# STEFANIK COZIED UP TO HITLER APOLOGISTS, CONSPIRACY THEORISTS AND ALLEGED SEXUAL PREDATORS

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| **KEY POINTS**  **STEFANIK ENDORSED CARL PALADINO, A MAJOR OF HERS WHO PRAISED HITLER, MADE RACIST COMMENTS ABOUT MICHELLE OBAMA AND SENT PORNOGRAPHY TO COLLEAGUES**   * 2014 – 2025: Carl Paladino gave $29,000 to Stefanik’s campaign and leadership PAC, including after public reporting on his inflammatory remarks. In 2022, Stefanik endorsed his Congressional campaign and helped him qualify for the ballot. * 2021: Paladino said that Hitler was “the kind of leader we need today. We need somebody inspirational.” Days after Stefanik endorsed Paladino in 2022, his comments were reported publicly but Stefanik did not withdraw her support. * 2016: Paladino said that he hoped Michelle Obama would “return to being a male” and live in a cave in Zimbabwe with a gorilla. He also said that he hoped Pres. Obama would die of Mad Cow disease. * 2022: Paladino said Merrick Garland “probably should be executed” for the FBI raid at Mar-A-Lago. * 2011: Paladino forwarded pornographic emails to friends and colleagues. * 2010: Paladino claimed children were being “brainwashed” into homosexuality.   **STEFANIK ENDORSED CAROLINA SERRANO AND GAVE $10,000 TO HER CAMPAIGN AFTER SHE CALLED FOR REPEALING THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT**   * Stefanik’s LPAC gave $10,000 to Serrano’s congressional campaign in 2022 and Serrano’s campaign gave $5,000 back to the LPAC. * Earlier that year it was reported that Serrano had called for repealing the Civil Rights Act. * Serrano’s political director, Michael Pecjak had a history of tweeting anti-Semitic, sexist and homophobic statements.   + Pecjak tweeted “jews are not a religious sect and are a cult” and blamed Jewish space lasers for wildfires in California. He also expressed disapproval of right-wing site Breitbart after an editor described the site as “pro-Jewish with a reputation for treating women and minorities well.”   + Pecjak compared abortion to the Holocaust and tweeted “guns should have more rights than women.”   + Pecjak posted homophobic tweets, including that gay rights advocates were “going to hell” and that nearly half of “LGBT+ indivudals have a mental illness.”   + Pecjak tweeted approvingly about Doug Mastriano posing in a Confederate uniform.   + Pecjak described QAnon as a “moderate position.”   **AVA ASHENDORFF, A MAJOR STEFANIK DONOR AND SUPPORTER, SPREAD ANTI-MUSLIM CONSPIRACY THEORIES**   * From 2014 to 2025, Ava Ashendorff contributed $9,393.83 to Stefanik’s campaigns and LPAC. Ashendorff claimed that she had a close relationship with Stefanik and posted photos of them together on social media. * In 2014, Stefanik named Ashendorff to her Adirondack Park Advisory Coalition and in 2017 she boosted Ashendorff’s political group on her campaign Facebook page. * Ashendorff spread anti-Muslim conspiracy theories, claiming that Islam was violent faith and that government officials including Pres. Obama and CIA Director John Brennan were secret Muslims who wanted to destroy America. Stefanik also claimed that ISIS was established in 15 US State under Obama and that most terrorists were Muslim. * Stefanik also boosted a conspiracy theory linking Hillary Clinton to the death of a DNC staffer. Asked about her claims, Ashendorff said “don’t you find it even remotely odd that so many have died under both Clinton administrations? have you reviewed the list? I never made that direct correlation but stand by my statement that it’s odd!”   **STEFANIK WAS A MAJOR BACKER OF GEORGE SANTOS AND EVEN VOTED AGAINST EXPELLING HIM FROM CONGRESS AFTER HE WAS INDICTED ON 23 COUNTS OF FRAUD**   * Stefanik endorsed George Santos and described him as “the next generation of Republican leadership.” Stefanik contributed $4,000 to his campaign and hosted a fundraiser for him that she said raised more than $100,000. * Stefanik’s advisors were reportedly aware of Santos’ fabrications before the 2022 elections. After news about Santos’ fabrications broke, Stefanik refused to answer questions about her support for his campaign. * Even after Santos was indicted on 23 counts, including falsifying campaign finance records, money laundering, unemployment fraud and embezzlement, Stefanik voted against expelling Santos from Congress. The vote to expel him passed with bipartisan support.   **2019 – 2024: STEFANIK TOOK $17,200 FROM CASINO MAGNATE STEVE WYNN AFTER HE WAS ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ASSAULT**   * In 2018, the Wall Street Journal reported that “dozens” of people had accused Wynn of sexual misconduct. Starting the following year, Stefanik took $17,200 in campaign cash from Wynn and refused to return the money.   **STEFANIK ENDORSED AND DONATED TO LAUREN BOEBERT, WHO MADE BIGOTED COMMENTS ABOUT OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**   * Stefanik contributed $14,000 to Lauren Boebert and endorsed her 2020 campaign. * Boebert made racist comments about Rep. Al Green, who she accused of shaking his “pimp cane” and Rep. Ilhan Omar, who she joked was a suicide bomber.   **STEFANIK ENDORSED AND DONATED TO KARI LAKE, WHO HAD TIES TO WHITE NATIONALIST SUPPORTERS AND SPREAD “BIRTHER” CONSPIRACY THEORIES**   * Stefanik contributed $10,000 to Kari Lake and endorsed her 2024 campaign. * Lake refused to say if a white nationalist supporter worked for her campaign and spread racist “birther” conspiracy theories about Pres. Obama.   **2022: STEFANIK ENDORSED AND CONTRIBUTED TO SARAH PALIN, WHO TRAFFICKED IN RACIST STEREOTYPES**   * Stefanik contributed $10,000 to Sarah Palin and endorsed her 2022 congressional campaign. * Palin had a long history of trafficking in racist stereotypes, including remarks about “Obama’s schuck and jive schtick,” describing BLM protestors as “dogs,” and calling fuel efficient vehicles “rice rockets.” |

## CARL PALADINO, A MAJOR STEFANIK DONOR WHOse CONGRESSIONAL BID STEFANIK BACKED, PRAISED HITLER, MADE RACIST COMMENTS ABOUT MICHELLE OBAMA AND SENT PORNOGRAPHY TO COLLEAGUES

### 2014 – 2025: CARL PALADINO GAVE $29,000 TO STEFANIK’S CAMPAIGNS AND LEADERSHIP PAC

**2014 – 2025: Carl Paladino Gave $33,200 To Stefanik’s Campaign And Leadership PAC.**

| **STEFANIK RECEIPTS FROM CARL PALADINO** | | | |
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| **Date** | **Contributor** | **Recipient** | **Amount** |
| 6/30/2025 | Carl Paladino | Save New York PAC | $3,000.00 |
| 6/30/2025 | Carl Paladino | Elise For Congress | $3,500.00 |
| 6/30/2025 | Carl Paladino | Elise For Congress | $3,000.00 |
| 5/29/2025 | Carl Paladino | Elise For Congress | $500.00 |
| 7/10/2024 | Carl Paladino | E-PAC | $1,700.00 |
| 7/10/2024 | Carl Paladino | Elise For Congress | $3,300.00 |
| 7/10/2024 | Carl Paladino | E- PAC | $3,300.00 |
| 8/9/2023 | Carl Paladino | E- PAC | $1,600.00 |
| 4/13/2023 | Carl Paladino | Elise For Congress | $3,300.00 |
| 4/13/2023 | Carl Paladino | Elise For Congress | $3,300.00 |
| 4/13/2023 | Carl Paladino | E- PAC | $3,400.00 |
| 6/23/2022 | Carl Paladino | Elise For Congress | $1,100.00 |
| 5/3/2022 | Carl Paladino | Elise For Congress | $3,000.00 |
| 9/27/2021 | Carl Paladino | Elise For Congress | $1,000.00 |
| 3/31/2014 | Carl Paladino | Elise For Congress | $2,600.00 |
|  |  | **TOTAL:** | **$33,200.00** |

[FEC, accessed [9/15/25](https://www.fec.gov/data/receipts/?data_type=processed&committee_id=C00547893&committee_id=C00570945&contributor_name=C00817270&contributor_name=carl+paladino); New York Board of Election, accessed [9/18/25](https://publicreporting.elections.ny.gov/Contributions/Contributions)]

#### 2022 – 2024: STEFANIK REFUNDED $4,400 TO PALADINO

**2022 – 2024: Stefanik Refunded $4,400 To Paladino.**

| **STEFANIK REFUNDS TO CARL PALADINO** | | | |
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| **Date** | **Contributor** | **Recipient** | **Amount** |
| 7/10/2024 | Carl Paladino | Elise For Congress | $3,300.00 |
| 6/23/2022 | Carl Paladino | Elise For Congress | $1,100.00 |
|  |  | **TOTAL:** | **$4,400.00** |

[FEC, accessed [9/15/25](https://www.fec.gov/data/receipts/?data_type=processed&committee_id=C00547893&committee_id=C00570945&contributor_name=C00817270&contributor_name=carl+paladino)]

### 2022: STEFANIK ENDORSED PALADINO’S CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN AND HELPED HIM QUALIFY FOR THE BALLOT

**2022: Stefanik Endorsed Carl Paladino For Congress.** “A Republican congressional candidate praised Adolf Hitler during a radio appearance last year, according to audio revealed by watchdog group Media Matters on Thursday. Carl Paladino, whose campaign for New York's 23rd Congressional District is backed by House Republican Conference Chair Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.), made the comments to ‘The r-House Radio Show’ host Peter Hunt on Feb. 13, 2021. Hunt asked Paladino, a Buffalo businessman and former gubernatorial candidate, how to ‘rouse the population’ since many people think voicing their opinion is futile. ‘How do you get people thinking about the possibility of change here in New York state and what that might mean...for everyone here?’ ‘I was thinking the other day about somebody had mentioned on the radio Adolf Hitler and how he aroused the crowds,’ Paladino replied. ‘And he would get up there screaming these epithets and these people were just - they were hypnotized by him ... I guess that's the kind of leader we need today. We need somebody inspirational. We need somebody that is a doer, has been there and done it.” [Rolling Stone, [6/9/22](https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-news/carl-paladino-praises-hitler-1365057/)]

