

Eli Crane (AZ-02) Research Memo

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Republican Candidate in
Arizona's 2nd Congressional District

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Significant Findings

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- ✓ 4/30/20: Crane's company, Bottle Breacher LLC, took a PPP loan of \$69,296.75 during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ Crane criticized the December COVID-19 stimulus bill for increasing the national debt. The December 2020 COVID-19 stimulus bill provided \$284 billion in funding for the Paycheck Protection Program and provided \$600 stimulus checks for most Americans.
- ✓ On Crane's campaign website, he criticized Democrats for supporting "bad policies like trillions of dollars in handouts."

Crane Spread Conspiracy Theories On Social Media And Supported Far Right Extremists Who Downplayed Hitler's Atrocities, Compared Vaccination To Slavery, And Attended The January 6th Riot

- ✓ Crane shared an article on Facebook titled, "The Great Reset Is Not A Conspiracy Theory." According to the BBC, the "Great Reset" was a "baseless conspiracy theory" which claimed that "a group of world leaders orchestrated the pandemic to take control of the global economy."
- ✓ Crane said that Candace Owens, a far-right influencer, was one of his influences and "one of the most courageous people in this country."
 - ✓ Owens said that Hitler was "fine" except for the fact that Hitler "had dreams outside of Germany" like globalizing the Nazi regime.
 - ✓ Owens said she would refuse to get a COVID-19 vaccine and compared vaccination to enslavement.
 - ✓ Owens said that African American voters were "mentally enslaved" by the Democratic party and denied that white supremacy still existed.
- ✓ Crane endorsed Derrick Van Orden, a 2020 House candidate who used campaign money to fund his trip to the January 6th "stop the steal" riot.
- ✓ In a radio interview, Crane said that he wanted to be part of an "uprising" of an "army of freedom fighters" that takes back the country because the CIA, NSA, and president were not "coming to save us."

Crane Was An Anti-Choice Extremist Who Celebrated The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade And Supported Allowing States To Ban Abortion With No Exceptions

- ✓ Crane said that the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade was a “massive victory” and called Roe v. Wade a “mistake that has cost millions of innocent lives.”
 - The Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade has cleared the way for states and legislative bodies to ban abortion with no exceptions.
- ✓ Crane supported “prohibiting abortion except when it is necessary to prevent the death of the mother.”

Crane Suggested The COVID-19 Vaccine Was “Not Even A Vaccine,” Supported A Prominent Anti-Vaxxer, And Downplayed The COVID-19 Pandemic

- ✓ Crane said the Biden administration’s COVID-19 vaccine awareness canvassing was “totalitarian” and suggested that the COVID-19 vaccine was “not even a vaccine.”
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Crane Claimed That The 2020 Elections Were Fraudulent And Criticized Republicans For Failing To “Stop The Steal” By Challenging The Election Results

- ✓ Crane claimed that the 2020 election results were fraudulent, made a Bottle Breacher product to honor Trump’s “Kraken” legal team, and criticized Republicans for failing to “stop the steal.”
- ✓ Crane supported Arizona’s Maricopa County audit of the 2020 election results.

Crane Said That “One Cannot Claim To Be Both A Christian And A Democrat” Because The Democrats Were A “Godless Demonic Party”

- ✓ Crane criticized Raphael Warnock and said that “one cannot claim to be both a Christian and a Democrat” because the Democratic party was a “godless demonic party.”

Crane Did Not Live In Arizona’s 2nd Congressional District And Lived In Oro Valley, Which Was In Arizona’s 6th Congressional District

- ✓ According to Nexis, Eli Crane lived in either Tuscon or Oro Valley.
- ✓ Both cities were in Arizona’s 6th congressional district.
- ✓ Eli Crane was described in an Arizona Daily Star article as being “Of Oro Valley.”
- ✓ According to the Arizona Independent Restricting Commission, Oro Valley is in the 6th Congressional District.

Crane Was A Far-Right Extremist Who Supported Policies That Would Hurt Arizonans

- ✓ Crane appeared in a testimonial ad for Martha McSally, a former US Senator who voted repeatedly to repeal the Affordable Care Act.
- ✓ Crane was a pro-gun spokesman who blamed 2018 school shootings on the “fatherlessness problem” and attacked David Hogg, a survivor of the Parkland school shooting, for being a “weak man.”
- ✓ Crane supported finishing Trump’s border wall and donated to a GoFundMe to fund a border wall.
- ✓ Crane defended the interrogation practice of waterboarding and supported Eddie Gallagher, a former Navy SEAL chief accused of committing war crimes.
- ✓ Crane criticized critical race theory and cancel culture and said the biggest threat to the United States was “dangerous ideologies.”
- ✓ Crane was a Trump supporter and tweeted that Trump was “the best thing to happen to this country in a long time.”

Background

- **HOME:** Oro Valley, AZ
- **EDUCATION:** University of Arizona, Sociology (2000-2001); Arizona Western College, Criminology (1999-2000).
- **PROFESSIONAL:** SIG SAUER, Inc (2018-Present); Bottle Breacher, (2013-Present); Small Business Administration’s Advisory Committee On Veterans Business Affairs (Appointed in 2018), Acumen Performance Group, (2011-2015); United States Navy (2001-2014).
- **NON-PROFIT:** Operation Innocence Task Force Member (2018).
- **AWARDS:** 2016 Veteran Small Business Person Champion Of The Year in Arizona.

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4/30/20: Bottle Breacher LLC Received A \$69,296.75 PPP Loan. [USASpending.gov, accessed [7/29/21](#)]

Crane’s Business Took Nearly \$70,000 In A PPP Loan. “‘From my time in the Navy, to becoming a small business owner, I’ve dedicated my life to serving this country because I believe with every fiber of my being that America is the greatest country on Earth. To me, she’s worth dying for,’ a Crane campaign email states. ‘Now Fellow Conservative, do you believe our politicians today have the same convictions? ... These phony patriots are more interested in lining their pockets.’ Crane’s company, Bottle Breachers, which sells bottle openers shaped like .50-caliber shells, lawfully took nearly \$70,000 in a PPP loan, which was ultimately forgiven by the SBA.” [Arizona Republic, [6/30/22](#)]

Crane Criticized The December COVID-19 Stimulus Bill For Increasing The National Debt Even Though That Bill Funded The PPP Program, Provided \$600 Stimulus Checks, And Funded Vaccine Distribution

HEADLINE: “2 GOP Congressional Candidates Oppose DC Big Spending, But Took COVID-19 Relief Money.” [Arizona Republic, [6/30/22](#)]

Crane “Blasted The December 2020 COVID-19 Stimulus Bill [...] For Increasing The National Debt.” “In a Dec. 23 Instagram post, Crane blasted the December 2020 COVID-19 stimulus bill under for increasing the national debt. That bill, however, funded the PPP, which Crane's small business benefited from months before that also contributed to increasing the national debt.” [Arizona Republic, [6/30/22](#)]

12/23/20: Crane Criticized The December COVID-19 Stimulus Bill (Consolidated Appropriations Act) For Increasing The National Debt. “27 Trillion in debt. This is the type of wreckless behavior that got us here in the first place. Coming in dead last are the American People. The collective sell out of America continues... Best part is, who do you think pays for this in the end? How long will the dollar hold it’s value as we continue printing money we don’t have?” [Instagram, @elicrane_ceo, [12/23/20](#)]

Domestic Funding

- ☐ Kennedy Center - \$26,400,000
- ☐ Smithsonian - \$1,000,000,000
- ☐ Natnl Art Gallery - \$154,000,000
- ☐ Natnl Art & Humanities - \$167,000,000
- ☐ W. Wilson Center - \$14,000,000

Foreign Countries

- ☐ Egypt - \$1,300,000,000
- ☐ Sudan - \$700,000,000
- ☐ Ukraine - \$453,000,000
- ☐ Isreal - \$500,000,000
- ☐ Nepal - \$130,000,000
- ☐ Burma - \$135,000,000
- ☐ Cambodia - \$85,500,000
- ☐ Pakistan - \$25,000,000
- ☐ Asia R.I.A. - \$1,400,000,000

American People

- ☐ Citizens - \$600

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Post

- **This Legislation Expanded Eviction Moratoriums And Provided \$25 Billion In Renters Assistance.** “The agreement extends until Jan. 31 a moratorium on evictions that was slated to expire at the end of the year. The incoming Biden administration can extend the deadline further. The bill includes \$25 billion in emergency assistance to renters.” [Washington Post, [12/27/20](#)]
- **CAA Included A \$600 Stimulus Check For Adults And Children.** “The legislation includes \$600 stimulus checks per person, including adults and children. That means a family of four would receive \$2,400, up to a certain income threshold.” [Washington Post, [12/27/20](#)]

- **CAA Provided \$284 Billion For The Paycheck Protection Program.** “The bill includes more than \$284 billion for first and second forgivable Paycheck Protection Program loans, expanded PPP eligibility for nonprofit organizations and news outlets, and modifications to the program to serve small businesses, nonprofit organizations and independent restaurants.” [Washington Post, [12/27/20](#)]
- **The December 2020 COVID-19 Relief Bill Included An 11-Week Extension Of Enhanced Unemployment Insurance Compensation Benefits, Which Provided A \$300 Per Week Supplement To State UI Compensation.** “An 11-week extension of the unemployment insurance (UI) compensation benefits first provided in the CARES Act that are due to expire on December 26. This includes the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) that extends UI benefits to workers who traditionally are ineligible, such as gig economy workers and independent contractors, and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (FPUA), which will provide an additional \$300 per week supplement to state UI compensation.” [Tax Foundation, [12/21/20](#)]
- **The December 2020 COVID-19 Relief Bill Included Funding For College And Schools, Vaccine Distribution, Rental Assistance, And Transit Funding.** “\$82 billion in funding for colleges and schools, \$10 billion in childcare assistance, and Pell Grant expansion \$13 billion to increase Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) and child nutrition benefits The Water Resources Development Act of 2020 A ban on surprise medical billing \$63 billion for vaccine distribution, testing and tracing, and other health-care initiatives \$25 billion in rental assistance and extension of the eviction moratorium through January 31, 2021 \$45 billion for transit agencies, airlines, airports, state departments of transportation, the motorcoach industry, and Amtrak” [Tax Foundation, [12/21/20](#)]

Crane Was One Of The Republican Candidates Who Was “Criticizing What They Are Calling Excessive And ‘Wasteful’ Government Spending” But “Directly Benefited From Pandemic Relief Funds From The Federal Government.” “Across the country, Republican candidates for the House of Representatives, including some incumbents, are criticizing what they are calling excessive and “wasteful” government spending. But a review of financial records reveals that many of these same politicians directly benefited from pandemic relief funds from the federal government. [...] Eli Crane, a Republican candidate for Arizona’s 2nd Congressional District, posted on Instagram in December 2020 that he opposed a bipartisan pandemic relief compromise, specifically noting some line items he did not think should be included. He wrote: ‘27 Trillion in debt. This is the type of wreckless [sic] behavior that got us here in the first place. Coming in dead last are the American People. The collective sell out of America continues... Best part is, who do you think pays for this in the end? How long will the dollar hold it’s [sic] value as we continue printing money we don’t have?’ Bottle Breacher, a business Crane and his wife started and own, took a \$69,296.75 PPP loan in April 2020.” [American Independent, [6/22/22](#)]

