

# CPAC's 2021 Speaker Lineup Is Chock-Full Of Insurrectionists And Seditious And Their Allies

**SUMMARY:** The Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), an annual gathering of conservative leaders and organizations organized by the American Conservative Union, is scheduled to begin on February 25, 2021. Despite CPAC and the American Conservative Union condemning the January 6, 2021 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol as “unacceptable” and “wrong as wrong can be,” CPAC stacked its speaker lineup with insurrectionists and their supporters.

**CPAC has [invited](#) at least 19 supporters of the January 6 seditious mob to speak at their conference.** These speakers include:

**13 Sitting Members Of Congress, All Of Whom Questioned 2020 Election Results Or Incited The Violent Mob**

- **Senator Ted Cruz**, who was one of few Senators who [voted against](#) certifying the 2020 election results.
- **Senator Josh Hawley**, who was one of few Senators who [voted against](#) certifying the 2020 election results.
- **Senator Cynthia Lummis**, who was one of few Senators who [voted against](#) certifying the 2020 election results.
- **Rep. Jim Jordan**, who [led the charge](#) to block certification of the 2020 election results.
  - President Trump [praised](#) Rep. Jordan's speech at the January 6, 2021 “Stop The Steal Rally,” which led to the insurrection at The Capitol.
- **Rep. Matt Gaetz**, who [pushed conspiracies](#) of election fraud in the weeks leading up the Capitol riots.
  - Rep. Gaetz [falsely blamed Antifa activists](#) for the Capitol riots, alleging that Antifa members had infiltrated the Stop The Steal rally.
  - In December 2020, Rep. Gaetz [declared](#) that people “better fight like hell” against the alleged stolen election.
- **Rep. Jim Banks**, who tweeted that he was “looking forward to welcoming thousands on Capitol Hill” for January 6, 2021 rallies, leading Banks to [face accusations of inciting violence](#).
- **Rep. Jodey Arrington**, who signed [onto a letter](#) accusing Attorney General Bill Barr of a “shocking lack of action” after Barr announced that the DOJ has found no evidence of widespread voter fraud.
- **Rep. Mo Brooks**, who in conjunction with right-wing activist Ali Alexander [schemed to put “maximum pressure” on Congress](#) to vote against certifying election results.
- **Rep. Paul Gosar**, who in conjunction with right-wing activist Ali Alexander [schemed to put “maximum pressure” on Congress](#) to vote against certifying election results.
- **Rep. Madison Cawthorn**, who at a Turning Point USA event just weeks before the Capitol insurrection [told attendees to “lightly threaten” members](#) who opposed allegations of voter fraud in the 2020 election.
  - On the day of the Capitol insurrection, Cawthorn [spoke at the Stop The Steal rally](#), saying the crowd has “some fight in it.”
- **Rep. Mike Kelly**, who just days after the 2020 election [“fueled the drive to overturn the results of the presidential election.”](#)
  - Rep. Kelly [objected](#) to the certification of the Electoral College.
- **Rep. Ralph Norman**, who [contributed](#) to President Trump's “election fraud narrative.”
- **Rep. Steve Scalise**, the House GOP Whip, [pressured GOP members](#) to object to the certification of the 2020 presidential election results.

**Charlie Kirk**, Founder of Turning Point USA

- Turning Point Action, [the political arm](#) of Kirk's Turning Point USA, [was listed as an official organizer](#) of the rallies that led to the Capitol insurrection.
- Kirk [promoted](#) Turning Point USA's decision to send 80 busses full of Stop The Steal activists to Washington DC.

**Ben Ferguson**, Conservative Radio Personality And Voter Fraud Conspiracy Theorist

- Ferguson [peddled the debunked conspiracy theory](#) that Dominion voting systems switched votes for Trump to votes for Biden.
- Ferguson [pushed a claim that Biden's election victory was akin to](#) Saddam Hussein or King Jong-Un claiming a democratic election victory.

**Ian Smith**, New Jersey Gym Owner And Speaker At "Stop The Steal" Rally

- Smith, the owner of a New Jersey gym, [falsely accused](#) the State of New Jersey of seizing his assets due to his decision to operate his business in contradiction with public health laws. Smith faces six figures in fines for his business's illegal activity.
- Leading up to his speech at a DC Stop The Steal rally on January 5, 2021, Smith [tweeted](#) in support of President Trump's objections to the election results, saying "Mr. President. You called. The cavalry is coming" and "[#makepoliticiansafraidagain](#)".
- During his speech on January 5, 2021 in Freedom Plaza, Smith [proclaimed](#), "here we are in Washington, DC bringing the storm. Thank you so much and I will see you tomorrow at Capitol Hill."

**Shelley Luther**, Texas Politician And Stop The Steal Organizer

- Luther, an anti-mask activist, [unsuccessfully ran](#) in a special election for a North Texas State Senate seat in 2020.
- Luther [spoke at a Stop The Steal](#) rally in Fort Worth, Texas just after the election.
- Two days after the [Associated Press called the election for Joe Biden](#), Luther [claimed](#) that Biden "hasn't even been elected yet."

**Dan Bongino**, Partial Owner Of Parler And Election Fraud Conspiracy Theorist

- Bongino, a conservative commentator and host of popular podcast The Dan Bongino Show, [is also a partial owner of Parler](#), the conservative social media site that trafficked voter fraud conspiracy theories during the 2020 election cycle.
- Bongino [wrote "dozes of Facebook post" and posted "hours of podcast programming"](#) claiming there were irregularities in the 2020 election results, leading the New York Times to [deem](#) Bongino the largest "superspreader" of election misinformation.