**2022: Stefanik’s Team Helped Paladino Collect Signatures To Qualify For The Ballot.** “It is also fueling a potentially nasty proxy war between two of the party’s younger Trump-aligned leaders vying for dominance: Representative Elise Stefanik, the powerful North Country conservative who has endorsed Mr. Paladino, and Nick Langworthy, the state party chairman who formally declared his candidacy for the 23rd District on Friday, taking a veiled swipe at his onetime ally’s tendency toward incendiary statements. ‘We don’t just need people who like to make noise,’ said Mr. Langworthy, in a campaign announcement video. ‘We need proven fighters who know how to win.’ Far from rattled, Ms. Stefanik, the No. 3 House Republican, is standing by Mr. Paladino, whom she endorsed moments after the district’s current congressman, Representative Chris Jacobs, announced last week that he would not seek re-election in the face of furious backlash for his embrace of gun control measures after mass shootings in Buffalo — near his district — and in Uvalde, Texas. Ms. Stefanik’s team spent the week helping Mr. Paladino collect signatures to qualify for the ballot. And privately, she and her allies are fanning discontent for Mr. Langworthy among midlevel party leaders and lawmakers, a growing number of whom believe his congressional run could prove a costly distraction for the party if he does not resign as chairman.” [New York Times, [6/10/22](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/10/nyregion/carl-paladino-nick-langworthy-congress.html)]

### 2021: PALADINO SAID HITLER WAS “THE KIND OF LEADER WE NEED TODAY”

**HEADLINE: “Paladino Draws Backlash For Calling Hitler ‘The Kind Of Leader We Need.”** [New York Times, [6/9/22](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/09/nyregion/carl-paladino-hitler.html)]

**2021: Paladino Said Hitler Was “The Kind Of Leader We Need Today. We Need Somebody Inspirational.”** “Carl P. Paladino, a Republican running for a House seat in Western New York, praised Adolf Hitler last year for inspiring his followers, describing the fascist dictator as ‘the kind of leader we need today.’ Mr. Paladino did not specifically condone Hitler’s actions in his remarks, which he made in a 2021 radio interview that was unearthed on Thursday. But he said he was impressed by how the German leader and head of the Nazi Party ‘aroused the crowd’ in his speeches and suggested that Republicans in New York and Washington ought to emulate his approach. ‘He would get up there screaming these epithets and these people were just, they were hypnotized by him,’ he said in the interview, resurfaced by the left-leaning watchdog group Media Matters. ‘I guess, I guess that’s the kind of leader we need today. We need somebody inspirational. We need somebody that is a doer.” [New York Times, [6/9/22](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/09/nyregion/carl-paladino-hitler.html)]

* **Paladino Did Not Condemn Hitler’s Actions.** “Carl P. Paladino, a Republican running for a House seat in Western New York, praised Adolf Hitler last year for inspiring his followers, describing the fascist dictator as ‘the kind of leader we need today.’ Mr. Paladino did not specifically condone Hitler’s actions in his remarks, which he made in a 2021 radio interview that was unearthed on Thursday. But he said he was impressed by how the German leader and head of the Nazi Party ‘aroused the crowd’ in his speeches and suggested that Republicans in New York and Washington ought to emulate his approach. ‘He would get up there screaming these epithets and these people were just, they were hypnotized by him,’ he said in the interview, resurfaced by the left-leaning watchdog group Media Matters. ‘I guess, I guess that’s the kind of leader we need today. We need somebody inspirational. We need somebody that is a doer.” [New York Times, [6/9/22](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/09/nyregion/carl-paladino-hitler.html)]

#### AFTER PALADINO’S COMMENTS WERE REPORTED, STEFANIK DID NOT RETRACT HER SUPPORT

**2022: After Paladino’s Comments About Hitler Were Reported, Stefanik Did Not Retract Her Support For His Campaign.** “It is also fueling a potentially nasty proxy war between two of the party’s younger Trump-aligned leaders vying for dominance: Representative Elise Stefanik, the powerful North Country conservative who has endorsed Mr. Paladino, and Nick Langworthy, the state party chairman who formally declared his candidacy for the 23rd District on Friday, taking a veiled swipe at his onetime ally’s tendency toward incendiary statements. ‘We don’t just need people who like to make noise,’ said Mr. Langworthy, in a campaign announcement video. ‘We need proven fighters who know how to win.’ Far from rattled, Ms. Stefanik, the No. 3 House Republican, is standing by Mr. Paladino, whom she endorsed moments after the district’s current congressman, Representative Chris Jacobs, announced last week that he would not seek re-election in the face of furious backlash for his embrace of gun control measures after mass shootings in Buffalo — near his district — and in Uvalde, Texas. Ms. Stefanik’s team spent the week helping Mr. Paladino collect signatures to qualify for the ballot. And privately, she and her allies are fanning discontent for Mr. Langworthy among midlevel party leaders and lawmakers, a growing number of whom believe his congressional run could prove a costly distraction for the party if he does not resign as chairman.” [New York Times, [6/10/22](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/10/nyregion/carl-paladino-nick-langworthy-congress.html)]

### 2016: PALADINO SAID HE HOPED MICHELLE OBAMA WOULD “RETURN TO BEING A MALE” AND LIVE IN A CAVE IN ZIMBABWE WITH A GORILLA

**Paladino Said He Hoped Michelle Obama Would “Return To Being A Male” And Live In A Cave In Zimbabwe With A Gorilla.** “Asked what he wanted to see ‘go away in 2017,’ Mr. Paladino answered, Michelle Obama, ‘I’d like her to return to being a male and let loose in the outback of Zimbabwe where she lives comfortably in a cave with Maxie, the gorilla.’ He also wrote that he hoped President Obama would die of mad cow disease. His comments were published with those of three dozen other survey respondents.” [New York Times, [12/27/16](https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/27/nyregion/carl-paladino-michelle-obama.html)]

### 2016: PALADINO SAID HE HOPED PRESIDENT OBAMA WOULD DIE OF MAD COW DISEASE

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### AUGUST 2022: PALADINO SAID MERRICK GARLAND “PROBABLY SHOULD BE EXECUTED” FOR THE FBI RAID AT MAR-A-LAGO, ECHOING THE VIOLENT THREATS THAT PRECEDED THE ATTACK ON THE FBI OFFICE IN CINCINNATI

**August 2022: Paladino Said Merrick Garland “Probably Should Be Executed” For The FBI Raid At Mar-A-Lago.** Republican congressional candidate Carl Paladino said on a radio show last week that U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland ‘probably should be executed’ following the raid of Donald Trump's estate in Mar-a-Lago. ‘... an administration with people like Garland, who should not only be impeached, he probably should be executed,’ Paladino told Breitbart Radio host Matthew Boyle. ‘The guy is just lost. He's a lost soul. He's trying to get an image, and his methodology is just terrible. To raid the home of a former president is just ... people are scratching their heads and they're saying, ‘What is wrong with this guy?” [Buffalo News, [8/17/22](https://buffalonews.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/on-radio-show-paladino-said-merrick-garland-probably-should-be-executed-he-later-said-he/article_c335cdfe-1e5a-11ed-b987-37406c628204.html?utm_campaign=snd-autopilot&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter_TheBuffaloNews)]

* **Paladino Later Tried To Backtrack, Claiming He Was Being “Facetious.”** “When Paladino was asked by Boyle about two minutes later to explain what he meant by his execution comment, Paladino backtracked. ‘I'm just being facetious,’ Paladino said. ‘The man should be removed from office. He shows his incompetence, he wants to get his face in front of the people and show he's got some mettle to him, but his choice of issues and choice of methodology is very sad.” [Buffalo News, [8/17/22](https://buffalonews.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/on-radio-show-paladino-said-merrick-garland-probably-should-be-executed-he-later-said-he/article_c335cdfe-1e5a-11ed-b987-37406c628204.html?utm_campaign=snd-autopilot&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter_TheBuffaloNews)]

**After The Mar-A-Lago Raid, An Armed Man Attempted To Attack The FBI’s Cincinnati Field Office.** “Since the FBI search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate on Monday, researchers who track extremism have sounded the alarm about an escalation of violent rhetoric from the far-right, including talk of another ‘civil war’ and threats against federal law enforcement. By Thursday, an attempted attack on an FBI field office in Cincinnati appeared to underscore the real danger behind those threats, particularly given a digital trail of ominous posts that were left under the name of the suspect. The FBI said an armed man attempted to breach the building, but fled after an alarm went off and special agents responded. After a car chase, a nearly six-hour standoff, and unsuccessful attempts at negotiation, police shot and killed that suspect, according to an account from the Ohio State Highway Patrol.” [NPR, [8/12/22](https://www.npr.org/2022/08/12/1117275044/an-attempted-attack-on-an-fbi-office-raises-concerns-about-violent-far-right-rhe)]

* **The Attacker Posted Violent Threats Against The FBI Following The Mar-A-Lago Raid.** “Law enforcement identified the man as 42-year-old Ricky Walter Shiffer, Jr. Shiffer is a veteran of the U.S. war in Iraq. He deployed to Iraq between 2010 and 2011 during his service as an infantryman with the Florida Army National Guard, before leaving the Guard in May 2011, the Guard confirmed to NPR. Shiffer also served in the U.S. Navy from 1998 to 2003, the Navy stated. During his service, he worked as a fire control technician on the USS Columbia, a Navy submarine. News of Shiffer's military service was first reported by Military.com. Many details of the standoff are still unknown, including an official account of Shiffer's motive. But on the Trump-backed social media site Truth Social, an account under Shiffer's name posted increasingly violent threats in response to the FBI search at Mar-a-Lago.” [NPR, [8/12/22](https://www.npr.org/2022/08/12/1117275044/an-attempted-attack-on-an-fbi-office-raises-concerns-about-violent-far-right-rhe)]

