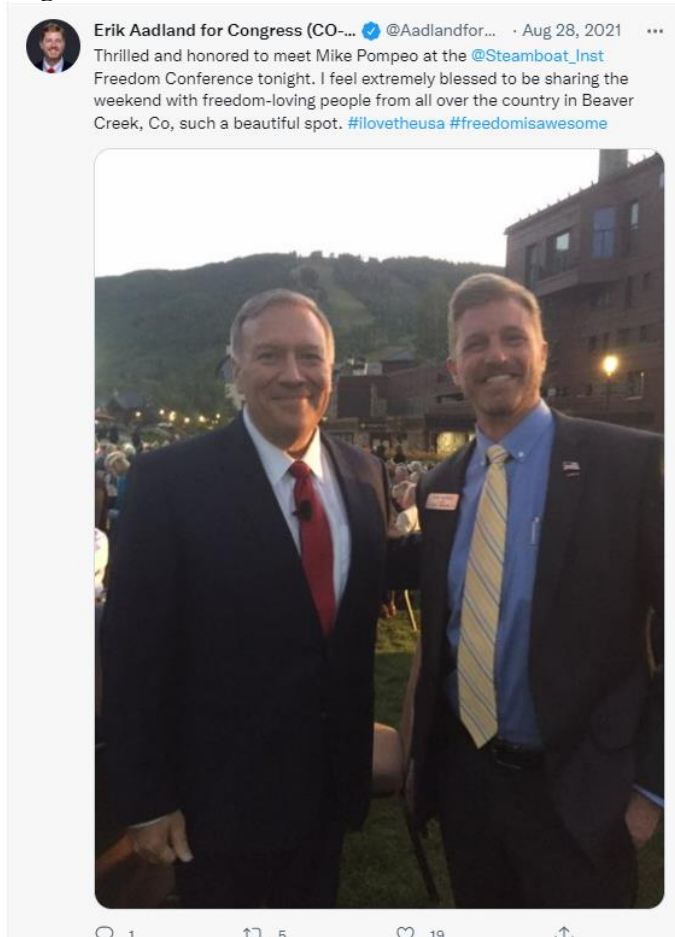
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**August 2021: Aadland "Cozied Up" With "Trump Loyalist" Mike Pompeo**

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**August 2021: Colorado Democratic Party: "Erik Aadland Cozied Up With Trump Loyalist Mike Pompeo" At An Event In Beaver Creek, Colorado.** "The following information was released by the Colorado Democratic Party: Today marks three weeks since failed GOP insider Eli Bremer announced his candidacy for U.S. Senate on Fox News and he has yet to hold a public campaign event in Colorado or in his stomping grounds, El Paso County. Instead of meeting with Coloradans to talk about his candidacy, Bremer is doubling down on his hateful rhetoric towards trans athletes and flirting with insurrection on Twitter. While Bremer is avoiding his turbulent history with the El Paso County GOP, his opponent Erik Aadland cozied up with Trump loyalist Mike Pompeo at Beaver Creek last Friday." [States News Service, 8/31/21]

- **August 2021: Aadland Was "Thrilled And Honored To Meet Mike Pompeo."**



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[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [8/28/21](#)]

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## Rick Perry

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**Aadland Was Endorsed By Former Trump Administration Secretary of Energy And Governor Of Texas, Rick Perry.**



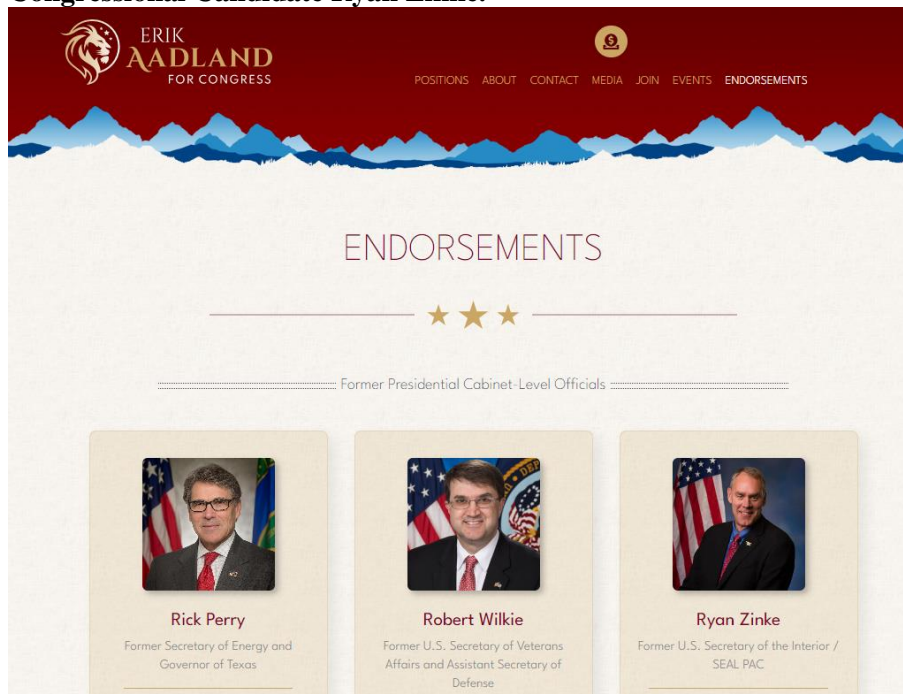
[Aadland for Colorado, [4/2/22](#)]

