Corporate Interests Spent Over \$200,000 On Arizona Election Deniers Kari Lake And Mark Finchem

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Kari Lake Claimed The 2020 Election Was "Stolen" And "Has Not Only Disseminated False Claims About The Election But Called For Action Based On Those False Claims." "Lake, a former longtime local news anchor at a Fox station in Phoenix, has become the early frontrunner in the 2022 Republican primary to succeed term-limited Gov. Doug Ducey, early polls and anecdotal evidence suggest. In addition to her high profile and her polished public speaking, Lake has jumped ahead of the field by joining Lindell in pushing lies about what happened in the free and fair 2020 election she falsely describes as 'stolen.' Lake's words have raised concerns among independent elections experts about the fairness of future elections in a key swing state. [...] And like Trump, Lake has not only disseminated false claims about the election but called for action based on those false claims." [CNN, 10/16/21]

Kari Lake Tweeted That The 2020 Election Was "Stolen," Adding That "If You Think That Election Was Fair, Put Down Hunter's Crack Pipe." "As bad as they want to make the stolen election, known as 'The Big Lie' go away — they will never be successful The World knows that 2020 was a terrible disaster that forced the worst President in History If you think that Election was fair, put down Hunter's Crack pipe."



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[Twitter, @KariLake, 10/14/21]

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Mark Finchem Attended The "Stop The Steal" Rally That Occurred Before The January 6, 2021, Insurrection At The Capitol After Having Spoken At A Similar Gathering The Day Before. "In Arizona, the contenders for the elections-chief office, secretary of state, include Republican state lawmaker Mark Finchem, who attended the 'Stop the Steal' rally before the deadly insurrection and spoke at a similar gathering the previous day." [Reuters, 9/22/21]

Following Their 2022 Election Losses, Kari Lake And Mark Finchem Publicly Called The Election's Legitimacy Into Question.

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On November 14, 2022, It Was Projected That Kari Lake Would Lose The Arizona Governor's Race. Headline: "Democrat Katie Hobbs defeats MAGA favorite Kari Lake in high-stakes race for governor in Arizona." [NBC News, 11/14/22]

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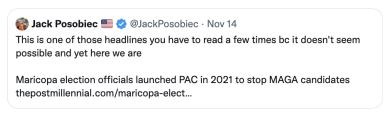
21.6K Retweets 9,524 Quote Tweets 114.3K Likes

[Twitter, @KariLake, 11/14/22]

On November 14, 2022, Kari Lake Tweeted That "The Guys Running The Election Have Made It Their Mission To Defeat America First Republicans. Unbelievable." "Shouldn't Election Officials be impartial? The guys running the Election have made it their mission to defeat America First Republicans. Unbelievable."



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[Twitter, @KariLake, 11/14/22]

Kari Lake's Campaign And Advisors Have Indicated That The Gubernatorial Will Challenge Her Election Loss.

On November 15, 2022, Steve Bannon, Who Has Advised Kari Lake's Campaign, Said "Don't Think That Kari Lake Is Not Going To Fight This One Down To The Bitter End Because She Is Going To Fight This One Down To The Bitter End." "According to The Washington Post, Steve Bannon has been advising the Kari Lake campaign and was reportedly "clear-eyed about the unfavorable numbers" she faced before losing her race. [...] STEVE BANNON (HOST): We've got a lot of Kari Lake to go to, there's a lot of activity that is driving towards to force this -- this election, impossible, zero possibility this thing can be certified, given what we know about the activities there. And people should understand there's a lot of activity going on behind the scenes to make sure that all the information and data is pulled together. But don't think that Kari Lake is not going to fight this one down to the bitter end." [Media Matters, 11/16/22]

Kari Lake Is Working With Other Republicans In Arizona "To Prepare A Legal Fight" And "[Her] Campaign And Its Allies Have For Days Been Collecting Testimonials From Voters That Could Be Used In Court." "The Lake campaign is working in tandem with other Republican state campaigns to prepare a legal fight, according to two people familiar with the planning who spoke on the condition of anonymity. The campaign and its allies have for days been collecting testimonials from voters that could be used in court." [New York Times, 11/15/22]

Following The 2022 Election, Mark Finchem, Who Lost The Race For Arizona Secretary Of State, Called The Election's Legitimacy Into Question Repeatedly On Twitter.

NBC News: "Election Denier Mark Finchem Loses Secretary Of State Race In Arizona." [NBC News, <u>11/11/22</u>]

Mark Finchem Claimed There Was "No Way We Lost Maricopa." "Study the polling for Maricopa. No way we lost Maricopa."



[Twitter, @RealMarkFinchem, 11/14/22]

In Response To The Arizona Election Results, Finchem Tweeted That He Wanted Fewer Tweets And "More Lawsuits." "Less tweets more lawsuits."



[Twitter, @RealMarkFinchem, 11/14/22]

Finchem Claimed That Results From Voting Machines "Defy All Math." "The results from the machines defy all math."



Finchem Tweeted, "You Are Telling Me @Karilake Lost Maricopa? Yeah Right." "You are telling me @KariLake lost Maricopa? Yeah right."