### 2011: PALADINO FORWARDED PORNOGRAPHIC EMAILS TO FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES

**HEADLINE:** **Carl Paladino Porn Emails Published: Naked Women, Sexual Acts & Commentary.”** [Huffington Post, [5/25/11](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/carl-paladino-porn-emails_n_763209)]

**Paladino Forwarded Emails Containing Pornographic Images To Friends And Colleagues.** “New York gubernatorial candidate Carl Paladino found himself embroiled in controversy once again on Thursday after WNYMedia.net published a series of emails containing pornographic images reportedly forwarded by the Republican hopeful to friends and colleagues within the last several years. The messages released by the New York-based outlet contain provocative pictures of naked women in revealing positions and engaging in sexual activity. Paladino included brief notes in some instances when he blasted out the images. More than once, he wrote, ‘awesome,’ while on a different occasion he said, ‘for andy this is better.” [Huffington Post, [5/25/11](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/carl-paladino-porn-emails_n_763209)]

### 2010: PALADINO CLAIMED CHILDREN WERE BEING “BRAINWASHED” INTO HOMOSEXUALITY

**Paladino Claimed That Children Were Being “Brainwashed” Into Homosexuality.** “As Carl Paladino sought to defend his statements that children are being "brainwashed" about homosexuality, the firestorm over his comments threatened to further destabilize his underdog candidacy for governor.” [Wall Street Journal, [10/12/10](https://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10001424052748703794104575546682271449868)]

**Paladino Said Children Were “Brainwashed Into Thinking That Homosexuality [Was] An Equally Valid And Successful Option.”** “At a synagogue, Mr. Paladino, reading from a text his campaign said was mostly written by his Orthodox Jewish hosts, said he feared that children were being "brainwashed into thinking that homosexuality is an equally valid and successful option.’ And he railed against his Democratic rival, Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, for bringing his teenage daughters to the Gay Pride parade in Manhattan. ‘Young children should not be exposed to that at a young age. They don't understand it. It's a very difficult thing,’ Mr. Paladino said, during an interview on the ‘Today’ show. ‘And exposing them to homosexuality, especially at a gay pride parade…they wear these little Speedos, and they grind against each other. And it's a terrible thing.” [Wall Street Journal, [10/12/10](https://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10001424052748703794104575546682271449868)]

**Paladino Attacked Cuomo For Bringing His Daughters To The New York City Pride Parade.** “At a synagogue, Mr. Paladino, reading from a text his campaign said was mostly written by his Orthodox Jewish hosts, said he feared that children were being "brainwashed into thinking that homosexuality is an equally valid and successful option.’ And he railed against his Democratic rival, Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, for bringing his teenage daughters to the Gay Pride parade in Manhattan. ‘Young children should not be exposed to that at a young age. They don't understand it. It's a very difficult thing,’ Mr. Paladino said, during an interview on the ‘Today’ show. ‘And exposing them to homosexuality, especially at a gay pride parade…they wear these little Speedos, and they grind against each other. And it's a terrible thing.” [Wall Street Journal, [10/12/10](https://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10001424052748703794104575546682271449868)]

## STEFANIK ENDORSED CAROLINA SERRANO AND GAVE $10,000 TO HER CAMPAIGN AFTER SHE CALLED FOR REPEALING THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

### 2022: STEFANIK ENDORSED CAROLINA SERRANO AND CONTRIBUTED $10,000 TO HER CAMPAIGN

**2022: Stefanik Endorsed Carolina Serrano For Congress.** “Here’s a look at three of Stefanik’s more controversial endorsements in the midterm cycle. […] Carolina Serrano Nevada 1st District  Carolina Serrano, a former Trump campaign staffer, recently lost a bid to represent Nevada in Congress. Serrano ran an unabashed far-right campaign. In a concession post on Twitter, Serrano said ‘LET’S CRUSH THE GROOMER DEMS IN NOV.’  Serrano has retweeted articles with the headline ‘Great Replacement Update: Biden Still Dumping Illegals Into Heartland America,’ stated that conservatives only reserve the groomer label for ‘people who take it upon themselves to sexually indoctrinate our children behind our backs!’ And she’s called for the impeachment of the ‘illegitimate’ Biden regime.On May 31st ahead of the Nevada primary, Stefanik tweeted her support of Serrano.” [City & State, [6/22/22](https://www.cityandstateny.com/politics/2022/06/carl-paladino-isnt-first-fringe-republican-endorsed-elise-stefanik/368484/)]

| **STEFANIK CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAROLINA SERRANO** | | | |
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| **Date** | **Contributor** | **Recipient** | **Amount** |
| 5/12/22 | E-PAC | Carolina for Congress | $5,000 |
| 5/12/22 | E-PAC | Carolina for Congress | $5,000 |
|  |  | **TOTAL:** | **$10,000** |

[FEC, accessed [9/15/25](https://www.fec.gov/data/disbursements/?data_type=processed&committee_id=C00547893&committee_id=C00570945&recipient_name=C00781666&recipient_name=C00817270&recipient_name=ava+ashendorff&recipient_name=carl+paladino&recipient_name=carolina+serrano')]

### 2022: SERRANO CONTRIBUTED $5,000 TO STEFANIK’S LEADERSHIP PAC

| **STEFANIK RECEIPTS FROM CAROLINA SERRANO** | | | |
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| **Date** | **Contributor** | **Recipient** | **Amount** |
| 10/31/22 | Carolina for Congress | E-PAC | $5,000 |
|  |  | **TOTAL:** | **$5,000** |

[FEC, accessed [9/15/25](https://www.fec.gov/data/receipts/?data_type=processed&committee_id=C00547893&committee_id=C00570945&contributor_name=C00781666)]

### SERRANO CALLED FOR REPEALING THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

**Serrano Called For Repealing The Civil Rights Act.** “Adam Laxalt, the former Nevada attorney general, a pro-Donald Trump conspiracy theorist, and the current frontrunner in the GOP primary to challenge incumbent Nevada Democratic Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto in November, has endorsed candidate Carolina Serrano in the Republican primary race for Nevada’s 1st Congressional District. […] In July, after white supremacist Nicholas Fuentes was suspended by Twitter and other platforms over bigoted and false posts, she responded by tweeting, ‘1964 civil rights act should be repealed.’ The Civil Rights Act of 1964 bans racial discrimination in, among other things, employment and public accommodations.” [American Journal News, [1/19/22](https://americanjournalnews.com/nevada-gop-senate-candidate-adam-laxalt-house-carolina-serrano-january-6/)]

### SERRANO’S POLITICAL DIRECTOR TWEETED ANTI-SEMITIC, SEXIST AND HOMOPHOBIC STATEMENTS

**Michael Pecjak Was Carolina Serrano’s Political Director.** “Go follow my main @MichaelPecjak,’ the ‘LaxaltStan’ account declared last March, directing users to Pecjak’s personal profile. It is no longer available on Twitter but remains viewable in an archived screenshot captured just a month before by the WayBack Machine.  In the profile’s biographical section, Pecjak — who has also publicly used ‘Pecjak-Sanchez’ as his surname — described himself as a political director for Carolina Serrano, a former Trump campaign staffer who has promoted election-related conspiracy theories while calling to dissolve the FBI and Justice Department. In January, she was endorsed by Laxalt — a former attorney general of Nevada who has also trafficked in far-right conspiracy theories — but failed to advance past the June Republican primary in the state’s redrawn 1st Congressional District.” [Jewish Insider, [10/30/22](https://jewishinsider.com/2022/10/michael-pecjak-adam-laxalt-nevada-senate-campaign/)]

* **Pecjak Was Behind An Anonymous Twitter Account Called “LaxaltStan.”** “Until it was suddenly removed from Twitter on Thursday, an anonymous account called ‘LaxaltStan’ — which spent much of its time posting bigoted comments denigrating Jews, women and gay and transgender people, among other groups — had made sure to emphasize in an all-caps disclaimer that it was ‘NOT AFFILIATED’ with Adam Laxalt, the Republican nominee for U.S. Senate in Nevada. […] ‘Go follow my main @MichaelPecjak,’ the ‘LaxaltStan’ account declared last March, directing users to Pecjak’s personal profile. It is no longer available on Twitter but remains viewable in an archived screenshot captured just a month before by the WayBack Machine.” [Jewish Insider, [10/30/22](https://jewishinsider.com/2022/10/michael-pecjak-adam-laxalt-nevada-senate-campaign/)]

#### PECJAK REPEATEDLY POSTED ANTI-SEMITIC TWEETS, INCLUDING “JEWS ARE NOT A RELIGIOUS SECT AND ARE A CULT” AND BLAMING JEWISH SPACE LASERS FOR WILDFIRES

**Pecjak Said “Jews Are Not A Religious Sect And Are A Cult.”** “In recent weeks, the ‘LaxaltStan’ account compared abortion to the Holocaust, claimed that ‘Jews are not a religious sect and are a cult,’ and expressed disapproval of a right-wing news publication, Breitbart, because its top editor had once described the outlet as a ‘pro-Jewish website with a reputation for treating women and minorities well.” [Jewish Insider, [10/30/22](https://jewishinsider.com/2022/10/michael-pecjak-adam-laxalt-nevada-senate-campaign/)]

