

Michigan Politicians Pushing For A Bogus Election Audit Also Peddled The “Big Lie,” Are Connected To Extremist Groups, And Had Histories Of Fighting COVID-19 Precautions– Yet Received Corporate Contributions

SUMMARY: Legislators in Michigan have been pushing the “Big Lie” and proceeded to send a delegation of legislators traveling to Maricopa County, AZ for the purposes of examining what an audit effort could look like in Michigan.

Legislators connected to the audit push had their own histories of peddling conspiracies, connections to extremist groups, anti-vaccine rhetoric, and more:

- **State Representative Steve Carra** has sponsored legislation that called for a “forensic audit” of the 2020 election, with particular attention paid to Detroit. This followed a January 2021 letter to Vice President Pence, against certification of the electoral vote. Carra emerged from an anti-labor, anti-LGBT think tank, the Acton Institute, which had published papers entertaining the idea that child labor laws were flawed; and earned endorsement from the Michigan Freedom Fund, which had been linked to far-right groups such as the Proud Boys or Michigan Liberty Militia. Carra also sponsored legislation prohibiting COVID-19 vaccine mandates, while arguing for alternative remedies such as Vitamin D and hydroxychloroquine. Carra has received campaign contributions from Huntington Bancshares and BlueCross BlueShield.
- **State Representative Beth Griffin**, called for a forensic audit of the 2020 election results in Michigan. No stranger to the far right, Griffin was a former branch president of the anti-Muslim group ACT! For America. Griffin also allegedly admitted to supporting the people who attended the Capitol Insurrection.
- **Secretary of State candidate Kristina Karamo** has made a name for herself as a self-described “whistleblower,” alleging irregularities in processing of ballots in the 2020 election on numerous far-right media outlets. Karamo has also stoked distrust in the COVID-19 vaccine, comparing it to the Tuskegee Syphilis Study and eugenics.

State Representative Steve Carra – Who Has Received Contributions From Huntington Bancshares And BlueCross BlueShield – Has Sponsored Legislation For A “Forensic Audit” In The State Of Michigan, After Having Previously Worked For Far-Right Think Tank And Fighting Against COVID Restrictions In The State

Steve Carra



POLITICAL OFFICE

Michigan House of Representatives (District 59), January 2021-Present [Michigan House Republicans, Steve Cara, accessed [8/12/21](#)]

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Former employee, State Representative Steve Johnson. [Michigan House Republicans, Steve Cara, accessed [8/12/21](#)]

Research Assistant, Acton Institute [Michigan House Republicans, Steve Cara, accessed [8/12/21](#)]

ACADEMIC HISTORY

Western Michigan University, B.S. Political Science and Economics [Michigan House Republicans, Steve Cara, accessed [8/12/21](#)]

- Carra supported audits both within and beyond Michigan. He sponsored legislation to audit the results of the 2020 election, that specifically carved out Detroit (a majority black city). He even highlighted when Twitter banned the official Arizona audit account for spreading misinformation. He was one of the legislators who signed on to a letter that called on Vice President Pence to decertify the 2020 election.
- Carra began his stint in politics by working for the anti-labor, anti-LGBT Acton institute that pushed an essay entertaining the idea that child labor laws are bad.
- The Michigan Freedom Fund endorsed Michigan State Rep. Carra. The Michigan Freedom Fund had been linked to far-right and white supremacist groups like the Proud Boys and the Michigan Liberty Militia.
- Carra opposed COVID restrictions of any sort. In addition to sponsoring legislation that prohibited the state, and localities, from pushing vaccine mandates, he joined the militant “operation gridlock” State Rep. Carra refused the COVID-19 vaccine and thought its emergency authorization went “against the whole concept of being a free country.” He also said there were alternative remedies, like getting Vitamin D and hydroxychloroquine.

Carra Supported Audits Both In Michigan And Around The Country

Carra Sponsored Legislation To Audit The 2020 Election Results In Michigan That Targeted The Majority Black City Of Detroit

Carra Sponsored Legislation To Audit The 2020 Election Results In Michigan. “The push for a new audit of Michigan's 2020 election received a boost Tuesday from a Republican representative who introduced a bill to require a review of the vote, the first such proposal to be filed this year in the battleground state's Legislature. The bill by Rep. Steve Carra, R-Three Rivers, would create a bipartisan board to hire an outside group to conduct the audit, examining 10% of the precincts in each of Michigan's 83 counties and 20% of the precincts in Detroit, the state's largest city and a Democratic stronghold.” [Detroit News, [6/22/21](#)]

Carra's Bill Singled Out Detroit. "Carra's bill doesn't specifically mention Detroit but says the outside group 'must randomly select at least 20% of the election precincts in each city with a population of more than 500,000.' The only city that meets that criteria in Michigan is Detroit." [Detroit News, [6/22/21](#)]

Detroit Was A Majority Black City. "American cities in which blacks constitute a majority of the population—what we call "black-majority cities"—are on the rise. They include the core cities of metropolitan areas like Detroit, Baltimore, and Memphis as well as smaller suburban municipalities like East Cleveland, Ohio, Wilkinsburg, Pa., and Ferguson, Mo. Black-majority cities (which include cities, towns, and other census-designated places) numbered 460 at the 1970 census, and 1,148 by the 2010 census. And, as of the latest census estimates (2017), there are now 1,262 black-majority cities, an increase of more than 100 such cities during this decade alone." [Brookings Institute, [2/26/19](#)]

Carra Highlighted The Fact That Twitter Suspended The Arizona Audit Accounts

Carra Retweet: "JUST IN-Twitter Has Just Suspended The Official Audit And Audit War Room Accounts." Steve Carra retweeted "JUST IN - Twitter has just suspended the official Arizona Audit and Audit War Room accounts." [Twitter, @disclosetv, [7/27/21](#)]



[Twitter, @disclosetv, [7/27/21](#)]