Note: Crane’s Post Was Flagged By Instagram As “Missing Context” After Fact Checkers Found The Viral Post Failed To Make A Distinction Between The 2021 Omnibus Package And The COVID Stimulus Bill

Lead Stories HEADLINE: Fact Check: ‘New Stimulus Bill’ Does NOT Include Funding For The Smithsonian, Kennedy Center And More -- That Funding Is Part Of \$1.4 Trillion Government Spending Deal [Lead Stories, Fact Check, [12/22/20](#)]

Lead Stories Fact Check: The December COVID Stimulus And Relief Package Did Not Fund The Smithsonian And Other Cultural Institutions. “Does the ‘new stimulus bill’ include funding for the Smithsonian, Kennedy Center and more? No, that’s not true: Funds for the Smithsonian and other cultural institutions were not part of the \$900 billion COVID stimulus and relief package. They were part of the \$1.4 trillion spending plan passed by the House and Senate to continue government operations through September 2021. The claim appeared in an Instagram post (archived here) published on December 21, 2020. The post was a meme that read: The New ‘Stimulus’ Bill Includes: \$1,000,000,000 (BILLION) to Smithsonian \$40,000,000 (million) to Kennedy Center \$154,000,000 (million) to National Gallery of Art \$167,000,000 (million) to National Foundation

on Arts and Humanities \$14,000,000 (million) Woodrow Wilson Center SICK TO MY STOMACH” [Lead Stories, Fact Check, [12/22/20](#)]

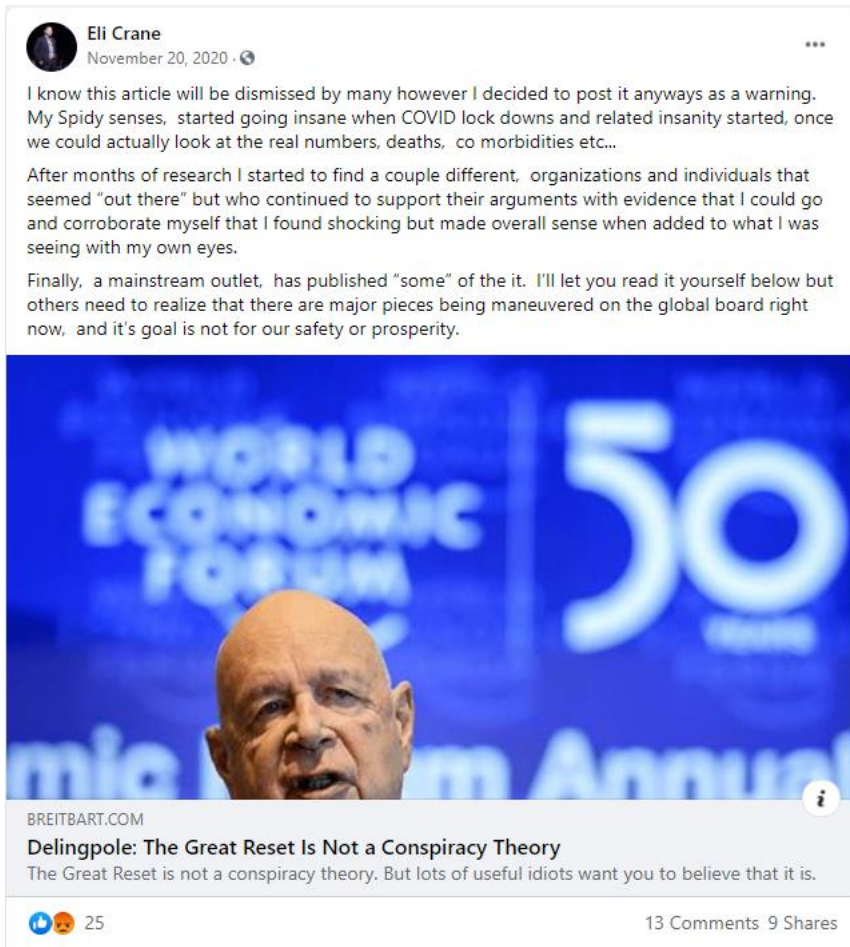
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- **BBC: The Great Reset Was A “Baseless Conspiracy Theory” Which Claimed “A Group Of World Leaders Orchestrated The Pandemic To Take Control Of The Global Economy.”** “We start with the revival of the baseless conspiracy theory, known as the 'Great Reset', which claims a group of world leaders orchestrated the pandemic to take control of the global economy. The conspiracy theory has its origins in a genuine plan entitled 'The Great Reset', drawn up by the World Economic Forum (WEF), the organisers of an annual conference for high-profile figures from politics and business. The plan explores how countries might recover from the economic damage caused by the coronavirus pandemic.” [BBC, Reality Check, [11/22/20](#)]

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Crane Reposted A Candace Owens PragerU Video. [Facebook, [6/19/20](#)]

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Crane Reposted An Image Quoting Candace Owens. [Facebook, [6/13/20](#)]

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Owens Said That Hitler Was “Fine” Except For The Fact That Hitler Wanted To “Globalize” National Socialism. “I was preparing for an interview with Owens on a Friday in February when a video of her began making the rounds online. In the clip, from a December Turning Point event in England, Owens responds to a question about the future of nationalism and globalism. ‘I actually don’t have any problems at all with the word ‘nationalism,’ ’ Owens says. ‘I think that the definition gets poisoned by elitists that actually want globalism. Globalism is what I don’t want. ... Whenever we say ‘nationalism,’ the first thing people think about, at least in America, is Hitler. He was a national socialist, but if Hitler just wanted to make Germany great and have things run well, okay, fine.’ ‘The problem,’ she continued, ‘is that he wanted, he had dreams outside of Germany. He wanted to globalize. He wanted everybody to be German, everybody to be speaking German. Everybody to look a different way. To me, that’s not nationalism.’” [Washington Post Magazine, [3/6/19](#)]

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Owens Compared COVID-19 Vaccination To Enslavement. “Newly hired Daily Wire commentator Candace Owens appeared on far-right conspiracy theory program The Alex Jones Show to make unfounded attacks on vaccines against COVID-19, comparing those who would get a vaccine to ‘slaves.’ [...] Owens went on to compare vaccination to enslavement, saying, ‘What does every society in the world that has had slaves had in common? And the answer is that there was always more slaves than there were masters.’ Owens’ point was apparently that people can band together to defeat COVID-19 vaccines the same way that a large group of slaves could free themselves from a smaller group of slave owners. ‘There is always going to be more of us than them. You know, if we say no, it’s a no.’” [Media Matters, [12/2/20](#)]

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Plantation.” “This is the inaugural rally of Blexit, her three-month-old campaign to encourage African Americans (and Latinos, and other minorities) to leave the Democratic Party — that is, mount a massive ‘black exit’ from the left. For too long, Owens tells me, African Americans have been ‘mentally enslaved’ on the Democratic plantation, and it’s high time they became ‘free.’ ‘Sixty years black people have been voting the same. What have we gotten back?’ she says. ‘That’s the plantation. We do the work, we make sure you get elected every four years. You get the power, and we get absolutely nothing back.’” [Washington Post Magazine, [3/6/19](#)]

Owens Said That Police Brutality Was Not A Concern For The Black Community And That Accounts Of Rising White Supremacy Were “Media Fabrications.” “Since her career in politics began just a year and a half ago, Owens has become a provocative force on YouTube and Twitter and, of course, as a frequent contributor to Fox News. Police brutality, she says, is not a concern ‘whatsoever’ for the black community, and accounts of rising white supremacy are media fabrications. She’s racked up nearly 9 million YouTube views and 1 million followers on Twitter. She has met with President Trump in the Oval Office and, perhaps more impressive, has dazzled Kanye West. (Update: After this article was published, Owens was named in a manifesto by a white nationalist accused of killing 50 people at two mosques in New Zealand. The author said Owens was his main inspiration. Owens responded on Twitter by ridiculing the idea that she had inspired the killings.)” [Washington Post Magazine, [3/6/19](#)]

Owens Agreed With Trump That Certain Nations Were “Shithole Countries.” “She says she doesn’t understand why critics think Trump is racist for calling certain nations ‘s—hole’ countries (‘They are s—holes’), and questions the modern-day existence of the Ku Klux Klan. When I ask whether she believes white supremacy still exists, she shoots back, ‘Define white supremacy,’ and then defines it as ‘third-wave feminism.’ It’s Martin Luther King Jr. Day when we meet for our interview, and she is certain that King would have voted for Trump.” [Washington Post Magazine, [3/6/19](#)]

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Owens Said That There Was “Black Privilege” Because “Black People Get Away With Saying Things That White People Could Never, Ever, Ever In Any Context Say.” “To Owens, the left’s espousal of permanent victimhood is one of its most insidious lies: ‘It’s because of racism, because of some imaginary white boogeyman, that you’re never gonna be successful.’ That mentality, she says, leads to excuses rather than action. ‘We call it the Oppression Olympics,’ she says. ‘I’m black, you’re white, so I’m more oppressed than you.’ ‘Well, I’m a woman and you’re a man, okay, so I’m more oppressed than you.’ ‘I’m a lesbian black woman and so I’m more oppressed than you.’ ‘I’m a disabled black woman’ — that’s really, if you want to get to the top of the hierarchy of oppression, you’ve got to be a disabled, black, lesbian woman, and then you win.’ Do you think a black, lesbian, disabled person, I ask, has it harder in life than, I don’t know, a white man? ‘First off, no. Let me tell you, if anything in this society, there’s almost a level of black privilege now.’ She explains: ‘He can’t say anything’ — she gestures toward Farmer, who’s white — or else ‘he’s called a racist. I can say anything that I want because I’m black. So that’s a whole new privilege, that black people get away with saying things that white people could never, ever, ever in any context say.’” [Washington Post Magazine, [3/6/19](#)]

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Crane Endorsed Derrick Van Orden, A 2020 House Candidate Who Used Campaign Money To Pay For His Trip To The January 6th “Stop The Steal” Riot

2020: Eli Crane Endorsed Derrick Van Orden. “Proud to endorse my friend for Congress. I love supporting other frogmen and veterans from all units. When it comes to politics I am much more concerned with a candidate’s policy choices than their background. In the case of my friend Derrick Van Orden I get to support a candidate from a very solid background and more importantly one who wishes to conserve, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Learn more and if you feel the same please support this friend and Patriot. Derrick Van Orden” [Facebook, [4/4/20](#)]

- **Roll Call: “Van Orden Used Money From His 2020 House Campaign To Pay For His Trip To The Jan. 6 ‘Stop The Steal’ Rally.”** “Out of Orden: Wisconsin Republican Derrick Van Orden used money from his 2020 House campaign to pay for his trip to the Jan. 6 ‘Stop the Steal’ rally and was photographed inside a restricted area on the Capitol grounds, raising doubts about his repeated claims that he never entered the Capitol grounds that day, The Daily Beast reports. Van Orden, a retired Navy SEAL who is again challenging Democratic Rep. Ron Kind, called the report ‘inaccurate’ at a campaign event this week. But he declined a local La Crosse Tribune reporter’s request to elaborate, saying, ‘Why would I? It’s inaccurate.’” [Roll Call, [7/1/21](#)]
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Replying to “Texas heartbeat bill takes effect with SCOTUS approval - [oann.com/texas-heartbea...](#) #OANN”

[Twitter, @EliCrane_CEO, [9/2/21](#)]

