

### John Gibbs (MI-03) Research Report

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## John Gibbs

Republican Candidate in  
Michigan's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District

### Research Memo – 2022

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### Significant Findings

#### **Gibbs Had A History Of Promoting Conspiracy Theories And Hateful Bigotry, Which Led To His Failed Confirmation To Lead Trump's Office Of Personnel And Management**

- ✓ Gibbs repeatedly spread a delusional conspiracy theory claiming that Hillary Clinton and her presidential campaign chairman participated in a Satanic ritual.
- ✓ Gibbs wrote op-eds and made social media comments spreading hateful anti-Muslim bigotry.
  - ✓ Gibbs wrote an op-ed using the 2016 Orlando nightclub shooting as justification to support Trump's call for a "Muslim ban."
  - ✓ Gibbs claimed Germany faced "regular terrorist attacks" because they accepted "1 million 'refugees' from the Middle East."
  - ✓ Gibbs wrote an open letter to actor Aziz Ansari claiming that Islam conflicted with American values.
  - ✓ Gibbs criticized Democrats for accepting Islam and not acknowledging a "systematic problem with Islamic terrorism despite repeated, consistent attacks from Muslims in the name of their religion."
  - ✓ The Muslim Public Affairs Council opposed Gibbs' nomination to lead OPM due to his anti-Muslim comments, which included calling Minnesota Attorney General Ellison's faith a "liability."
- ✓ Gibbs said immigrants were "eroding the white population" in America and praised far-right leaders who were hostile or outright racist toward immigrants.
  - ✓ Gibbs said Obama's support for unprecedented levels of immigration" was "eroding the white population" in America, claimed illegal immigration would lead to "millions of new Democratic voters," and supported impeaching Biden for "aiding and abetting" illegal immigration.
  - ✓ Gibbs praised former Rep. Steve King for saying, "we can't restore our civilization with somebody else's babies" and supporting Dutch far-right politician Geert Wilders.
  - ✓ Gibbs praised far-right European politicians Nigel Farage and Marine Le Pen as "emergent leaders" who were "in tune with the concerns of the people."
  - ✓ Gibbs opposed a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers and criticized Peter Meijer for voting for "amnesty for illegal aliens."
- ✓ Gibbs defended an antisemitic Twitter account, pledged to work with Marjorie Taylor Greene on social media censorship, and attacked George Soros for supporting Black Lives Matter.
- ✓ Gibbs defended those who opposed same-sex marriage, criticized Democrats as the party of "gender-bending," and joked about efforts to increase LGBTQ inclusivity.
- ✓ Gibbs repeatedly refused to apologize for his unhinged and dangerous rhetoric.

- ✓ Gibbs was nominated to lead Trump's Office of Personnel Management, but his confirmation failed after opposition from outside groups and questions from senators in both parties.
- ✓ 2020: Gibbs was nominated to lead OPM, but multiple unions and other groups opposed his nomination because of his inflammatory rhetoric, insufficient qualifications, and misguided priorities.
- ✓ Sep. 2020: A Senate committee set aside Gibbs' nomination, and Gibbs later blamed Mitt Romney for his failure to be confirmed.

### **Gibbs Was A Big Lie Promoter Who Downplayed The Jan. 6 Insurrection, Supported The Violent Criminals Who Stormed The Capitol, And Made Baseless Claims Of Voter Fraud**

- ✓ Gibbs repeatedly claimed the 2020 election was stolen and refused to acknowledge that Biden was freely and fairly elected.
- ✓ Gibbs repeatedly called for a full forensic audit of the 2020 election.
- ✓ Gibbs predicted there would be "shenanigans again" in the next election and said big tech "censorship" was "real election interference" and would "have to be dealt with."
- ✓ Gibbs supported fellow Michigan candidates Matt DePerno and Kristina Karamo, who were running on platforms dominated by the Big Lie.
- ✓ Gibbs downplayed the January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection, sided with those who violently stormed the Capitol, and agreed that those involved with investigating the attack could be put in jail.
- ✓ Gibbs said the "insurrection term" was a "narrative" from the "mainstream media" and defended rioters who were sentenced for their roles in the Capitol riot.
- ✓ On the one-year anniversary of the January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection, Gibbs tweeted about the "insurrectionist violence that occurred during President Trump's inauguration" in 2017.
- ✓ Gibbs called the investigation into the Capitol riot a "political witch hunt" and agreed that those involved with the investigation could be put in jail.
- ✓ Gibbs made outlandish claims of voter fraud to support voter suppression measures like curbing absentee voting and requiring voter ID.
- ✓ Gibbs frequently made dubious claims about voter fraud, claiming there were "many cases" in "almost every state that tries to keep any data."
- ✓ Gibbs supported voter ID and flatly denied that suppressed minority turnout, even praising North Carolina's voter ID law that was ruled unconstitutional.
- ✓ Gibbs said sending every voter an absentee ballot was "absurd" and supported restrictions on absentee ballots and ballot drop boxes despite voting absentee in 2018 and 2020.
- ✓ Gibbs opposed early voting.
- ✓ Gibbs called for electronic voting machines to be "open source" so people could "examine the source code on those things and make sure they're operating correctly."

- ✓ Gibbs opposed Michigan's independent redistricting commission and said "districts should be drawn by your elected officials."

### **Gibbs Was A Far-Right Radical, Trump Loyalist, And Ben Carson Disciple Who Moved To The District To Run For Congress In Protest Of Trump's Second Impeachment**

- ✓ Gibbs was a far-right Trump loyalist and self-proclaimed "hardcore conservative."
- ✓ Prior to the 2016 election, Gibbs voiced his support for Trump and criticized "patently false" claims of "racism, sexism, xenophobia, mocking a disabled reporter, and being a business failure."
- ✓ Gibbs called Trump "the greatest president" and "a model for all of us to follow."
- ✓ Gibbs said Trump's first impeachment was "totally ridiculous" and criticized Reps. Amash and Meijer for voting to impeach Trump.
- ✓ Gibbs claimed Russia's invasion of Ukraine "would never have happened" under Trump's leadership and praised Trump for his "great relationships with Putin, with Xi, even with Iran and the Taliban."
- ✓ Trump and Ben Carson endorsed Gibbs' congressional campaign and boosted his candidacy at multiple fundraisers and events.
- ✓ Ben Carson endorsed Gibbs' campaign and paid him a six-figure salary for a fellowship at Carson's conservative think tank.
- ✓ Gibbs moved to Michigan's Third District to run for Congress and primary Rep. Meijer for voting to impeach Trump following the January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection.
- ✓ Gibbs had never lived in Michigan's Third District before running for Congress.

### **Gibbs Was A Radical Threat To Michiganders' Health, Including Opposing Abortion With No Exceptions, Opposing The ACA, And Spreading Misinformation About COVID-19 Mitigation Measures**

- ✓ Gibbs said he was "100% pro-life in all cases" and said there were "many great Americans all around the country who were actually conceived from rape, and they're doing great things."
- ✓ Gibbs criticized the Affordable Care Act as "government management," but repealing the ACA would threaten the health coverage of nearly 44,000 people in Michigan's Third District.
- ✓ Gibbs had extreme views about COVID-19 mitigation measures, including calling for defunding states with vaccine mandates and investigations into public health officials and criticizing Christian leaders for "swallowing up" COVID "propaganda."
- ✓ Gibbs wanted to "get rid of" vaccine mandates "completely" and called for defunding states that implemented COVID-19 vaccine mandates.
- ✓ Gibbs called for investigations into members of the Biden administration like Fauci and claimed there was "intentionality" in Biden's COVID response because "millionaires and billionaires" became wealthier during the pandemic.

- ✓ Gibbs criticized “Christian leaders” for “swallowing up” COVID-19 “propaganda” and expressed skepticism about trusting “the quote unquote science.”
- ✓ Gibbs supported the Canadian truckers’ covid protest and agreed with offering “asylum to any and all Canadian trucker and farmer refugees fleeing the despotic Trudeau regime.”
- ✓ Gibbs expressed disagreement with “this whole concept of emergency orders” and “power that have been given to the governors.”

### **Gibbs Downplayed Police Killings Of Black People, Blamed Single Mothers And “Thug Culture” For Problems In The Black Community, And Said The GOP Should Turn Out White Voters**

- ✓ Gibbs wrote op-eds downplaying police brutality and killings of black people, calling it a “non-issue” and saying every black man killed by police was “almost always a criminal thug”
- ✓ Gibbs repeatedly criticized single motherhood, “entitlement programs,” and a “deep brokenness in black culture” and said black people were “hypersensitive” to “real or imagined” racism.
- ✓ Gibbs blamed entitlements for encouraging single motherhood among black women and said single-parent households were “dangerous to the child” and created a generation of “troubled young men.”
- ✓ Gibbs criticized a “deep brokenness in black culture” that glorified “being dumb and the criminal lifestyle” and compared “thug culture” to terrorism and 9/11.
- ✓ Gibbs said groups that were “portrayed as oppressed” were “often not actually suffering oppression” and downplayed racism because “the black crime rate was much lower and black families were much more intact” when there was “much more segregation and racism.”
- ✓ Gibbs said black people were “hypersensitive” to “real or imagined” racism and praised Trump for not blaming racism “for the dramatic problem of black underachievement.”
- ✓ Before the 2016 election, Gibbs said Republicans should focus on targeting white voters and that efforts to “go all-out for the minority vote” were “wishful thinking” because “black folks just keep voting Democratic.”

### **Gibbs Bragged About Effectively Managing COVID Relief Funds While Serving In The Trump Administration But Admitted That He Tried To Turn Down Those Funds**

- ✓ Gibbs bragged about “the successful rapid deployment of more than \$9 billion in CARES Act funds in response to coronavirus.”
- ✓ Gibbs said he questioned whether the COVID relief money was even needed and tried to turn it down.

### **Gibbs Joked About Verbally Abusing His Staff While Working In The Trump Administration And Said The Trump Campaign Shouldn’t Have Fired Corey Lewandowski After He Assaulted A Reporter**

- ✓ Gibbs joked that he “never swore” and “never raised my voice” at work before joining the Trump administration, but “that changed.”
- ✓ Gibbs said it was a “mistake” for Trump’s 2016 campaign to fire Corey Lewandowski and said the accusation of assaulting a reporter was not “a legitimate reason” to dismiss him.

### Gibbs Said He Had “Never Been A Registered Democrat,” But Records Indicated He Was A Registered Democrat In California For Nearly Two Years

- ✓ Gibbs said he was “not and has never been a registered Democrat.”
- ✓ June 1998-Mar. 2000: Gibbs was registered as a Democrat in California.

## Background

- **FULL LEGAL NAME:** John Gibbs II
- **BORN:** Lansing, MI
- **HOME:** Byron Center, MI
- **EDUCATION:** B.S., Computer Science, Stanford University (2001); MPA, Harvard Kennedy School (2016)
- **PROFESSIONAL:** Acting Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Mar. 2020-Jan. 2021; Senior Advisor in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, May 2017-Mar. 2020; Software Development Engineer, Apple, 2007-2008; Software Engineer, Palm, Inc., 2004-2007; Software Engineer, Symantec, 2001-2004
- **POLITICAL:** Republican candidate, Michigan’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District (2021-Present)
- **NON-PROFIT:** Foster Friess Fellow, American Cornerstone Institute, Sep. 2021-Present; Team Lead and Tech Strategist, WorldVenture, July 2008-May 2015
- **AWARDS:** N/A
- **ORGANIZATIONS:** N/A
- **LICENSES:** Japanese Language Proficiency Test N1 (highest level), Japanese Ministry of Education, Dec. 2009

## Gibbs Had A History Of Promoting Conspiracy Theories And Hateful Bigotry, Which Led To His Failed Confirmation To Lead Trump’s Office Of Personnel And Management

### Gibbs Repeatedly Spread A Delusional Conspiracy Theory Claiming That Hillary Clinton And Her Presidential Campaign Chairman Participated In A Satanic Ritual

**HEADLINE: “HUD Official Who Spread Clinton Satanic Conspiracy Theory Tapped To Lead Office Of Personnel Management”** [Washington Examiner, [7/20/20](#)]

**On Twitter, Gibbs Repeatedly Used A Hashtag Referencing A Conspiracy Theory That Clinton And Podesta Drank Bodily Fluids At A Secret Satanic Dinner.** “In 2018, CNN released a report exposing tweets Gibbs posted in 2016 that spread a conspiracy theory about John Podesta and Hillary Clinton. In tweets accessible using the Internet Archive’s Wayback Machine, Gibbs repeatedly used the hashtag #SpiritCooking. That hashtag references a conspiracy theory that Clinton and Podesta drank bodily fluids at a secret satanic dinner.” [Washington Examiner, [7/20/20](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed: “The Evidence We Have Indicates The Clinton Foundation And Clinton Global Initiative Are A Billion-Dollar Pay-For-Play Criminal Influence-Peddling And Racketeering Operation Of A Complexity, Scale, And Brazenness That Would Make Al Capone Blush.”** “The evidence we have indicates the Clinton Foundation and Clinton Global Initiative are a billion-dollar pay-for-play criminal influence-peddling and racketeering operation of a complexity, scale, and brazenness that would make Al Capone blush. They took money from foreign entities and gave out U.S. government favors in return, with Hillary using her (illegal) private email server at home—outside of government security screening—to operate the scheme. I suspect this is what the 33,000 deleted emails will reveal. That the founders of this scheme are still walking free is a miracle rivaling the raising of

Lazarus from the dead, and would be the story of the century if the mainstream media had any sense of investigative spirit and nonpartisan objectivity left. Since I've lived in Japan—a country run by organized crime—I don't want my beloved country to meet the same fate. I thus could never entrust our presidency to the namesake of the Clinton foundations.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [8/31/16](#)]

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**HEADLINE: “Trump’s Pick To Head Office Of Personnel Management Spread ‘Satanic’ Conspiracy Theory, Called Democrats Party Of ‘Islam’ And ‘Gender-Bending’”** [CNN, [7/22/20](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Trump-Backed House Candidate Has History Of Conspiratorial Tweets And Defended Anti-Semitic Twitter Account”** [CNN, [11/17/21](#)]

**Gibbs Quote Tweeted A Sandy Hook Conspiracy Theorist To Promote The Conspiracy Theory That Hillary Clinton’s 2016 Campaign Manager Took Part In A Satanic Ritual.** “When radio host Wayne Dupree, who has spread Sandy Hook school shooting hoax stories, tweeted that Clinton was losing Black support because her campaign manager took part in ‘Satanic #SpiritCooking,’ Gibbs quote tweeted him, writing, ‘True, true, and true. #Trump #SpiritCooking #BlackLivesMatter.’” [CNN, [7/22/20](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Senior Adviser At HUD Spread Conspiracy Theory That Clinton Campaign Chairman Was Satanist”** [CNN, [3/8/18](#)]

**CNN: Gibbs “Made Multiple References To A Conspiracy Theory Started By Far-Right Bloggers Claiming Clinton Campaign Chairman John Podesta Took Part In A Satanic Ritual.”** “A senior adviser at the Department of Housing and Urban Development spread a false conspiracy theory that claimed Hillary Clinton’s 2016 presidential campaign chairman took part in a Satanic ritual, a CNN KFile review of his tweets show. John Gibbs is a former conservative commentator who initially joined the HUD as the director for Strong Cities and Strong Communities, a program aimed at spurring economic development at the local level. [...] On Twitter, Gibbs made multiple references to a conspiracy theory started by far-right bloggers claiming Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta took part in a Satanic ritual. Tweets from Gibbs, archived on the Internet Archive’s Wayback Machine, show him promoting the conspiracy four times between October 31 and November 5 of 2016, using the hashtag #SpiritCooking. The hashtag originated from an email of Podesta’s released by WikiLeaks, which members of the far-right claimed, without evidence, that Podesta was involved in a Satanic ritual that involved bodily fluids.” [CNN, [3/8/18](#)]

**Gibbs Wrote Op-Eds And Made Social Media Comments Spreading Hateful Anti-Muslim Bigotry**

**Gibbs Wrote An Op-Ed Using The 2016 Orlando Nightclub Shooting As Justification To Support Trump’s Call For A “Muslim Ban”**

**Gibbs Op-Ed: After The 2016 Orlando Nightclub Shooting, Trump’s “Call For A Ban On Muslim Immigration” Seemed “Even More Like Common Sense.”** “Yet I was most curious to see how Donald Trump

would respond. Would he reiterate his call for a ban on Muslim immigration—which some have called racist, Islamophobic, and unbecoming of a presidential candidate? Or would he back down and embrace political correctness in order to placate his critics and seem more presidential? [...] Trump’s simple solution of temporarily banning immigration from areas of the world when there is a proven history of terrorism against the United States already made sense to many Americans. Now, after the Orlando attack, his argument will seem even more like common sense and less like an extreme solution. You can bet the ‘ban’ will be the topic of discussion at many dinner tables and coffee break rooms all around America this week, in a much more substantive way than before Orlando.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [6/15/16](#)]

**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Praised Trump For Rewording His Muslim Ban “In A Much More Elegant Fashion, Replacing ‘Muslim Countries’ With ‘Areas Of The World When There Is A Proven History Of Terrorism Against The United States.’”** “Trump chose not to capitulate, but to reiterate. He repeated his ban on immigration from Muslim countries, but this time stating it in a much more elegant fashion, replacing ‘Muslim countries’ with ‘areas of the world when there is a proven history of terrorism against the United States.’ This more-sophisticated phrasing sounds more measured and reasoned, will be palatable to more Americans, and will be harder to attack for being intolerant.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [6/15/16](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed: Trump’s Immigration Policies “Could Have Prevented” The 2016 Orlando Nightclub Shooting.** “Trump successfully tied the terrorist attack to our immigration system, which allowed the killer’s father to enter the United States even though he supports the Taliban and is from a country with a proven history of terrorism. Trump showed that inviting the wrong people to our country can have disastrous impact, even in the second generation. Critically, he showed that the much-touted rigorous background screening done on immigrants simply cannot be relied upon, as evidenced by not only Orlando but also San Bernardino. All this will let Trump show that his immigration policies could have prevented this attack.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [6/15/16](#)]

**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Praised Trump For Connecting Political Correctness To The 2016 Orlando Nightclub Shooting And Claiming It Stifled The FBI’s Investigation Into The Shooter.** “Trump argued that political correctness stifled the FBI’s response to the attack. Indeed, we know the FBI had investigated the Orlando terrorist on multiple occasions, yet no action was taken. This was ostensibly due to fears of being seen as anti-Islam, and due to FBI agents receiving ineffective, politically correct training on Islam. Thus, by tying political correctness to the government’s failure to stop a known terrorist suspect, Trump has strengthened his positioning as the only candidate who won’t let political correctness stand in the way of protecting Americans.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [6/15/16](#)]

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**Gibbs Claimed Germany Faced “Regular Terrorist Attacks” Because They Accepted “1 Million ‘Refugees’ From The Middle East”**

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**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Said He Did Not Want To “Face Regular Terrorist Attacks Like What Is Happening In Germany After Accepting Of 1 Million ‘Refugees’ From The Middle East.”** “Because I love my town, I don’t want it to become like Mexico or Somalia, and I say that with the greatest respect to the poor people in those countries. I don’t want to go to our mall that I grew up going to as a kid only to face regular terrorist attacks like what is happening in Germany after accepting of 1 million ‘refugees’ from the Middle East. In fact, a recent study found that half of all Germans feel like strangers in their own country! I would rather not feel that way in my own city.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [8/31/16](#)]

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**Gibbs Wrote An Open Letter To Actor Aziz Ansari Claiming That Islam Conflicted With American Values**

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**After Aziz Ansari Wrote An Op-Ed Criticizing Trump, Gibbs Wrote A Response To Ansari Claiming That “Islam Conflicts With Your Values As An American Much More Than Donald Trump’s Values Do.”** “Aziz, thinking about all these points and about your progressive worldview, it seems clear to me that Islam conflicts with your values as an American much more than Donald Trump’s values do. Perhaps your attack had the wrong target?” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [6/28/16](#)]



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**CNN: Gibbs “Derided The Democratic Party For Accepting Islam.”** “In tweets from early 2016, Gibbs also blasted ‘cucks,’ a derogatory term used by the alt-right to insult establishment conservatives, and derided the Democratic Party for accepting Islam. [...] In a February 2016 tweet, Gibbs said the Democratic Party had become the party of ‘Islam, gender-bending, anti-police’ and the party of people who accuse others of racism.” [CNN, [3/8/18](#)]

**Feb. 2016: Gibbs Tweeted That Democrats Were The Party Of “Islam, Gender-Bending, Anti-Police.”** “In tweets from early 2016, Gibbs also blasted ‘cucks,’ a derogatory term used by the alt-right to insult establishment conservatives, and derided the Democratic Party for accepting Islam. [...] In a February 2016 tweet, Gibbs said the Democratic Party had become the party of ‘Islam, gender-bending, anti-police’ and the party of people who accuse others of racism.” [CNN, [3/8/18](#)]

**Gibbs Said “Today’s Dem Party” Was “Islam, Gender-Bending, Anti-Police, ‘U Racist!’”**



John Gibbs@realJohnGibbs · Feb 20

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[Twitter, @realJohnGibbs, Archived [2/27/17](#)]

**2020: Gibbs Defended His Tweet Describing The Democratic Party As The Party Of Islam, Saying Democrats Wanted To Weaponize Victimhood And “Another Group That They’ve Added Is Islam.”** “He also defended a tweet from early 2017 in which he described the Democratic Party as the party of Islam and gender-bending. He said his comments had been taken out of context and that he had been contrasting the 1960s party — a party of low tax and national security — with its current incarnation. ‘JFK’s Dem Party: Tax cuts, Anti-Commie, strong defense, lunar landing,’ he wrote. ‘Today’s Dem party: Islam, gender-bending, anti-police, ‘u racist!’’ He insisted his choice of words was not intended as a smear but to illustrate how Democrats were gripped by divisive identity politics. ‘I guess this was when things like Ilhan Omar were really coming to the surface,’ he said, adding that Democrats wanted to weaponize victimhood. ‘Another group that they’ve added is Islam.’” [Washington Examiner, [7/30/20](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed: Democrats Blamed “Systematic Racism” For Isolated Acts Of Violence Against Black People But Claimed There Was “No Systematic Problem With Islamic Terrorism Despite Repeated, Consistent Attacks From Muslims In The Name Of Their Religion On Behalf Of ISIS.”** “This approach also reveals another fundamental problem with Democrats’ philosophy: their willingness to claim systematic racism for the isolated act of a crazy, despicable individual such as Dylann Roof. They do such things while also typically claiming there is no systematic problem with Islamic terrorism despite repeated, consistent attacks from Muslims in the name of their religion on behalf of ISIS.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [7/28/16](#)]

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**The Muslim Public Affairs Council Opposed Gibbs’ Nomination To Lead OPM Due To His Anti-Muslim Comments, Which Included Calling Minnesota Attorney General Ellison’s Faith A “Liability”**

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**Sep. 2020: The Muslim Public Affairs Council Released A Statement Opposing Gibbs' Nomination To Lead The Office Of Personnel Management Due To His Previous Anti-Muslim Comments.** [Senate Homeland Security And Governments Affairs Committee, [9/9/20](#)]

**Muslim Public Affairs Council Criticized Gibbs For His Social Media Commentary In Which He Expressed "Disdain With Attorney General Keith Ellison's Faith— Calling It A 'Liability'."** "Additionally, we found similarly problematic commentary on Mr. Gibb's [sic] social media where he vocalizes his disdain with Attorney General Keith Ellison's faith—calling it a 'liability'." [Senate Homeland Security And Governments Affairs Committee, [9/9/20](#)]

### **Gibbs Said Immigrants Were "Eroding The White Population" In America And Praised Far-Right Leaders Who Were Hostile Or Outright Racist Toward Immigrants**

**Gibbs Said Obama's Support For Unprecedented Levels Of Immigration" Was "Eroding The White Population" In America, Claimed Illegal Immigration Would Lead To "Millions Of New Democratic Voters," And Supported Impeaching Biden For "Aiding And Abetting" Illegal Immigration**

**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Criticized President Obama's "Support For Unprecedented Levels Of Immigration Eroding The White Population."** "The president's positions on Black Lives Matter, recent police incidents, increasingly common charge that whites are guilty of white privilege, and his support for unprecedented levels of immigration eroding the white population have left many white Americans feeling attacked and marginalized to a much greater degree than in 2012." [Federalist, John Gibbs, [7/22/16](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed: Democrats Were "Extremely Hostile" To Concerns About Illegal Immigration Because "Uncontrolled Illegal Immigration Will Bring In Millions Of New Democratic Voters."** "Democrats are extremely hostile to these kinds of concerns because uncontrolled illegal immigration will bring in millions of new Democratic voters, and Republicans haven't taken up the issue because they don't want to be seen as racist and or their supply of cheap labor interrupted. All this means Trump is the only man left standing who wants to protect my neighborhood from similar fates." [Federalist, John Gibbs, [8/31/16](#)]

**Gibbs Supported Impeaching Biden For "Aiding And Abetting The Transportation Of Illegal Immigrants Into Our Country."** "Impeachment is not to be considered lightly. But if aiding and abetting the transportation of illegal immigrants into our country doesn't meet the standard for 'high crimes and misdemeanors', then nothing does. Therefore, @joekent16jan19, I'll join you in this effort in 2023." QUOTE TWEET @joekent16jan19: "Just to be clear, we are impeaching Biden for this in 2023." QUOTE TWEET @RaheemKassam: "REPORT: U.S. Immigration Authorities Chartered Christmas Night Jets to Carry Illegal Migrants into Pennsylvania."