**Pecjak Expressed Disapproval Of Breibart Because One Of Its Editors Said It Was A “Pro-Jewish Website With A Reputation For Treating Women And Minorities Well.”** “In recent weeks, the ‘LaxaltStan’ account compared abortion to the Holocaust, claimed that ‘Jews are not a religious sect and are a cult,’ and expressed disapproval of a right-wing news publication, Breitbart, because its top editor had once described the outlet as a ‘pro-Jewish website with a reputation for treating women and minorities well.” [Jewish Insider, [10/30/22](https://jewishinsider.com/2022/10/michael-pecjak-adam-laxalt-nevada-senate-campaign/)]

**Pecjak Endorsed An Antisemitic Conspiracy Theory That Jewish Space Lasers Caused Wildfires In California.** “Among other remarks, the account defended a prominent Holocaust denier, Nick Fuentes, and endorsed an antisemitic conspiracy promoted by Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA), who once suggested that California wildfires were caused by a space laser controlled by a Jewish banking family. ‘LaxaltStan’ also described the QAnon conspiracy theory as a ‘moderate position.” [Jewish Insider, [10/30/22](https://jewishinsider.com/2022/10/michael-pecjak-adam-laxalt-nevada-senate-campaign/)]

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#### PECJAK TWEETED APPROVINGLY ABOUT DOUG MASTRIANO POSING IN A CONFEDERATE UNIFORM

**After Photos Emerged Of PA Republican Nominee For Governor Doug Mastriano In A Confederate Uniform, Pecjak Said “I Support Doug Even More!”** “Elsewhere, ‘LaxaltStan’ enthusiastically commended Pennsylvania’s Republican gubernatorial nominee, Doug Mastriano, after it was revealed that he had once posed for a photograph while wearing a Confederate uniform. ‘I support Doug even more!’ the account exclaimed in late August.” [Jewish Insider, [10/30/22](https://jewishinsider.com/2022/10/michael-pecjak-adam-laxalt-nevada-senate-campaign/)]

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## AVA ASHENDORFF, A MAJOR STEFANIK DONOR AND SUPPORTER, SPREAD ANTI-MUSLIM CONSPIRACY THEORIES

### 2014 – 2025: ASHENDORFF CONTRIBUTED $9,393.83 TO STEFANIK’S CAMPAIGNS AND LPAC

**2014 – 2025: Ava Ashendorff Contributed $9,554.33 To Stefanik’s Campaign And Leadership PAC.**

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| 10/12/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $11.00 |
| 10/12/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $10.00 |
| 9/30/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $10.00 |
| 9/21/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $10.00 |
| 9/21/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $9.00 |
| 9/14/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $10.00 |
| 9/14/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $10.00 |
| 9/14/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $11.00 |
| 9/7/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $11.00 |
| 8/31/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $10.00 |
| 8/24/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $10.00 |
| 8/24/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $9.00 |
| 8/17/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $9.00 |
| 8/17/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $25.00 |
| 8/17/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $20.00 |
| 8/10/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $10.00 |
| 8/10/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $10.00 |
| 8/10/2021 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $11.00 |
| 10/27/2020 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $100.00 |
| 9/1/2020 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $10.00 |
| 8/26/2020 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $250.00 |
| 8/14/2020 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $10.00 |
| 3/9/2020 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $500.00 |
| 2/18/2020 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $500.00 |
| 5/10/2019 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $250.00 |
| 9/5/2018 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $250.00 |
| 1/29/2018 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $250.00 |
| 10/28/2016 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $25.00 |
| 9/20/2016 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $150.00 |
| 6/8/2016 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $250.00 |
| 5/19/2016 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $40.00 |
| 3/4/2016 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $150.00 |
| 1/8/2016 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $15.00 |
| 12/31/2015 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $250.00 |
| 10/20/2014 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $50.00 |
| 9/29/2014 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $50.00 |
| 9/15/2014 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $150.00 |
| 8/21/2014 | Ava Ashendorff | Elise For Congress | $100.00 |
|  |  | **TOTAL:** | **$9,554.33** |

[FEC, accessed [9/15/25](https://www.fec.gov/data/receipts/?data_type=processed&committee_id=C00547893&committee_id=C00570945&contributor_name=ava+ashendorff)]

#### 2023 – 2024: STEFANIK’S CAMPAIGN REFUNDED $160 TO ASHENDORFF

**2023 – 2024: Stefanik’s Campaign Refunded $160.50 To Ashendorff.**

| **STEFANIK REFUNDS TO AVA ASHENDORFF** | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Date** | **Refunder** | **Recipient** | **Amount** |
| 6/30/2024 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 4.25 |
| 6/30/2024 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 10.00 |
| 6/5/2024 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 10.00 |
| 6/5/2024 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 4.25 |
| 6/5/2024 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 4.25 |
| 6/5/2024 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 10.00 |
| 5/28/2024 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 18.00 |
| 3/31/2024 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 10.00 |
| 3/31/2024 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 4.25 |
| 3/25/2024 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 4.25 |
| 3/25/2024 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 10.00 |
| 2/26/2024 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 4.25 |
| 2/26/2024 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 10.00 |
| 12/31/2023 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 10.00 |
| 12/31/2023 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 4.25 |
| 12/31/2023 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 4.25 |
| 11/29/2023 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 4.25 |
| 11/29/2023 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 10.00 |
| 11/29/2023 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 10.00 |
| 9/30/2023 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | 4.25 |
| 9/30/2023 | Elise For Congress | Ava Ashendorff | $10.00 |
|  |  | **TOTAL:** | **$160.50** |

### ASHENDORFF SAID THAT SHE HAD A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH STEFANIK AND POSTED PHOTOS WITH HER

**Ava Ashendorff Donated More Than $1,200 To Stefanik’s Campaigns And Said She Had a Close Personal Relationship With Stefanik.** “Since 2014, Ashendorff has donated to Stefanik's political campaigns eleven times, according to Federal election records, with gifts totaling more than $1,200. In numerous Facebook posts and in public letters written to regional newspapers, Ashendorff suggested a close relationship with Stefanik. She described a dinner she shared with the Stefanik and posted a picture of the two of them together at a fundraising event last year in Glens Falls. ‘I got to know Elise as a person first,’ Ashendorff wrote in a letter to the Adirondack Daily Enterprise, indicating that they first met in 2013.  ‘After spending the evening together, I was convinced that she should run for Congress,’ Ashendorff added.” [NCPR, [6/2/17](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/34063/20170602/stefanik-booster-and-ally-spread-anti-muslim-conspiracy-theories)]

**Ashendorff Posted A Photo With Stefanik At A Fundraising Event In Glens Falls.** “Since 2014, Ashendorff has donated to Stefanik's political campaigns eleven times, according to Federal election records, with gifts totaling more than $1,200. In numerous Facebook posts and in public letters written to regional newspapers, Ashendorff suggested a close relationship with Stefanik. She described a dinner she shared with the Stefanik and posted a picture of the two of them together at a fundraising event last year in Glens Falls.” [NCPR, [6/2/17](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/34063/20170602/stefanik-booster-and-ally-spread-anti-muslim-conspiracy-theories)]

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**Ashendorff’s Twitter Account Featured A Photo With Stefanik.**

A screenshot of a social media post

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### 2014: STEFANIK NAMED ASHENDOFF TO HER ADIRONDACK PARK ADVISORY COALITION

**2014: Stefanik Named Ashendorff To Sit On Her Adirondack Park Advisory Coalition.** “In an email to NCPR, she wrote that she had not discussed her views of Islam or President Obama with Stefanik. […] Stefanik's office declined to clarify whether Ashendorff's portrayal of their relationship is accurate. During Stefanik’s first run for office in 2014, the candidate named Ashendorff to sit on her Adirondack Park Advisory Coalition.” [NCPR, [6/2/17](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/34063/20170602/stefanik-booster-and-ally-spread-anti-muslim-conspiracy-theories)]

### STEFANIK BOOSTED ASHENDORFF’S POLITICAL GROUP ON HER CAMPAIGN FACEBOOK PAGE

**Stefanik Posted About Ashendorff’s Political Group On Her Campaign’s Facebook Page.** “Ava Ashendorff, a long-time Republican donor and organizer from Warren County - and a frequent donor to Stefanik's campaign funds - began forming a new Republican women’s club this year. Stefanik promoted the project on her own Facebook page. […] Three months ago, Stefanik also posted about Ashendorff on her political campaign’s Facebook page, saying that she was ‘excited’ about a new Republican women’s group that Ashendorff was helping to form. Stefanik urged supporters in April to contact Ashendorff and then provided the activist’s email.” [NCPR, [6/2/17](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/34063/20170602/stefanik-booster-and-ally-spread-anti-muslim-conspiracy-theories)]

A screenshot of a social media post

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### ASHENDORFF SPREAD ANTI-MUSLIM CONSPIRACY THEORIES, CLAIMING THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE SECRET MUSLIMS WHO WANTED TO DESTROY AMERICA

**HEADLINE: “Stefanik Booster And Ally Spread Anti-Muslim Conspiracy Theories.”** [NCPR, [6/2/17](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/34063/20170602/stefanik-booster-and-ally-spread-anti-muslim-conspiracy-theories)]

**Ava Ashendorff, A Conservative Activist And Stefanik Donor, Had A Long History Of Anti-Muslim Statements And Conspiracy Theories.** “A conservative activist in the North Country with ties to Congresswoman Elise Stefanik has a long history of anti-Muslim statements and conspiracy theories on social media, NCPR has learned. Ava Ashendorff, a long-time Republican donor and organizer from Warren County - and a frequent donor to Stefanik's campaign funds - began forming a new Republican women’s club this year. Stefanik promoted the project on her own Facebook page.” [NCPR, [6/2/17](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/34063/20170602/stefanik-booster-and-ally-spread-anti-muslim-conspiracy-theories)]