Some States Have Criminalized Abortion For Doctors And Women

Under Michigan’s Abortion Ban, Doctors Who Assist In Abortions And Pregnant People Who Used Medication For Self-Abortions Could Face Felony Charges And Up To Four Years In Prison. “A law passed in Michigan in 1931 that bans abortions has been unenforceable since 1973 when the Supreme Court ruled on Roe v. Wade. [...] Under this law, almost all abortions would be considered a felony with a possible penalty of up to four years in prison. Both doctors who assist in abortions and pregnant people who use medication for self-abortion could be charged.” [Michigan Radio, [6/24/22](#)]

- **Michigan’s 1931 Law Banning Abortion Had Only Exception Which Was To Save The Life Of The Mother.** “‘Here in Michigan, we face an especially dangerous threat. Because we have a pre-Roe law banning abortion on the books, access to abortion in Michigan would be in danger if the Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade,’ Dr. Sarah Walleth, chief medical officer for Planned Parenthood of Michigan, said in a statement. It is unclear whether the 1931 law, which dates to the 1800s, automatically would take effect if the landmark 1973 U.S. Supreme Court precedent were overturned. The law makes it a felony to use an instrument or administer any substance with the intent ‘to procure the miscarriage’ of a woman unless necessary to preserve her life.” [Associated Press, [9/2/21](#)]

HEADLINE: “Nebraska Teen And Mother Facing Charges In Abortion-Related Case That Involved Obtaining Their Facebook Messages” [CNN, [8/10/22](#)]

- **April 2022: A Nebraska Detective Began Investigating A Teen After She Allegedly Miscarried At 23-Weeks Pregnant.** “A Norfolk police detective launched his investigation in late April, chasing a tip that

Celeste Burgess had miscarried and that she and her mother had buried the body, according to a search warrant affidavit. The detective obtained her medical records, and determined she'd been more than 23 weeks — or nearly six months — pregnant at the time, and was expected to deliver July 3. When he interviewed them a few days later, they told him Celeste Burgess had unexpectedly given birth to her stillborn baby in the shower, in the early morning hours after midnight, court records say. She woke her mother, and they put the baby's body in a bag and stowed it in the back of their van, he wrote. Later — the records don't say when — they drove a few miles north of town and buried the body, with help from a 22-year-old man. On April 29, they showed the detective where — on a property owned by the man's parents. He told investigators the mother and daughter had tried to burn the body before it was buried. And when authorities exhumed it, it showed signs of what the detective called 'thermal wounds.' In early June, the two women were each charged with removing, concealing or abandoning a dead human body, a felony, and a pair of misdemeanors: concealing the death of another person; and false reporting." [Lincoln Journal Star, [8/8/22](#)]

- **June 2022: The Teen And Her Mother Were Each Charged With One Felony Count Of Prohibited Acts With Human Skeletal Remains, One Misdemeanor Count Of Concealing The Death Of Another Person And One Misdemeanor Count Of False Information.** "In June, Celeste and Jessica were each charged with one felony count of prohibited acts with human skeletal remains, one misdemeanor count of concealing the death of another person and one misdemeanor count of false information." [CNN, [8/10/22](#)]
- **After Facebook Messages Suggested That The Mother Obtained Abortion Pills, Authorities Charged Her With Performing An Abortion On A Pregnancy At More Than 20 Weeks And Performing An Abortion As A Non-Licensed Doctor.** "He found messages between them suggesting Jessica Burgess had obtained abortion pills for her daughter, and gave her instructions on how to take them. [...] A month later, Madison County Attorney Joseph Smith added two more felonies to the charges against Jessica Burgess — for performing or attempting an abortion on a pregnancy at more than 20 weeks, and performing an abortion as a non-licensed doctor." [Lincoln Journal Star, [8/8/22](#)]

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis Signed A 15-Week Abortion Ban That Made It A Third Degree Felony With A Maximum Penalty Of Five Years In Prison For Doctors Who Performed Abortions After 15 Weeks. "In Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a bill on April 14 that, with some exceptions, bans abortions after 15 weeks. Doctors that violate the law are guilty of a third degree felony. That carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison." [WRAL, [5/13/22](#)]

Texas Governor Greg Abbott Signed A Law That Prohibited Abortion, With A "Minimum Penalty Of Five Years In Prison" For Anybody Who Performed An Abortion. "On June 16, 2021, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed the Human Life Protection Act. It prohibits any abortion, except to save the life of the mother or prevent the "substantial impairment of a major bodily function." Under the new law, a person performing an abortion faces a minimum penalty of five years in prison. The maximum penalty is life." [WRAL, [5/13/22](#)]

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- **The Human Life Protection Act Was A “Trigger” Ban Designed To Ban All Abortions In Texas If Roe v. Wade Was Overturned.** “Less than one week after Gov. Greg Abbott signed a near-complete ban on abortion in the state, the Texas Senate gave final approval to a bill known as a ‘trigger’ ban, which would prohibit abortion if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade [...] Texas Alliance for Life and other abortion opponents welcome the recent developments. That includes the Senate’s latest action on the trigger bill, known by abortion opponents as the ‘Human Life Protection Act,’ which is a ‘principal goal’ for Texas Alliance for Life, according to the organization’s executive director, Joe Pojman.” [Dallas Morning News, [5/25/21](#)]

April 2022: A 26-Year Old Texas Woman Was Charged With Murder After She Caused “The Death Of An Individual By Self-Induced Abortion.” “A 26-year-old woman has been charged with murder in Texas after authorities said she caused ‘the death of an individual by self-induced abortion,’ in a state that has the most restrictive abortion laws in the U.S. It’s unclear whether Lizelle Herrera is accused of having an abortion or whether she helped someone else get an abortion.” [Associated Press, [4/9/22](#)]

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Crane Suggested The COVID-19 Vaccine Was “Not Even A Vaccine,” Supported A Prominent Anti-Vaxxer, And Downplayed The COVID-19 Pandemic

Crane Said The Biden Administration’s COVID-19 Vaccine Awareness Canvassing Was “Totalitarian” And Suggested That The COVID-19 Vaccine Was “Not Even A Vaccine”

Crane Said That Mask Mandates On The House Floor And The Biden Administration’s Vaccine Awareness Canvassing Were “Totalitarian.” [37:41] HOST: “Pelosi brought back the rule that you have to wear a mask on the House floor. Where do you stand on this and the freedom and the COVID shot and the vaccine and everything?” CRANE: “It goes right back into that totalitarian wave I was talking about. Freedom, freedom. If you want to get the shot, Garrett. If you go do the research, and you feel, ‘Hey, this,’ and you consult with your doctor, and you feel like it’s a good idea for you, Garrett, I want you to be able to take one. I want you to be able to get the vaccine. Now, if you on the other hand, don’t. If he doesn’t over there, and he says, ‘You know what? I’ve done some research on this. And I feel I think it’s still a little too early for me. It’s still a little too experimental. And I, and I’ve also seen some studies on some side effects that have been going on and I’m just not ready. I don’t, I’m not ready to do it.’ I don’t want him to have to. And I see as the Biden administration goes door to door and continues to pressure Americans to take this vaccine who, you know, some people say is not even a vaccine.” [KNST, Morning Ritual with Garrett Lewis, [7/29/21](#)] (AUDIO)

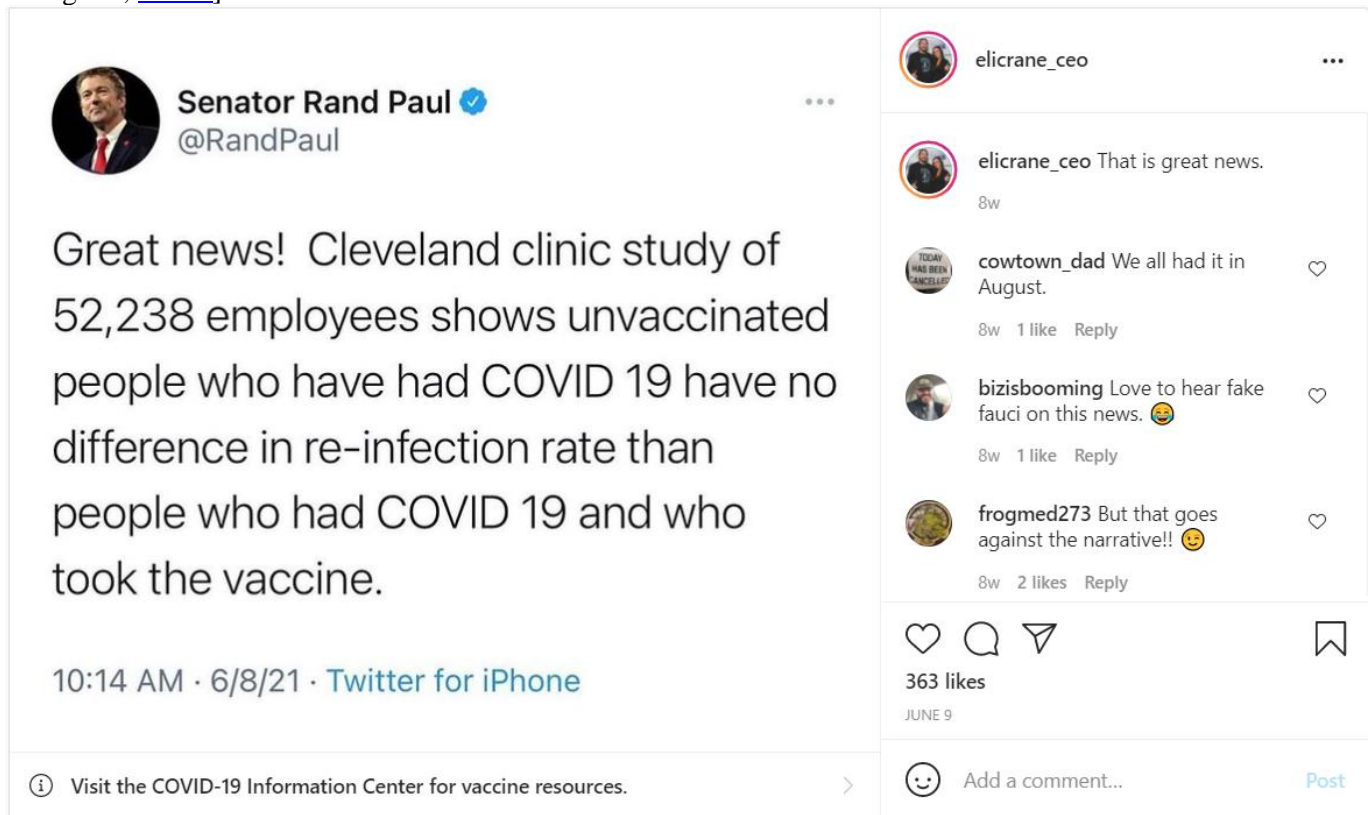
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Crane Opposed Mask Mandates Because They Infringed On Freedom And Because He Had Asthma And Exercise-Induced Bronchitis Which Made His Breathing Difficult. [38:41] CRANE: “That bothers me because,

again, it boils right back down to freedom. Do you have-- Do you still have the freedom to decide what goes in your body? Do you have the freedom to say, 'You know what, I've either already had COVID, I've got the vaccine, you know, I'm tired of wearing them. I'm tired of wearing a mask. I don't want to wear a mask. If you want to wear a mask, by all means knock yourself out. But I'm tired of wearing a mask.' I actually have asthma or exercise-induced bronchitis. So, for me, when I wear a mask, it just makes my breathing even worse than it already is." [KNST, Morning Ritual with Garrett Lewis, [7/29/21](#)] (AUDIO)

Crane Posted A Picture Of A Rand Paul Tweet Citing A Study That Said Unvaccinated People Who Had COVID-19 Had "No Difference" In Reinfection Rates From Vaccinated People

On Instagram, Crane Posted A Picture Of A Rand Paul Tweet Citing A Study That Unvaccinated People Who Have Had COVID-19 Have "No Difference" In Re-Infection Rate Than People Who Were Vaccinated. Instagram, [6/9/21](#)



The image shows a screenshot of a tweet by Senator Rand Paul (@RandPaul) and its repost on Instagram. The tweet, posted at 10:14 AM on 6/8/21 via Twitter for iPhone, reads: "Great news! Cleveland clinic study of 52,238 employees shows unvaccinated people who have had COVID 19 have no difference in re-infection rate than people who had COVID 19 and who took the vaccine." The tweet has 363 likes and was posted on June 9. Below the tweet is a link to the COVID-19 Information Center for vaccine resources. The Instagram repost by elicrane_ceo shows the tweet content and several comments from users like cowtown_dad, bizisbooming, and frogmed273, all expressing support for the news.