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## Gibbs Praised Former Rep. Steve King's For Saying "We Can't Restore Our Civilization With Somebody Else's Babies" And Supporting Dutch Far-Right Politician Geert Wilders

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**Mar. 2017: Gibbs Defended Former Rep. Steve King After He Tweeted Support For Dutch Far-Right Candidate Geert Wilders.** "As people in the Netherlands prepare to head to the polls, an American politician has shown his support for far-right candidate Geert Wilders – and his tweet has created some controversy. [...] Indicative of a bitterly divided America, not everyone was outraged by King's remarks. Rep. King's comment is a rare show of real courage from a conservative. I'm pleasantly surprised. There is hope. Keep praying #MAGA fam. <https://t.co/LzksLi3fan> — John Gibbs (@realDonaldTrump) March 12, 2017" [Irish News, [3/13/17](#)]

**The Comment Gibbs Defended Was Former Rep. Steve King's Assertion That "We Can't Restore Our Civilization With Somebody Else's Babies."** "Wilders understands that culture and demographics are our destiny. We can't restore our civilization with somebody else's babies."



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[Twitter, @SteveKingIA, [3/12/17](#)]

**Gibbs Said Steve King's "Somebody Else's Babies" Comment Was "A Rare Show Of Real Courage From A Conservative. I'm Pleasantly Surprised. There Is Hope."** "As people in the Netherlands prepare to head to the polls, an American politician has shown his support for far-right candidate Geert Wilders – and his tweet has created some controversy. [...] Indicative of a bitterly divided America, not everyone was outraged by King's remarks. Rep. King's comment is a rare show of real courage from a conservative. I'm pleasantly surprised. There is hope. Keep praying #MAGA fam. <https://t.co/LzksLi3fan> — John Gibbs (@realDonaldTrump) March 12, 2017" [Irish News, [3/13/17](#)]

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## Gibbs Praised Far-Right European Politicians Nigel Farage And Marine Le Pen As "Emergent Leaders" Who Were "In Tune With The Concerns Of The People"

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**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Praised Trump, Nigel Farage, And Marine Le Pen As "Emergent Leaders" Who Were "More In Tune With The Concerns Of The People Than With The Establishment Experts."** "So what's the way forward? If experts want to continue to have influence, they'll need to take a dose of humility and learn how to understand the people deeply and then act on the people's concerns. Otherwise, the democratic process will begin to replace them with emergent leaders like Trump, Nigel Farage, and Marine Le Pen, all of whose rising popularity shows they are more in tune with the concerns of the people than with the establishment experts." [Federalist, John Gibbs, [6/28/16](#)]

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## Gibbs Opposed A Pathway To Citizenship For Dreamers And Criticized Peter Meijer For Voting For "Amnesty For Illegal Aliens"

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**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Opposed A Path To Citizenship For Dreamers.** "Further consistent with the theme of dividing America into victim classes, another group speaking at the DNC are 'DREAMers.' 'DREAMer' is the word Democrats use to describe the children of illegal immigrants who were also not born in the United States. A big agenda item of President Obama and the Democrats (and even Jeb Bush, which is one reason he lost the Republican primary so spectacularly) has been to push for legal status for this group. Yet to many Americans,

pushing to legalize those who came here illegally seems like an attack on fairness and law and order, rewarding lawbreakers who cheated our system. Further, studies show illegal immigration harms the poorest Americans and carries the threat of increased terrorism.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [7/28/16](#)]

**Gibbs Criticized Meijer For Supporting “Amnesty For Those Here Illegally.”** KELLY: “Make the case if you would against your opponent--and we do have problems with his name, Mee-ger, My-ger, Meijer--what's wrong with this guy?” [...] GIBBS: “And then, you know, he voted for the big omnibus spending bill a few weeks ago, for example, which is what's driving the record inflation, this absolutely ridiculous spending going on. He supports amnesty for those here illegally, etc, etc. The list goes on. But he's just showing himself that not really be in tune at all with people of his district. So we need real leadership, someone that both represents folks here and has experience fighting in DC like I have.” [Newsmax, [4/4/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:53:54

**Gibbs Criticized Rep. Meijer For Voting For “Amnesty For Illegal Aliens.”** HINES: “So, your argument to conservatives, to Republicans voting in the primary, is that the incumbent, Mr. Meijer, Peter Meijer, has been somehow disloyal to the people he was elected to represent in Michigan's Third Congressional District.” GIBBS: “Absolutely right. And that is not just because of his vote for impeachment. When you look at things like amnesty for illegal aliens, he's voted for that before. If you look at the omnibus bill that just passed, he was one of the 39 Republicans that voted for it when the overwhelming majority of Republicans in the House did not vote for it for good reason. So time after time, he's aligned himself with Nancy Pelosi and with the more liberal aspects of our party, even though the great people of our district, overwhelmingly, that's not where their heart is at. So, he really is got a significant mismatch between his own ideology and his beliefs and the people he's supposed to be representing.” [One America News Network, 3/18/22] (VIDEO) 00:02:16

### **Gibbs Defended An Antisemitic Twitter Account, Pledged To Work With Marjorie Taylor Greene On Social Media Censorship, And Attacked George Soros For Supporting Black Lives Matter**

**HEADLINE: “Trump-Backed House Candidate Has History Of Conspiratorial Tweets And Defended Anti-Semitic Twitter Account”** [CNN, [11/17/21](#)]

**CNN: Gibbs “Defended Ricky Vaughn, An Alt-Right Figure Who Often Tweeted Anti-Semitic Sentiments, When Twitter Banned Vaughn.”** “In another tweet from October 2016, Gibbs also defended Ricky Vaughn, an alt-right figure who often tweeted anti-Semitic sentiments, when Twitter banned Vaughn, an anonymous user, from the platform. ‘#Twitter down big today because they banned Ricky? #FreeRicky,’ he wrote.” [CNN, [3/8/18](#)]

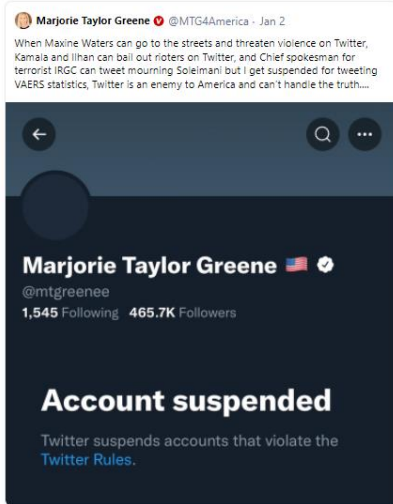
**Gibbs Defended His Support Of A Pseudonymous Alt-Right Online Agitator Who Was Banned By Twitter Because He Was “Against The Banning Of Conservatives On Social Media.”** “On another occasion he used a FreeRicky hashtag in support of the pseudonymous ‘alt-right’ agitator Ricky Vaughn, who was banned by Twitter after spreading anti-Semitic and racist content. ‘#Twitter down big today because they banned Ricky? #FreeRicky,’ he wrote, according to CNN’s cache of archived tweets. Four years later, Gibbs drew parallels with the growing cancel culture and said he was simply standing up for freedom of speech. ‘I am against those offensive statements, no question about it,’ he said. ‘But I am against the banning of conservatives on social media. That’s why I said, ‘Free Ricky.’” [Washington Examiner, [7/30/20](#)]

**Gibbs Criticized Twitter For Suspending Marjorie Taylor Greene And Said “The Banning Of Elected Officials From Social Media Platforms Is A Gross Violation Of Democratic Norms And Must Be Ended. If Elected, I’ll Work With Rep. Greene And Others To Get It Done!”** “First it was President Trump. And now Rep. @MTG4America. The banning of elected officials from social media platforms is a gross violation of democratic norms and must be ended. If elected, I’ll work with Rep. Greene and others to get it done!”



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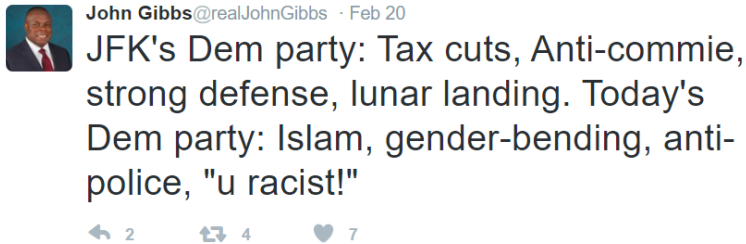
**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Asked Why Black Lives Matter Was Not “Truly Interested In Helping Black People” And Said, “Maybe Someone Can Ask George Soros.”** “What about black education underachievement and the thug culture infecting black communities? BLM is silent. What about the massive problem of single motherhood? Seventy percent of black kids are born out of wedlock, even though studies clearly show that children from married, two-parent homes have better outcomes. Why the silence from BLM? If they were truly interested in helping black people, they’d be at the leading edge of fighting for all of these issues. So why aren’t they? Maybe someone can ask George Soros.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [8/4/16](#)]

**Gibbs Defended Those Who Opposed Same-Sex Marriage, Criticized Democrats As The Party Of “Gender-Bending,” And Joked About Efforts To Increase LGBTQ Inclusivity**

**Gibbs Said He Was “Uncomfortable” With The Fact That “Those Who Believe Marriage Is Between One Man And One Woman Are Branded As Bigots And Hateful.”** “What’s more, I am uncomfortable with how fast Democrats label someone as a bigot for disagreeing with them. Those who want to talk about the very real problem of crime in the black community are immediately branded as racist. I personally have been called ‘coon,’ ‘house n\*\*\*ger,’ and ‘Uncle Tom.’ Those who believe marriage is between one man and one woman are branded as bigots and hateful. Those who believe life begins at conception and oppose abortion are labeled as hating women, against women’s health, and against women’s rights.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [8/9/16](#)]

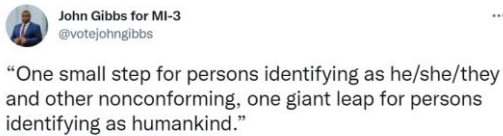
**HEADLINE: “Trump’s Pick To Head Office Of Personnel Management Spread ‘Satanic’ Conspiracy Theory, Called Democrats Party Of ‘Islam’ And ‘Gender-Bending’”** [CNN, [7/22/20](#)]

**Feb. 2016: Gibbs Tweeted That Democrats Were The Party Of “Islam, Gender-Bending, Anti-Police.”** “In tweets from early 2016, Gibbs also blasted ‘cucks,’ a derogatory term used by the alt-right to insult establishment conservatives, and derided the Democratic Party for accepting Islam. [...] In a February 2016 tweet, Gibbs said the Democratic Party had become the party of ‘Islam, gender-bending, anti-police’ and the party of people who accuse others of racism.” [CNN, [3/8/18](#)]

**Gibbs: “Today’s Dem Party” Was “Islam, Gender-Bending, Anti-Police, ‘U Racist!’”**

[Twitter, @realJohnGibbs, Archived [2/27/17](#)]

**In Response To NASA’s Effort To Support Its Employees’ Right To Be Addressed By Their Preferred Name And Pronouns, Gibbs Tweeted, “One Small Step For Persons Identifying As He/She/They And Other Nonconforming, One Giant Leap For Persons Identifying As Humankind.”** “One small step for persons identifying as he/she/they and other nonconforming, one giant leap for persons identifying as humankind.”  
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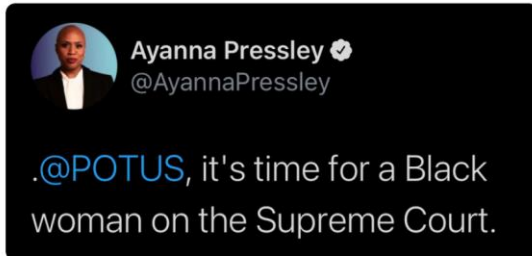
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### Gibbs Repeatedly Refused To Apologize For His Unhinged And Dangerous Rhetoric

**Gibbs Said He Would Not Apologize For His Provocative And Conspiratorial Tweets.** “President Trump’s nominee to head the Office of Personnel and Management says he will not apologize for provocative and conspiratorial tweets that he posted as a conservative commentator. The White House says John Gibbs has its full support for the job. However, the resurfacing of old comments — describing the Democratic Party as the party of Islam and ‘gender-bending,’ expressing support for an ‘alt-right’ agitator banned by Twitter, and linking Hillary Clinton’s campaign manager to satanic rituals — will make for a turbulent confirmation process.” [Washington Examiner, [7/30/20](#)]

**When Asked About His Conspiratorial Tweets, Gibbs Said He Did Not “Really See Anything To Apologize For” Because “I Was A Commentator At The Time, I Was Commentating On Popular Issues At The Time.”** “President Trump’s nominee to head the Office of Personnel and Management says he will not apologize for provocative and conspiratorial tweets that he posted as a conservative commentator. The White House says John Gibbs has its full support for the job. However, the resurfacing of old comments — describing the Democratic Party as the party of Islam and ‘gender-bending,’ expressing support for an ‘alt-right’ agitator banned by Twitter, and linking Hillary Clinton’s campaign manager to satanic rituals — will make for a turbulent confirmation process. In an exclusive interview with the Washington Examiner, Gibbs said he would not be backing down. His comments, he said, had been taken out of context by enemies. ‘When I look back at this, I don’t really see anything to apologize for,’ he said. ‘I was a commentator at the time, I was commentating on popular issues at the time.’” [Washington Examiner, [7/30/20](#)]

**When Asked At A Senate Hearing If He Regretted His Rhetoric On Twitter, Gibbs Said, “Like All Americans, I Have Political Opinions That I’ve Expressed In The Past” And “I Regret That It’s Unfortunately Become An Issue.”** “He was questioned about his rhetoric when he appeared before a Senate committee last year, including by Michigan Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, who asked if Gibbs regretted his previous comments. ‘I regret that it’s unfortunately become an issue,’ Gibbs replied. ‘Like all Americans, I have political opinions that I’ve expressed in the past. But I’m very proud to say that during my service in the government, I’ve always led in a nonpartisan manner. I’ve always treated people fairly and never allowed any type of discrimination.’” [Detroit News, [11/12/21](#)]

**Gibbs Was Nominated To Lead Trump’s Office Of Personnel Management, But His Confirmation Failed After Opposition From Outside Groups And Questions From Senators In Both Parties**

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**2020: Gibbs Was Nominated To Lead OPM, But Multiple Unions And Other Groups Opposed His Nomination Because Of His Inflammatory Rhetoric, Insufficient Qualifications, And Misguided Priorities**

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**July 2020: Trump Nominated Gibbs To Lead The Office Of Personnel Management.** “The Trump administration announced this week the nomination of a former conservative commentator with a history of inflammatory and conspiratorial tweets to be the head of the Office of Personnel Management. John Gibbs, the nominee, is currently the acting assistant secretary for community planning and development at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, where he has worked for three years.” [CNN, [7/22/20](#)]

**CNN: Gibbs’ Nomination To Lead OPM Came “As The White House Aggressively Moves To Install Loyalists Across The Government In Key Positions.”** “Gibbs’ nomination comes as the White House aggressively moves to install loyalists across the government in key positions. Judd Deere, a White House spokesman, defended Gibbs' nomination in an email to CNN. ‘Instead of highlighting Mr. Gibbs' work to increase economic development programs for low-income people or his successful deployment for more than \$9 billion in CARES Act funds to respond to COVID-19, the media would rather dwell on some nonsense from 2016,’ Deere wrote.” [CNN, [7/22/20](#)]

**Sep. 2020: The Muslim Public Affairs Council Released A Statement Opposing Gibbs’ Nomination To Lead The Office Of Personnel Management Due To His Previous Anti-Muslim Comments.** [Senate Homeland Security And Governments Affairs Committee, [9/9/20](#)]

**The National Treasury Employees Union Opposed Gibbs’ Nomination To Lead OPM, Saying He Was “Not Qualified For This Important Position” And Showed “A Distinct Lack Of Respect For The Principles Of A Non-Political Merit System.”** “Earlier this week, the National Treasury Employees Union, one of the largest unions of federal workers, urged the committee to reject Gibbs, as had the Senior Executives Association, which represents top career leaders just below the level of political appointees. ‘Mr. Gibbs is not qualified for this important position. We hope this delay is a sign that committee members of both parties are having reservations about putting someone in charge of federal personnel management policy that has shown a distinct lack of respect for the principles of a non-political merit system,’ NTEU President Tony Reardon said in an emailed statement.” [Washington Post, [9/16/20](#)]

**The Senior Executives Association Opposed Gibbs’ Nomination To Lead OPM Because Of His Previous Inflammatory Comments And What He Said Were His Top Priorities To Improve OPM.** “The Senior Executives Association noted in their Sept. 15 letter to the committee that Gibbs did not regret making such comments, but rather that they had merely become an issue. The organization also took issue with Gibbs’s top three priorities of time-to-hire, retirement processing and IT modernization should he be made OPM director. ‘These are not OPM’s biggest challenges. As this committee is aware, the agency has not been without significant challenges in recent years,’ interim SEA President Robert Corsi wrote in the letter.” [Navy Times, [9/16/20](#)]

**At A Senate Committee Hearing Regarding His OPM Nomination, Sen. Peters Questioned Gibbs About His Rhetoric.** “He was questioned about his rhetoric when he appeared before a Senate committee last year, including by Michigan Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, who asked if Gibbs regretted his previous comments. ‘I regret that it’s unfortunately become an issue,’ Gibbs replied. ‘Like all Americans, I have political opinions that I’ve expressed in the past. But I’m very proud to say that during my service in the government, I’ve always led in a nonpartisan manner. I’ve always treated people fairly and never allowed any type of discrimination.’” [Detroit News, [11/12/21](#)]

**At A Hearing About Gibbs’ Nomination To Lead OPM, Sen. Romney Questioned Him About The “Things That You Have Written In The Past Which Have Been Disparaging Of Islam” And His Promotion Of “Bizarre Or Nonsensical Conspiracy Theories.”** “Senator ROMNEY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thanks to those that are willing to participate in our government in the way they have been nominated. I would begin, Mr. Gibbs, with a recognition of the conversation we had yesterday and the willingness that you have had to respond to



my questions. And I want to follow up on the line of questioning that Senator Hassan began, and that is that there have been things that you have written in the past which have been disparaging of Islam, and at the same time have fostered or promoted some relatively extreme, if not bizarre or nonsensical conspiracy theories, including the idea that leaders of the Democratic Party had participated in satanic rituals of some kind. And I wonder, do you believe those things, and if you do, how can those possibly be separated from a responsibility, a human resources (HR) responsibility to people who represent a wide array of backgrounds? How do you square such unusual personal views with a responsibility to a Federal workforce which is highly diverse?" [Senate Homeland Security And Governments Affairs Committee, [9/9/20](#)]

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**Sep. 2020: A Senate Committee Set Aside Gibbs' Nomination, And Gibbs Later Blamed Mitt Romney For His Failure To Be Confirmed**

