

RFK JR.'S MAGA AGENDA

From abortion to education, RFK Jr. has long embraced a right-wing agenda that makes him right at home in Trump's orbit.

As far back as 1978, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has been on the record as an opponent of abortion. During his run for the presidency, however, Kennedy has likened his advocacy for women's right to choose with his opposition to government-mandated vaccines, expressed sympathy for those who oppose abortions and, during a campaign stop, said he had "seen pictures of late-term abortions that are horrifying." He frequently downplayed the salience of the issue, referring to it as a "trigger issue," a "little issue," and a "culture-war issue."

Despite his son risking his life to fight for the Ukrainian cause, RFK Jr. has been an adamant supporter of Russia and its dictator president, Vladimir Putin, in their war against Ukraine. He has falsely laid blame for the war on the United States and its NATO allies and said he would allow Russia to keep whatever land it illegally took from Ukraine. He has been a supporter of the Kremlin's Western allies like Edward Snowden.

RFK Jr. also expressed empathy and solidarity with pro-Trump insurrectionists who tried to overrun the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. His campaign called them "J6 activists" who were "sitting in a Washington DC jail cell stripped of their Constitutional liberties" and has said he would consider pardoning those convicted of crimes related to the insurrection. Similarly, he would not commit to accepting the results of the 2024 election.

And despite claiming to be one of the country's leading environmentalists, RFK Jr. is making money from oil and gas drilling across the South and Midwest. In his personal financial disclosure, RFK Jr. disclosed owning a stake in Arctic Royalty LP, a Kennedy family limited partnership that leases land—primarily in Texas and Oklahoma—for oil and gas drilling.

RFK Jr. Opposed Removing Confederate Statues

RFK JR. SAID HE HAD A "VISCERAL REACTION" TO REMOVAL OF CONFEDERATE STATUES

May 2024: RFK Jr. Expressed A "Visceral Reaction" To The Removal Of Confederate Statues. According to NBC News, "Independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. criticized the removal of Confederate statues in a recent interview, arguing that the people they honor may have had 'other qualities.' Speaking Friday on the 'Timcast IRL' podcast, Kennedy described a 'visceral reaction to this destroying history.' 'I don't like it,' he told conservative podcaster Tim Pool. 'I think we should celebrate who we are. And that, you know, we should celebrate the good qualities of everybody.'" [NBC News, [5/28/24](#)]

RFK JR. PRAISED ROBERT E. LEE AND "OTHER QUALITIES" OF CONFEDERATES

May 2024: RFK Jr. Suggested Confederate Figures Had "Other Qualities" Worth Recognizing. According to NBC News, "Kennedy also pointed to 'heroes in the Confederacy who didn't have slaves,' but he later praised Robert E. Lee, a slave owner, suggesting Lee, the top Confederate general, demonstrated 'extraordinary qualities of leadership' that warranted recognition. 'We need to be able to be sophisticated enough to live with, you know, our ancestors who didn't agree with us on everything and who did things that are now regarded as immoral or wrong, because they, you know, maybe they had other qualities,' Kennedy said. " [NBC News, [5/28/24](#)]

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RFK Jr. Wanted To Ban Abortion

AS EARLY AS 1978 RFK JR. STATED HIS OPPOSITION TO ABORTION

1978: RFK Jr. Said He Was “Against Abortion Myself On A Moral Basis.” According to The Washington Post, “Of all the Kennedys, he thinks his aunt, Eunice Shriver, would make a ‘terrific’ president. ‘She’s very bright, well organized, a very good administrator.’ He conceded that she would also be controversial, for such views as her tough anti-abortion stance. ‘I’m against abortion myself on a moral basis, but I have some reservations about how much we can impose our sort of moral ideas and religious beliefs upon other Americans through the law.’” [Washington Post, [8/12/78](#)]

2005: RFK Jr. Said He Was “Pro-Life.” According to Houston Chronicle, “As he talked about the Catholic Church today, Kennedy leaned forward on his couch. He said he is content to focus on elements of the church that he loves, and that he considers many priests to be role models, but he is impatient with the church’s leadership. Kennedy, who describes himself as ‘pro-life,’ appears particularly incensed by the argument put forward by some Catholic bishops that last year’s Democratic nominee for president, Sen. John Kerry, should have been denied Communion because of his support for abortion rights. ‘The debate was a silly one, to try to deprive people of their opportunity to get closer to God, when we should be encouraging people to get closer to God, and to commune with the community,’ Kennedy said.” [Boston Globe, [3/15/05](#)]

August 2023: RFK Jr. Said, “Every Abortion Is A Tragedy,” And He Had “Seen Pictures Of Late-Term Abortions That Are Horrifying.” VIDEO [00:00:00] (AUDIENCE MEMBER): Will you start (inaudible) choice, freedom of choice for women on birth—birth, birth or no birth? DENNIS KUCINICH: Thank you very much. Thanks for the question. Mr. Kennedy? ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.: Yeah. The answer to the last question: I think every abortion is a tragedy, but I think we need to trust women. You know, I’ve been fighting for medical freedom and bodily autonomy for all of my life, and I am probably the leading (inaudible). I don’t think the government has the competence to interfere in our own medical decisions, what happens to our bodies. But I also understand both sides of the abortion argument. I’ve seen pictures of late-term abortions that are horrifying, and my family is split on the issue. And I don’t think anybody should be disrespected for their views on this issue. It’s a difficult issue, and it’s difficult for all of us. I believe only – the only good choice or the only choice we have is to trust women. [YouTube, Kelly Carson, [4/11/24](#)]

January 2024: RFK Jr. Said, “I’m Not Happy About Abortions.” VIDEO [01:11:52] HOWIE MANDEL: Abortion. ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.: Abortion is a, is a woman’s choice. You know, look, I’ve been a premier leader in this country for many, many years fighting for medical freedom, for autonomy, that people should have autonomy over their own bodies. And, you know, I’m not happy about abortions. I think there—every one is a tragedy. But I think that, you know, the government can’t be the arbiter and that we have to trust women and, you know, ultimately, it’s up to—it’s got to be up to a woman to make that choice. MANDEL: Well as far as giving it to the states or do you think it’s a federal law—would you release, would you return to Roe v. Wade. KENNEDY: I think, I think women should have that right wherever they live. MANDEL: OK. But should it be the state’s decision or a federal? JACKELYN SHULTZ: No. KENNEDY: I think women—I think women should have the right to wherever they live. SHULTZ: He meant, he means completely across the board. MANDEL: OK, all right. Well thank you. SHULTZ: You’re welcome. I clarified—KENNEDY: Thank you. SHULTZ: So that you didn’t have to. [YouTube, Howie Mandel Does Stuff, [1/16/24](#)]

