



## **Drew Johnson**

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Republican Candidate in Nevada's 3rd  
Congressional District

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# Johnson Wants To Let Politicians Ban Abortion In Nevada, With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or The Life Of The Woman

## [Johnson Said That The Dobbs Decision “Appropriately” Left The Question Of Banning Abortion To The States](#)

**Johnson Said That The Dobbs Decision “Appropriately” Left The Question Of Banning Abortion To The States.** “Johnson has not called for an abortion ban, and said the 2022 Dobbs decision overturning Roe v. Wade ‘appropriately’ left the question to the states. He said he would vote against both a national abortion ban and any government funding for abortion services.” [Nevada Independent, [6/16/24](#)]

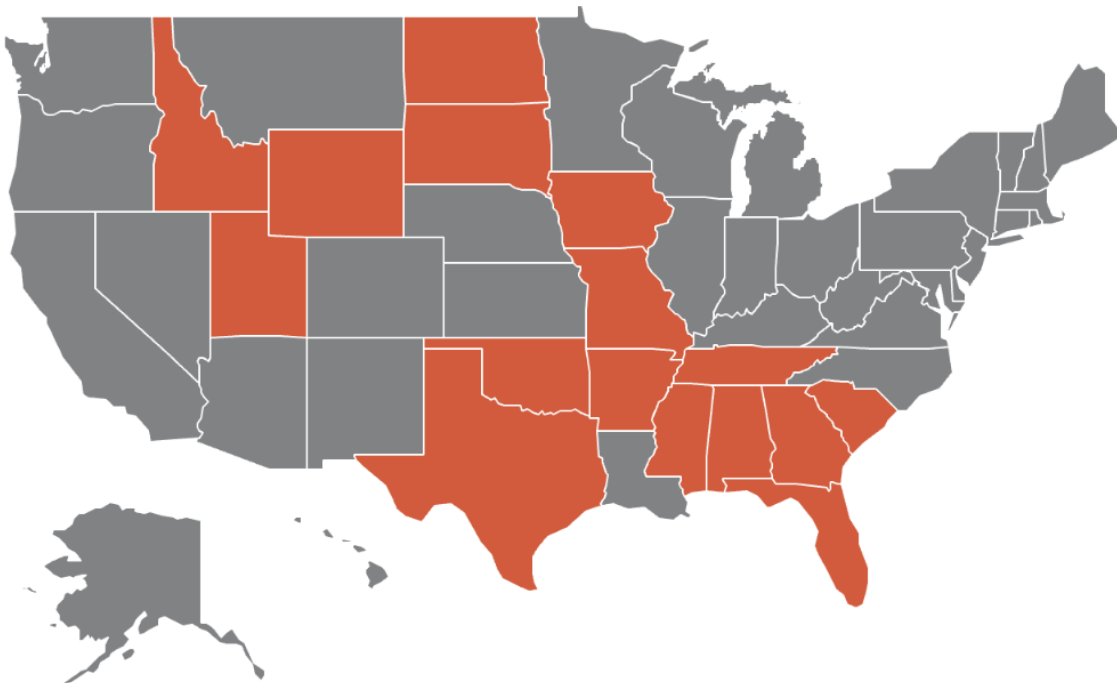
## **In July 2024, Following The Fall Of Roe v. Wade, 21 States Have Banned Abortion Or Restricted Abortion**

**Twenty-One States Have Banned Or Restricted Abortion Since The Fall Of Roe V. Wade.** “Twenty-one states ban abortion or restrict the procedure earlier in pregnancy than the standard set by Roe v. Wade, which governed reproductive rights for nearly half a century until the Supreme Court overturned the decision in 2022.” [The New York Times, [7/1/24](#)]

**PolitiFact: As Of May 2022, 16 States Had Passed Laws That Impose Jail Sentences On Doctors Who Violate Abortion Laws.** “The list continues. Over a dozen states have ‘trigger’ laws that would take effect if the court overturns Roe v. Wade. Additional states have penalties in their current abortion laws. To the four Republican-controlled states listed above, we can add Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and Wyoming. In each state, a doctor found guilty of breaking the law faces a possible, or in some cases, a mandatory prison sentence.” [PolitiFact, [5/5/22](#)]

# 16 Republican-controlled states have passed laws that impose jail sentences on doctors who violate abortion laws

This includes states that have passed new abortion bans outright, or "trigger" laws that would go into effect if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*.



Sources: State laws, Kaiser Family Foundation, FindLaw



[PolitiFact, [5/5/22](#)]

## The Texas Abortion Ban Was A Near Total Ban That Did Not Include Exceptions For Rape Or Incest

**September 2021: Texas Banned Abortion At Roughly Six Weeks, “Well Before Many Women Even Know They Are Pregnant,” Without Exceptions For Rape Or Incest.** “With the U.S. Supreme Court mum, a new law went into effect in Texas that bans abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy. That’s well before many women even know they are pregnant. The law allows private citizens to sue abortion providers and anyone else who helps a woman obtain an abortion — including those who give a woman a

ride to a clinic or provide financial assistance to obtain an abortion. Private citizens who bring these suits don't need to show any connection to those they are suing. The law makes no exceptions for cases involving rape or incest. Here's why the law is one of the strictest abortion bans in the country." [NPR, [9/1/21](#)]

### **Overturing Roe Triggered Drastic Abortion Bans Across The Country That Could Criminalize Women, Lacked Exceptions For Rape Or Incest, And Are Likely To Increase Deaths From Complications During Pregnancy**

**CNN: 13 States Have "Trigger" Laws That Could Immediately Outlaw Abortion In The Event Roe V Wade Was Overturned.** According to CNN, 13 states have what are referred to as "trigger laws" which allow state governments to ban abortion immediately after a Supreme Court decision overturns Roe V Wade. These states include Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Wyoming and Utah. [CNN, [5/3/22](#)]

**Nine States' Pre-Roe Abortion Bans That Could Be Activated Post-Roe Did Not Preclude Prosecution Of Women Who Sought Abortion Care.** "If the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade, as it is expected to do in the coming days, the U.S. Constitution will no longer be interpreted as protecting the right to abortion.<sup>1</sup> As a result, states will be able to decide whether abortion is legal and under what circumstances. While some states already have extreme legislation in effect that bans nearly all abortion care, 19 states have bans on the books passed either pre- or post-Roe, many of which—while not currently in force—could come into effect if the Supreme Court overturns Roe. These laws are uniformly extreme in nature. Three states have statutes that do not include exceptions to save a patient's life. Eighteen of the laws (from 15 states) do not allow for abortion in cases of rape, while 20 of the laws (from 16 states) do not allow for abortion in cases of incest. Moreover, nine states have statutes that, though not explicitly authorizing prosecution of a person seeking care, also do not explicitly preclude such prosecutions in the same manner other states do. In the context of those states' full legal schemes, these statutes should not provide grounds for criminalizing a person for her own abortion, but a politically motivated prosecutor could try to argue they do—arguments that courts should soundly reject." [Center for American Progress, [6/24/22](#)]

**May 2022: WMAZ: If Roe V Wade Overturned, Georgia's Heartbeat Bill That Banned Abortion After Six Weeks Could Be Put Into Effect Quickly.** "In Georgia, the Supreme Court decision could speed up the state's heartbeat bill going into effect, which would ban abortion altogether after six weeks." [WMAZ, [5/5/22](#)]

- **Vox: Doctors That Were Found Guilty Of Providing An Abortion In Georgia Could Be Sentenced To 10 Years In Prison; Doesn't Exempt Women That Perform Their Own.** "The bill also includes a penalty for those who perform abortions of up to 10 years in prison. It doesn't explicitly exempt women who perform their own abortions with drugs, leading to speculation about whether they would also be subject to criminal charges. Some have suggested that it could even lead to murder charges for women who have abortions — but other experts say the consequences are far from clear." [Vox, [4/19/19](#)]
- **Medication Abortion Through Pills, Which Can Be Self-Managed, Accounted For More Than Half Of Recent Abortions In The U.S.** In May 2022, the New York Times reported, "Medication abortion — a twodrug combination that can be taken at home or in any location and is authorized for use in the first 10 weeks of pregnancy — has become more and more prevalent and now accounts for more than half of recent abortions in the United States. If the federal

guarantee of abortion rights disappears, medication abortion would likely become an even more sought-after method for terminating a pregnancy — and the focus of battles between states that ban abortion and those that continue to allow it.” In May 2022, ABC News reported, “Medication abortions rely on pills, rather than surgery, to terminate the pregnancy. Usually two drugs— mifepristone and misoprostol—are used in combination to induce the abortion. In 2020, the number of medication abortions exceeded the number of surgical abortions for the first time, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a reproductive health policy research organization. In ‘self-managed’ cases, women do not undergo their abortions in a formal health care setting, according to the Guttmacher Institute. That’s in contrast with ‘supervised’ cases where women undergo their abortions under the watchful eye of supervising clinicians. Currently, 19 states require clinicians to be physically present when the medication is administered, according to the Guttmacher Institute.” [New York Times, [5/5/22](#); ABC News, [5/6/22](#)]

**Guttmacher Institute: Trigger Laws In 12 States Do Not Have Exceptions For Rape Or Incest.** “12 states do not include exceptions for rape and incest in their bans that would be triggered if Roe were overturned or bans on abortions up to eight weeks of pregnancy: Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas.” [Guttmacher Institute, [11/22/21](#)]

**Vox On June 24, 2022: Trigger Laws Like The One In Oklahoma Would Ban Abortion With Narrow Exceptions That “Could Lead To Unnecessary Deaths, As Doctors May Be Unwilling To Perform A Medically Necessary Abortion And Risk Felony Charges.”** “Prosecutors, especially elected prosecutors, may face pressure to bring charges against doctors who perform abortions, even those that are entirely legal under state law. Think of a state like Oklahoma, where, in a post-Roe world, abortions will only be legal if necessary to save a patient’s life in a ‘medical emergency.’ Prosecutors could target physicians and force them to provide evidence that a particular abortion was truly necessary to save their patient’s life. Meanwhile, the mere threat of such prosecutions could lead to unnecessary deaths, as doctors may be unwilling to perform a medically necessary abortion and risk felony charges.” [Vox, [6/24/22](#)]

**Overturing Roe Could Enable Republicans’ Proposed Nationwide Abortion Ban Without Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or When A Woman’s Life Was At Risk**

**6/24/22: Los Angeles Times Headline: “With Roe Dead, Republicans Call For Abortion Bans In All States”** [Los Angeles Times, [6/24/22](#)]

- **After Roe Was Overturned, McCarthy And Pence Called For Abortion Bans Nationally.** “Former Vice President Mike Pence said Friday that social conservatives in the post-Roe era ‘must not rest and must not relent until the sanctity of life is restored to the center of American law in every state in the land.’ ‘We will continue to look wherever we can go to save as many lives as possible,’ said House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield), without getting into specifics about what kind of legislation Republicans would put forward if they take control of the House in the midterm elections.” [Los Angeles Times, [6/24/22](#)]

**As Of May 2022, More Than 100 House Republicans Co-Sponsored The “Life At Conception Act” To Federally Ban Abortion At Six Weeks, “Signaling That Many Would Like To See A Total Ban On Abortion.”** “Several abortion bans have already been introduced in Congress. A six-week abortion ban has been introduced in the House, by Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.), and the Life at Conception Act, which would recognize a fetus as a person with equal protections under the 14th Amendment of the U.S.

Constitution, has been introduced in both chambers. Nineteen Republican senators and well over 100 Republicans in the House have co-sponsored the measure, signaling that many would like to see a total ban on abortion. [...] Kelly, who introduced the six-week ban in the House, said he doesn't understand why antiabortion Republicans would settle for a 15-week ban if Roe is overturned. 'I'm not willing to compromise that,' he said. 'I think it's morally unacceptable.'" [Washington Post, [5/2/22](#)]

- **The “Life At Conception” Act Would Grant Equal Protection Under The 14th Amendment To Fetuses, Effectively Banning Abortion With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or To Save A Woman’s Life.** “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. ‘Human person’ is defined as: [...] each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being. The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization. The bill would not allow for prosecution of any pregnant person for the ‘death’ of their ‘unborn child.’” [Rewire News, [accessed 6/30/22](#)]
- **The “Life At Conception Act” Would Ban Birth Control Pills, IUDs, Emergency Contraception, In Vitro Fertilization And Some Cancer Treatments.** “The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization.” [Rewire News Group, [9/28/19](#)]

**The House Republican Who Introduced The Six-Week Abortion Ban Viewed The Overturning Of Roe As A Precondition To The Six-Week Ban.** “Several abortion bans have already been introduced in Congress. A six- week abortion ban has been introduced in the House, by Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.), and the Life at Conception Act, which would recognize a fetus as a person with equal protections under the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, has been introduced in both chambers. Nineteen Republican senators and well over 100 Republicans in the House have co-sponsored the measure, signaling that many would like to see a total ban on abortion. [...] Kelly, who introduced the six-week ban in the House, said he doesn't understand why antiabortion Republicans would settle for a 15-week ban if Roe is overturned. 'I'm not willing to compromise that,' he said. 'I think it's morally unacceptable.’” [Washington Post, [5/2/22](#)]

[Johnson Embraced Trump, Whose “Closest Advisors And Confidants” Claimed “He Would Let Red States Monitor Women’s Pregnancies And Prosecute Those Who Violate Abortion Bans”](#)

**Johnson “Was Proud To Be The Very First Federal Candidate In Nevada To Endorse Donald Trump For President In 2024.”** “I was proud to be the very first federal candidate in Nevada to endorse Donald Trump for President in 2024! Not only did I caucus for President Trump, but I knocked doors

reminding Republicans to caucus for Trump and helped voters get to caucus sites.” [Twitter, DrewforNevada, 5/3/24]



[Twitter, DrewforNevada, 5/3/24]

**Trump’s “Closest Advisors And Confidants” Claimed “He Would Let Red States Monitor Women’s Pregnancies And Prosecute Those Who Violate Abortion Bans.”** “What emerged in two interviews with Trump, and conversations with more than a dozen of his closest advisers and confidants, were the outlines of an imperial presidency that would reshape America and its role in the world. [...] He would let red states monitor women’s pregnancies and prosecute those who violate abortion bans.” [Time, 4/30/24]

**Trump “Decline[d] To Commit To Vetoing Any Additional Federal Restrictions If They Came To His Desk.”** “As President, Trump nominated three Supreme Court Justices who voted to overturn Roe v. Wade, and he claims credit for his role in ending a constitutional right to an abortion. At the same time, he has sought to defuse a potent campaign issue for the Democrats by saying he wouldn’t sign a federal ban. In our interview at Mar-a-Lago, he declines to commit to vetoing any additional federal restrictions if they came to his desk.” [Time, 4/30/24]

**Trump Said He Thought The 20+ States With Full Or Partial Abortion Bans “Might” Create Policies To Monitor Women’s Pregnancies.** “More than 20 states now have full or partial abortion bans, and Trump says those policies should be left to the states to do what they want, including monitoring women’s pregnancies. ‘I think they might do that,’ he says.” [Time, 4/30/24]

**Trump Side-Stepped The Question Of Whether He Was Comfortable With States Prosecuting Women, Saying His Feelings Were “Totally Irrelevant.”** “When I ask whether he would be comfortable with states prosecuting women for having abortions beyond the point the laws permit, he says, ‘It’s



irrelevant whether I'm comfortable or not. It's totally irrelevant, because the states are going to make those decisions." [Time, [4/30/24](#)]

**The Trump-Allied The Heritage Foundation “Called For The Enforcement Of A 19th Century Statute That Would Outlaw The Mailing Of Abortion Pills.** “Trump’s allies don’t plan to be passive on abortion if he returns to power. The Heritage Foundation has called for enforcement of a 19th century statute that would outlaw the mailing of abortion pills.” [Time, [4/30/24](#)]

**The Trump-Allied Republican Study Committee (RSC) Included The Life At Conception Act In Its 2025 Budget Proposal.** “Trump’s allies don’t plan to be passive on abortion if he returns to power. [...] The Republican Study Committee (RSC), which includes more than 80% of the House GOP conference, included in its 2025 budget proposal the Life at Conception Act, which says the right to life extends to ‘the moment of fertilization.’” [Time, [4/30/24](#)]

- **When Asked If Trump Would Veto The Life At Conception Act If Given The Chance, He Deflected And Said “I Don’t Have To Do Anything About Vetoes Because Now We Have It Back In The States.”** “The Republican Study Committee (RSC), which includes more than 80% of the House GOP conference, included in its 2025 budget proposal the Life at Conception Act, which says the right to life extends to ‘the moment of fertilization.’ I ask Trump if he would veto that bill if it came to his desk. ‘I don’t have to do anything about vetoes,’ Trump says, ‘because we now have it back in the states.’” [Time, [4/30/24](#)]
- **2022: Trump Reportedly Told An RSC Planning Meeting That He “Needs Allies [In Congress] When I’m Elected.”** “Since leaving office, Trump has tried to engineer a caucus of the compliant, clearing primary fields in Senate and House races. His hope is that GOP majorities replete with MAGA diehards could rubber-stamp his legislative agenda and nominees. Representative Jim Banks of Indiana, a former RSC chairman and the GOP nominee for the state’s open Senate seat, recalls an August 2022 RSC planning meeting with Trump at his residence in Bedminster, N.J. As the group arrived, Banks recalls, news broke that Mar-a-Lago had been raided by the FBI. Banks was sure the meeting would be canceled. Moments later, Trump walked through the doors, defiant and pledging to run again. ‘I need allies there when I’m elected,’ Banks recalls Trump saying. The difference in a second Trump term, Banks says now, ‘is he’s going to have the backup in Congress that he didn’t have before.’” [Time, [4/30/24](#)]

## [Johnson Supported MAGA Anti-Abortion Extremist Jim Jordan For Speaker Of The House](#)

**Drew Johnson Supported Jim Jordan For Speaker Of The House.** “Kasama did not respond to a request for comment on who she supports in the speakership race, while her primary opponents, Drew Johnson and Elizabeth Helgelien, both expressed support for Jordan on X, the social media platform previously known as Twitter.” [The Nevada Independent, [10/17/23](#)]

**Rep. Jordan Was “Committed To The View” That Life Begins At Conception, Illustrated By His First Congressional Action Being Cosponsorship Of “The Right To Life Act”**

**Rep. Jordan Was “Committed To The View” That Life Begins At Conception.** “Throughout my years serving in the Ohio General Assembly and now in the U.S. Congress, I am proud to stand and defend the

lives of the unborn. I am committed to the view that life is sacred, that it begins at conception and that the Founding Fathers were correct in placing life first among the list of rights the Constitution was written to defend. This conviction informs all that I do in Congress, including the bills I sponsor and the speeches I give from the House floor.” [United States Congressman Jim Jordan, [Accessed 8/19/24](#)]

**Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America Graded Rep. Jordan’s Record As An “A+.”** [Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, [Accessed 8/18/24](#)] **2007: Rep. Jordan Introduced H.R. 618, The Right To Life Act, As His First Official Congressional Action.** “H.R. 618, the Right to Life Act, was the first bill I co-sponsored after taking office in January 2007.” [United States Congressman Jim Jordan, [Accessed 8/19/24](#)]

- **Jordan’s Cosponsored Right To Life Act “Defines ‘Human Being’ To Encompass All Stages Of Life, Including But Not Limited To The Moment Of Fertilization Or Cloning.”** “Right to Life Act - Declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being. Defines ‘human being’ to encompass all stages of life, including but not limited to the moment of fertilization or cloning.” [United States Congress, H.R. 618, [1/22/07](#); Co-sponsors, [Accessed 8/20/24](#)]

**2013: Rep. Jordan Introduced H.R. 1091, The Life At Conception Act, Which Would “Implement Equal Protection” To “Each Born And Preborn Human Person” Under The 14th Amendment.**

Jordan was the primary sponsor to H.R. 1091, the Life at Conception Act, introduced in March 2013 “To implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.” [United States Congress, H.R. 1091, [3/12/13](#)]

**2024: Rep. Jordan Was Working On The Ultrasound Informed Consent Act, Which Would “Encourag[e]” Women To Pursue Adoption “By Offering Women The Opportunity To See Their Babies.”** “Currently, I am working on a bill called the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act, which employs ultrasound technology to save lives by offering women the opportunity to see their babies and encouraging them to pursue adoption and other abortion alternatives.” [United States Congressman Jim Jordan, [Accessed 8/19/24](#)]

**Jordan Callously Dismissed A Story About A 10-Year-Old Rape Victim Who Needed An Abortion As “Another Lie,” Only To Backtrack And Make Excuses Once Criminal Charges Were Imposed Against Her Rapist**

**Jordan Callously Dismissed A Story About A 10-Year-Old Rape Victim Who Had To Cross State Lines To Receive Abortion Care As “Another Lie.”** “Congressional Republicans who oppose abortion rights are struggling to talk about the horrific case of a 10-year-old rape victim who had to travel across state lines to Indiana to get an abortion because of strict laws in her home state, Ohio. [...] Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, a Republican, said the story was likely to be a ‘fabrication.’ Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, tweeted ‘Another lie. Anyone surprised?’ in response to a Washington Examiner story about Yost’s saying he had found no evidence of the young rape victim.” [NBC News, [7/14/22](#)]

- **Jordan “Quietly Deleted The Tweet” After Prosecutors Charged Gershon Fuentes, Who Reportedly Confessed, To The Rape.** “Jordan quietly deleted the tweet Wednesday after prosecutors charged Gershon Fuentes, 27, who court documents say confessed to the rape.” [NBC News, [7/14/22](#)]
- **Jordan Attempted To Argue That “We Never Doubted The Child” Yet Also Said He Made His “Lie” Comment Before Knowing “This Illegal Immigrant Had Done This Terrible Thing.”**



“Asked whether he regretted calling the story a lie, Jordan blamed Fuentes, an undocumented immigrant, and the news media. ‘We didn’t know that an illegal alien did this heinous act. We never doubted the child,’ Jordan said. The lie was ‘the news headline ... the headline from your profession. We doubted Joe Biden, which is usually a smart thing to do, but we didn’t know that this illegal immigrant had done this terrible thing. He should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.’” [NBC News, [7/14/22](#)]

### **Rep. Jordan Celebrated The SCOTUS Decision To Overturn *Roe***

**Rep. Jordan Called The SCOTUS Decision To Overturn *Roe* A “Huge Victory For Life” Over “The Intimidation Tactics Of The Left.”** “Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, argued that the Supreme Court’s landmark decision to end the recognition of a woman’s constitutional right to an abortion is a ‘victory over the intimidation tactics of the left.’ Speaking on ‘Sunday Morning Futures,’ Jordan added that the decision was a ‘huge victory for life.’” [Fox News, [6/26/22](#)]

**Rep. Jordan Called The Overturn Of *Roe* A “Win For The Constitution” And “For Common Sense,” Saying “God Bless” Trump For Putting “The Right People” In The Supreme Court.** “The high court came under severe backlash Friday following its landmark decision to remove 50 years of legal precedent established under *Roe v. Wade* by ending a woman’s constitutional right to an abortion – giving states the power to allow, limit or ban the practice altogether. Jordan argued that the decision was ‘a win for the Constitution’ and ‘for common sense’ as well. ‘God bless the Supreme Court, and God bless President Trump,’ he continued, noting that the decision would not have been possible had it not been for the former president putting ‘the right people’ in the court.” [Fox News, [6/26/22](#)]

## **[Johnson Is Supported By Elected Officials Who Are Fighting To Restrict Our Reproductive Freedom](#)**

### **If Elected, Johnson Looked Forward To Helping Mike Johnson Remain Speaker**

**Johnson Said He Was Looking Forward To Helping Mike Johnson Remain Speaker.** “Congrats to @RepMikeJohnson! Johnson is a unifying voice who will prove to be a great House speaker. I look forward to helping him remain speaker after I’m elected to Congress.” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, [10/25/23](#)]

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Congrats to @RepMikeJohnson! Johnson is a unifying voice who will prove to be a great House speaker. I look forward to helping him remain speaker after I'm elected to Congress.