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## Ryan Zinke

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**Aadland Was Endorsed By Former Trump Administration Secretary Of The Interior And Current Montana Congressional Candidate Ryan Zinke.**



[Aadland for Colorado, accessed [7/14/22](#)]

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## Don Bacon

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### Aadland Was Endorsed By Nebraska Congressman Don Bacon.



U.S. Congressman Don Bacon (R-NE) has announced his endorsement of Erik Aadland, Republican candidate for Congressional District 7

March 28, 2022

Rep. Bacon has served in Congress since 2017, including assignments to the Agriculture and Armed Services Committees. Prior to his political career, Rep. Bacon served in the U.S. Air Force for 29 years, reaching the rank of Brigadier General before his retirement in 2014.

*"Erik's a military man just like me. We both served in Iraq, we both know what sacrifice means, and we both want to keep fighting for America,"* said Rep. Bacon. He added, *"Erik has my endorsement because our country needs more leaders like him fighting for*

[Aadland for Colorado, [3/28/22](#)]

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## Kerry Bentivolio

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### Aadland Was Endorsed By Former Michigan Congressman Kerry Bentivolio.



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Congressman

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Kerry Bentivolio  
Former Congressman

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Jack Bergman  
Congressman/Lieutenant General (retired)

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Paul Broun  
Congressman

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Robert Simmons  
Congressman

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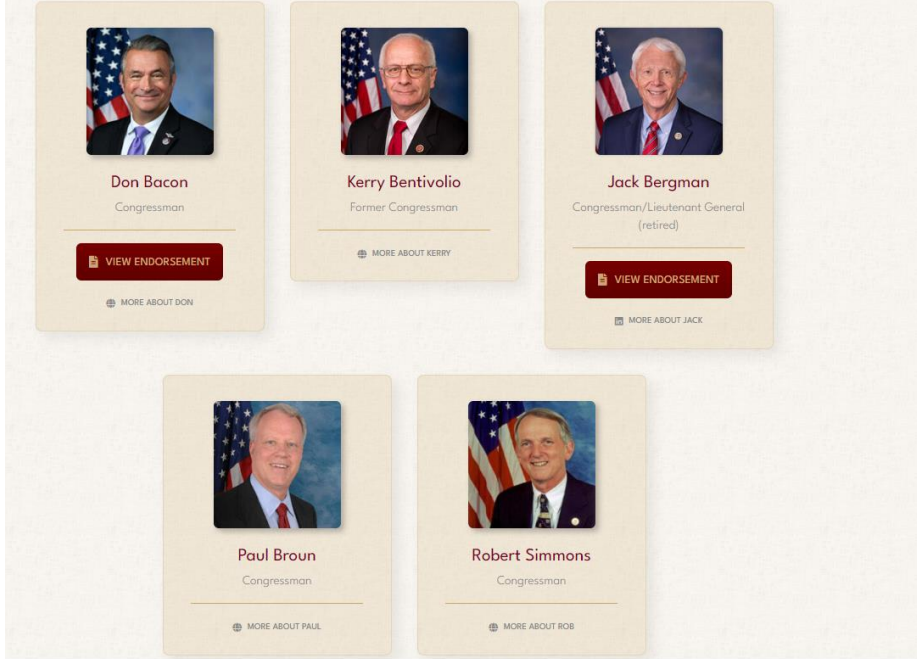
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## Jack Bergman

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**Aadland Was Endorsed By Former Minnesota Congressman And Lieutenant General Jack Bergman.**



