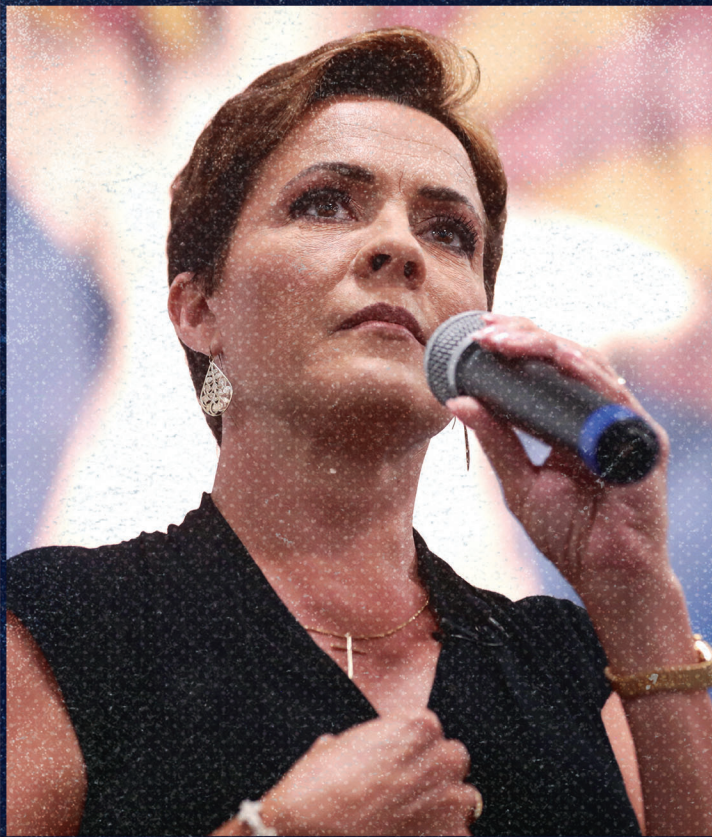


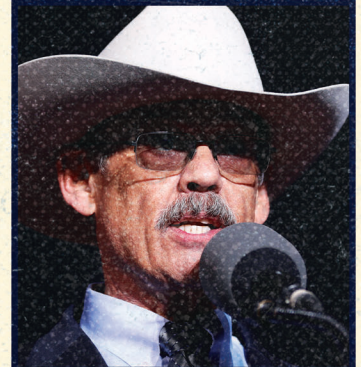
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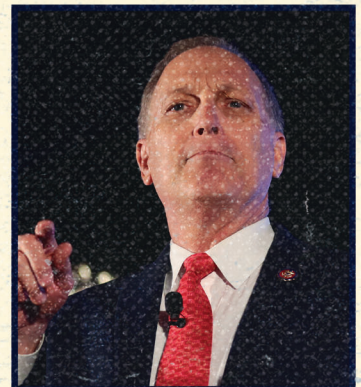
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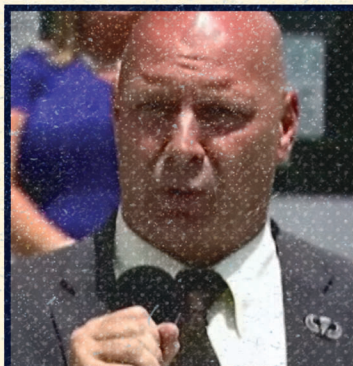