- **Twitter Permanently Banned Two Audit Accounts For Spreading Lies About The Election.** "Twitter has permanently suspended eight accounts that spread former president Donald Trump's lies about the 2020 election and pushed for partisan "audits" to find evidence to support those falsehoods, the platform's latest suspensions directed at the audits. Among those suspended was the official Twitter account for the ongoing, Republican-led audit in Arizona, which is being overseen by a contractor who has spread false conspiracy theories, including in a recent pro-Trump movie. The Arizona audit has been a popular tourist destination for conservative lawmakers from across the country hoping to emulate it in their home states, including several who were in Washington, DC, on Jan. 6. The official audit account had spread misinformation about the 2020 election." [BuzzFeed, [7/27/21](#)]

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decertify the election's results in five states. The letter, which was signed by lawmakers from five battleground states, asks Pence "to afford our nation more time to properly review the 2020 election by postponing the January 6th opening and counting of the electoral votes for at least 10 days." [Detroit News, 1/7/21]

Carra Worked For An Anti-LGBTQ Group That Pushed For The Abolition Of Child Labor Laws

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Rep. Carra Was A Research Assistant For The Acton Institute. "Steve Carra worked for three years as a staffer for Rep. Steve Johnson. Prior to that, Carra was a research assistant at Acton Institute, a Christian-based free market think tank focused on "good intentions with sound economics." Born and raised in Southwest Michigan, the Portage Northern High School alum graduated from Western Michigan University in 2011 with degrees in economics and political science." [Michigan House Republicans, accessed [7/28/21](#)]

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The Acton Institute Supported The Abolition Of Child Labor Laws.

The Acton Institute Claimed That Child Labor Was A "A Gift Our Kids Can Handle." "A think tank funded by Donald Trump's Secretary of Education pick recently advocated for putting kids back in the workforce. The Acton Institute, a conservative nonprofit that is said to have received thousands of dollars in donations from Betsy DeVos and her family, posted an essay to its blog this month that called child labor 'a gift our kids can handle.'" [HuffPost, [11/24/16](#)]

HEADLINE: "Work Is A Gift Our Kids Can Handle." [Acton Institute, PowerBlog, [11/3/16](#)]

The Acton Institute Lamented "Work Has Largely Vanished From Modern Childhood." "The abundant prosperity of the modern age has brought many blessings when it comes to child-rearing and child development, offering kids new opportunities for education, play, and personal development. Yet even as we celebrate our civilizational departure from excessive child labor, we ought to be wary of falling into a different sort of lopsided lifestyle. Alas, as a day-to-day reality, work has largely vanished from modern childhood, with parents constantly stressing over the values of study and practice and "social interaction" even as they insulate their children from any activity that might involve risk, pain, or boredom. As a result, many of our kids are coming far too late to the arena of creative service and all it brings: dignity, meaning, freedom, virtue, creativity, character, and neighbor love." [Acton Institute, PowerBlog, [11/3/16](#)]

The Acton Institute Suggested Parents Utilize Children For Cheap Labor In Lieu Of An Allowance. "For example, as families, what if we were to rethink our approach to "allowances," or paid labor in the household in general? What if we were to be more intentional about creating opportunities for work for our kids, or simply to more closely disciple our children toward a full understanding of the role of their work in honoring God and serving neighbor? In our schools and educational systems, what if we stopped prioritizing 'intellectual' work to the detriment of practical knowledge and physical labor, paving new paths to a more holistic approach to character formation? In our policy and governing institutions, what if we put power back in the hands of parents and kids, dismantling the range of excessive legal restrictions, minimum wage fixings, and regulations that lead our children to work less and work later? (This could be something as simple as letting a 14-year-old work a few hours a week at a fast-food restaurant or grocery store.)." [Acton Institute, PowerBlog, [11/3/16](#)]

Michigan State Representative Steve Carra Was Endorsed By The Michigan Freedom Fund, A Conservative Political Group With Ties To Far-Right And White Supremacist Groups.

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The Michigan Freedom Fund Promoted “Operation Gridlock,” A Protest Defying An Executive Order From Michigan “Gov. Gretchen Whitmer To Shelter In Place To Combat The Spread Of” COVID-19.

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Carra Fought Vaccine Mandates And COVID Restrictions In Michigan

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Carra Sponsored Legislation That Prohibited State And Local Vaccine Mandates. “State Rep. Steve Carra today spearheaded the introduction of bipartisan legislation to prevent state and local vaccine mandates and make sure individuals who have not been vaccinated do not experience discrimination. [Michigan House Republicans, [5/5/21](#)]

On His Congressional Campaign Website, Carra Claimed That Vaccine Mandates Went Against The Constitution

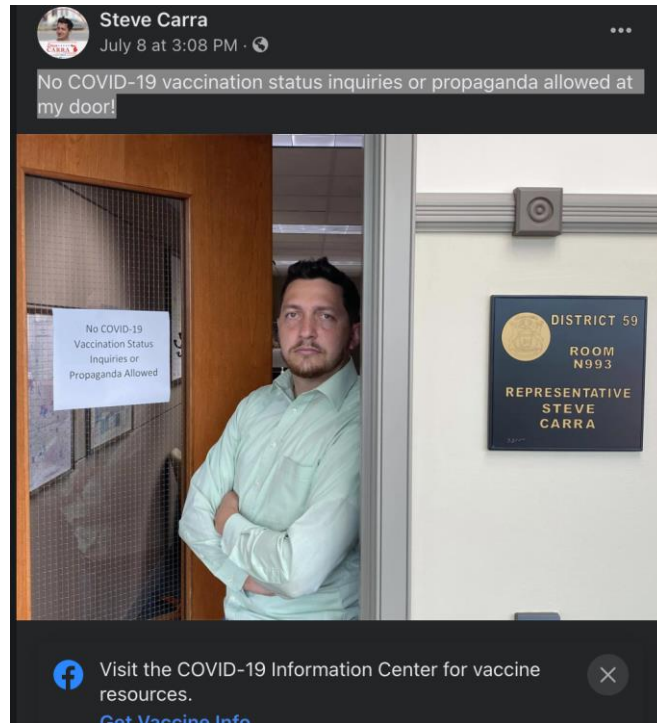
HEADLINE: Let’s Talk About Vaccines. [Carra For Congress, 5/3/21]