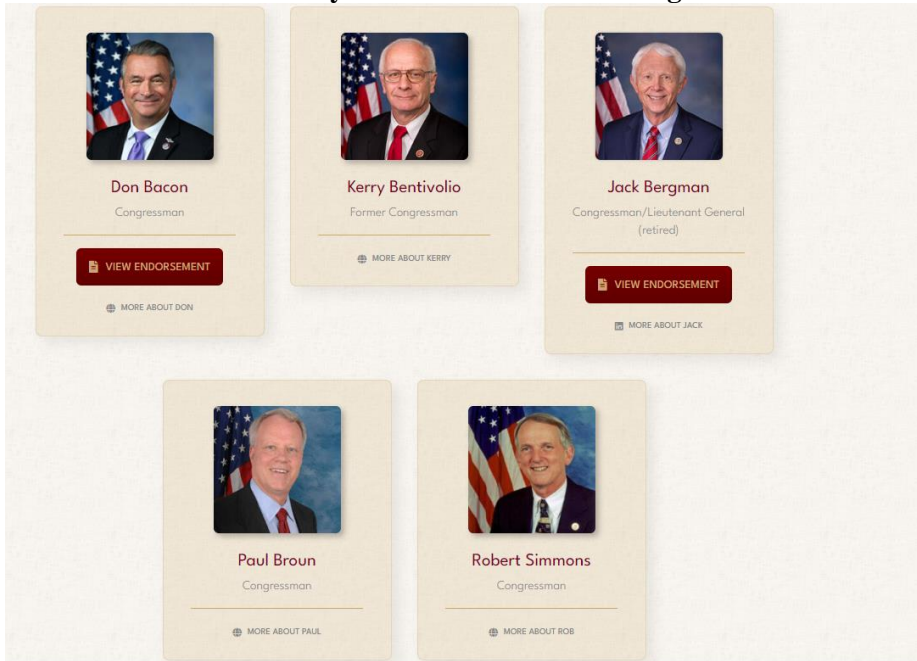
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## Robert Simmons

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**Aadland Was Endorsed By Former Connecticut Congressman Robert Simmons.**



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## Tom Tancredo

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**HEADLINE: “Erik Aadland Headlines Campaign Kickoff On 9/11 With Right Wing Extremist Tom Tancredo.”** “This Saturday, on the 20th anniversary of 9/11, Erik Aadland is headlining his campaign kickoff with Tom Tancredo, an anti-immigrant, right wing extremist who advocated for bombing islamic holy sites, including Mecca, and spread dangerous and racist rhetoric on immigration. ‘By inviting Tom Tancredo to headline his first official campaign event, Erik Aadland has made it clear that his campaign is more focused on division and hate than representing Coloradans. Does he align with Tancredo's right wing agenda and proposal to bomb holy sites and potentially kill millions of people?’ Nico Delgado, Colorado Democratic Party spokesperson.” [States News Service, 9/9/21]

- **October 2021: Rep. Tom Tancredo Endorsed Aadland For U.S. Senate.** “Former Republican American Constitution Party Republican officeholder/candidate Tom Tancredo has endorsed Republican Erik Aadland U.S. Senate. Honestly, we can't be sure if Tancredo's endorsement even matters anymore.” [ColoradoPols, 10/27/21]

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## Ted Nugent

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**April 2022: Aadland Was Endorsed By Musician Ted Nugent.**



### Rock Legend Ted Nugent endorses Erik Aadland

April 25, 2022

Today, Republican candidate for Congress Erik Aadland, announced the endorsement from one of America's greatest entertainers and a literal rock star, Ted Nugent.

A legend in Rock 'n' Roll for over forty years, he has recently become an outstanding and vocal supporter of conservative values such as individual freedom, law & order and a constitutional federal government.

[Aadland for Colorado, [4/25/22](#)]

**May 2022: At A Trump Rally, Nugent Told Fans “I’d Love You More If You Went Forward And Just Went Berserk On The Skulls Of Democrats.”** “[0:00] Think of what the enemies of America have done over the last 14 months. And that they didn’t sneak into the White House. They lied. They cheated. They scammed, and every day the Democrats violate their sacred oath to the Constitution. [...] So I love you people madly but I’d love you more

if you went forward and just went berserk on the skulls of the Democrats and the marxists and the communists.”