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**BREAKING** -- Rep. MIKE JOHNSON has won the House speakership. Every House Republican voted for the Louisiana Republican, vaulting him from the vice chairmanship of the House Republican Conference to the chamber's top position.

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[Drew Johnson, Twitter, [10/25/23](#)]

**118<sup>th</sup> Congress: Johnson Consistently Cosponsored Extreme Anti-Abortion Legislation, Including Bills To Ban Abortion With No Exceptions, Defund Planned Parenthood, And Restrict Access To Mifepristone**

**115<sup>th</sup>-118<sup>th</sup> Congress: Johnson Repeatedly Cosponsored A Bill Banning Abortion With No Exceptions, As Well As Birth Control, In-Vitro Fertilization, IUDs, And Emergency Contraception**

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“The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate

certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization.” [Rewire News Group, [9/28/19](#)]

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**118<sup>th</sup> Congress: Johnson Cosponsored A Bill Banning Telehealth Appointments To Prescribe Abortion Medication.** “This bill restricts the use of telehealth for chemical abortions (also known as medication abortions). Specifically, it requires a provider who dispenses or prescribes medication for a chemical abortion to physically examine the patient, be physically present at the location of the chemical abortion, and schedule a follow-up visit for the patient. The bill provides an exception for a chemical abortion that is necessary to save the life of a mother whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, illness, injury, or condition. The bill establishes criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to two years, or both—for a provider who does not comply with the requirements. A patient who undergoes a chemical abortion may not be prosecuted.” [H.R. 421, Cosponsors, [1/20/23](#)]

### **Johnson Cosponsored A Bill To Defund Planned Parenthood**

**118<sup>th</sup> Congress: Johnson Cosponsored A Bill To Defund Planned Parenthood.** “This bill restricts federal funding for Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc. or any of its affiliates or clinics for one year. Specifically, it prohibits funding those entities unless they certify that the affiliates and clinics will not perform, and will not provide funds to entities that perform, abortions during that year. If the certification requirement is not met, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture must recoup any federal assistance received by those entities. However, the bill's funding restriction does not apply to abortions performed in cases of rape or incest or when necessary to resolve a physical condition that endangers a woman's life. The bill also provides additional funding for community health centers for the one-year period. These funds are subject to the same abortion-related restrictions and exceptions.” [H.R. 371, Summary, [1/17/23](#); H.R. 371, Cosponsors, [1/17/23](#)]

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cover abortion, but the portion of the premium attributable to abortion coverage is not eligible for subsidies.” [H.R. 7, Summary, [1/9/23](#); H.R. 7, Cosponsors, [1/9/23](#)]

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Protect the Unborn

## 100% Pro-Life, No Exceptions

We must protect the lives of the unborn and be the voice of the voiceless. There are no exceptions; abortion is murder because each life is precious in the eyes of God.

- Support overturning Roe v. Wade
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**Mayor Hardy Declared “I Stand in Support Of Life” On The Nevada Senate Floor.** “Abortion opponents ignored the content of the bill, choosing to seize the moment to publicly air their anti-abortion views, starting with Sen. Joe Hardy, who declared “I stand in support of life,” regaling the Senate with an Easter religious message more suited to a church than a secular legislative body.” [Reno News & Review, [5/29/19](#)]

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**Republican Assemblywoman Danielle Gallant Voted Against Strengthening Nevada’s Existing Abortion Protections.** “Gallant said she felt relief that Amy Brown shared her story and that Sam Brown’s stance on a national abortion ban aligns him with a majority of Republican women in Nevada who are somewhere in the middle on abortion but often don’t speak up. Gallant, who voted with her party against strengthening Nevada’s existing abortion protections, also hopes the Browns’ announcement helps neutralize the issue in his bid to topple Rosen.” [Associated Press, [3/16/24](#)]

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**Assemblywoman Jill Dickman “Voted Against a Host of Abortion Rights Measures.”** “In District 31, former Republican Assemblywoman Jill Dickman, who has voted against a host of abortion rights measures and protections for transgender people, will challenge incumbent Democrat Skip Daly.” [Emily’s List, [7/24/18](#)]

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**Nevada Assemblyman Ken Gray Said “Abortion is Never Inherently Good,” and Disagreed With Voters Who Called Abortion a Necessary Evil.** “I mention these facts in order to refute and rebuke the logic of the left’s pro-Abortion movement, that celebrates the practice of abortion as inherently good. Death — abortion — is never inherently good. I understand and recognize the fact that many voters view abortion, to one extent or another, as a necessary evil. I must say that I — personally and respectfully — disagree with them.” [State of Nevada Assembly, [Accessed 8/7/24](#)]

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# Johnson Is A Stalwart Enemy Of Affordable Health Care Access

[Johnson Wanted To Repeal The Affordable Care Act And Take Health Insurance Away From Almost 400,000 Nevadans, Including Those with Pre-Existing Conditions Like Diabetes Or Cancer](#)

## **Johnson Opposed The Affordable Care Act And Spread Misinformation About It**

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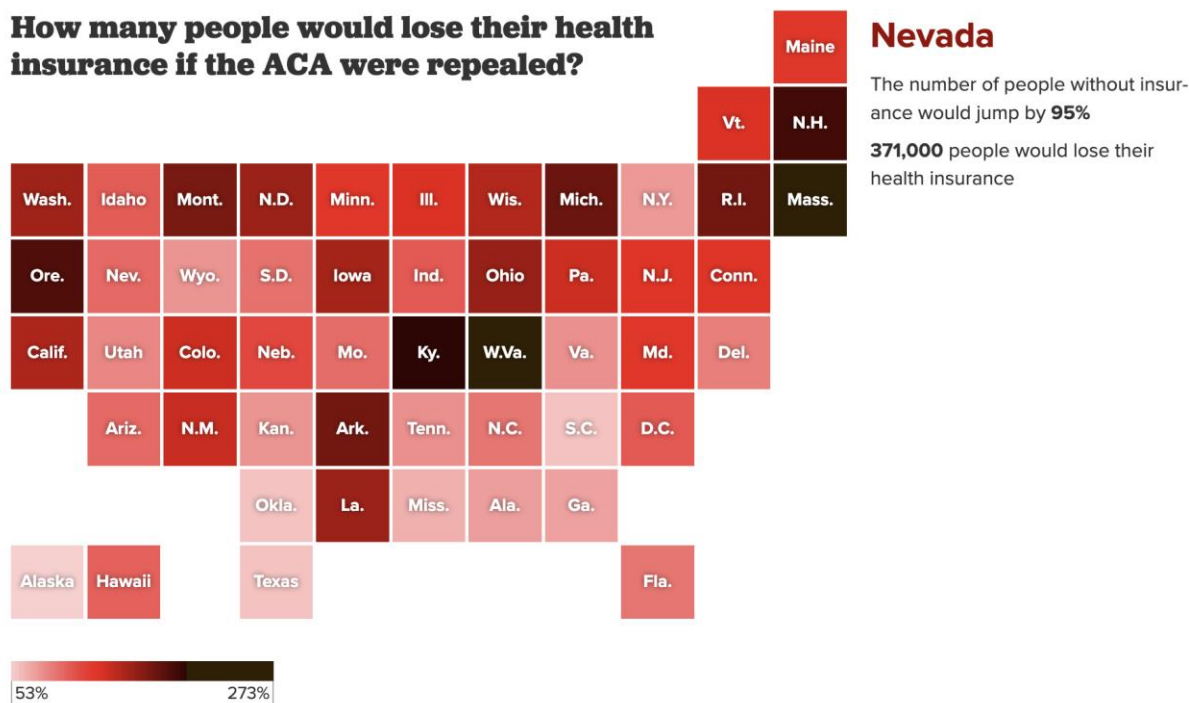
**2017 Op-Ed: Johnson Said That Claims The Obama Administration “Illegally Diverted Profits From Fannie Mae And Freddie Mac” Were “Gaining Credibility.”** “What started off as a juicy rumor by a controversial website is gaining credibility, and may soon balloon into a damning scandal for former President Barack Obama and his signature health insurance program. More importantly for America’s taxpayers, however, the allegation may serve as the beginning of the end for a highly suspect scheme known as the ‘Net Worth Sweep.’ Early this month, InfoWars, the political news and opinion website founded by conservative radio personality Alex Jones, claimed the Obama administration illegally diverted profits from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to the bankroll portions of Obamacare. [...] InfoWars Washington bureau chief, Jerome Corsi believes the action was a deliberate attempt to bankrupt the federally sponsored mortgage facilitators. More likely, Obama was frantically trying to find a way to secretly siphon money in order to save Obamacare.” [Daily Caller, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [3/23/17](#)]

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Map is colored to illustrate relative impact by showing the percent increase in the number of uninsured.

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## Millions Of Americans With Pre-Existing Conditions Could Lose Critical Protections If ACA Was Repealed

**According To The White House, Over “100 Million People With Pre-Existing Health Conditions Could Lose Critical Protections If ACA Was Repealed.”** “More than 100 million people with pre-existing health conditions could lose critical protections. Before the ACA, more than 100 million Americans with pre-existing health conditions could have been denied coverage or charged more if they tried to buy individual market health insurance. Republican repeal proposals either eliminate these protections outright or find other ways to gut them.” [White House, Fact Sheet, [2/28/23](#)]

**Kaiser Family Foundation Listed Diabetes, Cancer As Pre-Existing Conditions.** “A pre-existing condition might be mild – for example, seasonal allergies or acne treated with simple medications. Or it could be more serious or require more costly treatment – such as diabetes, heart disease, or cancer.” [KFF, [10/1/20](#)]

**Health And Human Services Listed Asthma As A Pre-Existing Condition Under The Affordable Care Act.** “Health insurance companies cannot refuse coverage or charge you more just because you have a ‘pre-existing condition’ — that is, a health problem you had before the date that new health

coverage starts. Health insurers can no longer charge more or deny coverage to you or your child because of a pre-existing health condition like asthma, diabetes, or cancer, as well as pregnancy. They cannot limit benefits for that condition either. Once you have insurance, they can't refuse to cover treatment for your pre-existing condition." [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, About the ACA, Pre-Existing Conditions, [accessed 7/2/24](#)]

## Johnson Expressed Vehement Opposition To Medicaid, Claiming It Discouraged People From Working And Would Bankrupt Every State

**2009: Johnson Recommended Congress Replace Medicaid With A Block Grant System.** "The General Assembly should realize the increasing state expenditures in order to receive more federal funding through Medicaid is not a sustainable option. The General Assembly should urge congress to replace this costly and poorly-structured system with a block grant system similar to the welfare reform of 1996. This will reduce the TennCare rolls, placing citizens on the path to independence." [Tennessee Center For Policy Research, Drew Johnson et al, [2/11/09](#)]

- **2009: Johnson Wrote That Under Medicaid "There Is No Mechanism Within The System That Encourages People To Work Toward Independence."** "On the federal level, the cost of Medicaid has increased exponentially from \$1 billion in 1966 to \$330 billion in 2007. Today, 1.3 million Tennesseans and 55 million Americans receive services through TennCare and Medicaid, respectively. There is no mechanism within the system that encourages people to work toward independence." [Tennessee Center For Policy Research, Drew Johnson et al, [2/11/09](#)]

**2006 Johnson Op-Ed: "By 2025, Medicaid Will Bankrupt Every Single State In America, No Substantive Changes Are to Its Current Administration."** "TennCare, Tennessee's Medicaid program, is a disaster. The system needs to be reformed. According to the U.S. Government Accounting Office, by 2025 Medicaid will bankrupt every single state in America no substantive changes are made to its current administration. Worse, thanks to the cost of the administrative bureaucracy, the excessive number of enrollees and the high limits on services connected with TennCare, Tennessee stands to be the very first to drown in its Medicaid debt." [Beacon Tennessee, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [3/1/06](#)]

## Johnson Wanted To Cut Social Security Benefits By 30 Percent, Had "No Problem" Raising The Retirement Age, And Even Said Retirees Who Collect Social Security Benefits Were "Socialist[s] Suckling Off The Teat Of Gov't"

### Johnson Suggested Changing The Way Inflation Is Calculated For Social Security Benefits To Reduce Them By 30%

**Drew Johnson Suggested Changing The Way Inflation Is Calculated For Social Security Benefits To Reduce Them By 30%.** "GUEST: 'It's predicted that social security will run out in 2035 and Medicare will run out in 2036. What are you going to do to save our asses?' JOHNSON: 'So this is actually, I'm glad you asked that question. This is actually some of what I do in my day job is trying to figure out how to save Social Security. So as you mentioned, without cutting in 2025 in 2035 excuse me, in 2035 if we don't do a 23% across the board cut, then Social Security will be bankrupt. There are a couple of things that we can do to make social security solvent without cutting Social Security benefits. And that's the most important thing. People who've worked for their social security benefits, I promise I will never vote to reduce those benefits. So the easiest thing we can do is for people on Social Security Disability



Insurance. Right now, there are twice as many people on SSDI as there were 10 years ago. Now, there aren't twice as many people who can't work. There are twice as many people gaming the system so that they don't have to work. And so we need to do a thorough audit of those people. Get the people who can work out stop giving them free lunch. Also, there are a lot of people do want to work that don't work, because if they work a little, they lose all of those benefits. And so we need to do something where they can keep a portion of those benefits, but they're incentivized to work. And the research I've done shows that we can save \$60 billion a year by doing that. The other thing is, the way that Social Security inflation is averaged out, is actually different than inflation is averaged for everything else. And so you can actually change the way social security benefits are averaged and bring down by about a third the cost of the benefits long term." [Drew Johnson, Gilligan's Tavern Meet and Greet, 5/7/24] AUDIO

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### Drew Johnson Said He Had "No Problem" Raising The Retirement Age

**Drew Johnson: "I've Got No Problem With Raising The Age Of Social Security For People Who Are 20 Years Old Right Now."** "But long term, there's one fix that we need to be comfortable looking at. When Social Security first passed, the average longevity, the average age that someone passed away in America was about 67. Today, it's almost 80 years old. And I've got no problem with raising the age of Social Security for people who are 20 years old right now, 10 years old, who haven't been born yet by a month or two months. And by just doing that, you'll make social security solvent." [Drew Johnson, SHRW Candidate Forum, 3/26/24] AUDIO

### 2016: Johnson Tweeted It Would Be "Good!" To Raise Retirement Age For Social Security.

"GOOD! Ave. person lives 9 yrs longer than when retirement age was set. SS was supposed to be based on longevity after retirement." [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 10/20/16]



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### Johnson Complained About “65 Yr Olds Who Could Be Working, But Don’t B/C Of Failed Policy.”

“Illegal immigrants are a huge benefit to our economy. As opposed to 65 year olds who could be working but don’t b/c of failed policy.” [Twitter, @Drews\_Views, 10/20/16]



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*NOTE: @Drews\_Views, where Johnson tweeted some of his more controversial statements, is now a private account on Twitter, so tweets from this account are not linked. Tweets from @DrewForNevada, Johnson’s more recent account, are linked throughout the document.*

### Johnson Described People On Social Security As “Socialist[s] Suckling Off The Teat Of Gov’t”

**2016: In A Reply To A Tweet About Raising The Retirement Age To 70, Johnson Said Individuals Should “Save Some Money Back Like A Responsible Adult, Rather Than Acting Like Some Socialist Suckling Off The Teat Of Gov’t.”** “Then save some money back like a responsible adult, rather than acting like some socialist suckling off the teat of gov’t.” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 10/20/16]



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- **2022: On His Campaign Website, Johnson Claimed He Would “Stand Up For America’s Seniors And Ensure They Receive The Social Security Benefits They Worked For Their Whole Lives.”** “Drew will stand up for America’s seniors and ensure they receive the Social Security benefits they worked for their whole lives, while making the program solvent for future generations.” [Drew For Nevada, Priorities, accessed [9/22/23](#)]

## Johnson Strongly Opposed What He Characterized As “Socialist Style” Price Caps On Prescription Drugs, Arguing They Would “Jeopardize The Entire System” Of The Pharmaceutical Industry

**March 2023: Johnson Said That President Biden Was “Undermining His Own #Cancermoonshoot By Trying To Expand Drug Price Controls To Fund #Medicare.”** “President Biden is undermining his own #cancermoonshoot by trying to expand drug price controls to fund #Medicare. This misguided policy will slash funding for research and make it even harder to bring new cancer drugs to market.” [Drew For Nevada, Twitter, [3/9/23](#)]



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**2022 Op-Ed: Johnson Argued Biden’s Prescription Drug Price Control Plan “Puts Consumers And Patients At Risk” Because Price Caps Would Not Apply To Those With Private Insurance.** “And Biden also wants voters to think his plan for cheaper prescription drugs will give Americans much-needed breathing room as we face historic inflation. That’s not true either. For one thing, prescription drug prices have remained surprisingly level, even as consumers are flogged with rising prices on nearly everything else. In the face of 9.1% inflation, prescription drug prices rose just 2.5% over the past 12 months, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data. Compare that to skyrocketing prices of other necessities like gas, which rose by 60% over the same period. Democrats’ price control scheme, which slaps drugmakers with a hefty excise tax if they refuse to agree to socialist style price caps, won’t apply to those with private

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**2022 Johnson Op-Ed: Drug Price Controls Would “Prevent The Creation Of About 135 New Drugs” And Result “In Mass Layoffs At Drug Companies And Their Countless Vendors.”** “According to economists at the University of Chicago, drug pricing provisions in Build Back Better will cause private-sector spending on research and development to decline by a cumulative \$663 billion over the next two decades. The price controls would also prevent the creation of about 135 new drugs. One of those could have been the safe-saving cure for Alzheimer’s or cancer that grows the economy by trillions of dollars thanks to improved longevity and productivity. If passed, Build Back Better would undoubtedly cause a cataclysmic contraction in the pharmaceutical sector, resulting in mass layoffs at drug companies and their countless vendors.” [Independent Record, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [7/26/22](#)]

**2023: Johnson Said That Inflation Reduction Act Price Controls Were “Expected To Cost Our Economy Up To A Million Jobs.”** “DEMOCRATS WANT TO KILL JOBS: #IRA drug price controls are expected to cost our economy up to a million jobs. House Dems just introduced a bill that would expand #pricecontrols and kill even more #biopharma jobs. #NoToHR4895” [Drew For Nevada, Twitter, [7/28/23](#)]

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**2020 Johnson Op-Ed: Trump's Price Controls On Drug Prices, Including EpiPens And Insulin, Used "Communist Style Price Controls."** "Trump recently introduced four new executive orders. One reduces the cost of insulin and EpiPens for a very small number of low-income patients. Another order allows for the importation of certain drugs. A third eliminates kickbacks to middlemen who negotiate drug prices. The final executive order is a catastrophically irresponsible scheme that threatens to destroy Americans' access to drugs and prevent the development of life-saving new medicines. The executive order uses communist-style government price controls to bind the cost of some prescription drugs to the price of medicines in countries with socialist health care systems." [PJ Media, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [8/4/20](#)]

**2020 Headline Johnson Op-Ed: "Drug Price Controls Bring Socialism To America."** [Town Hall, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [9/24/20](#)]

## [Johnson Supporting Eliminating CoverTN, A Program That Subsidized Basic Health Insurance For Uninsured Tennesseans](#)

**2009: Johnson Wrote That CoverTN Program "Should Be Eliminated, Or At The Very Least Overhauled."** "An ineffective approach the state took recently was the creation and expansion of 'CoverTN.' This program should be eliminated, or at the very least overhauled, because it merely compounds healthcare problems rather than promoting true solutions." [Tennessee Center For Policy Research, Drew Johnson et al, [2009](#)]

- **CoverTN Allowed Uninsured Tennessee Works To Buy Basic Subsidized Health Insurance.** "Governor Bredesen today signed his Cover Tennessee legislation — a health care plan to cover some of the more than 600,000 Tennessee workers who are uninsured. Bredesen held the ceremonial signing at Plumgood Food, a small online organic and natural food grocery store in Nashville that's interested in participating in the health plan the governor proposed. Bredesen