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**Sep. 2020: The Senate Homeland Security And Governmental Affairs Committee Set Aside A Planned Vote On Gibbs' Nomination To Lead OPM.** "A Senate committee on Wednesday set aside a planned vote on the Trump administration's controversial nominee to head the Office of Personnel Management amid growing opposition. The Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee had been scheduled to vote on the nomination of John Gibbs, for the past three years a senior official at the Housing and Urban Development Department. 'We're going to hold over his nomination because some of our members would like to request some additional information from the nominee,' said the panel's chairman, Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.). There was no further discussion of Gibbs, who faced skeptical questioning at his confirmation hearing last week from senators of both parties regarding comments he had made and tweets he had sent while a political commentator before going to HUD." [Washington Post, [9/16/20](#)]

**Gibbs Said He Was Not Confirmed As Director Of OPM Because Mitt Romney Was "Bent On Not Allowing Trump People To Go Through, Including Myself."** GIBBS: "And so, I was nominated by President Trump to be Director of OPM. So, I got all prepared for that. I was doing my studying, I was doing my murder boards, as we call it, where you practice your hearing with OPM employees and they pretend they're the senators on your committee. And so we went through that and then had my actual committee hearing, and the committee has 15 people on it. Eight Republicans, seven Democrats, and as fate would have it, one of those Republicans was one of our very favorites, Mitt Romney. And he was pretty much bent on not allowing Trump people to go through, including myself, even though he marched in a Black Lives Matter parade, and so shouldn't you support me? [crosstalk] Anyway, so it was very unfortunate." [YouTube, American Moment, [3/21/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:53:22

**Gibbs Was A Big Lie Promoter Who Downplayed The Jan. 6 Insurrection, Supported The Violent Criminals Who Stormed The Capitol, And Made Baseless Claims Of Voter Fraud****Gibbs Repeatedly Claimed The 2020 Election Was Stolen And Refused To Acknowledge That Biden Was Freely And Fairly Elected**

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**Gibbs, When Asked If The 2020 Election Was Stolen: "I Think There's Huge Irregularities In The 2020**

**Election, So I Would Say Yes.”** “John Gibbs, a former official in the Department of Housing and Urban Development under Trump, has drawn the former president’s support for his primary challenge to Rep. Peter Meijer of Grand Rapids over his vote to impeach Trump for inciting an insurrection. ‘I think there’s huge irregularities in the 2020 election, so I would say yes,’ Gibbs said during an interview with The Post when asked if the 2020 election had been stolen. Gibbs called Meijer’s impeachment vote ‘unacceptable’ and said it was his top reason for jumping into the race.” [Washington Post, [4/4/22](#)]

**Gibbs Said He Still Had Questions About The 2020 Election And Would Not Say That Biden Was Freely And Fairly Elected President.** “In an interview last month, Gibbs said he still has questions about the 2020 election and wouldn’t say that Biden was freely and fairly elected president. He cited numbers that were ‘a bit funny’ in bellwether counties and noted Trump got more votes nationally in 2020 than he did in 2016.” [Detroit News, [3/29/22](#)]

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**Gibbs On The 2020 Presidential Election: “A Lot Of The Math Is A Little Bit Funky” And “There’s A Lot Of Mathematical Anomalies And Weird, Weird Stuff.”** BARCLAY: “What needs to be done and what can be done? Do you support like an audit here in Michigan? What would you like to see here to ensure that the elections have integrity?” GIBBS: “Yeah, I mean, I support a full forensic audit, just so we can have a greater understanding of what happened in 2020. A lot of people have questions, rightfully so. A lot of the math is a little bit funky. You had President Trump winning bellwether counties, which usually whoever wins those wins the election. But yet, he still inexplicably lost. You see President Trump getting more votes than he got the first time he ran. In American history, whenever you do that, you always win. There’s no such thing as getting more votes than the first time and losing. But yet, we saw that. So I think there’s a lot of mathematical anomalies and weird, weird stuff. So, I think we should do that.” [WOOD, [1/19/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:04:45

**Gibbs Said The Trump Administration “Got A Lot Done” And “We Were On The Cusp Of Getting A Lot More Done, Which Is Why I Think You Saw Them Panic And Do What Happened In 2020.”** GIBBS: “So I went, got my master’s over at Harvard in public administration, and ended up coming into the Trump administration through that connection. We fought for four years, as you noted, Steve, in the administration. We got a lot done. We were on the cusp of getting a lot more done, which is why I think you saw them panic and do what happened in 2020, but the fight continues.” [War Room: Pandemic, [12/10/21](#)] (AUDIO) 00:31:26

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### **Gibbs Repeatedly Called For A Full Forensic Audit Of The 2020 Election**

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**Gibbs Supported A “Full Forensic Audit At The Very Least” Of The 2020 Election.** BARCLAY: “What does that look like for you? Is it a full forensic audit? What are the pieces of the puzzle that need to be examined with 2020 and election integrity specifically?” GIBBS: “Well Justin, I would say full forensic audit. I mean, we just got to do it. If the election was so flawless and so perfect then no one should fear a full audit. So I would say you’ve got to do a full forensic audit at the very least.” [Facebook, John Gibbs, [12/13/21](#)] (AUDIO) 00:06:20

**FOX 17: Gibbs “Echoes The Former President In Calling For A Full Forensic Audit Of The 2020 Election.”** “Gibbs thinks he can compete in the newly drawn 3rd congressional district, which encompasses Grand Rapids and stretches to the lakeshore up to and including Muskegon. Under his website’s ‘campaign issues’ tab, he echoes the former president in calling for a full forensic audit of the 2020 election and says spending in Washington is out of control.” [FOX 17, [3/21/22](#)]

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**Gibbs Wanted To “Keep An Eye On The Voter Integrity” Because “I Have No Doubt There Will Be Shenanigans Again.”** GIBBS: “So, I think there are good trends happening. We got to keep an eye on the voter integrity, of course, the election integrity. I have no doubt there will be shenanigans again, but we’re really going to attempt on at this time. We’re seeing a lot of momentum there.” [One America News Network, 1/28/22] (VIDEO)

**Gibbs: “Censorship Being Employed Against Elected Officials By Big Tech” Was “Real Election Interference” And “Will Have To Be Dealt With.”** “The censorship being employed against elected officials by Big Tech represents real election interference and is a violation of democratic norms. It will have to be dealt with.” [Twitter, @votejohngibbs, [1/24/22](#)]

**Gibbs Supported Fellow Michigan Candidates Matt DePerno And Kristina Karamo, Who Were Running On Platforms Dominated By The Big Lie**

**Gibbs: “We’ve Got Matt DePerno Here And Kristina Karamo. We’ve Got To Get Them In There” To “Take Back Michigan.”** GIBBS: “Are you guys ready to take back Michigan this November? We’ve got Matt DePerno here and Kristina Karamo. We’ve got to get them in there. We got to take back Michigan, governor as well.” [Right Side Broadcasting Network, [4/2/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:00:53

**New York Times: Karamo And DePerno Were “Outspoken Preachers Of 2020 Election Falsehoods.”** “For Republican supporters of Donald J. Trump in Michigan, it seemed like a crowning moment: The state party chose two candidates endorsed by the former president, both outspoken preachers of 2020 election falsehoods, as its contenders for the state’s top law enforcement officer and its chief of election administration. But instead, that move at a convention last weekend — where Republicans officially endorsed Matthew DePerno for attorney general and Kristina Karamo for secretary of state — has ruptured the Michigan Republican Party. After months of strain, it appears to finally be snapping as what remains of the old guard protests the party’s direction.” [New York Times, [4/28/22](#)]

**New York Times: DePerno “Challenged The Election Results In Antrim County” And “Pledged To Investigate ‘All The Fraud That Occurred In This Election.’”** “Mr. DePerno, a lawyer who challenged the election results in Antrim County, has pledged to investigate ‘all the fraud that occurred in this election,’ including inquiries of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and Attorney General Dana Nessel, all

Democrats.” [New York Times, [4/28/22](#)]

**New York Times: “Karamo Rose To Prominence After Challenging The State’s 2020 Results As A Poll Worker, Arguing That She Had Witnessed Fraud.”** “Ms. Karamo rose to prominence after challenging the state’s 2020 results as a poll worker, arguing that she had witnessed fraud. Her claims were later debunked, but she quickly gained fame in conservative circles.” [New York Times, [4/28/22](#)]

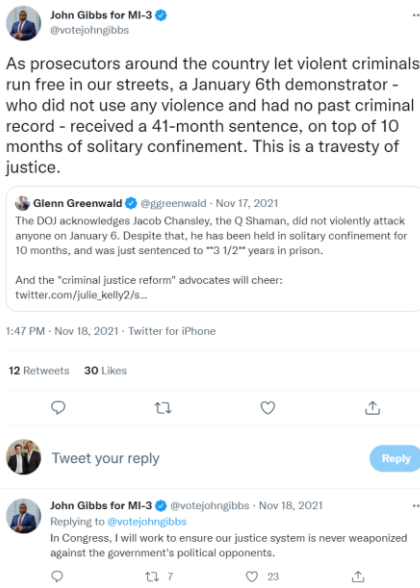
**Gibbs Downplayed The January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection, Sided With Those Who Violently Stormed The Capitol, And Agreed That Those Involved With Investigating The Attack Could Be Put In Jail**

**Gibbs Said The “Insurrection Term” Was A “Narrative” From The “Mainstream Media” And Defended Rioters Who Were Sentenced For Their Roles In The Capitol Riot**

**Gibbs Said The “Mainstream Media” Had A “Narrative” About “This Insurrection Term They Like To Throw Around Quite A Bit.”** HINES: “What has been his support or lack thereof of the January 6 committee? Do we know what he’s, said about the January 6 committee and their proceedings and the work that they’ve been doing with regard to the former president?” GIBBS: “Well, he did vote to create a January 6 commission. So, he’s on the record voting for that. And I believe he feels, you know, kind of the same narrative you see on much of the mainstream media, that this insurrection term they like to throw around quite a bit, he tends to feel it was something akin to that. So, I believe that he is probably not opposed to this whole, I believe it’s a political witch hunt if you ask me. They’re using the machinery of government to go after their political opponents, is what appears they’re doing but appears that Mr. Meijer probably has no problem with that since he did vote to create it.” [One America News Network, 3/18/22] (VIDEO) 00:02:47

**Gibbs Called January 6<sup>th</sup> A “Demonstration” And Said, “All Around The Country, Prosecutors Are Letting Criminals Run Free, But Guys Who Walked Around Inside Of A Building Are Getting Solitary Confinement.”** GIBBS: “You look at his vote to subpoena some of the folks on the January 6<sup>th</sup> demonstration that happened in DC, that’s also quite mind boggling. All around the country, prosecutors are letting criminals run free, but guys who walked around inside of a building are getting solitary confinement.” [Facebook, John Gibbs, [12/13/21](#)] (AUDIO) 00:03:42

**Gibbs Defended The “QAnon Shaman” After He Was Sentenced For His Role In The January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection, Saying He “Did Not Use Any Violence And Had No Past Criminal Record” And Calling His Sentence A “Travesty Of Justice.”** “As prosecutors around the country let violent criminals run free in our streets, a January 6<sup>th</sup> demonstrator - who did not use any violence and had no past criminal record - received a 41-month sentence, on top of 10 months of solitary confinement. This is a travesty of justice.” QUOTE TWEET @ggreenwald: “The DOJ acknowledges Jacob Chansley, the Q Shaman, did not violently attack anyone on January 6. Despite that, he has been held in solitary confinement for 10 months, and was just sentenced to **\*\*3 1/2\*\*** years in prison. And the ‘criminal justice reform’ advocates will cheer:”



[Twitter, @votejohngibbs, [11/18/21](#)]

**On His Campaign Website, Gibbs Claimed That “Political Prisoners Are Being Held In Solitary Confinement For Months On End For Misdemeanor Crimes.”** “Political prisoners are being held in solitary confinement for months on end for misdemeanor crimes. The DOJ is labeling concerned American parents as domestic terrorists. The Joe Biden DOJ amasses lists of tens of millions of gun owners. Career bureaucrats dictate policy outside of the reach of elections. The government must be returned to its rightful position of serving the American people, not lording it over them.” [John Gibbs For Congress, Inc., Accessed [4/30/22](#)]

**Gibbs Agreed With A Statement That “The Waukesha Attack Was Deadlier (By Far!) Than Charlottesville Or January 6th” And Criticized The “The Media” For “Selective Outrage For Political Purposes.”** “Sad, but true. The media betrays its responsibility by engaging in selective outrage for political purposes. This must stop.” QUOTE TWEET @TheLaurenChen: “The Waukesha attack was deadlier (by far!) than Charlottesville or January 6th. But watch how quickly the media forgets about it since they can’t use it as a political tool.”



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## **On The One-Year Anniversary Of The January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection, Gibbs Tweeted About The “Insurrectionist Violence That Occurred During President Trump’s Inauguration” In 2017**

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## **Gibbs Called The Investigation Into The Capitol Riot A “Political Witch Hunt” And Agreed That Those Involved With The Investigation Could Be Put In Jail**

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**Gibbs Said The January 6 Committee Was A “Political Witch Hunt” That Was “Using The Machinery Of Government To Go After Their Political Opponents.”** HINES: “What has been his support or lack thereof of the January 6 committee? Do we know what he's, said about the January 6 committee and their proceedings and the work that they've been doing with regard to the former president?” GIBBS: “Well, he did vote to create a January 6 commission. So, he's on the record voting for that. And I believe he feels, you know, kind of the same narrative you see on much of the mainstream media, that this insurrection term they like to throw around quite a bit, he tends to feel it was something akin to that. So, I believe that he is probably not opposed to this whole, I believe it's a political witch hunt if you ask me. They're using the machinery of government to go after their political opponents, is what appears they're doing but appears that Mr. Meijer probably has no problem with that since he did vote to create it.” [One America News Network, 3/18/22] (VIDEO) 00:02:47

**Gibbs Agreed With Newt Gingrich's Assertion That Investigators And Lawmakers Involved With The January 6 Select Committee Faced A “Real Risk Of Jail For The Kinds Of Laws They're Breaking.”** “In a Fox interview last week, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who informally advises Trump, said, ‘I think when you have a Republican Congress, this is all going to come crashing down and the wolves are going to find that they are now sheep, and [officials investigating Jan. 6], they're the ones who are in fact, I think, going to face a real risk of jail for the kinds of laws they're breaking.’ Gingrich did not specify what ‘kinds of laws’ he supposedly thinks these investigators and lawmakers might be breaking, but that of course didn't stop other conservative candidates and pro-Trump fellow travelers from jumping on the lock-them-up bandwagon. ‘Speaker @newtingrich is correct,’ tweeted John Gibbs, a Trump-endorsed congressional candidate in Michigan. ‘That's why if I'm elected...I'll make sure those who abused their office to target political opponents via the J6 committee, are held accountable.’” [Daily Beast, [1/31/22](#)]

**Gibbs Supported Newt Gingrich's Claim That January 6 Select Committee Members Faced A Risk Of Jail And Said He Would “Make Sure Those Who Abused Their Office To Target Political Opponents Via The J6 Committee, Are Held Accountable.”** “Speaker @newtingrich is correct. That's why if I'm elected, together with my new colleagues like @joekent16jan19, I'll make sure those who abused their office to target political opponents

via the J6 committee, are held accountable.” QUOTE TWEET @MSN: “Newt Gingrich Says Jan. 6 Committee Members ‘Face a Real Risk of Jail’ if Republicans Win the House”



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**Gibbs: District Attorneys Were “Letting Criminals Run Free” But “If You’re An Enemy Of The Regime, They’ll Put You In Solitary Confinement, Which Is Literally Happening Right Now.”** HOST: “What are the couple of issues that really motivate you, get you out of bed in the morning that you’re excited to work on once you’re a member of Congress?” [...] GIBBS: “I think, and this is maybe not totally congressional issue, although we touch it in some ways, this whole issue of district attorneys letting criminals run free, like Jussie Smollett just got, you know, released.” HOST: “It was like five days into his prison sentence or something. Yeah.” GIBBS: “Yeah, whereas if you’re an enemy of the regime, they’ll put you in solitary confinement, which is literally happening right now. And Solzhenitsyn said this, he said, if you are arrested with a knife, if you’re a criminal, they’ll let you go, but if you’re a political enemy, they’ll put you in for treason, same crime, you have a knife. And so we’re seeing some of that development here as well. And we’ve got to stop that. So letting all the criminals run free by these DAs, we maybe we can pull their federal funding from DOJ, there’s some things you can do there.” [YouTube, American Moment, [3/21/22](#)] (VIDEO) 01:04:54

## **Gibbs Made Outlandish Claims Of Voter Fraud To Support Voter Suppression Measures Like Curbing Absentee Voting And Requiring Voter ID**

### **Gibbs Frequently Made Dubious Claims About Voter Fraud, Claiming There Were “Many Cases” In “Almost Every State That Tries To Keep Any Data”**

**Gibbs: There Were “Many Cases” Of Voter Fraud In “Almost Every State That Tries To Keep Any Data On This” Including “Over 1,000 Illegal Immigrants That Were Caught Voting” In Virginia.** HOST: “We’re talking about illegal immigrants being able to vote, people that have died that are able to vote people that vote more than once. Why is this so hard to detect? Why are we even wondering if this is a real issue? Because we have some of the facts, right? You say that this is a real thing.” GIBBS: “Yeah, so if you look at almost every state that tries to keep any data on this, there are actually many cases of it happening. You look at Virginia, there was over 1,000 illegal immigrants that were caught voting, and this is only after they self-reported when they tried to renew their driver’s license. Also, that did not even include the counties outside of the major metropolitan cities. These are in outlying areas. So this is just 1,000 cases of people that reported themselves. Imagine how many other cases there are of people that are not reporting?” [Fox News, [10/22/16](#)] (VIDEO) 00:01:17

**Gibbs Promoted A Study Claiming That Noncitizens Voted In Great Enough Numbers To Influence The Outcomes Of American Elections.** “In the CNN clip, Johnson argues that there was widespread voter fraud in California, and even some in her home of Nashua, N.H., assertions at which CNN host Alyson Camerota literally does a facepalm, signaling with her body her disgust at the charges. But as it turns out, there’s data that backs up Johnson’s claim. An academic study by Prof. Jesse Richman and Gulshan Chattha has shown that in the past decade, non-citizens voted in great enough numbers to influence the outcome of elections. Though critics have attacked the study for its sampling methodology, the authors have responded to these concerns, and the data still

shows that noncitizen voting is a concern. Although her numbers on illegal immigrant voting in California may be off, Johnson is right in her general claim of non-citizens voting.” [The Hill, John Gibbs Op-Ed, [12/2/16](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed HEADLINE: “Voter Fraud Is Real. Here’s The Proof”** [Federalist, John Gibbs, [10/13/16](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed: “Liberals Have Been Repeating Their Frequent Claim That Voter Fraud Doesn’t Exist” But “More And More Cases Of Voter Fraud Are Beginning To Surface.”** “This week, liberals have been repeating their frequent claim that voter fraud doesn’t exist. A recent Salon article argues that ‘voter fraud just isn’t a problem in Pennsylvania,’ despite evidence to the contrary. Another article argues that voter fraud is entirely in the imagination of those who use voter ID laws to deny minorities the right to vote. Yet as the election approaches, more and more cases of voter fraud are beginning to surface. In Colorado, multiple instances were found of dead people attempting to vote. Stuningly, ‘a woman named Sara Sosa who died in 2009 cast ballots in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.’ In Virginia, it was found that nearly 20 voter applications were turned in under the names of dead people.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [10/13/16](#)]

**Gibbs On Voter Fraud: “The Real Number Of Cases Is Likely Significantly Higher Than The Number Reported.”** “The exact same is true for voter fraud. We have no reason to believe that the low number of prosecutions means only that exact amount of voter fraud is happening. Rather, it could mean a lack of enforcement is failing to reveal the bulk of the violations that are occurring. Thus, as with many types of crimes, especially victimless crimes, the real number of cases is likely significantly higher than the number reported.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [10/13/16](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed: “Let Us Not Believe False Claims That Voter Fraud Doesn’t Exist. It’s Real, And We Must Work To Stop It.”** “So let us not believe false claims that voter fraud doesn’t exist. It’s real, and we must work to stop it, while making sure those who are eligible to vote but without proper ID are accommodated fairly.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [10/13/16](#)]

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**Gibbs Supported Voter ID And Flatly Denied That Suppressed Minority Turnout, Even Praising North Carolina’s Voter ID Law That Was Ruled Unconstitutional**

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**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Called For States To Enact Voter ID Laws “Regardless Of Recent Setbacks By Liberal Activist Judges.”** “Further, voter ID laws, such as the one implemented by North Carolina, but (wrongly) struck down by three liberal judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit— one appointed by Bill Clinton and the other two appointed by President Obama—are needed to ensure there’s no cheating with votes. States should continue to press the issue regardless of recent setbacks by liberal activist judges.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [10/13/16](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed: “The Fact That [North Carolina’s Voter ID] Law Disproportionately Impacts Minorities Does Not Mean That It Is Discriminatory.”** “Finally, some have claimed that strong voter ID laws are racist, because they disproportionately impact minorities and would prevent minorities from voting. As a black person, I’m naturally interested in this claim. Thankfully, it turns out to be false. The Heritage Foundation has shown that black voter turnout actually increased after North Carolina passed its voter ID law. Not only was the claimed negative outcome false, but the reasoning was faulty as well. The fact that the law disproportionately impacts minorities does not mean that it is discriminatory. It means, unfortunately, that fewer minorities are in compliance with common-sense safeguards to protect the integrity of our elections (i.e., having a driver’s license or photo ID).” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [10/13/16](#)]

**Gibbs: Voter ID Was “A Commonsense Requirement” And “There’s Actually No Merit To This Idea That It Suppresses Minority Turnout.”** GIBBS: “When you go to vote, you have to show your ID. It’s a commonsense requirement. When you have to get an airplane, you need an ID. When you have to buy a beer, you have to show an ID. When you want to rent a car, you have to show an ID, so it’s really legitimate. The pushback from the other side is that look, this is racist. Many minorities don’t have a valid ID to vote, therefore requiring them to show an



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- **2016: A Federal Judge Struck Down North Carolina’s Voter ID Law, Saying Its Provisions Deliberately Targeted Black Voters “With Almost Surgical Precision.”** “A federal appeals court decisively struck down North Carolina’s voter identification law on Friday, saying its provisions deliberately ‘target African-Americans with almost surgical precision’ in an effort to depress black turnout at the polls.” [New York Times, [7/30/16](#)]
- **The Court Dismissed Arguments That North Carolina’s Voter ID Law Was Aimed At Ending Voter Fraud, Saying It Imposed “Cures For Problems That Did Not Exist.”** “Republicans say the restrictions were aimed at ending rampant voter fraud. But on Friday, the appeals court dismissed that argument, saying the restrictions ‘constitute inapt remedies for the problems assertedly justifying them and, in fact, impose cures for problems that did not exist.’ Academic studies have repeatedly concluded that fraud at the ballot box — the sort that photo identification requirements might reduce — is already vanishingly rare.” [New York Times, [7/30/16](#)]

**Gibbs: Voter ID “Should Be Standardized And Expanded As Much As We Can.”** GIBBS: “Voter ID obviously is something that should be standardized and expanded as much as we can. You have to show an ID to get on the airplane, to buy beer, etc., so you should obviously have to show voter ID, an ID in order to vote. And by the way, they try to say it’s racist, but actually the majority of black people do support that because it’s basic common sense. So we need to have voter ID.” [WOOD, [1/19/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:05:49

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### **Gibbs Said Sending Every Voter An Absentee Ballot Was “Absurd” And Supported Restrictions On Absentee Ballots And Ballot Drop Boxes Despite Voting Absentee In 2018 And 2020**

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**Gibbs: “This Whole Practice Of Sending Out Absentee Ballots To Every Single Person I Think Is Absurd.”** GIBBS: “But I think going ahead, we need to focus on that as well. I think, for one, this whole practice of sending out absentee ballots to every single person I think is absurd. If a person requests it, send it to them, but don’t be sending out ballots to every single person like happened last time, where you saw people getting 2, 3, 4 ballots to their home. I think it’s just totally ridiculous.” [WOOD, [1/19/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:05:30

**Gibbs: “I Think We Really Got To Get Our System Much More Tightened When It Comes To These Absentee Ballots” Because “We’re So Far Out Of Line With International Standards And Most European Countries Don’t Even Let You Do Absentee Ballots.”** GIBBS: “I think when you look at the whole issue of absentee ballots and how we handle them, we’re so far out of line with international standards and most European countries don’t even let you do absentee ballots. If you do, you’ve got to be overseas, and you’ve got to show your passport. So I think we really got to get our system much more tightened when it comes to these absentee ballots.” [WOOD, [1/19/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:06:25

**Gibbs Wanted To “Get Rid Of Zuckerbucks” And Ban The Use Of Private Money To Pay For Ballot Drop Boxes.** GIBBS: “I would also say we’ve got to get rid of Zuckerbucks, this idea that you can use private money by the millions and go and put these drop boxes all over the place, especially in areas where your favorite party is, like,

congregated, which is what Zuckerberg did last time. I think it's absurd. We've got to stop that.” [WOOD, [1/19/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:06:09

### Gibbs Voted Absentee In The Primary And General Elections In 2018 And 2020.

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### Gibbs Opposed Early Voting

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#### Gibbs Supported Allowing Only “Voting On The Day Of The Election Instead Of Many Weeks Before.”