RFK JR. SAID HE WOULD SIGN A 15-WEEK ABORTION BAN

RFK Jr. Said He Supported A Federal 15-Week Abortion Ban. According to Politico, “Speaking to NBC from the Iowa State Fair, Kennedy said, ‘I believe a decision to abort a child should be up to the women during the first three months of life,’ but added: ‘Once a child is viable, outside the womb, I think then the state has an interest in protecting the child.’ He said he would sign a federal ban on abortion after 15 weeks or 21 weeks of pregnancy if he were elected president.” [Politico, [8/13/23](#)]

- **RFK Jr.: “I Think The States Have A Right To Protect A Child Once The Child Becomes Viable.”** According to Politico, “NBC reporter Ali Vitali posed a string of abortion questions to Kennedy, who answered ‘yes’ to ‘So you would cap it at 15 weeks?’ She followed up by asking ‘Or 21 weeks?’ to which he said, ‘Yes, three months.’ The exchange continued, and Vitali said: ‘I’m surprised to hear you say you’d cap it.’ Kennedy responded to that last statement by saying, ‘I think the states have a right to protect a child once the child becomes viable, and that right, it increases.’” [Politico, [8/13/23](#)]

Vice President Mike Pence Also Called For A Federal 15-Week Ban

Former Vice President Mike Pence Also Supported A 15-Week Federal Abortion Ban. According to Politico, “Limits on abortion have been widely discussed in the Republican presidential field. Former Vice President Mike Pence, for instance, has called for his fellow GOP presidential candidates to support a 15-week national ban.” [Politico, [8/13/23](#)]

RFK Jr.’s Campaign Tried To Walk Back His Support Of A National Abortion Ban

RFK Jr.’s Campaign Claimed He Did Not Support The National Abortion Ban He Endorsed. According to Politico, “But his campaign subsequently said Kennedy did not mean to support any federal limits on abortion. ‘Today, Mr. Kennedy misunderstood a question posed to him by a NBC reporter in a crowded, noisy exhibit hall at the Iowa State Fair,’ his campaign said. ‘Mr. Kennedy’s position on abortion is that it is always the woman’s right to choose. He does not support legislation banning abortion.’” [Politico, [8/13/23](#)]

RFK JR. HIRED AS A CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT A TRUMP-SUPPORTING ANTI-ABORTION ACTIVIST AND QUOTED HER MISLEADING ABORTION DATA

Angela Stanton-King Was Hired As A Consultant On RFK Jr.’s Campaign

December 2023-February 2024: Team Kennedy Paid Stanton-King \$30,000 For “Campaign Consulting.” According to Federal Election Commission data, Team Kennedy paid Angela Stanton-King, listed as “Angela King,” \$30,000 between December 2023 and February 2024—\$10,000 on December 8, 2023; January 2, 2024; and February 1, 2024— for “campaign consulting” and reimbursed her for \$1,646.37 on February 16, 2024. [FEC, [viewed 4/11/24](#)]

RFK Jr. Often Cited Stanton-King’s Misleading Information About Abortions

February 2024: RFK Jr. Said Stanton-King Had “Educated Me About The Fact That 85% Of Abortions Are With Black Women, That A Lot Of The Abortion Clinics Are Put With The Black Neighborhoods, The Fertility Clinics Are All Put In White Neighborhoods.” VIDEO [00:00:00] ANGELA STANTON-KING: One of the conversations that we talk about, Bobby, something that you know is very important to me because you came by and you visited Auntie Angie’s House, was this Black maternal health crisis that we are currently dealing with in this nation, and I think that that’s so important because, you know, if we’re not giving birth to Black babies, we don’t have to worry about anything else impacting Black life. Can you talk to us really quickly about just experience you had with the women that day? And what do you plan to do about that particular issue once you make it in office? ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.: Yeah, I mean , there were a whole lot of issues that came out of that evening, and of course I spent a day with you at Angie’s House, and you educated me about the fact that 85% of abortions are with Black women, that a lot of the abortion clinics are put with the black neighborhoods, the fertility clinics are all put in white neighborhoods, and, you know, what you said—and you and I disagree on, you know, some issues about how to regulate abortion, because I just—I’m a medical freedom advocate my whole life, you know, you shouldn’t, the government shouldn’t be telling you what you can, what drugs you need to take and they shouldn’t be telling you what to do with your body. We need to leave it up to the woman—women. But there’s another issue which you really educated me about, which is the amount of money spent funneling women into that corral to get an abortion and the coercion that takes place, which should not take place, and that there are many, many women who are making that choice, which is a life-changing choice for many of them, because they don’t have the access, the money, the resources to bring that baby to

term, and I agree 100%. There is nobody in this country who we should say—who should have to make a choice that they don't, to get an abortion because they don't have the money to bring their baby to term and that we're putting all of this money into, you know, making abortion really super accessible, which is fine, but we should spend the same amount of money in making, you know, non-abortion accessible as well for women who just don't want it for others. [YouTube, Kelly Carson, [4/11/24](#); Team Kennedy, [viewed 4/12/24](#)]

February 2024: RFK Jr. Said Stanton-King Taught Him That “85% Of The Abortions That Take Place In This Country Are Among Black Women, And They—The Institutions Themselves, The Planned Parenthood Facilities Are Most Often Cited In Black Neighborhoods.” VIDEO [00:07:45] ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.: Thank you, Angela. And thank you for your, your advocacy on this issue and for your friendship. I—my—as Angela said my orientation, I've been one of the leading fighters in this country for medical autonomy, for medical freedom. I don't think the government—my posture is the government should not be telling people what to do with their bodies. And, but at the same time, I come from a family that is divided between pro-choice and pro-life. My closest mentor in my family was Eunice Shriver, who is very, very much pro-life. I think we all ought to be able to have this conversation and treat each other with respect. And that is the relationship that Angela and I have. And I, I, I also feel like and what I've said to Angela and what I've learned from her, 85% of the abortions that take place in this country are among Black women, and they—the institutions themselves, the Planned Parenthood facilities are most often cited in Black neighborhoods. And for a lot of these young Black mothers, the choice, the difficult choice to have an abortion is driven by economic indicators, by economic strictures, by the, the difficulty of raising a child. Today, childcare costs on average about 37% of a mother's income. And we should not be in a situation in this country where any mother is aborting a child because they believe they can't afford that baby, and we ought to be putting the same amount of resources into making sure nobody has to make that choice as we're putting in to Planned Parenthood. And that is what I do as president. I you know, my, my view is that we need, I think, the ultimate choice to have an abortion—every abortion is a tragedy, but the ultimate choice should not be with the government. We have to ultimately—it's never a good choice, it's never an easy issue—but ultimately we have to trust the mother and her consultations with her pastor, her doctors, but she has to make her own choice. [YouTube, Blacks for Kennedy, [2/15/24](#)]