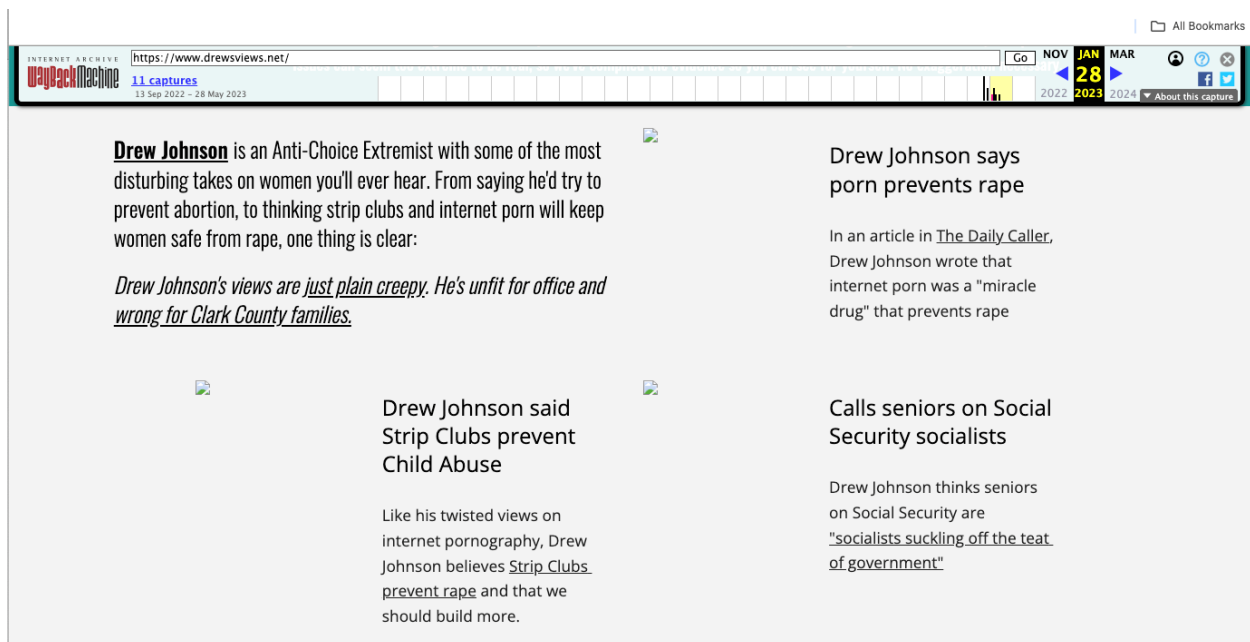
made Cover Tennessee his top priority this session and the General Assembly passed the legislation with minor changes. The Cover Tennessee plan is optional and offers low-income workers a chance to buy basic subsidized health insurance, giving employers an option to help pay part of the premium. The average monthly premium will be \$150 for basic insurance under the plan. The state will pay \$50, employers will have the option to contribute another \$50 and employees pay the rest." [Action5News, [6/15/06](#)]

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# Johnson Is Too Weird To Be In Government

## Johnson Argued That “Strip Clubs and Internet Porn Will Keep Women Safe From Rape”

**Now-Deleted Website “Drewsviews.net” Accused Johnson Of “Thinking Strip Clubs and Internet Porn Will Keep Women Safe From Rape.”** “Drew Johnson is an Anti-Choice Extremist with some of the most disturbing takes on women you’ll ever hear. From saying he’d try to prevent abortion, to thinking strip clubs and internet porn will keep women safe from rape, one thing is clear: Drew Johnson’s views are just plain creepy. He’s unfit for office and wrong for Clark County families. Drew Johnson said Strip Clubs prevent Child Abuse Like his twisted views on internet pornography, Drew Johnson believes Strip Clubs prevent rape and that we should build more.” [Internet Archive, DrewsViews.net, 9/13/22]



[Internet Archive, DrewsViews.net, 9/13/22]

- **2013 Op-Ed: Johnson Said Internet Porn Was “A Miracle Product Exists That Is Responsible For Dramatically Reducing The Number Of Rapes And Sexual Assaults In America.”** “A miracle product exists that is responsible for dramatically reducing the number of rapes and sexual assaults in America. This invention has even contributed to lower divorce and teen pregnancy rates. Even though this invention has proven so beneficial, millions of Americans want to moderate and even eliminate it. Why? Because the thing reducing rape and sexual assault, and producing a safer, more family-friendly society, is really, really offensive to a lot of



Americans: low or no-cost, high quality online pornography. That's right, Internet porn." [Daily Caller, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [8/3/13](#)]

- **Johnson: "Internet Pornography Has Served As A Firewall, Satiating Would-Be Rapists And Protecting Their Potential Victims."** "Some consider porn a gateway to rape and sexual abuse. Many claim that it objectifies women and riles men sexually in a way that makes society less safe. (As if only men view pornography.) Certain anecdotes may even serve to reinforce that notion. The numbers, however, tell a different story. Internet pornography has served as a firewall, satiating would-be rapists and protecting their potential victims. This link between an increase in web porn and a decrease in rape was first noted in 2006 by Clemson economist Todd Kendall. Kendall's study, which was supported by the National Bureau of Economic Research, concluded that 'Internet access appears to be a substitute for rape; in particular, the results suggest that a 10 percentage point increase in Internet access is associated with a decline in reported rape victimization of around 7.3 percent.' Recent statistics indicate that Kendall's research was no fluke. In fact, as Internet access — as well as the amount of cheap or free online porn — has further increased, incidences of rape and sexual assault have continued to plummet." [Daily Caller, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [8/3/13](#)]
- **2013 Johnson Op-Ed: "Restricting Or Banning Pornography Would Likely Make America A More Violent, More Dangerous And Less Family-Friendly Place."** "It seems that porn, like most things, is best enjoyed in moderation. While porn has a number of benefits, that doesn't invalidate the views of people who oppose pornography for moral, religious or personal reasons. In the same vein, though, the next time a religious or pro-family organization launches a war on porn or proclaims the evils of pornography, we should all consider the value of pornography to society. Internet pornography has clearly reduced the number of rapes and sexual assaults in America, and appears to play a part in curbing divorce and teen pregnancy, as well. Restricting or banning pornography would likely make America a more violent, more dangerous and less family-friendly place." [Daily Caller, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [8/3/13](#)]

**Johnson: "Want to Reduce Rape & Sexual Assault? Open More Strip Clubs."** "Want to reduce rape & sexual assault? Open more strip clubs. Just like internet porn has proven to reduce teen pregnancy, divorce and sex crimes against children & adults, strip clubs and escort services are helping to solve many of the same issues." [Twitter, @drews\_views, [7/23/21](#)]





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**Johnson: Sex Work “Should Not Be A Crime In America.”** “I guess media outlets are having fun playing up the Robert Kraft prostitution story for clicks, but the reality is he is an adult who had sex with

another consenting adult for money. There is no victim. It should not be a crime in America.” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 2/22/19]



[Drew Johnson, Twitter, 2/22/19]

**2019: Johnson Tweeted That The Sex Work Industry “Should Be Legalized, Regulated And Brought Into The Light.”** “I get that and am very compassionate about that issue. That’s one of the reasons the industry should be legalized, regulated and brought into the light. In this case, I believe we will find out that Kraft.” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 2/22/19]



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@Drews_Views	6/12/20	Don't use the term "hillbilly" to describe them. It's not accurate and it's bigoted.
@Drews_Views	6/12/20	History lesson: "Hillbillies" are people who stood with the North and against slavery and were made – and largely remain – poor as a result of their

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		treatment by Southern state governments during Reconstruction.
@Drews_Views	6/12/20	I encourage you to become more educated about the word. It's like calling a black person the N-word, when they are an asshole. Just say "asshole." In the same way, when a white person is a racist dick, call them "a racist dick" rather than "hillbilly."
@Drews_Views	6/12/20	NEW RULE: Don't say "hillbilly." It's a derogatory term for oppressed people from a specific region of rural Appalachia—an area which largely opposed slavery & remained loyal to the Union during the Civil War. The word has a weight/history similar to the N-word.#BlackLivesMatter
@Drews_Views	6/12/20	PA isn't a "hillbilly" area by historical definitions. But, yes, from the feds targeting of untaxed liquor in mountainous areas of TN, NC, WV, VA & GA, to meth raids to outrageously high levels of civil asset forfeiture in Appalachian counties compared to non-Appalachian counties
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## Johnson Complained That The Olympics Wasted Tax Dollars And “Promot[ed] Crass Tribalism”

**2016: Johnson Repeatedly Attacked The Olympics For Wasting Tax Money.** “Only 3 countries in the world don’t use tax dollars to subsidize their Olympic teams. Taxpayers are being ripped off by the #Olympics[...] LOVE/HATE: The #Olympics make the world smaller & allow people to reach their goals. They also waste tax dollars & promote crass tribalism.” [Twitter, @Drews\_Views, 8/6/24]



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[Johnson Attacked Government Oversight At Every Turn, Yet Claimed In 2016 That He Would Create "A Platform To Hold Politicians/Preachers/Teachers/Media & Others W/Power Accountable"](#)

**2016: Johnson "[Saw] The Need" For A Platform To Hold Politicians, Preachers, Teachers, And Others With Power Accountable And Promised To Make A Website To Do So.** "I now see the need

for a platform to hold politicians/preachers/teachers/media & others w/power accountable. I promise to create such a site" [Twitter, @Drews\_Views 3/26/16]



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### **Johnson Opposed A Vast Swath Of Government Regulations, Including The Minimum Wage, Antitrust Legislation, Rail Safety, And Regulations On Tobacco, Alcohol, And Marijuana**

**2016: Johnson Tweeted That Raising The Minimum Wage Was Mutually Exclusive With “Wanting To Help Small Business.”** “#Hillary: ‘I want to help small business’ & ‘raise the minimum wage.’ Sorry, Hillary, you can’t do both. They’re mutually exclusive #debate” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 10/19/16]



[Drew Johnson, Twitter, 10/19/16]

**2012: Johnson Claimed “Dopey Minimum Wage Laws” Were Responsible For Teenage Unemployment.** “7 in 10 teens jobless this summer. This Fox article blames immigration, but the real culprit is dopey minimum wage laws.” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 6/13/12]



Drew Johnson ✓  
@Drews\_Views

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7 in 10 teens jobless this summer. This Fox article blames immigrants, but the real culprit is dopey minimum wage laws [fxn.ws/JZMhic](https://www.foxnews.com/story/2012/06/13/teenage-unemployment)

12:43 AM · Jun 13, 2012 · Twitter Web Client

[Drew Johnson, Twitter, 6/13/12]

**2022 Op-Ed: Johnson Expressed Opposition To Antitrust Legislation Intended To Regulate The Tech Industry.** “An antitrust proposal scheduled for markup in the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday would arbitrarily choose which American businesses are subject to stringent new laws and massive fines unless lawmakers fix the bill’s serious flaws. The bill, S.2992, the bipartisan American Innovation and Choice Online Act, is aimed at imposing new parameters on ‘Big Tech’ business practices. But it uses flawed metrics to attack certain businesses and favor others. If the legislation’s cosponsors – Sens. Klobuchar, Grassley, Durbin, Graham, Blumenthal, Kennedy, Booker, Hirono, and Hawley – are serious about addressing consumer concerns, rather than simply penalizing popular businesses, they should be prepared to accept massive edits to the bill. The proposal would levy big fines on companies based on market capitalization – the market value of a company’s outstanding shares of stock – rather than the true value of a company. [...] Using market cap to determine which antitrust rules apply to which businesses will encourage companies that sneak under that threshold to engage in behavior that would be unlawful if done by those over the cap. It is bizarre, unjust and un-American. As the Senate reviews the American Innovation and Choice Online Act, our lawmakers should start by eliminating the bill’s unprecedented use of market cap – a metric completely unrelated to actual workers and consumers – to decide how the law will apply.” [Townhall, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [1/20/22](#)]

**2016 Op-Ed: Johnson Opposed Government Regulations Of Railroads Including Rate Regulations And Requiring Shared Access To Rail Lines.** “The industry now faces several looming government threats, which taken together amount to a de-facto reregulation. Proposals under consideration would expand oversight in everyday decisions – in personnel, setting prices for services and in the operation of rail lines. One proposal would require railroads to provide competitors with access to their lines. Not only is it absurd to direct a company to share its hard-earned and costly infrastructure with a competitor, the proposal would likely cause severe problems across the entire rail network because it would create unstable and unpredictable capacity. Those who rely on efficient rail service would be punished. Another ‘fix’ by Uncle Sam would cap railroad revenue. That socialist-style rate regulation amounts to government forcing rail companies to subsidize their wealthy customers – major industries themselves – who seek to cut their transportation costs. These companies are hoping to exploit government to get a free ride to move their goods.” [Daily Caller, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [6/13/16](#)]

**2017 Op-Ed: Johnson Claimed That Regulating The Tobacco Industry Would “Threaten National Sovereignty And Individual Rights” And Harm More People Than It Would Help.** “While WHO

officials claim that tobacco threatens development, the reality is getting rid of tobacco would be a far larger hazard. If the agency is successful in destroying tobacco farming in places like Kaoma and Chipata, schools will close, health clinics will shutter, people will struggle to feed their families, and countless children will be forced to work the fields. The UN and the WHO are right to be concerned about tobacco use and the dire effect smoking has on the health of millions of people across the globe. But tobacco control goals of sweeping bans, massive tax increases and stifling regulations not only threaten national sovereignty and individual rights, such policies would harm more people than they would help.” [Daily Caller, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [5/31/17](#)]

**2015 Johnson: “Abolish The Federal Drinking Age.”** “Want to reduce teen binge-drinking & likely save lives? Abolish the federal drinking age (says the teetotaler):” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 1/21/15]



[Drew Johnson, Twitter, 1/21/15]

**2013 Johnson Op-Ed: “The Tennessee General Assembly Should Legalize Marijuana Because Self-Ownership Is Fundamental To A Free Society.”** “Ultimately, however, the Tennessee General Assembly should legalize marijuana because self-ownership is fundamental to a free society. It should not be the role of government to tell responsible adults what they can and cannot put in their own bodies, particularly when that action does not violate the rights of others.” [Times Free Press, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [5/2/13](#)]

# Johnson Cannot Be Trusted To Operate Ethically Or With Transparency

[Johnson May Have Underreported His Sources Of Income And Positions On His Financial Disclosures](#)

**In His 2022 And 2023 Personal Financial Disclosures, Johnson Reported No Positions And That His Sole Source Of Income Was From Lambent Interactive**

**2022: While Running For County Commission, Johnson Reported His Only Source Of Income Was From Lambent Interactive, LLC.** [Nevada Secretary of State, Drew Johnson 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [3/22/22](#)]





## NEVADA FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (FDS)

- Please read instructions carefully before completing. -

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<b>NAME:</b> <small>(First, Middle, Last)</small>	Drew Johnson	<b>ADDRESS:</b> <small>(Number, Street)</small>	5325 South Fort Apache Rd., Suite D-31
<b>CITY, STATE, ZIP:</b>	Las Vegas, NV, 89148	<b>TELEPHONE:</b>	(702) 209-4716
<b>EMAIL:</b>	drew@drewfornevada.com	<b>LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN NEVADA (Years):</b>	8
		<b>LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN DISTRICT WHERE REGISTERED TO VOTE (Years):</b>	8

**SECTION 1** (Information about your public office): List all public offices for which this financial disclosure statement is required [NRS 281.571(8)]. Please indicate **why** you are filing this form by choosing the appropriate box below.

- **ANNUAL FILING:** Filed by elected and appointed officers (if required) no later than January 15th each year.
- **CANDIDATE FILING:** Filed by candidates for public office no later than the 10th day after the last day to qualify as a candidate.

**TYPE OF FILING** (check one):       Annual       Candidate

TITLE OF PUBLIC OFFICE AND NAME OF GOVERNMENT <small>(Include the title of the office you hold or are seeking, and the name of the entity that employs this position e.g. 'City Manager,' 'City of XYZ')</small>	Elected (E), or Candidate running for office (C)	Is this position entitled to annual compensation of \$6,000 or more?	Amount of compensation received annually	Date elected or appointed
Clark County Commission	E	Yes	\$90,049.83	11/8/2022

**SECTION 2** (Sources of Income): List each source of your income (in addition to any source listed in Section 1), or that of any member of your household who is 18 years of age or older. [NRS 281.571(2)]:

SOURCES OF INCOME	Self	HouseholdMember
Lambent Interactive, LLC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**SECTION 3** (Real Property): List specific location and particular use of all real estate (other than personal residence): (a) in which you or a member of your household has a legal or beneficial interest; (b) the fair market value of which is \$2,500 or more; and (c) which is located in this state or an adjacent state [NRS 281.571(3)]:

SPECIFIC LOCATION (Address, City, State)	PARTICULAR USE (Rental, Vacation, Land etc.)
None	

**SECTION 4** (Creditors): List each creditor to whom you or a member of your household owes \$5,000 or more EXCEPT: (a) debt secured by mortgage or deed of trust on real property which is not required to be listed in Section 3 above; and (b) debt for which a security interest in a motor vehicle for personal use was retained by seller [NRS 281.571(4)]:

CREDITOR NAME	Self	HouseholdMember
None		

**SECTION 5** (Meetings, Events, Trips): List all educational or informational meetings, events or trips you or a member of your household have taken during the filing period including (a) the purpose and location of the meeting, event or trip and the name of the organization conducting, sponsoring, hosting or requesting the meeting, event or trip; (b) the identity of each interested person providing anything of value to you or a member of your household to undertake or attend the meeting, event or trip; and (c) the aggregate value of everything provided by those interested persons to you or a member of your household to undertake or attend the meeting, event or trip [NRS 281.571(5)]. Please note this information is only required for meetings, events or trips taken after December 31, 2015.

SPECIFIC LOCATION (Address, City, State)	NAME OF ORGANIZATION	PURPOSE	NAME OF INTERESTED PARTIES	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM PROVIDED, AND VALUE	Self	HouseholdMember
None						

**SECTION 6** (Gifts): List the identity of donor and value of each gift of all gifts received in excess of an aggregate value of \$200 from a donor during the preceding taxable year EXCEPT: (a) a gift received from a person who is related to you within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity; and (b) ceremonial gifts received for a birthday, wedding, anniversary, holiday or other ceremonial occasion if the donor does not have a substantial interest in your legislative, administrative, or political action [NRS 281.571(6)]:

NAME OF DONOR	DESCRIPTION OF GIFT	VALUE OF GIFT
None		

**SECTION 7** (Business Entities): List each business entity (i.e., organization or enterprise operated for economic gain, including a proprietorship, partnership, firm, business, trust joint venture, syndicate, corporation or association) with which you or a member of your household is involved as a trustee, beneficiary of a trust, director, officer, owner in whole or in part, limited or general partner, or holder of a class of stock or security representing 1% or more of the total outstanding stock or securities issued by the business entity [NRS 281.571(7)]:

BUSINESS ENTITY	Self	HouseholdMember
Lambent Interactive, LLC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**THE INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED HEREIN IS ACCURATE AND COMPLETE.**

Drew Johnson      03/22/2022  
Signature      Date

[Nevada Secretary of State, Drew Johnson 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [3/22/22](#)]

**2023: On His Personal Financial Disclosure, Johnson Reported His Only Source Of Income Was From Lambent Interactive, LLC, And His Spouse’s Only Source Of Income Was From The State Of Nevada.** [US House Clerk, Drew Johnson 2023 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [6/22/23](#)]

**SCHEDULE C: EARNED INCOME**

Source	Type	Amount Current Year to Filing	Amount Preceding Year
Lambent Interactive, LLC	personal salary	\$46,000.00	\$54,000.00
State of Nevada	spouse salary	\$40,000.00	N/A

[US House Clerk, Drew Johnson 2023 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [6/22/23](#)]

**2023: On His Personal Financial Disclosure, Johnson Reported He Held No Positions.** [US House Clerk, Drew Johnson 2023 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [6/22/23](#)]

**SCHEDULE E: POSITIONS**

None disclosed.

[US House Clerk, Drew Johnson 2023 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [6/22/23](#)]

**Johnson Appeared To Have Several Other Positions And Possible Sources Of Income That He Did Not Report**

**2017-2024: On His LinkedIn, Johnson Reported Being A Public Member Of The Nevada Board Of Optometry.** [Drew Johnson, LinkedIn, accessed [1/17/24](#)]



**Public Member**

Nevada Board of Optometry

Dec 2017 - Present · 6 yrs 8 mos

Las Vegas, Nevada, United States

[Drew Johnson, LinkedIn, accessed [1/17/24](#)]

- **July 2024: Johnson Was Not Listed On The Nevada Board Of Optometry Website.**



## Board Members

President – Mariah L. Smith, O.D.

Vice-President – Jeffrey K. Austin, O.D.

Board Member – Julie C. Alamo-Leon,  
O.D.

Public Member – Sally Balecha

[Nevada Board of Optometry, [Accessed 7/31/24](#)]

- **Johnson Was Listed On The Nevada Board Of Optometry Website As A Public Member As Recently As June 16, 2024.** [Nevada Optometry, accessed [1/18/24](#)]



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President – Mariah L. Smith, O.D.

Vice-President – Jeffrey K. Austin, O.D.

Board Member – Julie C. Alamo-Leon,  
O.D.

