### CPAC 2024 Slated An Overwhelming Number Of Speakers Who Deny The Legitimacy Of The 2020 Presidential Election, Some Having Widely Spread Election Conspiracy Theories

**SUMMARY:** CPAC's 2024 programming features many far right-wing speakers, many of whom have falsely claimed the 2020 presidential election was stolen from former President Donald Trump. Some of these election conspiracists slated to speak at the convention include:

- Former President Donald Trump has <u>relentlessly peddled</u> the conspiracy theory that the 2020 presidential election was stolen from him with none of his claims about how election fraud took place ever being "substantiated or corroborated."
- **Director of Litigation for Center for Renewing America Jeffrey Clark** Is an election denier; CRA has also listed one of its top priorities as invoking the <u>Insurrection Act "to quash protests."</u>
- **Sebastian Gorka**, the host of the show "America First," had his <u>YouTube channel banned from the platform</u> after he violated YouTube's "presidential election integrity policy" as he repeatedly alleged widespread fraud in the 2020 presidential election.
- **Steve Bannon**, the host of the "War Room" podcast and "one of the loudest" election deniers; Bannon also egged on Trump supporters the day before the January 6, 2021, insurrection at the Capitol.
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- Arizona U.S. Senate Candidate Kari Lake is an avid election denier.

CPAC 2024 Stacked Its Agenda With Election Denying Speakers, Including Elected Officials, Media Personalities, And Conservative Nonprofit Leaders; Notable Speakers Include Former President Donald Trump, Steve Bannon, MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell, And Many Members Congress.

Former President Donald Trump, Who Was Set To Speak At CPAC 2024, Has Relentlessly Peddled The Conspiracy Theory That The 2020 Presidential Election Was Stolen From Him With None Of His Claims About How Election Fraud Took Place Ever Being "Substantiated Or Corroborated."

Former President Donald Trump Was Set To Speak At CPAC 2024. [CPAC, accessed 2/21/24]

Trump Has Faced "Felony Charges Over His Attempts To Overturn The 2020 Election" And Has Consistently Spread Misinformation And Conspiracy Theories About Election Fraud In The 2020 Presidential Election. "With Donald Trump facing felony charges over his attempts to overturn the 2020 election, the former president is flooding the airwaves and his social media platform with distortions, misinformation and unfounded conspiracy theories about his defeat. It's part of a multiyear effort to undermine public confidence in the American electoral process as he seeks to chart a return to the White House in 2024." [AP, 8/27/23]

Many Of Trump's Claims About The Election Being Stolen "Dealt With The Equipment Voters Used To Cast Their Ballots," And "None Of Those Claims Was Ever Substantiated Or Corroborated." "Many of the claims Trump and his team advanced about a stolen election dealt with the equipment voters used to cast their ballots. At various times, Trump and his legal team falsely alleged that voting machines were built in Venezuela at the direction of President Hugo Chavez, who died in 2013; that machines were designed to delete or flip votes cast for Trump; and that the U.S. Army had seized a computer server in Germany that held secrets to U.S. voting irregularities. None of those claims was ever substantiated or corroborated." [AP, 8/27/23]

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Jeffrey Clark, The Director Of Litigation At Center For Renewing America, Was Set To Speak At CPAC 2024. [CPAC, accessed 2/21/24]

Clark Is A Former Justice Department Official And Was "Charged Along With Former President Donald Trump And 17 Others, Accused Of Participating In A Wide-Ranging Scheme To Overturn Democrat Joe Biden's Presidential Election Victory And Keep The Republican Trump In Power." "Former Justice Department official Jeffrey Clark was acting within the scope of his official duties when he wrote a letter expressing concern about alleged problems with the 2020 election in Georgia, his lawyer said Monday as he sought to move charges against Clark to federal court. Clark is charged along with former President Donald Trump and 17 others, accused of participating in a wide-ranging scheme to overturn Democrat Joe Biden's presidential election victory and keep the Republican Trump in power." [AP, 9/18/23]

In A List Of Top Priorities In A Document Drafted By The Center For Renewing America, The Organization Included "Invoking The Insurrection Act [...] To Quash Protests." "An influential think tank close to Donald Trump is developing plans to infuse Christian nationalist ideas in his administration should the former president return to power, according to documents obtained by POLITICO. [...] One document drafted by CRA staff and fellows includes a list of top priorities for CRA in a second Trump term. 'Christian nationalism' is one of the bullet points. Others include invoking the Insurrection Act on Day One to quash protests and refusing to spend authorized congressional funds on unwanted projects, a practice banned by lawmakers in the Nixon era." [Politico, 2/20/24]

- Jeffrey Clark Is Now The Director Of Litigation At Center For Renewing America. [Center for Renewing America, accessed <u>2/21/24</u>]
- Brennan Center For Justice: "The Insurrection Act Authorizes The President To Deploy Military
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Bannon Has Been "One Of The Loudest Voices Urging Donald Trump's Supporters To Push For Overturning The Presidential Election Results." "One of the loudest voices urging Donald Trump's supporters to push for overturning the presidential election results was Steve Bannon. 'We're on the point of attack,' Bannon, a former Trump adviser and far-right nationalist, pledged on his popular podcast on Jan. 5. 'All hell will break loose tomorrow.' The next morning, as thousands massed on the National Mall for a rally that

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The New York Times Reported That Tuberville Voted To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election. [New York Times, 1/7/21]

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Paxton Is An Election Denier And Went As Far As To Urge People On The Morning Of The January 6, 2021, Insurrection To "Stand With President Trump" To "#StopTheSteal." "In the days leading up to the 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol by supporters of former President Donald Trump, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton urged his followers on social media to 'stand with President Trump' and '#StopTheSteal.' On the morning of Jan. 6, 2021, he tweeted that 'a lot of voters, as well as myself, believe something went wrong in this election." [Texas Tribune, 10/19/22]

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**Lindell Is A "Leading Promoters Of False 2020 Election Fraud Claims."** "MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell, one of the leading promoters of false 2020 election fraud claims, is facing pushback from election officials and experts after announcing the rollout of a device that he says can help keep elections secure." [ABC News, 11/3/23]

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HEADLINE: "Kari Lake, Prominent Trump Supporter And Election Denier, Will Launch Us Senate Campaign In Arizona." [AP, 9/28/23]

Lake Is A Close Trump Ally And "Has Refused To Acknowledge Her Loss In Last Year's Race For Arizona Governor." "Republican Kari Lake, a Donald Trump ally who has refused to acknowledge her loss in last year's race for Arizona governor, will soon launch her campaign for the U.S. Senate seat held by independent Kyrsten Sinema, a senior adviser said Thursday." [AP, 9/28/23]

As Lake Weighed A 2024 Run For U.S. Senate, She Continuously "Insisted That Votes Were Rigged Against Her In Her Run For Arizona Governor" And "Falsely Claimed The 2020 Election Was Stolen From Donald Trump." "For two days, Kari Lake traversed this state with a clear message. She falsely claimed the 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump. She baselessly insisted that votes were rigged against her in her run for Arizona governor last year. And she warned without evidence that future races will be compromised." [Washington Post, 2/12/23]