On His Congressional Campaign Website, Carra In Reference To The Concept Of Vaccine Mandates, Claimed That “Ant Group Which Mandates Individuals Engage In Publicly Funded Acts Against Their Will Is Acting Outside Of The Spirit Of The Constitution And Threatens Freedom.” “Let’s Talk About Vaccines [...] Any group which mandates individuals engage in publicly funded acts against their will is acting outside the spirit of the constitution and threatens freedom. [...] Any group which mandates individuals engage in publicly funded acts against their will is acting outside the spirit of the constitution and threatens freedom. As

the primary function of government is to protect our God-given rights, it is the duty of government officials to take steps to prevent such transgressions.” [Carra For Congress, [5/3/21](#)]

Carra Proudly Posted A Selfie Proclaiming His Office Does Not Believe In Vaccine Mandates

Carra Posted A Picture Of Himself On Facebook With The Caption, “No COVID-19 Vaccination Status Inquiries Or Propaganda Allowed At My Door!” “No COVID-19 vaccination status inquiries or propogandaallowed at my door!” [Facebook, [steve.cara](#), [7/8/21](#)]



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Carra Admitted To Participating In “Operation Gridlock” Which Was A Giant Anti-Lockdown Protest

2020: Carra Acknowledged He Participated In Operation Gridlock. “Operation Gridlock was a blast last year. I enjoyed spending a chilly April day with so many fellow patriots standing up for freedom!”



[Facebook, [steve.cara](#), [4/17/21](#)]

Operation Gridlock Was An Anti-Lockdown Protest. “Protest organizers called it "Operation Gridlock," their response to what they see as the governor unnecessarily placing a gridlock on Michigan's economy in an effort to slow the spread of coronavirus. Protesters told News 10 on Wednesday they're sick of living in lockdown and they want to get back to work. They say the stay at home order is ruining their livelihood. [...] In a statement, the group said, ‘While everyone has a right to gather and express their opinions, today's protest sends exactly the opposite message that nurses and healthcare professionals are trying to get across: we are begging people, please stay home. The protest was irresponsible, impeding ambulances and traffic to Sparrow Hospital, where frontline healthcare workers are risking their lives taking care of patients suffering from COVID-19. Lives are being saved because of the stay-home order. We ask everyone to protect themselves, their families and us by doing what's best for the greater good.’” [WILX, [4/15/20](#)]

White Supremacists Attended Operation Gridlock. “The city's public transit system was temporarily disrupted by Operation Gridlock on Wednesday afternoon. ‘CATA is unable to accommodate life-sustaining and medically necessary trips to or from these areas,’ it tweeted. Several protesters flew Confederate flags, including one that included a superimposed image of an assault rifle. According to the Michigan Advance, the protest turned into a ‘Trump celebration with Confederate flags and guns.’ Some protesters sported Nazi swastika tattoos.” The Center For Media and Democracy, [4/17/20](#)]

The Michigan Militia, Which Had Ties To The Unite The Right Rally, Were Also In Attendance At Operation Gridlock. “The city's public transit system was temporarily disrupted by Operation Gridlock on Wednesday afternoon. ‘CATA is unable to accommodate life-sustaining and medically necessary trips to or from these areas,’ it tweeted. [...] The Michigan Militia, an extremist group with racist ties, also attended with their firearms. Members attended the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia in 2017, and Oklahoma City terrorist and white nationalist Timothy McVeigh attended Michigan Militia meetings in the 1990s.” [The Center For Media and Democracy, [4/17/20](#)]

State Rep. Carra Refused The COVID-19 Vaccine, Saying That It Went “Against The Whole Concept Of Being A Free Country” And That Hydroxychloroquine Was An Alternative Remedy.

Carra Refused The COVID-19 Vaccine Because Of Its Emergency Authorization, Which He Thought Was “Pressure From The Government And Concerns About Vaccination And Immunization Records.” “State Rep. Steve Carra spoke with Local 4 about why he’s refusing a vaccine. Carra is a 32-year-old Republican Representative of the 59th District of Southwest, Michigan. He said he’s refusing a COVID vaccine

because of its emergency authorization, what he feels is pressure from the government and concerns about vaccination and immunization records. 'I just think that goes against the whole concept of being a free country,' Carra said." [Click On Detroit, [4/15/21](#)]

Carra Believed There Were Alternative "Remedies" Against COVID-19 Rather Than The Vaccine, Like Getting Vitamin D And Hydroxychloroquine. "I think there's other remedies. Things like making sure that I get my Vitamin D -- hydroxychloroquine is an option,' Carra said. 'There's other alternatives that people can choose.' Hydroxychloroquine was studied as a prophylactic way to stop virus infection and it was shown to not be effective at all." [Click On Detroit, [4/15/21](#)]

State Rep. Carra Voted No On A Michigan House Bill To Disperse Federal COVID Funding For Vaccine Distribution, Testing, Food Assistance And More, While Advocating For A Private Sector Vaccine.