Public Member – Drew Johnson

[Nevada Optometry, [Archived 6/16/24](#)]

**July 2017-January 2024: Johnson Served As A Senior Fellow With The National Center For Public Policy Research.** “The National Center for Public Policy Research is a communications and research foundation supportive of a strong national defense and dedicated to providing free market solutions to today’s public policy problems. We believe that the principles of a free market, individual liberty and personal responsibility provide the greatest hope for meeting the challenges facing America in the 21st century.” [Drew Johnson, LinkedIn, accessed [1/17/24](#)]



### Senior Fellow

National Center for Public Policy Research

Jul 2017 - Present · 6 yrs 2 mos

Las Vegas, Nevada, United States

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[Drew Johnson, LinkedIn, accessed [1/17/24](#)]

- **2024: Johnson Was Listed On The National Center For Public Policy Research's Website As A Senior Fellow.** "Drew Johnson is a senior fellow at the National Center for Public Policy Research. He also serves as a senior scholar at the Taxpayers Protection Alliance, as well as a columnist at Newsmax and a contributor to The Daily Caller." [National Center For Public Policy Research, Drew Johnson, accessed [1/18/24](#)]

**March 2012-January 2024: Johnson Was A Columnist For Newsmax Media.** [Drew Johnson, LinkedIn, accessed [1/17/24](#)]



### Columnist

Newsmax Media, Inc. · Part-time

Mar 2012 - Present · 12 yrs 5 mos

Las Vegas, Nevada, United States

[Drew Johnson, LinkedIn, accessed [1/17/24](#)]

- **July 8, 2024: Johnson's Most Recent Article On Newsmax Was Published.** [Newsmax, [7/8/24](#)]

## [Johnson Attempted To Bribe Individuals Into Signing Onto An Op-Ed Opposing A Ban On Forced Arbitration](#)

### **Johnson Emailed An Arizona Consumer Protection Lawyer, Offering Him \$2,000 If He Could Recruit A Client To Sign Onto A Pre-Written Op-Ed Opposing The Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal Act**

**2021: Johnson Emailed An Arizona Consumer Protection Lawyer, Offering Him \$2,000 If He Could Recruit A Client To Sign Onto A Pre-Written Op-Ed Opposing The Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal Act.** "Conservative pro-business groups have hit upon a new tactic to protect its members' interests: outright purchasing of grassroots support. Late last week, David Chami, an Arizona attorney who specializes in consumer protection, received an email from Drew Johnson, who identified himself as working with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Johnson offered Chami \$2,000 if he could get one of his clients to sign their name to an op-ed opposing the Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal (FAIR) Act, a bill in Congress. [...] The pro-arbitration op-ed was already written and included in the body of the email. The op-ed calls arbitration 'a relatively cheap and fast process' in a 'much more relaxed' environment than a

courtroom, which ‘could soon be eliminated if plaintiffs’ lawyers have their way.’” [American Prospect, [8/10/21](#)]

- **Johnson: “My Hope Is To Find A Normal, Everyday Person Who Has Benefitted From Arbitration To Sign On To The Op-Ed Pasted Below As The Author.”** “‘My hope is to find a normal, everyday person who has benefitted from arbitration to sign on to the op-ed pasted below as the author,’ Johnson wrote, presuming that because Chami had worked on a number of business arbitration cases, that he would be sympathetic to an effort to keep the arbitration system alive. ‘If one of your clients is willing to sign on to the piece, I can offer you \$2,000 for your time.’ In other words, Johnson offered the attorney a bribe.” [American Prospect, [8/10/21](#)]

**The Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal (FAIR) Act Would Have Protected Workers And Consumers By Prohibiting Certain Forced Arbitration Clauses That Prevent Workers And Consumers From Filing Class-Action Lawsuits.** “According to Paul Bland, the executive director of Public Justice, a legal advocacy nonprofit, workers and consumers can’t afford for the FAIR Act to not pass. When an employee or consumer signs a contract, at the time of the job application or before signing up for a service, an arbitration clause is ubiquitously tucked into the small type of the text. This prevents those workers or consumers from filing a class-action lawsuit—if they’re sexually harassed, if their service stops working, or if their investor flees to the Cayman Islands with their investments. The FAIR Act would get rid of a slew of forced arbitration clauses, including ones that apply to workers, nursing home patients, investors, and consumers. When cases go through arbitration—privately, behind closed doors, instead of in court—the company almost always comes out on top.” [American Prospect, [8/10/21](#)]

- **Kyrsten Sinema Was One Of A Few Democratic Senators Who Did Not Express Support For The FAIR Act.** “The FAIR Act would eliminate forced arbitration for a number of sectors, allowing consumers and workers to file class-action lawsuits when companies violate the law. Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) is one of the few Democratic senators who has not expressed her support for the FAIR Act. So finding an Arizona resident to sing the praises of their experience in arbitration would be critical to the opposition’s efforts.” [American Prospect, [8/10/21](#)]

**The Lawyer Described The Offer As “Disgusting” And “Laughable.”** “Chami, the Arizona attorney, says he had never been offered money before to help organizations fight the FAIR Act. He considered the offer a ‘disgusting act’ and the \$2,000 amount laughable. He knows that his clients would listen to him if he asked them to sign their name to an op-ed, without fully understanding arbitration or what they were supporting.” [American Prospect, [8/10/21](#)]

- **American Prospect: “In Other Words, Johnson Offered The Attorney A Bribe.”** “In other words, Johnson offered the attorney a bribe. The pro-arbitration op-ed was already written and included in the body of the email. The op-ed calls arbitration ‘relatively cheap and fast process’ in a ‘much more relaxed’ environment than a courtroom, which ‘could soon be eliminated if plaintiffs’ lawyers have their way.’ The last line makes its objective clear: ‘Arizona’s workers and consumers can’t afford for Senators Sinema and [Mark] Kelly to allow [the FAIR Act] to happen.’” [American Prospect, [8/10/21](#)]

**In The Request, Johnson Claimed To Be Associated With The Chamber Of Commerce And The National Center For Public Policy Research, But Later Claimed He Was Emailing On Behalf Of His Wife**

**In The Email, Johnson Claimed To Be Working With The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce, But He Later Denied Any Association With The Organization.** “Late last week, David Chami, an Arizona attorney who specializes in consumer protection, received an email from Drew Johnson, who identified himself as working with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Johnson offered Chami \$2,000 if he could get one of his clients to sign their name to an op-ed opposing the Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal (FAIR) Act, a bill in Congress. [...] When asked about the op-ed solicitation, Johnson denied having anything to do with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, despite writing that he was ‘working on an effort with’ the Chamber and a coalition of think tanks in his email to the Arizona attorney. In an email to me, he described the miscommunication as ‘poor wording.’ Instead, he says the solicitation was on behalf of his wife, who runs an unnamed communications firm.” [American Prospect, [8/10/21](#)]

- **Johnson Also Claimed To Be A “Senior Scholar” For The National Center For Public Policy Research, But The Organization Denied Any Affiliation To The Campaign Against The FAIR Act.** “In his email to the attorneys, Drew Johnson identified himself as a ‘senior scholar’ for the National Center for Public Policy Research, a conservative-leaning think tank. But David Ridenour, the president of the National Center for Public Policy Research, denied any affiliation with this specific campaign against the FAIR Act in an email to The Intercept. ‘Your email inquiry was forwarded to me and as the CEO and the only employee empowered by our board to authorize expenditures, I can tell you with complete certainty that the National Center for Public Policy Research is not offering attorneys \$2,000 to help fight the FAIR Act. This is not our effort. While Drew Johnson is a senior scholar with the National Center, he does not work for us exclusively,’ wrote Ridenour.” [The Intercept, [8/10/21](#)]

**Johnson Later Said He Was Actually Emailing On Behalf Of His Wife, Who Ran A Communications Firm.** “Johnson told The Intercept that he was in fact contacting attorneys on behalf of his spouse, who owns a small public relations firm. ‘I helped her find voices for a FAIR Act project,’ he wrote in an email. ‘I will not disclose her clients, but I can say unequivocally that the Chamber is NOT a client and neither of us have had any discussions with anyone at the Chamber about the FAIR Act. Also, no think tank I work with has anything to do with the project. This is my wife’s project and I was just helping her out.’ The email was followed by an email from Sarah Johnson, who said her firm, Spotlight Liberty, was tapped to build opposition to the FAIR Act. ‘I will be happy to share client information as soon as the trial lawyers funding the lobbying and media effort in support of the FAIR Act disclose all of the lobbying firms, PR companies and media outlets they are working with,’ wrote Sarah Johnson, who accused The Intercept of obtaining her husband’s ‘poorly worded email’ from the ‘trial lawyers lobby.’ (The Intercept received the email from a source who is not a lobbyist or paid by any advocacy group.)” [The Intercept, [8/10/21](#)]

## [Johnson Criticized PPP Loans While His Company Accepted Over \\$30,000 Of Them](#)

### **May 2020: Johnson Authored A Report Calling For The End Of PPP Loans And Increased Transparency About Loan Recipients**

**May 2020: Johnson Co-Authored A Report On COVID-19 Which Called For The End Of The Paycheck Program.** “To encourage states and localities to open up expeditiously and responsibly, Washington should: 1. End the Paycheck Protection Program. The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), created under the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act,” or CARES Act, provides forgivable loans to small businesses to enable them to keep employees on payroll during government mandated shutdowns. The program was designed to help small companies survive temporary economic



lockdowns and it has already been funded to the tune of \$649 billion, equal to nearly 14% of total federal outlays in 2019. A significant portion of the loans were granted to large companies better equipped to weather the storm – including the Los Angeles Lakers, Ruth’s Chris Steak House, Potbelly and Shake Shack. The exact number of such loans is not known as the Small Business Administration (SBA), which oversees the program, has not disclosed the recipient list. There will be less urgency to open up the economy so long as programs such as the PPP continue to subsidize an economic shutdown. The PPP should not only be closed down, but the SBA should publish a list of loan recipients to ensure accountability to taxpayers.” [National Center For Public Policy Research, Drew Johnson et al, [5/1/20](#)]

- **Johnson: “There Will Be Less Urgency To Open Up The Economy So Long As Programs Such As The PPP Continue To Subsidize An Economic Shutdown.”** “The exact number of such loans is not known as the Small Business Administration (SBA), which oversees the program, has not disclosed the recipient list. There will be less urgency to open up the economy so long as programs such as the PPP continue to subsidize an economic shutdown. The PPP should not only be closed down, but the SBA should publish a list of loan recipients to ensure accountability to taxpayers.” [National Center For Public Policy Research, Drew Johnson et al, [5/1/20](#)]
- **Johnson: “The PPP Should Not Only Be Closed Down, But The SBA Should Publish A List Of Loan Recipients To Ensure Accountability To Taxpayers.”** “The exact number of such loans is not known as the Small Business Administration (SBA), which oversees the program, has not disclosed the recipient list. There will be less urgency to open up the economy so long as programs such as the PPP continue to subsidize an economic shutdown. The PPP should not only be closed down, but the SBA should publish a list of loan recipients to ensure accountability to taxpayers.” [National Center For Public Policy Research, Drew Johnson et al, [5/1/20](#)]
- **The Report Supported A “Much More Modest Forgivable Loan Program To Protect The Jobs Of Those Most At Risk From COVID-19.”** “2. Consider a much more modest forgivable loan program to protect the jobs of those most at risk from COVID-19. [...] Congress should consider a PPP-style forgivable loan program to help small businesses carry vulnerable employees until it is safe for these employees to return to work.” [National Center For Public Policy Research, Drew Johnson et al, [5/1/20](#)]

### **May 2020: Lambent Interactive Received \$34.3K In PPP Loans**

**January 2021: Lambent Interactive, LLC Accepted \$15,343 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** According to the Small Business Administration, Lambent Interactive LLC in Las Vegas, Nevada received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$15,343 which was approved in January, 2021. This loan was fully repaid or forgiven as of May 2022. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via [Federalpay.org](#), Accessed 9/18/23]

**May 2020: Lambent Interactive, LLC Accepted \$17,038 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** According to the Small Business Administration, Lambent Interactive LLC in Las Vegas Nevada received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$17,038 which was approved in May 2020. This loan was fully repaid or forgiven as of June 2021 [Small Business Administration PPP Data via [Federalpay.org](#), Accessed 9/18/23]

- **Lambent Interactive LLC Listed “All Other Information Services” As Its Industry For Both Loan Applications.** [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, [Accessed 9/18/23](#)]
- **Lambent Interactive LLC Reported Having Two Employees On Both Loan Applications.** [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, [Accessed 9/18/23](#)]

**Johnson Was A Registered Agent For Lambent Interactive But Claimed It Was His “Wife’s Company”**

**2019-2022: Jason And Sarah Johnson Were Registered Agents Of Lambent Interactive, LLC.** According to the Nevada Secretary of State Jason And Sarah Johnson Were Registered Agents Of Lambent Interactive, LLC. [Nevada Secretary of State, Business Search, Lambent Interactive LLC, E0048762017-9, accessed [9/18/23](#)]

**Johnson Said His Wife Accepted A 30K PPP Loan.** “Your buddy Justin Jones has 6 homes and snatched up \$1.1 million in PPP loans, but attacked my wife for accepting a \$30k PPP loan. How do you feel about that?” [Drew For Nevada, Twitter, [10/15/22](#)]



[Drew For Nevada, Twitter, [10/15/22](#)]

**Sarah Reeves Johnson’s LinkedIn Did Not List Employment At Lambent Interactive LLC.** [LinkedIn, Sarah Reeves Johnson, [Accessed 8/3/24](#)]

## Experience



### Director

Lieutenant Governor's Office of Small Business Advocacy

Jan 2023 - Present · 1 year 8 months

Las Vegas, Nevada, United States

The Nevada Office of Small Business Advocacy provides direct resources and case management for small businesses to help with the logistics of starting a new business and managing any challenges navigating government processes and regulatory functions.

The office also serves as a voice for small businesses by utilizing information and cases to make recommendations for improvements to regulations and services and remove obstacles so that Nevada's small businesses can succeed and flourish.



### Executive Board Member

Lutheran Social Services of Nevada

Mar 2024 - Present · 6 months

Las Vegas, Nevada, United States



### Executive Board Member

Delta Gamma Alumnae Chapter Las Vegas

Jan 2024 - Present · 8 months

Las Vegas, Nevada, United States



### Senior Policy Advisor, Economic Development

Nevada Lieutenant Governor's Office

Jan 2023 - Present · 1 year 8 months

Las Vegas, Nevada, United States



### President & Founder

Spotlight Liberty

Jul 2012 - Present · 12 years 2 months

Las Vegas, NV

- Develop the creative and copy for ads, media campaigns, print collateral, content marketing, email marketing, direct mail campaigns, and sales collateral for diverse clients and projects.
- Write and edit content to enhance reputation of clients to the media and the public.
- Oversee the development of client websites and manage their online and social media presence.
- Advised clients on strategic marketing decisions including media campaigns, print collateral, email marketing, and...

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### Content Creator

YouFoundSarah.com

Jan 2017 - Present · 7 years 8 months

Las Vegas, Nevada, United States

[LinkedIn, Sarah Reeves Johnson, [Accessed 8/3/24](#)]

## Two Different Tennessee Newspapers Terminated Johnson From Editorial Positions For Violating Ethical Guidelines

**2016: The Washington Times Publicly Terminated Their Relationship With Johnson After He Tweeted About Ted Cruz’s Mistresses**

**March 2014 – March 2016: According To His LinkedIn, Johnson Was Employed By The Washington Times As A Columnist, Editorial Writer And Host Of The Golden Hammer Television Segment.** [Drew Johnson, LinkedIn, accessed [9/19/23](#)]



Columnist, Editorial Writer and host of the Golden Hammer television segment  
The Washington Times  
Mar 2014 - Mar 2016 · 2 yrs 1 mo  
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

[Drew Johnson, LinkedIn, accessed [9/19/23](#)]

**March 25, 2016: Johnson Tweeted That “From What I Know, At Least 2 Of The Women Named As Cruz Mistresses By The National Enquirer Are Accurate.”** “COMING CLEAN: From what I know, at least 2 of the women named as Cruz mistresses by the National Enquirer are accurate.” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 3/25/16]



Drew Johnson   
@Drews\_Views



COMING CLEAN: From what I know, at least 2 of the women named as Cruz mistresses by the National Enquirer are accurate  
[#TRUMP](#) [#CRUZ](#) [#TCOT](#)

12:33 AM · Mar 25, 2016 · Twitter Web Client

1,910 Retweets 1 Quote Tweet 1,574 Likes

[Drew Johnson, Twitter, 3/25/16]

**March 25, 2016: The Washington Times Tweeted That Johnson Was “NOT A Columnist” And Said His Relationship With Them As A “Citizen-Journalist” Ended That Day.** “Drew Johnson @Drews\_Views is NOT a columnist @WashTimes. (1/3) He is a former employee who occasionally wrote for our ‘citizen-journalist’ portal known as Communities. (2/3) That relationship has ended as of today (3/3).” [Washington Times, Twitter, [3/25/16](#)]



The Washington Times   
@WashTimes

Drew Johnson [@Drews\\_Views](#) is NOT a columnist  
[@WashTimes](#). (1/3)

12:31 PM · Mar 25, 2016 · TweetDeck



The Washington Times   
@WashTimes

He is a former employee who occasionally wrote for  
our "citizen-journalist" portal known as Communities.  
(2/3)

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That relationship has ended as of today. (3/3)

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[Washington Times, Twitter, [3/25/16](#)]

**March 25, 2016: The Washington Times Tweeted That Johnson's "Personal Views Do Not Reflect Those Of" The Washington Times.** [Washington Times, Twitter, [3/25/16](#)]

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**Johnson Claimed The Washington Times Disassociated From Him “For Saying A Scandal May Be True.”** [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 3/26/16]





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I have respect for the [@WashTimes](#), so IDK why they would disassociate from me via Twitter (no email/call) for saying a scandal may be true.

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**Washington Times: “Drew Johnson Parted From @Washtimes Over A Year Ago. We Take Umbrage With Him Linking To An Old Bio Page Claiming To Represent Us.”** [Washington Times, Twitter, 3/25/16]



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[Washington Times, Twitter, [3/25/16](#)]

- **Johnson Replied To The Washington Times Asking “If We Haven’t Had A Relationship In Over A Year, Why Do You Still Pay Me For Columns I Write?”** [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 3/26/16]



**Drew Johnson** ✓  
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**2013: The Chattanooga Times Free Press Fired Johnson For Approving The Headline "Take Your Jobs Plan And Shove It, Mr. President"**

**2012-2013: Johnson Was The Opinion Page Editor For The Chattanooga Times Free Press.** [Drew Johnson, LinkedIn, accessed [8/9/23](#)]



Opinion Page Editor (Free Press Editorial Page)  
Chattanooga Times Free Press  
Jun 2012 - Aug 2013 · 1 yr 3 mos  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

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**2013 Chattanooga Times Free Press Editorial: Johnson Was Fired For Changing An Approved Editorial Headline To “Take Your Jobs Plan And Shove It, Mr. President: Your Policies Have Harmed Chattanooga Enough.”** “Contrary to statements made by former Free Press editor Drew Johnson and national media reports, Johnson was told on multiple prior occasions not to make material changes to editorials or headlines once they were approved by the editor responsible for the page. On Monday night, Johnson changed the approved headline on his Tuesday editorial from, ‘Keep your jobs plan to yourself, Mr. President: Your policies have harmed Chattanooga enough already’ to ‘Take your jobs plan and shove it, Mr. President: Your policies have harmed Chattanooga enough.’” [Chattanooga Times Free Press, Editorial, [8/3/13](#)]

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**Chattanooga Times Free Press Editorial: Johnson’s Change Of Editorial Headline Was “A Violation Of Our Clear Editing Practice, And Our Trust.”** “However, he waited until his editor had left for the day before changing the headline. That is a violation of our clear editing practice, and our trust. He admitted the following day that he failed to follow the standard set for him. The language he chose was vulgar and not appropriate for this newspaper. Even Johnson himself admitted that the headline was ‘harsh and perhaps crass to a fault’ in an editorial he wrote for this Sunday, which will not run. Johnson’s firing was not about yielding to political pressure. He was not fired for writing an editorial criticizing President Barack Obama. The body of the editorial was approved for publication; only the headline was changed.” [Chattanooga Times Free Press, Editorial, [8/3/13](#)]

**Chattanooga Times Free Press: “The Only Instance When The Times Free Press Ever Denied Johnson The Freedom To Present His Views Was Last Week When He Referred To Pornography As A ‘Miracle Product.’”** “The newspaper has allowed Johnson to write his opinions freely and without censorship during the time he worked here - even when he wrote about very controversial topics that many readers complained about. In the past year we have printed at least 46 editorials critical of Obama on the Free Press page. In fact, the only instance when the Times Free Press ever denied Johnson the freedom to present his views was last week when he referred to pornography as a ‘miracle product’ and touted the benefits of pornography, stating that if teenagers watched pornography, it would result in lower rates of teenage pregnancy.” [Chattanooga Times Free Press, Editorial, [8/3/13](#)]

**2014 Johnson Op-Ed: “The Constitution, However, Doesn’t Prevent An Employer From Firing An Employee For What He Says. And It Shouldn’t.”** “The First Amendment ensures that government cannot interfere or constrain an American’s right to free speech. The Constitution, however, doesn’t prevent an employer from firing an employee for what he says. And it shouldn’t. Just as it’s a fundamental American right to speak out without the threat of being silenced by government, it’s also a fundamental American right for a company to decide what’s in its best interest. Sirius XM obviously felt sacking Mr. Cumia was the right move; so, good for them.” [Washington Times, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [7/18/14](#)]

- **Johnson: Chattanooga Times Free Press Had “Every Right” To Fire Him.** “What gives me the right to be so heartless about someone being fired for exercising their free speech? Well, because it happened to me, too. I was fired by The Chattanooga Times Free Press for penning an editorial criticizing President Obama’s failed record on job creation while he was in the Tennessee town for a speech on his umpteenth new jobs plan. Apparently, the paper thought it was in bad taste to do anything other than bow down to Mr. Obama and thank him for coming to Chattanooga. Leaders at the paper thought that it was not in the company’s best interest to continue to employ someone who would dare criticize the president’s disastrous domestic economic policies while he was putting Chattanooga on the map, at least for the day. So they kicked me to the curb, and they had every right to do so.” [Washington Times, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [7/18/14](#)]

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## In 2022, Johnson Attempted To Accuse His County Commission Opponent Of Defamation — For Pointing Out Comments Johnson Had Actually Made

**2022: Johnson Ran For A Seat On The Clark County Commission In Nevada, Representing District F.** “Jones and Johnson are facing off in the Nov. 8 midterms for a seat on the Clark County Commission representing District F, which spans from Chinatown to Mountain’s Edge and from Red Rock Canyon to Sandy Valley. Jones, vice chair of the commission, is a former state Senate member elected to the commission in 2018. Johnson is a senior fellow at the National Center for Public Policy Research and a columnist.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, [10/14/22](#)]