**Scott Presler**, Stop The Steal Organizer And Participant In January 6<sup>th</sup> Rallies

- In the middle of hosting a Stop The Steal rally in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, conservative commentator and organizer Scott Presler [participated in an interview with Jack Posobiec](#), a "neo-Nazi collaborator and prominent MAGA propagandist."
- Presler [thanked](#) Josh Hawley for his "courage" in opposing the 2020 election results and [attended](#) the Stop The Steal rallies on January 6, 2021.
- On the morning of the Capitol insurrection, Presler [tweeted](#) "May our members of Congress and Vice President Pence be led to do the right thing."
- In a tweet during the January 6, 2021 demonstration, Presler [called](#) the Stop The Steal rally "The largest civil rights protest in American history."

**The Annual Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) Has Emerged As The Center Of The Conservative Political Movement**

## **CPAC, The Largest Gathering Of Conservatives In The World, Was Once Considered A Fringe Movement But Is Now The Mainstream Of The Republican Party**

**CPAC Is The “Largest And Most Influential Gathering Of Conservatives In The World.”** “The Conservative Political Action Conference is the largest and most influential gathering of conservatives in the world. Launched in 1974, CPAC brings together hundreds of conservative organizations, thousands of activists, millions of viewers and the best and brightest leaders in the world.” [[CPAC](#), accessed 02/19/21]

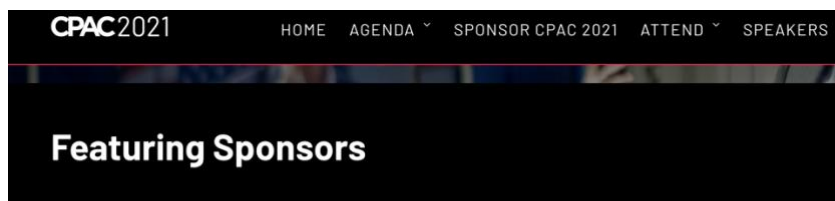
**The American Conservative Union Organizes CPAC.** “The Conservative Political Action Conference, more commonly referred to as CPAC, is an annual conservative conference [...] organized by the [American Conservative Union](#).” [[Ballotpedia](#), accessed 02/19/21]

**CPAC, Once Dominated By The “Fringes” Of The GOP, Came To Be More “Mainstream” As The GOP Embraced President Trump’s Base.** “Once a home for conservatives whose beliefs occupied the fringes of the Republican Party, the [2019 Conservative Political Action Conference](#) has been transformed into something of a pep rally for [President Trump's](#) presidency -- driven in large part by a Republican establishment that has embraced the president's base and redefining what could be considered the party's mainstream.” [[ABC News](#), 03/02/19]

## **CPAC And Its Main Sponsor The American Conservative Union Publicly Condemned The Violence At The Capitol Insurrection**

### **The American Conservative Union, Which Organizes CPAC, Deemed The Capitol Riots “Wrong As Wrong Can Be”**

The American Conservative Union Is A Sponsor Of CPAC 2021.



[[CPAC 2021](#), accessed 02/19/21]

**The American Conservative Union Organizes CPAC.** “The Conservative Political Action Conference, more commonly referred to as CPAC, is an annual conservative conference [...] organized by the [American Conservative Union](#).” [[Ballotpedia](#), accessed 02/19/21]

**The American Conservative Union Retweeted Jim Jordan’s Tweet Calling January 6<sup>th</sup> Events At The Capitol “Wrong As Wrong Can Be.”**



[[American Conservative Union on Twitter](#), 01/08/21]

## **CPAC 2021 Called For The Arrest Of Violent Rioters At The Capitol And Deemed The Insurrection “Unacceptable” And “UnAmerican.”**

On January 6, 2021, CPAC 2021 Retweeted A Tweet Calling For The Arrest Of Those Engaging In Violence At The U.S Capitol And Calling The Events At The Capitol “Unacceptable.”



[[CPAC 2021 on Twitter](#), 01/06/21]

## **Meanwhile, At Least 12 Seditionist Members Of Congress Have Been Invited To Speak At CPAC**

## **Senators Cruz, Hawley, and Lummis, All Of Whom Voted Against Certifying The Election Results And Attempted To Undermine The Results Of The 2020 Election, Will Speak At CPAC**

Senators Cruz, Hawley, And Lummis Are Scheduled To Speak At CPAC. [[CPAC](#), accessed 02/18/21]

Sen. Cruz Was One Of The Few Senators Who Voted Against Certifying The Election Results. “The U.S. Congress certified Joe Biden’s win in the 2020 presidential election early Thursday morning, hours after

overwhelmingly voting against an objection by U.S. Sen. [Ted Cruz](#), R-Texas, to the certification of Arizona's results and another to the results from Pennsylvania." [Texas Tribune, [1/06/21](#)]

**Sen. Hawley Was One Of The Few Senators Who Voted Against Certifying The Election Results.** "The Senate voted 93-6 against objections to Arizona's vote certification. Republican Sens. Ted Cruz, Josh Hawley, Cindy Hyde-Smith, John Neely Kennedy, Roger Marshall and Tommy Tuberville all carried through with objecting to the electors." [ABC News, [1/06/21](#)]