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Carra Highlighted Bigots On Social Media

Carra Highlighted Pastor Mark Burns On Facebook, Who The Anti-Defamation League Previously Called On To Retract His Anti-Semitic Statements About Bernie Sanders

Carra Posted A Meme Quoting Mark Burns. "Agreed, it's time we stop segregating and classifying people by the color of their skin! We are all humans and we should all be treated equally." [Facebook, [steve.cara, 6/6/21](#)]



[Facebook, [steve.cara](#), [6/6/21](#)]

The President Of The Anti-Defamation League Called On Burns To Retract His Statement About Bernie Sanders Having to “Meet Jesus.” “The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) today urged a pastor to retract and apologize for disparaging remarks he made about presidential candidate Bernie Sanders’ faith at a North Carolina Donald Trump rally. Mark Burns, a South Carolina televangelist and a prominent supporter of Mr. Trump, told audience members at a rally that ‘... Bernie gotta get saved, he gotta meet Jesus. ... I don’t know, he’s got to have a coming to Jesus meeting.’ ‘We urge Pastor Burns to retract and apologize for his hurtful comments,’ said Jonathan A. Greenblatt, ADL CEO. ‘They convey the offensive, erroneous, and exclusionary message that Jews and other religious minorities are unfit to be President, and they are disrespectful remarks to Jews beyond just an election.’” [Anti Defamation League, [3/15/16](#)]

Carra Retweeted Act For America, An SPLC-Designated Hate Group

Carra Retweet: “RETWEET If You Support Rand Paul’s Criminal Investigation Into Fauci.” “RETWEET if you support Rand Paul’s criminal investigation into Fauci!” [Twitter, [@ActforAmerica](#), [7/26/21](#)]

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[Twitter, [@ActforAmerica](#), [7/26/21](#)]

- **Act For America Was A Southern Poverty Law Center-Designated Hate Group.** “SPLC DESIGNATED HATE GROUP [...] Brigitte Tudor, better known as Brigitte Gabriel, founded ACT for America in 2007 at a time when the anti-Muslim movement was beginning to take shape in the United States. While claiming an unlikely 750,000 members and more than 1,000 chapters, the group has

undoubtedly grown to become the largest anti-Muslim group in America. Brigitte Gabriel, born Hanan Qahwaji, claims ACT was launched as a response to the 9/11 attacks and “educates citizens and elected officials to impact policy involving national security and defeating terrorism.” ACT has stayed true to its mission by working to advance anti-Muslim legislation at the local and federal level while flooding the American public with hate speech demonizing Muslims.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, Act For America, accessed [6/15/21](#)]



EXTREMIST GROUP INFO:

SPLC DESIGNATED HATE GROUP

Date Founded: 2007

Location: Virginia Beach, Virginia

Ideology: Anti-Muslim

[Southern Poverty Law Center, Act For America, accessed 6/15/21]

Carra Met With Brexit Leader Nigel Farage, A Movement Which Was Laden With Xenophobia And Preceded An Uptick In Hate Crimes In The UK

Carra Met With Brexit Leader Nigel Farage. “Enjoyed meeting with Nigel Farage in Grand Rapids today. Spoke with him about the exciting topic of inflation, America having the reserve currency of the world, and the implications of our country running trade deficits since 1973. Fun times!” [Facebook, steve.cara, [5/14/21](#)]

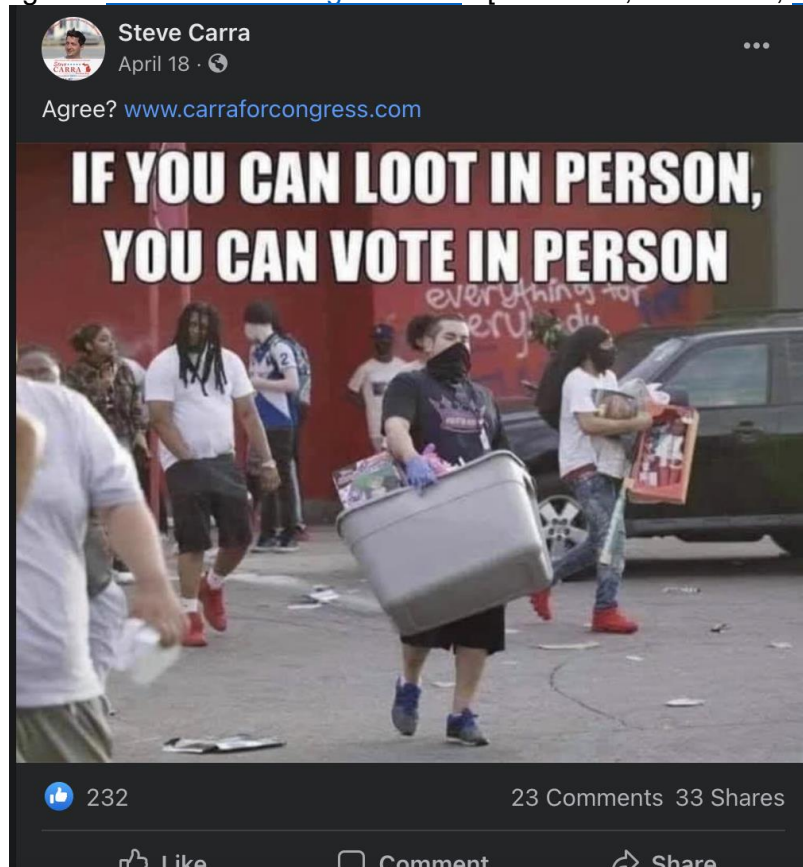


[Facebook, [steve.cara](#), [5/14/21](#)]