Ron Filipkowski   
@RonFilipkowski



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7:57 AM · May 15, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone

[RonFilipkowski, Twitter, [5/15/22](#)] (VIDEO)

**HEADLINE: “Shemane Nugent Says QAnon Influencer Has Met With Trump.”** [Media Matters For America, [7/14/22](#)]

**Nugent’s Wife, Shemane, Posted A Video With Known QAnon Hashtags Such As “#GreatAwakening And #wwg1wga.**



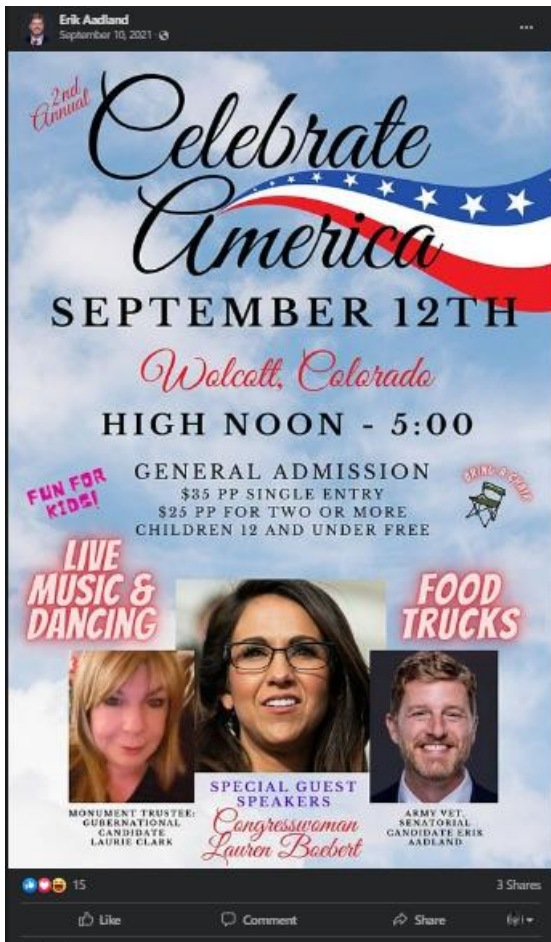
[Shemane Nugent, Facebook, [8/19/20](#)]

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### Lauren Boebert

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September 2021: Aadland And Rep. Lauren Boebert Were Featured Guests To An Event Called “Celebrate America.”



[Erik Aadland, Facebook, [9/10/21](#)]

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**Jim Jordan**

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**August 2021: Aadland Posed For A Picture With Rep. Jim Jordan At The Mesa County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner.**



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [8/2/21](#)]

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**Herschel Walker**

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**August 2021: Aadland Said That It Would Be “A Great Honor” To Serve With Herschel Walker.**

[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [8/26/21](#)]

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**Marjorie Taylor Greene**

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**August 2021: After Aadland Was Criticized For Attending An Event With Marjorie Taylor Greene, Aadland Said “I’ll Listen To Anyone And Thoughtfully Consider Their Perspective. Including Marjorie Taylor Greene.”**



Erik Aadland for Congress (CO-7)   
@AadlandforCO

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**-STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARC SNYDER  
(MANITOU SPRINGS)**



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[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [8/7/21](#)]

- **After Aadland Was Criticized For Attending An Event With Marjorie Taylor Greene, Aadland Justified It By Saying It “Doesn’t Mean I Agree With Everything” That Greene Says.**



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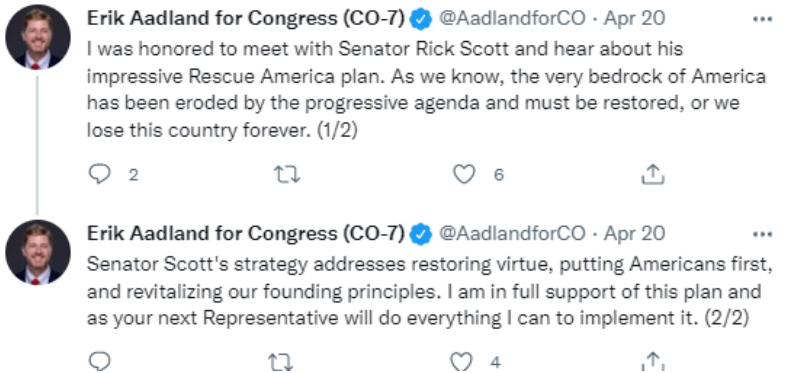
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**Rick Scott**

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**April 2022: Aadland Said He Was “Honored” To Talk To Rick Scott About His “Impressive Rescue America Plan” And Said He Was “In Full Support” And “Will Do Everything I Can To Implement It.”** “I was honored to meet with Senator Rick Scott and hear about his impressive Rescue America plan. As we know, the very bedrock of America has been eroded by the progressive agenda and must be restored, or we lose this country forever. Senator Scott’s strategy addresses restoring virtue, putting Americans first, and revitalizing our founding principles. I am in full support of this plan and as your next Representative will do everything I can to implement it.”