**Sen. Lummis Was One Of The Few Senators Who Voted Against Certifying The Election Results—But Only In Arizona And Not Pennsylvania.** "Lummis' vote — which represented one of just a handful of dissenting votes in the 92-8 result — lent credence to unsubstantiated claims by President Donald Trump that the vote there was rigged in favor of President-elect Joe Biden. But it also set her apart from most of the holdout Republicans who pledged last week to reject the result of the Electoral College vote in a number of states closely won by Biden. Lummis and Florida Sen. Rick Scott were the lone Republicans from that group of eight who did not also vote to object to the result in Arizona." [Casper Star Tribune, [1/07/21](#)]

## **House Members Who Led Efforts To Oppose Election Results And Incited Violence At The Capitol Will Speak At CPAC 2021**

*House Members Scheduled To Speak At CPAC Include:*

Representative Name	District
<a href="#">Rep. Jim Jordan</a>	OH-4
<a href="#">Rep. Matt Gaetz</a>	FL-1
<a href="#">Rep. Jim Banks</a>	IN-9
<a href="#">Rep. Jodey Arrington</a>	TX-19
<a href="#">Rep. Mo Brooks</a>	AL-5
<a href="#">Rep. Paul Gosar</a>	AZ-4
<a href="#">Rep. Madison Cawthorn</a>	NC-11
<a href="#">Rep. Mike Kelly</a>	PA-16
<a href="#">Rep. Ralph Norman</a>	SC-5
<a href="#">Rep. Steve Scalise</a>	LA-1

*Trump Praised Jim Jordan For His Stop The Steal Speech On January 6, 2021, Which Incited The Capitol Insurrection*

**HEADLINE:** "Jim Jordan explains why he is leading charge to block the certification of Joe Biden's presidency." [Journal-News, [1/06/21](#)]

**Trump Singled Out Jordan's Efforts In His Speech Which Helped Instigate The Riot.** "Trump singled out Jordan for praise in remarks he delivered to his supporters on the Ellipse before they marched to the U.S. Capitol and disrupted the vote count in a riot that resulted in five deaths, including that of a Capitol police officer." [Cleveland.com, [1/11/21](#)]

**Jordan Handwaved Away The Riots, Comparing Them To BLM Protests.** "'Democrats, on the other hand, this summer they said the cause justified the action,' said Jordan. 'They even raised money to bail these rioters and looters out of jail. They named streets after the organizations who were pushing for these events. All the while, they were talking about defunding the police. So, let's be consistent. Let's be consistent and let's calm everything down and focus on unifying the country as we move forward.'" [Cleveland.com, [1/11/21](#)]

*Rep. Gaetz, Who Has Received Campaign Contributions From Charlie Kirk, Pledged To "Fight Like Hell" Against Biden's Election And Later Alleged That Antifa Activists Staged The Capitol Insurrection*



**Charlie Kirk Gave \$1,000 To Rep. Matt Gaetz's Primary Campaign On July 7, 2018.** [[Friends of Matt Gaetz Schedule A](#), Federal Election Commission, 06/07/18]

**In The Weeks Leading Up To The Insurrection Attempt, Rep. Gaetz Pushed "False Claims Of Widespread Voter Fraud" And Ultimately Voted Against Certifying Electoral College Votes For President-Elect Biden.** "In the weeks leading up to yesterday's events, a number of representatives signaled that they would object to the certification, pushing false claims of widespread voter fraud in states such as Arizona and hoping to throw out votes from those states. U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida tweeted on December 21 that he and others would "OBJECT to electors from states that didn't run clean elections. [...] Rep. Matt Gaetz: Took office in January 2017. Voted to reject both states' electors." [Joshua Ceballos, "[Here Are the 13 Florida Republicans Who Objected to Biden's Vote Certification](#)," *Miami New Times*, 01/07/21]

**The Day After The Capitol Riot Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) Pushed A Baseless Conspiracy Theory That Anti-Fascist Activists Were Behind The Insurrection Attempt.** "On the House floor early on Thursday, hours after a violent, pro-Trump mob burst into the Capitol, Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) expressed his anger at the perpetrators. But Gaetz wasn't pointing the finger at fellow Trump supporters — instead, he suggested members of antifa had secretly infiltrated the group to cause the chaos. [...] There is no verifiable evidence that these activists, who broadly identify as anti-fascist, formed part of the insurrectionist mob that abruptly halted Congress in the midst of certifying President-elect Joe Biden's electoral victory." [Teo Armus, "[Rep. Matt Gaetz and other GOP politicians baselessly suggest antifa is to blame for pro-Trump mob rioting into Capitol](#)," *The Washington Post*, 01/07/21]

**Rep. Matt Gaetz's (R-FL) YouTube Channel Features A Video Of A Speech He Gave At Turning Point USA's December 2020 Student Action Summit—The Video's Summary Stated, "On January 6th, I'm Joining With The Fighters In Congress."**



[["Gaetz to TPUSA: 'We're OBJECTING to Electors!'"](#), Rep. Matt Gaetz via YouTube, 12/21/20]

**Rep. Gaetz Said, "We're Going For It On January 6th" And Said He Wouldn't "Accept The Result Of A Stolen Election Without Fighting With Every Bit Of Vigor We Can Muster."** "Well, the odds may be tough, it may be fourth and long, but we're going for it on January 6th. [Applause] Now the media -- our friends in the media -- our friends in the media will breathlessly exclaim that we are attacking democracy. That's nonsense. Democracy is left undefended if we accept the result of a stolen election without fighting with every bit of vigor we can muster. We deserve leaders bold enough to take action." [["Gaetz to TPUSA: 'We're OBJECTING to Electors!'"](#), Rep. Matt Gaetz via YouTube, 12/21/20 (05:10)]