January 2024: RFK Jr. Said He Had Discussed With Stanton-King That “85% Of The Abortions Are Among Black Women And That, If You Look Where The Planned Parenthood Facilities Are, They're Invariably In Black Neighborhoods.” VIDEO [00:00:50] ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.: My approach even the environmental regulation is free markets. You know, it's not top-down regulation. And I've always been that way. On social issues—gay rights, civil rights, you know, I would say that I'm progressive, that I, you know, I believe that that's what America's about. On abortion my position is, you know, I'm a medical freedom advocate, and I have been, you know, probably the leading medical freedom advocate. I believe—I don't believe the government should—can be telling people what to do with their bodies. Now, I have a very close friendship with Angela Stanton-King, who feels differently than I do about that, and I. I come from a family that was split on that issue. My closest—SHELLEY WYNTER: And we're talking about the issue of abortion. KENNEDY: Abortion, yeah, you know my closest kind of confidante growing up was my aunt Eunice Shriver, who was opposite of that. WYNTER: Right. KENNEDY: And I respect that. And I think that, you know, those issues need to be voiced and talked about. And what, you know, Angela's, what we've talked a lot about of that is that 85% of the abortions are among Black women and that, if you look where the Planned Parenthood facilities are, they're invariably in black neighborhoods. And it's you know, it's—and my position is. that no woman in this country ought to get an abortion because she can't afford a baby, you know, because she can't afford child care. Child care now is 37% of income for average Americans, so if you're going to raise a child right he'll bankrupt you, it'll bankrupt you, and a lot of women are making that choice, and my position is nobody should have to make that choice, that, you know, that we need to be able to offer women options, including, you know, we're going to help you with childcare. Now that's—WYNTER: That's where Angie's house comes in, a shameless plug for my sister. KENNEDY: Exactly. [YouTube, 95.5 WSB, [1/18/24](#)]

The Claims Were Not True

2021: 42% Of Women Who Had Abortions In 31 States, The District Of Columbia, And New York City—Which Reported The Data To The CDC—Were Black. According to the Pew Research Center, “In the District of Columbia, New York City (but not the rest of New York) and the 31 states that reported racial and ethnic data on abortion to the CDC, 42% of all women who had abortions in 2021 were non-Hispanic Black, while 30% were non-Hispanic White, 22% were Hispanic and 6% were of other races.” [Pew Research Center, [3/25/24](#)]

2022: PolitiFact Rated Candace Owens’s Claim That 79% Of Planned Parenthood Clinics Were In Minority Neighborhoods As “Mostly False.” According to PolitiFact, “Owens claimed that ‘79%’ of Planned Parenthood clinics are in minority neighborhoods. ‘This is not by accident. That is by its founder, Margaret Sanger’s, eugenicist design,’ she said. Data on this matter is dispute, with advocates on each side of the abortion debate arriving at separate conclusions based on different methodology. Sanger has been criticized for supporting eugenics, but scholars say her allegiance to the movement concerned public health, not race. She also was largely opposed to abortion, and none of her clinics performed the procedure until after her death. This statement contains an element of truth but ignores critical facts that would give a different impression. We rate it Mostly False.” [PolitiFact, [5/18/22](#)]

Stanton-King Was A MAGA Republican Who Was Pardoned By Trump

Stanton-King Ran Against Civil Rights Icon Rep. John Lewis And Accused Him Of Supporting African-American “Genocide”

March 2020: Stanton-King Ran Against U.S. Rep. John Lewis As A Republican. According to WXIA-TV, “An Atlanta woman pardoned In February by President Donald Trump announced Friday she is running for congress against civil rights icon and Georgia Democrat Rep. John Lewis. Angela Stanton-King told 11Alive that she felt compelled to run for office after reflecting on her past, and that it’s a dream come true for her. She qualified Friday for the 5th District race as a Republican.” [WXIA-TV, [3/6/20](#)]

Stanton-King Accused Lewis Of “Receiving Funding For Our Own Genocide,” Referring To The African-American Community, Because He Was “Funded By [...] The Number One Killer Of Black Life.” According to WXIA-TV, “‘With all respect to Congressman Lewis, when I think about him, I always have that image in my mind when he was on the Selma Bridge,’ she said. ‘The truth of the matter is, with all that he has given towards the fight for civil rights – which we greatly appreciate – these are no longer the days of marching over the Selma Bridge.’ ‘There is a different injustice we are fighting now, and its for the lives of our unborn children,’ Stanton-King continued. ‘I think that it’s important to raise awareness about the fact that forty-six percent of the black population has been aborted, and many of our leaders in congress are funded by Planned Parenthood, which is the number one killer of black life. Unfortunately, Mr. Lewis happens to be one of those congressmen.’ [...] ‘How can a dream live if we kill it, right? How many Martin Luther King Jr.s, and Malcom Xs, or Barack Obamas have we aborted?’ she asked. ‘Every time you hear that the majority of Democratic candidates go on stage, they say poor women of color need access to abortion. I was born to a poor woman of color. I was a poor woman of color when I gave birth to my children. Who’s to say that their lives are worth any less than others? So, I think we need to take a different approach to the issue instead of constantly receiving funding for our own genocide.’” [WXIA-TV, [3/6/20](#)]

Martin Luther King Jr.’s Daughter Bernice A. King Wrote That Lewis “Poured Out His Life And Built, Principled Brick By Principled Brick, With Nonviolence Providing Him The Strategy And The Tools. In an op-ed, Bernice A. King wrote: “It was not until later in my life, when I had an opportunity to more diligently study the civil rights movement and observe those who sacrificed their lives, that I better understood the principle and the fortitude required to exemplify the principle. In particular, I came to see that the life of Georgia Democratic Rep. John Lewis, whom we in my family affectionately called Uncle John, embodied this principle and demonstrated the courage of conviction to live it out. [...] For the sake of a divine call, Uncle John poured out his life and built, principled brick by principled brick, with nonviolence providing him the strategy and the tools, a life of steadfast service from Alabama to Washington. He maintained a passionate stance for good in the face of a resurgence of tangible racism in the corridors of the nation’s most hallowed government buildings and across the nation. Uncle John persevered in showing up nonviolently to conflicts in Congress, fighting for people by fighting for the policies that he deemed most just.” [Bernice A. King op-ed, NBC News, [7/21/20](#)]

Stanton-King Was Pardoned By Trump After Spending Two Years In Prison For Her Involvement In A Car-Theft Ring

Trump Pardoned Stanton-King For Her Crimes As Part Of A Car Theft Ring, For Which She Spent More Than Two Years In Prison. According to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, “Stanton-King was recently pardoned by President Donald Trump after her 2004 conviction on federal conspiracy charges for her role in a car theft ring. She spent more than two years in prison. [...] A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Stanton-King said both her mother and grandmother died while she was in jail. She said that in 2004 she gave birth to a daughter in jail while handcuffed to a bed. In 2007, after serving time in several state

prisons, Stanton-King served a six-month home confinement sentence for her role in the stolen-vehicle ring.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [3/6/20](#)]