**Ashendorff Posted Messages That Characterized Islam As A Violent Faith.** “For at least five years, Ashendorff posted messages on Facebook that often characterized Islam as a violent faith, an ideology whose true nature has been hidden by liberals and the media. She also claimed that former President Barack Obama and other government officials are secretly Muslim.” [NCPR, [6/2/17](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/34063/20170602/stefanik-booster-and-ally-spread-anti-muslim-conspiracy-theories)]

**Ashendorff Said That Obama And Other Government Officials Were Muslim And Wanted To Destroy America.** “For at least five years, Ashendorff posted messages on Facebook that often characterized Islam as a violent faith, an ideology whose true nature has been hidden by liberals and the media. She also claimed that former President Barack Obama and other government officials are secretly Muslim. ‘Our nation and our government have been infiltrated by people who want to destroy us,’ Ashendorff wrote, adding, ‘It will only get worse.’” [NCPR, [6/2/17](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/34063/20170602/stefanik-booster-and-ally-spread-anti-muslim-conspiracy-theories)]

**Ashendorff Said That CIA Director John Brennan Converted To Islam While In Saudi Arabia.** “NCPR was able to confirm that as early as 2011, Ashendorff was claiming inaccurately that Barack Obama is a Muslim who in Ashendorff’s words ‘hates Jews.’ In 2015, Ashendorff posted another inaccurate claim that then-CIA director John Brennan converted to Islam secretly while stationed in Saudi Arabia, a conspiracy theory distributed widely in far-right circles.” [NCPR, [6/2/17](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/34063/20170602/stefanik-booster-and-ally-spread-anti-muslim-conspiracy-theories)]

**Ashendorff Said That Obama Was Secretly A Muslim And Had Failed To Take The Presidential Oath Of Office.** “In her Facebook posts, Ashendorff claimed that President Obama is secretly a Muslim and shared another far right-wing conspiracy theory, that Obama failed to take the presidential oath of office. Ashendorff also shared a video post by another commentator who argued that the terror group ISIS has revealed the true nature of Islam.” [NCPR, [6/2/17](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/34063/20170602/stefanik-booster-and-ally-spread-anti-muslim-conspiracy-theories)]

**Since 2011, Ashendorff Had Claimed That Obama Was A Muslim That Hated Jewish People.** “For at least five years, Ashendorff posted messages on Facebook that often characterized Islam as a violent faith, an ideology whose true nature has been hidden by liberals and the media. She also claimed that former President Barack Obama and other government officials are secretly Muslim. […] NCPR was able to confirm that as early as 2011, Ashendorff was claiming inaccurately that Barack Obama is a Muslim who in Ashendorff’s words ‘hates Jews.’” [NCPR, [6/2/17](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/34063/20170602/stefanik-booster-and-ally-spread-anti-muslim-conspiracy-theories)]

**Ashendorff Said That ISIS Established In Fifteen US States During Obama’s Tenure.** “In a separate 2015 post, Ashendorff described the American people as ‘stupid’ for voting twice for Obama and she claimed that during Obama’s tenure, ISIS established itself in fifteen US states. That claim echoes a propaganda statement issued by ISIS, which no US intelligence or law enforcement agency has confirmed.” [NCPR, [6/2/17](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/34063/20170602/stefanik-booster-and-ally-spread-anti-muslim-conspiracy-theories)]

**Ashendorff Shared A Video That Claimed That ISIS Was Islam And Said The Speaker Shared The Truth.** “Ashendorff also shared a video post by another commentator who argued that the terror group ISIS has revealed the true nature of Islam.  ‘ISIS is Islam,’ the man claimed. ‘We are finally seeing Islam without the lipstick.’ After sharing the man's video, Ashendorff commented, ‘This man does speak truth.’” [NCPR, [6/2/17](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/34063/20170602/stefanik-booster-and-ally-spread-anti-muslim-conspiracy-theories)]

**Ashendorff Said That Most Terrorists Were Of The Muslim Faith.** “In her email to NCPR, however, Ashendorff said that she had never made ‘direct comments’ describing Islam as a violent faith. ‘Terrorists do not speak for the peaceful religion of Islam,’ she said. ‘However most terrorists are of the Muslim faith. That is a proven statistic.’” [NCPR, [6/2/17](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/34063/20170602/stefanik-booster-and-ally-spread-anti-muslim-conspiracy-theories)]

### ASHENDORFF BOOSTED A CONSPIRACY THEORY LINKING HILLARY CLINTON TO THE DEATH OF A DNC STAFFER

**Ashendorff Linked Hillary Clinton To The Death Of A Democratic National Committee Staffer And Claimed That Clinton Might Be Guilty Of Murder.** “Ashendorff also suggests that former New York Senator and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton may be guilty of murderer, suggesting a link between Clinton and the death of a Democratic National Committee staffer last year.  In her email to NCPR, Ashendorff wrote, ‘Don't you find it even remotely odd that so many have died under both Clinton administrations? Have you reviewed the list? I never made that direct correlation but stand by my statement that it's odd!’” [NCPR, [6/2/17](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/34063/20170602/stefanik-booster-and-ally-spread-anti-muslim-conspiracy-theories)]

* **Asked About Her Claims, Ashendorff Said “Don’t You Find It Even Remotely Odd That So Many Have Died Under Both Clinton Administrations? Have You Reviewed The List? I Never Made That Direct Correlation But Stand By My Statement That It’s Odd!”** “Ashendorff also suggests that former New York Senator and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton may be guilty of murderer, suggesting a link between Clinton and the death of a Democratic National Committee staffer last year.  In her email to NCPR, Ashendorff wrote, ‘Don't you find it even remotely odd that so many have died under both Clinton administrations? Have you reviewed the list? I never made that direct correlation but stand by my statement that it's odd!’” [NCPR, [6/2/17](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/34063/20170602/stefanik-booster-and-ally-spread-anti-muslim-conspiracy-theories)]

## STEFANIK WAS A MAJOR BACKER OF GEORGE SANTOS AND EVEN VOTED AGAINST EXPELLING HIM FROM CONGRESS AFTER HE WAS INDICTED ON 23 COUNTS OF FRAUD

### 2022: STEFANIK ENDORSED GEORGE SANTOS AND DESCRIBED HIM AS “THE NEXT GENERATION OF REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP”

**Stefanik Described George Santos As “The Next Generation Of Republican Leadership.”** “Former news reader, current professional campaigner and Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate Kari Lake is positively giddy after receiving the endorsement of New York Republican Rep. Elise Stefanik, who is the No. 3-ranking member of GOP leadership in the House of Representatives. This is great news, particularly for … Democrats. Stefanik used to be one of those seemingly normal, intelligent, conservative Republicans who one day painted her face white, stuck a red foam ball on her nose, slipped into a pair of enormous shoes and waddled off to join the Trump circus. ‘Kari Lake is a proven conservative fighter who will secure the border, reduce the cost of living, protect our values, and save America,’ Stefanik said in a statement. Stefanik once endorsed George Santos It is a Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey endorsement, something along the lines of that time Stefanik stood next to Republican Rep. George Santos, proudly posing with him above the declaration that he represented the ‘next generation of Republican leadership.” [AZ Central, [11/17/23](https://www.azcentral.com/story/opinion/op-ed/ej-montini/2023/11/17/elise-stefanik-endorsement-of-lake-great-for-democrats/71614803007/)]

**2022: Stefanik Endorsed George Santos.** “Nearly two weeks after The New York Times broke a story poking serious holes in the biographical claims of Long Island Congressman-elect George Santos, Republicans in New York and elsewhere have offered less unified messages, and as Stefanik seeks to build unity among the conference she has avoided any comments on the controversy surrounding a candidate she endorsed. Neither Stefanik's office nor her campaign responded to a request for comment on Santos, who is the subject of multiple investigations into his background and -- more perilously -- the sources of his personal wealth and campaign funds. Instead, Stefanik has focused public messaging on how Republicans will coalesce when they take control of the chamber -- and the more immediate challenge of electing a new speaker of the House despite opposition to presumptive GOP leader Kevin McCarthy from some far-right members.” [Albany Times-Union, [1/2/23](https://www.timesunion.com/state/article/Stefanik-remains-silent-on-Santos-as-she-rallies-17685850.php)]

### STEFANIK CONTRIBUTED $4,000 TO SANTOS AND RAISED MORE THAN $100,000 FOR HIS CAMPAIGN

**2021: Stefanik Contributed $4,000 To George Santos’ Congressional Campaigns.**

| **STEFANIK CONTRIBUTIONS TO GEORGE SANTOS** | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Date** | **Contributor** | **Recipient** | **Amount** |
| 8/5/21 | Elise for Congress | Devolder-Santos for Congress | $2,000 |
| 8/5/21 | Elise for Congress | Devolder-Santos for Congress | $2,000 |
|  |  | **TOTAL:** | **$4,000** |

[FEC, accessed [9/15/25](https://www.fec.gov/data/disbursements/?data_type=processed&committee_id=C00547893&committee_id=C00570945&recipient_name=C00673467&recipient_name=C00721365&recipient_name=C00762237&recipient_name=C00764472&recipient_name=C00775726)]

**2022: Stefanik Held A Fundraiser For Santos That She Claimed Raised More Than $100,000 For His Campaign.** “Progressives have resurfaced a May tweet from Stefanik in which she posed with Santos following a campaign fundraiser (‘WOW! Great lunch event,’ she wrote). She said at the time that their fundraiser raised more than $100,000 to help Santos flip the 3rd Congressional District, previously held by Democrat Tom Suozzi. ‘George has my complete and total endorsement and come November, New Yorkers will send George to Congress!’ Stefanik tweeted with the tag, ‘Save New York.” [Albany Times-Union, [1/2/23](https://www.timesunion.com/state/article/Stefanik-remains-silent-on-Santos-as-she-rallies-17685850.php)]