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<u>In November 2022, 47 Election Deniers Ran For Statewide Office And Many Lost Their Races.</u>

The Washington Post Identified 291 Election Deniers On The Ballot In November 2022, 47 Of Whom Were Running For Statewide Office. [The Washington Post, 10/6/22]

 Arizona Gubernatorial Candidate Kari Lake And Arizona Secretary Of State Candidate Mark Finchem Were Both Listed As Election Deniers By The Washington Post. [The Washington Post, 10/6/22]

Associated Press: "Conspiracists Seeking Key State Election Posts Falling Short." [Associated Press, 11/9/22]

The Washington Post: "Election Deniers Lose Races For Key State Offices In Every 2020 Battleground." [The Washington Post, 11/13/22]

VICE: "Election Deniers Got Thrashed in the Midterm Elections." [VICE, 11/11/22]

Kari Lake And Mark Finchem Received Over \$202,000 In Contributions From Corporate Interests.

<u>Corporate Donors And Trade Groups Representing Corporate Interests Donated</u> <u>\$37,600 To Arizona Gubernatorial Candidate Kari Lake During The 2022 Cycle.</u>

Contributor	Total Amount To Kari Lake
Fennemore Craig Pac	\$500
The Geo Group, Inc. Political Action Committee	\$5,300
Ag-Pac Of Az Farm Bureau	\$2,500
Arizona Dairymen Pac	\$2,500
Az Cotton Growers Assn Pac	\$2,500
Southwest Gas Az Political Action Committee	\$5,300
CRH Americas Inc. Political Action Committee	\$2,500
Homebuilders Association Of Central Az	\$10,000
Arizona Dairymen Pac	\$2,500
Manufactured Housing Communities Of Arizona Pac	\$1,000
Arizona Restaurant Association Pac	\$2,000
Gallagher & Kennedy	\$1,000
TOTAL:	\$37,600

[See The Money, Arizona Secretary of State's Office, accessed 10/26/22-11/15/22]

<u>Corporate Executives Donated At Least \$163,935 To Arizona Gubernatorial Candidate Kari Lake During The 2022 Cycle.</u>

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Total Amount To Kari Lake	Report Date
Andrew Vanderhoff	CEO	Quantitative Cybersecurity	\$5,300	10/28/22
Cheyenne Vanderhoff	CEO	Quantitative Cybersecurity	\$5,300	10/28/22
Alex Campos	CEO	Vensure Employer Service	\$5,300	10/29/22
Julie Robinson	CEO	Jani-King SW	\$5,300	10/28/22
Michael Bianco	CEO	AvAir	\$5,300	10/29/22
Robert Weiner	CEO	Totally Enterprises, LLC	\$1,035	10/29/22
Mike Kalyn	CEO	MK Trucking	\$5,300	10/28/22
Scott Hall	CEO	Anytime Bail Bonding	\$5,300	10/28/22
James Pallotta	CEO	Raptor Group	\$5,300	10/28/22
Robert Zarnigan	CEO	Probity International Corporation	\$5,300	10/28/22

Andy Pitts	CEO	Titanium Payments	\$5,300	10/28/22
Rick Huffman	CEO	HCW Management Consultants LLC	\$5,000	10/28/22
Jerry Buesing	CEO	Buesing Corp.	\$5,300	10/28/22
George Ryan	CEO	Ryan LLC	\$5,300	10/28/22
John Ford	CEO	Insight Investments	\$5,300	10/28/22
Timothy Dunn	CEO	CrownQuest Operating	\$5,000	10/28/22
Peter Balov	CEO	SPF Terminals	\$5,300	10/28/22
Daniel Hill	CEO	Safe Dynamics	\$2,900	10/29/22
Anastasios Gianakakos	CEO	MyoKardia	\$5,300	10/28/22
David Harkey	CEO	OH Partners	\$5,300	10/28/22
Robert Siegfried	CEO	The Siegfried Group	\$2,500	10/29/22
Chris Loeffler	CEO	Caliber	\$5,000	10/28/22
Chris Arnold	CEO	Arnold Financial Group	\$5,000	10/29/22
Steven Snyder	CEO	21st Century HealthCare, Inc.	\$5,300	9/20/22
Marcia Rowley	Executive Director	ONE Company	\$5,300	10/28/22
Tony Bouie	Executive	ChemResearch	\$5,300	10/28/22
Timothy Jeffries	Owner	ChemResearch	\$5,300	10/28/22
Gerald Kirke	CEO	Kirke Financial	\$5,300	7/15/22
Jeffrey Love	CEO	US Assets	\$5,000	7/15/22
James Hatfield	Interim Executive Director	Fiesta Bowl	\$5,300	7/15/22
Steven Mihaylo	CEO	Crexendo	\$5,300	1/15/22
Jason Cole	CEO	Arsenal Media Group	\$5,300	1/15/22
James Clark	CEO	Republic Monetary Exchange	\$5,300	1/15/22
Total:			\$163,935	

Corporate Donors And Trade Groups Representing Corporate Interests Donated \$1,000 To Arizona Secretary Of State Candidate Mark Finchem During The 2022 Cycle.

Contributor	Total Amount To Mark Finchem
APMA Pac	\$1,000
TOTAL:	\$1,000

[See The Money, Arizona Secretary of State's Office, accessed 10/26/22-11/15/22]