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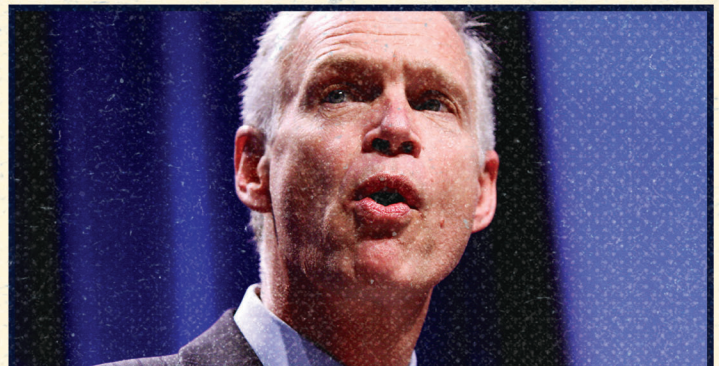
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Elected officials play a critical role ensuring election integrity at every level of government. Upholding the constitution and safeguarding the peaceful transfer of power is demanded from every American who chooses to hold office; however, 2020 laid bare the fragility of our electoral process and the depravity of those willing to cling to power when faced with defeat. Across our nation, hundreds of dangerous conspiracy theorists willing to degenerate the electoral process are running for office. We cannot allow them to assume positions of power and undermine the integrity and sanctity of our elections.

The individuals featured below pose the gravest dangers to American democracy. Each has outlined disturbing plans to upend elections in order to consolidate power. Make no mistake, if elected, these MAGA Republicans will stop at nothing to overturn the will of American voters in order to serve their own self interest.

Governors

Far-right January 6th conspirators are running for governor in states across the nation, and if elected, these dangerous individuals could upend free and fair elections. In a presidential election, all governors must [prepare and sign](#) the state's original Certificate of Ascertainment, which lists the state's electors. If a repeat of the 2020 fake electors scheme were to occur, a governor could go rogue, [recognizing](#) false electors which Congress could then be required to count. This did not occur in 2020 because no governor was willing to approve false electors, however, without reform to the Electoral Count Act, governors have the ability to pursue such actions and subvert election outcomes. In most states, governors hold broad authority to veto legislation expanding or restricting voting rights. We have already seen disturbing plans from candidates detailing voter suppression tactics and radical changes to state election law. MAGA Republicans on the ballot are threatening to manipulate election law as they see fit, and use their authority to withhold certification on election results they disagree with.

Pennsylvania Gubernatorial Candidate & State Representative Doug Mastriano

Mastriano's Proposed Electoral Changes Are Particularly Dangerous Under Pennsylvania Law. Mastriano, a [Trump-endorsed](#) extremist, is the [GOP nominee](#) for governor in Pennsylvania. If this wasn't dangerous enough, in Pennsylvania, the governor directly appoints the Secretary of the Commonwealth, who oversees elections administration and ultimately certifies the final results. Experts believe that if Mastriano were to win the general election, there is almost certainly no chance that a Democratic presidential candidate's victory in Pennsylvania in 2024 will be [certified](#) by the state's governor.

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Mastriano's Bid For Consolidating Electional Control. Mastriano is running in a bid to [control](#) the state's electoral apparatus for the next election. Despite the general election being months in the future, Mastriano has already [announced](#) that he has found the individual who will serve as his Secretary of State, responsible for electoral oversight and certification. Mastriano has already shared some of his plans for election changes—including requiring Pennsylvanians to [re-register to vote](#), a change that would be [illegal](#) under the National Voter Registration Act. Mastriano has made no attempt to conceal his true motive for requiring reregistration, [stating](#), “So we’re going to take that very seriously and move really hard. Basically we have about a year to get that right before the 2024 presidential election.”

Mastriano Is Considered So Dangerous To Democracy, The Pennsylvania Republican Establishment Has Endorsed His Democratic Opponent. As a state senator, Doug Mastriano has played a [key role](#) in Trump’s attempts to overturn the election results in Pennsylvania. Mastriano [openly declared](#) his support for the undemocratic and unconstitutional idea that the popular vote can be treated as non-binding when it comes to the certification of presidential electors and has been [subpoenaed](#) by the January 6 committee. As a result, several high profile Pennsylvania Republicans have [endorsed](#) the Democratic candidate for governor over their own party’s nominee. Republicans publicly rejecting Mastriano and endorsing Shapiro include: two former members of Congress, Charlie Dent and Jim Greenwood, former state House Speaker Denny O’Brien, former Lieutenant Governor and state Senator Robert Jubelirer, and former state Supreme Court Justice Sandra Schultz Newman.