February 2020: Stanton-King Said She Had Just “Pardoned By The Greatest President Ever,” A Reference To Trump, During A White House Roundtable With Trump. VIDEO [00:03:18] ANGELA STANTON-KING: Angela Stanton-King. Founder of America Keep Foundation. Recently pardoned by the greatest president ever. [C-SPAN, [2/27/20](#)]

Stanton-King Supported Trump’s Call For The White Supremacist Proud Boys To Prepare For Violence

September 2020: Stanton-King Supported Trump’s Call For The Proud Boys To “Stand Back And Stand By.” According to WXIA-TV, “But during the exchange with Biden and the moderator, Chris Wallace, Trump told the Proud Boys to ‘stand back and stand by’. The Proud Boys is a far-right extremist group that has shown up at protests in the Pacific Northwest. The group describes themselves as “western chauvinists,” and they have been known to incite street violence. [...] Angela Stanton-King, Republican candidate for Georgia’s 5th Congressional District: ‘The President has repeatedly condemned white supremacy, specifically saying in the wake of Charlottesville, ‘Racism is evil and those who cause violence in its name are criminals and thugs, including the KKK, neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and other hate groups. I believe the point the President was trying to make in the middle of a fiery debate is that all violence and hate should be condemned, including the leftist groups rioting in major cities across our country.’” [WXIA-TV, [9/30/20](#)]

RFK JR. REFUSED TO OFFER POLICY SOLUTIONS FOR ABORTION AND DOWNPLAYED IT AS AN ISSUE

RFK Jr. Did Not Have Policies For Abortion

April 2024: RFK Jr.’s Campaign Did Not Have A Policy Section Regarding Women Or Abortion. As of April 11, 2024, Team Kennedy’s website did not list under “Policies” anything labeled with the words abortion or women. [Team Kennedy, viewed [4/11/24](#)]

January 2024: RFK Jr. Did Not Directly Answer When Asked Whether The U.S. Should Return To Roe V. Wade Or Leave Abortion Policy Up To States. VIDEO [01:11:52] HOWIE MANDEL: Abortion. ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.: Abortion is a, is a woman’s choice. You know, look, I’ve been a premier leader in this country for many, many years fighting for medical freedom, for autonomy, that people should have autonomy over their own bodies. And, you know, I’m not happy about abortions. I think there—every one is a tragedy. But I think that, you know, the government can’t be the arbiter and that we have to trust women and, you know, ultimately, it’s up to—it’s got to be up to a woman to make that choice. MANDEL: Well as far as giving it to the states or do you think it’s a federal law—would you release, would you return to Roe v. Wade. KENNEDY: I think, I think women should have that right wherever they live. MANDEL: OK. But should it be the state’s decision or a federal? JACKELYN SHULTZ: No. KENNEDY: I think women—I think women should have the right to wherever they live. SHULTZ: He meant, he means completely across the board. MANDEL: OK, all right. Well thank you. SHULTZ: You’re welcome. I clarified—KENNEDY: Thank you. SHULTZ: So that you didn’t have to. [YouTube, Howie Mandel Does Stuff, [1/16/24](#)]

November 2023: RFK Jr. Said He Did Not Have Ideas For What President Biden Should Be Doing To Support Abortion Rights After Roe V. Wade Was Struck Down. VIDEO [00:00:00] NAWAZ: So what does that look like as a president in terms of what you could do at the federal level to protect, protect abortion rights? KENNEDY: Uh, uh, tell me what you’re talking about. NAWAZ: What do you think, for example, President Biden could be doing now that he’s not to protect abortion rights after the Supreme Court struck down Roe v Wade? KENNEDY: Well, I’m not, I don’t know what he should be doing other than, you know, I believe that it’s a woman’s right to choose. If you’re asking me am I recommending legislation right now, I’m all ears. [YouTube, PBS NewsHour, [11/7/23](#)]

RFK Jr. Downplayed The Importance Of Abortion As An Issue

Kennedy’s Campaign Website Referred To Abortion As A “Trigger Issue” On Which “Both Sides Have Legitimate Concerns And Legitimate Moral Positions.” According to Team Kennedy, “Kennedy has clear positions on most of today’s divisive trigger issues like abortion, guns, and immigration, but he knows that both sides have legitimate concerns and legitimate moral positions. No one is deplorable. Furthermore, most of the disagreements obscure deeper shared values.” [Team Kennedy via Internet Archive, [archived 4/10/24](#)]

April 2024: RFK Jr. Said Whether Former President Trump Or President Biden Won The Election Would Not Would Only Cause “Changes Around The Margins,” Including On “Abortion Or Whatever.” VIDEO [00:25:51] ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.: I don’t think that either of them are capable of ending the corporate capture of all of our agencies, the capture of the CIA by the military industrial complex, the capture of NIH, CDC and FDA by the pharmaceutical companies, the capture of the USDA by processed food and big ag. They’re not going to do anything about that. So it’s going to be more of the same. Whoever gets elected, there’s going to be changes around the margins, you know, attacks on abortion or whatever. [YouTube, CNN, [4/1/24](#)]

March 2024: RFK Jr. Referred To Abortion As A “Culture-War Issue” That Was Not “Existential.” VIDEO [00:23:05] ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR. I think that President Trump and President Biden are very, very different in terms of their temperament, their personalities. Their ideologies, the language and rhetoric that they use is very, very different. But the issues that they really differ on are mainly culture war issues. They’re the issues of abortion, of guns, the border, and most of the other issues there’s really—the existential issues—and those are important issues. You know, they’re very, very important to many Americans. They should be. But on the existential issues, the issues that could kill this country. There is no difference. There is no capacity to fix those issues. [YouTube, Monique Reymond, [4/3/24](#); Team Kennedy, [viewed 4/11/24](#)]

February 2024: RFK Jr. Said Abortion Was One Of The “Little Issues” “That Are Being Used To Keep Us Apart.” VIDEO [00:28:58] ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.: What I said is that my job during my campaign and my—during the eight years of my presidency is to end that rancor and focus on the values that we all share in common as Americans rather than the, you know, these culture war issues that are allowed to keep us—that are being used to keep us apart. And what I’ve found since starting this campaign is that those landscapes that are occupied by the things that that we all feel strongly about are much, much larger than the little issues that, you know, the guns, the abortion, the border, etc., which are all important, but—and climate—if you—it’s much larger. By the way, I’ll give you some examples. I have supporters who are or pro, you know, Second Amendment absolutists and people who are pro-gun control, I have abortion and pro-life supporters. I have vaccinated people and anti-vax. [YouTube, Todd Ault Podcast, [2/9/24](#)]

RFK Jr. Supported January 6 Insurrectionists

RFK JR.’S CAMPAIGN EQUATED “J6 ACTIVISTS” HAD BEEN “STRIPPED OF THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES”

