

Kennedy Jr. Is a MAGA Extremist in Disguise

While Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has feigned alignment with multiple political parties throughout his campaign, his extremist platform proves otherwise. From supporting “free market” solutions for the environment to opposing sensible gun reform to defending January 6 to incorporating misinformation and conspiracy theories in each of his platform’s major planks, Kennedy Jr. has shown he’s nothing but a MAGA extremist in disguise.



On the environment, he supports **increasing drilling for oil and aligns with corporate interests** on “solutions” to climate change.



He has **defended January 6 insurrectionists**, and his campaign even hired one.



He **supports abortion restrictions**, at times placing himself at odds with his own running mate.



He **opposes gender-affirming care for trans youth** and aligned with the anti-LGBTQ+ hate group Moms for Liberty.



Repeatedly and without evidence, he has tried to blame gun violence on Big Pharma, and he **opposes sensible gun reform**.

ENVIRONMENT

- Despite Kennedy Jr. branding himself as an environmentalist, his family trust made tens of thousands of dollars through investments in an oil and gas rights leasing company, [according to Politico](#).
- He supports [more domestic oil drilling](#) and has [criticized the green energy subsidies](#) in the Inflation Reduction Act.
- He [opposes a ban on hydraulic fracturing \(fracking\)](#) for natural gas extraction, despite previously encouraging elected officials to back similar pledges out of purported environmental concerns.
- His flip-flopping on climate issues has resulted in environmental groups [opposing his candidacy](#), with the organizations labeling him a “dangerous conspiracy theorist and science denier.”
- The Kennedy Jr. campaign invited Charles Eisenstein, a climate skeptic and conspiracy theorist to serve as a panelist during an Earth Day event.
- He claims to support [“free market”](#) solutions to the climate crisis, despite also arguing that the control corporations have over the EPA and other regulatory agencies makes a government response to climate change untenable. These two positions are at odds with each other.

JANUARY 6

- Kennedy Jr. has repeatedly [downplayed the severity](#) of the events of January 6, [expressed sympathy](#) for the insurrectionists, and [called rioters](#) “activists” who were “stripped of their Constitutional liberties,” in a campaign email that compared them with notable dissidents and whistleblowers.
- He has [vowed](#) to “investigate January 6 prosecutions for political bias” and suggested that, if elected, he would [consider pardons](#) for insurrectionists.

- In March of this year, Kennedy Jr.'s campaign contracted with a [January 6 insurrectionist](#), Zachery Henry, for "influencer engagement." The right-wing operative previously served as a spokesperson for Blake Masters, Vivek Ramaswamy, and the Arizona Republican Party, has called the January 6 insurrection a "[Democratic misdirection](#)," and has lied that it was infiltrated by "[antifa](#)."

ABORTION

- The Kennedy Jr. campaign's "policy" on abortion is one of attempted mass appeasement. The campaign's "More Choices, More Life" plank, does not address undoing the attacks on abortion rights from the Supreme Court and Republican state legislatures.
- In interviews and on the campaign trail, Kennedy Jr.'s "position" on abortion has [changed repeatedly](#), and he has even found himself [at odds](#) with his own [running mate](#). But at the end of the day, he has supported a [15-week federal ban](#) and supports abortion restrictions.
- In February, when he was asked exactly how he would protect abortion rights, he replied, "I don't know, [you tell me](#). What should I be doing?"

TRANS RIGHTS

- Kennedy Jr. has ingratiated himself with the anti-LGBTQ+ extremist group [Moms for Liberty](#), which, according to the [Southern Poverty Law Center](#), has "spread hateful imagery and rhetoric against the LGBTQ community."
- He [opposes](#) gender-affirming care for trans youth and pushed a baseless conspiracy theory that "[chemicals in water](#)" could be "[making children gay or transgender](#)."
- He [opposes](#) trans athletes participating in women's sports.

GUNS

- As with most issue areas, Kennedy Jr.'s stance on curbing gun violence is composed of conspiracy theories—misinformation and baseless claims trying to pin the blame on the pharmaceutical industry rather than the gun industry.
- Kennedy Jr. has claimed, without evidence, that [antidepressants are responsible](#) for school shootings. He has repeated this lie in [multiple parts](#) of his [campaign](#) materials, without ever citing substantive backing. Of course, [research disproves](#) this.
- PolitiFact, unsurprisingly, [rated his claim](#) that "Congress prohibits the NIH from researching the cause of mass shootings" as false. In a video his campaign released that included these unfounded comments, they also incorporated footage of the Columbine High School shooting.
- On reforming gun laws, he says he is a "[constitutional absolutist](#)" and a "[staunch advocate](#) for [the] Second Amendment."
- Again propagating hoaxes related to COVID, he pointed to the quarantine period to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus as a justification for "[gun rights](#)."

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