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Crane Said That Candace Owens Was One Of His Influences And That She Was "One Of The Most Courageous People In This Country." "A more recent influence Crane cites is conservative commentator Candace Owens Farmer, whom he calls 'one of the most courageous people in this country.'" [Casa Grande Dispatch, [7/30/21](#)]

Candace Owens Said She Would Refuse To Get A COVID-19 Vaccine. "Some on the fringes have already announced their plans. Right-wing commentators like Candace Owens and YouTube stars turned conservative darlings Diamond & Silk have already announced that when the vaccine for COVID-19 becomes available, they will refuse to get it. Allegedly, the two hosts lost their show on Fox News' streaming platform after Diamond and Silk specifically said they were rejecting any vaccine backed by Bill Gates—who has poured \$300 million into the

fight against COVID-19—because they falsely claimed the billionaire philanthropist pushed for population control.” [Mother Jones, [5/28/20](#)]

Owens Compared COVID-19 Vaccination To Enslavement. “Newly hired Daily Wire commentator Candace Owens appeared on far-right conspiracy theory program The Alex Jones Show to make unfounded attacks on vaccines against COVID-19, comparing those who would get a vaccine to ‘slaves.’ [...] Owens went on to compare vaccination to enslavement, saying, ‘What does every society in the world that has had slaves had in common? And the answer is that there was always more slaves than there were masters.’ Owens’ point was apparently that people can band together to defeat COVID-19 vaccines the same way that a large group of slaves could free themselves from a smaller group of slave owners. ‘There is always going to be more of us than them. You know, if we say no, it’s a no.’” [Media Matters, [12/2/20](#)]

Crane Criticized The December COVID-19 Stimulus Bill For Increasing The National Debt

12/23/20: Crane Criticized The December COVID-19 Stimulus Bill For Increasing The National Debt. “27 Trillion in debt. This is the type of wreckless behavior that got us here in the first place. Coming in dead last are the American People. The collective sell out of America continues... Best part is, who do you think pays for this in the end? How long will the dollar hold it’s value as we continue printing money we don’t have?” [Instagram, [12/23/20](#)]

Crane Criticized Washington Politicians And Democrats For Supporting “Bad Policies Like Trillions Of Dollars In Handouts And Higher Taxes.” “Arizona’s economy is strong because of conservative policies – we can’t let Washington politicians and Democrats weaken our state with bad policies like trillions of dollars in handouts and higher taxes. We’ve seen what their policies have done to California and we can’t afford that happening to Arizona. I’m a small business owner; I know firsthand the struggles that workers, their families and small business owners face. That’s why I’ll fight for lower taxes, less regulation, and pro-growth policies. The more money that Arizonans get to keep in their pockets and the least government involvement, the better.” [Eli For Arizona, Issues, accessed [8/4/21](#)]

In 2020, Crane Downplayed The Public Health Threat Posed By The COVID-19 Pandemic

Crane Dismissed The Public Health Threat Posed By The COVID-19 Pandemic. “What the ad doesn’t mention is the fact that Crane, who makes occasional appearances on Fox News, peddles in a variety of controversial opinions, from defending other veterans accused of heinous war crimes to seemingly dismissing the public health threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.” [Phoenix New Times, [9/29/20](#)]

Crane Dismissed Media Coverage On The COVID-19 Pandemic And Its Severity. “In addition to military affairs, Crane has also lobbied some hot takes on the COVID-19 pandemic. For instance, in a Youtube video shared by Dinesh D’Souza, a well-known conservative conspiracy theorist, Crane appears to dismiss media coverage on the COVID-19 pandemic and its severity. ‘I don’t believe what they [the media] are spewing about this coronavirus, as they scare people into Kingdom Come,’ he said. ‘It’s unbelievable, and the reason I don’t believe the media, almost 95% of the time, is that I realized that they are not interested in reporting news anymore.’” [Phoenix New Times, [9/29/20](#)]

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Crane Claimed That The 2020 Election Results Were Fraudulent, Made A Product In Honor Of Trump’s “Kraken” Legal Team, And Criticized Republicans For Failing To “Stop The Steal”

Crane Suggested That The 2020 Election Results Were Fraudulent. “Unleash The Kraken #fraud #election Huge court win lets Trump present ballot evidence, could overturn Nevada result ”[Twitter, @EliCrane_CEO, [11/25/20](#)]

Crane Criticized Republicans For Failing To “Stop The Steal” By Challenging The 2020 Election Results. “Hey Republicans, this is what having a spine looks like. I know saying something this bold and courageous might have consequences for your career and reputation, but it is why we elected you. Sincerely, We The People. #fight #stopthesteal us <https://t.co/2A35h5riFI>” [Twitter, @EliCrane_CEO, [11/29/20](#)]

Crane’s Company, Bottle Breacher, Produced An “Unleash The Kraken” Product Celebrating Trump’s Legal Challenges To The 2020 Election Results. “Unleash The Kraken is really code for Expose Evil. We demand truth, authenticity & freedom. We cheer and support those who continue to fight for it. This is why we’ve launched a new product: The Kraken @bottle_breacher Perfect gift made by vets in the USA! <https://t.co/gX69C02Lsb> <https://t.co/JAknJxSKap>” [Twitter, @EliCrane_CEO, [11/27/20](#)]

Crane Supported Ending Early Voting, “Cleaning Up” Voter Rolls, Mandating Voter IDs And Getting Rid Of Machines To Return Hand Counts Of Ballots. “Some of the proposals Crane said he would support include ending early voting, cleaning up voter rolls, mandating voter IDs, making election day a federal holiday and getting rid of machines to return to hand counts. Crane said it is ‘disappointing’ that critics of the forensic audit in Arizona are calling people kooks or conspiracy theorists.” [Casa Grande Dispatch, [7/30/21](#)]

Crane Said The Most Important Issue To Him Was Election Integrity. “The most important issues for Crane are ensuring election integrity, defending the border, and defeating critical race theory. ‘Right now the most important issue to me is election integrity,’ he said, adding that ‘Border security here in Arizona is vital. We have massive problems at our border and an administration that is not taking it seriously.’” [Townhall, [7/21/21](#)]

Crane “Stopped Short” Of Calling The 2020 Election Results Fraudulent. “On elections, Crane stopped short of calling the 2020 election fraudulent, in Arizona or the nation, but said he supports a number of measures to change how Americans vote.” [Casa Grande Dispatch, [7/30/21](#)]

Crane Was Endorsed By Gregg Phillips Of True The Vote From “2000 Mules.” “I’ve got a lot of great endorsements since launching my campaign, this one might be the most powerful and personal for me. I’ve had the honor of watching Gregg Phillips with True the Vote continue to fight for this country when far too many have given up #2000Mules @DineshDSouza” [Eli Crane, Twitter, [5/22/22](#)]

- **True The Vote Has Made “Multiple Misleading Or False Claims” About It’s “Election Integrity” Work.** “A conservative ‘election integrity’ group called True The Vote has made multiple misleading or false claims about its work, NPR has found, including the suggestion that they helped solve the murder of an eight-year-old girl in Atlanta. The claims appear in a new pro-Trump film called ‘2,000 Mules,’ which purports to have ‘smoking gun’ evidence of massive voter fraud in the 2020 election in the form of digital device location tracking data. Former president Donald Trump has embraced the film, which has gained popularity on the political right, along with the claim about the murder case. [...] It’s not the only false or misleading claim that True The Vote and Dinesh D’Souza, the director behind ‘2,000 Mules,’ have made, NPR found. Fact-checkers from the Associated Press and PolitiFact have examined the central voter fraud allegations in ‘2,000 Mules’ and found that the film makes many dubious claims. A Washington Post analysis summarized the film’s allegations as a leap of faith - ‘we’re just asked to trust that True the Vote found what it says it found.’ True The Vote and D’Souza have disputed those fact-checks. NPR’s reporting has raised additional questions about True the Vote and the film’s trustworthiness. Dinesh D’Souza did not respond to NPR’s requests for comment.” [NPR, [5/17/22](#)]

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Crane Op-Ed: “Fixing The 2020 Election.” [Eli Crane Op-Ed, Townhall, [3/23/22](#)]

Crane Op-Ed: “The Case For Decertification.” [War Room, [2/9/22](#)]

CNN: Crane “Has Called On The State Legislature To ‘Decertify’ The 2020 Election, And For The State Attorney General To ‘Launch A Criminal Investigation To Hold All Involved Accountable.’” “And in Arizona, Crane, a former Navy SEAL, has called on the state legislature to ‘decertify’ the 2020 election, and for the state attorney general to ‘launch a criminal investigation to hold all involved accountable.’ His GOP opponent, state Rep. Walt Blackman, has said that Trump won and the election was ‘stolen’ by Democrats.” [CNN, [10/28/21](#)]

Crane Called For The Arizona Legislators To Decertify The 2020 Election And For The Arizona AG To Launch Criminal Investigations To “Hold All Involved Accountable.” “As a candidate running for US Congress in AZ, I’m calling on the state legislature to decertify the 2020 election, along with enlarging the efforts to audit the remaining counties in AZ. Finally our AZ AG must launch a criminal investigation to hold all involved accountable.” [Twitter, @EliCrane_CEO, [9/27/21](#)]

Crane Supported Audits Of The 2020 Elections. “One ‘front and center’ issue that he describes as ‘unpopular’ is election integrity. Crane told us that he believes from recent polls that ‘a lot of Americans lack confidence in the last election cycle.’ Adding that he disagreed with persons who dismiss those who are calling for election audits as ‘kooks and conspiracy theorists,’ Crane told us: ‘I don’t think there’s anything more patriotic, and I don’t think there’s anything that is more democratic, than the people who own these elections being able to check them out for themselves and see the receipts, if you will. ‘So that’s something that I want to see get tightened up. I want to see confidence restored in our elections.... ‘And I want Americans to know that not only does your vote count, but it doesn’t count any more or any less than anybody else’s. And that’s a big part of being a citizen in a Constitutional Republic.’” [Law Enforcement Today, [7/31/21](#)]