Michigan Gubernatorial Candidate Ryan Kelley

If Elected, Ryan Kelley Will Manipulate Future Elections. After three Republican gubernatorial candidates were [removed from the ballot](#) when the state found they submitted tens of thousands of forged signatures on nominating petitions, Ryan Kelley [emerged as the frontrunner](#). This comes despite his arrest for climbing the Capitol building during the insurrection on January 6th. Kelley has pledged sweeping changes to Michigan’s electoral apparatus. If elected, Kelley [will seek to ‘eliminate’](#) automatic mail-in ballots, ballot drop boxes, and same-day voter registration. He would also oversee regular voter purges. On ‘Day 1,’ he has [promised to cancel](#) all “Dominion, ES&S, and Hart electronic voting machine contracts with state [sic]” and “lay the foundation for eliminating fraud...” If elected, Kelley [has pledged to](#) “Decertify 2020 Michigan electoral votes!” He [cited](#) the Wisconsin Legislature’s disputed ‘audit’ as evidence for ‘Michigans [sic] Legislature’ to “DECERTIFY [sic] the 2020 election results in Michigan.” This pledge is even more alarming when considered with the fact that Michigan’s governor appoints all four members of the board of canvassers, which certifies election results in the state. Should Kelley become governor, the certification of a Democratic presidential candidate’s victory in 2024 would be highly unlikely given these threats.

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Arizona Gubernatorial Candidate Kari Lake

Lake Would Seek to ‘Decertify’ If Elected Governor. Kari Lake has called for Arizona’s 2020 [election results to be decertified](#), alleging ‘[deep and wide](#)’ [corruption](#). In March 2022, Kari Lake [filed an Amicus brief](#) with the Arizona state Supreme Court, in a case seeking to overturn the 2020 election. According to Lake, Arizona’s investigation of Maricopa County’s election results ‘compelled’ her to submit the brief, which alleges “Unconstitutional Election procedures [sic]” and, “urge[s] the AZ Supreme Court to take up this case immediately.” The case was [dismissed](#) for lack of jurisdiction less than a month later. Although an elected Secretary of State certifies election results in Arizona, the Governor is required to sign onto the official canvass certification, which Lake would be unlikely to do.

Kari Lake Would Ban Modern Voting Equipment & Ban Popular Voting Methods. If elected Governor, Kari Lake [intends to ban](#) “all equipment that uses software” and require ‘analog optical scanners’ instead. She would end Arizona’s universal mail-in voting system—the [oldest in the country](#), having been implemented by Arizona Republicans in the 90s—and has also promised voter ID restrictions and exclusively pre-printed paper ballots. In April 2022, Kari Lake [jointly](#) filed a [lawsuit](#) with state Rep. Mark Finchem against incumbent Secretary of State Katie Hobbs, [seeking](#) a preliminary injunction to ban the use of voting machines in Maricopa and Pima counties’ upcoming elections. The lawsuit was [financed](#) by Mike Lindell, MyPillow CEO, and has been [praised](#) by Trump.

If She Loses The GOP Primary Election, Kari Lake Suggests She Will Refuse To Concede. Kari Lake has [suggested without evidence](#) that Arizona’s primary election could be affected by fraud, implying that she will not concede if she loses the GOP gubernatorial primary. At a June 2022 fundraiser event, Kari Lake said, she would “[absolutely](#)” demand a 100% hand count if there’s the slightest hint that there’s an impropriety, noting that Trump “did not concede” his 2020 loss, and called the move “really smart because that was the most dirty, filthy, rotten election.” Arizona Gov. Doug [Ducey has endorsed Lake’s primary opponent](#) Karrin Taylor Robson for Governor.