April 3, 2024: Team Kennedy Said Those Arrested For Participating In The January 6 Insurrection Were “J6 Activists” And Compared Them To “Political Prisoner” Julian Assange. In an emailed message from the Team Kennedy campaign with the subject line “We Must Free Assange!” and signed “Team Kennedy,” the campaign wrote: “Time is short. We are calling on you to help our campaign help political prisoner Julian Assange regain his freedom once and for all. You see, over the last 72 hours, a British Court put off extraditing Assange to the US Military Authorities on one condition: the US government must assure the Brits that Assange will not face the death penalty for his alleged crimes. We Must Free Assange Now! The Brits want to make sure our government doesn’t kill Assange. This is the reality that every American Citizen faces – from Ed Snowden, to Julian Assange to the J6 activists sitting in a Washington DC jail cell stripped of their Constitutional liberties. Please help our campaign call out the illiberal actions of our very own government. The US Department of Defense is attempting to cover up their war crimes, and for those like Assange who expose the DoD – they are lucky if they escape the death penalty. Think about that a moment: Freedom of the Press = The Death Penalty. In what universe are we living?” [Email, Team Kennedy, 4/3/24]

April 3, 2024: Team Kennedy Said Assange Faced Death At The Hands Of The U.S. Government And Said, “This Is The Reality That Every American Citizen Faces – From Ed Snowden, To Julian Assange To The J6 Activists Sitting In A Washington DC Jail Cell Stripped Of Their Constitutional Liberties.” In an emailed message from the Team

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KENNEDY SHANAHAN

Dear Liz,

Rarely do opposites attract, especially in Washington.

Yet regarding the case of Julian Assange, the WikiLeaks founder who is facing extradition to the US, both hard-right Marjorie Taylor Green and hard-left Ilhan Omar Agree:

We Must Free Assange Now!

It is urgent you and I take action right now by [clicking here](#). Congress and the President can stop this outrageous miscarriage of justice by supporting the passage of **House Resolution 934** – Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives:

“Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that regular journalistic activities are protected under the First Amendment, and that the United States ought to drop all charges against and attempts to extradite Julian Assange.”

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RFK JR. SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER PARDONING JANUARY 6 CONVICTS BUT WOULD NOT COMMIT TO ACCEPTING THE 2024 ELECTION RESULTS

March 2024: RFK Jr. Said He “Would Look At Individual Cases” When Asked If He Would Pardon January 6 Convicts. According to The Hill, “Independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said he won’t speak about potentially pardoning the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol rioters until he wins the general election. Kennedy refrained from sharing much about his approach to those who stormed the Capitol a little over three years ago, saying he would approach it on a case-by-case basis, but he stated he would pardon American intelligence contractor Edward Snowden and WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. ‘I would not comment on that,’ Kennedy told Fox News’s Neil Cavuto in a Tuesday interview when asked if he thought it’d be a ‘good idea’ to pardon any Jan. 6 rioters. ‘You know, that’s not something that I would comment on until I was president of the United States.’ Cavuto asked Kennedy about his preferred approach after mentioning that former President Trump said Monday he would free all Jan. 6 ‘hostages’ if elected back into the White House. [...] Cavuto then asked if he would extend that to those who rioted on Jan. 6 and are in jail. ‘I would look at individual cases,’ Kennedy said.” [The Hill, [3/12/24](#)]

November 2023: RFK Jr. Said He Would Consider Pardoning January 6 Rioters. According to The Washington Post, “As president, would you pardon or consider pardoning people convicted in connection with the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol? Maybe. Kennedy said he would consider pardoning people convicted in connection to Jan. 6. In response to The Post’s questionnaire, Kennedy said, ‘If prosecutorial malfeasance is demonstrated, then yes. Otherwise, no.’” [Washington Post, [11/8/23](#)]

November 2023: RFK Jr. Would Not Commit To Accepting The Results Of The 2024 Election. According to The Washington Post, “Will you commit today to accepting the certified results of the 2024 election? No. Kennedy did not commit to accepting the certified results of the 2024 election. In response to The Post, Kennedy said, ‘This is not the right question’ and that the focus should instead be on asking how we can ‘make the voting process uncorruptible (sic).’ ‘The fact that your question even needs to be asked points to a serious problem,’ he said.” [Washington Post, [11/8/23](#)]

RFK JR. SAID PRESIDENT BIDEN, NOT PRESIDENT TRUMP, WAS THE BIGGEST THREAT TO DEMOCRACY

April 1, 2024: RFK Jr. Said, “I Can Make The Argument That President Biden Is A Much Worse Threat To Democracy” Than President Trump. According to The Washington Post, “Kennedy was being interviewed by CNN host Erin Burnett. Burnett asked Kennedy if he really felt that there was no important difference between Biden and Trump. ‘I can make the argument that President Biden is a much worse threat to democracy,’ Kennedy replied. ‘The reason for that is President Biden is the first candidate in history, the first president in history that has used the federal agencies to censor political speech, so to censor his opponent. ‘The greatest threat to democracy is not somebody who questions election returns,’ he added a moment later, ‘but a president of the United States who uses the power of his office to force the social media companies, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter to open a portal and give access to that portal to the FBI, to the CIA, to the IRS, to CISA, to NIH to censor his political critics.’” [Washington Post, [4/2/24](#)]

RFK Jr. Sided With Russia

RFK JR. TOOK SEVERAL PRO-RUSSIAN STANCES AS A CANDIDATE

RFK Jr. Blamed The U.S. For Russia’s War Against Ukraine, Saying Russia “Acted In Good Faith”

RFK Jr.’s Campaign Literature Said He “Opposed US And UK Scuttling Of The Ukraine Peace Deal And Subsequent Arming Of Ukraine.” According to Team Kennedy’s “Presidential Policy Matrix” comparing Robert F. Kennedy, President Biden, and Donald Trump, “Robert F. Kennedy Jr. [...] Opposed US and UK scuttling of the Ukraine

peace deal and subsequent arming of Ukraine. Doesn't believe Ukraine can beat Russia militarily and supports return to the peace plan and reallocation of these billions of dollars to domestic priorities.” [Team Kennedy via Internet Archive, [archived 4/6/24](#)]

June 2023: RFK Jr. Said U.S. Involvement In Russia’s War Against Ukraine Was “Terrible For The Ukrainian People” And That The U.S. Had “Neglected Many, Many Opportunities To Settle This War Peacefully.” According to The Hill, “Democratic presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. on Wednesday said the United States’ role in the Russia-Ukraine war is ‘terrible for the Ukrainian people.’ ‘We have neglected many, many opportunities to settle this war peacefully,’ Kennedy said in a live town hall event with NewsNation, moderated by Elizabeth Vargas. ‘I think the way that we have conducted the war is bad ... is terrible for the Ukrainian people.’” [The Hill, [6/28/23](#)]