Crane Supported Arizona’s Maricopa County Audit Of The 2020 Election Results

Crane Celebrated That Fact That State Legislators From Other States Came To Arizona To Witness The Maricopa Audit Of Arizona’s 2020 Election Results. “This is huge! Other states concerned about their elections are coming out to see how AZ audit is being conducted.” [Twitter, @EliCrane_CEO, [6/1/21](#)]

Crane Said It Was “Disappointing” That Critics Of The Maricopa County Forensic Audit Of The 2020 Election Results Were Calling People Supportive Of The Audit “Kooks Or Conspiracy Theorists.” “Crane said it is ‘disappointing’ that critics of the forensic audit in Arizona are calling people kooks or conspiracy theorists. ‘These elections belong to the people and are paid for by the people,’ Crane said, ‘and if we the people want to check them, I will always support that.’ The company leading the Arizona election audit, Cyber Ninjas, had come under fire for failing to disclose their funding sources. This week, Cyber Ninjas released information on where the \$5.6 million audit funding had come from. The list is highlighted by a number of Trump-supporting, right-wing groups, including The America Project, which has accounted for over half of the contributions.” [Casa Grande Dispatch, [7/30/21](#)]

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Crane Criticized Raphael Warnock And Said That “One Cannot Claim To Be Both A Christian And A Democrat” Because The Democrats Were A “Godless Demonic Party”

2020: Crane Criticized Raphael Warnock For Claiming In A Sermon That “Nobody Can Serve God And The Military.” “A former Navy SEAL has criticized comments made by in a 2011 sermon by now-Democratic Georgia Senatorial candidate Reverend Raphael Warnock in which Warnock said that ‘nobody can serve God and the military.’ Warnock's campaign has said the comment only make sense in view of the wider sermon in which it occurred. Warnock's April 2011 sermon, entitled ‘When Truth Meets Power,’ has resurfaced online now that the reverend is entering a January runoff election that will determine which political party controls the Senate. In the sermon, Warnock encouraged Americans to devote their lives to service rather than acquiring power. In the clip of the sermon shared on Twitter by Former NAVY Seal Eli Crane, Warnock says, ‘America, nobody can serve God and the military. You can't serve God and money. You cannot serve God and mammon at the same time. America, choose ye this day who you will serve. Choose ye this day.’ ‘That's obviously a problematic message for many of us who are veterans and also call ourselves Christians,’ Crane said in a video responding to Warnock's comment. ‘It's also problematic when you compare it with the Word of God,’ Crane added, citing Gideon, Joshua and David and other Biblical warrior who ‘God used to remove and wipe wickedness and evil from the earth.’” [Newsweek, [11/18/20](#)]

Crane Said That One Cannot Claim To Be Both A Christian And A Democrat And Called The Democratic Party A “Godless Demonic Party” That Supported Abortion, Gender Dysphoria, Social Justice, Socialism,

And Defunding The Police. “Crane then went on to say that one cannot claim to be both a Christian and a Democrat. ‘The Democratic Party in 2020 is a godless demonic party,’ Crane said. ‘It’s the party of abortion. It’s the party of gender dysphoria. It’s the party of social justice. It’s the party of socialism. It’s the party of defund the police, and none of those things align with a Biblical worldview.’” [Newsweek, [11/18/20](#)]

Crane Attacked O’Halloran As A “Puppet” Of Nancy Pelosi Who Voted With Her 96 Percent Of The Time

Washington Examiner: Crane “Already Mapped Out His Early Strategy To Take On O’Halloran, Calling The Democrat A Puppet Of Liberal House Speaker Nancy Pelosi Who Has Voted With Her 96% Of The Time.” “He’s already mapped out his early strategy to take on O’Halloran, calling the Democrat a puppet of liberal House Speaker Nancy Pelosi who has voted with her 96% of the time.” [Washington Examiner, [7/20/21](#)]

Crane Did Not Live In Arizona’s 2nd Congressional District And Lived In Arizona’s 6th Congressional District

Crane Did Not Live In Arizona’s 2nd Congressional District And Lived In Oro Valley, Which Was In Arizona’s 6th Congressional District

According To Nexis Comprehensive Person Search, Eli Crane’s Address Was 4665 N Quartz Hill Place, Tucson, AZ 85750. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Search, LexID: 000738430018, accessed 7/27/22]

- **4665 N Quartz Hill Place, Tucson, AZ 85750 Was Located In AZ-06.** [Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission, Accessed [7/27/22](#)]

According To Nexis Comprehensive Person Search, Eli Crane Moved To 10955 N Delphinus St, Oro Valley, AZ 85742 In May 2021. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Search, LexID: 000738430018, accessed 7/27/22]

- **10955 N Delphinus Street, Oro Valley, AZ, 85742 Was Located In AZ-06.** [Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission, Accessed [7/27/22](#)]

According To The Arizona Daily Star, Eli Crane May Have Moved To The Oro Valley. “Eli Crane of Oro Valley announced his candidacy this week, in a campaign video that portrays the former Navy Seal getting a tattoo of the phrase ‘We The People.’ He and his wife, Jen, started a business called Bottle Breacher, which makes bottle openers that feature military themes. The business was boosted by an appearance on the television show Shark Tank.” [Arizona Daily Star, [7/22/21](#)]

According To The Pima County Recorder, Eli And Jennifer Crane May Have Sold Their 4665 N Quartz Hill House For \$1,400,000 On 6/4/21. [Pima County Recorder, Document Search, [6/4/21](#)]

Crane Was A Far-Right Extremist Who Supported Policies That Would Hurt Arizonans

Crane Supported A Balanced Budget Amendment, Which The AARP Warned Could Lead To “Potentially Deep Cuts” To Social Security And Medicare

Crane Supported “Amending The U.S. Constitution To Require Congress To Balance The Federal Budget Every Year.” [AZ Voter Guide, Center for Arizona Policy, accessed [7/7/22](#)]

- **AARP Opposed The Balanced Budget Amendment Because It Would “Likely Harm Social Security And Medicare, Subjecting Both Programs To Potentially Deep Cuts.”** “AARP is writing to express our

opposition to a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. [...] A balanced budget amendment would likely harm Social Security and Medicare, subjecting both programs to potentially deep cuts without regard to the impact on the health and financial security of individuals. It would also likely diminish the resources available for programs assisting Americans who are least able to provide for themselves – services such as meals or heating for those who are too poor or physically unable to take care of their basic needs without some support.” [AARP, Letter, [4/9/2018](#)]

- **Center on Budget and Policy Priorities Said That Under A Balanced Budget Amendment, Medicare Part A Would Not Be Able To Pay For Hospitalization Costs, Because It Is Funded Through A Fund Of Saved Treasury Securities.** “Medicare Part A — the Hospital Insurance trust fund — has the same structure as Social Security. That trust fund currently holds about \$200 billion in Treasury securities, but under a balanced budget amendment, it would be unconstitutional for Medicare to draw down those savings to pay hospitalization costs because all federal expenditures — which includes Medicare payments — would have to be covered by taxes collected in the same year.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/16/2018](#)]

Crane Appeared In A Testimonial Ad For Martha McSally, A Former US Senator Who Voted Repeatedly To Repeal The Affordable Care Act

Crane Appeared In A Martha McSally Ad During McSally’s 2020 Campaign. “Eli: ‘I’m a former Navy Seal. When 9/11 happened, I dropped out of school and I went and joined the Navy. I went to Seal Team 3, went to Fallujah in 2010, and I’ve served with so many guys that put their life on the line for freedom. What I see going on in this country today just breaks my heart. If we are going to get this country back on track, our leaders need to quit playing it safe. They’re going to have to actually lead, and I don’t see guys like Mark Kelly doing that. He’s gone quiet because he’s a part of this nonsense. When I look at what he supports, it’s not courageous at all and that bothers me to see other veterans going along with the mob and destroying this country. Mark is looking out for himself. When things get tough, you want people who have walked through a storm. Who have been forged in fire. I love supporting Martha McSally because she’s courageous. She broke barriers. We should all go out and support the candidate who’s going to be a fighter when times are tough.’” [McSally For Senate, [9/10/20](#)]

Feb 2015: McSally Voted For A Full Repeal Of The ACA. In February 2015, McSally voted to repeal the ACA. “The House voted ... to abolish the 2010 health care law in Congress’ first repeal vote of the year ... The House has voted more than 50 times to roll back all or portions of the law.” The bill passed 239 to 186. [HR 596, Vote #58, [2/03/15](#); CQ News, [2/03/15](#)]

Oct 2015: McSally Voted For A Budget Package That Would Repeal Portions Of The Affordable Care Act. In October 2015, McSally voted for “a budget reconciliation package that would repeal core components of the Affordable Care Act and cut off government funding of Planned Parenthood.” It passed 240 to 189. [HR 3762, Vote #568, [10/23/15](#); New York Times, [10/23/15](#)]

May 2017: McSally Voted For The American Health Care Act (AHCA). In May 2017, McSally voted for: “Passage of the bill that would make extensive changes to the 2010 health care overhaul law, by effectively repealing the individual and employer mandates as well as most of the taxes that finance the current system. It would, in 2020, convert Medicaid into a capped entitlement that would provide fixed federal payments to states and end additional federal funding for the 2010 law’s joint federal-state Medicaid expansion. It would prohibit federal funding to any entity, such as Planned Parenthood, that performs abortions and receives more than \$350 million a year in Medicaid funds. As amended, it would give states the option of receiving federal Medicaid funding as a block grant with greater state flexibility in how the funds are used, and would require states to establish their own essential health benefits standards. It would allow states to receive waivers to exempt insurers from having to provide certain minimum benefits, would provide \$8 billion over five years for individuals with pre-existing conditions whose insurance premiums increased because the state was granted a waiver to raise premiums based on

on an individual's health status, and would create a \$15 billion federal risk sharing program to cover some of the costs of high medical claims.” The bill passed, 217-213. [H.R. 1628, Vote #256, 5/4/17; CQ, 5/4/17]

According For The Center For American Progress, An Estimated 301,100 Arizonans In Arizona’s 1st Congressional District Under The Age Of 65 Have A Pre-Existing Condition. According to the Center For American Progress, an estimated 301,100 Arizonans in Arizona’s 1st district “have a preexisting condition that an insurer could use to discriminate against them if they ever sought coverage through the individual market in the absence of ACA protections.” [Center For American Progress, [10/2/19](#); State By State [Numbers](#)]

Crane Was A Pro-Gun “Brand Ambassador” Who Blamed 2018 School Shootings On The “Fatherlessness Problem” And Attacked The Character Of A School Shooting Survivor

Crane Was A Brand Ambassador For Sig Sauer, A Firearms Manufacturer

2018-Present: Eli Crane Was A Brand Ambassador For Sig Sauer, Inc, A Firearms Manufacturer. [LinkedIn, accessed [8/5/21](#)]

Crane Was Pro-Second Amendment

Crane Is Pro-Life And Pro-Second Amendment. “Crane is a faith-oriented, family man and is pro-life and pro-second amendment. He says he is unafraid to take a stand against cancel culture and the radical left, which is why he ‘understands what it means to live life as an example to others.’” [Breitbart, [7/20/21](#)]

Crane Criticized Warnock For “Mocking” Churchgoers Who Wanted To Conceal Carry In Churches