Maryland Gubernatorial Candidate Dan Cox

Cox Winks At Election Overhaul If Elected, Causing Outrage From His Own Party. Far-right conspiracy theorist Dan Cox has [won](#) the Republican nomination for governor in Maryland. As a vociferous Trump supporter with the former President’s [endorsement](#), Cox serves as a dangerous threat to election integrity in Maryland and beyond. During a telephone “rally” event hosted with Trump, the former president [claimed](#), “I know the state so well. I know so many people. I don’t believe the elections are straight in the state — but we can say that about a lot of states and Dan’s looking into it very strongly and he’s really been at the forefront.” While Cox denies being a conspiracy theorist, he did [attend](#) a QAnon event in April, appearing alongside Doug Mastriano, where he [delivered](#) a speech about election fraud. Cox has [referred](#) to

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former Vice President Mike Pence as a “traitor” for certifying the 2020 election results. If Cox loses in the general election, experts are concerned he will blame voter fraud for his defeat. Cox is considered so unfit for office, current Maryland Republican Governor Larry Hogan referred to him as a “Q-Anon whack job”, has refused to endorse him, and after Cox’s primary victory, informed reporters he [would not be voting](#) for his own party’s candidate.

Senators & Representatives

Congress plays a critical role in the election process, with senators and representatives [charged](#) with meeting in a joint session to count the electoral votes. On January 6, 2021, numerous objects to state’s election results were made by senators and representatives — claiming election irregularities and fraud — without any evidence. These members, who took an oath swearing to uphold the Constitution, blatantly broke their sworn promise to the American people and sought to overturn the results of a presidential election. Even after a violent insurrection that interrupted the joint session, [147 members](#) voted against certifying President Biden’s electoral victory. All the individuals listed below were directly involved with plans to object to the count, voted against certification, or have fervently supported the election lies of dangerous MAGA Republicans.

Senator Ron Johnson

Ron Johnson Worked To Ban Ballot Drop Boxes Across Wisconsin. In July 2022, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled 4-3 to [ban ballot drop boxes](#), against the advice of the bipartisan Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC). While the state Supreme Court was arguing the case, Sen. Ron Johnson [filed an amicus brief](#) making unsubstantiated claims that ballot drop boxes were “less secure and less trustworthy than election day voting,” though they were [unanimously authorized](#) during the health emergency caused by the coronavirus pandemic. The [lawsuit](#) was brought by plaintiffs from the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty, a conservative think tank that [published a report](#) six months earlier, finding “no evidence of widespread voter fraud” when drop boxes were used during the 2020 election. After the ruling was released, Johnson [called the decision](#) “a big step in the right direction.”

Johnson Wants GOP Dominated Wisconsin Legislature To Have Unilateral Authority Over Elections. Senator Johnson has [called on Wisconsin legislators](#) to “unilaterally take over federal elections.” He has been [pushing state lawmakers](#) “to take a more active role in federal elections for nearly a year,” and accused the bi-partisan Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) of “systematically” violating the law. Just one day after the January 6th insurrection, Johnson claimed that the movement was a “[wake-up call to state legislatures](#)” to investigate election irregularities and “reassert their authority over federal elections and establish controls...”

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Johnson Strong Armed A Moderate Republican Elections Commissioner To Resign. Moments before the WEC was [poised to elect](#) a new chair on May 26, Commissioner Dean Knudson announced his resignation from the WEC, citing [pressure](#) from within his party, including from Senator Ron Johnson who “[raised concerns](#)” about Knudson’s ability to continue “representing [grassroots Republican] interests on the Wisconsin Elections Commission.” As a bipartisan commission with a Democratic incumbent as chair, the WEC was required to elect a Republican Chair to serve through 2022 into early 2024. Following Knudson’s resignation, the Commission [refused to back fraudulent elector Bob Spindell](#), empowering Republican Speaker Robin Vos to hand-pick the next WEC chair.