**Rep. Gaetz Invoked A Story About How Revolutionary Soldiers "Slaughtered" Enemies, Argued "We Better Fight Like Hell," And Concluded "Let's Go Get Them."** "General George Washington wrote to the Constitutional Congress in the darkest coldest days of Valley Forge. He said we're out of food, so now we must think. And then Washington got together his ragtag band of patriots, they crossed that icy Delaware River and they slaughtered the German Hessians who have no country. You see, America, she may need us now more than ever and we better fight like hell for her with all we have. For there is no place to run. [Audio cuts out] There is no place to run. There is no distant land to convert to our purposes should we fail. Our day will come to fight and cross the river like Washington had to. I hope you're ready, and I hope you'll cross that river with me. God bless you. God bless our country. God bless the United States of America. Let's go get them." [["Gaetz to TPUSA: 'We're OBJECTING to Electors!'"](#), Rep. Matt Gaetz via YouTube, 12/21/20 (14:42)]

**Rep. Gaetz Said, "I'm Not Going Back To Losing Politely."** "I'm not going back to losing politely with Mitt Romney." [["Gaetz to TPUSA: 'We're OBJECTING to Electors!'"](#), Rep. Matt Gaetz via YouTube, 12/21/20 (07:19)]

*Rep. Banks Voted Against Certification Of Biden's Election Win And Welcomed Rioters To Washington, DC*

**Rep. Banks Voted Against Certifying The Electoral Votes For President-Elect Joe Biden And Was Accused Of Inciting The Violence On The Capitol.** "Many taking to social media to question if lawmakers and senators incited violence at the U.S. Capitol, including Indiana Congressman Jim Banks. Banks has been vocal on social media since the Capitol siege defending his decision to vote against electoral college votes Wednesday. Wednesday Banks tweeted he was 'looking forward to welcoming thousands on Capitol Hill' and said he was encouraging people make their voices heard. He says he denies inciting any kind of violence on that day." [[Congressman Banks says he did not incite violence on the Capitol,](#) WPTA21, 01/10/21]

*Rep. Jodey Arrington Accused Attorney General Bill Barr Of A "Shocking Lack Of Action" After DOJ Found No Evidence Of Widespread Voter Fraud.*

**Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX) Joined A Letter Accusing Trump Attorney General Bill Barr Of A "Shocking Lack Of Action" After He Said The Justice Department Found No Evidence Of Widespread Voter Fraud In The 2020 Presidential Election.** "On the same day that U.S. Attorney General William Barr said the Justice Department had found no evidence of widespread fraud in the 2020 election, nine Texas Republicans in Congress signed a letter chastising Barr for a "shocking lack of action" in response to unproven allegations that fraud occurred. [...] They released the letter hours after Barr publicly stated there were no indications the election would be overturned, saying that the Justice Department has followed up on specific complaints." [Abby Livingston, "[After AG Bill Barr says no evidence of widespread fraud in 2020 election, 9 Texas Republicans decry 'shocking lack of action' on allegations,](#)" *The Texas Tribune*, 12/01/20]

- **Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX) Was Among The Signatories Of The Letter.** "U.S. Rep. Michael Cloud, a Victoria Republican, was the top signature on the letter, which he posted to Twitter late Tuesday afternoon. Eight other Texans were among the dozens of Republicans who signed on: U.S. Reps. Jodey Arrington of Lubbock, Brian Babin of Woodville, Mike Conaway of Midland, Dan Crenshaw of Houston, Bill Flores of Bryan, Louie Gohmert of Tyler, Lance Gooden of Terrell and Randy Weber of Friendswood." [Abby Livingston, "[After AG Bill Barr says no evidence of widespread fraud in 2020 election, 9 Texas Republicans decry 'shocking lack of action' on allegations,](#)" *The Texas Tribune*, 12/01/20]

*Reps. Gosar and Brooks "Schemed" With Stop The Steal Organizers To Pressure Members Of Congress To Vote Against Certifying Election Results.*

**Representatives Gosar And Brooks Reportedly Collaborated With The Organizers Of The Capitol Riot To "Put Maximum Pressure On Congress While They Were Voting."** "Weeks before a mob of President Trump's supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol, right-wing activist Ali Alexander told his followers he was planning something big for Jan. Alexander, who organized the 'Stop the Steal' movement, said he hatched the plan — coinciding with Congress's vote to certify the electoral college votes — alongside three GOP lawmakers: Reps. Andy Biggs (Ariz.), Mo Brooks (Ala.) and Paul A. Gosar (Ariz.), all hard-line Trump supporters. 'We four schemed up of putting maximum pressure on Congress while they were voting,' Alexander said in a since-deleted video on Periscope highlighted by the Project on Government Oversight, an investigative nonprofit. The plan, he said, was to 'change the hearts and the minds of Republicans who were in that body, hearing our loud roar from outside.'" [Washington Post, [1/13/21](#)]

*Rep. Cawthorn Called On Supporters To Threaten Lawmakers Who Opposed Claims Of Voter Fraud And Told The January 6 Stop The Steal Crowd That It "Had Some Fight In It."*

**About Three Weeks Before The Insurrection, Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-NC) Told Attendees At A Turning Point USA Event To "Lightly Threaten" Lawmakers Who Didn't Pursue Claims Of Voter Fraud.** "Republican Rep. Madison Cawthorn told a crowd at a Turning Point USA event last month to 'lightly threaten' lawmakers if they didn't support claims of voter fraud made against the legitimacy of the 2020 presidential election. The lawmaker from North Carolina made the comments on December 21, a little over three weeks

before rioters who supported President Donald Trump stormed the US Capitol as lawmakers debated the Electoral College vote and President-elect Joe Biden's 2020 election win.” [Kelly McLaughlin, [“Republican Rep. Madison Cawthorn told a Turning Point USA crowd last month to 'lightly threaten' lawmakers if they didn't support claims of voter fraud,”](#) *Yahoo! News*, 01/12/21]