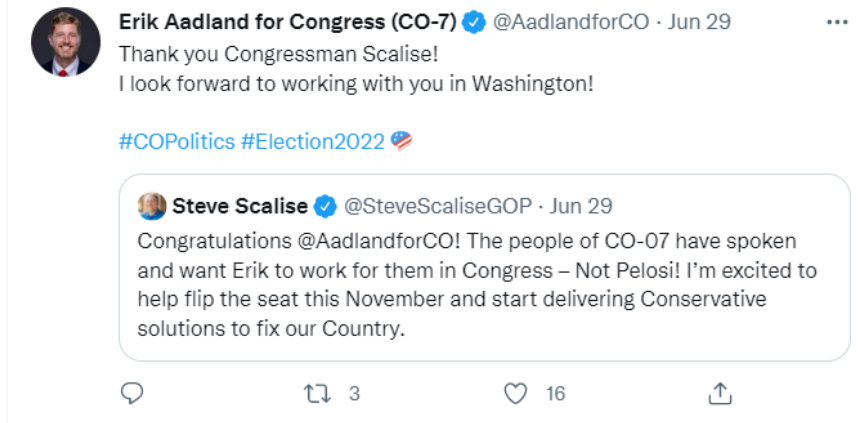
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**Steve Scalise**

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**June 2022: Congressman Steve Scalise Congratulated Aadland On Winning The CO-07 Primary Race.**



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [6/29/22](#)]

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**Tom Emmer**

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## June 2022: National Republican Congressional Committee Chairman Tom Emmer Congratulated Aadland On Winning The CO-07 Primary Race.

Erik Aadland for Congress (CO-7) Retweeted



NRCC @NRCC · Jun 28

Congratulations @AadlandforCO!

Chairman @tomemmer's statement on the #CO07 primary election results



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ON – NRCC Chairman Tom Emmer released the following statement of the CO-07 primary election:

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[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [6/28/22](#)]

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## Aadland Said That He Would Like To See Members Of The Freedom Caucus Become Speaker Of The House- Namely “A Guy Like Jim Jordan”

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**Aadland Said That “There’s A Good Number” Of Members Of The Freedom Caucus That He Would “Like To See As Speaker Of The House.”** “[55:18] Question: If the Republicans take back the House, who do you support for Speaker?’ Aadland: [...] ‘I don’t know who I’ll support for Speaker of the House- because I’m not there. It’s one thing to look at all the information on the media and make that judgement and say that Kevin McCarthy is not the right guy. And I have felt that at times. But until I’m in that seat with complete information, I’m not exactly sure who I’d support. Lauren Boebert introduced me to the Freedom Caucus when I was in Washington D.C. I met a lot of those great patriots. There’s a good number in that room that I’d like to see as Speaker of The House. But at the end we have to be strategic and win this war.” [Fairplay American Legion, [5/5/22](#)]

**Aadland: “I Would Love To See A Guy Like Jim Jordan Be Speaker Of The House.”** “[18:33] I want to vote for someone who will vote for new leadership in the house. Get rid of the swamp dweller. I’m basically worried about MCarthy, who is basically Paul Ryan’s right hand and we saw how Paul Ryan basically stabbed President Trump in the back. So what are your thought about that?’ Aadland: ‘I certainly have concerns, Derek, about the establishment Republicans who are not serving their constituents, not upholding the U.S. Constitution, not standing up to progressives who are driving us down this road to destruction. [...] I mean I would love to see a guy like Jim Jordan be the Speaker of the House, but I am gonna have to be very strategic in building coalitions with like-minded people who will uphold the Constitution.” [Aadland for Congress, Tele-Townhall, [6/22/22](#)]

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## 2022 U.S. Senate Campaign

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### Campaign Kick-Off

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**September 2021: Aadland Launched His Colorado U.S. Senate On The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of The September 11<sup>th</sup> Attacks.** “Republican Erik Aadland plans to kick off his 2022 campaign for Colorado’s U.S. Senate seat on

Saturday at a rally in Lakewood headlined by former U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo. A decorated Army combat veteran who joined the GOP this spring, Aadland is one of four Republicans running for the nomination to take on Democratic U.S. Sen. Michael Bennet, who is seeking a third term in next year's election. It's his first run for office. Aadland told Colorado Politics that he's formally launching his campaign on the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks because of the date's importance. That's right! This guy is hosting former Congressman Tom Tancredo to kick off his campaign for U.S. Senate in Colorado on the 20th anniversary of 9/11." [ColoradoPols, 9/8/21]