“After widespread irregularities and statistical anomalies in the 2020 election, millions of Americans are concerned about the security of our elections. Yet the left opposes basic, common sense reforms supported by majorities of Americans in both parties, such as requiring an ID to vote, requiring that signatures on absentee ballots match those on file, and voting on the day of the election instead of many weeks before. Further, the practices of ballot harvesting and mass mailing of ballots to every voter, are far outside of international standards and would be considered corrupt if used in any developing country. We must take urgent, concrete steps to address these issues, starting with a full forensic audit of what happened in 2020.” [John Gibbs For Congress, Inc., Accessed [4/30/22](#)]

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### Gibbs Called For Electronic Voting Machines To Be “Open Source” So People Could “Examine The Source Code On Those Things And Make Sure They’re Operating Correctly”

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**Gibbs Wanted To Make Electronic Voting Machines “Open Source So That Americans Can Examine The Source Code On Those Things And Make Sure They’re Operating Correctly.”** GIBBS: “And then I would say when it comes to electronic voting machines, make them open source so that Americans can examine the source code on those things and make sure they're operating correctly. This is something we're going to have to do in order to increase trust and the system, so we might as well get on it right away.” [Facebook, John Gibbs, [12/13/21](#)] (AUDIO) 00:09:32

### Gibbs Opposed Michigan’s Independent Redistricting Commission And Said “Districts Should Be Drawn By Your Elected Officials”

**Gibbs: The Ballot Measure Reforming Michigan’s Redistricting Process Was “An Unfortunate Development” Because “You Would Imagine That Districts Should Be Drawn By Your Elected Officials So There’s Accountability.”** GIBBS: “And a whole lot has happened since we spoke last time, including the redistricting. The whole process was kind of hairy. It took much longer than they expected. It was kind of done in a haphazard manner. They're holding some meetings in private when they're all supposed to be public. There is a quite a bit of scandal with it. And this whole thing came about due to a ballot measure a few years ago, called something like Voters Not Politicians, which unfortunately was a little bit deceptively named, because you would imagine that districts should be drawn by your elected officials so there's accountability, but now it's done by an unelected commission, so there's a little bit more opaqueness there. So, it was an unfortunate development, and the process was a bit haphazard.” [WOOD, [1/19/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:00:41

## **Gibbs Was A Far-Right Radical, Trump Loyalist, And Ben Carson Disciple Who Moved To The District To Run For Congress In Protest Of Trump's Second Impeachment**

### **Gibbs Was A Far-Right Trump Loyalist And Self-Proclaimed "Hardcore Conservative"**

#### **Prior To The 2016 Election, Gibbs Voiced His Support For Trump And Criticized "Patently False" Claims Of "Racism, Sexism, Xenophobia, Mocking A Disabled Reporter, And Being A Business Failure"**

**Gibbs Op-Ed: "I've Donated To The Trump Campaign More Than I've Given To Any Other Presidential Candidate Before (Which Admittedly Is Not A Huge Amount)."** "I've donated to the Trump campaign more than I've given to any other presidential candidate before (which admittedly is not a huge amount), because when I give to Trump I know I'm not being drowned out by billionaires. It seems many agree; Trump raised the bulk of his money in July from small donors like me, while Clinton, by contrast, is heavily backed by big-money Super PACs—mega-donors she'll listen to before she obeys those pesky regular Americans (like me)." [Federalist, John Gibbs, [8/31/16](#)]

**In A 2016 Op-Ed, Gibbs Said He Voted For Trump In The Republican Primary And Would Be Voting For Him In The General Election.** "I'm black and I'm proudly supporting Donald Trump for president of the United States. I'm not only supporting Trump this November, but also voted for Trump in the Republican primary this past March." [Federalist, John Gibbs, [8/31/16](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed: "Claims Of Racism, Sexism, Xenophobia, Mocking A Disabled Reporter, And Being A Business Failure" Against Trump Were "Patently False."** "Some may feel I'm playing the race card by declaring my ethnicity. But I only do so because I'm in a demographic that's supposed to be anti-Trump: a (late) millennial black male with graduate-level education. I've read Trump's book 'Crippled America,' watched several rallies online, and read his policy positions. I've investigated the claims of racism, sexism, xenophobia, mocking a disabled reporter, and being a business failure—all of which I've found to be patently false." [Federalist, John Gibbs, [8/31/16](#)]

#### **Gibbs Called Trump "The Greatest President" And "A Model For All Of Us To Follow"**

**Gibbs: Trump Was "The Greatest President."** GIBBS: "I'm running against one of the biggest RINOs in Congress who voted to impeach President Trump, the greatest president, as his first vote as a congressman. He's got to go. He's got to get out of there." [Right Side Broadcasting Network, [4/2/22](#)] (VIDEO) 01:03:48

**Gibbs: Trump Was "A Model For All Of Us To Follow."** GIBBS: "Before I went to work in the administration of President Trump, I had never yelled at work or swore anyone at work. But guess what? That changed. Since 2016, President Trump has fought every kind of attack from the left, from the RINOs, from everybody out there, but he still stands here before you, looking even younger than he did. He's a model for all of us to follow." [Twitter, @patriottakes, [3/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

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**Gibbs: "Thank You, President Trump. Thank You For The Model You Provide For Every Decent American To Stop Being Afraid For A Change."** GIBBS: "First of all, thank you, President Trump. Thank you for the model you provide for every decent American to stop being afraid for a change. Aren't you guys tired of people

being scared of being called names, being scared of being canceled, being scared of their own shadow, that President Trump has shown us a model for all the regular decent people all around the country can finally stand up and stop being afraid and do what's right." [Right Side Broadcasting Network, [4/2/22](#)] (VIDEO) 01:02:45

**Gibbs: Trump Was “The Foremost Person Who Was Fighting For Us Against The Administrative State.”** GIBBS: “And now the fight continues here in my home state of Michigan, running against Peter Meijer, one of the 10 Republicans who voted to impeach President Trump, the foremost person who was fighting for us against the administrative state, against all the absurd ridiculousness that has been happening over the past decades. He chose to backstab President Trump.” [War Room: Pandemic, [12/10/21](#)] (AUDIO) 00:31:44

**Gibbs: Trump Was “The Greatest Reform President In Recent Memory” And Was “Trying To Do His Best To Make Change To A System That Was Deeply Entrenched In The Direction It Was Going.”** HINES: “And you're running against Peter Meijer, who is an incumbent. Why do you think it's important to take on an incumbent in the Third Congressional District of Michigan?” GIBBS: “Well, Peter Meijer, as his very first vote as a US congressman, voted to impeach the greatest reform president in recent memory. And many people in the district, and I also feel that way as well, feel like that was a really big betrayal. You know, here's someone who was trying to do his best to make change to a system that was deeply entrenched in the direction it was going.” HINES: “Talking about the former president, Mr. Trump, right?” GIBBS: “That’s right.” [One America News Network, [3/18/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:01:46

**Gibbs: Trump Was “Successful In Terms Of A Foreign Policy, In Terms Of Raising Wages, Lowering Unemployment, Many Other Aspects As Well.”** HINES: “Talking about the former president, Mr. Trump, right?” GIBBS: “That's right, yes. Whether one likes or dislikes certain things about the way he did things, he was successful in terms of a foreign policy, in terms of raising wages, lowering unemployment, many other aspects as well. So, people really felt kicked in the gut when they put their trust in Representative Meijer to represent them and he goes and does this as his very first vote as a US Congressman. So, I think that's kind of a disqualifying move. That does not say he's a terrible person. But politically, he's not really able to represent the district anymore. So, we want to lovingly compel him to find other employment come this August.” [One America News Network, [3/18/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:02:16

**Gibbs: “President Trump Worked His Butt Off And He Achieved Results.”** GIBBS: “President Trump worked his butt off and he achieved results. He did what everybody else was just talking about, but he actually went and did it. He expanded the tent. He got more of the black vote. He got more of the Hispanic vote. He actually made concrete gains in wages and many other areas, as you mentioned. So he's a person that produces results, whereas Biden's the opposite.” [One America News Network, [1/28/22](#)] (VIDEO)

**Gibbs: “People Can Think What They Like About Him Or What They Don't Like About President Trump, But He Was In There Fighting To Do What's Right.”** GIBBS: “So, it wasn't something I was planning on doing, but I feel that there's a great need here, especially when you look over here at West Michigan and all the people that put their trust in Peter Meijer to represent them. The very first vote he takes as a U.S. Congressman, literally days after he gets in there, is to impeach President Trump. People can think what they like about him or what they don't like about President Trump, but he was in there fighting to do what's right, and for Peter Meijer to do that I think is really a betrayal of his voters.” [WOOD, [1/19/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:02:54

**Gibbs Said The Trump Movement Had “Taken Over The Whole Nation In A Very Good Way” And “That Sense Of Energy Is Still There” From “When President Trump First Came Down The Escalator.”** SOLOMON: “What's your takeaway from the state of the Trump movement in Michigan and nationally after being at that event?” GIBBS: “Well, I agree with that description, Amanda, there's just a huge amount of energy. I mean, when President Trump first came down the escalator in July 2015, it's now almost seven years later, but that sense of energy is still there. You're really looking at here a movement, not a person. This is about a movement that has kind of taken over the whole nation in a very good way. You know, for a long time, people have felt that the power center of Washington, D.C., has gotten away from the regular folks, and it's gone its own direction. I think what

we're seeing here is, and it has been a successful attempt, although it takes time, by regular people to kind of take power back and put it into the hands of Americans again. So, I think it's a great movement. And you could definitely feel the energy of that movement all of last night and all throughout the day, and with all the thousands and thousands of people waiting outside to get in. So, it was really exciting. And the energy was quite palpable." [Real America's Voice, [4/4/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:00:23

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### **Gibbs Said Trump's First Impeachment Was "Totally Ridiculous" And Criticized Reps. Amash And Meijer For Voting To Impeach Trump**

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**Gibbs Said Justin Amash "Decided To Impeach Trump Over Something Totally Ridiculous."** KELLY: "Make the case if you would against your opponent--and we do have problems with his name, Mee-ger, My-ger, Meijer--what's wrong with this guy?" GIBBS: "Well, you know, so, some history here, this district had Justin Amash. That's the same district that we're in. And Justin Amash went in there and decided to impeach Trump over something totally ridiculous. So the people were sick of it, Amash knew it. And he was on his way out of there. So along comes Peter Meijer. He's got all the name ID in the world due to his family's name being on the supermarket chain. And he said, look, I want to be your guy. I'm not going to backstab you like Justin Amash backstabbed you. But what does he do? Literally days after being a US Congressman, days after getting into office, he votes to impeach Trump. It's a total insult to the Constitution. And it's a total insult to the people who put their trust in Peter and voted for him to not do what Justin Amash had just done to them. So he really backstabbed the people here in the third district, and people are upset about it, rightfully so." [Newsmax, [4/4/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:53:54

**Gibbs Said The "Top Issue" In Michigan's Third District Was "Being Backstabbed By Washington" After Reps. Amash And Meijer Both Voted To Impeach Trump.** HEAD: "But John, as you're out campaigning across the state of Michigan, but also just specific to the district you're running for, what are some of the top issues for Michiganders?" GIBBS: "The top issue in our district, frankly, is being backstabbed by Washington. As you know, in our district, we had Justin Amash previously, and Justin Amash voted to impeach Trump. So, Justin Amash ended up leaving, and people put their trust in the Peter Meijer, who said he was going to play ball and go along with our party and do what's right. However, what he ended up doing is voting to impeach Trump literally days after being in office as a congressman. That was his first act. So, our people have been backstabbed twice. And so, when I tell people I'm running to replace Peter Meijer, I get hugs, I get high fives, the reaction is just so positive when I tell people because they're just tired of being backstabbed. They want someone who will just simply represent what the people want, and the people don't want an abuse of the Constitution by impeaching someone over a disagreement, and by impeaching the leader of your own party, which goes against what the vast majority of those who voted for you wanted. So people are just very happy. The reaction is very positive in the district. So we're excited. I think it's going to be a great year. It only goes up from here." [Real America's Voice, [4/4/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:01:23

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## Gibbs Claimed Russia's Invasion Of Ukraine "Would Never Have Happened" Under Trump's Leadership And Praised Trump For His "Great Relationships With Putin, With Xi, Even With Iran And The Taliban"

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**Gibbs: "Under President Trump, Putin Would Not Have Dared Set Foot In Ukraine, Because He Knew That There Would Be Consequences."** GIBBS: "Under President Trump, Putin would not have dared set foot in Ukraine, because he knew that there would be consequences. President Trump had great relationships with Putin, with Xi, even with Iran and the Taliban as well. He had working relationships with them where we had communication and where they knew what the consequences would be if they disrupted stability. And that's what we need again. We need a leader who is strong enough that you can tell them what the terms are, and say, 'Look, I'm not trying to absolutely eradicate, crush you guys, but you will maintain basic respect and you will maintain the order and there not be any violence, and we will have peace. You got it?' And they all said yes, we'll play by the rules. When Biden got in there. I believe that like sharks smell blood in the water, I think that they smelled weakness in Biden. And Putin said, this is my chance. I'm going to do it." [Real America's Voice, [4/4/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:06:30

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## Gibbs Was A Self-Proclaimed "Hardcore Conservative" Who Repeatedly Demonized Democrats And "Left-Wing Ideology"

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**Gibbs Called Himself A "Hardcore Conservative."** GIBBS: "I've been in meetings and yelled at these RINOs before. So, I know how to deal with the mess in DC because I've been there. But I'm also well-grounded and having the right values of our folks here. You know, as a pretty, I would say so myself, somewhat hardcore conservative although, you know, I know how to understand all sides. I've got that grounding, as well. So, I think I kind of bring the best of both worlds to the table here." [WOOD, [1/19/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:03:43

**Gibbs Called Gov. Whitmer A "Full Communist."** GIBBS: "Even our governor, who is a full communist,

Gretchen Whitmer, wasn't there to meet Joe Biden, but Peter Meijer was.” [Facebook, John Gibbs, [12/13/21](#)] (AUDIO) 00:03:36

**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Said That “Left-Wing Ideology” Contained A “Strong Strain Of Anti-Americanism.”** “Yet as much as I agree with what Steele is saying, I’m almost certain her message will not convince most black people. Yes, it will energize white conservatives who (rightfully) will be glad to see a black person speaking out against left-wing ideology, specifically the strong strain of anti-Americanism that runs through it. That has value in and of itself.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [2/6/17](#)]

**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Compared The Philosophy Of President Obama To That Of “Famous Marxist, Anti-Colonialist, Far-Left Activist Frantz Fanon.”** “The members of the UN team were Mireille Fanon-Mendès-France, Sabelo Gumede, and Ricardo Sunga III. Does that first name sound familiar? Fanon-Mendès-France is the daughter of the famous Marxist, anti-colonialist, far-left activist Frantz Fanon. Some might see similarities between his philosophy and that of President Obama, but I’ll leave that to readers.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [9/30/16](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed: Democrats Were “Instinctively Uncomfortable With The Workings Of Capitalism Because It Operates Largely Without Government Direction.”** “I believe strongly in supporting and continuing this process. This means unleashing human beings to fulfill their potential to build up our economy. Yet my sense is the current Democratic Party largely doesn’t agree. They seem to be instinctively uncomfortable with the workings of capitalism because it operates largely without government direction, which they believe is necessary for the world to improve. Whether it’s Obamacare, massive regulation, or shuttering entire industries by government fiat, Democrats seem to prefer government management as opposed to market solutions to our problems.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [8/9/16](#)]

### **Trump And Ben Carson Endorsed Gibbs’ Congressional Campaign And Boosted His Candidacy At Multiple Fundraisers And Events**

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#### **Trump Endorsed Gibbs’ Campaign And Held Fundraisers And Events Promoting His Candidacy**

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**HEADLINE: “Trump Backs Challenger Over GOP Rep. Meijer In Michigan”** [Associated Press, [11/15/21](#)]

**Nov. 2021: Former President Trump Endorsed Gibbs’ Campaign.** “Former President Donald Trump on Monday endorsed a primary challenger over first-term U.S. Rep. Peter Meijer of Michigan, who was among 10 Republicans who voted to impeach him for the deadly mob siege of the Capitol. Trump backed John Gibbs, who was an official at the Department of Housing and Urban Development during his administration. Trump in 2020 nominated Gibbs to be director of the Office of Personnel Management. But he was never confirmed due to questions about controversial 2016 tweets, including those that called the Democratic Party the party of ‘Islam’ and ‘gender-bending’ and defended an anti-Semitic Twitter user whom the platform had banned. ‘John Gibbs is a fabulous talent who loves the State, our Military, and our Vets,’ Trump said in a statement that called Meijer a ‘RINO.’” [Associated Press, [11/15/21](#)]

**Q4 2021: Gibbs’ Campaign Received \$5,000 From Save America, Trump’s Leadership PAC.** “In another swing seat, GOP Rep. Peter Meijer of Grand Rapids Township posted \$529,465 in receipts, including \$75,000 he loaned his campaign, ending the year with \$1.2 million in cash reserves. Meijer challenger John Gibbs, a former Trump administration staffer, reported \$104,467 in receipts, including \$53,000 that he loaned his campaign. Gibbs also received \$5,000 from Save America, Trump’s leadership PAC.” [Detroit News, [2/1/22](#)]

**Feb. 2022: Gibbs Attended A Forum And Fundraiser At Trump’s Mar-A-Lago Club For Endorsed Congressional Candidates.** “Former President Donald Trump hosted a forum Wednesday at his Mar-a-Lago club for congressional candidates he’s endorsed, including Michigan Republican John Gibbs, who had a seat on stage. Gibbs, 42, of Byron Center is challenging freshman U.S. Rep. Peter Meijer of Grand Rapids Township, who is in

Trump's crosshairs over his vote for Trump's impeachment last year. 'That was excellent,' Gibbs said by phone from the Conservative Political Action Conference in Orlando. 'It was a similar kind of deal to this — just meeting lots of different folks in there and some of the other candidates, as well.' The Take Back Congress Candidate Forum was a fundraiser not for the candidates but for Trump's super political action committee, Make America Great Again, Again! NBC reported that cost of admission was from \$3,000 per individual for basic access to \$250,000 a couple for full VIP treatment. Gibbs, a former Housing and Urban Development official in the Trump administration, said this was his first fundraiser with Trump." [Detroit News, [2/27/22](#)]

**Mar. 2022: Gibbs Was Scheduled To Hold A Fundraiser With Donald Trump At Mar-A-Lago.** "Republican John Gibbs, who is challenging GOP U.S. Rep. Peter Meijer, is holding a fundraiser Wednesday at former President Donald Trump's club at Mar-a-Lago in Florida, his campaign said. At the fundraiser, Gibbs, 42, of Byron Center and his donors will get to meet with Trump, who has endorsed Gibbs, according to Gibbs' campaign." [Detroit News, [3/29/22](#)]

**At A Mar-a-Lago Fundraiser For Gibbs, Former President Trump Indicated He Heard About Gibbs From Ben Carson And Said Carson Told Him Gibbs "Stood Out Right At The Top."** "Former President Donald Trump appeared at a March 30 fundraiser at Mar-a-Lago for Republican candidate John Gibbs, who is challenging Meijer in the GOP primary in the Grand Rapids area. According to a video clip provided by the Gibbs campaign, Trump suggested he heard about him from Dr. Ben Carson, a Detroit native and Trump's secretary of Housing and Urban Development. 'You said to me that with of all the thousands of employees, this was a man who stood out right at the top,' Trump said. 'And, you know, his problem is not a lot of people know who he is. Mary knows who he is. Mary's his mom.' At the event, Carson said Gibbs, who worked under him at HUD, was a 'utility player who could do any job whenever something came up.'" [Detroit News, [4/3/22](#)]