**Stefanik Endorsed George Santos And Said She Raised Over $100,000 To Help Flip #Ny03.** "WOW! Great lunch event for @Santos4Congress! We raised over $100,000 to help George FLIP #NY03 🔵➡️🔴 George has my complete and total endorsement and come November, New Yorkers will send George to Congress! 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸 #SaveNewYork #SaveAmerica." [X, @EliseStefanik, [5/23/22](https://x.com/EliseStefanik/status/1528792483441909763)]

**A person and person posing for a picture

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[X, @EliseStefanik, [5/23/22](https://x.com/EliseStefanik/status/1528792483441909763)]

### STEFANIK’S ADVISORS WERE REPORTEDLY AWARE OF SANTOS’ FABRICATIONS BEFORE THE 2022 ELECTIONS

**2022: Stefanik’s Advisors Allegedly Knew About Santos’ Fabrications Before The Election.** “In aletterSunday, New York Democratic Reps. Dan Goldman and Ritchie Torres asked McCarthy, Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.) and Congressional Leadership Fund President Dan Conston to publicly disclose whether they knew about Santos fabrications before they were made public. The demand comes afterThe New York Times reported Friday that Santos deception was an open secret among some members of the party. When a background check revealed Santos had lied about key portions of his resume and once worked for a company accused of a Ponzi scheme, vendors working on behalf of Santos campaign urged him to drop out of the race in 2021, theTimesreported. Conston, who is closely aligned with McCarthy, was reportedly aware of some allegations and expressed his concerns to fellow Republicans. Associates of Stefanik, who endorsed Santos, were also reportedly filled in about the background check. Goldman and Torres, who recently requested the House Ethics Committee look into Santos, criticized McCarthy and Stefanik for refusing to denounce Santos and urged them to cooperate with the various investigations into his conduct.” [Forbes, [1/15/23](https://www.forbes.com/sites/siladityaray/2023/01/15/george-santos-will-be-booted-from-house-if-he-broke-campaign-finance-laws-gop-oversight-chair-says/)]

### JANUARY 2023: STEFANIK REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT HER SUPPORT FOR SANTOS

**January 18, 2023: Stefanik Did Not Respond To Requests For Comment About Santos.** “Three other House Republicans from New York – Elise Stefanik, Claudia Tenney and Andrew Garbarino – didn't respond to requests for comment on Santos. Stefanik is chairwoman of the House Republican conference and the third-ranking party leader below Speaker Kevin McCarthy.” [USA Today, [1/18/23](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2023/01/18/george-santos-republicans-congress/11076047002/)]

**January 2, 2023: Stefanik’s Office And Campaign Did Not Respond To Requests For Comment About Santos.** “Nearly two weeks after The New York Times broke a story poking serious holes in the biographical claims of Long Island Congressman-elect George Santos, Republicans in New York and elsewhere have offered less unified messages, and as Stefanik seeks to build unity among the conference she has avoided any comments on the controversy surrounding a candidate she endorsed. Neither Stefanik's office nor her campaign responded to a request for comment on Santos, who is the subject of multiple investigations into his background and -- more perilously -- the sources of his personal wealth and campaign funds. Instead, Stefanik has focused public messaging on how Republicans will coalesce when they take control of the chamber -- and the more immediate challenge of electing a new speaker of the House despite opposition to presumptive GOP leader Kevin McCarthy from some far-right members.” [Albany Times-Union, [1/2/23](https://www.timesunion.com/state/article/Stefanik-remains-silent-on-Santos-as-she-rallies-17685850.php)]

### 2023: STEFANIK VOTED AGAINST EXPELLING SANTOS FROM CONGRESS EVEN THOUGH HE WAS INDICTED ON 23 COUNTS, INCLUDING FALSIFYING CAMPAIGN FINANCE RECORDS, MONEY LAUNDERING, UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD, AND EMBEZZLEMENT

#### 2023: SANTOS WAS INDICTED ON 23 COUNTS, INCLUDING FALSIFYING CAMPAIGN FINANCE RECORDS, MONEY LAUNDERING, UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD AND EMBEZZLEMENT

**October 2023: Santos Was Charged With Embezzling Cash And Conspiring To Falsify Campaign Donations.** “Federal prosecutors on Tuesday accused Rep. George Santos of stealing donors’ identities and running up thousands of dollars in fraudulent charges on their credit cards. The 10 new charges against Santos also include allegations that the New York Republican embezzled cash from his company and conspired with his former campaign treasurer to falsify donation totals in order to hit fundraising targets set by national Republicans, among other offenses.” [CNN Politics, [10/10/23](https://www.cnn.com/2023/10/10/politics/george-santos-superseding-indictment-doj/index.html)]

**May 2023: Santos Was Charged With Wire Fraud, Money Laundering, And Theft Of Public Funds.** “Federal prosecutors on Tuesday accused Rep. George Santos of stealing donors’ identities and running up thousands of dollars in fraudulent charges on their credit cards. […] In May, Santos, 35, pleaded not guilty to 13 federal charges. Those initial charges included seven counts of wire fraud, three counts of money laundering, one count of theft of public funds and two counts of making materially false statements to the US House of Representatives.” [CNN Politics, [10/10/23](https://www.cnn.com/2023/10/10/politics/george-santos-superseding-indictment-doj/index.html)]

* **Santos’s May Charges Also Included Unemployment Fraud.** “U.S. Representative George Santos was hit with more criminal charges on Tuesday, with prosecutors accusing him of inflating his campaign's fundraising numbers and charging campaign contributors' credit cards without their consent. […] Santos, 35, pleaded not guilty in May to a 13-count indictment charging him with defrauding prospective political supporters by laundering funds to pay for his personal expenses, illegally receiving unemployment benefits while he was employed and lying to the House of Representatives about his assets.” [Reuters, [10/10/23](https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-congressman-santos-charged-with-23-criminal-counts-doj-2023-10-10/)]

#### DECEMBER 2023: STEFANIK VOTED AGAINST EXPELLING SANTOS FROM CONGRESS

**December 2023: The House Of Representatives Expelled Santos In A Vote Of 311 To 114.** “Members of the House of Representatives voted 311-114 Friday morning to expel New York Republican George Santos from Congress. Santos is the sixth House member ever to be expelled from Congress.” [NPR, [12/1/23](https://www.npr.org/2023/12/01/1215899764/george-santos-expulsion-house)]

**2023: Stefanik Voted Against Removing George Santos From Congress.** “Notably absent from the committee, which was set up on Nov. 27, is specific fund sharing for the 3rd Congressional District, which was represented by former Republican U.S. Rep. George Santos -- who was expelled from Congress on Friday. While Stefanik voted against removing Santos from Congress, she has said she would not support his re-election campaign had he mounted one.” [Albany Times-Union, [12/6/23](https://www.timesunion.com/state/article/n-y-house-gop-reps-get-boost-speaker-johnson-18533179.php)]

**2023: Stefanik Said That She Voted To Allow George Santos To Stay In Congress Because She Had Significant Concerns About Due Process Protections During An Ongoing Investigation.** [00:23] HOST: “George Santos was thrown out by a vote of 311 to 114. 105 Republicans sided with almost every Democrat to remove him. So you the others in leadership and the majority of Republicans voted to allow Santos to stay. So why did you do that?” [00:40] STEFANIK: “So I had very significant concerns about due process protections. This is the first time a member of the House has been expelled before conviction. And as his district knows, and the American people and certainly his colleagues know, there is ongoing prosecution against Mr. Santos, and that's going to play itself out in the courts. It's going to play itself out through that proper legal process. I thought it was unacceptable to set a new precedent, to start expelling members prior to a conviction. Ultimately, the House worked its will. House Republicans are committed to holding that seat to make sure that we have a Republican member as the next member representing New York's third district.” [YouTube, Rep. Elise Stefanik, 00:23, [12/5/23](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GqLpNwDdfnY)] (VIDEO)

## 2019 – 2024: STEFANIK TOOK $17,200 FROM CASINO MAGNATE STEVE WYNN AFTER HE WAS ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

### 2019 – 2024: STEFANIK TOOK $17,200 FROM STEVE WYNN

**2019 – 2024: Steve Wynn Contributed $20,000 To Stefanik’s Campaigns And Leadership PAC.**

| **STEFANIK CONTRIBUTIONS FROM STEVE WYNN** | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Date** | **Contributor** | **Recipient** | **Amount** |
| 2/20/24 | Stephen Wynn | Elise for Congress | $3,300 |
| 2/20/24 | Stephen Wynn | Elise for Congress | $3,300 |
| 2/20/24 | Stephen Wynn | E-PAC | $5,000 |
| 12/17/19 | Stephen Wynn | Elise for Congress | $2,800 |
| 11/26/19 | Stephen Wynn | Elise for Congress | $2,800 |
| 11/26/19 | Stephen Wynn | Elise for Congress | $2,800 |
|  |  | **TOTAL:** | **$20,000** |

[FEC, accessed [9/15/25](https://www.fec.gov/data/receipts/?data_type=processed&committee_id=C00547893&committee_id=C00570945&contributor_name=Stephen+Wynn&contributor_name=Steve+Wynn)]

#### 2019: STEFANIK REFUNDED AN EXCESS CONTRIBUTION OF $2,800 TO WYNN

**2019: Stefanik Refunded An Excess Contribution Of $2,800 To Steve Wynn.**

| **STEFANIK REFUNDS TO STEVE WYNN** | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Date** | **Refunder** | **Contributor** | **Amount** |
| 12/17/19 | Elise for Congress | Stephen Wynn | $2,800 |
|  |  | **TOTAL:** | **$2,800** |

[FEC, accessed [9/15/25](https://www.fec.gov/data/receipts/?data_type=processed&committee_id=C00547893&committee_id=C00570945&contributor_name=Stephen+Wynn&contributor_name=Steve+Wynn)]

#### STEFANIK FIRST RECEIVED MONEY FROM WYNN IN 2019 AND DECLINED TO RETURN ALL OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS