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- **2005: Denver Post: Tancredo Was A “World-Famous Race-Baiting Congressman” Who Suggested That “The U.S. Bomb Mecca.”** “No one must confuse Tancredo for a terrorist. So he should get a new mug shot. Preferably one with his foot stuffed in his mouth. Colorado’s world-famous race-baiting congressman hit a new low Tuesday. Fresh from suggesting the U.S. bomb Mecca, Saudi Arabia, if terrorists mount a nuclear attack on America, Tancredo asked the federal government to change the design of a 9/11 memorial in Pennsylvania because its crescent shape suggested an Islamic symbol. The memorial will be built where United Flight 93 crashed. The plane went down after passengers overpowered terrorists trying to fly the hijacked jet supposedly into the White House.” [Denver Post, [9/13/05](#)]
- **2005: Denver Post: Tancredo Said That A “Crescent-Shaped” 9/11 Memorial Should Be Scrapped Because The Hijackers Were “Radical Islamists” And The Design “Will In Fact Make The Memorial A Tribute To The Hijackers Rather Than The Victims.”** “A proposed crescent-shaped memorial to 9/11 victims killed in Pennsylvania too closely resembles a key symbol of Islam and should be scrapped because the terrorist hijackers were ‘radical Islamists,’ Colorado Rep. Tom Tancredo said Tuesday. In a letter to the National Park Service, Tancredo said that the plan for the memorial at the site where hijacked United Flight 93 crashed ‘has raised questions in some circles about whether the design, if constructed, will in fact make the memorial a tribute to the hijackers rather than the victims.’ Forty passengers and crew members died in the Sept. 11, 2001, crash after a struggle with terrorists who had commandeered the jet.” [Denver Post, [9/13/05](#)]
- **Spokesman For The Council On American Islamic Relations: “Congressman Tancredo Seems To Have Almost An Allergy To Islam.”** “Tancredo’s criticism comes less than two months after the Littleton Republican suggested on a Florida talk radio program that the United States should consider bombing Islamic holy sites if extremist Muslims launched a nuclear attack against U.S. cities. ‘Congressman Tancredo seems to have almost an allergy to Islam,’ said Ibrahim Hooper, spokesman for the Council on American Islamic Relations. ‘If he’s so hostile to symbols that are associated with Islam, what does that say about his attitude toward the American Muslim community and Muslims in the state of Colorado?’” [Denver Post, [9/13/05](#)]

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“I’m very proud to announce my transition from the US Senate race to running in Colorado’s diverse and beautiful Congressional District 7. It will be an honor to serve the people of CD7 and I look forward to focusing my time and

effort closer to home. Happy New Year!”

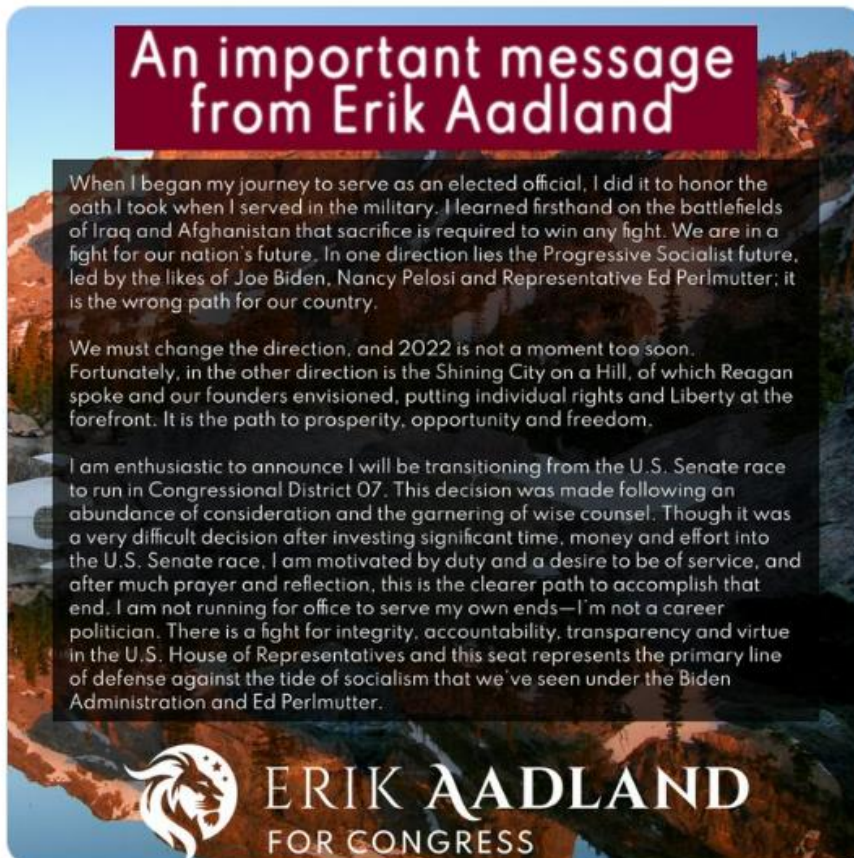


Erik Aadland for Congress (CO-7) ✓  
@AadlandforCO

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I’m very proud to announce my transition from the US Senate race to running in Colorado’s diverse and beautiful Congressional District 7. It will be an honor to serve the people of CD7 and I look forward to focusing my time and effort closer to home. Happy New Year!

