

Get the Facts

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<p>Juan Ciscomani has spent most of his adult life on the board of directors of a Christian Nationalist group called the Patriot Academy</p>	<p><u>JUAN CISCOMANI HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH A FAR-RIGHT CHRISTIAN GROUP CALLED THE PATRIOT ACADEMY FOR MOST OF HIS ADULT LIFE AND SERVED ON ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 14 YEARS</u></p> <p>2007-2021: Ciscomani Was A Member Of Torch Of Freedom Foundation’s Board. According to Torch of Freedom Foundation’s 990 filings and website, Ciscomani served as a board member of the organization since fiscal year 2007. [Torch of Freedom 990 Filings via ProPublica, 12/31/20; 12/31/19; 12/31/18; 12/31/17; 12/31/16; 12/31/15; 12/31/14; 12/31/13; 6/30/13 6/30/12; 6/30/11; 2/24/10; 6/30/09; 6/30/08; Patriot Academy, accessed 6/9/23]</p> <p><u>AND FOUNDED ITS ARIZONA CHAPTER.</u></p> <p>Ciscomani Said That He Brought Patriot Academy To Arizona. CISCOMANI: “Thank you for bringing up Patriot Academy. This is a program that Laura and I have been involved with for gosh, since I was 26, so that’s a long time ago. But this is a program that started in Texas that Laura and I brought to Arizona and it trains young people to engage in the civic process and they play the role of a state senator, a state representative in the capitol here in Phoenix and they have to go through bills and guess what they have to do? They have to read them. They have to read the bills and we also train them on the LIFT principles. L being limited government, I being individual responsibility, F being free enterprise, and T being timeless truths. And these are the lift principles that we train young people in so they can go out and engage and that’s what Laura and have done before.” [Speech at Pima County Republican Club Meeting, 3/29/22]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2013: Regional Patriot Academy Capitol Boot Camps Began At The Arizona State Capitol. “The inaugural Patriot Academy occurred at the Texas Capitol in 2003 with thirty students. In 2013, regional Patriot Academy Capitol Boot Camps began in the Southwest at the Arizona State Capitol and in the Northwest at the Idaho State Capitol. Regional academies are now also taking place in the Southeast at the Florida State Capitol, the Northeast at the Delaware State Capitol, the Midwest at the Indiana State Capitol, and on college campuses in Colorado and Tennessee.” [Patriot Academy, 2020 Impact Report, pg. 3, accessed 1/30/24]

2013: Juan And Laura Ciscomani Hosted Patriot Academy Arizona. “Juan Ciscomani attended Patriot Academy in 2006, 2007, and 2008. [...] Juan and his wife Laura, also an Alumnus, hosted PA Arizona in the summer of 2013.” [Patriot Academy, 2013 Torch of Freedom Impact Report, page 11, accessed [1/29/24](#)]

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

PAUL HASTINGS



In 2013 Paul led a group of young men including 5 Patriot Alumni to lobby the Texas Legislature for family and parental rights



JUAN CISCOMANI

Juan Ciscomani attended Patriot Academy in 2006, 2007, and 2008. Even though Juan had a degree in political science, PA revolutionized the very core of his beliefs about government. Since then, Juan has run for the Arizona State Legislature, been appointed by the Governor of Arizona to the Arizona Civil Rights Advisory Council Board and appointed to the Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments. Today, at the age of 30, Juan is the Director of Membership at the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and speaks about America's godly heritage in Spanish-speaking churches. Juan and his wife Laura, also an Alumnus, hosted PA Arizona in the summer of 2013.



JENNIFER LACKEY

Jennifer Lackey attended Patriot Academy in 2006 and served as the Speaker of the House for PA 2007. Since then, Jennifer has served as a

[Patriot Academy, 2013 Torch of Freedom Impact Report, page 11, accessed [1/29/24](#)]

that believes we should rewrite the constitution to establish a Christian Nation

THE PATRIOT ACADEMY BELIEVES THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE THE COUNTRY IS TO RE-WRITE THE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A CHRISTIAN NATION

Patriot Academy Teaches Its Students That America Is On The Brink Of “Godless Communism” And Only A Conservative Effort To Rewrite The Constitution Will Save It. “Patriot Academy’s Leadership Congress camp for young people continues not just in Texas but in state Capitol buildings across the country. A separate series of leadership congresses for veterans kicked off in 2017. Slickly produced video courses, with names like Constitution Alive! and Biblical Citizenship, allow students of any age to learn Barton’s worldview in living rooms and churches throughout America. Through it all, an undercurrent of concern carries students toward a worrying conclusion: America currently teeters on the brink of godless

authoritarian communism, and only something as radical as the well-funded and rapidly growing conservative effort to rewrite the Constitution can save it.” [The New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]

July 2021: Patriot Academy Stated Its Mission Was To ‘Restore America’s Constitutional Republic By Renewing Our Biblical Principles Of Liberty Upon Which The Nation Was Built.’