**Johnson Lost The Election By 336 Votes.** “Republican Clark County Commission candidate Drew Johnson on Wednesday conceded his 336-vote defeat in a race against incumbent Justin Jones. Johnson said he was not requesting a recount and placed blame on the Republican Party for spreading election fraud misinformation. He also threatened to file a defamation lawsuit against Jones ‘in the days ahead.’” [Las Vegas Review Journal, [11/24/22](#)]

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### **Johnson Filed A Complaint With The Nevada Secretary of State Alleging Jones Lied About His Stances And Violated The Code Of Fair Campaign Practices.**

“Republican Clark County Commission candidate Drew Johnson filed a complaint Thursday against Democratic incumbent Commissioner Justin Jones, accusing him of lying to voters about Johnson’s stances. Jones and Johnson are facing off in the Nov. 8 midterms for a seat on the Clark County Commission representing District F, which spans from Chinatown to Mountain’s Edge and from Red Rock Canyon to Sandy Valley. Jones, vice chair of the commission, is a former state Senate member elected to the commission in 2018. Johnson is a senior fellow at the National Center for Public Policy Research and a columnist. Johnson said Jones sent campaign flyers to voters with false claims about Johnson and used false citations to make the voters believe Johnson said things that he did not. He also accuses Jones of publishing misleading and out-of-context statements. ‘His claims are so profound as to be libelous, even given the high bar of libel for a public figure,’ Johnson wrote in the complaint filed with the Nevada Secretary of State’s Office. Johnson requests that the Secretary of State find Jones in violation of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and publicly announce those findings, as well as order Jones to mail retractions of the statements.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, [10/14/22](#)]

### **Johnson Issued A “Demand For Retraction Of Defamatory Statements,” Demanding That His Opponent, Justin Jones, Retract Statements Made About Johnson Or Face A Lawsuit.**

“The Clark County Commissioner’s race for District F is quickly becoming the most heated (and meanest) race in Nevada, a swing state with midterms that could decide the balance of the US Senate. District F covers a large portion of western and southwestern Clark County. The seat is currently held by Democrat Justin Jones, who was elected in 2018 after serving in the Nevada State Senate from 2012 to 2014. Drew Johnson, the Republican challenger, issued a ‘Demand for Retraction of Defamatory Statements’ on Monday night. The letter gave Jones 48 hours to retract various statements or face the threat of a lawsuit.” [CW Las Vegas, [10/26/22](#)]

### **Johnson Said Jones’ Claims Were “So Profound As To Be Libelous” And Said He Would “Work With In The Legal System” To Address His Complaint.**

“His claims are so profound as to be libelous, even given the high bar of libel for a public figure,” Johnson’s complaint said. “In this environment of division, distrust, and mistruths, I sought to be a positive, healing force by avoiding dirty politics and negative campaigning. I will now work within the legal system to make sure no candidate, regardless of party, ever has to unfairly endure the reckless falsehoods and bogus attacks I faced over the past few months.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, [11/24/22](#)]

## Johnson Disputed Jones' Claim That He Had Said "Your Vote Doesn't Matter" On Grounds Of A Likely Typo In The Corresponding Citation Date

**Johnson's Complaint Cited A Jones Mailer Claiming That Johnson Said "Your Vote Doesn't Matter," Which He Argued He Never Said In Any November 30, 2020 Tweets.** "The mail piece below states I said 'Your vote doesn't matter' and cites a tweet from November 30, 2020. The only tweet I have, and have ever had, on my Twitter account from November 30, 2020, pertains to an interesting fact about bees. There is no mention of voting whatsoever. In fact, Jones repeats the same 'Your vote doesn't matter' claim with a different citation in another mailer[...] The citation for this 'Your vote doesn't matter' claim is from October 20, 2016. The only Twitter activity from that date pertains to immigration and Social Security and has no mention of, and no relationship to, voting." [State of Nevada, Drew Johnson Election Integrity Violation Report, [10/11/22](#)]



- **Jones' Mailer Did Not Represent Johnson's Statement That "Your Vote Doesn't Matter" In The Form Of A Direct Quotation.** [State of Nevada, Drew Johnson Election Integrity Violation Report, [10/11/22](#)]



[State of Nevada, Drew Johnson Election Integrity Violation Report, [10/11/22](#)]

- **Johnson On November 3, 2020: "Your Vote Won't Matter."** "Here's some #ElectionDay truths being overlooked: 1) This isn't the most important presidential #election ever 2) The country isn't the most divided it's ever been 3) Most decisions that impact your life are made at the local & state level 4) Your vote won't matter #Election2020" [Twitter, @Drews\_Views, [11/3/20](#)]







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07:38 - 3. Nov. 2020

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- **November 5, 2012: Johnson Tweeted That He Expected More Deaths In Accidents Going To Vote Than “Votes That Mattered.”** “I’ll be tracking # of voter deaths in accidents going to vote vs. how many cast a deciding vote. Expect more deaths than votes that mattered.” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 11/5/12]



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8:06 PM · Nov 5, 2012 · Twitter for Android

[Drew Johnson, Twitter, 11/5/12]

**Johnson's Complaint Did Not Acknowledge That He Had Made Statements About Voters' Votes Not Counting On Dates Other Than The November 30, 2020 Citation He Singled Out.** [State of Nevada, Drew Johnson Election Integrity Violation Report, [10/11/22](#)]

**Johnson Disputed Jones' Claim That Johnson "Said The KKK Adopting Highways Was 'Good,'" Which He Did, And Complained That This Presentation Of His Own Words "Impl[ied] I Am A Racist"**

**Johnson's Complaint Cited A Jones Mailer Claiming That Johnson "Said The KKK Adopting Highways Was 'Good.'" "The mail piece below states I 'said the KKK adopting highways was "good",' citing a tweet from June 11, 2012, as the source." [State of Nevada, Drew Johnson Election Integrity Violation Report, [10/11/22](#)]**

**Johnson Argued That Jones Defamed Him And "Impl[ied] I Am A Racist."** "This false claim is particularly problematic since I served on a state Civil Rights Commission and on a national Department of Justice committee aimed at reducing disproportionate minority contact and confinement in the juvenile justice system. I've faced backlash from some in the GOP community for the work I've done on racial justice issues. For Jones to imply that I am a racist is unacceptable and should not be tolerated." [State of Nevada, Drew Johnson Election Integrity Violation Report, [10/11/22](#)]

- **Jones Mailer: Johnson "Said The KKK Adopting Highways Was 'Good.'" Jones mailer: "2. [Johnson] Said the KKK adopting highways was 'good'" [State of Nevada, Drew Johnson Election Integrity Violation Report, [10/11/22](#)]**
- **Johnson In 2012: "KKK Wants To Adopt A GA Hwy. Good, It Saves Tax Money & Gives Them Less Free Time For Cross Burning And Hangings."** "KKK wants to adopt a GA hwy. Good, it saves tax money & gives them less free time for cross burning and hangings." [Twitter, @Drews\_Views, [6/11/12](#)]



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**Johnson Accused Jones Of “Selective Editing” Because The Mailer Mentioned His KKK Highway Adoption Tweet But Did Not Include A Subsequent Tweet In Which He Said Black People In Georgia Should “Use The Roadside As A Dumpster.”** “The mail piece below states I “said the KKK adopting highways was ‘good’,” citing a tweet from June 11, 2012[...] [which] was followed by this tweet: ‘@pennymonsterr If the KKK is allowed to adopt the hwy, every black person in North GA should use the roadside as a dumpster.’ Jones’ selective editing misrepresented my anti-KKK stance and intentionally deceived voters about my beliefs.” [State of Nevada, Drew Johnson Election Integrity Violation Report, [10/11/22](#)]



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**Johnson Disputed Jones’ Claim That He “Hangs Out With” And “Supported” Alex Jones, Despite Having Appeared On Alex Jones’ Show Inforwars In 2017**

**October 2022: Johnson Circulated A “Demand for Retraction for Defamatory Statements” To Media, Regarding Jones’ Campaign.** “NEW: Clark County Commissioner’s race for District F is seeing accusations of defamation, election integrity violations, & threats of lawsuits. I obtained a copy of Republican challenger Drew Johnson’s ‘Demand for Retraction for Defamatory Statements’ for incumbent D Justin Jones” [Twitter, @BrettForrestTV, [10/24/22](#)]



**Brett Forrest**  
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**THE STATEMENTS**

You and your campaign committee have repeatedly made false statements regarding Mr. Johnson. The following statements – without limitation – are patently false and defamatory:

- “Drew Johnson hangs out with Alex Jones.”
- Drew Johnson “supported conspiracy theorist Alex Jones.”
- Drew Johnson “mocked victims of the 1 October Las Vegas Shootings.”
- “Drew Johnson said the KKK should be able to adopt this highway.”

**THEIR FALSITY**

These statements are false. Specifically:

- Drew Johnson does not “hang out” with Alex Jones, and you have no evidence that he does.
- Drew Johnson has never “supported” Alex Jones, and you have no evidence that he has.

**THEIR DEFAMATORY CHARACTER**

Mr. Johnson is a public figure, which requires him to prove that the foregoing statements were made with “actual malice” in order to establish liability. Actual malice is knowledge of the statement or reckless disregard for its truth; that is, a high degree of awareness of the statement’s probable falsity. Neither you nor any of the stooges on your campaign committee will be able to escape liability under this standard. These statements are false when you made them.

**DEMAND FOR RETRACTION**

Demand is made that each of the foregoing statements be retracted. The retractions must be made in the same place, form and manner as the statements themselves, and must be made within the next forty-eight (48) hours.

This firm has been retained to sue you and your committee members if the retractions are not made. We intend to do so. You should seek legal counsel to assess your position.

Sincerely,  
Drew Johnson

12:41 AM · Oct 25, 2022

[Twitter, @BrettForrestTV, 10/24/22]

**Johnson’s Demand For Retraction Cited The Statements That “Drew Johnson Hands Out With Alex Jones” And “Supported Conspiracy Theorist Alex Jones.”** [Twitter, @BrettForrestTV, 10/24/22]

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October 24, 2022  
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### **Johnson Disputed Jones' Claim That He Hypocritically Accepted Tens Of Thousands In PPP Loans After Opposing Small Business Relief, Arguing That The Cited Source Did Not Reflect These Sentiments — Despite His Having Expressed Such Opposition In Other Publications**

**Johnson's Complaint Cited A Jones Mailer Claiming That Johnson "Opposed Helping Small Business During The Pandemic (Except For His Own Small Business."** "The mail piece below states I 'Opposed helping small business during the pandemic (except for his own small business, which got over \$30K in PPP loans; apparently Drew just doesn't want other small businesses to get help)[.]'" [State of Nevada, Drew Johnson Election Integrity Violation Report, [10/11/22](#)]

**Johnson Claimed That Despite Jones' Criticisms, He Never Mentioned Small Business Or PPP Loans In The Source Cited As Support For The Mailer's Claims.** "The source identified for that citation is 'The Daily Review & Sunday Review, 4/18/20.' An op-ed I co-wrote appeared that day, in that outlet, and is available in full at this website: <https://energycentral.com/news/bc-biz-government-intervention-would-hurt-energy-producers> The op-ed never mentions small businesses or PPP loans." [State of Nevada, Drew Johnson Election Integrity Violation Report, [10/11/22](#)]

- **HEADLINE: BC Biz: Government Intervention Would Hurt Energy Producers.** [Energy Central, [8/18/20](#)]
- **2020: Johnson Argued That Despite Pandemic Upheavals, It Was "For The Best" That Government Did Not Intervene In Stabilizing The Energy Industry.** "America's energy sector has seen better days. The recent price war between Saudi Arabia and Russia rocked oil and gas markets - and the coronavirus outbreak has reduced demand and forced some companies in the renewable sector to stall projects and furlough workers. Despite these upheavals, the government has yet to intervene. [...] That's for the best. Tariffs, tax credits, and other government interventions would only weaken the energy industry, which doesn't need help surviving the present crises. Policymakers can help energy firms and consumers alike by letting the market sort itself out." [Energy Central, [8/18/20](#)]

- **2020: Johnson Argued That “Extending Federal Stimulus Funds To The Renewable Energy Sector” Because Such Companies “Need To Learn How To Survive Economic Downturns.”** “If anything, government intervention could harm the energy industry down the line. [...] Extending federal stimulus funds to the renewable energy sector is similarly shortsighted. The entire renewable energy sector is responsible for less than 20 percent of total U.S. electricity generation. Americans don’t need wind or solar power to heat their homes or power their businesses. With so much of the economy ravaged by COVID-19, there’s no sense using taxpayer dollars to support the renewable sector. If renewable energy firms hope to gain equal footing with oil and natural gas producers, they’ll need to learn how to survive economic downturns without the government coming to the rescue.” [Energy Central, [8/18/20](#)]

**In His Complaint, Johnson Said That While “His Wife” Accepted \$30K In PPP Loans, Justin Jones’ Wife Took More.** “Even ignoring the hypocrisy that Jones is attacking my wife’s business (not mine) for taking \$30,000 in PPP loans while his wife accepted more than \$1.1 million in PPP loans, the article has nothing to do with ‘helping small businesses.’ Jones’ claim that I ‘opposed helping small businesses during the pandemic’ is blatantly false and his citations fail to substantiate his claim.” [State of Nevada, Drew Johnson Election Integrity Violation Report, [10/11/22](#)]

- **January 2021: Lambent Interactive, LLC Accepted \$15,343 In Paycheck Protection Program Loans.** Lambent Interactive LLC in Las Vegas, Nevada received a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$15,343 which was approved in January, 2021. This loan was fully repaid or forgiven as of May 2022. [Small Business Administration PPP Data via Federalpay.org, accessed [9/18/23](#)]
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**May 2020: Johnson Co-Authored A Report On COVID-19 Which Called For The End Of The Paycheck Program.** “To encourage states and localities to open up expeditiously and responsibly, Washington should: 1. End the Paycheck Protection Program. The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), created under the ‘Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act,’ or CARES Act, provides forgivable loans to small businesses to enable them to keep employees on payroll during government mandated shutdowns. The program was designed to help small companies survive temporary economic lockdowns and it has already been funded to the tune of \$649 billion, equal to nearly 14% of total federal outlays in 2019. A significant portion of the loans were granted to large companies better equipped to weather the storm – including the Los Angeles Lakers, Ruth’s Chris Steak House, Potbelly and Shake Shack. The exact number of such loans is not known as the Small Business Administration (SBA), which oversees the program, has not disclosed the recipient list. There will be less urgency to open up the economy so long as programs such as the PPP continue to subsidize an economic shutdown. The PPP should not only be closed down, but the SBA should publish a list of loan recipients to ensure accountability to taxpayers.” [National Center For Public Policy Research, Drew Johnson et al, [5/1/20](#)]

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- **The Report Supported A “Much More Modest Forgivable Loan Program To Protect The Jobs Of Those Most At Risk From COVID-19.”** “2. Consider a much more modest forgivable loan program to protect the jobs of those most at risk from COVID-19. [...] Congress should consider a PPP-style forgivable loan program to help small businesses carry vulnerable employees until it is safe for these employees to return to work.” [National Center For Public Policy Research, Drew Johnson et al, [5/1/20](#)]

### **Johnson Disputed Jones’ Claim That He “Mocked The Victims Of The 1 October Las Vegas Shooting” And Insisted He Never “Liked” A Tweet Saying “Your Prayers Are Too Late,” Despite Reporting By Las Vegas CW That Directly Contradicted His Argument**

**Johnson’s Complaint Cited A Jones Mailer Claiming That Johnson “Mocked The Victims Of The 1 October Las Vegas Shooting Just Hours After The Tragedy.”** “The mail piece below states I ‘mocked victims of the 1 October Las Vegas Shooting just hours after the tragedy, liking a tweet that said, ‘your prayers are too late...’[”] [State of Nevada, Drew Johnson Election Integrity Violation Report, [10/11/22](#)]

- **October 1, 2017: A Gunman Killed 58 People And Injured Over 800 At A Las Vegas Music Festival.** “On Oct. 1, 2017, a gunman opened fire from a room at the Mandalay Bay casino hotel in Las Vegas on a crowd of 22,000 country music fans at a concert below, leaving 58 people dead and more than 800 injured in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history; the gunman, 64-year-old Stephen Craig Paddock, killed himself before officers arrived.” [Associated Press, [10/1/22](#)]

**Johnson’s Complaint Insisted That He Did Not “Like” Any Tweets Mocking The Las Vegas Shooting Victims, And Specifically Did Not Like A Tweet Saying “Your Prayers Are Too Late.”** “The only Tweet I tweeted, retweeted, or ‘liked’ on the dates included in Jones’ sources regarding ‘prayers’ is the one below, which clearly does not state ‘your prayers are too late.’ It simply encourages people to look for ways they can help the victims beyond ‘thoughts & prayers.’ Jones obviously misrepresented my post in a way that is intentional and despicable. Additionally, I did not ‘mock the victims of October 1.’ There are no tweets, retweets, or ‘likes’ on my Twitter account from October 2 or 3, 2017 (the two dates listed as Jones’ citations) that could be construed as ‘mocking the victims of October 1.’” [State of Nevada, Drew Johnson Election Integrity Violation Report, [10/11/22](#)]

- **Las Vegas CW: Johnson Liked Two Tweets Immediately After The Vegas Shooting, Including One That Read “My Jokes May Be Too Soon, But Your Prayers Are Too Late.”** “Johnson does appear to have ‘liked’ two tweets on October 2, which said, ‘Sure, my jokes may be too soon, but your prayers are too late,’ and a comic featuring Batman saying, ‘Send out the

virtue signal!' He also tweeted a photo of an empty dump truck with a caption that said, 'Another load of thoughts & prayers just arrived in Las Vegas.' Johnson defended the tweet, saying it was meant to encourage people to take action." [Las Vegas CW, [10/26/22](#)]

### **Johnson Disputed Jones' Claim That He Supported "A 23% Sales Tax On Everything," Countering That He Only Advocated For This In The Context Of "The Full Removal Of The Federal Income Tax"**

**Johnson's Complaint Cited A Jones Mailer Claiming That Johnson Supported "A 23% Sales Tax On Everything."** "The [Jones] mailer claims I 'Support a 23% sales tax on everything you buy – gas, groceries and maybe even your health care[.]' The source identified for that citation is 'Human Events Online, 9/17/04.'" [State of Nevada, Drew Johnson Election Integrity Violation Report, [10/11/22](#)]

**Johnson Argued That, In The Cited Source, What He Had Actually Advocated For Was "The Full Removal Of The Federal Income Tax," Which Could Be Replaced With "A Federal Sales Tax Ranging From 17-23%."** "This nearly 20-year-old op-ed can be viewed in full at this website: <http://realdealpolitics.org/SalesTax.htm> The piece clearly advocates considering the full removal of the federal income tax. It then points out that, for the elimination of the income tax to be revenue-neutral, it could be replaced with 'a federal sales tax ranging from 17-23%.'" [State of Nevada, Drew Johnson Election Integrity Violation Report, [10/11/22](#)]

- **Johnson's Complaint Seemed To Imply He Should Not Be Held Responsible For Statements Made In His "Nearly 20-Year-Old Op-Ed."** "This nearly 20-year-old op-ed can be viewed in full at this website: <http://realdealpolitics.org/SalesTax.htm> The piece clearly advocates considering the full removal of the federal income tax." [State of Nevada, Drew Johnson Election Integrity Violation Report, [10/11/22](#)]
- **2004: Johnson Argued In Favor Of Abolishing The IRS And Instating A 17-23% National Sales Tax In Place Of The Federal Income Tax.** "A federal sales tax would entirely replace the federal income tax, thus ending the Internal Revenue Service, audits, paycheck withholdings, and the drudgery of filing tax returns. Under a sales tax, workers receive all of the money they earn. Since funds are untaxed until spent, a sales tax does not discourage savings. [...] Fiction No. 1: A national sales tax would produce the 'largest tax increase on the middle class in American history.' The facts: Economic models indicate that current government spending levels would require a federal sales tax ranging from 17-23% (depending largely on whether Social Security taxes are collected through the sales tax or continue as a paycheck withholding). These figures vary little from the 21.4% overall effective federal tax rate for 2005. All federal sales tax proposals under consideration include a universal rebate, similar to the safeguard offered by the existing standard deduction. Most proposals set the rebate at, or above, the current poverty level. For a family of four, this means that no federal sales taxes will apply on the first \$18,850 spent. Additionally, the abolition of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) would lower federal spending by over \$10.67-billion per year. This translates into an average yearly savings of \$104 for each American taxpayer." [Human Events Online, [9/17/04](#)]

**Johnson Insisted Jones' Presentation Of His Sales Tax Advocacy Was "Purposely Mislead[ing]."** "Jones' mailer intends to purposely mislead voters into believing that I advocate a tax increase amounting to a 23% national sales tax. In reality, the piece supported considering revenue-neutral options to the income tax that includes a national sales tax with a large rebate issued to lower-income Americans." [State of Nevada, Drew Johnson Election Integrity Violation Report, [10/11/22](#)]

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## Johnson Repeatedly Claimed Voting Does Not Matter



**Johnson On November 3, 2020: “Your Vote Won’t Matter.”** “Here’s some #ElectionDay truths being overlooked: 1) This isn’t the most important presidential #election ever 2) The country isn’t the most divided it’s ever been 3) Most decisions that impact your life are made at the local & state level 4) Your vote won’t matter #Election2020” [Twitter, @Drews\_Views, 11/3/20]


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**November 5, 2012: Johnson Tweeted That He Expected More Deaths In Accidents Going To Vote Than “Votes That Mattered.”** “I’ll be tracking # of voter deaths in accidents going to vote vs. how many cast a deciding vote. Expect more deaths than votes that mattered.” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 11/5/12]



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[Drew Johnson, Twitter, 11/5/12]

### **Johnson Ran For County Commission, Accused His Opponent Of Lying About Him, And After Losing, Blamed Republican Leadership For Leading Republican Voters To Believe The Election Was Rigged**