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## 2022 CO-07 Congressional Campaign

**March 2022: Aadland’s Campaign Petition Was Rejected By Colorado Secretary Of State Jena Griswold And Aadland Had To Get Support From The Jefferson County Assembly Process In Order To Qualify For The CO-07 Ballot**

**March 2022: Colorado Secretary Of State Jena Griswold Rejected Aadland's Campaign Petition To Qualify For The CO-07 Congressional Primary Ballot.** "Secretary of State Jena Griswold has rejected the petition of Republican Erik Aadland to qualify for the state primary ballot in the race for the 7th Congressional District saying he fell short of the required signatures. Of the 1,973 signatures Aadland submitted, Griswold's office rejected 519 cutting him short by six lousy signatures. Ouch. He's taking it in good stride though, shifting gears to go the Republican assembly route in April." [ColoradoPeakPolitics, 3/16/22]

- **March 2022: Aadland Sued The Colorado Secretary Of State And Alleged That He Had Enough Valid Signatures To Be On The Republican Primary Ballot For CO-07.** "On March 21, Republican congressional candidate Erik Aadland sued the Secretary of State in state court, alleging that he does have enough valid signatures to be on the Republican primary ballot for U.S. House, 7th district. See this story[1]. The Secretary of State's office had determined that he was short 46 signatures." [Ballot Access News, 3/22/22]
- **On His Claim That The Colorado Secretary Of State Unjustly Invalidated His Ballot Petition For Congress, Aadland Was Accused Of Not Actually Having Evidence For That Claim.** "[14:22] I can give you my own example with the Secretary of State. I can prove that legitimate signatures on my petitions were invalidated by that office which could potentially deny me access to the ballot and affect the outcome of the election. Was there fraud? I don't know. Was there bureaucratic incompetence? I don't know. I don't know what happened behind closed doors in the Secretary of State's Office.' George: 'But what you are willing to commit to Erik is 'I know for a fact that the outcome that she's determined is wrong. And I'm willing to say it's wrong. I don't know why it's wrong. Can't say it's fraud, can't say it's incompetence. But it's absolutely wrong. [...] You're actually definitive on it.' Aadland: 'Because I can prove it. Because I'm involved in the process and because I can prove it. [...] I am pulling information from the media and from other sources and I'm trying to make my best guess.'" [George Show, 4/7/22] (AUDIO)
- **March 2022: After Failing To Qualify For The CO-7 Ballot Through Petition, Aadland Attempted To Secure Votes Through "The Assembly Process" Instead.** "True. To quote Mike Tyson: "Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth." Now I am proudly moving forward through the assembly process and excited to demonstrate to Republican delegates that I am the best candidate to represent Congressional District 7."



Erik Aadland for Congress (CO-7) ✓  
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Kyle Clark ✓ @KyleClark · Mar 15

UPDATE: Colorado Secretary of State's office confirms that @AadlandforCO has failed to qualify for the CD 7 GOP primary ballot through petition signatures. Aadland will go the assembly route instead. #copolitics  
twitter.com/KyleClark/stat...

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[AadlandforCO, Twitter, 3/15/22]

- **March 2022: After Failing To Qualify For The CO-7 Ballot Through Petition, Aadland Said That He Would Participate In The CD7 Assembly Where Delegates Could Choose To Advance His Candidacy.**

“Irrespective of the outcome of this litigation, Aadland will stay the course and participate in the Congressional District 7 Assembly where he has every confidence that delegates will recognize that he is the best candidate to win this Congressional seat. ‘I am proud to be participating in the CD7 assembly, a time-honored process, where I will seek the support of those most invested in this grassroots process, and who are rising to the occasion to select the best candidates to serve the United States and Colorado in this time of great crisis.’”



(March 22, 2022) Republican candidate for Congress Erik Aadland, a two-time Bronze Star (one for valor) winning combat veteran and former energy sector executive who is running in District 7, is suing the Colorado Secretary of State for erroneously invalidating his petitions. For the benefit of all candidates, Aadland is challenging the Statement of Insufficiency issued by the Secretary of State finding that Aadland did not have enough signatures for placement on the June 28, 2022, primary ballot for Republican Party nominee for Colorado Congressional District 7.