**Apr. 2022: Gibbs Was Scheduled To Speak At Trump's Rally In Washington Township.** "Former President Donald Trump's visit to Washington Township Saturday will mark his first time in Michigan since the eve of the 2020 presidential election as he continues to wield his influence in state politics. [...] Among the featured speakers ahead of Trump's 7 p.m. address are DePerno; Karamo; U.S. Rep. Lisa McClain, R-Bruce Township; and John Gibbs. A former federal housing official under Trump, Gibbs was endorsed by the former president in the 3rd Congressional District primary against GOP U.S. Rep. Peter Meijer, who voted for Trump's impeachment in 2021." [Detroit News, [3/31/22](#)]

**At A Mar-A-Lago Fundraiser For Gibbs, Former President Trump Told A Gay Supporter That They Did Not "Look Gay."** "Former President Donald Trump told a gay supporter that they did not 'look gay' during a Wednesday fundraiser at his Mar-a-Lago club in Florida. Trump held the fundraiser for Michigan Republican congressional candidate John Gibbs, who is opposing freshmen GOP Representative Peter Meijer. Gibbs served in the Trump administration as an official at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Meijer drew Trump's ire after he joined nine other House Republicans in voting to impeach the then-president in January 2021 for inciting his supporters to attack the U.S. Capitol. During remarks at the event, the former president asked the crowd gathered for the fundraiser, 'Where's gays for Trump?' A video of the interaction was shared on Twitter by Patriot Takes and has more than 69,000 views. Someone in the audience responded, 'We're over here.' Trump then replied, pointing in their direction, 'You don't look gay.' The comment drew loud laughter from the audience. As the laughter died down, Trump said, 'We did great with the gay population, as you know.'" [Newsweek, [3/31/22](#)]

**Gibbs Said Trump's Support Was Helpful "Especially Against Someone Who's Pretty Rich And Thinks He Can Buy His Way In There."** KELLY: "And does a moment like that give you a give you a bump? Does it make a difference fundraising? What happens after you appear with the president at a rally like that?" GIBBS: "Well, I would say yes, all the above. You know, it does bump you up on the popularity and social media engagement and folks coming to the website. So yeah, you do have all those advantages, and those are good and you do need those things to win a race, especially against someone who's pretty rich and thinks he can buy his way in there." [Newsmax, [4/4/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:52:13



**New York Times: Meshawn Maddock “Reiterated Glowing Praise” From Trump For Gibbs And Other Michigan Candidates.** “Beyond her endorsements, Ms. Maddock has been working to help prepare convention delegates. Last month, Ms. Maddock attended a mock convention held by the Michigan Conservative Coalition and reiterated glowing praise from Mr. Trump for Ms. Karamo, Mr. DePerno and John Gibbs, the conservative challenger to Representative Peter Meijer, a Republican congressman who voted to impeach Mr. Trump over the Jan. 6 Capitol riot. ‘He was so fired up about Michigan,’ Ms. Maddock said of conversations with Mr. Trump as she spoke during a question-and-answer session at the mock convention, according to audio of the event obtained by The New York Times. ‘This man cannot stop talking about Matt DePerno, Kristina Karamo, John Gibbs, who’s running against Peter Meijer.’” [New York Times, [4/16/22](#)]

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### **Ben Carson Endorsed Gibbs’ Campaign And Paid Him A Six-Figure Salary For A Fellowship At Carson’s Conservative Think Tank**

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**Feb. 2022: Gibbs Was Scheduled To Hold A Campaign Event With Ben Carson.** “Dr. @RealBenCarson will be coming to Grand Rapids on Mon. Feb. 7th in support of Gibbs for Congress. General admission is FREE. More intimate time with Dr. Carson available with donation. Hope to see you there!” [Twitter, @votejohngibbs, [2/1/22](#)]

**Ben Carson Said When Gibbs Worked At HUD, He Was A “Utility Player Who Could Do Any Job Whenever Something Came Up.”** “Former President Donald Trump appeared at a March 30 fundraiser at Mar-a-Lago for Republican candidate John Gibbs, who is challenging Meijer in the GOP primary in the Grand Rapids area. According to a video clip provided by the Gibbs campaign, Trump suggested he heard about him from Dr. Ben Carson, a Detroit native and Trump’s secretary of Housing and Urban Development. ‘You said to me that with of all the thousands of employees, this was a man who stood out right at the top,’ Trump said. ‘And, you know, his problem is not a lot of people know who he is. Mary knows who he is. Mary’s his mom.’ At the event, Carson said Gibbs, who worked under him at HUD, was a ‘utility player who could do any job whenever something came up.’” [Detroit News, [4/3/22](#)]

**Gibbs: “I Am Proud To Have Spent Four Years In The Trump Administration Serving Under Dr. Ben Carson At HUD.”** GIBBS: “I am proud to have spent four years in the Trump administration serving under Dr. Ben Carson at HUD. And I’m not only endorsed by President Trump, but I also have the full and complete support of Dr. Carson.” [Right Side Broadcasting Network, [4/2/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:02:10

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**Carson Said Gibbs Was “The Type Of Person We Need In Congress” And “An Outstanding Leader Who Can Get Things Done.”** “His former boss, Detroit native and HUD Secretary Ben Carson, tweeted his support for Gibbs on Friday. ‘John Gibbs is the type of person we need in Congress,’ Carson tweeted. ‘He’s pragmatic, compassionate & firm in his beliefs which are driven by God & duty to country. John served under me for 4 years at HUD and was an outstanding leader who can get things done.’” [Detroit News, [11/12/21](#)]

**Sep. 2021: The American Cornerstone Institute Announced Gibbs As Its First Foster Friess Fellow.** “Today the American Cornerstone Institute (ACI) announced John Gibbs as the first Foster Friess Fellow. The Foster Friess Fellowship will be awarded to individuals who exemplify the cornerstones that made our nation a beacon of liberty and a freedom for the rest world: Faith, Liberty, Community, and Life.” [American Cornerstone Institute, Press

Release, [9/9/21](#)]

- **The American Cornerstone Institute Was A Conservative Think Tank Founded By Ben Carson.** “Former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Dr. Ben Carson announced Wednesday that he is launching a conservative think tank to ‘engage with local governments and work with communities to find solutions to our nation's problems.’ ‘The American Cornerstone Institute will be dedicated to creating dialogue and smart discourse,’ Carson said in a RealClearPolitics op-ed announcing his project. ‘ACI will focus on promoting and preserving individual and religious liberty, helping our country's most vulnerable find new hope, and developing methods to maximize government's efficiency and effectiveness to best serve all our nation's citizens.’” [Fox News, [2/4/21](#)]
- **2021: Gibbs Reported Receiving \$110,000 In Salary From The American Cornerstone Institute.** [Clerk Of The House Of Representatives, 2021 Amended Personal Financial Disclosure: John Gibbs, Filed [1/6/22](#)]

### **Gibbs Moved To Michigan’s Third District To Run For Congress And Primary Rep. Meijer For Voting To Impeach Trump Following The January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection**

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#### **Gibbs Had Never Lived In Michigan’s Third District Before Running For Congress**

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**MIRS’s Kyle Melinn: Gibbs “Never Lived In The District Before” And Was “A Completely Newcomer To West Michigan Even Though He’s From Michigan Originally.”** MELINN: “Now, it seems like the focus is going to be, after this nominating convention for Republicans on the 23rd, the focus will be on Peter Meijer, who is the other Republican from Michigan who voted for impeachment on Donald Trump. Donald Trump has got his candidate now in John Gibbs. He's never lived in the district before, a complete newcomer to West Michigan even though he's from Michigan originally. And can somebody who's a newcomer, comes with no money, comes with no name ID, beat somebody simply because of Donald Trump. And that will really show the strength of Donald Trump in the state of Michigan.” [PBS, [4/8/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:11:35

**MIRS’s Kyle Melinn: Gibbs “Never Lived In 3rd Congressional District Up Until A Few Months Ago.”** “John Gibbs is a different story. Gibbs grew up in the Lansing area. He went to school at Harvard and Stanford. He never lived in 3rd Congressional District up until a few months ago.” [Lansing City Pulse, Kyle Melinn, [4/7/22](#)]

**Rep. Meijer On Gibbs: “I Never Knew Who This Gentleman Was Before I Heard He Was Running And Haven’t Found Any Connection He Has To West Michigan.”** “Asked about Trump's endorsement of his primary challenger Monday evening, Meijer quipped that he is ‘shocked.’ ‘I never knew who this gentleman was before I heard he was running and haven't found any connection he has to West Michigan,’ the congressman told CNN. ‘It is a wonderful place and I look forward to welcoming him to it.’” [CNN, [11/15/21](#)]

**Gibbs Said He Was “Not A Carpetbagger” Because He Was “Born And Raised And Lansing, 10 Minutes Away From The Boundary Of The Third District.”** “When he joined the race last fall, Gibbs who grew up near Lansing, was accused of being a carpetbagger by fellow GOP candidate Tom Norton, who has since announced a run in a different district. ‘I'm not a carpetbagger,’ Gibbs says. ‘I live here in the district; I live in Byron Center. I was born and raised and Lansing, 10 minutes away from the boundary of the third district so we're not talking about coming from far away or anything,’ he added. Saying he’s lived in Byron Center since leaving DC. last fall.” [FOX 17, [3/21/22](#)]

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#### **Gibbs Decided To Run For Congress Against Peter Meijer Because Of Meijer’s Vote To Impeach Trump After The January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrection**

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**Gibbs: Meijer’s Vote To Impeach Trump Was “A Betrayal Of His Voters” And It Was “No Longer Representing The People Who Put Him In There And We Need A Change.”** GIBBS: “But then some of our

friends from our former White House called me and said this guy, Peter Meijer, has voted to impeach Trump, do you want to take a stab at going against him? I said, okay, let me think about it, let me pray about it and see what we're going to do here. So, took some time to do that and deliberate and just think about what I might want to do and decided to go ahead and do it and jump in the race. So, it wasn't something I was planning on doing, but I feel that there's a great need here, especially when you look over here at West Michigan and all the people that put their trust in Peter Meijer to represent them. The very first vote he takes as a U.S. Congressman, literally days after he gets in there, is to impeach President Trump. People can think what they like about him or what they don't like about President Trump, but he was in there fighting to do what's right, and for Peter Meijer to do that I think is really a betrayal of his voters. So, he's no longer representing the people who put him in there and we need a change.” [WOOD, [1/19/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:02:33

**Gibbs: “People Are Very Hurt That Peter Meijer Backstabbed Them And Voted To Impeach President Trump.”** GIBBS: “And of course, the fact that people are very hurt that Peter Meijer backstabbed them and voted to impeach President Trump. Sometimes people even hug me when I tell them that I'm running because they're so happy that someone is going to primary Peter Meijer successfully because of the betrayal that he put on them.” [WOOD, [1/19/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:11:48

**Gibbs Said After The Trump Administration He Was Planning To “Take A Little Bit Of A Break” And Work At A Think Tank In DC But Decided To Run For Congress After Meijer Voted To Impeach Trump.** GIBBS: “So, yeah, I decided to maybe take a little of a break and then probably stay in DC and work for a think tank or something and not be in the media spotlight as much and kind of be more of a normal person again, so I was kind of planning to do that. Then, end of January 2021 rolls around. This newly elected congressman in Michigan named Peter Meijer becomes one of only 10 Republicans to vote to impeach Trump. Some friends of mine from our administration called me and kind of suggested, hey, you should go back to Michigan since you're from there and take a run against this this Peter Meijer guy. And I said, okay, let me think about it, you know? And so I thought about it for a bit and deliberated and said, okay, yeah, let's go ahead and do this. So I got my ducks lined up in a row and announced and now we're up and running in the Third Congressional District in West Michigan, and hopefully going to primary this Peter Meijer guy and then primary the communists in November.” [YouTube, American Moment, [3/21/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:54:32

**Gibbs Said Meijer’s Vote To Impeach Trump Was “Unacceptable” And Was His Top Reason For Jumping Into The Race For Michigan’s Third Congressional District.** “John Gibbs, a former official in the Department of Housing and Urban Development under Trump, has drawn the former president’s support for his primary challenge to Rep. Peter Meijer of Grand Rapids over his vote to impeach Trump for inciting an insurrection. ‘I think there’s huge irregularities in the 2020 election, so I would say yes,’ Gibbs said during an interview with The Post when asked if the 2020 election had been stolen. Gibbs called Meijer’s impeachment vote ‘unacceptable’ and said it was his top reason for jumping into the race.” [Washington Post, [4/4/22](#)]

**Gibbs: Meijer Was “One Of The Biggest RINOs In Congress.”** GIBBS: “I'm running against one of the biggest RINOs in Congress who voted to impeach President Trump, the greatest president, as his first vote as a congressman. He's got to go. He's got to get out of there.” [Right Side Broadcasting Network, [4/2/22](#)] (VIDEO) 01:03:48

**Gibbs: Meijer “Voted To Impeach Our Great President Trump As His First Vote As A Congressman, A Total Insult To The Constitution, A Total Insult To The Greatest President.”** GIBBS: “For those of you who don't know about the third district, it's currently represented by a RINO named Peter Meijer who voted to impeach our great President Trump as his first vote as a congressman, a total insult to the Constitution, a total insult to the greatest president. This is unacceptable, and he's got to go, and he will go.” [Right Side Broadcasting Network, [4/2/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:01:35

**Gibbs: Meijer “Had To Accept The Consequences That Came With” Voting To Impeach Trump And “One Of Those Consequences” Was That “Voters In His District, Are Very, Very Upset About It.”** “Since leaving

office, Trump has endorsed candidates running in primaries against a group of the 10 House Republicans who voted to impeach him. ‘I’m sure he’s a very good person, but I think politically when he made that decision, he had to accept the consequences that came with it. And I think this is one of those consequences of voters in his district, are very, very upset about it,’ Gibbs says of Meijer.” [FOX 17, [3/21/22](#)]

**Gibbs Said Meijer’s Vote To Impeach Trump Was “A Really Big Betrayal.”** HINES: “And you’re running against Peter Meijer, who is an incumbent. Why do you think it’s important to take on an incumbent in the Third Congressional District of Michigan?” GIBBS: “Well, Peter Meijer, as his very first vote as a US congressman, voted to impeach the greatest reform president in recent memory. And many people in the district, and I also feel that way as well, feel like that was a really big betrayal. You know, here’s someone who was trying to do his best to make change to a system that was deeply entrenched in the direction it was going.” [One America News Network, 3/18/22] (VIDEO) 00:01:46

**Gibbs Said People In The Third District “Really Felt Kicked In The Gut” By Meijer’s Vote To Impeach Trump And Called It A “Disqualifying Move.”** HINES: “Talking about the former president, Mr. Trump, right?” GIBBS: “That’s right, yes. Whether one likes or dislikes certain things about the way he did things, he was successful in terms of a foreign policy, in terms of raising wages, lowering unemployment, many other aspects as well. So, people really felt kicked in the gut when they put their trust in Representative Meijer to represent them and he goes and does this as his very first vote as a US Congressman. So, I think that’s kind of a disqualifying move. That does not say he’s a terrible person. But politically, he’s not really able to represent the district anymore. So, we want to lovingly compel him to find other employment come this August.” [One America News Network, 3/18/22] (VIDEO) 00:02:16

**Gibbs: “Polling Confirms That My Opponent Peter Meijer, Who Voted To Impeach President Trump, Can’t And Won’t Win The Primary.”** “Polling confirms that my opponent Peter Meijer, who voted to impeach President Trump, can’t and won’t win the primary. But I’ll need enough resources to reach all our voters and seal the deal. Join us!”



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Peter Meijer, who voted to impeach President Trump is on a clear path to losing his primary

Michigan 3 CD Informed Ballot

- Gibbs 37%
- Meijer 19%
- Lemons-Johnson 3%
- Manolache 3%
- Undecided 38%

Head to Head

- Gibbs 52%
- Meijer 21%
- Undecided 27%

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*Peter Meijer refused to investigate the voter fraud in the 2020 election and one of his first votes in Congress was to impeach President Trump. He said that Joe Biden won the election and that Trump "bears responsibility for inciting the insurrection." He said that Trump betrayed his oath of office and should be disqualified from being President. Trump has endorsed John Gibbs against him, calling Gibbs "a fabulous talent who loves the state, our military, and our vets" and has said that Meijer is "a terrible representative of the Republican Party and beyond."*

	Current Vote	Informed Vote
Peter Meijer	26	19
John Gibbs	13	37
Audra Lemons-Johnson	4	3
Gabriella Manolache	2	3
Undecided	55	38

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**Gibbs: Meijer “Joined Nancy Pelosi In Voting To Impeach The President Who Gave Us Energy Independence And Low Gas Prices.”** “This [video], friends, is why we have high gas prices. My primary opponent joined Nancy Pelosi in voting to impeach the President who gave us energy independence and low gas prices. Join me in helping ‘Impeachment Pete’ find new employment opportunities.”



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Pelosi comes out against increasing US oil production to reduce gas prices.

“I’m not for drilling on public lands.”



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**Gibbs: “Time After Time” Meijer Had “Aligned Himself With Nancy Pelosi And With The More Liberal Aspects Of Our Party.”** HINES: “So, your argument to conservatives, to Republicans voting in the primary, is that the incumbent, Mr. Meijer, Peter Meijer, has been somehow disloyal to the people he was elected to represent in Michigan's Third Congressional District.” GIBBS: “Absolutely right. And that is not just because of his vote for impeachment. When you look at things like amnesty for illegal aliens, he's voted for that before. If you look at the omnibus bill that just passed, he was one of the 39 Republicans that voted for it when the overwhelming majority of Republicans in the House did not vote for it for good reason. So time after time, he’s aligned himself with Nancy Pelosi and with the more liberal aspects of our party, even though the great people of our district, overwhelmingly, that's not where their heart is at. So, he really is got a significant mismatch between his own ideology and his beliefs and the people he's supposed to be representing.” [One America News Network, 3/18/22] (VIDEO)  
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**Gibbs: “After Siding With Pelosi And Biden To Impeach Trump, Meijer Is Now Attempting To Pivot To An Anti-Biden / Anti-Dem Position - But It Won’t Work.”** “This is exactly correct @Cernovich. That why I’m endorsed by Trump to beat Meijer in the primary here in MI-3. After siding with Pelosi and Biden to impeach Trump, Meijer is now attempting to pivot to an anti-Biden / anti-Dem position - but it won’t work.”

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Interesting to see Peter Meijer (R), who voted to impeach Trump, get his ass chewed out by his new friends, because he's telling the truth.

The U.S. POTUS election is winner take all, you don't ever side with Democrats. Not how the electoral system works. [twitter.com/repmeijer/stat...](https://twitter.com/repmeijer/stat...)

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## **Gibbs Was A Radical Threat To Michiganders' Health, Including Opposing Abortion With No Exceptions, Opposing The ACA, And Spreading Misinformation About COVID-19**

**Gibbs Said He Was "100% Pro-Life In All Cases" And Said There Were "Many Great Americans All Around The Country Who Were Actually Conceived From Rape, And They're Doing Great Things"**

**Gibbs Op-Ed: "One Of The Reality-Bending Strategies Of The Pro-Abortion Lobby Is To Use Compassionate Or Even Christian-Sounding Arguments To Advocate For Abortion And Attack Those Who Are Pro-Life."** "One of the reality-bending strategies of the pro-abortion lobby is to use compassionate or even Christian-sounding arguments to advocate for abortion and attack those who are pro-life. Sen. Raphael Warnock proudly declared 'I'm a pro-choice pastor' during his recent campaign. President Joe Biden, ostensibly a Catholic, attempts to sidestep his public, obstinate rejection of Catholic Church teaching on abortion by claiming he supports the church's position personally, but not publicly. (Imagine someone saying he's against murder personally, but publicly doesn't think it should be illegal.)" [Federalist, John Gibbs, [10/11/21](#)]

**Gibbs: "On Abortion, I'm 100% Pro-Life In All Cases."** HOST: "Are you pro-suburbs? Are you anti-suburbs? You know, let's talk about how you plan a town." GIBBS: "I guess, I'm pro-choice, only when it comes to housing." HOST: "Hope nobody cuts that into an ad, right?" GIBBS: "I know, right? On abortion, I'm 100% pro-life in all cases." [YouTube, American Moment, [3/21/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:48:34

**Gibbs Opposed Exceptions For Abortion In Cases Of Rape Or Incest And Said There Were "Many Great Americans All Around The Country Who Were Actually Conceived From Rape, And They're Doing Great Things."** "Meijer challenger John Gibbs, who is endorsed by former President Donald Trump, opposes rape and incest exceptions, saying a child doesn't deserve to be punished for what happened.' 'There are many great Americans all around the country who were actually conceived from rape, and they're doing great things,' Gibbs said." [Detroit News, [5/25/22](#)]

**Gibbs Claimed It Was Rare That A Mother's Life Could Not Be Saved Without An Abortion And Said Laws Should Be Carefully Written To Ensure Such Situations Were Not A "Workaround" To Promote Abortion.** "Gibbs claimed it's rare that a mother's life can't be saved without an abortion and said laws should be carefully written to ensure such situations don't serve as a 'workaround' that would promote abortion. 'It's definitely not true that the only solution in this case is abortion,' Gibbs said." [Detroit News, [5/25/22](#)]

**Gibbs Dismissed The Idea That Women Might Be At Risk For Unsafe Abortions If Roe V. Wade Were Overturned Because "We Have Much Better Technology These Days To Save People And Meet Needs."** "Gibbs dismissed the idea that women post-Roe might be at risk for unsafe procedures, calling it a scare tactic. 'We have much better technology these days to save people and meet needs,' he said." [Detroit News, [5/25/22](#)]

**Gibbs: It Was “Good News” That Younger Priests Were More Likely To “Believe That Abortion Is Always A Sin.”** “Some good news on the pro-life front: the overwhelming trend is that the younger priest, the more likely he is to believe that abortion is always a sin.”