Senate Candidate & Former Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt

Adam Laxalt Has A Track Record Of Weaponizing His Position Of Power. Laxalt has used his credibility and sense of authority as the former Nevada Attorney General, to spread disinformation, including [sharing](#) articles alleging voter fraud, [accusing](#) Nevada’s system of ‘generating’ mail-in votes, maintaining ‘unclean’ voter rolls and ‘loose’ ballots, and [claiming](#) that the bipartisan measures “make it easier to cheat in future elections and that includes hurting our election security.” He [won](#) the June 2022 GOP Senate primary election, defeating his nearest opponent Sam Brown by nearly 20 points, 56%-34%.

Laxalt Plans To Upend Nevada Election Law. A man [characterized](#) as, “the embodiment of the baseless argument that Joe Biden didn’t rightfully win the 2020 election” and “the Nevada version of Rudy Giuliani,” Laxalt has [pledged](#) to enact sweeping changes to Nevada election law. These proposed changes are thinly veiled attempts to suppress the vote and include voter ID requirements, elimination of universal mail out voting and ballot harvesting, in addition to removing ballot drop boxes. The Trump-[endorsed](#) candidate’s campaign describes him as “one of the leading voices in the nation” for election ‘reform’, and claims he has done more than any other Nevada Republican.

Adam Laxalt Led the Trump Campaign’s Fight To Overturn the 2020 Election Results in Nevada. Adam Laxalt [reportedly](#) fought against “his state’s decision to reward its six electoral votes to President-elect Joe Biden,” acting as a “face of the campaign’s efforts to overturn the state’s presidential contest.” In the weeks after the 2020 election, Laxalt filed a [lawsuit](#) challenging Nevada’s alleged “inability to keep noncitizens off of voter rolls” that was eventually [dismissed](#) for having “no evidentiary support” for his claims of widespread voter fraud. The Republican Nevada Secretary of State later publicly debunked Laxalt’s [claims](#) of voter fraud and 2020 election ‘irregularities’, [reporting](#) “no evidence of widespread voter fraud.”

Representative Scott Perry (PA-10)

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Perry Used His Position In Congress Derail Vote Certification And Plot The January 6th Insurrection. Scott Perry was involved in nearly every known attempt to undermine the 2020 election results, including using his power as a congressman to create widespread chaos. Perry was one of only six representatives to formally object to a state's electoral count, which he did after violent insurrections stormed the Capitol. Perry was also one of 147 members to [vote](#) to overturn the election results. Additionally, Perry was directly [involved](#) in discussions with Mark Meadows and Rudy Giuliani about former President Trump accompanying insurrectionists to the Capitol on January 6 and brainstorming what activities would take place. The sitting congressman and former U.S. brigadier general had been tentatively planning to have Trump walk onto the floor of the House while members of Congress were voting to certify the electoral victory of his opponent.

Perry Has A History Of Pressuring State Officials. While plotting to overturn the election at the federal level, Perry also worked to undermine the electoral process among Pennsylvania state legislators. On November 21, then Chief of Staff Mark Meadows used Perry to [create a bridge](#) between Trump and Pennsylvania legislators, with Meadows writing, "Can you send me the number for the speaker and the leader of PA Legislature [sic]. POTUS wants to chat with them." Just weeks later 57, Republican state representatives and 19 Republican state senators [wrote](#) letters to the Pennsylvania congressional delegation, asking they delay or object to the state's Electoral College vote, which [eight of the nine](#) Republican members of the House from Pennsylvania voted to do, including Perry.