- **Farage Was A Brexit Party Leader.** "Nigel Farage, who has fared better in fighting for Brexit than in winning elections, has said he will not run for a seat in Parliament in Britain's general election in December. But he vowed to lead his Brexit Party in a vigorous campaign that could threaten Prime Minister Boris Johnson. Mr. Farage said in a BBC interview broadcast on Sunday that he had concluded that he could advance the country's exit from the European Union better by campaigning on behalf of his populist party's other candidates than by contesting a seat himself." [New York Times, [11/3/19](#)]
- **Brexit Supporters Blamed Immigrants For Economic Issues In The United Kingdom.** "This isn't surprising. The pro-Leave camp claimed that Britain needed to quit the EU to close its borders to more EU migrants, that the country had reached a "breaking point," and that it needed to shut its doors. Pre- and post-election polling suggests that this was the pro-Leave argument that most resonated with British citizens, and was in large part responsible for Leave's victory. Britons are bearing an unacceptable economic cost from immigration, and that elites should heed that lesson and think about restricting immigration to other Western countries to prevent a similar populist backlash." [Vox, [6/27/16](#)]
- **There Was A Documented Rise In Hate Crime After The Brexit Vote.** "There was a documented rise in hate crime after the Brexit referendum result. The reported spike in racist or religious abuse incidents in England and Wales within the first month since the referendum has been attributed to the vote itself. While these changes coincided with the referendum, they could have been correlated with the vote itself, rather than triggered by it. Specifically, it is possible that other economic and political factors resulted in both the Brexit vote and the changes in hate crime incidents. The vote may have also led to increased reporting of hate crimes by victims and witnesses or better recording by the police. Both trends could have been further amplified by (social) media reporting." [IZA Institute Of Labor Economics, [12/14/20](#)]

Carra Posted A Meme Of Black People With The Caption “If You Can Loot In Person, You Can Vote In Person.”

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[Facebook, [steve.cara](#), 4/18/21]

The Top 10 PACs And Trade Associations That Contributed To Steve Carra Gave Him Over \$17,000, Included BlueCross BlueShield

Contributors	Total Contributions To Carra
Wentworth Majority Fund	\$10,000
Michigan Retailers Association	\$1,500
Michigan Laborers' District Council	\$1,000
Nesbitt Majority Fund	\$750
Michigan Pork Producers Association	\$500
Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association	\$500
Michigan Farm Bureau	\$500
Huntington Bancshares	\$500
BlueCross BlueShield of Michigan	\$500
Associated Builders & Contractors of Michigan	\$500
Michigan Milk Producers Association	\$500
Michigan Oil & Gas Association	\$500
TOTAL	\$17,500

[Follow the Money – “Steve Carra,” accessed [8/3/21](#)]

State Representative Beth Griffin – Who Has Received Contributions From DTE Energy, AT&T, Comcast And BlueCross BlueShield – Pushed For An Election Audit And Was The President Of A Local Branch Of An Anti-Muslim Hate Group

Beth Griffin	
	<p>POLITICAL OFFICE</p> <p>Michigan State House District 66 [Michigan House Republicans, accessed 8/12/21]</p>
	<p>PROFESSIONAL HISTORY</p> <p>Middle School Special Education Teacher- Parchment Middle School [Michigan House Republicans, accessed 8/12/21]</p> <p>Eighth grade English Teacher- Parchment Middle School. [Michigan House Republicans, accessed 8/12/21]</p>
	<p>ACADEMIC HISTORY</p> <p>Bachelor Of Arts- Psychology- Indiana University-n Purdue University Fort Wayne (1991) [Michigan House Republicans, accessed 8/12/21]</p> <p>Master Of Science -Education- Old Dominion University (1996). [Michigan House Republicans, accessed 8/12/21]</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Griffin called for a forensic audit of the 2020 Election going so far as to ask for subpoena power and wanting to hold hearings. • Griffin was the president of a local branch of the anti-Muslim group ACT! For America. In her capacity as president, Griffin was plaintiff in a lawsuit against the city of Allergen after the police chief shut down a speech with a former terrorist, who had a \$25 million bounty on his head by extremists. • ACT! pushed for the marginalization of Muslim people. From actions like holding rallies against Sharia Law in Southfield Michigan, to activists who chose to defile Muslim places of worship, the goal of the organization was to hurt the Muslim people. • Griffin allegedly admitted to supporting the people who attended the Capitol Insurrection when asked by a constituent about it.

- Griffin was also a Tea Party Activist who would not commit to expanding protections to LGBTQ people under Michigan's civil rights law.

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Griffin Was President Of A Local Branch Of ACT For America, Which Was Described By The Southern Poverty Law Center As The U.S.'s Largest Grassroots Anti-Muslim Group

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Griffin Was President Of A Local Branch Of Act For America, "Which The Southern Poverty Law Center Describes As The 'Largest Grassroots Anti-Muslim Group In America.'" "In Michigan, state Rep. Beth Griffin served as president of a local branch of ACT for America, which the Southern Poverty Law Center describes as the "largest grassroots anti-Muslim group in America." Group founder Brigitte Gabriel has said no practicing Muslim can be a "loyal citizen" of the United States. When questioned about it as a candidate in October 2016, Griffin did not dissociate herself from the organization. [HuffPost, [10/22/18](#)]

Griffin, As President, Was Plaintiff To In A Lawsuit Against The City Of Allegan, Michigan For Shutting Down A Speech By An Alleged Ex-Terrorist Intended To Alert Attendees To Threat To America Posed By "Radical Muslims"

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ACT For America Held An Anti-Sharia Law Rally In Southfield Michigan. “Some 200 people gathered in Southfield for an anti-Sharia rally Saturday, part of a national movement organized by a group called ACT for America. Another rally took place in Lansing. [...] American flags fluttered in a cooling breeze on an 86-degree afternoon, and people posed for pictures in front of a 1977 Winnebago covered with Donald Trump campaign posters. The rallies, held in more than two dozen U.S. cities, were organized by ACT for America, which claims Islamic law is incompatible with Western democracy.” [Detroit News, [6/10/17](#)]

- **ACT! Activist Cecilia Russel: “This Is Our Country. If We Don’t Stop It, Sharia Law Will Take Over.”** “ACT said it supports the rights of those subject to Sharia law and opposes discrimination. But the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate groups, calls it the largest American anti-Muslim organization. In Southfield, Cecelia Russell, 72, who brought a German shepherd named Bella and a poster reading “No Sharia Law in the USA,” said she had come from West Bloomfield because “This is our country. If we don’t stop it, Sharia law will take over.” [Detroit News, [6/10/17](#)]