‘Patriot Academy’s purpose is to encourage, educate, and equip young leaders who share the stated mission of The Torch of Freedom Foundation: to restore America’s Constitutional Republic by renewing our Biblical principles of liberty upon which the nation was built. Applicants must demonstrate a mindset in line with this mission, a willingness to learn more about accomplishing such a mission; and a strong work ethic through preparation, fundraising, and service.’ [Patriot Academy, accessed [7/19/21](#)]

Patriot Academy Automatically Enrolled Attendees Of Its Constitutional Defense Courses In “Biblical Citizen” Classes.

“This moral marketing began before the class did. Upon registration, Patriot Academy automatically enrolled us in Biblical Citizenship, an eight-week online course hosted by Rick Green and a man named Mark Meckler.” [The New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]

- **Biblical Citizenship Classes Explicitly Argue Against The Separation Of Church And State.** In Green’s Biblical Citizenship series, which Meckler has both hosted and promoted, Barton explicitly argues against the separation of church and state. Instead, he believes freedom of religion protects the expression of religion in the public sphere. “If we think we should pay adoration to God by hanging the Ten Commandments in public, what business is that of the state?” he asks. [The New Republic, [1/3/23](#)]
- **Biblical Citizenship Classes Taught That The Survival Of The “Constitutional Republic” Was Not Possible Without Citizens With A Biblical Worldview.** “‘Benjamin Rush said if you don’t teach the Bible in every generation to the children, a constitutional republic will not survive,’ Rick Green told my Constitutional Defense course in his opening lecture. ‘Because, without religion, you don’t have morality. And without morality, you don’t have liberty.’ ‘Biblical principles are what produce freedom of society,’ Barton proclaims in Patriot Academy’s Biblical Citizenship class. ‘But you won’t have biblical principles in society in

	<p>which you don't have citizens with a biblical worldview." [The New Republic, 1/3/23]</p>
<p>and considers the separation of church and state a "myth."</p>	<p><u>PATRIOT ACADEMY CALLED THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE A "MYTH"</u></p> <p>2008: Patriot Academy Called The Separation Of Church And State A 'Myth.' 'Understand the Philosophy Develop a firm grasp of the Founding Fathers' vision for America and how that vision remains applicable today In-depth and relevant focus on your rights, namely the following: The Source of your freedoms The myth of separation of church and state The right to bear arms Bill of Rights Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness' [Patriot Academy, captured 5/11/08]</p>
<p>The Patriot Academy trains children as young as eleven years old to use lethal force,</p>	<p><u>THE PATRIOT ACADEMY PROVIDED FIREARMS TRAINING FOR KIDS AS YOUNG AS 11 SO THEY CAN BE PREPARED TO FIGHT A CIVIL WAR AND TRAINED PEOPLE TO FIRE TWO SHOTS INTO VITAL AREAS IN TWO SECONDS.</u></p> <p>Patriot Academy Sought To Rewrite America's Constitution, While Training Its Supporters In Firearms. "Patriot Academy is engaged in a life-and-death struggle to rewrite America's Constitution—and teaching its supporters how to defend themselves with a handgun, just in case." [The New Republic, 1/3/23]</p> <p>New Republic: Patriot Academy Was "Engaged In A Life-And-Death Struggle To Rewrite America's Constitution—And Teaching Its Supporters How To Defend Themselves With A Handgun, Just In Case." "Patriot Academy is engaged in a life-and-death struggle to rewrite America's Constitution—and teaching its supporters how to defend themselves with a handgun, just in case." [The New Republic, 1/3/23]</p> <p>A "Handguns Foundations Class" Was The "Required, Introductory Class" For The Constitutional Defense Program. "The Handgun Foundations Class is the required, introductory class for the Constitutional Defense Program (see tabs below for additional, advanced classes). All first time students must attend either a 3-Day or 5-Day Handgun Foundations course, where you will learn not only a long list of self-defense skills, but you will get an overview of our training philosophy." [Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense Course, Accessed 5/24/23]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patriot Academy Claimed That, Following Its Handgun Class, Participants Will Be Able To Deliver Two Shots To A Vital Area With A Concealed Weapon In Under 2