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**Gibbs Criticized The Affordable Care Act As “Government Management,” But Repealing The ACA Would Threaten The Health Coverage Of Nearly 44,000 People In Michigan’s Third District**

**Gibbs Criticized The Affordable Care Act As An Example Of Democrats Preferring “Government Management As Opposed To Market Solutions To Our Problems.”** “I believe strongly in supporting and continuing this process. This means unleashing human beings to fulfill their potential to build up our economy. Yet my sense is the current Democratic Party largely doesn’t agree. They seem to be instinctively uncomfortable with the workings of capitalism because it operates largely without government direction, which they believe is necessary for the world to improve. Whether it’s Obamacare, massive regulation, or shuttering entire industries by government fiat, Democrats seem to prefer government management as opposed to market solutions to our problems.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [8/9/16](#)]

**Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would Cause An Estimated 43,600 Non-Elderly People In Michigan’s Third District To Lose Their Health Coverage.** [Center For American Progress, [3/21/17](#)]

**Gibbs Had Extreme Views About COVID-19 Mitigation Measures, Including Calling For Defunding States With Vaccine Mandates And Investigations Into Public Health Officials And Criticizing Christian Leaders For “Swallowing Up” COVID “Propaganda”**

**Gibbs Wanted To “Get Rid Of” Vaccine Mandates “Completely” And Called For Defunding States That Implemented COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates**

**Gibbs Wanted To “Get Rid Of” Vaccine Mandates “Completely” Because “The Idea That The Governments Or Companies Can Force You To Take The Vaccine Is Totally Absurd.”** BARCLAY: “Is there anything else that you’re hearing out there that’s top of mind that folks in West Michigan are saying, we need these issues addressed and we just don’t feel like we have that voice right now?” GIBBS: “Yeah, a couple of things I would say. One is vaccine mandates, which we must get rid of completely. The idea that the governments or companies can force you to take the vaccine is totally absurd. It’s ridiculous. Last I checked, we’re a free country. That means that every American can decide based on their own judgment that they want to take this vaccine or not. I think the level of mandates and threats and coercion and firing people from their jobs, kicking people out of the military, because they’re not taking the vaccine is just beyond the pale. So we really got to deal with that. We really got to address

that one. It's unbelievable that in our country, we've gotten to the point where they can do stuff like that.” [WOOD, [1/19/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:09:30

**Gibbs Said He Would Work To “Ensure That States Like Hawaii Lose All Federal Funding If They Mandate The Vaccine In Order To Enter Their State.”** “If elected to Congress, I’ll work with my colleagues to ensure that states like Hawaii lose all federal funding if they mandate the vaccine in order to enter their state. This madness must end.”



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**Gibbs: “Last I Checked, We Were A Free Country. That Means That Every American Can Decide Based On Their Own Information If They Want To Take A Vaccine Or Not.”** HOST: “You’re also running against Peter Meijer, who was one of the Republicans who voted to impeach President Trump. And one of the issues that he supports, you are vocally against, is vaccine mandates at the state level. What can you tell me about that?” GIBBS: “Well, Christina, thanks for having me on. Last I checked, we were a free country. That means that every American can decide based on their own information if they want to take a vaccine or not. Supporting vaccine mandates I think is really problematic, especially as conservatives who believe in individual choice and freedom. So, I really think we’ve got to get to the bottom of this and make it so that people have the ultimate choice, not universities and companies forcing people to take the vaccine under the threat of being fired or losing their income and things. So, I really think my opponent is pretty out of step with where people are at and I just want to restore sanity and individual choice back to our country.” [One America News Network, 1/26/22] (VIDEO)

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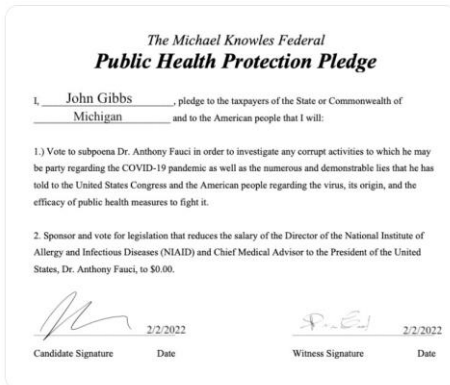
## Gibbs Called For Investigations Into Fauci And Members Of The Biden Administration And Claimed There Was “Intentionality” In Biden’s COVID Response Because “Millionaires And Billionaires” Became Wealthier During The Pandemic

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**Gibbs Signed A Pledge To Subpoena Dr. Fauci And Reduce His Salary To \$0 And Said, “The Problem Is Systemic & Goes Much Deeper Than Dr. Fauci Alone.”** “My experience in the Trump administration tells me the problem is systemic & goes much deeper than Dr. Fauci alone. But I’m happy to sign @michaeljknowles pledge as a good first step towards long-term reforms that must be undertaken by my colleagues and I if elected this November”




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*The Michael Knowles Federal  
Public Health Protection Pledge*

I, John Gibbs, pledge to the taxpayers of the State or Commonwealth of Michigan and to the American people that I will:

- 1.) Vote to subpoena Dr. Anthony Fauci in order to investigate any corrupt activities to which he may be party regarding the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the numerous and demonstrable lies that he has told to the United States Congress and the American people regarding the virus, its origin, and the efficacy of public health measures to fight it.
2. Sponsor and vote for legislation that reduces the salary of the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and Chief Medical Advisor to the President of the United States, Dr. Anthony Fauci, to \$0.00.

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**Gibbs Said He Would Support Investigations Into Fauci And Other Members Of The Biden Administration And Said Fauci Should Make His Financial Disclosures Public.** BARCLAY: “A lot of talk about what might come in '22 in the midterms here and Republicans taking back control of the House and Senate and what might happen at that point. I've heard talk about investigations into the Biden administration, into folks like Dr. Fauci. We've already heard senators asking about, would you please show us your financial disclosure? We found out the other day despite Fauci again lying that that was available for public, it wasn't. What would you support there when the Republicans take back control in '22 here? What would you like to see, you know, if you do step into office there?” GIBBS: “Yeah, I mean, I would say all the above. First of all, when you're talking about coronavirus, we do need to uncover, you know, where this whole thing come from? There was kind of a weak conclusion, I think, from some sectors of the government saying it may have come from China, but we need more than that. I think we need to really get to the bottom of where this thing came from, and so we really got to do whatever it takes to get there. I think seeing the financial disclosures of Dr. Fauci and many others is critically important. He has not made that public. He's got to do that. So, I think we have to do what it takes to get there.” [WOOD, [1/19/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:06:43

**Gibbs: There Was “Some Intentionality” In The Biden Administration’s COVID-19 Response Because “The Number Of Millionaires And Billionaires In The World And In Our Country Has Increased Pretty Significantly Since This COVID-19 Thing Started. So, There Are People Making Money Off This For Sure.”** BARCLAY: “I mean, we're looking at Russia threatening Ukraine right now. This is another example of, you think they ever would have tried that on Trump's watch? It never would have happened. But you see the story after story. And it brings me this question. It's either incompetence on a whole new level or it's intentional. And they talk a lot about Build Back Better. And I say, you know, if you want to build back better, first, you got to tear things down. Do you think this is sheer incompetence or is there something intentional happening here?” GIBBS: “Well, that's a

very good question, Justin. And I do think there's a little bit of both elements going on here. I've heard indirectly from some of the folks that are still in the government, some of their career employees at various agencies, that they haven't seen this level of incompetence in a very long time, if not ever. So, I do think the Biden folks truly believed, many of them did, that Trump was so terrible, that all we have to do is show up and we'll be better than him. Well, they're learning the hard way that governing is hard work and you need smart people who are disciplined to do it. And we have that. We absolutely have that. They don't. And so I think there is some incompetence. But I also think there is some intentionality as well, for sure. The number of millionaires and billionaires in the world and in our country has increased pretty significantly since this COVID-19 thing started. So, there are people making money off this for sure. So there is some element of intentionality there, as well as just implementing government control over people. The idea that you have to show an ID in order to go into a restaurant or travel, those who are of a communist persuasion, let's call them, have wanted that for a very, very long time. And now they're using this as a pretext to establish it. So, I do think that there's intentionality in them taking advantage of this to accomplish their agenda." [WOOD, [1/19/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:12:25

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### Gibbs Criticized “Christian Leaders” For “Swallowing Up” COVID-19 “Propaganda” And Expressed Skepticism About Trusting “The Quote Unquote Science”

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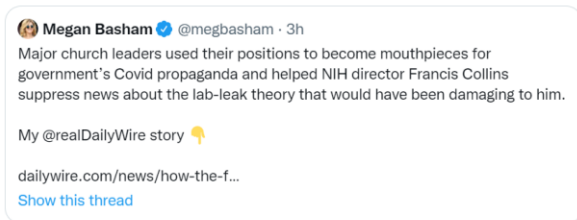
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**Gibbs: Trusting The Science On COVID “Assumes That Everybody Is Acting In Good Faith In The Scientific Community” When “We Do Have Heavy Involvement Of The Industry Lobbyists.”** HOST: “What do you make of the science versus the people’s decision to choose for themselves what is safest?” GIBBS: “Yeah, I mean, I think this is another argument for individual choice, because the quote unquote science changes over time as we learn more about COVID and as we learn more about treatments, you know, what is recommended can change. And so I think having such a rigid mentality of quote unquote, trust the science, is really unhelpful. And this assumes that everybody is acting in good faith in the scientific community. We do have heavy involvement of the industry lobbyists who are trying to push some of these policy solutions that will personally increase their profits. So, I think we've got to look at that too. So, just because someone says, quote unquote, trust the science,

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### **Gibbs Supported The Canadian Truckers’ COVID Protest And Agreed With Offering “Asylum To Any And All Canadian Trucker And Farmer Refugees Fleeing The Despotic Trudeau Regime”**

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**Gibbs Said He Would Support Offering Asylum To Canadian Truckers And Farmers “Facing Retaliation For Peaceful Pro-Freedom Protest.”** “I will support this policy if elected to Congress. Those facing retaliation for peaceful pro-freedom protest are welcome in the United States.” QUOTE TWEET @JackPosobiec: “The United States hereby offers asylum to any and all Canadian trucker and farmer refugees fleeing the despotic Trudeau regime #RefugeesWelcome”



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### **Gibbs Expressed Disagreement With “This Whole Concept Of Emergency Orders” And “Power That Have Been Given To The Governors”**

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**Gibbs Wanted To “Have A National Conversation About This Whole Concept Of Emergency Orders” And “Perhaps Roll Back Some Of These Powers That Have Been Given To The Governors.”** GIBBS: “And I think we really need to have a national conversation about this whole concept of emergency orders, where basically under the pretext of an emergency, any governor can simply do whatever they want and shut down people's companies, shut down people’s lives, even up to telling you you can’t go to church, which is the height of absolute and total absurdity. There may not be as much of a federal role there, but we need to work with the states and have conversations about how we can perhaps roll back some of these powers that have been given to the governors to just kind of do whatever they want and steamroll over people.” [WOOD, [1/19/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:07:59

## **Gibbs Downplayed Police Killings Of Black People, Blamed Single Mothers And “Thug Culture” For Problems In The Black Community, And Said The GOP Should Turn Out White Voters**

### **Gibbs Wrote Op-Eds Downplaying Police Brutality And Killings Of Black People, Calling It A “Non-Issue” And Saying Every Black Man Killed Was “Almost Always A Criminal Thug”**

**Gibbs Op-Ed HEADLINE: “If You Don’t Want Police To Shoot You, Don’t Resist Arrest”** [Federalist, John Gibbs, [7/11/16](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed: “White Police Killings Of Black People Are Simply A Non-Issue Compared To What Black People Do To Each Other.”** “Yet amid all the hype, let us not lose sight of reality: No matter how much the media attempts to stir up racial strife, the fact is about 70 black people are killed by other black folks for every one killed by a white police officer. White police killings of black people are simply a non-issue compared to what black people do to each other, unfortunately.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [7/11/16](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed: “Every Time I Hear Of A Black Man Being Killed By The Cops,” He Was “Almost Always A Criminal Thug I Have No Desire To Defend.”** “If a protest were held against the oppression of such young black men, I’d be the first to join in. Yet every time I hear of a black man being killed by the cops, he’s not the man I just described. He’s almost always a criminal thug I have no desire to defend. Hardly our best, and hardly what Dr. King died for.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [7/11/16](#)]

**Gibbs: “About 71 Blacks Are Killed By Other Blacks For Every One Black Person Killed By A White Police Officer” And “The Real Problem Is Black People Killing Each Other.”** “Over the past 35 years, a mind-bending 323,820 black people have been killed by other black people in America, far exceeding the number of police officers killed during that same timeframe. The data shows about 71 blacks are killed by other blacks for every one black person killed by a white police officer. It is clear then, the real problem is black people killing each other.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [7/20/16](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed: “What Little Is Left Of The Black Civil Rights Movement Is Spent Defending Thugs, Hustlers, Drug Dealers, And Troublemakers Such As Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Freddie Gray, Alton Sterling, And Philando Castile.”** “It saddens me that what little is left of the black civil rights movement is spent defending thugs, hustlers, drug dealers, and troublemakers such as Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Freddie Gray, Alton Sterling, and Philando Castile. Can you believe we’ve gone from honorable causes like fighting for the right of black people to attend college to defending black criminals who foolishly mouth off against, run away from, and fight with the police; police who are putting their lives on the line to protect us from criminals?” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [7/11/16](#)]

**Gibbs Criticized Mothers Of The Movement, A Group Including The Mothers Of Black Men Killed By Police Or Gun Violence, Saying Their Message “Backs The Democrats’ Dark Strategy Of Division And Victimization.”** “The speaker lineup includes a group called Mothers of the Movement, which consists of the mothers of black men killed either by police or someone else, including Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Dontré Hamilton, and Sandra Bland, among others. [...] Let’s be clear: everyone, myself included, sympathizes with the suffering and the loss of these women. I can’t imagine the pain of losing a child. Yet the message of Mothers of the Movement backs the Democrats’ dark strategy of division and victimization. For one, the gun control agenda they push amounts to punishing law-abiding American gun owners for the actions of criminals, who are made out to be victims of guns, not products of failed families, a dysfunctional culture, and failed policies that keep black people locked in poverty.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [7/28/16](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed: “Black Brutality Is A Much Bigger Problem Than Police Brutality.”** “Kaepernick says he has a problem with police brutality. But the facts clearly show that black brutality is a much bigger problem than police

brutality: approximately 6,000 black people are murdered by other black people every year, compared to just 300 killed by the police, and even fewer than that killed by white police officers.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [9/14/16](#)]

**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Wrote That “Incidents Of Police Killings Of Black People” Were Not A “Serious National Problem” Because “Far, Far More Black People Kill Each Other Than Do Police.”** “Secondly: The report erroneously elevates incidents of police killings of black people to a serious national problem, when in fact far, far more black people kill each other than do police. In fact, for every one black person killed by a white police officer, 71 black people are killed by another black person.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [9/30/16](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed: “Blacks Are Killed By The Police In Proportion To The Rate At Which They Commit Crime” And “Police Do Not Disproportionately Target Them For Violence.”** “Also, the data shows that blacks are killed by the police in proportion to the rate at which they commit crime, meaning the police do not disproportionately target them for violence. The report fails to consider these facts when painting the false picture that out-of-control police are unfairly targeting black people.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [9/30/16](#)]

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**Gibbs Repeatedly Criticized Single Mothers, “Entitlement Programs,” And A “Deep Brokenness In Black Culture” And Said Black People Were “Hypersensitive” To “Real Or Imagine” Racism**

**Gibbs Blamed Entitlements For Encouraging Single Motherhood Among Black Women And Said Single-Parent Households Were “Dangerous To The Child” And Created A Generation Of “Troubled Young Men”**

**Gibbs: “The Way I Was Raised, You Don’t Need A Billion-Dollar Government Program Because You Had Grandma And Grandma’s Belt, You Had Dad And Dad’s Belt, If You Acted Up, And You Had Discipline In The Home Because Of That” And “That Can Solve A Lot Of These Issues We’re Facing.”** GIBBS: “And again, the way my parents were raised and the way I was raised, you don’t need a billion-dollar government program because you had grandma and grandma’s belt, you had dad and dad’s belt, if you acted up, and you had discipline in the home because of that. And, you know, that can solve a lot of these issues we’re facing, whereas they are trying to have a huge communist-style government superstructure to monitor your thoughts, all your words, if you say something and unapproved like all lives matter, fire you from your job. That’s how they’re trying to approach this, which will not work and it also creates a dystopian future.” [YouTube, Jack Murphy Live, [12/21/21](#)] (VIDEO) 01:30:20

**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Supported Scaling Back “Well-Intentioned But Ineffective Entitlement Programs That Encourage And Enable Single-Motherhood.”** “So putting the family back together so black children are born into stable, two-parent homes will go a long way to fixing many of the problems black people face today, including problems with the police. President Obama should have forcefully illuminated the broken state of black families, then outlined his ideas to put it back together. There are many ways to approach this, but one good place to start is to scale back well-intentioned but ineffective entitlement programs that encourage and enable single-motherhood, many of which the president himself unfortunately supports.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [7/20/16](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed: Black Children Being Born To Unwed Mothers Created A Generation Of “Troubled Young Men” With An “Increased Likelihood Of Entering A Life Of Crime And Getting Themselves Into Altercations With The Police That Create These Divisive Incidents We See On The News.”** “Even though the studies clearly show that children born into single-parent homes have worse outcomes in nearly every area, sadly, today about 72 percent of black kids are born to unwed mothers. This has created a whole new generation of

troubled young men who have an increased likelihood of entering a life of crime and getting themselves into altercations with the police that create these divisive incidents we see on the news.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [7/20/16](#)]

**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Supported Eliminating “Welfare, Housing Subsidies, And Other Government Handout Programs That Destroy Incentives To Work And Eliminate The Role Of The Black Father As Provider.”**

“How? They should start advocacy groups and research centers that press state and federal governments to eliminate welfare, housing subsidies, and other government handout programs that destroy incentives to work and eliminate the role of the black father as provider, thus decimating the black family and communities. While some conservative groups already do this, it would be much more powerful and meaningful coming from black NFL players.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [9/14/16](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed: “Unemployment Checks, Disability Checks, And Other Government Programs” Were “A Multi-Generational Way Of Life For Many Americans.”** “On the other hand, I was deeply affected by a trip I took to the South recently, where I saw firsthand the abuse and fraud of those who live by unemployment checks, disability checks, and other government programs. Yes, these programs were designed to help the poor. But more often than not, rather than help, the recipients are robbed of the chance to develop their talents and character and use them to better the world by contributing to our economy through work. More often than not, far from being a temporary leg up on the way to self-sufficiency, these programs become a multi-generational way of life for many Americans.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [8/9/16](#)]

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**Gibbs: “They Always Talk About, Someone Talked About Earlier On The Stage, Systematic Racism. Well, Our Real Problem Is Systematic Fatherlessness. That Is What Is The Root Cause Of A Lot Of These Problems.”** GIBBS: “They thought they could create a utopia, we'll create this government bureaucracy called NYCHA, whatever it might be across the country. We'll put all this money into it. It's going to be wonderful. Everybody's going to be housed and it's going to be amazing. Well, turns out it doesn't quite work that way. We have a big government bureaucracy. They always talk about, someone talked about earlier on the stage, systematic racism. Well, our real problem is systematic fatherlessness. That is what is the root cause of a lot of these problems, you don't have dad at home to help take care of the family. Once you lose that, you can throw all the money in the world at the problem you want. It's not going to solve the problem.” [Loud Majority, [3/4/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:04:47

**Gibbs: “They Want To Talk About Systematic Racism, The Real Problem In The Black Community Is Systematic Fatherlessness.”** GIBBS: “Yes, it has nothing to do with black lives whatsoever. You look at the real problems, they want to talk about systematic racism, the real problem in the black community is systematic fatherlessness.” [YouTube, Debbie Aldrich, [2/26/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:11:11

**Gibbs: “Every Good Religion” Like “Christianity And Judaism” Said “You Need Two Parents At Home.”** GIBBS: “So, there hasn't been good messaging and a good strategy, I think, from--I don't mean you and me, but certainly people on our side--to counter this and say, look, if you really love people, and you really care about people, if you care about children, you want children to be raised in the best environment. That's what you do if you love kids. Therefore, then you'll look at what the science and the common sense and Christianity and Judaism, every good religion tells us that you need two parents at home, and it's just, you know, common sense, well, used to be common sense.” [YouTube, Jack Murphy Live, [12/21/21](#)] (VIDEO) 00:55:01

**Gibbs Claimed That “The Majority” Of The Disparity In Black Homeownership “Can Simply Be Attributed To The Dramatic Decline In Marriage Among The Black Population.”** GIBBS: “Another thing here is married couples, compared to single couples, have something like twice the rate of homeownership. And because of the dramatic increase in unwed mothers among the black population, the percentage of black people who are married has just dropped since the 60s. And because people are married are more likely to own homes, that therefore means the percentage of people that own homes has also dropped. So, I think that the majority, not the entirety, but the majority of this problem can simply be attributed to the dramatic decline in marriage among the black population.” [YouTube, Jack Murphy Live, [12/21/21](#)] (VIDEO) 01:00:44

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### **Gibbs Criticized A “Deep Brokenness In Black Culture” That Glorified “Being Dumb And The Criminal Lifestyle” And Compared “Thug Culture” To Terrorism And 9/11**

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**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Compared “Thug Culture” Among Young Black People To Terrorism Because “5,500 Black Men Kill Other Black Men Annually. That’s Almost Two Black 9/11s Per Year.”** “What more can be said? President Obama should have uttered these powerful words last night, then ended them with, ‘Therefore, we must demolish this thug culture that is destroying young black Americans. We will treat it the same as terrorism: pursue it, confront it, and destroy it.’ That’s right, I just compared thug culture to terrorism. September 11, 2011 killed about 3,000 Americans, yet about 5,500 black men kill other black men annually. That’s almost two black 9/11s per year! So where’s the War Against Thugs™?” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [7/20/16](#)]

**Gibbs Criticized A UN Report In Which Black People Were “Painted Only As Victims Of Crime, Not Committers Of Crime With Deep Family, Community, Moral, And Spiritual Dysfunction Causing Them To Be That Way.”** “The report does not mention that the black murder rate is eight times higher than the white murder rate, and that even though black people are only 14 percent of the population, they are about half of all murderers. Indeed, black people are painted only as victims of crime, not committers of crime with deep family, community, moral, and spiritual dysfunction causing them to be that way.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [9/30/16](#)]