June 2023: RFK Jr. Said The “Russians Were Acting In Good Faith” In Trying To Avoid War With Ukraine And Said The U.S. “Forced [...] Zelensky To Sabotage” A Supposed Agreement Between Ukraine And Russia. According to The Hill, “Democratic presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. suggested Wednesday that Russia has been ‘acting in good faith’ in various efforts to end the war in Ukraine and placed blame on the U.S. for the 16-month long conflict. Kennedy said in an interview on SiriusXM’s ‘The Briefing with Steve Scully’ that Russian President Vladimir Putin has ‘repeatedly said yes’ to negotiations. ‘In fact, he negotiated, two times he agreed to agreements,’ Kennedy said. ‘He agreed to the Minsk Accord, and then he agreed in 2022 to an agreement that would’ve left Ukraine completely intact.’ The Minsk agreements were two separate international agreements in 2014 and 2015 that sought to end fighting in the Donbas region of Ukraine. Fighting never ended entirely, and Putin claimed that the agreements did ‘not exist’ shortly before launching his full-scale invasion of Ukraine last February. It’s not immediately clear what 2022 agreement Kennedy is referring to. However, the long-shot Democratic candidate accused the U.S. of tanking the negotiations in Wednesday’s interview. ‘It was us who forced [Ukrainian President Volodymyr] Zelensky to sabotage that agreement. It was already signed,’ Kennedy claimed. ‘So, you know, the Russians were acting in good faith. ... So, no, I think we’re the ones who have not been acting in good faith.’” [The Hill, [6/22/23](#)]

July 2023: RFK Jr. Said, “Putin, In Good Faith, Began Withdrawing Troops From The Ukraine,” But The U.S. “Sent Boris Johns Over There To Torpedo It Because We Don’t Want Peace. We Want The War With Russia.” According to The Daily Beast, “Robert F. Kennedy Jr. debated Fox News host Sean Hannity during a town hall event Tuesday about the United States’ role in the Russia-Ukraine war, with the 2024 presidential candidate claiming that the U.S. had been ‘pushing’ Ukraine into the war. Kennedy Jr., who has made similar comments placing some fault on the U.S. for the current situation, was asked if he trusted Russian President Vladimir Putin. ‘Do I trust Putin? No,’ Kennedy Jr. said. ‘Because of our pushing the Ukraine into the war—’ he added shortly after, before Hannity sought clarification. ‘We pushed them into it or did Putin invade?’ the Fox host asked. ‘Well, let me answer your question,’ replied Kennedy Jr., who then accused the U.S. of sabotaging the Minsk agreements in 2014 and 2015, which aimed to end the Donbas war yet largely failed to stop the fighting between Russian separatists and Ukraine’s armed forces. ‘Putin, in good faith, began withdrawing troops from the Ukraine. What happened? We sent Boris Johnson over there to torpedo it because we don’t want peace. We want the war with Russia,’ he argued, drawing applause from the audience.” [Daily Beast, [7/25/23](#)]

- **Newsweek Debunked Many Of RFK Jr.’s Claims That The U.S. Was Responsible For Russia’s War In Ukraine And That Russia Had Withdrawn Troops.** According to Newsweek, “Democratic 2024 presidential hopeful Robert F. Kennedy Jr. made a series of bold statements on Fox News this week, blaming the U.S. for precipitating the conditions that led to the Ukraine-Russia conflict. Kennedy argued with host Sean Hannity that attempts to de-escalate violence between the Ukrainian Army and Russian separatist forces in the Donbas and Luhansk regions prior to the war had been hamstrung by U.S. involvement that took the journey toward peace off-course. [...] Newsweek has put each of the claims it investigated to RFK Jr.’s spokespeople via email. There has been no response as of the time of publication. Unless RFK Jr. can provide substantive proof to support some of his arguments, the claims the Democratic hopeful made on Fox News simply do not match the facts.” [Newsweek, [7/28/23](#)]

May 2023: RFK Jr. Said Russians “Have Repeatedly Offered To Settle” Its War In Ukraine, But The U.S. Wants The War. “FS: That takes us to this pressing question: one thing you talk about a lot is that America is in a permanent state of war and you want to put an end to that. With regard to Ukraine, how do you propose to do that? RFK Jr: Settle it. The Russians have repeatedly offered to settle. If you look at the Minsk accords, which the Russians offered to settle for, they look like a really good deal today. Let’s be honest: it’s a US war against Russia, to essentially sacrifice the flower of Ukrainian youth in an abattoir of death and destruction for the geopolitical ambition of the neocons, oft-stated, of regime change for Vladimir Putin

and exhausting the Russian military so that they can't fight anywhere else in the world. President Biden has said that was his intention — to get rid of Vladimir Putin. His Secretary of Defense, Lloyd Austin, in April 2022, said that our purpose here is to exhaust the Russian army. What does that mean, 'exhaust'? It means throwing Ukrainians at them. My son fought over there, side-by-side with the Ukrainians and we've sacrificed 300,000 of them. The commander of the special forces unit in the Ukraine, which is probably the most elite fighting force in Europe, has said 80% of his troops are dead or are wounded and they cannot rebuild the unit. Right now, the Russians are killing Ukrainians at a ratio of either 1:5 or 1:8, depending on what data you believe." [UnHerd, [5/3/23](#)]

RFK Jr. Said He Would Allow Russia To Keep Land It Captured In Ukraine

May 2023: RFK Jr. Said He Would Allow Russia To Keep Ukrainian Land It Had Captured Because, For Example, The Donbas Region "Is 80% Ethnic Russian" And Claimed Russians There "Were Being Systematically Killed By The Ukrainian Government." According to UnHerd, "FS: If you became president you would inherit the situation as it is. Would your policy be to say that Russia can keep the territory it has conquered? You would be accused of surrendering. RFK Jr: What I'm accused of is irrelevant to me, as you may have figured out by now. Let's do what is sensible, what saves lives. This was supposed to be a humanitarian mission — that's how they sold it to us in the United States. But that would imply that the purpose of the mission was to reduce bloodshed and to shorten the conflict, and every step that we've taken has been to enlarge the conflict and to maximise bloodshed. That's not what we should be doing. If you look at the Minsk accords, it sets the groundwork for a final settlement. The Donbas region, which is 80% ethnic Russian — and Russians that were being systematically killed by the Ukrainian government — would become autonomous within Ukraine and would be protected. Let's protect those populations with a United Nations force or whatever we have to do to make sure the bloodshed stops. In addition to that, we need to remove our Aegis missile systems, which house the Tomahawk missiles — nuclear missiles — from 70 miles from the Russian border. When the Russians put nuclear missiles on Cuba, 1,500 miles from Washington DC, we were ready to invade them, and we would have invaded them if they hadn't removed them. The way they got removed ultimately is: my uncle and father made a deal with Ambassador Brennan and Khrushchev, who they had a close relationship with and they could talk directly to at that point. The deal was: we will remove our Jupiter missiles from Turkey, on your border, because we know that's intolerable to you." [UnHerd, [5/3/23](#)]