Act! For America Committed Racist Actions Against Muslims And Pushed For The Marginalization Of Those Who Follow Islam

ACT! For America’s Founder Claimed Practicing Muslims Cannot Be Loyal United States Citizens. “Next month, Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a controversial voice calling for Islamic reform, is scheduled to appear at a Washington, DC event hosted by one of the nation’s most active anti-Muslim groups. The Somali-born author and activist will deliver the keynote address at the annual conference of ACT for America, a non-profit advocacy group that lobbies across the country for bans on Sharia, and promotes the profile of its founder, Brigitte Gabriel, who has said, among other things, that practicing Muslims cannot be loyal American citizens. The two-day event brings together a host of commentators, bloggers, and ex-military personnel with histories of inflammatory statements about Islam and Muslims and features a legislative session on Capitol Hill with scheduled speeches by fourteen members of Congress.” [HuffPost, [12/6/17](#)]

Ayaan Hirsi Ali, A Keynote Speaker From An ACT! Conference Referred To Islam As A “Nihilist Cult Of Death.” “The keynote speaker at ACT’s upcoming conference is Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a prominent voice on Islam and a self-proclaimed reformer. Hirsi Ali’s harsh views on Islam are well documented. She has called it a ‘nihilistic cult of death’ that should be defeated ‘in all forms ‘including by military means, while paradoxically offering in her latest book, *Heretic*, what she sees as the necessary steps to reform that followers of Islam should adopt.” [HuffPost, [12/6/17](#)]

An Orlando Representative For ACT! For America Bragged About Urinating In A Basin Muslims Used For Washing Before Prayers. “A video in which a member of a rightwing American group boasts of urinating into the basins Muslims use for ritual washing before prayers has added a new level of anti-Muslim bias. A 10-minute video posted on YouTube shows an ACT! for America table at the University of Central Florida April 5. In the video, Act! representatives, including Orlando Coordinator Alan Kornman, are speaking with passing students about Islam. [...] The Act! representative, who is heard but not seen, says in part: ‘Their foot baths, I love pissing in them.... The Qoran makes worthless toilet paper. It just kind of scratches my ass a little bit.... Tome, I like desecrating their holy stuff.’” [Iran Times International, [4/9/10](#)]

ACT! For America Released A Fundraising Email That Called For An Elimination Of The Refugee Resettlement Program. “In a fundraising email, Brigitte Gabriel, the head of the grassroots anti-Muslim activist group ACT for America, boasted about her organization’s connections to the incoming Trump administration. The statement promises an aggressive federal and state legislative agenda in the coming year, including attempting to eliminate the country’s refugee resettlement program.” [HuffPost via Arab America News, [12/16/16](#)]

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Griffin’s Defense of Being President Of ACT: “I’m Concerned About Islamic Terrorists.”

Griffin On Why She Worked For A Hate Group: “I’m Concerned About Islamic Terrorists.” “Griffin also defends her work with the conservative political organization ACT for America, for which she served as a chapter president – something that drew pointed criticism from some Democrats. The group was formed in 2007 with the goal to “promote national security and defeat terrorism.” Democrats labeled it a ‘hate group.’ ‘I’m concerned about Islamic terrorists,’ Griffin said. ‘Many members of our community are concerned. The federal government has dropped the ball. I did all I could (working with the group).’” [Herald Palladium, 11/1/16]

2016: While Running For Her State House Seat, Griffin Would Not Commit To Adding Protections For LGBTQ People To Michigan’s Civil Rights Law

Griffin Said She Would Need To Do More Research Before Committing To Adding LGBTQ Protections To Michigan’s Elliot—Larsen Civil Rights Act. “Griffin says she’s against discrimination in any form. She says it can happen to anyone, a gay person, religious person or autistic child. But Griffin says she would have to do more research before deciding if any protections should be added to Michigan’s Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act.” [WMUK, [7/11/16](#)]

- **March 2021: Lawmakers Reintroduced Legislation To Expand The Elliot Larsen Civil Rights Act To Include LGBTQ Protections.** “Michigan lawmakers have reintroduced legislation to expand the state’s civil rights law by including protections against discrimination for LGBT people. Sponsored by Rep. Laurie Pohutsky, D-Livonia, House Bill 4297 would add sexual orientation and gender identity or expression to the list of protected classes under the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination based on several factors when it comes to employment, housing and public accommodations.” [MLive, [3/1/21](#)]

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A Constituent Wrote To The South Haven Tribune Claiming That Griffin Supported The People Who Attended The Events That Lead To The Capitol Insurrection. “Following the terrorist insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, in Washington D.C., I wrote an email to my state representative. Beth Griffin (District 66). Immediately prior to the riots which trashed our nation’s capitol and resulted in 5 deaths including one policeman, Griffin was one of 11 Michigan representatives who penned a letter to Vice President Pence asking him to take the law into his own hands and decertify the Nov. 3 election results. [...] Instead of standing up for our democracy and strongly condemning the rioters, Rep. Griffin stated: ‘To be clear, I support those who went to Washington today to peacefully protest and voice their concerns regarding the integrity of our elections.’ In other words, Rep. Griffin still supports the conspiracy that wants to overturn our election. And she is silent about the terrorists. [South Haven Tribune, Letter-to-The Editor, [1/24/21](#)]

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Saturday on the campus of Western Michigan University. The event is ‘an opportunity for all concerned citizens to get involved in their local areas for the upcoming election,’ said Beth Griffin, a spokeswoman for SWTPP. Training topics will include developing a persuasive message, recruiting and motivating volunteers, grassroots lobbying, primary election participation and becoming a precinct delegate.” [MLive, [4/14/10](#)]