**At A “‘Stop The Steal’” Rally On The Day Of The Insurrection, Cawthorn Told The Crowd It Had “‘Some Fight In It’” And Condemned Republicans Who Were “‘Hiding And Not Fighting.’”** “Weeks later during the ‘Stop the Steal’ rally in Washington DC that descended into the riot at the Capitol in which five people died, Cawthorn spoke about an hour before Trump and told the crowd it has ‘some fight in it.’ ‘The Democrats, with all the fraud they have done in this election, the Republicans, hiding and not fighting, they are trying to silence your voice. Make no mistake about it, they do not want you to be heard,’ he said. ‘But my friends, when I look out into this crowd, I can confidently say, this crowd has the voice of lions. There is a new Republican Party on the rise that will represent this country, that will go and fight in Washington, DC.’” [Kelly McLaughlin, [“Republican Rep. Madison Cawthorn told a Turning Point USA crowd last month to 'lightly threaten' lawmakers if they didn't support claims of voter fraud,”](#) *Yahoo! News*, 01/12/21]

*Rep. Kelly Refused To Acknowledge Results Of The Election And Objected To The Certification Of The Electoral College*

**Kelly Was An Early Supporter Of The Efforts To Not Acknowledge The Election Results.** “Days after Nov. 3, U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly fueled the drive to overturn the results of the presidential election. Kelly pursued that unprecedented goal to the very end early on Thursday morning. He was the last person in the House of Representatives to object to the certification of the Electoral College vote in Pennsylvania or any other state. Kelly, of Butler, whose 16th Congressional District includes Erie, kept going despite repeated losses in the courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court.” [Go Erie, [1/07/21](#)]

**Kelly Was The Last Person To Object To The Electoral College Results—Even After The Capitol Was Stormed.** “Days after Nov. 3, U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly fueled the drive to overturn the results of the presidential election. Kelly pursued that unprecedented goal to the very end early on Thursday morning. He was the last person in the House of Representatives to object to the certification of the Electoral College vote in Pennsylvania or any other state. Kelly, of Butler, whose 16th Congressional District includes Erie, kept going despite repeated losses in the courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court.” [Go Erie, [1/07/21](#)]

**After The Riots Kelly Said He Felt Sympathy For Those Who Still Thought The Election Was Fraudulent And Called For An Investigation Into It.** “He expressed empathy, however, for the people who were objecting to the election results. ‘On Nov. 3, the greatest loss was the loss of confidence, faith and trust the American people have in our current electoral system,’ Mr. Kelly said. ‘They don’t believe, in great numbers — millions upon millions of Americans feel that that election wasn’t right. And I think we need to do a really deep dive into what took place and to fix immediately where we think the greatest egregious activities took place.’” [Post-Gazette, [1/11/21](#)]

*Rep. Norman “Pushed The President’s Election Fraud Narrative.”*

**Ralph Norman Contributed To Donald Trump’s “Election Fraud Narrative.”** “To varying degrees, U.S. Reps. Nancy Mace, Joe Wilson, Jeff Duncan, William Timmons, Ralph Norman and Tom Rice and Sens. Tim Scott and Lindsey Graham pushed the president's election fraud narrative in public comments, press conferences and social media posts. Mace, Scott and Rice made very few public comments or moves that pushed allegations of widespread fraud, with Mace appearing at one press conference, Scott filing one election integrity bill and Rice signing on to a legal challenge to the results.” [[“Here's everything SC's GOP congressmen said to perpetuate false election fraud narrative,”](#) *The State*, 01/16/21]

*Rep. Scalise, The House GOP Whip, Opposed Certification Of 2020 Presidential Election Results*

**Rep. Scalise, Minority Leader And Whip Of GOP House, Used Power To Force Most GOP House Members To Vote Not To Certify The Election Results.** “Cheney also broke with McCarthy and House



Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.) during the vote challenging the election results last Wednesday and the early hours of Thursday morning, opting not to object to the certification of key swing states.” [The Hill, 01/12/21]

## **Charlie Kirk, Founder Of Turning Point USA And Organizer Of The Capitol Riots, Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC**

### **Charlie Kirk Will Speak At CPAC 2021 Despite His Track Record Of Peddling Conspiracy Theories And Fueling The Capitol Insurrection**

Charlie Kirk Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC 2021. [CPAC, accessed 02/18/21]

**Turning Point Action, An Arm Of Turning Point USA Led By TPUSA’s Founder Charlie Kirk, Was Listed As An Organizer Of January 6th’s Washington DC Rally.** “Charlie Kirk, a firebrand conservative activist and staunch supporter of President Donald Trump, is preparing to unveil a nonprofit that will allow his organization to campaign against Democrats during the 2020 election season. CNBC discovered Kirk’s new organization, called Turning Point Action, after reviewing an embedded donor link that shows the soon-to-be-finalized group targeting Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn.” [CNBC, 5/20/19]



[Documented, 1/11/21]

**Turning Point USA Is A Conservative Group Focused Which Seeks To Organize College Aged Conservatives.** “In 2012, Kirk founded Turning Point USA, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit grassroots organization that encourages conservative college students to rally for causes such as free market policies. The Internal Revenue Service prohibits 501(c)(3)s to participate, either directly or indirectly, in political campaigns.” [CNBC, 5/20/19]