RFK Jr. Agreed With Russia And Said Ukraine Should Not Be Part Of NATO

RFK Jr. Said The U.S. "Should Also Agree To Keep NATO Out Of Ukraine, Which Is What The Russians Have Asked." According to UnHerd, "RFK Jr: [...] Russia has been invaded twice in the previous 100 years. One could see why they wouldn't want nuclear missile systems in hostile countries on their border. We should also agree to keep Nato out of Ukraine, which is what the Russians have asked. I think based upon those three points, somebody like me could settle this war. I don't think the neocons are capable of settling it, nor the people who surround President Biden — because they were the ones who created the problem. I don't think they'll ever recognise that." [UnHerd, [5/3/23](#)]

RFK JR. PRAISED EDWARD SNOWDEN AND JULIAN ASSANGE, WHISTLEBLOWERS SUPPORTED BY THE KREMLIN

Julian Assange's Website WikiLeaks Declined To Published Documents That Would Embarrass The Russian Government While It Published Documents From Democratic Operatives To Impact The 2016 Election. According to Foreign Policy, "In the summer of 2016, as WikiLeaks was publishing documents from Democratic operatives allegedly obtained by Kremlin-directed hackers, Julian Assange turned down a large cache of documents related to the Russian government, according to chat messages and a source who provided the records. WikiLeaks declined to publish a wide-ranging trove of documents — at least 68 gigabytes of data — that came from inside the Russian Interior Ministry, according to partial chat logs reviewed by Foreign Policy. The logs, which were provided to FP, only included WikiLeaks's side of the conversation. 'As far as we recall these are already public,' WikiLeaks wrote at the time. 'WikiLeaks rejects all submissions that it cannot verify. WikiLeaks rejects submissions that have already been published elsewhere or which are likely to be considered insignificant. WikiLeaks has never rejected a submission due to its country of origin,' the organization wrote in a Twitter direct message when contacted by FP about the Russian cache." [Foreign Policy, [8/17/17](#)]

September 2022: Vladimir Putin Granted Snowden Russian Citizenship. According to NPR, “Former National Security Agency contractor-turned-whistleblower Edward Snowden has been granted Russian citizenship. The news was confirmed in a decree by Russian President Vladimir Putin posted Monday to the Kremlin's website.” [NPR, [9/26/22](#)]

RFK JR. REPORTEDLY TOLD FRIENDS THAT RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN ENLISTED HIM AS AN ADVISOR

2008: New York Post Reported RFK Jr. Told Friends He Had Been Enlisted By Russian President Vladimir Putin To Advise Him On Environmental Issues. “Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is an adviser to Russian President Vladimir Putin? So says the New York Post, which reports that the eco-activist—now on vacation in Aspen, of course—is telling friends that he’s been enlisted by Putin to help clean up the heavily polluted country. Though he continues to oppose the wind-power project known as Cape Wind, Kennedy does have considerable cred among environmental types: He founded Riverkeeper, which is credited with helping to clean up the Hudson River.” [Boston Globe, [1/3/08](#)]

RFK Jr., Despite His Reputation As An Environmentalist, Owned Stakes In A company That Leased Land For Oil And Gas Drilling

RFK JR. CLAIMED TO BE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST

RFK Jr.’s Campaign Touted His “Career As Environmental Lawyer” And Being Designated By TIME Magazine As A “Hero Of The Planet.” According to Team Kennedy, “Robert F. Kennedy Jr. spent most of his career as an environmental lawyer, suing big polluters and government agencies that failed to enforce the law. By the early 2000s, he had become one of the most influential environmentalists in the United States, designated by TIME magazine as a ‘Hero of the Planet.’ RFK Jr.’s success came from uniting liberal environmentalists with conservative rod-and-gun folks who shared a desire for a clean, healthy environment. As President, he will bring the same commitment and coalition-building to address the most pressing environmental problems in America and beyond.” [Team Kennedy, [Viewed 3/7/24](#)]

RFK JR.’S CAMPAIGN WALKED BACK HIS STATEMENT THAT HE WOULD BAN FRACKING AS PRESIDENT

September 15, 2023: RFK Jr. Said As President He Would “Ban Fracking.” “Democratic presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr., while announcing his 10-point plan to end the plastics pollution crisis, said he would ban fracking. [...] But tucked into the mix of ideas Kennedy suggested was one that gained a lot of criticism on social media. ‘I will ban fracking, which provides the feedstock for most of the plastics produced in the U.S.’, Kennedy said.” [Fox News, [9/17/23](#)]

September 19, 2023: RFK Jr.’s Campaign Said He Would Not Immediately Ban Fracking But That “Existing Productive Oil And Gas Fields Will Only Be Phased Out As Suitable Alternatives Are Available.” According to Fox News, “Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.’s presidential campaign walked back his promise to ban hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking, as part of his plan to combat plastic pollution. In a statement to Fox News Digital, the campaign said Kennedy, if elected president, would implement a ‘phase out’ of fracking which would be achieved by ending taxpayer-funded subsidies for the industry and allowing the free market to work. The statement appears to soften Kennedy’s social media post last week, when he vowed to ‘ban’ fracking to ‘fix the plastics pollution crisis.’ [...] ‘He believes that fracking, at least in most locations, will no longer be viable when the practice does not receive direct or indirect subsidies, and instead is exposed to the free market,’ the statement continued. ‘Existing productive oil and gas fields will only be phased out as suitable alternatives are available, so that people and the economy can transition smoothly to new technologies.’” [Fox News, [9/19/23](#)]

RFK JR. REPORTED OWNING STAKES IN ARCTIC ROYALTY LP

2023: RFK Jr. Reported Owning Stakes In Arctic Royalty LP, Which Leased Land For Oil And Gas Rights, Valued

At Between \$31,003 And \$115,000. According to Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s personal financial disclosure, he had ownership in three family trusts that had a stake in Arctic Royalty LP, which leased land for "oil & gas rights." RFK Jr. valued his stake in Arctic Royalty LP at between \$31,003 and \$115,000 and his income from his ownership at between \$17,759 and \$29,257 for the period ranging from January 1, 2022, and August 28, 2023. [Robert F. Kennedy Jr., OGE Form 278e, Amended 8/28/23]

- **RFK Jr. Reported Owning The Stake Through "Family Trust #1," Which Was Identified As "Robert F Kennedy, Jr 1986 Trust."** According to Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s personal financial disclosure, he was a trustee of Robert F Kennedy, Jr 1986 Trust, which he labeled as "Family Trust #1." In the disclosure, he reported owning a stake in Arctic Royalty LP through "Family Trust #1," "Family Trust #2," and "Family Trust #3." [Robert F. Kennedy Jr., OGE Form 278e, Amended 8/28/23]