Crane Criticized Warnock For Mocking Churchgoers Who Wanted To Concealed Carry Their Weapons In Previously Off-Limits Places, Like Churches. “On November 30, 2020, Breitbart News reported Warnock mocked churchgoers who wanted to be able to carry guns for self-defense. He did this in 2014, as Georgia was adopting a new law, the Safe Carry Protection Act. That Act allowed Georgians with concealed carry licenses to carry in place previously off-limits—places like churches—in the hopes that reducing the number of gun-free zones in the state would also limit the the number of soft targets available to criminals and demented attackers. Warnock mocked the idea of congregants being armed for self-defense. On December 2, 2020, the NRA posted video of former SEAL Eli Crane taking Warnock to task for mocking concerned churchgoers. The video begins with Crane explaining that although he no longer wears a uniform, he is compelled for fight for this country. And he explains that his efforts to call out Warnock are part of that fight.” [Breitbart, [12/3/20](#)]

Crane Said He Called His Wife From Time To Time To Make Sure She Was Carrying Her Gun. “Crane went on to discuss his personal life as a father and a husband and how he calls his wife from time to time to be sure she has her gun with her. He explained why he makes sure she has her gun, saying, ‘It’s because I love her. and I care about her, and I know there’s evil out there and I know that there’s wicked men and women out there that would do her harm.’” [Breitbart, [12/3/20](#)]

Crane Blamed The 2018 School Shootings On The “Fatherless Problem”

Eli Crane Op-Ed HEADLINE: “We Don’t Have A School Shooting Problem; We Have A Fatherlessness Problem” [New Boston Post, Eli Crane, [5/10/18](#)]

Crane Blamed 2018 School Shootings On The “Fatherlessness Problem” That Most Deadly Mass Shootings Were Done By Boys Without Fathers. “In the recent wake of several more school shootings our nation continues its mourning and search for answers. We have all been asking: Why? Why does this continue to happen? What can we do to stop it? I personally don’t believe that there is one black-and-white answer. I do, however, believe

that one of the biggest and most important reasons we continue to see this breed of unprovoked and unnecessary violence is largely being overlooked: We have a masculine initiation crisis caused by a lack of strong and present fathers in this country. Don't believe it? Well, according to a story by Mark Meckler in Real Clear Politics, 26 out of the last 27 most deadly mass shootings were done by boys without fathers. This isn't a coincidence. It's more like a smoking gun. There is not one statistic as commonly shared and alarming when you break it down and look at the facts. Yet this data and the heartbreaking root cause continue to get buried under the approved talking points. According to the National Fatherhood Initiative, 24 million American children grow up without a father at home. If you are like some of the very confused people I have met over the years and think 'this isn't really that big of a deal' then please allow me to explain." [New Boston Post, Eli Crane, [5/10/18](#)]

Crane Criticized David Hogg's Plan To Stop School Shootings And Said That Hogg Was A "Weak Man" And That Hogg's Survival Of The Parkland Mass Shooting Did Not Qualify Him To Champion Gun Reforms

Crane Criticized David Hogg's Plan To Stop School Shootings: "I Am Once Again Very Disappointed To See Another Young American With Zero Respect And Understanding For Our Constitution And Common Sense." "Recently, gun control activist and Parkland shooting survivor David Hogg tweeted a plan to curb violence with an emphasis on gun control. Though I feel for David and every other victim of this senseless violence, I am once again very disappointed to see another young American with zero respect and understanding for our constitution and common sense. As a U.S. Veteran and member of the Navy SEAL teams, I swore [an] oath to uphold and defend the very rights that David and other Americans are working so hard to abolish. My oath to defend Hogg's right to disagree with me and the rest of our constitutional rights did not end when I took off my uniform. The irony of David's proposed plan is shortsighted, incomplete and pretty much worthless. I just did a threat assessment of a school three weeks ago in my home state of [Arizona] with an emphasis on active shooter. My main focus was on first figuring out the multiple ways I could commit the crime myself and then working backward from there — exposing weaknesses and suggesting improvements to keep out those who wish to do harm." [Bottle Breacher, Blog, [6/10/18](#)]

Crane Said He "Would Be Willing To Take A Hard Look At" Closing The Gun Show Loophole. "The gun show loophole (the sale of a firearm from one private citizen to another without a background check) seems to be the main issue Hogg and others have with our current system, which is one of the few suggestions I would be willing to take a hard look at." [Bottle Breacher, Blog, [6/10/18](#)]

Crane Opposed A Digitized National Database Or Registry Of Firearm Ownership. "Hogg has proposed digitizing ATF records. Many Americans, myself included, do not want the government to have a national database or registry of firearm ownership. Quite simply, most Americans do not trust the federal government. Unbeknownst to Hogg and many Americans, the Second Amendment was actually created to give 'we the people' the ability the stand up to and defend ourselves against tyrannical, overreaching government. In the wake of very real and shocking abuses at the highest level of our justice department, [including] spying on U.S. citizens, trying to sway the outcome of a presidential election, cover-ups, and the targeting of conservative groups by the IRS to name a few. I'm not sure most of us believe that our government should be entrusted with this information." [Bottle Breacher, Blog, [6/10/18](#)]

Crane Called David Hogg A "Weak Man" And Said That Hogg's Survival Of The Parkland Mass Shooting Did Not Qualify Him To Champion Any Positive Reform. "What you are seeing today can simply be summarized by one of my favorite sayings: 'Hard times create strong men. Strong men create good times. Good times create weak men. Weak men create hard times.' We are currently somewhere in between lines three and four. We have plenty of weak men like Hogg that will, if successful, create hard times for us all. If 'we the people' really want our children to be safe, you must turn your ear to the sheepdogs of our society. Like military and law enforcement who have dedicated their lives to protecting others from the wolves. Academics and activists may yell the loudest and throw the biggest tantrums, but just as Hogg has again illustrated with this proposal, being a victim does not qualify you to champion any kind positive reform." [Bottle Breacher, Blog, [6/10/18](#)]

Crane Supported Using Taxpayer Money To Fund Private Schools And Homeschooling

Crane Supported “Enacting A Federal Tax Credit Program Allowing Taxpayers To Direct A Portion Of Their Tax Dollars To Provide Educational Options Such As Private Or Homeschools.” [AZ Voter Guide, Center for Arizona Policy, accessed [7/7/22](#)]

Crane Supported Finishing Trump’s Border Wall And Promoted And Donated To A Scam GoFundMe To Fund A Border Wall

Crane Supported Finishing Trump’s Border Wall. “On border security, Crane said that we need to ‘allow our law enforcement officers to enforce the laws that are already on the books and allow border patrol, and ICE, and the sheriffs, and the local police departments to do their job.’ This includes finishing the border wall Trump started. ‘We need to go back to Trump’s border security policies, because it wasn’t perfect, but it was a lot better than what it is today.’” [Townhall, [7/21/21](#)]

Washington Examiner: “Crane Said That He Plans To Seize On The Open Border Policies Of Biden, The Liberal Push For Critical Race Theory Education In Schools, And Election Security Issues Highlighted By Ballot Concerns In Arizona In 2020.” “Crane said that he plans to seize on the open border policies of Biden, the liberal push for critical race theory education in schools, and election security issues highlighted by ballot concerns in Arizona in 2020. ‘I think I’m gonna be able to make this a national race,’ he said in a Monday call.” [Washington Examiner, [7/20/21](#)]

Crane Promoted A Scam GoFundMe “We The People Will Fund The Wall” Whose Founders Faced Department Of Justice Charges For Conspiracy To Commit Wire Fraud And Money Laundering

Crane Promoted And Donated To A GoFundMe To Fund Trump’s Border Wall. [Instagram, [12/20/18](#)]



- The Founder Of “We the People Will Fund The Wall” Faced Department Of Justice Indictments For Funneling Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars To Themselves Rather Than Directly To The

Construction Of The Border Wall. “IN DECEMBER 2018, a US veteran named Brian Kolfage launched a campaign on the crowdfunding site GoFundMe called ‘We The People Will Fund The Wall.’ The purpose was self-explanatory: It aimed to raise one billion dollars to help finance a wall on the US-Mexico border, in support of a central election promise of President Donald Trump. Within a week, the campaign received \$17 million in donations and plenty of national media attention. Soon after, Kolfage brought on former Trump aide Steve Bannon as a collaborator. By Tuesday of this week, the effort—since renamed ‘We The People BUILT the Wall!’—had collected \$25.6 million from over 250,000 individual donors. This morning, it all came tumbling down. The Department of Justice this morning unsealed indictments alleging that Kolfage and Bannon, along with Andrew Badolato and Timothy Shea, used the GoFundMe campaign to funnel hundreds of thousands of dollars to themselves, rather than directly to the construction of the wall as promised. Each man is charged with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering. It’s the latest in a long string of alleged crowdfunding scams, albeit with a much higher profile.” [WIRED, [8/20/20](#)]

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Crane Defended The Interrogation Practice Of Waterboarding And Supported Eddie Gallagher, A Former Navy SEAL Chief Accused Of Committing War Crimes

Crane Authored An Editorial Defending Waterboarding, An Interrogation Technique That Was Classified As Torture By The United Nations. “In 2018, he authored an editorial for Breitbart, a right-wing news outlet, in which he defended waterboarding, a highly controversial interrogation technique where water is poured over a cloth covering a captive's face to simulate the experience of drowning. While President Donald Trump has expressed support for the practice, the technique is considered to be torture by the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross. The late former Republican Arizona Senator John McCain, who was famously tortured as a prisoner during the Vietnam War, condemned the practice before Trump's election in 2016. Congress has also taken steps to curb the use of waterboarding by the federal government.” [Phoenix New Times, [9/29/20](#)]

- **Crane On Enhanced Interrogation Techniques: If Veterans Have Undergone “Torture” Methods To Prepare For Deployment, “Why Are We So Concerned About Doing This To Terrorists To Extract Vital Intelligence To Save Lives?”** “The recent attacks on the president’s nominee, Gina Haspel, for the top spot in the CIA due to her involvement in the use of enhanced interrogation techniques by our DOD after 9/11 have me confused. As a member of the U.S. military, I myself had to endure many of these same techniques. For the record, I am far from the only one. This is a very controversial topic. Many senators, like former prisoner of war Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), stand in opposition to Haspel’s nomination, stating

that ‘Her refusal to acknowledge torture’s immorality is disqualifying.’ Democrats like Kamala Harris were very displeased that they could not get Gina Haspel to agree that the enhanced interrogations utilized in the past were immoral and unethical. Yet many of my fellow veterans of all branches have undergone these ‘torture’ techniques and worse in preparation to deploy into combat zones. This criticism of Haspel by both parties has me asking: If they did this to us and we don’t have a problem with it, why are we so concerned about doing this to terrorists to extract vital intelligence to save lives? Yes, that is correct: many of the veterans you know as fathers, mothers, husbands, cousins, and family friends have endured waterboarding, sleep deprivation, starvation, and much, much more to prepare them for the very real possibility that we might get captured behind enemy lines.” [Breitbart, Eli Crane, [5/12/18](#)]

Crane Expressed Support For Eddie Gallagher, A Former Navy SEAL Chief Who Was Accused Of Committing War Crimes Like Shooting Civilians And Stabbing A Captive ISIS Fighter. “Crane has also expressed support for Eddie Gallagher, the former Navy SEAL chief who was accused of committing war crimes like intentionally shooting civilians and stabbing a captive ISIS fighter. Gallagher was eventually acquitted, and Trump reversed a Navy decision to oust him. A July 2019 Washington Examiner article quoted Crane as saying, ‘I’m relieved to see a friend and someone who has sacrificed a ton for our country walk away as a free man.’” [Phoenix New Times, [9/29/20](#)]