**2022: Johnson Ran For A Seat On The Clark County Commission In Nevada, Representing District F.** “Jones and Johnson are facing off in the Nov. 8 midterms for a seat on the Clark County Commission representing District F, which spans from Chinatown to Mountain’s Edge and from Red Rock Canyon to Sandy Valley. Jones, vice chair of the commission, is a former state Senate member elected to the commission in 2018. Johnson is a senior fellow at the National Center for Public Policy Research and a columnist.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, [10/14/22](#)]

**Johnson Issued A “Demand For Retraction Of Defamatory Statements,” Demanding That His Opponent, Justin Jones, Retract Statements Made About Johnson Or Face A Lawsuit.** “The Clark County Commissioner’s race for District F is quickly becoming the most heated (and meanest) race in Nevada, a swing state with midterms that could decide the balance of the US Senate. District F covers a large portion of western and southwestern Clark County. The seat is currently held by Democrat Justin Jones, who was elected in 2018 after serving in the Nevada State Senate from 2012 to 2014. Drew Johnson, the Republican challenger, issued a ‘Demand for Retraction of Defamatory Statements’ on Monday night. The letter gave Jones 48 hours to retract various statements or face the threat of a lawsuit.” [CW Las Vegas, [10/26/22](#)]

**Jones’ Campaign Replied To The Complaint With Screenshots Of Johnson’s Statements, Saying Johnson Was Trying To “Muddy The Water On His Record.”** “In an emailed statement to the Review-Journal, Jones doubled down on ‘deeply troubling statements’ Johnson has given in the past and included screenshots of other tweets from Johnson that he found troubling, such as one from 2014 in which Johnson said there is no ‘epidemic’ of police killings. [...] ‘Drew Johnson’s campaign is built on the hope that voters won’t find out about the many shocking and disgusting things he has said over the years about women, police and seniors, and so it’s no surprise he would try to muddy the waters on his record just as ballots land in mailboxes. It is important that voters in District F know the facts and Drew Johnson’s own words clearly show that he does not share our values.’ Jones said.” [Las Vegas Review Journal, [10/14/22](#)]

- **Jones Said He Had “No Intention Of Issuing Retractions And Stood By What He And His Campaign Have Said Of His Opponent.”** “On Tuesday, 24 hours before the deadline demand,

Jones told News 3 he had no intention of issuing retractions and stood by what he and his campaign have said of his opponent. 'Whenever you file for office, you own anything you've said or done,' said Jones. 'Just like I own everything that I've said or done in office or out of office, Drew Johnson decided to run for office, knowing that he had said extremely offensive things.'" [CW Las Vegas, [10/26/22](#)]

**Johnson Filed A Complaint With The Nevada Secretary of State Alleging Jones Lied About His Stances And Violated The Code Of Fair Campaign Practices.** "Republican Clark County Commission candidate Drew Johnson filed a complaint Thursday against Democratic incumbent Commissioner Justin Jones, accusing him of lying to voters about Johnson's stances. Jones and Johnson are facing off in the Nov. 8 midterms for a seat on the Clark County Commission representing District F, which spans from Chinatown to Mountain's Edge and from Red Rock Canyon to Sandy Valley. Jones, vice chair of the commission, is a former state Senate member elected to the commission in 2018. Johnson is a senior fellow at the National Center for Public Policy Research and a columnist. Johnson said Jones sent campaign flyers to voters with false claims about Johnson and used false citations to make the voters believe Johnson said things that he did not. He also accuses Jones of publishing misleading and out-of-context statements. 'His claims are so profound as to be libelous, even given the high bar of libel for a public figure,' Johnson wrote in the complaint filed with the Nevada Secretary of State's Office. Johnson requests that the Secretary of State find Jones in violation of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and publicly announce those findings, as well as order Jones to mail retractions of the statements." [Las Vegas Review Journal, [10/14/22](#)]

**Johnson Lost The Election By 336 Votes.** "Republican Clark County Commission candidate Drew Johnson on Wednesday conceded his 336-vote defeat in a race against incumbent Justin Jones. Johnson said he was not requesting a recount and placed blame on the Republican Party for spreading election fraud misinformation. He also threatened to file a defamation lawsuit against Jones 'in the days ahead.'" [Las Vegas Review Journal, [11/24/22](#)]

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- **Johnson Said Jones' Claims Were "So Profound As To Be Libelous" And Said He Would "Work With In The Legal System" To Address His Complaint.** "His claims are so profound as to be libelous, even given the high bar of libel for a public figure," Johnson's complaint said. "In this environment of division, distrust, and mistruths, I sought to be a positive, healing force by avoiding dirty politics and negative campaigning. I will now work within the legal system to make sure no candidate, regardless of party, ever has to unfairly endure the reckless falsehoods and bogus attacks I faced over the past few months." [Las Vegas Review Journal, [11/24/22](#)]

**Johnson Blamed The Republican Party "Spreading Election Fraud Misinformation" For His 2022 Loss Against Justin Jones.** According to the Las Vegas Review Journal, Johnson blamed his 2022 loss on the Republican Party for "spreading election fraud information." Johnson alleges misinformation prevented "thousands of registered republicans" from voting via mail-in-ballots. "Johnson said he was not requesting a recount and placed blame on the Republican Party for spreading election fraud misinformation. He also threatened to file a defamation lawsuit against Jones 'in the days ahead.' The Nevada Supreme Court certified the election on Tuesday, and candidates had until Wednesday to

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- **Johnson Implied Voter Fraud Occurred In 10 Nevada Counties After Losing His 2022 Race.** "WAS THERE FRAUD? WAS IT RIGGED? There were 10 partisan elections in Clark County determined by fewer than 1,500 votes. Democrats won all 10 of these amazingly close races. I saw my 2,500-vote election night lead deteriorate into a 336-vote loss a week later." [Twitter, @DrewForNevada, [11/23/22](#)]



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**Johnson: “THE ELECTION WAS RIGGED! (By Republicans Who Stupidly Told Other Republicans Not To Vote.)”** “THE ELECTION WAS RIGGED! (By Republicans who stupidly told other Republicans not to vote.) R-J columnist [@SteveSebelius](#) highlights my comments that narratives about voter fraud & mail ballots kept many GOP voters from voting, contributing to GOP losses.” [Drew For Nevada, Twitter, [12/4/22](#)]



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# Johnson Will Prioritize The Rich And Powerful Over Of What Is Best For Nevada Families

Johnson Promoted School Choice Over Adequately Funding Nevada’s Public Education System

## Johnson Repeatedly Supported School Voucher Initiatives

**2022: Johnson Said A School Voucher Initiative By Gov. Ducey Was “Brilliant.”** “AZ Gov @DougDucey announced he’ll allow eligible families to take their kids’ education dollars elsewhere if their public school closes for Covid. Brilliant idea that prevents schools from unnecessarily closing, & ensures kids are well-educated if they do.” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 1/5/22]



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**2018: Johnson Said “Hope For Nevada’s Students Is Rooted In Choice And Competition, Not Wasting More Money On Failing Schools.”** “Despite what big government advocated and the teachers



union want you to believe, per-pupil spending has almost nothing to do with educational outcomes. Hope for #Nevada's students is rooted in choice & competition, not wasting more money on failing schools. #nvleg #NVsen #NV" [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 1/17/18]



[Drew Johnson, Twitter, 1/17/18]

**2017: Johnson Said School Choice Was “Simple” When Promoting SB 506.** “School Choice is simple: If protecting a broken teachers union is more important than educating kids, vote NO on #SB506 #NVLeg #YESstoESA” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 5/29/17]





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- **SB 506 Would Have Implemented A School Voucher Program In Nevada.** “Backed by a strong grassroots campaign, Nevada lawmakers decisively rejected Senate Bill 506, Governor Brian Sandoval’s proposal to spend \$60 million in public funds to revive an ‘education savings account’ (ESA) voucher program previously declared unconstitutional by the Nevada Supreme Court.” [Education Law Center, [6/5/17](#)]

**2008 Johnson Op-Ed: Tennessee Should Replace Statewide Pre-K System With Vouchers For “Public Or Private Pre K Of The Parent’s Choice.”** “If the governor and Tennessee’s legislators are serious about helping children succeed, they should change course. One option is to take the \$25 million the governor wants to throw at the existing Pre-K program and offer 4,900 families a \$5,100 scholarship—the per child cost of the Pre-K scheme—to send at-risk four-year-olds to the public or private Pre-K of the parents’ choice. The governor and most legislators would never support a plan that would threaten to shrink the Pre-K scheme, even if it was in the best interest of the children of Tennessee. Why? Because Pre-K isn’t really ‘for the kids.’ Pre-K is for the teachers union and the politicians they help get elected.” [Beacon TN, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, 2/11/08]

**Johnson Said He Supported School Choice In Part Because His Mother Fraudulently Used His Grandmother’s Address To Send Him To School In A Better District**

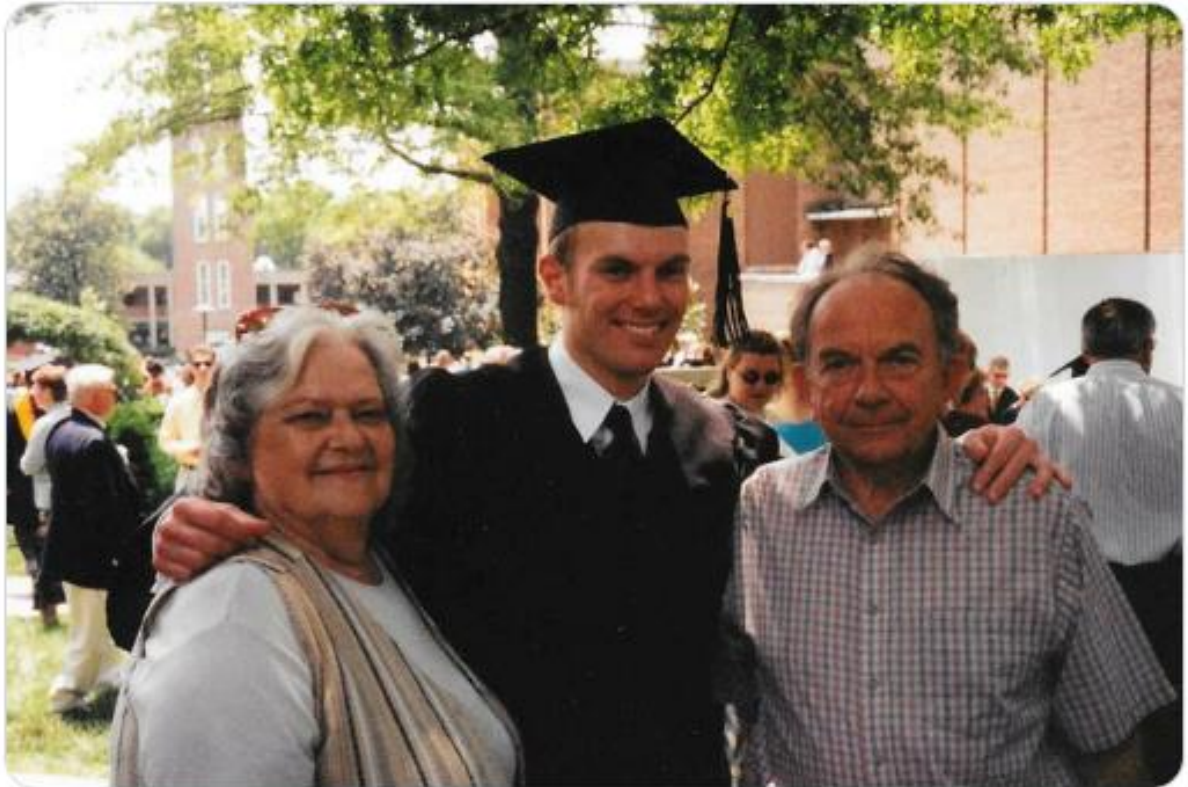
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- **Tennessee Law Stated That Parents “Fraudulently Represent[ing] The Address For The Domicile Of The Student For Enrollment Purposes” Were “Liable For Restitution To The School District For An Amount Equal To The Local Per Pupil Expenditure[...] For The District In Which The Student Is Fraudulently Enrolled.”** As of 2024, “(c)(1)(A) Any parent, guardian or other legal custodian who enrolls an out-of-district student in a school district and fraudulently represents the address for the domicile of the student for enrollment purposes is liable for restitution to the school district for an amount equal to the local per pupil expenditure identified by the Tennessee department of education for the district in which the student is fraudulently enrolled. [...] (2)(A) Restitution shall be cumulative for each year the child has been

fraudulently enrolled in the system. The restitution shall be payable to the school district and, when litigation is necessary to recover restitution, the parent, guardian or other legal custodian shall be liable for costs and fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the school district. (B) An action for restitution shall be brought by or on behalf of the district in the circuit or chancery court in which the district is located within one (1) year of the date the fraudulent representation occurred or was discovered, whichever is later. In no event shall the action be brought more than six (6) years after the date on which the fraudulent enrollment occurred.” [FindLaw, Tennessee Code Title 49. Education § 49-6-3003, 1/2/24]

### **Johnson Opposed Universal Pre-K, Which He Argued Was “Proven To Do More Harm Than Good”**

**2021: Johnson Tweeted That “Funding Universal Pre-K Programs Proven To Do More Harm Than Good Would Hurt NV More Than It Would Help.”** “Get real, @GovSisolak. Boondoggles, inflation, subsidizing failed green energy schemes & funding universal Pre-K programs proven to do more harm than good would hurt NV more than it would help. Sisolak is brown-nosing Biden in hopes of a fancy appointment once he loses reelection.” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 12/20/21]



[Drew Johnson, Twitter, 12/20/21]

**2013 Johnson Op-Ed: “Congress Should Accept The Truth That Head Start Doesn’t Work And Stop Funding The Failing Program.”** “It is apparent that anyone who still believes that Head Start helps

the children it serves in the long run or is a good investment of tax dollars is simply unwilling to accept the facts. As painful as it may be to pull the plug on a program that is 'for the kids,' Congress should accept the truth that Head Start doesn't work and stop funding the failing program. The sooner lawmakers quit wasting money on a program that doesn't help America's most at-risk children, the sooner they can begin considering alternatives that actually succeed." [Newsmax, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [2/14/13](#)]

**2008 Johnson Op-Ed: "Pre-K Is Nothing More Than A Payback By Politicians To The Teachers' Union – A Quid Pro Quo From The Governor."** "If the Administration and many state lawmakers knew government-controlled Pre-K wouldn't help children in the classroom, and would cost taxpayers outrageous sums of money, why did the state government insist on getting in the business of raising, educating, babysitting and indoctrinating four-year-olds? Because Pre-K isn't for the kids. It's for the teachers' union. Governor Bredesen and Pre-K advocates in the state legislature don't care that the scheme doesn't work. The state's Pre-K expansion was designed as a jobs program to create more teaching positions eligible for membership in the Tennessee Education Association, the state's teachers union. Pre-K is nothing more than a payback by politicians to the teachers' union – a quid pro quo from the Governor and other lawmakers who have given the union more members in exchange for the union's votes, campaign volunteers and political contributions." [Beacon Tennessee, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [9/13/08](#)]

- **2008 Johnson Op-Ed: Tennessee Should Replace Statewide Pre-K System With Vouchers For "Public Or Private Pre K Of The Parent's Choice."** "If the governor and Tennessee's legislators are serious about helping children succeed, they should change course. One option is to take the \$25 million the governor wants to throw at the existing Pre-K program and offer 4,900 families a \$5,100 scholarship—the per child cost of the Pre-K scheme—to send at-risk four-year-olds to the public or private Pre-K of the parents' choice. The governor and most legislators would never support a plan that would threaten to shrink the Pre-K scheme, even if it was in the best interest of the children of Tennessee. Why? Because Pre-K isn't really 'for the kids.' Pre-K is for the teachers union and the politicians they help get elected." [Beacon Tennessee, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [2/11/08](#)]

**2005: Johnson Argued Against State Funding For Pre-K That He Said Was "Destined To Fail" And Instead Advocated For "Parents, Families, And Communities" To "Raise, Nurture And Educate" Children.** "Not everyone wants a state-funded pre-K program. Drew Johnson, president of Tennessee Center for Policy Research, said pre-K programs - particularly those run by public schools - aren't the answer. The Nashville-based nonprofit group supports free markets and private enterprise. 'The central issue, more so than the cost of the program - and it will be exorbitant - and more so than the effectiveness of the program - and it's destined to fail - is the question of who should raise, nurture and educate these young children,' said Johnson. 'I have a hard time believing most people in Tennessee believe the answer is a government bureaucracy rather than parents, families and communities.'" [The Tennessean, [4/22/05](#)]

- **2005: Critics Argued That Johnson's Promotion Of Grants For "Private Pre-School Programs" Over A Universal Pre-K Program Was "Irresponsible" And "Wrong."** "Dunn and Drew Johnson, who co-authored a report on 'the failures of government pre-K endeavors' for the Tennessee Center for Policy Research, said Bredesen is wrong in declaring that studies have shown similar programs are successful and a 'good investment.' Actually, Johnson said, there is 'little empirical evidence to demonstrate any lasting educational or socioeconomic benefit of government pre-school programs.' He said studies of Georgia's pre-K program and Head Start, a



federally funded program for disadvantaged children, show there is basically no difference in performance of youngsters who attended the programs and those who did not. Those youngsters would be better covered by 'targeted individual grants' from the state so they could attend private pre-school programs, he said, estimating the cost for such grants at \$22 million – less than the first-year startup costs for what Johnson called 'a universal pre-K bureaucracy.' 'Any new governmental intrusion on pre-K is financially risky and academically unfounded,' said Johnson. Rachel Lassiter, deputy press secretary to Bredesen, said Johnson's report is 'irresponsible and it's wrong.' 'Clearly, there is empirical evidence that not only supports pre-K across the country but specifically supports Tennessee's nationally recognized program,' she said, listing the reports from the National Academy of Science, the Economic Policy Institute and the Rand Corp. – 'to name a few.'" [Knoxville News-Sentinel, 4/26/05]

### **Johnson Said He Would “Like To Abolish” The Department Of Education And Opposed Further Investments In Public Education**

**Johnson Said He Would “Like To Abolish” The Department Of Education.** “1) I'd like to abolish the Dept of Ed. 2) Rich people should pay taxes (roughly the same % of their income as other folks) 2) I grew up poor in rural Appalachia, so my goal isn't 'crushing poor people,' it's empowering all people 4) I care about a limited, responsible govt” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 5/22/19]



[Drew Johnson, Twitter, 5/22/19]

**2006: Johnson Criticized The Tennessee Public Teachers Union For “Extort[ing]” Money “From The Taxpayers” By Asking For More Education Funding And For “Kill[ing]” A “Promising Piece Of Charter School Legislation.”** “The TEA doesn't have the incentive to improve education because if they don't have a crisis to sell, they lose their value. This has caused the TEA to actively undermine valid efforts at much needed educational reform. Rather than viewing poor student performance as a problem to solve, the TEA sees it as a bargaining chip; a way to extort more money from the taxpayers,' Johnson said. This year, the TEA continued to call on government at every level to raise taxes to increase per pupil funding. However, according to the Tennessee Education Association's own executive director, Al

Mance, 'The average pupil expenditure does not mean a lot.' The Tennessee Center's own research—in addition to research performed by other prominent think tanks around the country—shows no correlation between student performance and per pupil spending in Tennessee. The TEA used its contributions to kill a promising piece of charter school legislation, thus preventing many of Tennessee's poorest children from leaving their failing schools to attend charter schools. The TEA also continues to lobby for the state government to assume the role of developing the minds of four-year-olds through a statewide universal pre-k bureaucracy—all with the self-interested hope of bolstering declining membership numbers by adding pre-k teachers to their ranks. This despite the fact that not one large-scale government pre-kindergarten program in the country has ever succeeded in providing long-term educational, social or socio-economic benefits to its enrollees." [The Tennessee Tribune, [1/19/06](#)]

## Johnson Opposed Measures To Build More Affordable Housing, Instead Arguing That Privatizing Land And Cutting Building Regulations Would Resolve The Housing Crisis

**Johnson Said High-Density Housing Would “Lower Home Values And Increase Crime.”** “Q: ‘What is your opinion about the newly revised master plan for Clark County, Transform Clark County?’ Johnson: ‘Anytime the government tries to over-regulate private property use, micromanage growth and dictate what the future of a community is going to look like, there’s going to be very little good, a bunch of bad, and lots and lots of ugly. The good includes efforts to increase housing stock, making the county more neighborhood-centric, reinforcing the commitment to recreational areas, and planning for an eventual Ivanpah airport, which will be necessary to relieve some of the pressures of cargo traffic from the existing airport. The bad are things that will make people feel good, but will likely fail and be a big waste of money like a light rail scheme. The ugly is page after page of doling out subsidies for green energy boondoggles, and plans to stuff low-income, high-density housing structures into affluent neighborhoods, which will lower home values and increase crime.’” [Nevada Globe, [6/5/22](#)]

**Johnson Advocated For The Privatization Of Federal Land In Clark County To Combat Housing Supply Issues.** “The lack of affordable housing is one of the most serious issues facing Southern Nevada. While housing prices are up across the United States, Clark County’s lack of housing supply is unique. The federal government owns or controls 89% of all land in Clark County. As a result, new construction is extremely limited, meaning supply has no way of keeping up with demand. The result is skyrocketing home prices, a huge increase in the homeless population, and home ownership becoming an impossible dream for too many young, minority, and lower-income residents. While some federal land is slowly being made available for development, Drew will encourage the Bureau of Land Management to release more property to private hands, while continuing to protect land designated for natural resource conservation and recreation. This will put homes within reach for Southern Nevada’s residents.” [Drew For Nevada Campaign Website, Priorities, [8/5/24](#)]

**Johnson Claimed He Would Cut Regulations, Make More Land Available, And Prevent Landlords From Renting Starter Homes.** “Home ownership should be attainable for every Southern Nevadan. I’ll help make that a reality by: -Slashing regs that increase home costs by >20% -Making more land available for new construction - Preventing people like Susie Lee from buying up dozens of starter homes as rentals” [Twitter, @DrewForNevada, [3/14/24](#)]