“The Secretary of State, well-known for being a partisan hack, has thrown out hundreds of my petition signatures (over 26%) unjustly and without merit. These signatures were all professionally verified to be registered Republicans living in District 7. Unfortunately, it seems Secretary Griswold has once again put her finger on the scale assuming candidates will not have the means to launch a costly and time-intensive lawsuit,” states Aadland. “It appears that she has abused her powers to unduly prevent me from being on the ballot. Not only does this smell of corruption, but it is a dangerous precedent that can affect the outcome of our elections,” states Aadland.

“I am launching this lawsuit on behalf of all candidates regardless of party because ballot access and election integrity are fundamental to our democratic process and the workings of a free country.”

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Here is my press release on this matter. #copolitics



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[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [3/22/22](#)]

### April 2022: Aadland Got On The CO-7 Ballot After Winning “63% Of The Vote” From The CD7 Assembly.



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [4/8/22](#)]

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**Campaign Fundraising**

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With our gratitude,

Aadland for Colorado Staff



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[Erik Aadland for Congress, Email List, [2/18/22](#)]

## Campaign Social Media

### Aadland Launched A Truth Social Account For His Congressional Campaign.



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [4/30/22](#)]

## Other Roles And Organizations

**March 2022: Aadland Said That He Was A Delegate In The Jefferson County Republican Assembly.** “I’m very proud to have participated as a delegate in the Jefferson County Republican Assembly, selecting extraordinary, highly-competent candidates who will bring common sense servant-leadership in representing their constituencies as an act of true public service.”



[AadlandforCO, Twitter, [3/19/22](#)]

## Political Career

### Campaign Finance

#### Aadland Raised A Total Of \$534,953.85 And Spent A Total Of \$486,423.23 In His Run For Federal Office

According to the Federal Election Commission, Aadland raised a total of \$534,953.85 and spent a total of \$486,423.23 in his runs for federal office.

Aadland Federal Campaign Finance History			
Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Raised	Spent
2022	Aadland For Colorado (House)	\$534,953.85	\$486,423.23
2022	Aadland For Senate (U.S. Senate)	N/A	N/A
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$534,953.85</b>	<b>\$486,423.23</b>

[FEC.gov, accessed [7/20/22](#)]

*Note: Prior to running for Congress, Aadland initially launched a run for U.S. Senate in Colorado. However, Aadland never filed any financial reports for his Senate run before switching to his Congressional campaign. As such, no financial values are listed under Aadland's 2022 Senate Finance History.*

## Personal Political History

### Personal Political Donations

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<b>Aadland Political Giving History –Highlights From Federal Giving</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Amount</b>
9/22/21	Colorado Republican Committee	R	\$300.00
2020-2021	WinRed	R	\$702.00
11/2020	Trump Make America Great Again Committee	R	\$300.00
8/17/19	ActBlue (Earmarked for Rains for Montana)	D	\$50.00
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,352.00</b>

[FEC.gov, accessed [6/7/22](#)]

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### **Aadland Has Given \$2,279.47 To State-Level Political Candidates**

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According to the Colorado Secretary of State and Follow The Money, Aadland has given \$2,279.47 to state-level candidates.

<b>Gryder Political Giving History - State</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Amount</b>
4/20/22	Heidi Pitchforth (Colorado HD 031)	R	\$400
4/14/22	Stephanie Hancock (Colorado HD 041)	R	\$100
3/1/22	Jefferson County Republican Central Committee	R	\$95.00
1/31/22	Committee To Elect Kevin Conrad	R	\$400.00
7/21/21	Boulder County Republican Central Committee	R	\$60.00
7/6/21	El Paso County Republican Central Committee	R	\$550.00
7/1/21	Mesa County Republican Central Committee	R	\$234.47
6/30/21	Boulder County Republican Central Committee	R	\$240.00
6/1/21	Ed Brady For Jeffco Sheriff (Jefferson County Sheriff)	R	\$200.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,279.47</b>

[Colorado Secretary of State, accessed [7/5/22](#); Follow The Money, accessed [7/5/22](#); Washington State Public Disclosure Commission, accessed [7/5/22](#)]

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### **Voter Activity**

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#### **2016– 2021: Aadland Voting History**

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<b>Erik Aadland’s Voting History (2016-2021)</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Description</b>
2021	Voted in the municipal election
2020	Voted in the general election, but not the primary election
2019	Did not vote
2018	Voted in the general, but not the primary election
2017	Did not vote
2016	Voted in the general, but not the primary election

[VoteBuilder, accessed 7/6/22]