- **Crane Said He Was Relieved To See Eddie Gallagher Get Acquitted For War Crimes.** “Former Navy SEALs say they are ‘relieved’ Special Warfare Chief Edward Gallagher was acquitted Tuesday on charges of committing war crimes. Gallagher’s case sharply divided the SEAL community between old-school veterans who supported the chief and younger members who made the accusations. A jury of five Marines and two sailors found Gallagher, 40, not guilty on six of the seven charges that stemmed from the accusations, including murder and attempted murder. He was found guilty of unlawfully posing for a photograph with a corpse. Eli Crane, who served three deployments as a SEAL, told the Washington Examiner the verdict was good news for Gallagher and his family, saying, ‘I’m relieved to see a friend and someone who has sacrificed a ton for our country walk away as a free man.’” [Washington Examiner, [7/3/19](#)]

Crane Criticized Critical Race Theory And Cancel Culture

Crane Criticized Critical Race Theory And Cancel Culture And Said The Biggest Threat To The United States Was “Dangerous Ideologies”

Crane Suggested That Critical Race Theory Would Be Used By “The Enemy” To “Divide And Conquer This Nation And Everything We Stand For.” “Critical race theory is also a key issue for Crane, who sees it as something being propagated throughout America’s culture, institutions, and government. ‘If we don’t boot this stuff out quickly, the enemy will do exactly what they’re trying to do and that’s divide and conquer this nation and everything we stand for.’” [Townhall, [7/21/21](#)]

Crane Argued That Big Tech Must Be Reined In Because Tech Companies Have Infringed On Free Speech. “The America-First congressional candidates believes Big Tech must be reigned in, because ‘they’ve become much too powerful and much too willing to censor and infringe on free speech.’ ‘Traditionally, conservatives have fought off of their back foot,’ he said, commenting on the general attitude of the Republican party. ‘Far too often, Republicans and conservatives wait until something becomes such a blaring, alarming issue that it’s hard to do anything about it. We need leadership that understands how to be proactive and fight off the front foot.’” [Townhall, [7/21/21](#)]

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liberal push for critical race theory education in schools, and election security issues highlighted by ballot concerns in Arizona in 2020. ‘I think I’m gonna be able to make this a national race,’ he said in a Monday call.” [Washington Examiner, [7/20/21](#)]

Crane Suggested That The Biggest Threat To The United States Was “Thought Leadership” And “Cancel Culture.” “Crane said he is motivated to enter politics because he believes too many politicians do not have ‘skin in the game’ and are just riding out their careers by avoiding big issues, especially those that are also cultural. ‘I noticed how few people with influence are willing to talk about things that matter, and it seems like everybody that has a company or a platform, especially in the day and age of ‘cancel culture,’ is unwilling to do so,’ said Crane, one of several veterans running in the 2022 House primaries. ‘And so, I started thinking to myself, wait a minute, if I fought for this country and I was willing to die for it, and the biggest threat to our country is within, why shouldn’t I speak up about it?’ he said. ‘I really feel like a lot of the fight in this country is in culture. And it’s with thought leadership, and I wanted to get involved in that,’ he said.” [Washington Examiner, [7/20/21](#)]

Crane Said The Greatest Threat To “Our Freedoms And Way Of Life” Was “Dangerous Ideologies Like Open Borders To Destroy Our Founding Institutions And Values.” “He says he is unafraid to take a stand against cancel culture and the radical left, which is why he ‘understands what it means to live life as an example to others.’ [...] ‘As a veteran, I’ve put my life on the line to protect and defend this country and our Constitution from foreign and domestic threats. The greatest threat to our freedoms and way of life isn’t external – it’s right here at home,’ the Republican continued. ‘We’ve allowed dangerous ideologies like open borders to destroy our founding institutions and values.’” [Breitbart, [7/20/21](#)]

Crane Criticized The NFL Over National Anthem Protests

Crane Criticized The NFL Over National Anthem Protests. “Eli Crane, Navy SEAL combat veteran and the CEO of Bottle Breacher, indicated to IJR that the love he had for the country had won over the love he had for the game: After hearing the news that many NFL players are thinking about new ways to protest during the national anthem, I know that I am not alone when I say I am so over the NFL and don’t care if I ever watch another game. Thirty years ago, I doubt anyone would have ever predicted my level of disgust with the game I have loved my entire life, seeing as how I was addicted to the sport for most of my life. I’ll never forget the feeling of being the only kid wearing a Broncos jersey after three major Super Bowl letdowns. Two-a-day practices in my hometown of Yuma, Arizona, often the hottest place in the country, taught me a thing or two about mental toughness and teamwork.” [IJR, [7/27/18](#)]

Crane Praised Dan Crenshaw’s Response To A Saturday Night Live Joke About Crenshaw’s Eye That He Lost While Serving In The Navy SEALs

Crane Praised Crenshaw’s Response To Davidson’s Joke About Crenshaw’s Eye, Which Crenshaw Lost While Serving In The Navy SEALs. “Eli Crane, Navy SEAL veteran and CEO of Bottle Breacher, says Pete Davidson’s joke about Congressman-elect Dan Crenshaw’s eye he had lost to an IED while serving as a SEAL wasn’t the worst thing to come out of late-night shows. ‘I will admit the joke and tone were not the worst thing I have seen coming from a liberal ‘comedy’ show,’ Crane told Townhall. ‘What bothers me is how far we have fallen that these jokes about the appearance of a war hero who almost lost his life and will forever be disfigured are making the production cut to be delivered to millions on national television.’ ‘I get that Pete is a comedian and like all comedians is afforded a little more leeway to bring laughter and levity into serious issues and situations,’ he clarified. ‘That being said I doubt you would have seen the great Johnny Carson or Jay Leno go there.’” [Townhall, [11/11/18](#)]

Crane Was A Trump Supporter And Tweeted That Trump Was “The Best Thing To Happen To This Country In A Long Time”

Crane Said He Was A Trump Supporter. “Not just a Trump supporter, I’m a veteran, I fought for this country, our constitution. You know the one that says that news outlets don’t decide elections..” [Twitter, @EliCrane_CEO, [11/11/20](#)]

Crane Suggested That He Voted For Trump In 2016. “Trump has decided that solving problems is more important than being diplomatic and ‘looking good’ and repeating tired, failed rhetoric. We didn’t vote for him because of his manners. We wanted someone who would finally lead and get things done. #maga” [Twitter, @EliCrane_CEO, [7/14/18](#)]

Crane Tweeted That Trump Was “The Best Thing To Happen To This Country In A Long Time.” “Trump is not only the best thing to happen to this country in a long time. He’s also the best thing to happen to ‘has been’ Hollywood types looking to jump start their flailing careers. Well played George probably bought yourself another 6 months. Ok hand” [Twitter, @EliCrane_CEO, [7/13/18](#)]

Bottle Breacher Made A Special Edition Product To Celebrate Donald Trump. [Twitter, @bottle_breacher, [6/14/21](#); Bottle Breacher, TRUMP BOTTLE BREACHER WITH WOOD GIFT BOX, accessed [8/9/21](#)]

Crane Criticized Legislation That Would Raise The Age Of Tobacco Use To 21 Years Old

Crane Criticized Legislation That Would Raise The Age Of Tobacco Use To 21 Years Old. “Military members often joke that they, particularly the lower enlisted, are held together by caffeine, alcohol, tobacco, and more alcohol. If a new bill proposed in the Senate becomes law, service members younger than 21 would lose access to their cigarettes and cans of dip. The bill proposed to raise the age of tobacco use to 21 was introduced by Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Democrat Sen. Tim Kaine. It does not have an exemption for members in the military. [...] Eli Crane, a Navy SEAL veteran and non-tobacco user, said he found the bill ‘disturbing and un-American.’ ‘I’m sure these officials have good intentions, but we need government to back off and stop the ridiculous overreach,’ he said. ‘If we consider consider 18-year-olds adults and old enough to vote, then a pack of smokes should be age appropriate as well.’” [Washington Examiner, 5/23/19]

Crane Praised The “Booming Economy” Of The Trump Administration

Crane Praised The “Booming Economy” Of The Trump Administration, Including Low Unemployment, A “Roaring Stock Market” And Increased Consumer Confidence. “We are not fooled or reversed by you or your equally delusional peers in Hollywood, your interviews or your Twitter tantrums. It just exposes all of you for not really giving a damn about the real issues affecting real people and a reminder of exactly why Trump was elected in the first place. We see this administration stoking the fires of a booming economy, slashing regulation to set the potential of capitalism free. We also finally see the rest of the world regain their healthy respect for the United States of America again. We see a diminished ISIS, we see unemployment at their lowest point in decades, we also see a roaring stock market and consumer confidence trending up in lockstep.” [IJR, [6/30/18](#)]

Professional Background

Sig Sauer

2018-Present: Eli Crane Was A Brand Ambassador For Sig Sauer, Inc, A Firearms Manufacturer. [LinkedIn, accessed [8/5/21](#)]

2018: Crane Was Appointed To The Small Business Administration’s Advisory Committee On Veterans Business Affairs

Crane Spoke At A Small Business Administration Conference In New Mexico. “At the SBA, we work to empower the next generation of military and veteran entrepreneurs by providing resources to help them start, grow, or expand their veteran-owned small business. That’s why we’re excited to host the upcoming SBA Military and Veteran Entrepreneur Summit in Las Cruces, New Mexico on March 18, from 8 a.m to 4 p.m [...] Attendees will be able to attend breakout sessions on accessing capital, government contracting, entrepreneurship resources, and small business tips for military spouses. They’ll also be able to learn about the resources SBA provides to aspiring and established small businesses and network with other successful veteran small business owners like former U.S Navy SEAL Eli Crane, the owner of Bottle Breacher (as seen on Shark Tank).” [Impact News Service, Small Business Administration, 3/10/20]

Crane Was A Keynote Speaker At The Pima Community College Veterans Conference. “Pima Community College Is Inviting All Veterans To Its 7th Annual Veterans Conference On Dec. 2. The conference, held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at PCC's Proscenium Theater at its west campus at 2202 W. Anklam Road, will feature more than 25 veteran resources vendors. Speakers will include Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild, PCC Chancellor Lee D. Lambert and Angela Cody-Rouget, a U.S. Air Force major who started Major Mom, a cleaning and organization business. The keynote speaker will be Eli Crane, a former Navy SEAL and the CEO of Bottle Breacher, which makes bottle openers out of decommissioned, dummy .50-caliber ammunition.” [The Sahuarita Sun, 11/16/16]

2018: Eli Crane Was Appointed To The Small Business Administration’s Advisory Committee On Veterans Business Affairs. “SBA Administrator Linda McMahon has named seven new members to three-year terms on the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs (ACVBA) and one new member to a two-year term on the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development (IATF). Both committees serve as independent sources of advice and policy recommendations to the SBA Administrator, the Associate Administrator of the Office of Veterans Business Development, Congress, the President, and other U.S. policy makers under Section 203 of the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999. Both ACVBA and IATF committees are established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. [...] * - Elijah Crane, Founder and CEO of Bottle Breacher, LLC. Crane is a Navy veteran, serving 13 years as a Navy SEAL.” [Small Business Administration, Press Release, 5/23/18]