**Gibbs Op-Ed: “Public Schools In Poor, Black Communities Are An Abysmal Failure, With Studies Showing The Blacker The School, The Worse The Performance.”** “It is obvious that public schools in poor, black communities are an abysmal failure, with studies showing the blacker the school, the worse the performance. Protesting athletes should thus use their wealth to start excellent private schools in the poorest black neighborhoods, and then invest in research and collaboration to turn the schools into a national movement.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [9/14/16](#)]

**Gibbs Said There Was “Questionable Veracity” To The Claims That America Was “A Place Full Of Racists Who Committed Genocide Against Native Americans, Who Enslaved Blacks And Denied Them Rights, Who Denied Rights To Women And Gays Rights, Who Hate Immigrants, And Where White Police Officers Casually Kill Hundreds, Maybe Thousands, Of Innocent Black People Every Day.”** “When I hear President Obama and many Democrats talk about America, I hear a deeply negative vision. I hear of a place full of racists who committed genocide against Native Americans, who enslaved blacks and denied them rights, who denied rights to women and gays rights, who hate immigrants, and where white police officers casually kill hundreds, maybe thousands, of innocent black people every day. In America I see a place where people of different races get along better than almost anywhere. Yet aside from the questionable veracity of some of these claims, that is not the America I see.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [8/9/16](#)]

**Gibbs: “Is Appointing A Black Woman Supreme Court Justice Going To Reduce Crime Rate? Is It Going To Bring Higher Wages? Is It Going To Bring More Employment? Is It Going To Bring Black Families Back Together? No, It’s Not Going To Actually Accomplish Any Of These Things.”** GIBBS: “So, if you just step back and think about this, is appointing a black woman Supreme Court justice going to reduce crime rate? Is it going to bring higher wages? Is it going to bring more employment? Is it going to bring black families back together? No, it’s not going to actually accomplish any of these things. It’s just a very superficial ploy, and this is how the Democrat Party typically operates. They use tokens and superficial gestures, but we just look at the state of our cities and you look at the state of minority communities. It just hasn’t worked.” [One America News Network, 1/28/22] (VIDEO)

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Americans into groups and argue that each is a victim of discrimination or bigotry. Then 2) portray itself as the party that fights for each group against the bigots and oppressors. Those used as victims in this strategy are black people, Hispanics, gays, Muslims, women, immigrants, unskilled laborers, and others, and the message to each is always the same: ‘Vote for us, because the Republicans are bigots.’ Those identified as oppressors in this strategy are almost always whites, Christians, and men, and the message to them is, ‘You are responsible for the suffering of others. Admit it or you are a bigot.’ I find this approach problematic for two reasons: 1) The groups often portrayed as oppressed and in need of rescuing by the Democratic Party are often not actually suffering oppression, and 2) The alleged oppressors who are attacked and demonized for bigotry are often not guilty of oppression in the first place. This is not only dishonest, as it creates division for sake of acquiring and maintaining a political constituency, but also deeply negative and divisive.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [8/9/16](#)]

**Gibbs: “In The Past When There Was Much More Segregation And Racism Than Today, The Black Crime Rate Was Much Lower And Black Families Were Much More Intact, So How Do They Explain That If Racism Is The Cause Of Everything?”** GIBBS: “And they have to explain how, in the past when there was much more segregation and racism than today, the black crime rate was much lower, and the black families are much more intact, so how do they explain that if racism is that cause of everything? So it doesn't even pass basic logical reasoning.” [YouTube, Jack Murphy Live, [12/21/21](#)] (VIDEO) 01:31:31

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**Gibbs Praised ESPN Anchor Sage Steele For Noting That “The Prevalence Of Racism Among Black People Is Something The Left Gives Black People A Free Pass For, Instead Of Calling Them Out On It The Same Way They Would A White Person.”** “In a subsequent Facebook post, Steele called out black intolerance of black non-conformists, especially on political and social issues, and correctly noted that the prevalence of racism among black people is something the Left gives black people a free pass for, instead of calling them out on it the same way they would a white person. This glaring inconsistency should be unacceptable to left-wing thinkers of any race who are internally consistent in their beliefs. Like Steele, having been called ‘coon’ and ‘Uncle Tom’ by some black people for being on the conservative side of the spectrum, I identify with her desire to have real diversity, including political, in the black community.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [2/6/17](#)]

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**Gibbs Op-Ed: Black People Were “Conditioned To See Any Kind Of Conservative Message As Covertly Or Overtly Racist, And To Treat Any Black Person Delivering That Message As An Arrogant Traitor.”** “So, what do we make of all this? As a black conservative and Republican, all this leaves me in the awkward position of agreeing with Steele’s message, but also recognizing that it will not be effective in reaching black people, who have been conditioned to see any kind of conservative message as covertly or overtly racist, and to treat any black person delivering that message as an arrogant traitor who has forgotten her roots.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [2/6/17](#)]

**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Praised Trump Because He “Will Not Blame Police For The Problem Of Black Crime” And “Will Not Blame Racism For The Dramatic Problem Of Black Underachievement.”** “Trump will not go for this. He will not blame police for the problem of black crime, he will not blame racism for the dramatic problem of black underachievement, and he will stop illegal immigration, which will increase wages and job opportunities for all unskilled American workers, especially black folks.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [8/31/16](#)]

**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Criticized Democrats’ “Willingness To Claim Systematic Racism For The Isolated Act Of A Crazy, Despicable Individual Such As Dylann Roof.”** “This approach also reveals another fundamental problem with Democrats’ philosophy: their willingness to claim systematic racism for the isolated act of a crazy, despicable individual such as Dylann Roof. They do such things while also typically claiming there is no systematic problem with Islamic terrorism despite repeated, consistent attacks from Muslims in the name of their religion on behalf of ISIS.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [7/28/16](#)]

**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Said The Charleston Church Shooting Was “Not Carried Out By A White Supremacist Group. It Was Carried Out By A Lone Crazy Maniac.”** “Firstly: The panel argues ‘The dangerous ideology of white supremacy inhibits social cohesion among the United States population. Hate crime groups, including white supremacist terror groups, are still active in the United States, targeting African Americans, as was seen in the attack at a church in Charleston in 2015.’ The Charleston shooting was not carried out by a white supremacist group. It was carried out by a lone crazy maniac. Also, those influenced by or sympathetic to Black Lives Matter have called for and actually carried out police officer killings.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [9/30/16](#)]

**Gibbs Said The GOP Should Target White Voters And That Efforts To “Go All-Out For The Minority Vote” Were “Wishful Thinking” Because “Black Folks Just Keep Voting Democratic”**

**Gibbs Op-Ed: Democrats Were “Leaving White Voters The Wayside The Same Way They Have Ignored Blacks For Decades. The Difference Is That Whites Take Notice And Vote Republican In Response. Black Folks Just Keep Voting Democratic.”** “This means Democrats are leaving white voters the wayside the same way they have ignored blacks for decades. The difference is that whites take notice and vote Republican in response. Black folks just keep voting Democratic.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [7/22/16](#)]

**Gibbs Said Republicans’ Attempts To “Go All-Out For The Minority Vote” Were “Wishful Thinking” And They Should “Aggressively Increase The Turnout Of White Demographics That Vote Republican” And Target “White Independent And Swing Voters.”** “So all the ingredients are in place for historically high white turnout. Yet some might object. After all, what is to be made of the 2012 Republican autopsy, which declared the solution to the GOP’s problems was to go all-out for the minority vote? Although well-intentioned, this strategy may amount to wishful thinking. It’s much more efficient to aggressively increase the turnout of white demographics that vote Republican, then to reach white independent and swing voters who actually vote based on the issues, values, and quality of candidates, than it is to reach black and other minority voters. The latter tend to vote for Democrats based on ethnic identity in such a firmly consistent manner so as to be virtually unpersuadable.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [7/22/16](#)]

**Gibbs Bragged About Effectively Managing COVID Relief Funds While Serving In The Trump Administration But Admitted That He Tried To Turn Down Those Funds**

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**Gibbs Said He Oversaw “The Successful Rapid Deployment Of More Than \$9 Billion In CARES Act Funds In Response To Coronavirus” While At The Department Of Housing and Urban Development.** “With 20 years of private, public sector, and nonprofit leadership experience, I was most recently Acting Assistant Secretary

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[LinkedIn, John Gibbs, Accessed [3/30/22](#)]

**On His Campaign Website, Gibbs Said He “Led The Successful Deployment Of More Than \$9 Billion In CARES Act Funds In Response To Coronavirus, Making Sure Families Got The Help They Needed To Put Food On The Table During The Pandemic.”** “With more than 20 years of experience in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, John was appointed by President Trump as Acting Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development at HUD under Secretary Ben Carson, where he oversaw an annual budget of \$8 billion to help fight homelessness and expand economic opportunity. He also led the successful deployment of more than \$9 billion in CARES Act funds in response to coronavirus, making sure families got the help they needed to put food on the table during the pandemic.” [John Gibbs For Congress, Inc., Accessed [4/30/22](#)]

### **...But Gibbs Said He Questioned Whether The Money Was Even Needed And Tried To Turn It Down**

**Gibbs Said When Congress Offered His HUD Department \$9 Billion In COVID-19 Relief Funding, He Questioned Whether It Was Needed And Said The Best Solution Was To “Get People Back To Work.”** GIBBS: “And then, right around the pandemic, there was a staffing change made in the original department I started at, Community Planning and Development, or CPD for short, which I just mentioned, and there was a vacancy in the assistant secretary position. So White House called me and said, would you like to do this? I said, uh, yeah. And so literally, the next day, it was announced. And I think the day after all my boxes were moved down there. And I was the Acting Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development. So that's about \$8 billion a year in the normal budget for again, homelessness, community development block grants. And about 700 employees that reported to me, and this was March 2020. So, you know, this was the pandemic stuff was happening. And then I was actually moving that week as well, from D.C. to Alexandria. So, all this stuff literally happened within one week. Yeah. So I'm, you know, kind of keeping everything, you know, organized as I was transitioning all this stuff. So, it was good. And the first thing that happened was we got the CARES Act. So they said \$9 billion for your department, CPD. I said, well, I don't know we need that necessarily. First of all, the best solution is get people back to work rather than just throwing money at stuff. And secondly, with all the money we give out every year on our regular budget, many communities have trouble spending that in the first place. So why are we giving, you know, an amount greater than our entire annual budget on a one-time appropriation? Maybe there's a better way of getting people back to work and getting communities back to normal. And that was overridden. And the Congress did what they wanted to do. And they passed this and so we got the money. So, I just had to make sure it went out in an appropriate way. There was no shenanigans. It's not going to any groups like Planned Parenthood and things like that. So they wanted to use money to buy cell phones for the homeless. I said, somehow doesn't seem like a great idea.” [YouTube, American Moment, [3/21/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:17:19

**Gibbs Said He Opposed COVID Relief Funds For The Department Of Housing And Urban Development While Working There And Advocated To Get People Back To Work And End “The Stupid Lockdowns.”**

“West Michigan congressional hopeful John Gibbs, who is challenging GOP U.S. Rep. Peter Meijer of Grand Rapids Township, spoke of his work at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under Trump and his opposition to COVID-19 relief funds for the agency, advocating instead to get people back to work by ending ‘the stupid lockdowns.’ Gibbs is endorsed by Trump.” [Detroit News, [4/2/22](#)]

**Gibbs Said He Tried To Refuse COVID Relief Money From Congress While Working At HUD, But “Congress Didn’t Listen” And “Gave Us The Money Anyway” So “The Best We Could Do Is Make Sure That Didn’t Go To Planned Parenthood Or Illegal Immigration Or Anything Like That.”**

GIBBS: “I served in several different positions in our administration, most recently as Acting Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development. I know that’s a mouthful, but that’s about \$8 billion a year in homelessness money and grants to states and counties. And I began that position, I had about 700 employees that worked for me. I began that position right as COVID kicked off. And so right when COVID kicked off, Congress contacts us and says, do you want \$9 billion dollars in COVID relief money? I said that’s bigger than my annual budget. You want to give me that much money? I’ll tell you how you’re going to get the country back on its feet. End the stupid lockdowns and get people back to work. Have we lost our minds? Have we gone crazy? This is ridiculous. Well, as you guys can imagine, Congress didn’t listen. They gave us the money anyway. So the best we could do is make sure that didn’t go to Planned Parenthood or illegal immigration or anything like that.” [Right Side Broadcasting Network, [4/2/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:06:03

**Gibbs Said When He Was Overseeing COVID-19 Relief Funding At HUD, He Ensured It Was “Not Going To Any Groups Like Planned Parenthood” And Prevented Money From Going Toward “Cell Phones For The Homeless.”** GIBBS: “And the first thing that happened was we got the CARES Act. So they said \$9 billion for your department, CPD. I said, well, I don’t know we need that necessarily. First of all, the best solution is get people back to work rather than just throwing money at stuff. And secondly, with all the money we give out every year on our regular budget, many communities have trouble spending that in the first place. So why are we giving, you know, an amount greater than our entire annual budget on a one-time appropriation? Maybe there’s a better way of getting people back to work and getting communities back to normal. And that was overridden. And the Congress did what they wanted to do. And they passed this and so we got the money. So, I just had to make sure it went out in an appropriate way. There was no shenanigans. It’s not going to any groups like Planned Parenthood and things like that. So they wanted to use money to buy cell phones for the homeless. I said, somehow doesn’t seem like a great idea.” [YouTube, American Moment, [3/21/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:18:18

**Gibbs Joked About Verbally Abusing His Staff In The Trump Administration And Said Trump Shouldn’t Have Fired Corey Lewandowski After He Assaulted A Reporter****Gibbs Joked That He “Never Swore” And “Never Raised My Voice” At Work Before Joining The Trump Administration, But “That Changed”**

**Gibbs Said He “Never Swore” And “Never Raised My Voice And Yelled At Work Before I Went To DC.”** GIBBS: “Because I’ve been in DC, I know what it takes to fight the swamp. And let me tell you guys, in my entire professional career, I never swore before I went to DC. I never raised my voice and yelled at work before I went to DC. That is what the swamp will do to you when you see how these guys operate. The back dealing, the cheating, the total slap in the face of the regular American who goes to work and works hard every day. It is infuriating, and it will bring that out in you. Frankly, if I see anyone who goes to DC and they don’t get little bit upset or hot or their collar, I’m worried about them. I don’t know that they’re the real deal or not.” [Right Side Broadcasting Network, [4/2/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:02:32

**While Recounting His Time In The Trump Administration, Gibbs Joked About Verbally Abusing His Staff, Saying He Had “Never Yelled At Work” But “That Changed.”** “In another clip from the same event, Gibbs

recounts his time working in Trump's White House by making a joke about verbally abusing his staff. 'When I went to work in the administration of President Trump, I'd never yelled at work or swore(sp) to anyone at work. But guess what? That changed,' Gibbs said as the audience laughed." [Daily Mail, [3/31/22](#)]

- **Gibbs: “Before I Went To Work In The Administration Of President Trump, I Had Never Yelled At Work Or Swore Anyone At Work. But Guess What? That Changed.”** GIBBS: “Before I went to work in the administration of President Trump, I had never yelled at work or swore anyone at work. But guess what? That changed. Since 2016, President Trump has fought every kind of attack from the left, from the RINOs, from everybody out there, but he still stands here before you, looking even younger than he did. He's a model for all of us to follow.” [Twitter, @patriottakes, [3/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

### **Gibbs Said It Was A “Mistake” For Trump’s 2016 Campaign To Fire Corey Lewandowski And Said The Accusation Of Assaulting A Reporter Was Not “A Legitimate Reason” To Dismiss Him**

**Gibbs Said It Was A “Mistake” For The Trump 2016 Presidential Campaign To Fire Corey Lewandowski.** “The first manifestation of these concerns was when the campaign hired long-time GOP man Paul Manafort in March. However, it became clear that adding Manafort was not enough to assuage concerns. So this Monday, the campaign upped the ante by firing Lewandowski. This was a mistake. But let's start by looking at a couple reasons one could offer for firing Lewandowski, and see if they hold water.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [6/22/16](#)]

**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Said An Accusation Against Corey Lewandowski Of Assaulting A Reporter Was Not “A Legitimate Reason For Dismissing Lewandowski.”** “First, there was the (in)famous incident where he was accused of assaulting reporter Michelle Fields by pulling her arm and guiding her away from Trump as she aggressively tried to interview him. Yet the state of Florida declined to prosecute Lewandowski due to a lack of evidence (it's worth noting that the prosecutor is a registered Democrat and Hillary supporter). Indeed, looking at the admittedly low-quality security footage of the incident, it looks much less like an assault than a campaign manager firmly pulling a zealous journalist away from his candidate. I'm willing to bet that if someone had grabbed my arm and pulled me in the same fashion, I would have been laughed out of the room if I tried to file charges. Considering all this, the Fields incident can't be a legitimate reason for dismissing Lewandowski.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [6/22/16](#)]

### **Gibbs Said He Had “Never Been A Registered Democrat,” But Records Indicated He Was A Registered Democrat In California For Nearly Two Years**

#### **Gibbs Said He Was “Not And Has Never Been A Registered Democrat”**

**Gibbs Said He Was “Not And Has Never Been A Registered Democrat, Nor Voted Democratic In Any Election Ever.”** “Most black Americans are Democrats. My mom, dad, and siblings are all staunch Democrats. Yet this black person is not and has never been a registered Democrat, nor voted Democratic in any election ever.” [Federalist, John Gibbs, [8/9/16](#)]

#### **June 1998-Mar. 2000: Gibbs Was Registered As A Democrat In California**

**June 1998: Gibbs Registered To Vote In California As A Democrat And Indicated He Had Previously Been Registered As A Democrat In Michigan.**

**VOTER REGISTRATION FORM**

ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN?  Yes  No. If No, Don't Fill Out This Form. Use Pen—Please Print Clearly.

1 **FIRST NAME** John **MIDDLE NAME** **LAST NAME** Gibbs

2 **ADDRESS** [Redacted] City **Stanford** County **Santa Clara** ZIP Code **94309**

3 If No Street Address, Describe Where You Live: (Cross Streets, Route, Box, Section, Township, Range, Etc.)

4 **ADDRESS** [Redacted] City **Stanford** State **CA** ZIP Code **94309**

5 **DATE OF BIRTH** 03/20/79 **PLACE OF BIRTH** (State or Foreign Country) **Michigan**

6 **CA DRIVER'S LICENSE OR ID CARD** **8 TELEPHONE** [Redacted]

7 **PARTY REGISTRATION**—Check one box

- American Independent Party
- Democratic Party
- Green Party
- Libertarian Party
- Natural Law Party
- Peace and Freedom Party
- Reform Party
- Republican Party
- Decline to State
- Other (Specify)

8 I prefer election materials in:  English  Spanish

9 **OPTIONAL SURVEY**—Can you help in the following area(s)?

- Polling Place Worker
- Polling Place Site

10 **HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REGISTERED TO VOTE?**  Yes  No

11 Name: **John Gibbs**

12 **SIGNATURE**—Sign in box below.

13 **DATE** 6/10/98 **01 K 656591**

14 **JUN 11 1998**

[Santa Clara County Registrar Of Voters, 6/10/98]

**Mar. 2000: Gibbs Registered To Vote In California As A Republican.**

**VOTER REGISTRATION FORM**

ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN?  Yes  No. If No, Don't Fill Out This Form. Use Pen—Please Print Clearly.

1 **FIRST NAME** John **MIDDLE NAME** **LAST NAME** Gibbs

2 **ADDRESS** [Redacted] City **Stanford** County **Santa Clara** ZIP Code **94309**

3 If No Street Address, Describe Where You Live: (Cross Streets, Route, Box, Section, Township, Range, Etc.)

4 **ADDRESS** [Redacted] City **Stanford** State **CA** ZIP Code **94309**

5 **DATE OF BIRTH** 3-20-79 **PLACE OF BIRTH** (State or Foreign Country) **Lansing, MI, USA**

6 **CA DRIVER'S LICENSE OR ID CARD** **8 TELEPHONE** [Redacted]

7 **PARTY REGISTRATION**—Check one box

- American Independent Party - Đảng Độc Lập Mỹ
- Democratic Party - Đảng Dân Chủ
- Green Party - Đảng Xanh
- Libertarian Party - Đảng Tự Do
- Natural Law Party - Đảng Luật Tự Nhiên
- Peace and Freedom Party - Đảng Hòa Bình và Tự Do
- Reform Party - Đảng Cải Tổ
- Republican Party - Đảng Cộng Hòa
- Decline to State - Không Muốn Nêu Danh
- Other - Khác

8 I prefer election materials in:  English  Spanish

9 **OPTIONAL SURVEY**—Can you help in the following area(s)?

- Polling Place Worker
- Polling Place Site

10 **HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REGISTERED TO VOTE?**  Yes  No

11 Name: **John Gibbs**

12 **SIGNATURE**—Sign in box below.