**Turning Point USA And Turning Point Action Founder And Leader Charlie Kirk Prominently Promoted The More Than 80 Buses They Organized To Bring Supporters To The Rally.**



Charlie Kirk  
@charliekirk11

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This historic event will likely be one of the largest and most consequential in American history

The team at @TrumpStudents & Turning Point Action are honored to help make this happen, sending 80+ buses full of patriots to DC to fight for this president

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[Twitter Archive, [1/04/21](#)]

## **Conservative Commentator Ben Ferguson, Who Peddled Voter Fraud Conspiracy Theories And Compared Biden's Win To Saddam Hussein And Kim Jong-Un, Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC**

### **Conservative Radio Host Ben Ferguson Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC**

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**Ben Ferguson Hosts A Conservative Radio Talk Show.** "The Ben Ferguson Show is aired on over 100 stations across the country through the ICON Radio Network. Ben's live, weekly call-in show began in 2003, and it continues Sunday nights from WREC in Memphis." [[KFYO](#), accessed 2/18/21]

### **Ben Ferguson Claimed Dominion Voting Systems, A Voting Machine Software Company, Facilitated Massive Voter Fraud In The 2020 Election And Compared Biden's Democratic Win To Elections Of Saddam Hussein And Kim Jong-Un**

Ben Ferguson Retweeted A Meme About A "Dominion Dishwasher" Washing Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dishes In One Day.



**After The 2020 Election, Conservative News Sources And President Trump Accused Dominion Voting Systems, A Provider Of Voting Machine Software, Of Switching Votes For Trump To Votes For Biden.**

“Multiple conservative news sources have claimed this week that vote counting software from Dominion Voting Systems deleted votes for President Donald Trump or switched votes to President-elect Joe Biden [...] Trump himself then magnified the claim. ‘Report: Dominion deleted 2.7 million Trump votes nationwide. Data analysis finds 221,000 Pennsylvania votes switched from President Trump to Biden. 941,000 Trump votes deleted. States using Dominion Voting Systems switched 435,000 votes from Trump to Biden,’ he wrote on [Twitter](#).”  
[[USA Today](#), 11/14/21]

- **A National Coalition Found No Evidence Of Voting Software Altering Votes In The 2020 Election.**  
“A national coalition announced Thursday that there is no evidence that any voting software deleted or changed votes in last week's election [...] In fact, the security group — which includes the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the National Association of State Election Directors — described the election as “the most secure in American history.”” [[USA Today](#), 11/14/21]

**Ben Ferguson Retweeted A Comment That Reports Finding No Widespread Voter Fraud In The 2020 Election Were “Up There” With Saddam Hussein And Kim Jong Un Claiming Election Victories.**



[[Ben Ferguson on Twitter](#), 11/13/20]

**Ben Ferguson Tweeted A Comment From The Philly GOP Claiming Pennsylvanians Who Were Over The Age Of 101 And Born In The 1800's Voted In The 2020 Election.**



[[Ben Ferguson on Twitter](#), 11/10/21]

**Anti-Mask Business Owner And Stop The Steal Rally Speaker Ian Smith, Who Pledged To “#MakePoliticiansAfraidAgain” And Called GOP Supporters Of Impeachment “Fork-Tongue Peddlers Of Fear,” Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC**

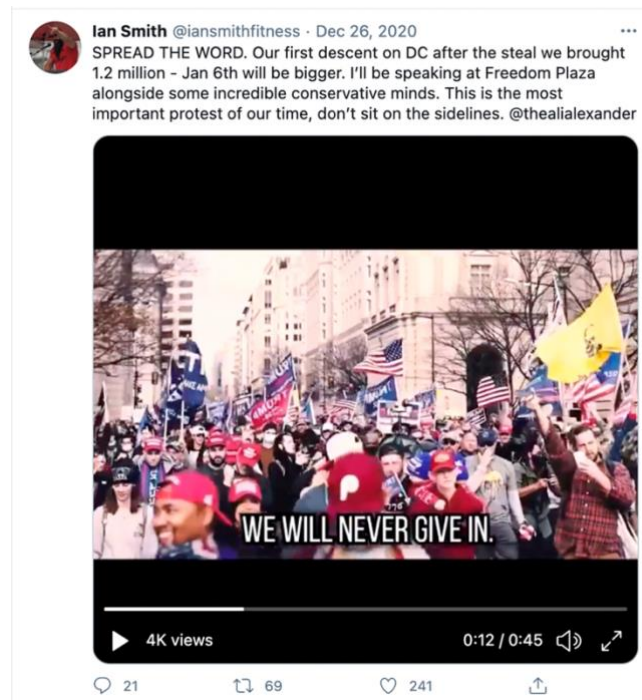
**Ian Smith, A New Jersey Gym Owner Who Falsely Claimed That New Jersey Seized His Assets For Flouting COVID Rules, Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC**

**While Ian Smith Falsely Claimed That New Jersey Seized His Assets For Failing To Obey COVID Orders, The State Of New Jersey Did Fine Smith For Violations.** “State authorities still are looking to collect six-figure fines against [Atilis Gym](#) in Bellmawr due to months of ignored pandemic protocols, as the gym co-owners have been publicly claiming that assets have [already been taken](#). Ian Smith has been saying since Jan. 14 that Gov. Phil Murphy had illegally seized ‘all of the gym’s assets’ from donations and apparel sales, which he lists as \$165,000. A spokesman for the Office of the Attorney General said on Thursday that such information was inaccurate and that the state has ‘not seized their bank account funds.’” [[New Jersey 101.5](#), 01/19/21]