Representative Andy Biggs (AZ-4)

Biggs Continues to Spread Election Fraud Lies & Work To Undermine Democracy. Rep. Andy Biggs, who was a diligent foot soldier in efforts to overturn the election in 2020, has continued to spread lies about the election for years. In July 2022, he [circulated a letter](#) to House Committee Chairwoman Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12), asking her to "immediately hold hearings" to [investigate false allegations](#) made in the widely-debunked film *2000 Mules*, which baselessly claims that hundreds of thousands of ballots in Arizona were falsified during the election. As [independent fact-checkers found](#), "The documentary '2000 Mules' does not provide any concrete, verifiable evidence of widespread voter fraud in the 2020 election."

Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene (GA-14)

Greene Was A Key Figure In Orchestrating Efforts to Overturn the Election On January 6th. Greene was [among the first](#) members of Congress to declare her intent to reject legitimate election results at the certification, and former White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson testified that she heard Greene had [requested a preemptive pardon](#). The day following the insurrection, she wrote to former Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, telling him that House Republicans tried "everything we could in our objection to the 6 states." In the weeks that followed, Greene continued to blame outside actors and suggest ways to keep Trump in office,

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telling Meadows on January 17 that there were several Republicans in Congress who still [wanted](#) the then-President to “call for Marshall [sic] law,” to keep the president in power — a violent suggestion she had raised in earlier meetings.

Secretaries of State

In most states, the Secretary of State is the third-highest-ranking state official with wide-ranging powers and responsibilities for administering elections. In Michigan, Arizona, and Nevada, the Secretary of State oversees the Bureau of Elections, and can prepare ballots, require reports, and initiate investigations, in addition to administrative oversight. All three Secretaries of State supervise every single election in these key states—raising the stakes with three MAGA Republican candidates on the ballot this year endorsed by a far-right ‘America First’ coalition with ties to extremist organizations. They espouse dangerous conspiracy theories and have big plans to overhaul state election policy in their favor.

Michigan Secretary of State Candidate Kristina Karamo

Karamo Threatens To Consolidate Power Over Future Elections. Kristina Karamo has proposed a [sweeping set of changes](#) to election administration that would centralize power over Michigan’s election systems and enable her office to access secure, confidential data: “Every voting, ballot processing, and data-stream relating to voting systems must...be required to turn over all source and/or object codes to the Michigan SoS so systems tested and verified. [...] The Secretary of State must have full access to every detail, of all election hardware and software in order for any provider to be able to sell the state of Michigan software or hardware impacting voting results.” This is a terrifying campaign promise from any secretary of state candidate, but is specifically threatening coming from one that is running on an ultra-MAGA platform, swimming in conspiracy theories.

Kristina Karamo’s Plans To Curtail Ballot Access Are Rooted In Conspiracy Theories.

The [Trump-endorsed](#) Secretary of State nominee is running on far-flung [election conspiracy theories](#) claiming, without evidence, that foreign enemies are targeting Michigan’s “vulnerable election systems” in order to “accomplish through election fraud what cannot be accomplished through military action.” Kristina Karamo not only [believes](#) the 2020 election was stolen, she has also [repeated](#) the conspiracy theory that the January 6 insurrection was carried out by left-wing activists “[posing as Trump supporters](#)”. Karamo has continued to [falsely claim](#) that Trump won Michigan, after she spent weeks challenging the election results in late 2020. In response, Karamo has also promised to spend millions on currency-grade “election system security features,” despite no evidence of widespread voter fraud in Michigan.

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Karamo's Commitment To Conspiracy Theories Would Threaten Election Safety.

Kristina Karamo subscribes to the QAnon conspiracy theory, [believing outlandish claims](#) that “Trump was battling a secret cabal of satanic child abusers, who included leading Democrat figures and celebrities.” In October 2021, Karamo [spoke at](#) a major QAnon [conference](#) in Las Vegas, and later [joined](#) an ‘America First’ coalition [co-founded](#) by prominent QAnon influencer Wayne Williot (aka Juan O. Savin). Williot, described as the ‘voice’ of a “proto-fascist movement” within the Republican Party, founded the coalition to elect sympathetic MAGA Republicans to state office during the 2022 midterm elections. Karamo has made [outlandish claims](#) about “[satanic influence](#)” to attack the Democratic incumbent, Jocelyn Benson, who experienced [extreme harassment](#) as a result of 2020 election disinformation.