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**Johnson Claimed “Tossing Tax Dollars At Building Affordable Housing... Won’t Help,” And That He Will Provide “Real Solutions,” Like Eliminating Fees And Permits.** “The #ClarkCountyCommission is tossing tax dollars at building affordable housing, but it won’t help. I’ll provide real solutions, like eliminating some of the 12 fees/permits on new construction in Clark County that increase the cost of each new housing unit by about \$20,000.” [Twitter, @DrewForNevada, 6/28/22]





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## Johnson Opposed Capping The Fees Credit Card Companies Are Allowed To Charge

**August 2022 Op-Ed: Johnson Claimed That If Credit Card Fee Caps Would Force Credit Card Companies “To Make Up The Difference By Eliminating Benefits And Raising Prices.”** “When Sen. Durbin passed a similar policy years ago for debit cards, 99% of retailers did not lower prices to reflect their lower debit card transaction costs. Further, the caps on debit card fees caused banks and credit unions to lose so much money they were forced to eliminate most free checking accounts, hike fees, and increase charges for replacing lost cards. Durbin’s fee caps didn’t save consumers a dime. In fact, the average low-income banking customer paid \$160 a year more in additional fees. Similarly, if Durbin and Marshall are successful, companies and financial institutions will be forced to make up the difference by eliminating benefits and raising prices. Americans simply can’t afford for Congress to apply backdoor price caps on credit cards.” [Newsmax, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [8/5/22](#)]

**November 2021 Op-Ed: Johnson Said It Was “A Myth” That Credit Card User Fees Hurt Poorer Users And Benefited Wealthier Users.** “A myth has been sweeping Capitol Hill. It goes something like

this: Credit card companies are behaving like Robin Hood in reverse — they steal from the poor and give to the rich. Concocted by retail lobbyists, this myth aims to demonize credit card companies so they can skim a few extra pennies off customers with every purchase. Retailers claim that interchange fees — the tiny percentage credit card companies charge for using their networks and assuming the risks associated with fraud and nonpayment — are passed on to all consumers in the form of higher prices, whether they pay with cards or not. People who believe the reverse Robin Hood fiction also imagine that low-income customers are subsidizing the airline miles, hotel points and cash-back bonuses for wealthy rewards card users. But a research paper released by the International Center for Law and Economics earlier this month investigated the reverse Robin Hood narrative and found it to be total malarkey.” [Newsmax, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [11/18/21](#)]

**November 2021 Op-Ed: Johnson Said “Nanny State Extremists” Want “To Slap Absurd Caps On Credit-Card Interchange Fees.”** “While the reverse Robin Hood myth has been totally debunked, retail lobbyists and nanny state extremists continue to spread the lie. They hope their tall tale will encourage federal lawmakers to slap absurd caps on credit-card interchange fees. If such a scheme were to pass, it would do little, if anything, to lower prices for customers and it would take away benefits from lower-income credit card users and small businesses that rely on cards to help subsidize travel and help pay day-to-day expenses. The reverse Robin Hood myth might make a compelling fairy tale, but the true story about capping credit card interchange fees is a much more troubling story. Consumers would be harmed and the federal government would have more power over individuals’ financial choices, all so big retailers can pocket a few more dollars from their customers.” [Newsmax, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [11/18/21](#)]

## [Johnson Opposed Federal Funding For National Parks, Calling Them “Unimpressive” And “Trivial,” And Called For Them To Be Privatized](#)

**2012 Johnson Op-Ed: “Taxpayers Are Paying \$2.9 Billion To Subsidize Scores Of Unimpressive Parks And Trivial Historic Sites That Have No Business Being Managed By The Federal Government.”** “Saturday, April 21, marks the beginning of this year’s National Park Week, an utterly arbitrary celebration concocted by federal bureaucrats as an excuse to waive entrance fees at national parks and historic sites. The idea of free admission to America’s national parks may induce a case of the warm fuzzies at first blush, but the cold reality is that taxpayers who don’t visit parks during National Park Week will be left footing the bill for those who do. Worse, National Park Week masks a harsher truth about the National Park Service (NPS): Taxpayers are paying \$2.9 billion to subsidize scores of unimpressive parks and trivial historic sites that have no business being managed by the federal government.” [Newsmax, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [4/20/12](#)]

**2012 Op-Ed: Johnson Proposed Allowing Private Foundations Or State And Local Governments To Take Over National Parks.** “These failing parks and historic sites are plagued with one of two problems. Either the Park Service is providing visitors with a poor experience, or the sites themselves are not interesting, moving, beautiful or historically significant enough to draw sightseers. Whichever is the case, it is in the best interest of taxpayers, and the sites themselves, to allow private foundations or caretakers, or even state or local governments to take them over. Getting the federal government out of the business of propping up penniless parks would save federal taxpayers \$2.9 billion a year — money that families could use to go on a vacation of their own, rather than subsidizing other people’s fun.” [Newsmax, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [4/20/12](#)]

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## Johnson Constantly Complained About Government Spending On Vital Infrastructure, Including Rural Broadband

**2012 Op-Ed: Johnson Called A Department Of Commerce Program Funding Rural Broadband Development “Outrageous” And Said It “Cost Taxpayers Dearly While Providing Little Benefit In Return.”** “The Taxpayers Protection Alliance has identified 10 outrageous federal expenditures that cost taxpayers dearly, while providing little benefit in return. The programs, and their price tags this year, include: [...] \$174 million in Department of Commerce handouts to subsidize broadband development in areas that lack the population to justify the expenditure. Worse for taxpayers, new private sector technology is already making many of these expensive government efforts obsolete before they are even completed.” [Newsmax, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [4/13/12](#)]

**2016 Johnson Op-Ed: Johnson Said Government Internet Programs Were A “Scary Assault On American Free Market Values.”** “The FCC chairman has been a tireless defender of failed government Internet programs. Two of Wheeler’s favorites are a municipal broadband scheme in Chattanooga, Tennessee, that cost taxpayers \$552 million and failed to live up to the promise of luring new industry to the city, and a half-billion boondoggle in Utah that currently has only 8,240 users. Ultimately, projects like Kentucky Wired, and the programs in Chattanooga and Utah, use tax dollars to allow government to compete with private providers. This scary assault on American free market values mean that more and more customers will have to go through the government, not a trusted private company, to receive their Internet. This chilling reality appears to be the last step in ObamaNet, which already empowered the government to track what Americans do on the web, limited innovation by Internet providers, created price controls on the Internet and increased the cost for the average American to get online.” [Daily Caller, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [6/6/16](#)]

**2017 Johnson Op-Ed: Government Broadband Internet Networks “Cost Taxpayers Millions Of Dollars, While Producing Little Or No Benefit At All.”** “A little town in Tennessee is one the verge of making a very big mistake. It’s a blunder being made by well-meaning local officials across the country. The mistake is building a government broadband internet network that cost taxpayers millions of dollars, while producing little or no benefit at all. Newport Utilities is considering building a \$21.9 million municipal broadband internet service to serve the City of Newport and parts of Cocke County in East Tennessee. According to city officials and outside consultants, the high-speed fiber-optic internet, cable TV and telephone business is a wise investment that will connect more residents to the internet and jumpstart the area’s economy. The plan sounds great, except for one small problem: All the promises are a lie. Of the more than 200 taxpayer-funded municipal broadband projects built in America, not a single one has managed to live up to expectations.” [Daily Caller, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [4/20/17](#)]

- **Johnson: “Getting The Government Involved In The Internet Business Is The Wrong Way To Do It.”** “Newport and Cocke County leaders should be commended for trying to ensure more residents have access to fast and reliable internet service. But getting the government involved in the internet business is the wrong way to do it. Instead, local officials should work with existing internet providers to find ways to create a more welcoming environment for private investment in internet services. As the saying goes, ‘Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it.’ Members of the Newport Utilities Board and the Newport Board of Aldermen would be wise to remember that quote before spending \$21.9 million of tax dollars and electric customers’ money on a government broadband boondoggle that has never worked anywhere else and is destined to fail there.” [Daily Caller, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [4/20/17](#)]

**2008 Johnson Op-Ed: Johnson Described The Benton-Houston Ferry As “Waste” Which Should Be Cut From The Tennessee Budget.** “The Tennessee Center for Policy Research recently released the 2008 Tennessee Pork Report, an examination of waste, fraud and abuse of tax dollars in Tennessee. The Pork Report proves that, not only is there government waste in Tennessee, but hundreds of millions of dollars could – and should – be cut from the state budget. For example, lawmakers launched a ferry service linking Benton and Houston counties across the Tennessee River. Taxpayers sank \$1.2 million into startup costs and must float another \$500,000 per year in operational costs. Through the first 100 days of service, an average of only 23 people a day rode the ferry.” [Beacon Tennessee, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [5/5/08](#)]

- **Benton-Houston Ferry Was “Essential To The Development And Sustenance Of Daily Life” Of The Communities It Served.** “The view from the Benton-Houston Ferry is one of the most beautiful in the area. Sailing on the crisp glistening waters of the Tennessee River, surrounded by red and green foliage, it’s the only of its kind in the state. Not far away, in Stewart County, the Cumberland River Ferry bustles back and forth over the river. Not much time for scenic views. As different as their uses are, as the only two ferries in state of Tennessee, both are essential to the development and sustenance of daily life of their communities.” [Leaf Chronicle, [11/9/16](#)]

## Johnson Has Spent Over A Decade Railing Against Alternative Energy Sources And The Economic Effects Of Emissions Regulations

**2012 Johnson Op-Ed: “The Inconvenient Truth About Alternative Energy Sources Is That They Are Simply Too Expensive, Too Inefficient And Too Impractical To Replace Fossil Fuels Anytime Soon.”** “The inconvenient truth about alternative energy sources is that they are simply too expensive, too inefficient and too impractical to replace fossil fuels anytime soon.” [Washington Examiner, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [11/18/12](#)]

**2012 Johnson Op-Ed: Electric Cars Were An “Economically Infeasible Idea.”** “In October, battery-maker A123 became the latest government- backed alternative energy firm to file for bankruptcy. The company, which was awarded a \$249 million federal grant to build electric car batteries in Michigan, is yet another reminder that even highly subsidized alternative energy sources still have trouble competing with oil, natural gas and coal. That hasn’t stopped anti-fossil- fuel crusaders from pushing their economically infeasible ideas.” [Washington Examiner, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [11/18/12](#)]

**2013 Johnson Op-Ed: “328 Million To Bankroll The Research And Production Of Energy Efficient Vehicles” Was An “Outrageous Waste” Of Taxpayer Funds.** “Ten ‘Outrageous’ Wastes of U.S. Taxes: [...] The Taxpayers Protection Alliance has identified 10 outrageous federal expenditures that cost

taxpayers dearly, while providing little benefit in return. The programs, and their price tags this year, include: [...] \$328 million to bankroll the research and production of energy efficient vehicles, shielding the companies that stand to profit from the sale of the vehicles from much of the economic risk at the expense of taxpayers.” [Newsmax, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [4/13/12](#)]

**2019 Op-Ed: Johnson Claimed That “An All-Renewable Future Simply Isn’t Realistic.”** “Accelerating the transition to natural gas, by contrast, is politically feasible. It doesn’t require any financial sacrifices at all—some power plants are switching voluntarily to save money. [...] An all-renewable future simply isn’t realistic in our lifetimes. A lower-emissions future is—thanks largely to natural gas.” [Newsweek, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [7/22/19](#)]

**May 2020: Johnson Co-Authored A Report That Argued The US Would Benefit From Reducing Or Eliminating Regulations Imposed To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.** “Regulations imposed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions are costly and, with more than 30 million Americans unemployed due to the COVID-19 response, the U.S. would benefit from reducing or eliminating them. A University of Chicago study found that state renewable portfolio standards alone cost consumers an extra \$125.2 billion in the first seven years of the policy. At the same time, the significant reductions in carbon emissions due to the COVID-19 response suggest that carbon emissions from human sources may be less important than previously believed.” [National Center For Public Policy Research, Drew Johnson et al, [5/1/20](#)]

**2020 Johnson Op-Ed: “With So Much Of The Economy Ravaged By COVID-19, There’s No Sense Using Taxpayer Dollars To Support The Renewable Sector.”** “Extending federal stimulus funds to the renewable energy sector is similarly shortsighted. The entire renewable energy sector is responsible for less than 20% of total U.S. electricity generation. Americans don’t need wind or solar power to heat their homes or power their businesses. With so much of the economy ravaged by COVID-19, there’s no sense using taxpayer dollars to support the renewable sector.” [Washington Examiner, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [5/19/20](#)]

**2020 Johnson Op-Ed: “If Renewable Energy Firms Hope To Gain Equal Footing With Oil And Natural Gas Producers, They’ll Need To Learn How To Survive Economic Downturns Without The Government Coming To The Rescue.”** “If renewable energy firms hope to gain equal footing with oil and natural gas producers, they’ll need to learn how to survive economic downturns without the government coming to the rescue. The COVID-19 pandemic poses a real challenge to American energy producers. But if lawmakers want to support this crucial sector of the economy and protect consumers from energy price hikes, they’ll let the industry sort things out itself.” [Washington Examiner, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [5/19/20](#)]

### **Johnson Lauded Oil Companies For Paying “More” Than Their “Fair Share” Of Taxes**

**2012 Johnson Op-Ed: “In Truth, Oil Companies Don’t Pay Their Fair Share. They Pay Far More.”** ‘It’s time for oil companies to pay their fair share in taxes.’ In recent months, that refrain has been expressed in some form or another in the halls of Congress, on stump speeches and even in President Obama’s State of the Union address. From listening to some federal lawmakers, it’s hard to believe oil and natural gas companies pay any taxes at all. In truth, oil companies don’t pay their fair share. They pay far more. The top corporate income tax rate in the U.S. is 35 percent. America’s three largest oil companies, ExxonMobil, Chevron and ConocoPhillips, pay taxes in excess of 40 percent. ExxonMobil pays a tax rate of 45 percent, shelling out over \$12 billion in federal taxes in 2011.” [Newsmax, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [6/15/12](#)]



**June 2012 Johnson Op-Ed: “Oil Companies May Make For Convenient — And Politically Popular — Targets. But The Fact Is They Pay More Than Their Fair Share In Taxes.”** “Oil companies may make for convenient — and politically popular — targets. But the fact is they pay more than their fair share in taxes. Rather than trying to tax oil companies even more, lawmakers should instead direct their energies toward fixing America’s expensive and uneven corporate tax system — before it drives any more companies and jobs out of the country.” [Newsmax, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [6/15/12](#)]

**2012 Op-Ed: Johnson Opposed Using Taxes From The Oil Industry To “Subsidize The Industry’s Competitors.”** “And what do politicians do with the extra cash they extract from oil companies? They subsidize the industry’s competitors. In 2011, the federal government gave away \$16 billion in taxpayer dollars to subsidize non-traditional energy schemes. Included in the handouts were a \$6 billion giveaway for ethanol companies and millions more to bankroll solar-energy companies like the infamous — and now-bankrupt — solar-panel maker Solyndra. It’s the stated goal of many of these alternative energy firms to put oil companies out of business. That’s all well and good. But they shouldn’t get a multibillion-dollar assist from taxpayers. Only the federal government could see the ‘fairness’ in taking a hefty slice of the oil industry’s revenues as taxes and using it to fuel the sector’s downfall.” [Newsmax, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [6/15/12](#)]

## Johnson Called For A Crackdown On State Fairs Because They Do Not Generate Enough Revenue

**HEADLINE: State Fairs Are Unfair — To Taxpayers.** [Newsmax, [8/17/12](#)]

**2012: Johnson Criticized The Wyoming State Fair For Receiving Taxpayer-funded Subsidies.** Johnson Op-ed: “This week, the Wyoming State Fair celebrates its 100th anniversary. The fair’s centennial celebration features a swine show, a weight-gaining competition for hogs and even a ‘pig ‘n mud’ wrestling championship. It seems fitting that the fair places so much emphasis on pigs. After all, the state fair is one of the biggest pork projects in Wyoming. This year, state taxpayers ponied up \$1.8 million to subsidize the fair. On top of that, Converse County and the City of Douglas, where the fair is located, chipped in an additional \$30,000 in handouts to the fair.” [Newsmax, [8/17/12](#)]

**Johnson Complained That The Fair Decreased Its Admission Price From \$3 To \$1, Which He Argued Would Only Generate “Measly Revenue.”** Johnson Op-ed: “With an admission price of \$1 — down from last year’s \$3 entrance fee — the fair just doesn’t make much money. In fact, it’s unlikely that the fair will even generate the \$402,500 expected in the state’s measly revenue estimate. That’s bad news for taxpayers since any time the fair plunges further in the red, state taxpayers pay to bailout the failing fair.” [Newsmax, [8/17/12](#)]

## Johnson Supported Right To Work Laws

**2008 Op-Ed: Johnson Said Tennessee’s Right To Work Laws Gave The State A “Competitive Advantage.”** “In a recent Fortune Small Business ranking, Tennessee was the 13th most business-friendly state in the nation. The Tax Foundation, in its annual study of state business climates, ranked Tennessee. Two factors spurred Tennessee’s solid rankings: The state’s status as a right-to-work state and the lack of a state income tax. Tennessee is a right-to-work state, which means that the government does not force employees to join a union or pay dues in order to work at companies with labor unions. States with compulsory unionism face more work stoppages, a smaller pool of qualified workers and,

generally, more regulations for business owners. This translates into decreased efficiency and productivity. As a result, right-to-work states like Tennessee have a tremendous competitive advantage in attracting business owners since they can avoid union-generated regulatory snags while enjoying a more dynamic, flexible workforce." [Beacon Center of Tennessee, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [2/12/08](#)]

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# Johnson Founded The Beacon Center of Tennessee, A State Policy Network And Atlas Network Member Organization Affiliated With The Heritage Foundation And Funded By Far-Right Activists, Including The Koch Brothers

**October 2004-December 2009: Johnson Served As Founder And President Of The Beacon Center Of Tennessee, Formerly Called The Tennessee Center For Policy Research.** [LinkedIn, Drew Johnson, [Accessed 7/31/24](#)]



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[The Beacon Center Of Tennessee Was An Affiliate Of The State Policy Network, Which Was Created As An ALEC “Sibling Group” Under The Heritage Foundation Banner](#)

**The Beacon Center Of Tennessee Was A State Policy Network Affiliate As Of August 2024.** [State Policy Network, Tennessee Affiliates, [Accessed 8/17/24](#)]



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**The State Policy Network (SPN) Originated As “A Sibling Group” To ALEC, Both Of Which Were “Co-Located Within The Heritage Foundation.”** “SPN was originally called the Madison Group and it was created in 1985 as a sibling group to support the state legislative agenda of the American Legislative Exchange Council, and both were co-located within the Heritage Foundation, which was started by Paul Weyrich with funds from the Coors fortune. The Madison Group was launched by multimillionaire Thomas A. Roe, at the urging of Ronald Reagan to create mini Heritage Foundations in the states.” [DeSmog, [Accessed 10/18/23](#)]

**The SPN And Its Members “Are Major Drivers Of The Right-Wing, ALEC-Backed Agenda In State Houses Nationwide.”** “Although many of SPN’s member organizations claim to be nonpartisan and independent, our in-depth investigation reveals that SPN and its member think tanks are major drivers of the right-wing, ALEC-backed agenda in state houses nationwide, with deep ties to the Koch brothers and the national right-wing network of funders, all while reporting little or no lobbying activities.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [11/13](#)]

**SPN And “Many Of Its Affiliates” Are Sponsors Of “The Controversial American Legislative Exchange Council.”** “SPN and many of its affiliates are some of the most active members and largest sponsors of the controversial American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), where special interest

groups and state politicians vote behind closed doors on ‘model’ legislation to change Americans’ rights, through ALEC’s task forces.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [11/13](#)]

**A “Significant Portion Of The Funding For SPN Members’ Participation In ALEC” Comes From The Koch Bros-Tied Donors Capital Fund And Donors Trust**

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2013	\$57,500	-	-
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“SPN and its affiliates push an extreme right-wing agenda that aims to privatize education, block healthcare reform, restrict workers’ rights, roll back environmental protections, and create a tax system that benefits most those at the very top level of income.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [11/13](#)]

**ALEC Project “The American City And County Exchange” Spearheaded An Initiative “Targeting Local Politicians—Especially School Board Candidates.”** “Recent documents acquired by the Center for Media and Democracy (CMD) reveal a new initiative targeting local politicians—especially school board candidates—with right-wing messaging, policies, and financial resources. This new targeting of school boards is being spearheaded by the American City and County Exchange (ACCE), a project of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), a pay-to-play group where corporate lobbyists and special interest groups vote as equals on ‘model bills’ with state legislators behind closed doors.” [Center for Media and Democracy, ALEC Exposed, [11/4/22](#)]

### Moms For Liberty Launched Shortly After A December 2020 ALEC Workshop Promoting Right-Wing Narratives Around CRT.

“According to previous reporting by CMD, ALEC held a workshop in December 2020 promoting the Right’s false narrative about critical race theory being taught in public schools that featured speakers from other groups tied to anti-public school zealot Koch, including the Heritage Foundation, Manhattan Institute, and American Enterprise Institute, which have spent decades attacking public education. Just weeks after this ALEC workshop, the dark money attack dog, Moms for Liberty, was launched to target public schools.” [Center for Media and Democracy, ALEC Exposed, [11/4/22](#)]

### Parents Defending Education Launched “Shortly” After ALEC’s 2020 CRT Workshop.

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**129** and **STATE POLICY NETWORK** **53**

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**As Of 2021, The Last Year The Atlas Network Made Its Affiliations Public, The State Policy Network And The Beacon Center Of Tennessee Were Both Listed As Members.** [Desmog, Atlas Network, [Accessed 8/17/24](#)]

- **Sourcewatch: Atlas Network Is An “Associate” Member Of The State Policy Network.** “Atlas Network is an ‘associate’ member of the State Policy Network, a web of right-wing “think tanks” in every state across the country.” [Sourcewatch, Atlas Network, [Accessed 8/17/24](#)]

**The Atlas Network Was Composed Of “More Than 500 ‘Free Market’ Organizations,” Many Of Which “Have Supported Climate Science Denial And Have Campaigned Against Legislation To Limit Greenhouse Gas Emissions.”** “Atlas Network is a Washington, DC-based non-profit organization that describes itself as working to support a growing network of more than 500 ‘free market’ organizations in nearly 100 countries promoting free market ideas. Many of the member think tanks of Atlas Network have supported climate science denial and have campaigned against legislation to limit greenhouse gas emissions.” [Desmog, Atlas Network, [Accessed 8/17/24](#)]

**Atlas Network Has “Played A Role” In The Work Of Various Conservative Think Tanks, Including The Manhattan Institute And The Acton Institute.** “Atlas Network has played a role in the work of a variety of conservative think tanks including the Manhattan Institute in New York, the National Center for Policy Analysis in Texas, Instituto Libertad y Democracia in Peru, the Acton Institute in Michigan, Fundación Libertad in Argentina, the Lithuanian Free Market Institute, Instituto Libertad y Desarrollo in Chile, the Centre for Civil Society in India, Istituto Bruno Leoni in Italy, and the Association for Liberal Thinking in Turkey, among others.” [Desmog, Atlas Network, [Accessed 8/17/24](#)]

**The Intercept: The Atlas Network Has Influenced Political Debate Via “The Breitbartization Of Public Discourse.”** “The Breitbartization of public discourse is but one of the many ways the Atlas network has subtly influenced political debate.” [The Intercept, [8/9/17](#)]

**Atlas Network Antony Fisher Boasted That Another Of His Organizations, The Institue Of Economic Affairs (IEA), Had “Laid The Intellectual Groundwork For What Later Became The Thatcher Revolution Of The 1980s.”** “ANTONY FISHER, A BRITISH entrepreneur and the founder of the Atlas Network, pioneered the sale of libertarian economics to the broader public. The tack was simple: Fisher made it his mission to, in the words of an associate, ‘litter the world with free-market think tanks.’ [...] In 1955, Fisher founded the Institute of Economic Affairs. [...] As the economic slowdown and rising inflation of the 1970s shook the foundations of British society, Tory politicians gravitated more and more to the IEA to provide an alternative vision — and IEA obliged with accessible issue briefs and talking points politicians could use to bring free-market concepts to the public. The Atlas Network proudly proclaims that the IEA ‘laid the intellectual groundwork for what later became the Thatcher Revolution of the 1980s.’” [The Intercept, [8/9/17](#)]

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**\*\*The “Libertarian” Atlas Network Has Operated As “A Quiet Extension Of U.S. Foreign Policy, Receiving State Department Funding For Its International Work.\*\*** “The story of the Atlas Network and its profound impact on ideology and political power has never been fully told. But business filings and records from three continents, along with interviews with libertarian leaders across the hemisphere, reveal the scope of its influential history. The libertarian network, which has reshaped political power in country after country, has also operated as a quiet extension of U.S. foreign policy, with Atlas-associated think tanks receiving quiet funding from the State Department and the National Endowment for Democracy, a critical arm of American soft power.” [The Intercept, [8/9/17](#)]

# SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

The Atlas Network has over 80 affiliate and partner think tanks throughout Latin America.