**Ian Smith Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC.** [[CPAC](#), accessed 02/18/21]

## **Ian Smith Spouted “Stop The Steal” Conspiracies And Claimed To Be Part Of Trump’s “Calvary” Before Speaking At The DC Rallies That Led To The Capitol Insurrection**

**Ian Smith Announced He Would Be Speaking At Freedom Plaza For The January 6, 2021 Stop The Steal Rally.**



[[Ian Smith on Twitter](#), 12/26/21]

**Ian Smith Five Days Before The Capitol Insurrection: ‘Mr. President. You called. The cavalry is coming.’**





**Ian Smith**  
@iansmithfitness



Mr. President. You called. The cavalry is coming. On 1/6/21, millions of us will show up and stand with you. We come from all walks of life - not as Republicans, but as Patriots prepared to defend the beautiful American Republic at all costs. [#stopthesteal](#) [@ali](#)  
[@realDonaldTrump](#)

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[\[Ian Smith On Twitter, 01/01/21\]](#)

**Ian Smith Tweeted “#MakePoliticiansAfraidAgain” Four Days Before The Capitol Insurrection.**



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What we are about to witness over this next week will be one of the greatest chapters in American history.  
[#makepoliticiansafraidagain](#)

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[\[Ian Smith on Twitter, 01/02/21\]](#)

**Ian Smith On January 6 Rally: ‘We’re coming and there is NOTHING. YOU. CAN. DO. TO. STOP. US.’**



[[Ian Smith on Twitter](#), 01/03/21]

**Ian Smith Tweeted In Support Of January 6 “March To Save America” And Said He Would “See You Patriots In DC.”**



[[Ian Smith on Twitter](#), 01/04/21]

**During His Speech At January 5, 2021 Stop The Steal Rally In Freedom Plaza, Ian Smith Pledged To “Brin[g] The Storm” And Participate In Rallies On Capitol Hill On January 6.** “I’m here today with stop the steal because it isn’t just about an election. They’re trying to steal a way of life. And that way of life is the beautiful American dream. And I didn’t want this life [...] But they kept poking and they kept prodding and now here we are in Washington, DC bringing the storm. Thank you so much and I will see you tomorrow at Capitol Hill. [[YouTube, Project Truth Beam](#), 01/05/21]

## **Ian Smith Opposed Impeaching President Trump For His Role In The Capitol Insurrection, Calling Republicans Who Voted For Impeachment “Fork-Tongue Peddlers Of Fear.”**

The House Voted To Impeach Trump On January 13, 2021. [[U.S. Congress, H. Res. 24](#), Voted 01/13/21]

On January 13, 2021, Ian Smith Tweeted Calling “Every Single Republican Politician Who Turned Their Back [...] On Our President” A “Fork-Tongue Peddler Of Fear.”



[[Ian Smith on Twitter](#), 01/13/2021]

## **Election Fraud Conspiracy Theorist And Stop The Steal Activist Shelley Luther Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC**

### **Shelley Luther, A Texas Salon Owner Who Opposed COVID Restrictions And Lost A 2020 Special Election For A Texas State Senate Seat, Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC**

Shelley Luther Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC. [[CPAC](#), accessed 02/18/21]

Luther, Who Opposed Gov Abbot's COVID Public Health Regulations, Unsuccessfully Ran In Special Election For North Texas State Senate Seat In December 2020. "State Rep. Drew Springer defeated beauty salon owner Shelley Luther in the hotly contested special runoff election for a North Texas Senate seat [...]. The win for Springer also marks victory for Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who has funneled thousands of dollars into defeating Luther. The salon owner made national headlines for defying Abbott's COVID-19 restrictions and built her campaign around opposing them. A political newcomer, Luther called Abbott a tyrant and pledged to rein in his power. [[The Dallas Morning News](#), 12/19/20]

### **Shelley Luther Led Stop The Steal Rallies In Texas And Peddled Voter Fraud Conspiracies**

Luther Hosted Event Entitled 'Courage To Stand For President Trump' In November 2020. "Dallas hair-salon-owner-turned-political candidate [Shelley Luther](#) also decried the results. Saturday, Luther created a Facebook event called "Courage to Stand for President Trump," which will take place this Sunday at a McKinney wedding venue and include '80s-tribute band [Velcro Pygmies](#). [[Dallas Observer](#), 11/10/21]

## Luther Spoke At A Stop The Steal Rally In Fort Worth Texas.



[[Shelley Luther on Twitter](#), 11/14/20]

## Luther Alleged That Election Fraud Was Widespread Enough To Swing The 2020 Election For Trump.



[[Shelley Luther on Twitter](#), 12/17/20]

AP Called The Election For Biden On November 7, 2020. [[Associated Press](#), 12/07/20]

Luther Claimed On November 9, 2020 That Biden “Hasn’t Even Been Elected Yet.”





Shelley Luther

November 9, 2020 · 🌐

While the establishment continues to cower in fear, support the “new president” that hasn’t even been elected yet, and waste time spreading gossip and disgusting lies, Shelley continues to show courage, standing in support of President Trump, fighting for the voices that can’t be heard, and preparing to drain the swamp. Have the courage to stand with us on December 19th and vote for change to the status quo.