	<p>Seconds. “By the end of these classes, you will be able to spot a threat, present your sidearm from concealment and fire two controlled shots to the vital area on the threat in just 1.5 seconds!” [Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense Course, Accessed 5/24/23]</p> <p>Patriot Academy’s Advanced Handgun Training Class Sought To Train Member In “Tactical Techniques” To “Confidently Engage Targets” In Challenging Situations Including At Night Or In The Dark. “Having proven your skills during your Constitutional Defense handgun class, it’s time to develop your handgun repertoire with the addition of new skills and increasing challenges. The Intermediate Handgun Class will hone your existing skills and provide you with additional tools to prevail in a gunfight. Additional tactical techniques and the use of alternative shooting platforms will allow you to confidently engage targets in more challenging situations, including hostage rescue shots and shots at ranges out to 50 yards. You’ll also learn various flashlight and other low-light shooting techniques to allow you to prevail even in the dark. Progressively more challenging range drills will keep you on your toes and train your ability to adapt to changing circumstances. Days 2 & 3 start and end later, so that the low-light shooting can take place in the evening.” [Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense Course, Accessed 5/24/23]</p> <p>The Patriot Academy Encouraged Children As Young As 11 To Attend, Saying, “We Have Had Multiple Families Join Us With 11 Year Olds Who Did Outstanding!” “This course is for everyone, whether you have never held a weapon before or are extremely experienced. We are a family-friendly training program. Minors 11-17 are welcome to attend, but must be accompanied by a parent. We have had multiple families join us with 11 year olds who did outstanding! We often get asked if ladies should get training with firearms for self-defense. Our opinion is a STRONG YES. There is no course better that [sic] this one for preparing ladies for carrying a firearm.” [Patriot Academy, Constitutional Defense, accessed 8/12/22]</p>
<p>believes we should abolish gay marriage</p>	<p><u>THE PATRIOT ACADEMY HAS ARGUED THAT SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IS "SCRIPTURALLY SINFUL" AND THAT CHURCHES THAT SUPPORT EQUALITY ARE BEING ATTACKED BY THE DEVIL.</u></p> <p>2019: Patriot Academy Published A Blog Post That Said Marriage Equality ‘Regardless Of Opinions, Is Scripturally Sinful’ And Stated That ‘The Church’ Was Being ‘Blatantly Attacked By The Devil.’ ‘Now do not get me wrong, I know all</p>

	<p>Churches are not like this. But some huge Church sects have turned willingly to openly supporting ‘gay marriage’ and transgenderism. The Church is being blatantly attacked, as it always has been, by the devil. Gay marriage, regardless of opinions, is scripturally sinful.’ [Patriot Academy, Patriot Press Blog, 2/18/19]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Blog Post Denied That Matthew Shepard’s Murder Was A Hate Crime. ‘According to a journalist named Stephen Jimenez, author of ‘The Book of Matt: Hidden Truths About the Murder of Matthew Shepard’, who spent 13 years investigating the murder and interviewing hundreds of people related to it, found information that pointed to Matthew being a drug addict. Apparently, he had involvement in the crystal methamphetamine drug problem going on in Denver at the time. Other sad findings point to him also being used as a prostitute. Even more tragic because he was at one time a grade A student.(1)(2) Apparently, one of his murderers was someone that he knew, a man named Aaron McKinney. There is apparent evidence of sexual relations with this young man before the tragedy as well.(3) All this information leads to the realization that the men who killed him were not just ‘white men’ who wanted to kill him because he was gay. Rather, they were men who knew him and had been involved with him on drug runs and past alleged sexual relationships.(4)(5) There is compelling proof that this was the case, and if true, it destroys the narrative of it being just a hate crime against gays.’ [Patriot Academy, Patriot Press Blog, 2/18/19]
<p>and is against abortion with no exceptions.</p>	<p><u>THE PATRIOT ACADEMY PROMOTED AN INTERVIEW IN WHICH IT’S PRESIDENT CALLED FOR BANNING ABORTION WITH NO EXCEPTIONS AND ECHOED CALL IN A SIMILAR TWEET</u></p> <p>2024: President Rick Green stated that he’d “love to pass an act of legislation or pass a constitutional amendment to outlaw abortion” "I'd love to pass an act of legislation or pass a constitutional amendment to outlaw abortion and it would be done for all 50 states. I can use language in the constitution to say that it should be illegal to take a life even in the womb." [Patriot Academy, Twitter, 4/18/24]</p> <p>2021: Patriot Academy Tweeted “life begins at conception and should always be guarded” “Human life - precious, fragile, and constantly under attack in today’s society. The understanding that life begins at conception and should always be guarded is</p>