Argentina	12	Guatemala	4
Bolivia	4	Honduras	1
Brazil	13	Jamaica	1
Chile	11	Mexico	5
Colombia	1	Panama	1
Costa Rica	5	Peru	8
Dominican Republic	2	The Bahamas	1
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[The Intercept, [8/9/17](#)]

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**The Atlas Network Has Received \$459,000 From Donors Capital Trust.** [Desmog, Atlas Network, [Accessed 8/17/24](#)]

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**The Atlas Network Has Received \$595,369 From The Charles G. Koch Foundation.** [Desmog, Atlas Network, [Accessed 8/17/24](#)]

**The Atlas Network Has Received \$121,600 From The Charles Koch Institute.** [Desmog, Atlas Network, [Accessed 8/17/24](#)]

## The Beacon Center of Tennessee Received Funding From A Network Of Right-Wing Organizations

**2008: Johnson Declined To Publish The Names Of Individual Donors To The Tennessee Center For Policy Research “Because, He Says Rather Grandly, Their Lives Have Been Threatened For Giving Money To Such A Courageous Outfit.”** “The [Tennessee Center for Policy Research] is not required by law to identify contributors. [Founder and President Drew] Johnson discloses foundation grants, which he says makes up 60 percent of his funding, but won’t name individual donors because, he says rather grandly, their lives have been threatened for giving money to such a courageous outfit.” [Nashville Scene, [9/11/08](#)]

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**Johnson’s Tennessee Center for Policy Research Was Funded By “The Cato Institute And The Atlas Economic Research Foundation,” Both Of Which Were Funded By Billionaire And “Patron Of Conservative Causes” Richard Mellon Scaife.** “The [Tennessee Center for Policy Research] is not required by law to identify contributors. Johnson discloses foundation grants, which he says makes up 60 percent of his funding, but won’t name individual donors because, he says rather grandly, their lives have been threatened for giving money to such a courageous outfit. He will say there are more than 200 individual donors, with contributions ranging from \$10 to \$10,000. The grants come from the usual suspects in the vast right-wing conspiracy—the Cato Institute and the Atlas Economic Research Foundation, just to name two. Both are funded in part by reclusive billionaire Richard Mellon Scaife, patron of conservative causes.” [Nashville Scene, [9/11/08](#)]

**Organizations Funded By Richard Mellon Scaife Ultimately “Helped Ronald Reagan Initiate A New Republican Era In 1980, And Helped Newt Gingrich Initiate Another One In 1994.”** “[Richard Mellon Scaife’s] money has established or sustained activist think tanks that have created and marketed conservative ideas from welfare reform to enhanced missile defense; public interest law firms that have won important court cases on affirmative action, property rights and how to conduct the national census; organizations and publications that have nurtured conservatism on American campuses; academic institutions that have employed and promoted the work of conservative intellectuals; watchdog groups that have critiqued and harassed media organizations, and many more. Together these groups constitute a conservative intellectual infrastructure that provided ideas and human talent that helped Ronald Reagan initiate a new Republican era in 1980, and helped Newt Gingrich initiate another one in 1994. Conservative ideas once dismissed as flaky or extreme moved into the mainstream, and as the liberal National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy concluded in a recent report, ‘The long-standing conservative crusade to discredit government as a vehicle for societal progress has come to fruition as never before.’” [Washington Post, [5/2/99](#)]

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# Johnson Had A Long History Of Making Offensive Comments Regarding Race, Gender, And Ability

Johnson Claimed The Gender Pay Gap Was Simply A Legitimate Product Of Women Leaving The Workforce And Because Female Athletes Provided A “Worse Product”

**2018: On Equal Pay Day, Johnson Said, “Study After Study Indicates That Women Who Never Leave The Workplace Almost Always Make As Much As Men – And Very Often Make More.”**

“#EqualPayDay? Is that the day where, as an economic & policy analyst, I’m not supposed to point out that study after study indicates that women who never leave the workplace almost always make as much as men – and very often make more?” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 4/10/18]



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[Drew Johnson, Twitter, 1/28/14]



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**2017: Johnson Tweeted That Women’s Hockey Players Were Paid Less Than Men Because Men’s Hockey Was “A Better Product.”** “Do Timex employees boycott b/c Rolex workers are paid more? No. Rolex is a better product and ppl pay more for it. Same is true re:#Womenshockey.” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 3/16/17]



[Drew Johnson, Twitter, 3/16/17]

**Johnson Had A History Of Making Offensive Racial Comments, Including That People Should Be Allowed To “Choose” Their Race, That “Hillbilly” Was a Slur On Par With The “N-Word,” And Sharing The Hashtag “#HumanLivesMatter”**

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[Drew Johnson, Twitter, 2/16/21]

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[Drew Johnson, Twitter, 6/12/20]

**2015 Johnson:** “**#HumanLivesMatter.**” “#HumanLivesMatter. Period. It’s a shame that tribalism & superstitions have caused people to frame the discussion in any other way.” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 2/12/15]



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[Drew Johnson, Twitter, 6/11/12]

**2017: Johnson Argued Against A Grassroots Effort Initiated By Students To Remove The Name Of A Confederate General From Their Washington, D.C. High School**

**Johnson Criticized The “Deceptive Tactics” Used By Proponents Of An Initiative To Remove A Confederate General’s Name From A Washington, D.C. High School, Complaining The Price Was Too High.** Johnson Op-ed: “An effort demanding J.E.B. Stuart High School in the Washington, D.C., suburb of Falls Church, Va., change its name has been plagued with clandestine conversations and deceptive tactics, according to emails obtained through Virginia’s Freedom of Information Act. Political correctness advocates behind the movement to remove the Confederate general’s name from the school worked in concert with with the Fairfax County School Board to downplay the estimated \$1 million price tag associated with the name change.” [Daily Caller, [4/28/17](https://www.dailycaller.com/2017/04/28/)]



- **J.E.B. Stuart High School Students Initiated The Effort To Change Their School's Name In 2015.** “The issue began in 2015, when a small group of J.E.B. Stuart students appealed to school and community leaders to remove the name of the famed Confederate general from the school. The effort gained national attention after prominent Stuart alumni, actress Julianne Moore and TV producer Bruce Cohen, started an online petition stating the school's name represents ‘a history of racism.’ The petition requests J.E.B. Stuart High School be renamed to Thurgood Marshall High School to honor the Supreme Court Justice and civil rights leader who resided in Falls Church.” [Daily Caller, [4/28/17](#)]

**HEADLINE: Virginia School Board Set To Rename J.E.B. Stuart High School.** [NPR, [10/25/17](#)]

- **October 2017: The Fairfax County School Board Was “Expected to Vote To Change [J.E.B. Stuart High School's] Name.”** “For nearly 60 years, Northern Virginia students have attended J.E.B. Stuart High School, named after a Confederate general who died in battle. Now, after a contentious dispute, the Fairfax County School Board is expected to vote to change the school's name.” [NPR, [10/25/17](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Fairfax Co. School Board Votes On New Name For JEB Stuart High.”** [WTOP News, [10/27/17](#)]

- **October 2017: The Fairfax County School Board Voted to Rename The School “Justice High School.”** “After years of discussion and deliberation, a nearly four-hour session by the Fairfax County School Board Thursday night into Friday morning finally lead to a decision on what to call a Falls Church high school named after a Confederate officer. The school board voted to rename the school Justice High School.” [WTOP News, [10/27/17](#)]

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**2013 OP-ED: Johnson: “It Also Seems Clear That Racism Was Not Inherent” To Trayvon Martin’s Murder.** “The loss of a young life is tragic. And it seems reasonable to conclude that Zimmerman went out looking for a confrontation the night Martin died. But this wasn’t a situation where the ‘Stand Your Ground’ law was exploited to kill someone. The reality is that ‘Stand Your Ground’ was never a part of the case. Zimmerman’s attorneys did not use the law in his defense. The case came down to a matter of self-defense. Members of the media and advocacy groups that claim otherwise didn’t watch, or don’t understand, the facts of the case. It also seems clear that racism was not inherent in this unfortunate circumstance – racism was only inherent in the reaction to the situation. Racism was injected by the media to add drama – and, ultimately to turn an unfortunate, but not particularly newsworthy, occurrence into national headlines during a slow news cycle.” [Chattanooga Times Free Press, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, 7/20/13]

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## Johnson Said The Republican Party Should “Regress” And Abandon Attempts To Appeal To Voters Of Color

**2013 OP-ED: Johnson Said The Republican Party Needs To Get “Back To Its Roots” And “Toss The Growth And Opportunity Project In The Nearest Trash Can.”** “The Republican Party does not need to modernize to reach female, gay, Latino, black, Asian and female voters. It needs to regress. Rather than focusing on improved Tweeting tactics, identifying the most effective online fundraising tools or producing better TV ads, the party needs to get back to its roots. If the GOP truly cares about appealing to more Americans, and ultimately, winning elections, Republican leaders should toss the Growth and Opportunity Project in the nearest trash can. That’s because the only thing that will draw more Americans to the Republican Party is a renewed focus on America’s founding principles of individual liberty and limited, constitutional government.” [Newsmax, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, 3/19/13]

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**Johnson Called Discrimination Suits Filed By The Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs Against Tech Firms An “Affirmative Action Witch Hunt.”** “Tech Firms Bear Brunt of Affirmative Action Witch Hunt: Members of the Obama administration’s Labor Department filed lawsuits against some of America’s most famous tech firms. The lawsuits accused companies including Google and Oracle of racial and gender discrimination when it came to hiring and compensation decisions...The OFCCP is the federal agency tasked with enforcing the affirmative action and nondiscrimination requirements of federal contractors. When the agency isn’t busy suing companies based on data, rather

than complaints or evidence, it is harassing companies for the data it's using to sue them." [NewsMax, 4/26/20]

## Johnson Criticized Federal Funding Of The First Ladies National Historic Site, Saying Former First Lady Ida Saxton McKinley Was "One Of America's Least Important First Ladies" Because Of Her Epilepsy

**Johnson Criticized Federal Funding Of The First Ladies National Historic Site.** "Just because most Americans have never heard of the First Ladies National Historic Site doesn't mean they're not paying for it. Congress makes a habit of showering the failing museum with over \$1 million in federal tax money every year...If it doesn't seem like a thrilling experience to schlep to visit the childhood home of one of America's least important first ladies and thumb through duplicate copies of books read by Millard Fillmore's wife, join the club." [NewsMax, 4/23/12]

- **Johnson Argued Former First Lady Ida Saxton McKinley's "Résumé Doesn't Stack Up Well Against More Notable First Ladies" Because She Had Epilepsy.** "The museum is comprised of.. a living history museum in the childhood home of First Lady Ida Saxton McKinley, perhaps one of the least known first ladies in American history. Epilepsy plagued Ida Saxton McKinley, leaving her invalid most of her life. At formal dinners, Ida always sat next to her husband, President William McKinley. That allowed him to quickly toss a napkin over Ida's head to conceal the temporary facial distortions that accompanied her frequent seizures. Less than six years after the assassination of her husband, Ida was dead. Needless to say, Ida's résumé doesn't stack up well against more notable first ladies. [NewsMax, 4/23/12]

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# Johnson Is A MAGA Trumper

[Johnson Endorsed Trump For President And Argued That His Conviction And Removal From Some 2024 Ballots Was An “Unfathomable Miscarriage Of Justice” Carried Out By “Partisan Judges”](#)

**January 2024: “I Am Proud To Endorse Donald Trump For President In 2024, And I Will Caucus For Him In Nevada’s First-In-The-West Contest On February 8th.”** “We need an immediate course correction to bring back the policies that provided America with energy independence, a secure southern border, tax relief for working-class citizens, and a foreign policy that ended wars while preventing new ones from igniting. While I respect other candidates in this race, only one has proven the ability to push for and enact these policies for the American people. That candidate is former President Donald Trump. That is why I am proud to endorse Donald Trump for President in 2024, and I will caucus for him in Nevada’s first-in-the-West contest on February 8th.” [Drew Johnson, Press Release, [1/11/24](#)]

**2018 Johnson: “We Should #MakeAmericaGreatAgain.”** [Drew Johnson, Twitter, 1/30/18]



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**Johnson Claimed The Trump Conviction Was An “Unfathomable Miscarriage Of Justice” Carried Out By “Far-Left Extremists.”** “President Trump has been found GUILTY of fraud by a New York court.

This is an unfathomable miscarriage of justice. I will continue to proudly stand by his side. In Congress, I will fight the far-left extremists who work to attack Trump and undermine our justice system.” [Instagram, @drewfornevada, 5/30/24]



[Instagram, @drewfornevada, 5/30/24]

**2023: In Response To Trump Being Removed From The Colorado Ballot, Johnson Said It Was “Disgusting That Partisan Judges Are Willing To Take Away The Right Of Americans To Vote For Who They Want To Vote For.”** “It’s a sad day in America when there is no difference between satire and reality. The US Supreme Court will reverse this ridiculous overreach, but it’s disgusting that partisan judges are willing to take away the right of Americans to vote for who they want to vote for.” [Drew Johnson, Facebook, 12/20/23]



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[Johnson Promoted And Attended Trump A Rally In Which Trump Claimed The 2020 Election Was Stolen And Called January 6th Rioters “Hostages”](#)



**Johnson Urged His Supporters To Attend A Trump Rally In Sunset Park.** “Join us at a rally in support of President Trump this Sunday at Sunset Park! Doors open at 9:00 am and the event starts at noon.”



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**At A Sunset Park, NV Rally, Trump Claimed The Election Was Stolen And Said He Would “Look Strongly” At “J6 Hostages.”** “Trump repeated his claim that the 2020 election was stolen, saying

Democrats could only win by cheating. There is no evidence to support this claim, however, despite scores of lawsuits filed by the Trump campaign in several states, including Nevada. [...] Trump also said he would 'look strongly' at the 'J6 hostages' and 'J6 warriors,' references to rioters who assaulted Capitol Police officers, broke windows, and ransacked the U.S. Capitol, interrupting the process of counting Electoral College votes on Jan. 6, 2021." [KTNV Las Vegas, 6/9/24]

**Johnson Thanked Trump For An “Incredible Day” After His Rally.** “Thank you for an incredible day, President Trump! It was great seeing so many amazing patriots willing to brave the long lines and oppressive heat to see the next President of the United States!” [Twitter, @DrewForNevada, 6/10/24]



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If Elected, Johnson Looked Forward To Helping Mike Johnson Remain Speaker

**Johnson Said He Was Looking Forward To Helping Mike Johnson Remain Speaker.** “Congrats to @RepMikeJohnson! Johnson is a unifying voice who will prove to be a great House speaker. I look forward to helping him remain speaker after I’m elected to Congress.” [Drew Johnson, Twitter, [10/25/23](#)]

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## [Johnson Touted An Endorsement From Liberty Watch, An Organization That Promoted Claims The 2020 Election Was “Rigged” And “Stolen” From Trump](#)

**Johnson Touted An Endorsement From The Magazine Liberty Watch On His Campaign Website.** According to his campaign website, Liberty Watch endorsed Johnson in 2024. [Drew Johnson For Congress, [Accessed 8/5/24](#)]

**Liberty Watch Published An Article In The “Crooked Election” Section Of Their Website That Claimed That The 2020 Election Was “Rigged” And “Stolen From Donald Trump.”** “For years – decades, actually – the left has been comparing the right to Hitler and the Nazis. How ironic, then, that their entire current campaign to legitimize the illegitimate 2020 election is being characterized as a ‘Big Lie’ – a propaganda term coined by no less than Adolph Hitler himself. The ‘Big Lie’ is, in reality, the real big lie. Truth is, the 2020 election WAS rigged. And yes, it WAS stolen from Donald Trump and his millions of voters.” [Liberty Watch, [11/25/21](#)]



**2008 Op-Ed: Johnson Said Tennessee’s Right To Work Laws Gave The State A “Competitive Advantage.”** “In a recent Fortune Small Business ranking, Tennessee was the 13th most business-friendly state in the nation. The Tax Foundation, in its annual study of state business climates, ranked Tennessee. Two factors spurred Tennessee’s solid rankings: The state’s status as a right-to-work state and the lack of a state income tax. Tennessee is a right-to-work state, which means that the government does not force employees to join a union or pay dues in order to work at companies with labor unions. States with compulsory unionism face more work stoppages, a smaller pool of qualified workers and, generally, more regulations for business owners. This translates into decreased efficiency and productivity. As a result, right-to-work states like Tennessee have a tremendous competitive advantage in attracting business owners since they can avoid union-generated regulatory snags while enjoying a more dynamic, flexible workforce.” [Beacon Center of Tennessee, Drew Johnson Op-Ed, [2/12/08](#)]

## [Johnson Spoke At FreedomFest 2017, Which Featured Speeches From Trump Republicans Centered Around Draining A “Very Deep Swamp” And Project Veritas’ James O’Keefe](#)

**At Freedom Fest 2017, Johnson Participated In A Libertarian Intellectual Property Rights Panel.** According to the FreedomFest 2017 website, Johnson spoke on a panel titled “Intellectual Property Rights Protection: Outdated or More Important than Ever? A Libertarian Perspective.” Other panelists included Tim Lee, Andrew Kovalcin, Dan Mitchell, and Barbara Kolm. [FreedomFest 2017, [7/22/17](#)]

**FreedomFest 2017 Organizer Mark Skousen Praised Trump For Enhancing “The Lives Of All People” Through Capitalism And Claimed That Trump Slowed The National Debt.** “Ringmaster Mark Skousen point[ed] out that ‘we were in the second-longest bull market in history,’ that capitalism had ‘enhanced the lives of all peoples’ from China to Chile, and that under President Donald Trump the national debt was slowing.” [Heritage Foundation, [7/27/17](#)]

**Conservative Representatives At FreedomFest 2017 Spoke Of Draining A “Very Deep Swamp” And Called Their Colleagues “Zombies” And “Evil People.”** “Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, and Reps. Justin Amash, R-Mich.; Andy Biggs, R-Ariz.; and Thomas Massie, R-Ky., offered mostly bad, but some good, news from Washington, D.C. They described their place of business as a very deep swamp that is exceedingly difficult to drain, and their congressional colleagues as ‘zombies.’ The ‘good’ news, they said, was that even ‘the evil people’ do not have a plan and are just repeating mechanically what they have been doing for years.” [Heritage Foundation, [7/27/17](#)]

**Project Veritas Presented At FreedomFest 2017.** According to the Freedomfest 2017 website, James O’Keefe from Project Veritas presented a panel titled “Why the Mainstream Media is Failing American Democracy and How to Fix It.” [Freedom Fest, [7/19/17](#);

- **Project Veritas Was A Political Organization That “Attacked The Fake News Media Before Trump Gave It A Name.”** “Over O’Keefe’s 13 years, Project Veritas helped transform American conservatism from a political movement into a war machine. It attacked the Fake News Media before Trump gave it a name, filmed the swamp before he promised to drain it. The group worked tirelessly to reveal the secret sin it believes lies at the heart of liberal institutions and prove that its political opponents are hypocrites willing to lie, cheat, and steal to destroy democracy.” [Rolling Stone, [6/20/24](#)]

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