13 **DATE** 3/7/00 **43 VA 083539**

14 **MAR 09 2000**

[Santa Clara County Registrar Of Voters, 3/7/00]

**Oct. 2000: Gibbs Registered To Vote In California As A Libertarian And Indicted He Had Previously Been Registered In Michigan With Political Party “Not Specified.”**

**VOTER REGISTRATION FORM**  
FORMULARIO DE INSCRIPCIÓN PARA LOS VOTANTES

1. **NAME**  
FIRST NAME - PRIMER NOMBRE: John  
MIDDLE NAME - SEGUNDO NOMBRE: [Redacted]  
LAST NAME - APELLIDO: Gibbs

2. **ADDRESS**  
City - Ciudad: Stanford  
County - Condado: Santa Clara  
ZIP Code - Cód. Postal: 94305

3. **MAILING ADDRESS**  
City - Ciudad: Stanford  
State - Estado: CA  
ZIP Code - Cód. Postal: 94309

4. **DATE OF BIRTH**  
03-20-74

5. **PLACE OF BIRTH**  
Lansing, MI, USA

6. **PARTY REGISTRATION**  
 Libertarian Party - Partido Libertario

7. **HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REGISTERED TO VOTE?**  
Yes - Sí:  No - No:

8. **SIGNATURE**  
[Redacted]

9. **DATE - FECHA**  
10/3/00

10. **TIME**  
43 M 190214

11. **ADDRESS**  
City - Ciudad: Lansing  
County - Condado: Eaton  
State - Estado: MI

[Santa Clara County Registrar Of Voters, 10/3/00]

**Feb. 2004: Gibbs Registered To Vote In California As A Libertarian.**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**VOTER REGISTRATION FORM**

1. **NAME**  
LAST NAME (Only): Gibbs  
FIRST NAME (Only): John

2. **ADDRESS**  
City: Mountain View  
State: CA  
ZIP CODE: 94040  
County: Santa Clara

3. **MAILING ADDRESS**  
City: [Redacted]  
State: [Redacted]  
ZIP CODE: [Redacted]  
Foreign Country: [Redacted]

4. **DATE OF BIRTH**  
03 20 1979

5. **PLACE OF BIRTH**  
MI

6. **POLITICAL PARTY**  
 Libertarian Party

7. **HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REGISTERED TO VOTE?**  
Yes:  No:

8. **STREET ADDRESS**  
City: Redwood City  
State: CA  
ZIP CODE: 94065  
County: San Mateo  
Political Party: Libertarian

9. **SIGNATURE**  
[Redacted]

10. **DATE**  
FEB 17 2004

11. **TIME**  
021104

[Santa Clara County Registrar Of Voters, 2/11/04]

**Jan. 2008 Gibbs Registered To Vote In California As A Republican.**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**  
**VOTER REGISTRATION FORM**  
**FORMULARIO DE INSCRIPCIÓN PARA VOTANTES**

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UTILICE TINTA PUNTA NEGRA O AZUL—ESCRIBA EN LETRA DE MOLDE

1 LAST NAME (Only) - APELLIDO (último nombre)  
**GIBBS**

2 FIRST NAME (Only) - PRIMER NOMBRE (último nombre)  
**JOHN**

3 ADDRESS where you live (including R.F.D.) (NO PO BOX/BUSINESS ADDRESS)  
DIRECCIÓN en la que usted vive (incluyendo R.F.D.) (NO USE APARTADO POSTAL/DIRECCIÓN COMERCIAL)

4 CITY - CIUDAD  
**MOUNTAIN VIEW**

5 STATE - ESTADO ZIP CODE - CÓDIGO POSTAL COUNTY - CONDADO  
**CA 94040 SANTA CLARA**

6 MAILING ADDRESS: (if different from the address where you live, or PO BOX) - DIRECCIÓN POSTAL: (si no es la misma en que vive, o APARTADO POSTAL)

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Month - Mes Day - día Year - año (U.S. Born or Foreign Country Born) (ESTADO DE EE.UU. o país extranjero (último nombre))  
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8 POLITICAL PARTY - FID IN ONE ONLY PARTIDO POLÍTICO - Elija un distrito  
 American Independent Party  
 Libertarian Party - Partido Libertario  
 Democratic Party - Partido Demócrata  
 Green Party - Partido Verde  
 Republican Party - Partido Republicano  
 National Law Party  
 Party of Law Abiders  
 Peace and Freedom Party - Partido Paz y Libertad

9 HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REGISTERED TO VOTE?  
¿ESTABA ALGORO VEC. INSCRITO PARA VOTAR?  
 Yes - Sí  No - No

10 STREET ADDRESS - DIRECCIÓN (CALLE Y NÚMERO)  
**MOUNTAIN VIEW**  
**LIBERTARIAN**

11 SIGNATURE - You must sign and date. FIRMA - Debe firmar y fechar en la cédula de inscripción.  
**43 N** Today's Date - La fecha de hoy: **011608**

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[Santa Clara County Registrar Of Voters, 1/16/08]

## Education

**Gibbs Served On Trump’s 1776 Commission To Promote “Patriotic Education” And Called Critical Race Theory A “Total Insult To The Civil Rights Movement” And A “Racist Invention Of The Left”**

**Gibbs Served On Trump’s 1776 Commission, Which Aimed To Promote “Patriotic Education” In Schools.** “Gibbs, who is Black, served on Trump’s 1776 Commission, which aimed to promote ‘patriotic education’ in schools. His campaign website says he helped churches in Japan reach the homeless and worked as a software developer in Silicon Valley. He has a bachelor’s degree from Stanford University and a master’s from Harvard University.” [Associated Press, [11/15/21](#)]

**Gibbs Said Trump Appointed Him To The 1776 Commission To “Fight The Evil And Racist Critical Race Theory” And Said It Was A “Total Insult To The Civil Rights Movement.”** GIBBS: “President Trump then appointed me to the 1776 Commission to fight the evil and racist critical race theory. Total insult to the civil rights movement, total insult to anything decent, judging a person by their race instead of their actual character and



behavior. We got to end CRT and thank you to all the great parents out there showing up at school board meetings. And to the great mama bears keep standing up, keep yelling at them.” [Right Side Broadcasting Network, [4/2/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:07:03

**Gibbs: Critical Race Theory Was “A Very Racist Invention Of The Left To Divide People In Order To Gain Control.”** GIBBS: “A second thing is this whole idea of critical race theory. It's a very insidious ideology that's popped up. It's blatantly racist. It says if you're black, you're automatically a victim. If you're white, you're automatically guilty. It's absolutely unfair. It doesn't look at how you actually treat people, how you love others, how you live your life. No, it just says based on your race, you're guilty, or based on a race, you're innocent. And it's an absolute insult to the legacy of the civil rights movement, especially since we celebrated Dr. King's birthday here just a couple of days ago, it's a good time to remember that CRT is in no way, shape, or form, his legacy at all. It's a very racist invention of the left to divide people in order to gain control.” [WOOD, [1/19/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:10:17

### **Gibbs Praised Parents For “Standing Up At The School Board Meetings” Against “Critical Race Theory” And “Gender Ideology”**

**Gibbs Praised Parents For “Standing Up At The School Board Meetings” Against “Critical Race Theory, Gender Ideology, Or Whatever It Might Be.”** GIBBS: “So, we’ve seen the growth of the mama bears, which has been spectacular to see, all the parents standing up at the school board meetings and letting the schools know that taxpayers are the ones who write their paychecks and have a say in education of the kids. So that's wonderful. So we are seeing a lot of momentum around this education, whether it's critical race theory, gender ideology, or whatever it might be. We're seeing the parents standing up quite amazingly, so that's been a good thing.” [Real America’s Voice, [4/4/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:03:32

**Gibbs: “Showing Up At A School Board Meeting Or Disagreeing With Govt Ideology Gets You Monitored By The State Security Apparatus, W/ Apparently No Oversight.”** “I’m old enough to remember when terrorism meant hijacking a plane or blowing up a building. But now, showing up at a school board meeting or disagreeing with govt ideology gets you monitored by the state security apparatus, w/ apparently no oversight. Where has Congress been?”



John Gibbs for MI-3  
@votejohngibbs

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## **Housing Assistance Programs**

### **Gibbs Said He Tried To Implement Work Requirements And Other Reforms While Working At HUD But His Employees Went Behind His Back To Undermine His Efforts**

**Gibbs Said That While At HUD, He Worked On “Trying To Do Work Requirements, Family Formation,**

**Things Like That.”** GIBBS: “And I began in the administration in May of '17. So, a few months after the beginning, so yeah, was there at HUD under Dr. Carson for, yeah, just all the way until the end. Started as a senior adviser in this department called Community Planning and Development, which does homelessness money as well as economic development grants. And ended up moving on from that and going up to the secretary's office, working on some of the secretary's initiatives, such as trying to do work requirements, family formation, things like that.” [YouTube, American Moment, [3/21/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:16:47

**Gibbs Said There Was An “Ideology In Homelessness Programs” That You Should “Just Give Everybody Free Housing” And “I Tried To Push Back Against That” At HUD.** HOST: “What was the thing you tried to do or that, you know, Secretary Carson asked you to do that most, you know, raised their hackles? What was the red line that no one's allowed to go over in terms of the policy that you propose there?” GIBBS: “Sure. So under Obama, there was this ideology in homelessness programs that what you should do is just give everybody free housing, unlimited free housing, no time limit, no requirements, no nothing. And that's how you solve homelessness. Well, they started doing this and it didn't work. Numbers kept going up and up and up. Wow, imagine that, yeah, just giving people free stuff. So, the problem with that, obviously, is you're not getting to the heart of what's wrong with the person. You're not getting to is there substance abuse going on? Is there mental issues that need to be treated going on? Is there counseling, so the person can restore their relationships and be able to get a job and things. It moves the focus from that, which is what really gets the person out of homelessness, and simply giving them a roof over their head, which if you just do that, now, they might just use it for hoarding, or you know, for other nefarious purposes. And they may even still live on the street, but just use that place to store all their stuff or something. So the issues are still there. And you haven't really helped the person just by putting a roof over their head. So I tried to push back against that. And we tried to say, look, if we're giving out this money to organizations that are using it, we want them actually deal with what's wrong with the person. We want them to have treatment programs and things.” [YouTube, American Moment, [3/21/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:23:06

**Gibbs Said When He Tried To Push Back Against “Unlimited Free Housing” Programs At HUD, His Employees Went Behind His Back To “The Liberal Groups, The Media, And Some Of The Congressional Committees” Which Led To Appropriations Language Preventing Him From Making Reforms.** GIBBS: “Sure. So under Obama, there was this ideology in homelessness programs that what you should do is just give everybody free housing, unlimited free housing, no time limit, no requirements, no nothing. And that's how you solve homelessness. Well, they started doing this and it didn't work. Numbers kept going up and up and up. [...] So I tried to push back against that. And we tried to say, look, if we're giving out this money to organizations that are using it, we want them actually deal with what's wrong with the person. We want them to have treatment programs and things. Oh no, it's like you're trying to kill puppies and kittens. You can't have that. No, you just have to give them free housing. If not, you have no hearts. How dare you want to force someone to receive drug treatment or receive counseling? That's so mean. So they go behind my back and talk to the liberal groups, the media, and some of the congressional committees, and they drank the Kool Aid, so for the first time ever, we get language in our annual appropriations saying I can't change that program. They're saying you've got to keep the same rules and guidance as was under the Obama plans, so just getting free stuff forever. So, as far as I know, they haven't done that before. And that was a pretty big blow and some of our own people on the Hill drank the Kool Aid and really could have helped us with that but did not. So, I would say that's the biggest issue where they really were afraid that their scheme was going to come undone and maneuvered against us.” [YouTube, American Moment, [3/21/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:23:06

**Gibbs: Republicans “Don’t Want To Be Seen As The Guy That Cuts Something Because The Optics Look Bad, Even Though What They’re Doing Actually Will End Up Helping More People.”** GIBBS: “You know, there's a lot of talk about the black homeownership rate is much lower than other groups. Well, it's about the same today as it was in the 60s even though there's been trillions of dollars in spending on various programs, and various housing programs and whatnot, really hasn't gone up. And so there's something really missing there. And it is difficult for the politicians to wrap their head around this because they think they'll get attacked for being not compassionate if they cut spending on these, when in fact, it is compassionate, because you're actually moving towards something that works. And so that's part of the dilemma here, is that even among many Republicans, they

don't want to be seen as the guy that cuts something because the optics look bad, even though what they're doing actually will end up helping more people. You know, here's a good example. You take the section eight rent vouchers, right? You give out tons of these vouchers every year. And what that does is it drives up demand because there are now more people who can afford to rent. So, that increases your demand. Well, when you increase demand, you also increase prices, and the supply stays the same. So now you're increasing prices at the low end of the rental market, and all those poor people who don't have a voucher are now paying more for rent because of the section eight vouchers that are going out. And if you add up the total value of the extra money they're paying, it actually is a greater loss than the benefit from the people getting the vouchers.” [YouTube, Jack Murphy Live, [12/21/21](#)] (VIDEO) 00:38:08

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### **Gibbs Criticized Section Eight Rental Vouchers And Claimed They Drove Up Demand, Leading To Higher Rental Prices**

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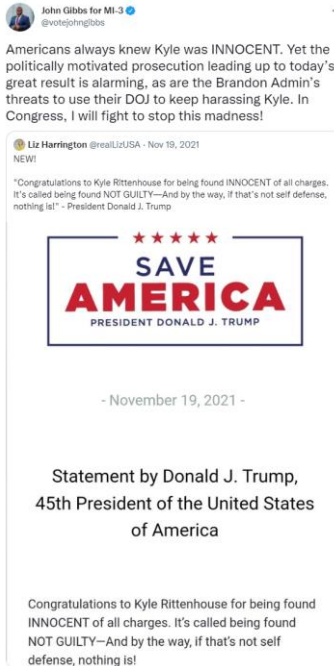
## **Guns And Gun Violence**

### **Second Amendment**

**Gibbs Supported “Nationwide Permitless Concealed Carry, At The Bare Minimum.”** “What part of ‘shall not be infringed’ do politicians not understand? Our founding fathers understood that a peaceful, heavily armed population was not only a God-given guaranteed human right, but one of the surest safeguards against government tyranny and criminals. This important legacy must be preserved at all costs. This means Nationwide Permitless Concealed Carry, at the bare minimum.” [John Gibbs For Congress, Inc., Accessed [4/30/22](#)]

### **Kyle Rittenhouse**

**Gibbs Said Kyle Rittenhouse’s Not Guilty Verdict Was A “Great Result” And “Americans Always Knew Kyle Was INNOCENT.”** “Americans always knew Kyle was INNOCENT. Yet the politically motivated prosecution leading up to today’s great result is alarming, as are the Brandon Admin’s threats to use their DOJ to keep harassing Kyle. In Congress, I will fight to stop this madness!” QUOTE TWEET @realLizUSA: “NEW! ‘Congratulations to Kyle Rittenhouse for being found INNOCENT of all charges. It’s called being found NOT GUILTY—And by the way, if that’s not self defense, nothing is!’ - President Donald J. Trump”



[Twitter, @votejohnngibbs, [11/19/21](#)]

## Charleston Church Shooting

**In An Op-Ed, Gibbs Criticized Democrats' "Willingness To Claim Systematic Racism For The Isolated Act Of A Crazy, Despicable Individual Such As Dylann Roof."** "This approach also reveals another fundamental problem with Democrats' philosophy: their willingness to claim systematic racism for the isolated act of a crazy, despicable individual such as Dylann Roof. They do such things while also typically claiming there is no systematic problem with Islamic terrorism despite repeated, consistent attacks from Muslims in the name of their religion on behalf of ISIS." [Federalist, John Gibbs, [7/28/16](#)]

## Professional History

**Gibbs Wrote Academically On The Application Of Behavioral Economics To Policymaking.** "Gibbs also worked as a software engineer in Silicon Valley for Symantec, Palm and Apple, including working on the first version of the iPhone, and wrote academically on the application of behavioral economics to policymaking, according to the Trump White House." [Detroit News, [11/12/21](#)]

**Before Joining HUD, Gibbs Did Nonprofit Work In Japan And Implemented Homeless Outreach Strategies For Japanese Churches.** "The White House said last year that, before his time at HUD, Gibbs did nonprofit work in Japan and implemented homeless outreach strategies for Japanese churches." [Detroit News, [11/12/21](#)]

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**Gibbs Said He Studied Abroad In Japan In College And Interned At A Japanese Company In Yokohama.** GIBBS: "I learned quite a bit on various fronts, especially in my major in computer science. I did study Japanese as well. And I actually studied abroad in Japan while I was there. And so—" HOST: "What years would that have been?" GIBBS: "I was at Stanford '97-'01. And I studied abroad in Japan in the year 2000, which was pretty cool. I

had a homestay family in Kyoto. And so, they were fascinating. The father spoke little bit of English, well, his own version of it. And the mother only spoke Japanese, so you got to practice with her as well. So that was just a great experience as far as immersion and getting to go deeper into language. Then I had an internship with a Japanese company, which was extremely fascinating because my company in Yokohama had no foreigners there. I was like, the only, maybe there was one guy from Indonesia somewhere else in the building, but that was it. And so it was a really, really Japanese environment. And one of the things we had to do, for example, is every day at like five o'clock on the dot, all the employees who had been there for less than one year had to take this big garbage bin, roll it around, take out everyone's garbage at their desk, throw it into it and say [speaks Japanese] which is Japanese for 'Thanks for your hard work today.'" [YouTube, American Moment, [3/21/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:06:12

**After Graduating College, Gibbs Worked For A Cybersecurity Startup That Was Later Acquired By Symantec.** GIBBS: "But, came back from that and graduated and started off as a software engineer in Silicon Valley as my first job. And I worked for a small startup company that made cybersecurity software. Our co-founder was a high school dropout, but kind of a hacker-type guy, one of the smartest people I've ever met. And he basically made the product and then built out a team around it. Then we got acquired by Symantec. And we became part of Symantec. Continue to work on the same product, which was basically, you buy it as a company and you install it on your gateway, they can look for suspicious traffic coming into your network." [YouTube, American Moment, [3/21/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:07:50

**Gibbs Said He Joined Apple "Right Before The First iPhone Came Out" And He Was Given One To Test In Real Life When "Steve Jobs Himself Had To Approve Everyone That Had One."** GIBBS: "Yeah, I went to work for Apple right before the first iPhone came out. And I was writing software to test the iPhone. And so I had probably, I don't remember how many, 7, 8, 10, something like that, of these iPhones lined up in my office. And we also had one that we were supposed to carry and use as our phone to test it out, you know, in an everyday user scenario, but under very high secrecy because it wasn't out yet. And it was really, there was a really high secrecy around that. Steve Jobs himself had to approve everyone that had one. So, that was pretty cool to be able to work on something like that." [YouTube, American Moment, [3/21/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:09:49

**Gibbs Said His Friend Who Was Working For Ben Carson Helped Him Get A Job At HUD.** GIBBS: "After I graduated from that program, a friend of mine who was working for Dr. Carson called me up one day, and this was right after President Trump had won the election and right after Dr. Carson was placed as head of HUD, so I said to my friend, 'Dude, get me a job.' And so he got me into the administration, helped me navigate the process, and I began in our great Trump administration in May of 2017." [Right Side Broadcasting Network, [4/2/22](#)] (VIDEO) 00:05:33

**Gibbs Joined The Department Of Housing And Urban Development As The Director For The Strong Cities, Strong Communities Initiative.** "Gibbs is a former conservative commentator and software engineer who initially joined HUD as the director for the Strong Cities, Strong Communities initiative. In August of 2017, he transitioned to the role of senior adviser, working in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, and is now an acting assistant secretary." [CNN, [7/22/20](#)]

**2021: Gibbs Reported Receiving \$31,000 In Salary From Thiel Capital.** [Clerk Of The House Of Representatives, 2021 Amended Personal Financial Disclosure: John Gibbs, Filed [1/6/22](#)]

## Personal Political History

### Personal Political Donations

#### Gibbs Has Given \$919.20 To Federal Political Candidates

According to the Federal Election Commission, Gibbs has given \$919.20 to federal political candidates.

<b>Gibbs Political Giving History - Federal</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Amount</b>
11/30/21	Patrick Witt For Congress	R	\$500.00
9/1/21	WinRed (Earmarked for Save America Joint Fundraising Committee)	R	\$76.00
9/2/20	Trump Make America Great Again Committee	R	\$30.00
8/2/20	Trump Make America Great Again Committee	R	\$30.00
7/2/20	Trump Make America Great Again Committee	R	\$30.00
6/2/20	WinRed (Earmarked for Trump Make America Great Again Committee)	R	\$30.00
5/2/20	WinRed (Earmarked for Trump Make America Great Again Committee)	R	\$30.00
4/2/20	WinRed (Earmarked for Trump Make America Great Again Committee)	R	\$30.00
3/2/20	WinRed (Earmarked for Trump Make America Great Again Committee)	R	\$30.00
2/2/20	WinRed (Earmarked for Trump Make America Great Again Committee)	R	\$30.00
1/2/20	WinRed (Earmarked for Trump Make America Great Again Committee)	R	\$30.00
12/2/19	WinRed (Earmarked for Trump Make America Great Again Committee)	R	\$30.00
8/11/16	Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.	R	\$13.60
8/8/16	Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.	R	\$17.60
8/6/16	Donald J. Trump For President, Inc.	R	\$12.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$919.20</b>

[FEC, Individual Contribution Search: John Gibbs, State Filter: Michigan/DC, Accessed [3/31/22](#)]

### **Gibbs Has Given \$1,300 To State-Level Political Candidates**

According to the Michigan and Kansas Secretaries of State and the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance, Gibbs has given \$1,300 to state-level candidates.

<b>Gibbs Political Giving History - State</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Amount</b>
10/24/20	Committee to Elect Gina Johnsen (MI)	R	\$825
10/1/20	Committee to Elect Gina Johnsen (MI)	R	\$175
1/15/20	Hamilton Committee (Norfolk County Commissioner, MA)	I/U	\$100
12/6/19	Friends for Christine E Barnes for State Rep (MI)	R	\$100
8/1/18	Kris Kobach for Governor (KS)	R	\$100
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,300</b>

[Michigan Secretary Of State, Accessed [3/31/22](#); Massachusetts Office Of Campaign And Political Finance, Accessed [3/31/22](#); Kansas Secretary Of State, Accessed [3/31/22](#)]

### **Voter Activity**

#### **Gibbs Was Registered To Vote In Michigan's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District**

**Gibbs Was Registered To Vote In Byron Center, MI.** [VoteBuilder, Accessed 3/30/22]

- **Gibbs' Address Was Located In Michigan's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District.** [House.gov, Accessed 3/30/22]

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**1998 – 2021: Gibbs Voting History**

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Gibbs Voting History (1998-2021)	
Year	Description
2021	Did not vote
2020	Voted in the primary and general elections (absentee)
2019	Did not vote
2018	Voted in the primary and general elections (absentee)
2017	Did not vote
2016	Voted in the general election
1998-2015	Did not vote

[VoteBuilder, Accessed 3/30/22]

**Public Records****Associated Entities**

As of April 2022, Gibbs was not associated with any entities. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 4/30/22]

*NOTE: Further research necessary into Gibbs' associated entities.*

**Criminal And Traffic Violation Record**

As of April 2022, Gibbs was not associated with any criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records search, accessed, 4/30/22]

*NOTE: Further research necessary to determine whether Gibbs has a criminal record.*

**Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens**

As of April 2022, Gibbs is not associated with any bankruptcy, judgments, or liens. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens search, accessed 4/30/22]

*NOTE: Further research necessary into whether Gibbs or his associated entities had bankruptcies, judgments or liens.*

**COVID Relief Loans/Grants**

As of April 2022, Gibbs and associated entities were not associated with any COVID relief loans or grants.

**Important Note On This Document**

Please keep in mind at all times that this is preliminary research, and further research will be necessary on John Gibbs. It is strongly recommended that you contact the DCCC's Research Department for more information and in the event that you intend to use material from this report for public communications purposes. Thank you.