

# [***Aaron Rodgers Jets Message Goes Viral Amid Vice President Rumors***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BJM-N9N1-DY68-10KX-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Highlight:** The New York Jets quarterback may be ditching his NFL career for ***politics***.

**Body**

Mike Greenberg has gone viral for poking fun at [*Aaron Rodgers*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/aaron-rodgers?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships)' rumored run for vice president and the Jets' dreams of an [*NFL*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/nfl?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) comeback.

[*Robert F. Kennedy Jr.*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/robert-f-kennedy-jr?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), who is running for president as an independent, has confirmed that the New York Jets quarterback [*is among his top picks*](https://www.newsweek.com/rfk-jrs-choice-aaron-rodgers-jesse-ventura-vp-met-derision-1878577?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) for the VP spot.

The NFL team acquired Rodgers in 2023, hoping the four-time MVP winner would lead it to Super Bowl success. However, the 40-year-old had an [*Achilles injury in September*](https://www.newsweek.com/aaron-rodgers-makes-first-comments-since-injury-1826851?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) and was out for the rest of the season.

"So, if I am to understand this correctly, the #Jets have devoted their entire franchise to the cause of making it work around Aaron Rodgers, and he just might be running for vice president," ESPN's Greenberg [*wrote*](https://twitter.com/Espngreeny/status/1767696412790178040) on X, formerly [*Twitter*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/twitter?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships).

"This is going to be the greatest 30 for 30 of all time," he added.

The radio host's remark has received 1.1 million views since it was posted on March 12.

*Newsweek* has reached out to Aaron Rodgers and Robert F. Kennedy Jr. for comment by [*Instagram*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/instagram?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) message and email, respectively.

Kennedy, the son of former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, will announce his running mate on March 26, his campaign said in a statement.

Besides Rodgers, *The New York Times* reported, the 70-year-old has approached a handful of people about the vice president position—including former Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura, former Hawaii Representative [*Tulsi Gabbard*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/tulsi-gabbard?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), Kentucky Senator [*Rand Paul*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/rand-paul?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) and [*Andrew Yang*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/andrew-yang?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), who ran in the 2020 presidential primaries as a Democrat.

The football star and the environmental lawyer may seem like an odd pairing, but both have caused controversy over their skepticism of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Rodgers faced backlash in 2022 after [*refusing to take the vaccine*](https://www.newsweek.com/aaron-rodgers-rejects-endangerment-society-jibes-covid-vaccine-stance-1731297?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships). In 2021, the quarterback told reporters he was immunized against the virus, suggesting he had been vaccinated, but he turned out to be [*using a homeopathic treatment*](https://www.newsweek.com/covid-19-aaron-rodgers-mia-stars-who-still-anti-vaxx-1751603?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) instead.

Kennedy, who previously ran in the Democratic presidential primaries, [*declared himself an independent candidate*](https://www.newsweek.com/today-i-declared-myself-independent-candidate-president-opinion-1833099?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) in October.

The politician has also [*been accused of promoting*](https://www.newsweek.com/people-authority-lie-rfk-jr-driven-dads-warning-fight-against-biden-1814162?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) anti-vaccination conspiracy theories, including that the [*virus was a bioweapon*](https://www.newsweek.com/rfk-jr-blasted-suggesting-covid-ethnically-targeted-spare-jews-1813186?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) that targeted some ethnicities and not others, particularly Chinese and Jewish people.

"There is an argument that it is ethnically targeted. COVID-19 attacks certain races disproportionately," Kennedy said during a press event in July, according to *The New York Post*. Kennedy denied the allegations.

He has also [*denied accusations of antisemitism*](https://www.newsweek.com/rfk-jr-shrugs-off-antisemitism-claims-weaponized-against-me-1815363?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships). During an appearance at a World Values Network event a few weeks later, Kennedy called the accusations "false, underhanded, and inflammatory," demanding a retraction from the *Post*.

[*Link to Image*](https://d.newsweek.com/en/full/2362761/aaron-rodgers-april-2023.jpg)

**Graphic**

Aaron Rodgers, April 2023

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Aaron Rodgers attends a press conference at Atlantic Health Jets Training Center on April 26, 2023 in Florham Park, New Jersey. The quarterback is reportedly being considered as a running mate by independent presidential candidate Robert F Kennedy Jr.

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