Griffin Accepted \$101,200 From Corporate PACS And Trade Associations

Contributors	Total Contributions To Griffin
Michigan Chamber Of Commerce	\$19,400
Michigan Retailers Association	\$16,900
Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association	\$15,000
DTE Energy	\$14,750
CMS Energy	\$8,000
Telecommunications Association of Wisconsin	\$7,650
Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Michigan	\$6,750
Michigan Auto Dealers Association	\$5,000
Michigan Association of Chiropractors	\$4,250
AT&T	\$3,500
TOTAL:	\$101,200

[Follow The Money, Campaign Finance Profile, Elizabeth Griffin, accessed [8/4/21](#)]

Secretary Of State Candidate Kristina Karamo – Who Has Received Contributions From An Emkay Board Member – Has Appeared As A “Whistleblower” At Far-Right Media Outlets By Pushing Claims Of Fraud In The 2020 Election, As Well As Engaging In Conspiratorial Fear-Mongering About The COVID-19 Vaccine

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	POLITICAL OFFICE
	Running for Michigan Secretary of State [Kristina Karamo for Congress, accessed 8/12/21]
	PROFESSIONAL HISTORY
	Professor, Wayne County Community College [Kristina Karamo for Congress, accessed 8/12/21]
	ACADEMIC HISTORY
	Oakland University, B.A. in Communications
	Biola University, M.A. in Christian Apologetics [Kristina Karamo for Congress, accessed 8/12/21]

- Despite Trump's loss of over 154,000 votes in the state of Michigan, Karamo pushed claims of voter fraud in the 2020 election and called for an election audit in Michigan, even though the Republican controlled legislature was against it. Karamo spent weeks challenging the election results in state, which drove her to run for Secretary of State. Karamo went on far-right media outlets as a "whistleblower," saying she saw irregularities in the processing of absentee ballots.
- Karamo spat on attempts to control the coronavirus outbreak. In addition to attacking the Los Angeles Mayor for placing more COVID restrictions, during California's surge, as "a ruler vs subjects mentality." Karamo also stoked distrust in the COVID-19 vaccine by comparing it to the Tuskegee Syphilis Study and eugenics. Karamo attributed her outage to the government "trying to force medical treatment" on people.
- Karamo highlighted Lauren Boebert on social media, who was connected to the far right militia movement the "Three Percenters."

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Acting A Whistleblower, Karamo Went On Far-Right Media To Claim She Saw Evidence Of Voter Fraud

Acting As A “Whistleblower” Karamo Claimed She Saw Irregularities In The Processing Of Absentee Ballots At The TCF Center In Detroit Where She Was A Poll Challenger. “Kristina Karamo falsely claimed former President Donald Trump won Michigan and spent weeks challenging the election results. Now she’s running for Secretary of State, the office responsible for administering election law. Karamo, an Oak Park resident, was a poll challenger at the TCF Center in Detroit who claimed she witnessed irregularities in the processing of absentee ballots. Karamo made dozens of appearances on right-wing media outlets as a ‘whistleblower,’ testified before a Michigan legislative committee and supported legal efforts to overturn the presidential election.” [Mlive, [5/13/21](#)]

Karamo Stoked Distrust In The COVID-19 Vaccine.

Karamo Said COVID-19 Vaccine Efforts Threatened Bodily Autonomy And Compared The COVID-19 Vaccine To The Tuskegee Syphilis Study And Eugenics.

In Response To A Daily Caller Article Headline That Said “LA Mayor Bans Unnecessary Walking As Part Of New COVID-19 Restrictions,” Karamo Said The Goal Was To “Make Life As Miserable As Possible” So People Would “Readily Take The Vaccine.” “The goal is to make life as miserable as possible, so we will readily take the vaccine. #obey #solidfood”



Karamo Said That Public Officials Going Door To Door To Educate Unvaccinated Folks About The Vaccine Was “Rulers Vs. Subjects Mentality.” “Bye bodily autonomy! Between this and government officials

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Daily Caller @DailyCaller · Jul 16

REPORTER: "What's your message to platforms like Facebook?"

BIDEN: "They're killing people. The only pandemic we have is among the unvaccinated, and they're killing people."



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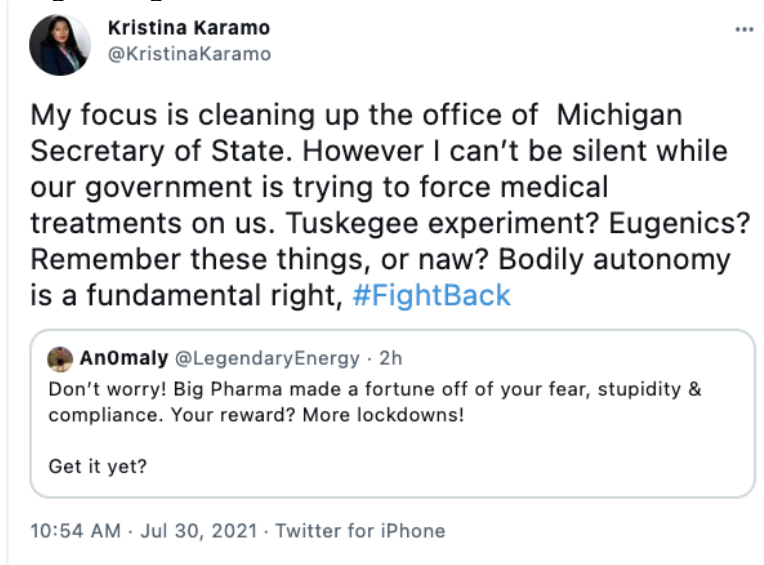
[Twitter, @KristinaKaramo, [7/16/21](#)]

Karamo Retweeted A Tweet About The Tuskegee Syphilis Study, Sarcastically Saying That Trusting Government Officials "Trying To Force Medical Treatments" Worked Out Well. "Trust government officials trying to force medical treatments on us, don't ask questions, comply. This worked out well. #FightBack"



[Twitter, @KristinaKaramo, [7/30/21](#)]

Karamo Said She Couldn't Stay Silent While The Government Was "Trying To Force Medical Treatments" On People, Pointing To The Tuskegee Experiment And Eugenics. "My focus is cleaning up the office of Michigan Secretary of State. However I can't be silent while our government is trying to force medical treatments on us. Tuskegee experiment? Eugenics? Remember these things, or naw? Bodily autonomy is a fundamental right, #FightBack"



[Twitter, @KristinaKaramo, [7/30/21](#)]

Karamo Uplifted A Tweet From Lauren Boebert, A U.S. Representative Who Is Closely Linked To White Supremacist Groups.