Bottle Breacher

Crane Was The Founder And CEO Of Bottle Breacher, A Company That Was Started In A Garage In San Diego, California In 2012. “Eli Crane is the founder and CEO of Bottle Breacher, a company that was started in a one car garage in San Diego, California. Bottle Breacher has grown continually and accomplished so much as a company since starting in 2012. In an interview with Beyond Battle, Eli talks about his personal life experiences, and how he got to be where he is now.” [Bottle Breacher, Blog, [10/4/18](#)]

Crane’s Company Bottle Breacher Won A Deal On The Competition Business TV Show Shark Tank. “Six years later, and after scoring a deal with two of the sharks from Shark Tank, Bottle Breacher is a growing and successful business that prides themselves on employing veterans and giving back to our Veteran community.” [Bottle Breacher, Blog, [10/4/18](#)]

Huffington Post: Bottle Breacher Was A “Made In The USA” Company. “Stand for Something: Eli says that the best training and education has come from being a Navy Seal from 2006 to 2014. He says that it was where he learned discipline, hard work, team dynamics, and integrity. He says it was the first time he really learned the importance of standing for something. Bottle Breacher is a Made in the USA company. Eli says that choosing to be a Made in the USA brand is not the easy road. He says that you must sacrifice on profit margin to stay within America, but to Eli, keeping money and jobs in the United States is his way of standing for something bigger than he is, and bigger than Bottle Breacher.” [Huffington Post, [6/22/16](#)]

4/30/20: Bottle Breacher LLC Received A \$69,296.75 PPP Loan. [USASpending.gov, accessed [7/29/21](#)]

Crane's Company, Bottle Breacher, Produced An "Unleash The Kraken" Product Celebrating Trump's Legal Challenges To The 2020 Election Results. "Unleash The Kraken is really code for Expose Evil. We demand truth, authenticity & freedom. We cheer and support those who continue to fight for it. This is why we've launched a new product: The Kraken @bottle_breacher Perfect gift made by vets in the USA! <https://t.co/gX69C02Lsb> <https://t.co/JAknJxSKap>" [Twitter, @EliCrane_CEO, [11/27/20](#)]

Crane Pledged To Donate 50% Of Bottle Breacher's July Online Profits To Concerns Of Police Survivors. "We saw Sal and Dana pledge to donate 50% of their July online profits to Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) in support of law enforcement, so we decided to stand by his side and support the same cause," said Eli." [Law Enforcement Today, [7/9/19](#)]

Acumen Performance Group

Crane's First Business Was A Performance Training Business That "Wasn't Paying The Bills." "Resilience: Bottle Breacher is not Eli Crane's first rodeo as an entrepreneur. His first foray into entrepreneurship was a business he started in the performance training space. Crane says that he loved being in charge of his own destiny, and valued the idea of building an empire that impacted people around him. The only problem was that his performance training business just wasn't paying the bills. Shark Mark Cuban is famous for saying, 'You only have to be right one time.' Eli loved being an entrepreneur but knew that he was going to have to shift." [Huffington Post, [6/22/16](#)]

2011-2015: Crane Was Director Of Training At Acumen Performance Group. [LinkedIn, accessed [8/5/21](#)]

Military

Crane Attended The University Of Arizona Before Leaving School After 9/11 To Join The Military And Serve In The Navy SEAL Unit. "Crane had just started his senior year at the University of Arizona when the terrorizing events of 9/11 happened. Instead of finishing school, Eli pursued his dream of joining the service and by the following week he was off to boot camp with a dream of being a Navy SEAL. Eli didn't actually become a SEAL until 2005 and he served a total of 13 years. In 2012, Eli was ready for his next adventure and started up his business with his wife, Jen Crane. Bottle Breacher started in a one car garage in military housing where the couple was raising their two kids." [Bottle Breacher, Blog, [10/4/18](#)]

Crane Served In The United States' Navy From 2001-2014. [LinkedIn, accessed [8/5/21](#)]

- **Crane Served As A Navy SEAL From 2006-2014.** [LinkedIn, accessed [8/5/21](#)]
- **Crane Was A Special Operations Instructor From 2012-2014.** [LinkedIn, accessed [8/5/21](#)]

Childhood

Crane Was Born In Tucson, Arizona But Moved To Yuma, Arizona During His Early Childhood. "Eli was born in Tucson, Arizona but moved to Yuma, Arizona at the age of two. He had a normal childhood and had a goal of being a football player. As he got older, the football dream diminished and he began his college career. At this time, his ultimate goal was to join the service." [Bottle Breacher, Blog, [10/4/18](#)]

Political Career

July 2022: Crane Was Endorsed By Former President Donald Trump.



Eli Crane
@EliCrane_CEO

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Endorsed by President Trump! 🇺🇸 Honored and humbled. See you at the rally tonight in Prescott Valley!



- July 22, 2022 -

Endorsement of Eli Crane

Eli Crane is running for Congress in the Great State of Arizona. Eli is a retired Navy SEAL and successful businessman who proudly served and loves our incredible, but seriously under siege, Country. Eli will Fight for Election Integrity, Secure the Border, Support our Military and Vets, and Defend the Second Amendment.

With Eli as the Republican Nominee, we will defeat Democrat Tom O'Halleran, a puppet of Nancy Pelosi, who is weak on Borders, the Second Amendment, Election Integrity, and is a disgrace to the people of Arizona. Eli Crane has my Complete and Total Endorsement!

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[Eli Crane, Twitter, [7/22/22](#)]

Crane Appeared In A Martha McSally Ad During McSally's 2020 Campaign For Senate. "Eli: 'I'm a former Navy Seal. When 9/11 happened, I dropped out of school and I went and joined the Navy. I went to Seal Team 3, went to Fallujah in 2010, and I've served with so many guys that put their life on the line for freedom. What I see going on in this country today just breaks my heart. If we are going to get this country back on track, our leaders need to quit playing it safe. They're going to have to actually lead, and I don't see guys like Mark Kelly doing that. He's gone quiet because he's a part of this nonsense. When I look at what he supports, it's not courageous at all and that bothers me to see other veterans going along with the mob and destroying this country. Mark is looking out for himself. When things get tough, you want people who have walked through a storm. Who have been forged

in fire. I love supporting Martha McSally because she's courageous. She broke barriers. We should all go out and support the candidate who's going to be a fighter when times are tough.” [McSally For Senate, [9/10/20](#)]

2020: Eli Crane Endorsed Derrick Van Orden. “Proud to endorse my friend for Congress. I love supporting other frogmen and veterans from all units. When it comes to politics I am much more concerned with a candidates policy choices than their background. In the case of my friend Derrick Van Orden I get to support a candidate from a very solid background and more importantly one who wishes to conserve, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Learn more and if you feel the same please support this friend and Patriot. Derrick Van Orden” [Facebook, [4/4/20](#)]

2021: The Mark Levin Show Endorsed Eli Crane's Campaign. “Long time fan. I'm honored to have his support. Tonight @marklevinshow endorsed my candidacy for Congress in AZ-1. Listen to his endorsement here: [playlist.megaphone.fm/?e=WWO89388384](#)... Thank you Mark, it's an honor.” [Twitter, @EliCrane_CEO, [7/20/21](#)]

Wendy Rogers Endorsed Crane. “I endorse Eli Crane for Congress (@EliCrane_CEO). He supported the Arizona audit and he defended us when we fought to set aside the electors. He is a huge #ElectionIntegrity champion. He is also a Navy SEAL who is now active in the firearms & 2nd Amendment community. (1/2) Eli Crane will unflinchingly defend America, secure our borders, protect our guns and take care of veterans better than anyone else. Please join me in supporting Eli Crane for Congress today. #AZ02 #2A (2/2)” [Wendy Rogers, Twitter, [6/1/22](#)]

Wendy Rogers Praised Crane. “The Torreon function concluded with Rogers sharing personal stories and further espousing the beliefs of the three political candidates who had spoken previously. [...] Lastly, Rogers spoke of Crane, ending her speech by asking, ‘How often do you have a Navy SEAL come along who's going to be my congressman?’ She concluded by issuing a ‘call to service. This what I want each of you to do. I want you to realize what a precarious edge we're on now. ‘I want to you to dig deeply into your pockets to donate. You need to donate to Kari Lake. It's absolutely essential that you donate to Mark Finchem. You need to donate to Eli Crane. That's how you help.’” [White Mountain Independent, [5/24/22](#)]

Crane Campaigned With Kari Lake And Wendy Rogers. “Honored to have the opportunity to speak last night at the Trump Day Dinner in Show Low alongside great Patriots and leaders in the America First Movement us @KariLake @RealMarkFinchem @WendyRogersAZ @the_trumped”



[Eli Crane, Twitter, [5/22/22](#)]

Crane Was Endorsed By The National Border Patrol Council. “Honored to have the endorsement of the Border Patrol. Arizonans have suffered the consequences of failed border policies from Biden and his allies like @TomOHalloran. In 2022, I will defeat him as the @GOP and @NRCC take back the House and we fire Pelosi as Speaker. #RedWave2022” [Twitter, @EliCraneAZ, [11/9/21](#)]

Crane Signed A US Term Limits Pledge To Vote For Term Limits Of 3 House Terms For Members Of Congress. “U.S. Term Limits (USTL), the leader in the non-partisan national movement to limit terms for elected officials, praises 2022 U.S. house candidate for Arizona, Eli Crane (district 1), for signing the pledge for an amendment to term limit Congress. U.S. Term Limits has the support of more than 90 pledge signers in Congress. USTL President Philip Blumel commented on Crane’s pledge saying, ‘Eli’s strong support of term limits shows that there are individuals who are willing to put self-interest aside to follow the will of the people. America needs a Congress that will be served by citizen legislators, not career politicians.’ The U.S. Term Limits amendment pledge is provided to every announced candidate for federal office. It reads, ‘I pledge that as a member of Congress, I will cosponsor and vote for the U.S. Term Limits amendment of three (3) House terms and two (2) Senate terms and no longer limit.’” [US Term Limits, Press Release, [9/14/21](#)]

Personal Political History

Personal Political Donations

Crane Has Given \$100.00 To Federal Political Candidates

According to the Federal Election Commission, Crane has given \$100.00 to federal political candidates.

Crane Political Giving History - Federal			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
7/1/20	WINRED: Earmarked For Americans for Parnell Committee	R	\$100.00
		Total	

[FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed [9/7/22](#)]

Crane Has Given \$4,235.00 To State-Level Political Candidates

According to Arizona Secretary of State, Crane has given \$4,235.00 to state-level candidates.

Crane Political Giving History - State			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
5/24/22	Kari Lake For Governor	R	\$1,500.00
3/1/22	Mark Finchem For Secretary Of State	R	\$2,500.00
10/4/21	Pima County Republican Party	R	\$100.00
9/22/21	Pima County Republican Party	R	\$130.00
9/15/15	Al Melvin For Corporation Commissioner	R	\$5.00
		Total	

[Arizona Secretary of State, accessed [9/7/22](#)]

Voter Activity

Crane Was Registered To Vote In Arizona's 6th Congressional District

Crane Was Registered To Vote At 10955 N Delphinus Street, Oro Valley, AZ, 85742. [VoteBuilder, accessed 9/7/22]

- **10955 N Delphinus Street, Oro Valley, AZ, 85742 Was Located In AZ-06.** [Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission, Accessed [7/27/22](#)]

2016 – 2021: Crane Voting History In Arizona

Crane Voting History (2016-2022)	
Year	Description
2020	Voted in the general election
2018	Voted in the general election
2016	Voted in the general election

[VoteBuilder, accessed 9/7/22]