Nevada Secretary of State Candidate & Former State Representative Jim Marchant

Jim Marchant Would ‘Overhaul’ Nevada Elections As Secretary of State. As punishment for not electing him to serve in Congress, Marchant clearly plans to hold the Nevada electoral system hostage. The [self-described](#) “victim of election fraud,” announced his intentions to overhaul Nevada’s “fraudulent election system” with an [objective](#) to eliminate voter fraud — of which there is no evidence. He also [committed](#) to end early voting and temporarily banning the use of voting machines while auditing for “evidence of tampering.” The obvious motivation for the [Trump-endorsed](#) candidate is his own failed run for Nevada’s fourth congressional district in 2020. Marchant has [rallied extensively against unspecified](#) ‘election fraud’ in Nevada [throughout](#) his campaign, and [called](#) for an “Arizona-style audit of 2020 results.” Marchant, who has been [described as “unfit for office”](#) by local journalists, [easily won](#) the June 2022 GOP Secretary of State primary, defeating his nearest opponent Jesse Haw by nearly 20 points.

As Secretary of State, Jim Marchant Does Not Intend To Certify Future Nevada Elections. Jim Marchant openly admits [he would not have certified](#) the 2020 presidential election if he were Secretary of State, and said that he “would have a hard time running a good election on our current system,” implying Marchant would hesitate to certify future elections administered under Nevada’s existing system. Though legal experts have indicated that the Secretary of State does not have the authority to refuse certification—any attempt would almost certainly [end up in court](#)—Marchant has powerful connections with county-level elections officials, and Nevada elections are certified county-by-county. After [embarking on a tour](#) of rural Nevada’s election infrastructure in March 2022, Marchant used a [debunked conspiracy theory](#) about Dominion Voting Systems to call on county leaders to “switch to hand-counted paper ballots.” Subsequently, five counties representing 5 percent of Nevada’s population—[Nye](#), Esmeralda, Lyon, Lincoln, and Elko counties—all announced proposals to [switch to hand-counted, paper ballots](#) for all future elections.

Arizona Secretary of State Candidate & State Representative Mark Finchem

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Mark Finchem Has Big Plans To ‘Pull Apart’ Arizona Elections As Secretary of State. Mark Finchem has announced [plans](#) to implement a “[Ballot Integrity Project](#),” a proposal to spend millions on currency-grade fraud prevention on Arizona ballots. If elected, Finchem would also [save digital images of all ballots](#) to be released as public records, that would be searchable by precinct. He has [claimed a religious mandate](#) to tear down Arizona’s election infrastructure, claiming that elections are a system “ordained by God” that must be ‘pulled apart’ in order to “try and figure out what is it that happened.” As a state representative, Finchem has introduced legislation [seeking to empower](#) the Arizona Legislature to "accept or reject" the results of any future presidential election.

In The Event Of An Electoral Defeat, Mark Finchem Likely Won’t Concede. Finchem [will not concede](#) if he loses the Arizona GOP Secretary of State primary election. At a June 2022 [fundraiser event](#), Finchem said, “Ain’t gonna be no concession speech coming from this guy. I’m going to demand a 100% hand count if there’s the slightest hint that there’s an impropriety. And I will urge the next governor to do the same.” Arizona Governor Doug [Ducey has endorsed Finchem’s primary opponent](#), Beau Lane, for Secretary of State.