[[Shelly Luther On Facebook](#), 11/09/21]

## **Dan Bongino, Partial Owner Of Parler And “Leader In The Far-Right Media Sweepstakes Set Off By Trump’s Refusal To Concede The Election,” Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC**

### **Far-Right Commentator Dan Bongino, Who Is Also A Partial Owner Of Parler, Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC In 2021**

Conservative Commentator Dan Bongino Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC. [[CPAC](#), accessed 02/18/21]

**Bongino Is A Partial Owner Of Parler, Which Saw Growth In Popularity After Twitter Began Flagging Trump’s Election Related Tweets As False.** “And an app that Bongino partly owns and unfailingly promotes, Parler, saw an explosion of postelection interest from Republicans furious at Twitter for placing warning labels on the president’s tweets. Soon, Parler became the No. 1 app on iTunes for five days in a row and was similarly popular on Android, where it remains in the top slot.” [[Politico](#), 11/18/20]

### **Dan Bongino Was One Of The Largest Sources Of 2020 Election Misinformation Through His Popular Podcast The Dan Bongino Show**

**Bongino Was Top “Superspreader” Of Election Misinformation In November 2020.** Two Trumps and a set of right-wing commentators have been the top so-called superspreaders of election misinformation, according to research by Avaaz, a global human rights group. In descending order, the five included the right-wing commentators Dan Bongino, Mark Levin, Diamond and Silk, and David J. Harris Jr., as well as one of the president’s sons, Donald Trump Jr. President Trump topped the list, according to the research. They were part of [a larger set of 25 superspreaders](#) who, together, accounted for 28.6 percent of the interactions that people had with voter fraud misinformation, according to the Avaaz analysis. [[The New York Times](#), 11/23/20]

**Dan Bongino Used His Platform As A Political Commentator To Become “The Surprise Leader In The Far-Right Media Sweepstakes Set Off By Trump’s Refusal To Concede The Election.”** As President Donald Trump pushed his theory last week that the presidential election had been stolen from him, the three-time failed congressional candidate turned prolific commentator Dan Bongino was penning dozens of Facebook posts and generating hours of podcast programming, pointing out “anomalies” in the election results and telling his listeners he’s ‘never been more fired up’ in his life [...] Bongino — a former police officer and Secret Service agent who was a latecomer to the talk-show world — is the surprise leader in the far-right



media sweepstakes set off by Trump's refusal to concede the election. While the president's chances of clinging to power remain wafer thin, the prospect of a new conspiracy theory that could dominate right-wing discourse for four years is not being ignored by the pundits, podcasters and mini-moguls who populate MAGA-world. [[Politico](#), 11/18/20]

**Bongino Alleged Irregularities In 2020 Election On Multiple Occasions And Defended His Allegations Of Fraud The Day After The Capitol Insurrection.** "Mr. Bongino, who hosts a podcast and has a popular Facebook page, has raised questions about what he has called 'irregularities' in the 2020 election. On an [episode of his podcast](#) in November, he said, referring to the election, 'Ladies and gentlemen, these claims that there are no evidence of fraud are utterly absurd.' On the day after the storming of the Capitol, he said he would not let go of his belief that 'we had an election with unbelievably suspect behavior, and we better damn well fix it.' On Monday's episode of his radio show, Mr. Bongino said that 'principles about what happened in the election, the constitutionality, are in dispute and should be.' [[The New York Times](#), 01/11/21]

## **Conservative Activist And Stop The Steal Organizer Scott Presler Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC**

### **Far-Right Organizer And Social Media Personality Scott Presler Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC**

**Scott Presler Is Scheduled To Speak At CPAC.** [[CPAC](#), accessed 02/18/21]

**Presler Is A Conservative Activist.** "Scott Presler is a conservative activist with over 434,600 followers on Twitter. He spent 2 years of his life working to defeat Hillary Clinton and is laser-focused on re-electing President Trump." [[Scottpresler.org](#), accessed 02/19/21]

### **Scott Presler Led Stop The Steal Movement In Pennsylvania And Participated In An Interview With Neo-Nazi Collaborator Jack Posobiec During A Stop The Steal Rally**

**Presler Participated In Interview With Neo-Nazi Collaborator Jack Posobiec During Stop The Steal Rally In Pennsylvania.** "It was the [second day](#) of the "Stop the Steal" demonstrations in Harrisburg, all organized by far-right operative and influencer Scott Presler, who does not live in Pennsylvania. Presler, who used to work for the [anti-Muslim hate group Act for America](#), directed the 60 or so die-hard Trump supporters in a series of chants — 'Audit the vote!' — and had them pose for group photos [...] A short time later, the crowd stood silently behind Presler as he raised his phone and appeared to conduct a video interview with Jack Posobiec, the neo-Nazi collaborator and prominent MAGA propagandist. 'Awesome, thank you One America News,' Presler said at the end of the interview, referring to the far-right network for which Posobiec works. [[HuffPost](#), 11/06/20]

### **Scott Presler Praised Josh Hawley's "Courage" Before Attending The January 6, 2021 Stop The Steal Rally In DC**

**Scott Presler Praised Josh Hawley's Opposition To Certifying The Election Results.**



[[Scott Presler on Twitter](#), 12/30/20]

### Presler Attended Stop The Steal Rally In DC On January 6, 2021.



[[Scott Presler on Twitter](#), 01/06/21]

### Presler Called Stop The Steal Rally “The Largest Civil Rights Protest In American History.”



[[Scott Presler on Twitter](#), 01/06/21]

**Scott Presler The Morning Of The Capitol Insurrection: “May Our Members of Congress & Vice President Pence Be Led To Do The Right Thing.”**



[[Scott Presler on Twitter](#), 01/06/21]