**HEADLINE: “NY21: Stefanik Draws Fire For Accepting Max Cash From Wynn Despite Sex Assault Claims.”** [NCPR, [2/20/20](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/40650/20200220/ny21-stefanik-draws-fire-for-accepting-max-cash-from-wynn-despite-sex-assault-claims)]

**2019: Stefanik Accepted A Maximum Contribution From Steve Wynn, A Casino Developer Who Was Forced Out Of His Company After Facing Allegations Of Sexual Assault.** “In November and December, Stefanik accepted the maximum contribution from Steve Wynn, a casino developer forced out of his company after facing accusations of sexual assault and misconduct. The donations totaled more than $5,000. The donations came more than a year after Wynn was embroiled in scandal. ‘Right now it's under investigation that he coerced some of his employees to give him massages and then to have sex with him in some of the hotel rooms at the Wynn Las Vegas,’ said Rick Velotta, with the Las Vegas Review Journal newspaper, speaking on PBS in 2018. Wynn eventually resigned from the head of his company and was forced out as Republican National Committee finance chair.” [NCPR, [2/20/20](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/40650/20200220/ny21-stefanik-draws-fire-for-accepting-max-cash-from-wynn-despite-sex-assault-claims)]

* **Stefanik Declined To Return The Money.** “In November and December, Stefanik accepted the maximum contribution from Steve Wynn, a casino developer forced out of his company after facing accusations of sexual assault and misconduct. The donations totaled more than $5,000. The donations came more than a year after Wynn was embroiled in scandal. ‘Right now it's under investigation that he coerced some of his employees to give him massages and then to have sex with him in some of the hotel rooms at the Wynn Las Vegas,’ said Rick Velotta, with the Las Vegas Review Journal newspaper, speaking on PBS in 2018.  Wynn eventually resigned from the head of his company and was forced out as Republican National Committee finance chair. Despite Wynn's controversial history, Stefanik accepted his cash and has declined to return it. […] Stefanik spokeswoman Maddie Anderson declined to answer, but so far as NCPR could determine her campaign has made no move to return Wynn's money.” [NCPR, [2/20/20](https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/40650/20200220/ny21-stefanik-draws-fire-for-accepting-max-cash-from-wynn-despite-sex-assault-claims)]

### 2018: THE WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTED THAT “DOZENS” OF PEOPLE HAD ACCUSED WYNN OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

**HEADLINE: “Dozens of People Recount Pattern of Sexual Misconduct by Las Vegas Mogul Steve Wynn.”** [WSJ, [1/27/18](https://www.wsj.com/articles/dozens-of-people-recount-pattern-of-sexual-misconduct-by-las-vegas-mogul-steve-wynn-1516985953?gaa_at=eafs&gaa_n=ASWzDAh7SZfnizA9_eOkeAlfNa5NJt7tLrwASm6WOsAyulORUgifQtW8j1By26fz36A%3D&gaa_ts=68c99db6&gaa_sig=XaXYAw2dImPt-RyllyCDrMtF214RWTfZtkCIIyoikvGlZlKocntE2s_58shUqFjTcqbWVfnIV0oSTvMSteR82w%3D%3D)]

**Wall Street Journal: “Dozens Of People The Wall Street Journal Interviewed Who Have Worked at Mr. Wynn’s Casinos Told Of Behavior That Cumulatively Would Amount To A Decades-Long Patter Of Sexual Misconduct By Wynn.”** “Not long after the billionaire casino mogul Steve Wynn opened his flagship Wynn Las Vegas in 2005, a manicurist who worked there arrived at the on-site salon visibly distressed following an appointment in Mr. Wynn’s office. Sobbing, she told a colleague Mr. Wynn had forced her to have sex, and she repeated that to others later. […] Beyond this incident, dozens of people The Wall Street Journal interviewed who have worked at Mr. Wynn’s casinos told of behavior that cumulatively would amount to a decades-long pattern of sexual misconduct by Mr. Wynn. Some described him pressuring employees to perform sex acts.” [WSJ, [1/27/18](https://www.wsj.com/articles/dozens-of-people-recount-pattern-of-sexual-misconduct-by-las-vegas-mogul-steve-wynn-1516985953?gaa_at=eafs&gaa_n=ASWzDAh7SZfnizA9_eOkeAlfNa5NJt7tLrwASm6WOsAyulORUgifQtW8j1By26fz36A%3D&gaa_ts=68c99db6&gaa_sig=XaXYAw2dImPt-RyllyCDrMtF214RWTfZtkCIIyoikvGlZlKocntE2s_58shUqFjTcqbWVfnIV0oSTvMSteR82w%3D%3D)]

## STEFANIK ENDORSED AND DONATED TO LAUREN BOEBERT, WHO MADE BIGOTED COMMENTS ABOUT OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

### 2020 – 2023: STEFANIK ENDORSED BOEBERT AND GAVE $14,000 TO HER CAMPAIGNS

**2020 – 2023: Stefanik Contributed $14,000 To Lauren Boebert’s Campaigns.**

| **STEFANIK CONTRIBUTIONS TO LAUREN BOEBERT** | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Date** | **Contributor** | **Recipient** | **Amount** |
| 6/15/23 | Elise for Congress | Lauren Boebert for Congress | $2,000 |
| 6/15/23 | Elise for Congress | Lauren Boebert for Congress | $2,000 |
| 3/28/23 | E-PAC | Lauren Boebert for Congress | $5,000 |
| 9/15/20 | E-PAC | Lauren Boebert for Congress | $5,000 |
|  |  | **TOTAL:** | **$14,000** |

[FEC, accessed [9/15/25](https://www.fec.gov/data/disbursements/?data_type=processed&committee_id=C00547893&committee_id=C00570945&recipient_name=C00438721&recipient_name=C00728238)]

**2020: Stefanik Endorsed Lauren Boebert.** “Here’s a look at three of Stefanik’s more controversial endorsements in the midterm cycle. […] Lauren Boebert Colorado 3rd District  Campaigning in 2020, Lauren Boebert was part of a crop of candidates openly dabbling in Q-Anon. During an interview Boebert had said ‘Everything that I’ve heard of Q, I hope that this is real because it only means that America is getting stronger and better, and people are returning to conservative values.’ In her fall 2020 endorsement of Boebert Stefanik said ‘Lauren is a true conservative and a great fighter for our 2nd amendment rights!’   Now in Congress, Rep. Boebert has continued making a name for herself. She’s said LGBT civil rights legislation was a ‘supremacy of gays’ and joined in on the ‘great replacement theory’ chorus. In May, a Colorado television station dug up a video of Boebert saying ‘guess there is definitely a replacement theory that's going on right now.’ Boebert continued ‘We are killing American jobs and bringing in illegal aliens from all over the world to replace them if Americans will not comply.’ The first-termer has also been linked to organizers of the January 6th riots.” [City & State, [6/22/22](https://www.cityandstateny.com/politics/2022/06/carl-paladino-isnt-first-fringe-republican-endorsed-elise-stefanik/368484/)]

### BOEBERT MADE RACIST COMMENTS ABOUT REP. AL GREEN, ACCUSING HIM OF SHAKING HIS “PIMP CANE” AT TRUMP

**HEADLINE: “Boebert Stands By ‘Pimp Cane’ Comments About Texas Representative Al Green, Even As She Faces Censure.”** [CPR, [3/12/25](https://www.cpr.org/2025/03/12/lauren-boebert-stands-by-al-green-pimp-cane-comment/)]

**2025: Boebert Accused A 77-Year Old Black Congressman Of Shaking His “Pimp Cane” When He Disrupted Trump’s Address To Congress.** “Republican Rep. Lauren Boebert is not backing down from a derogatory comment she made about a Democrat colleague who disrupted President Donald Trump’s address to Congress last week.  Instead, she’s doubling down, writing on social media that. ‘I stand by what I said!’  What Boebert said was ‘pimp cane’ in referencing Rep. Al Green, a 77-year-old Black congressman from Texas, who shook his cane at the president before being removed from the chamber.” [CPR, [3/12/25](https://www.cpr.org/2025/03/12/lauren-boebert-stands-by-al-green-pimp-cane-comment/)]

### 2021: BOEBERT JOKED ABOUT REP. ILHAN OMAR BEING A SUICIDE BOMBER

**2021: Boebert Joked About Rep. Ilhan Omar Being A Suicide Bomber.** “This is not the first time Boebert has been accused of mocking her colleagues with racial stereotypes. In her first term, a Democrat introduced a resolution to remove the firebrand from her committee assignments after she joked about Rep. Ilhan Omar being a suicide bomber.  Back then, Boebert apologized for her words, but not to Omar.” [CPR, [3/12/25](https://www.cpr.org/2025/03/12/lauren-boebert-stands-by-al-green-pimp-cane-comment/)]

* **2021: Boebert Said That When She Got In An Elevator With Rep. Omar, She Said “Well, She Doesn’t Have A Backpack.”** “When Republican Rep. Lauren Boebert cracked a racist, Islamophobic joke about Democratic Rep. Ilhan Omar, it wasn’t the first time she mocked the Muslim congresswoman from Minnesota.  Boebert had derided Omar during a House floor debate last month, taunting the Somali-born, Muslim-American immigrant as a member of the ‘jihad squad’ of liberal lawmakers. […] Boebert set off the firestorm around Thanksgiving after a video posted to Facebook showed her telling constituents about an interaction with Omar at a House elevator.  As she stepped on the elevator, Boebert said she spotted Omar. ‘Well, she doesn’t have a backpack,’ Boebert recalled saying, an apparent reference to a suicide bomb. ‘We should be fine.” [PBS, [12/15/21](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/house-responds-to-rep-boeberts-anti-muslim-remarks-with-islamophobia-bill)]

## STEFANIK ENDORSED AND DONATED TO KARI LAKE, WHO HAD TIES TO WHITE NATIONALIST SUPPORTERS AND SPREAD “BIRTHER” CONSPIRACY THEORIES