New Mexico Secretary of State Candidate Audrey Trujillo

Audrey Trujillo, An ‘America First’ Candidate Who Called The 2020 Election A “Coup,” Is The Republican Nominee for Secretary Of State. Audrey Trujillo, who ran unopposed for the Republican nomination for New Mexico Secretary of State, is [supported](#) by the ‘America First’ Secretaries of State Coalition, a Trump-aligned group backing [far-right conspiracy theorists](#) in secretary of state elections across the country. Trujillo has [asserted](#) that U.S. voting systems are “no better than any other communist country like Venezuela or any of these other states where our elections are being manipulated,” and her [platform](#) calls existing New Mexico election law, “straight out of the Jim Crow Laws.” Trujillo would ban mail-in voting with few exceptions, and suggested she would even ban voting machines. She called the 2020 presidential election a “coup,” [called for a statewide audit](#) of the 2020 election, and is strongly supportive of the ongoing “audit” in Otero County. She has [campaigned with](#) recently-convicted January 6 rioter Otero County Commissioner Couy Griffin and [uses social media](#) to push election conspiracy theories and antisemitic content.

Attorneys General

At the state-level, attorneys general act as the chief law enforcement officer, empowered to prosecute violations of state law, pursue litigation on behalf of the state, and represent the state in legal disputes. MAGA Republican attorneys general pose a significant threat to election integrity, as was the case in 2020, when a group of Republican state attorneys general led by Ken Paxton of Texas spearheaded a lawsuit seeking to overturn the 2020 election at the Supreme Court. Attorneys general in Arizona and Michigan generally have wide discretion to

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investigate claims of election fraud, which can include prosecuting local election administrators and prolonging the electoral process. In all three states, far-right attorney general candidates are on the ballot this year, willing to use all means necessary to endlessly litigate future elections.

Arizona Attorney General Candidate Abraham “Abe” Hamadeh

Abe Hamadeh Would Not Have Certified The 2020 Election Results. Abraham ‘Abe’ Hamadeh, the [youngest](#) GOP Attorney General candidate at 31 years-old, is a former Maricopa County prosecutor and Army intelligence officer, who has been [endorsed by Trump](#). Hamadeh “[vehemently disagreed](#)” with Arizona’s certification of the 2020 election, and he has publicly said he would not have certified the election due to “widespread voting fraud.” In a statement, Trump said Hamadeh “[knows what happened in the 2020 Election](#), and will enforce voting laws.” In turn, Hamadeh called Trump’s endorsement, “the honor of a lifetime.” Hamadeh’s social media is littered with posts [calling the election fraudulent](#), [declaring that Trump ‘won’ in 2020](#), and suggesting there has been [election fraud](#) “for YEARS. [sic]” He regularly [appears on right-wing media](#). If elected, he has pledged to prioritize “the Election Integrity Unit and increase the number of prosecutors and investigators in order to be prepared and protect the 2024 election.” He [has also promised](#) to [re-litigate](#) the so-called “massive fraud of 2020,” and “[return to in person voting](#)” on Election Day, presumably by banning voting machines.

Michigan Attorney General Candidate Matthew DePerno

MAGA Republican Attorney Matthew DePerno Campaigns On Election Fraud Lies. Matt DePerno has staked his campaign on [false claims](#) about vote-counting machines in Michigan’s 2020 election, and [continued to litigate](#) Michigan’s use of Dominion voting machines well into 2022. Michigan GOP co-chair Meshawn Maddock has reportedly referred to DePerno as one of the “[strongest candidates](#)” to address ‘the stolen 2020 election,’ though judges [dismissed his 2020 lawsuit](#) arguing that DePerno “merely raised a series of questions about the election without making any specific factual allegations as required.” While MAGA insurgents stormed the Capitol on January 6, Matthew DePerno met with Department of State officials to discuss [last-minute maneuvers to try to overturn Trump’s election loss](#), and was later rewarded with an [endorsement](#) from the former president. The day before DePerno was selected as the Republican [nominee](#) at the Michigan GOP Convention, Trump [hosted a telephone town hall](#) with Republican convention delegates in support of his bid. Trump has [labeled](#) DePerno a “super lawyer,” and lauded his unsuccessful bid to overturn the state’s 2020 election.