Karamo Quote Tweeted A Tweet From Boebert That Insinuated White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki Was A Communist Because A Hat She Was Wearing Looked To Have A Hammer And Sickle On It.

In Response To A Tweet From U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert In Which She Implied White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki Was A Communist, Karamo Said The Biden Administration Didn't Like The Idea Of Securing Elections Because Marxists Didn't Like "The Governed Being Able To Give Their Consent."

"Why do you think the Biden administration, don't like the idea of securing our elections. Marxist don't like the governed being able to give their consent. They want to stop one of the primary mechanisms that protects our liberties, secure and honest elections. #ThursdayThoughts"



[Twitter, @KristinaKaramo, [7/15/21](#)]

Lauren Boebert Has Ties With The Three Percenters, A Far-Right Militia Group.

The 3% United Patriots Of Colorado Were Asked By The Campaign "To Run A Small Perimeter Security Detail" For Boebert. "According to a screenshot provided by a source, a member of the III% United Patriots militia posted a call on for volunteers to attend Boebert's appearance in Pueblo today. The request noted that the campaign invited the militia directly. [...] 'Monday at 1pm, Lauren Boebert is gonna be in Pueblo. Some of us have been asked to run a small perimeter security detail for her. The event that raises more concern for her and myself is the flag waving that starts at 5:30pm Monday. There is a couple of events that are happening before that, one of which isn't open to the public. I wasn't going to go unless they invited us, which they did.'" [Colorado Times Recorder, [07/27/20](#)]

- **The Anti Defamation League Said The Three Percenters Were Part Of The Militia Movement.** "Three Percenters are part of the militia movement, which supports the idea of a small number of dedicated 'patriots' protecting Americans from government tyranny, just as the patriots of the American Revolution protected early Americans from British tyranny." [Anti Defamation League, accessed [8/12/21](#)]

Boebert Posed For A Photo Which Included A Man Wearing A Three Percenter Patch. "She also posted this professional photo with the Colorado 'Boots on the Ground' Bikers for Trump group, which includes a man wearing a 'Three Percenter' patch." [Real Vail News, [01/12/21](#)]



[Real Vail News, [01/12/21](#)]

Lauren Boebert's Former Aide Sherrona Bishop Said "Thank God" For The Proud Boys.

Former Boebert Aide Sherronna Bishop Hosted A Facebook Video Where She Said "Thank God" For The Proud Boys. "The video on the Facebook page of Sherronna Bishop, who worked alongside Boebert for more than a year is dated Sept. 20, 2019. Bishop regularly hosts live videos and often includes guests on a split screen function to discuss conservative politics. This one includes a Proud Boy only identified as Rob describing a group of protesters gathering outside the home of a warden of a Denver-area immigration detention center 'and four or five' other Proud Boys going to counter-protest. Bishop concludes the video by saying 'thank god for you guys and the Proud Boys.'" [ABC News, [10/15/20](#)]

Lauren Boebert Has Been Advised By An Oath Keeper Member, Edward Wilkes.

Edward Wilks, "A Friend And Adviser Of Boebert's" Is Also A Member Of The Oath Keepers, Edward Wilks, a friend and adviser of Boebert's who owns a gun shop near Boebert's Shooters Grill, said he would not comment because he didn't like how The Sun had characterized a group he belongs to in a past article. Wilks is a member of the Oath Keepers, a paramilitary organization made up of current and former law enforcement officials and military veterans. The Southern Poverty Law Center lists it as one of the largest radical anti-government groups in the country." [Colorado Sun, [01/14/21](#)]

In An Interview With Wilkes, Boebert Says Wilkes Explained Colorado's Open Carry Laws To Her. "So it's been five years now that I came in to your store and asked you how can I protect myself and my staff and my patrons and then that's when you explained to me Colorado's open carry laws." [Interview with Edward Wilks, Gunpowder Magazine YouTube, [2:28-2:40](#)]

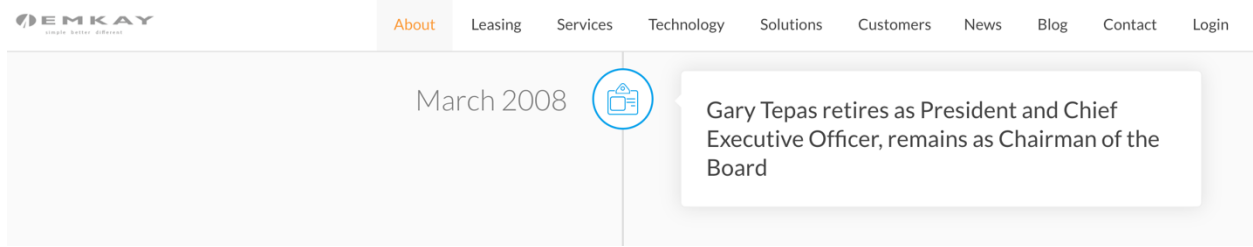
One Of Karamo's Top Donors Is The Former President And CEO Of Emkay Inc. And Still Serves As The Chair Of The Company's Board.

Gary L. Tepas Donated \$1,000 To Kristina Karamo For Secretary Of State.

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In March 2008, Gary L. Tepas Retired As President And CEO Of Emkay Inc. But Remained As Chairman Of The Board.



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