### 2023: STEFANIK ENDORSED LAKE AND CONTRIBUTED $10,000 TO HER SENATE CAMPAIGN

**2023: Stefanik Contributed $10,000 To Kari Lake’s Senate Campaign.**

| **STEFANIK CONTRIBUTIONS TO KARI LAKE** | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Date** | **Contributor** | **Recipient** | **Amount** |
| 11/15/23 | E-PAC | Kari Lake for Senate | $5,000 |
| 11/15/23 | E-PAC | Kari Lake for Senate | $5,000 |
|  |  | **TOTAL:** | **$10,000** |

[FEC, accessed [9/15/25](https://www.fec.gov/data/disbursements/?data_type=processed&committee_id=C00547893&committee_id=C00570945&recipient_name=C00852343&recipient_name=kari+lake)]

**2023: Stefanik Endorsed Kari Lake’s 2024 Campaign.** “Former news reader, current professional campaigner and Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate Kari Lake is positively giddy after receiving the endorsement of New York Republican Rep. Elise Stefanik, who is the No. 3-ranking member of GOP leadership in the House of Representatives. This is great news, particularly for … Democrats. Stefanik used to be one of those seemingly normal, intelligent, conservative Republicans who one day painted her face white, stuck a red foam ball on her nose, slipped into a pair of enormous shoes and waddled off to join the Trump circus. ‘Kari Lake is a proven conservative fighter who will secure the border, reduce the cost of living, protect our values, and save America,’ Stefanik said in a statement. Stefanik once endorsed George Santos It is a Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey endorsement, something along the lines of that time Stefanik stood next to Republican Rep. George Santos, proudly posing with him above the declaration that he represented the ‘next generation of Republican leadership.” [AZ Central, [11/17/23](https://www.azcentral.com/story/opinion/op-ed/ej-montini/2023/11/17/elise-stefanik-endorsement-of-lake-great-for-democrats/71614803007/)]

### 2024: LAKE REFUSED TO SAY IF A WHITE NATIONALIST SUPPORTER WAS WORKING FOR HER CAMPAIGN

**HEADLINE: “Is A White Nationalist Part Of Kari Lake’s Team? Her Campaign Won’t Say.”** [AZ Mirror, [3/4/24](https://azmirror.com/briefs/is-a-white-nationalist-part-of-kari-lakes-campaign-team-her-campaign-wont-say/)]

**Lake Refused To Say If A White Nationalist Supporter Was Working For Her Campaign.** “Kari Lake grinned widely and flashed a thumbs up as she posed for a photo Sunday with a far-right political operative who is reportedly a fervent follower and close associate of white nationalist Nick Fuentes.   A few days before the event for campaign volunteers, Wade Searle, who worked as the digital director for U.S. Rep. Paul Gosar until shortly after he was unmasked as one the ‘strongest soldiers’ for white nationalist leader Nick Fuentes, was standing almost directly behind Lake at a press conference where Wyoming U.S. Sen. John Barrasso endorsed her.  It’s unclear if Searle is working for Lake or what ties he has to her campaign for U.S. Senate. […] The Lake campaign did not respond to requests for comment on what role, if any, Searle has within the Lake campaign. Attempts to contact Searle, who has recently been marketing himself as a consultant for conservative political campaigns, were unsuccessful.” [AZ Mirror, [3/4/24](https://azmirror.com/briefs/is-a-white-nationalist-part-of-kari-lakes-campaign-team-her-campaign-wont-say/)]

### 2023: LAKE ECHOED THE RACIST “BIRTHER” CONSPIRACY THEORY ABOUT OBAMA IN HER BOOK

**2023: Kari Lake Echoed The Racist “Birther” Conspiracy Theory About Obama In Her Book.** “In a new book, the Trump ally and potential running mate Kari Lake blows a ‘birther’ racist dog whistle to supporters, claiming Barack Obama had a ‘mysterious past’ when he ran for president – but does not mention that she donated to Obama in 2008 and reportedly campaigned for him door-to-door. […] Rightwing extremist Lake, who supports Trump’s lie about voter fraud in 2020 and maintains despite repeated court defeats that her defeat for Arizona governor last year was also the result of cheating, also complains that the US media ‘swarm[ed] any independent journalist who attempted to give [Obama] a proper vetting’. The ‘birther conspiracy’, long championed by Donald Trump, holds that Obama was not a US citizen, having been born overseas to a Kenyan father, and thus should have been disqualified from becoming president.  Though disproven by Obama himself, the racist birther rhetoric lingers on the US right, including Islamophobic overtones invoked by Lake’s use of Obama’s middle name.” [The Guardian, [6/27/23](https://www.theguardian.com/books/2023/jun/27/kari-lake-book-unafraid)]

## 2023: STEFANIK ENDORSED AND CONTRIBUTED TO SARAH PALIN, WHO TRAFFICKED IN RACIST STEREOTYPES

### 2022: STEFANIK CONTRIBUTED $10,000 TO PALIN’S CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN

**2022: Stefanik Contributed $10,000 To Sarah Palin’s Congressional Campaign.**

| **STEFANIK CONTRIBUTIONS TO SARAH PALIN** | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Date** | **Contributor** | **Recipient** | **Amount** |
| 5/12/22 | E-PAC | Sarah for Alaska | $5,000 |
| 5/12/22 | E-PAC | Sarah for Alaska | $5,000 |
|  |  | **TOTAL:** | **$10,000** |

[FEC, accessed [9/15/25](https://www.fec.gov/data/disbursements/?data_type=processed&committee_id=C00547893&committee_id=C00570945&recipient_name=C00811323)]

**2022: Stefanik Endorsed Sarah Palin For Congress.** “Here’s a look at three of Stefanik’s more controversial endorsements in the midterm cycle.  Sarah Palin Alaska at-large  The former Alaska governor and 2008 vice-presidential candidate is running for an at-large seat to represent Alaska in Congress. Palin has been a frequent pusher of conspiracy theories and, along with Donald Trump, an early adopter of the ‘birther’ conspiracy – falsely claiming Barack Obama was not a U.S. citizen. And she has been considered on the vanguard of the post-truth era claiming Barack Obama supported medical ‘death panels.’  More recently Palin has been echoing Donald Trump's claims that the 2020 election was stolen and suggesting that the January 6th mob was due to plants. Stefanik's PAC endorsed Palin in May, stating Palin was a ‘national leader for the America First movement’ and that Stefanik was ‘thrilled to join President Trump’ in supporting Palin’s campaign. The former governor is now in a runoff with two other candidates for an August special election.” [City & State, [6/22/22](https://www.cityandstateny.com/politics/2022/06/carl-paladino-isnt-first-fringe-republican-endorsed-elise-stefanik/368484/)]

### PALIN HAD A LONG HISTORY OF TRAFFICKING IN RACIST STEREOTYPES

**2012: Palin Remarks About “Obama’s Shuck And Jive Schtick” Were Condemned For Being Racially Inflammatory.** “Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin is blasting critics who considered her use of the phrase ‘shuck and jive’ about President Barack Obama to be racially inflammatory.  ‘I would have used the exact same expression if I had been writing about President Carter, whose foreign policy rivaled Obama’s in its ineptitude, or about the Nixon administration, which was also famously rocked by a cover-up,’ Palin wrote on Facebook on Wednesday night. […] Palin joined other conservatives who have slammed the Obama administration’s handling of the attacks at U.S. posts overseas, saying the administration blamed the attacks on an anti-Islam video trailer instead of terrorism. Tuesday, Reuters reported that members of the Obama administration and State Department officials knew two hours after the attacks that an Islamic militant group took credit for the attack. CNN contributor Roland Martin said in 2008 after the phrase was used by then-New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo that it was a ‘negative assessment’ of African-Americans, writing: ‘’Shucking and jiving’ have long been words used as a negative assessment of African Americans, along the lines of a ‘foot shufflin’ Negro.’ In fact, I don’t recall ever hearing the phrase used in reference to anyone white.” [Politico, [10/25/12](https://www.politico.com/story/2012/10/palin-uses-racial-phrase-about-obama-082832)]

**2015: Stefanik Described Black Lives Matter Protestors As “Dogs.”** “During a speech outside the U.S. Capitol to a tea party rally Wednesday, Sarah Palin used a very loaded word to described the Black Lives Matter protesters. She called them "dogs" -- actually, dogs that President Obama won't call off. So, Palin told the crowd, she would instead offer her support and salute to the country's police officers.” [Washington Post, [9/10/15](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2015/09/10/sarah-palin-called-black-lives-matter-protesters-dogs-heres-why-she-doesnt-get-the-benefit-of-the-doubt/)]

**HEADLINE: “Sarah Palin uses derogatory stereotype in rant about US gas prices.”** [The Independent, [3/10/22](https://www.the-independent.com/climate-change/news/sarah-palin-fox-gas-price-biden-b2033156.html)]

**2022: Palin Referred To Fuel Efficient Vehicles As “Rice Rockets,” A “Racially Pejorative Stereotype” Used To Refer To Vehicles Made In Asia.** “Sarah Palin revived a derogatory stereotype in an attempt to make her point about rising US gas prices during a Fox News appearance on Wednesday.  Gas prices have climbed to record highs across the states as the country cut off Russian oil imports this week following Vladimir Putin’s invasion of Ukraine.  During a segment on Jesse Watters’ show, the former Alaska governor complained about how much it cost to fill up her truck, and described vehicles which use comparatively little gas as ‘rice rockets’. […] ‘Rice rocket’ is a racially pejorative stereotype which refers to Japanese cars or vehicles made in Asia more widely. It can also be used to put down vehicles which have been given cosmetic makeovers to give the impression of speed and high performance.” [The Independent, [3/10/22](https://www.the-independent.com/climate-change/news/sarah-palin-fox-gas-price-biden-b2033156.html)]