Arctic Royalty LP Leased Land To Dozens Of Oil And Gas Companies

1985: Arctic Royalty LP Was Formed As A Limited Partnership In Delaware. According to the Oklahoma Secretary of State's business entity search, Arctic Royalty Limited Partnership was formed on January 15, 1985. [Oklahoma Secretary of State, [Viewed 3/7/24](#)]

March 2024: Arctic Royalty Was Actively Registered To Do Business In Texas, Florida, And New York. As of March 7, 2024, Arctic Royalty LP's business registration was active in Texas, Florida, and New York; canceled in Oklahoma; and forfeited in Kansas. [Delaware Division of Corporations, [Viewed 3/7/24](#); Oklahoma Secretary of State, [Viewed 3/7/24](#); Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, [Viewed 3/7/24](#); Florida Division of Corporations, [Viewed 3/7/24](#); Kansas Secretary of State, [Viewed 3/7/24](#); New York Department of State, [Viewed 3/7/24](#)]

Arctic Royalty LP Leased Land To Occidental Petroleum In Texas. According to property records in Yoakum and Dawson counties in Texas Arctic Royalty LP leased at least five parcels of land to Occidental Permian Ltd. and at least two parcels of land to OXY USA WTP LP, as of March 2024. Occidental Permian Ltd. and OXY USA WTP LP are subsidiaries of Occidental Petroleum Corp. [Occidental Petroleum Corp., SEC Form 10-K, [2/14/24](#); Dawson County Appraisal District, Property ID 9713103, [Viewed 3/7/24](#); Dawson County Appraisal District, Property ID 9713102, [Viewed 3/7/24](#); Yoakum County Appraisal District, Property ID 135313, [Viewed 3/7/24](#); Yoakum County Appraisal District, Property ID 113288, [Viewed 3/7/24](#); Yoakum County Appraisal District, Property ID 122459, [Viewed 3/7/24](#); Yoakum County Appraisal District, Property ID 126529, [Viewed 3/7/24](#); Yoakum County Appraisal District, Property ID 144005, [Viewed 3/7/24](#)2023:.]

Arctic Royalty LP Leased Land To At Least 36 Different Companies, Including Devon Energy And Phillips 66. According to Caroline B. Kennedy's personal financial disclosure, Arctic Royalty LP leased land to at least 36 different companies in Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. [Caroline B. Kennedy., OGE Form 278e, 5/10/23]

RFK Jr. Pushed Right-Wing Border Policies

RFK JR. VOWED TO "SEAL" THE SOUTHERN BORDER

RFK Jr. Said He Would 'Seal' The U.S.-Mexico Border "Permanently." According to NPR, "While Kennedy is running as a Democrat, promising to 'heal the divide' in American politics, many of his views are out of step with the mainstream. Americans of both parties resoundingly support childhood vaccines. His extremely isolationist positions on immigration and foreign policy sound more like a candidate in the Republican primary. He says he would 'seal the [U.S.-Mexico] border permanently' and blames the U.S. for Russia's invasion of Ukraine, saying Moscow acted in 'good faith.'" [NPR, [7/13/23](#)]

RFK JR. SUPPORTED TEXAS'S DEFIANCE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

January 2024: RFK Jr. Supported Texas' Refusal To Follow The Supreme Court's Order To Give Federal Access To The Border. According to The Hill, "Independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. on Thursday backed Texas in its ongoing battle with the federal government over border authority, criticizing the Biden administration for its handling of

the U.S. southern border. ‘Texas is right. Biden’s failure to secure the border leaves states no choice but to take matters into their own hands,’ Kennedy wrote in a post on X, formerly known as Twitter. ‘As President, I will end this humanitarian crisis once and for all. I will secure the border and destroy the business model of the drug cartels. A country without borders is not a country at all.’ Kennedy joins a growing list of politicians, most of them Republican, who have thrown their support behind Texas Gov. Greg Abbott’s (R) fight against the federal government over the fencing and razor wire installed by Texas at the U.S.-Mexico border.” [The Hill, [1/25/24](#)]

RFK JR. CALLED FOR STRATEGICALLY INCREASING BORDER WALL AND ADDING MORE BORDER PATROL STAFFING AND ASYLUM JUDGES

June 2024: RFK Jr. Advocated For Closing Gaps In The Border Wall At Strategic Locations. According to KOCO, “We have to plug those 27 gaps in the wall. You don’t need a 25-foot wall from Brownsville, Texas, 2,200 miles to San Diego, but you do need it in the urban areas where migrants can come across and disappear very quickly,” said Kennedy. [KOCO, [6/25/24](#)]

June 2024: RFK Jr. Proposed Increasing Border Patrol Staffing And Adding More Asylum Judges. According to KOCO, “Kennedy also wants to increase border patrol staffing, and add more asylum judges.” [KOCO, [6/25/24](#)]

RFK Jr. Wanted To “Seal” Southern Border, Finish Border Wall, Expand Legal Immigration, And Continue Trump’s “Remain In Mexico” Policy

RFK Jr. Planned To “Seal” Southern Border, In Part By Finishing Border Wall Construction. According to the New York Times, “Mr. Kennedy has said he would ‘seal’ the southern border [...] Ms. Spear said Mr. Kennedy’s plan was to finish the wall construction, relying on technology in places where a physical wall is not necessary.” [New York Times, [6/14/24](#)]

RFK Jr. Endorsed Trump’s “Remain In Mexico” Policy. According to the New York Times, “He has endorsed Mr. Trump’s ‘Remain in Mexico’ policy, also known as the Migrant Protection Protocols, that the Biden administration had tried to end.” [New York Times, [6/14/24](#)]

RFK Jr. Supported Charter Schools

RFK Jr. Called For More Charter Schools. In an interview with Christal Jordan Kennedy said, “First, fix the education system. We need education choice. We need the capacity to expand the charter schools.” [Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Christal XO, [1/29/24](#)]

Charter Schools Divert Money From Public Schools, Increase Segregation, And Lead To Worse Educational Outcomes

Charter Schools Divert Money From Public Schools. According to Chalkbeat, “Here’s the short of it: Charter schools really do divert money from school districts. Those districts can make up for that by cutting costs over time. But the process of doing so is often fraught, especially because the most straightforward way to reduce costs is to close schools.” [Chalkbeat, [6/11/19](#)]

Charter Schools Increased Educational Segregation. According to the Associated Press, “Charter schools are among the nation’s most segregated, an Associated Press analysis finds — an outcome at odds, critics say, with their goal of offering a better alternative to failing traditional public schools. National enrollment data shows that charters are vastly over-represented among schools where minorities study in the most extreme racial isolation. As of school year 2014-2015, more than 1,000 of the nation’s 6,747 charter schools had minority enrollment of at least 99 percent, and the number has been rising steadily. The problem: Those levels of segregation correspond with low achievement levels at schools of all kinds. In the AP analysis of student achievement in the 42 states that have enacted charter school laws, along with the District of Columbia, the

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