	not just a modern in opposition to abortion. [Patriot Academy, Twitter, 3/8/21]
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Ciscomani has voted for national abortion restrictions	<p data-bbox="651 380 1320 443"><u>IN CONGRESS, CISCOMANI VOTED TO DENY ABORTION COVERAGE FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL</u></p> <p data-bbox="651 485 1419 800">Ciscomani Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Paying For Expenses Related To Abortion Services. In July 2023, Ciscomani voted for: “Jackson, R-Texas, amendment no. 5 that would repeal a 2022 Defense Department memorandum regarding access to reproductive health care and prohibit the department from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-213. [H.R. 2670, Vote #300, 7/13/23; CQ, 7/13/23]</p> <p data-bbox="651 842 1414 1157">Tucson Sentinel: Ciscomani Voted For Prohibiting The Defense Department From Paying Or Reimbursing Abortion Services For Members Of The Military. “Ciscomani also voted in favor of HR 2670, which prohibited the Defense Department from paying for or reimbursing abortion services for members of the military, and HR 7, which would prohibit the use of federal funds, such as healthcare insurance subsidies on the ACA marketplace, to pay for coverage that includes abortion care.” [Tucson Sentinel, 8/25/23]</p> <p data-bbox="651 1199 1419 1898">Ciscomani Voted For The FY 2024 National Defense Authorization Act To Fund The Defense Department. In December 2023, Ciscomani voted for: “Rogers, R-Ala., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the conference report to accompany the bill that would authorize \$874.2 billion in discretionary national defense spending, including \$841.5 billion for the Defense Department and \$32.4 billion for national security programs within the Energy Department. It would also provide \$23.2 billion in mandatory defense spending. The bill would authorize approximately \$169.2 billion for weapons and other procurement and \$145.9 billion for military research and development. Within these totals, it would authorize \$32.9 billion for Navy shipbuilding and conversion; \$19.6 billion for Air Force aircraft procurement; \$18 billion for Navy aircraft procurement; \$539 million for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent ballistic missile system; \$564 million for the Missile Defense Agency; and \$382 million for the hypersonic attack cruise missile. It would authorize \$545 million for continued development of Guam missile defense systems, \$80 million for procurement for the Israeli Iron Dome missile defense system</p>

and \$4.2 billion for Space Force procurement. Within Energy Department funding, it would authorize \$24 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration, primarily for the maintenance of a nuclear weapons stockpile. It would authorize \$38.3 billion for the Defense Health Program and \$18.2 billion for military construction. It would authorize \$14.7 billion for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative and \$3.6 billion for the European Deterrence Initiative, primarily intended to counter aggression by China and Russia, respectively. For international assistance and cooperation, it would authorize \$300 million in security assistance to Ukraine; \$409 million for the U.S. European Command, \$565 million for the U.S. Africa Command; \$398 million for forces in Syria and Iraq combating the Islamic State group; \$351 million for the Cooperative Threat Reduction program assisting former Soviet Union countries; and \$300 million for cooperative research and development programs with Israel. The bill would authorize a 5.2 percent military pay increase. It would authorize \$7 billion for the Energy Department environmental restoration fund and require the department to undertake various environmental cleanup activities. Among its policy provisions, it would temporarily extend, through April 19, 2024, provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act that allow the U.S. government to collect communications on foreigners outside the U.S.; implement a personnel grade cap of GS-10 for diversity, equity and inclusion positions within the Defense Department; prohibit the creation of new DEI positions in the Defense Department; provide for congressional appointment and removal of the architect of the Capitol; and prohibit the use of funds for any activities involving unidentified anomalous phenomena unless the Defense Department has provided details of such activities to Congress. It would also require the National Archives to establish a UAP records collection, require each government agency to transmit relevant UAP documents to the collection, and require periodic review of such records for public disclosure. The measure is now cleared for the president.” The bill passed by a vote of 310-118. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #723](#), 12/14/23; CQ, [12/14/23](#)]

The House Passed NDAA, Contained A Provision To Bar The Pentagon From Reimbursing Service Members For Travel To Receive Abortion Services. “The House narrowly passed an annual defense policy bill on Friday after Republicans added provisions to bar Pentagon spending on abortion and transgender surgeries — measures that were a nonstarter for Democrats. The legislation, which will have to be reconciled with the Senate version of the bill, passed in a 219-210 vote. [...] The amendments, adopted Thursday, would ban the secretary

of defense from paying for or reimbursing service members for abortion-related expenses and transgender surgeries and hormone treatments. The abortion amendment, sponsored by Rep. Ronny Jackson, R-Texas, was approved largely along party lines in a 221-213 vote. Rep. Henry Cuellar, a Texas Democrat, joined Republicans in voting to adopt the amendment, while two Republicans, John Duarte of California and Brian Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania, opposed the measure.” [NBC News, [7/14/23](#)]

AND VOTED TO BAN ABORTION DRUGS FOR WOMEN LIVING IN STATES WHERE ABORTION IS ILLEGAL.

June 2023: Ciscomani Voted For The Agricultural Appropriations Bill, Including A Provision Nullifying A Previous FDA Ruling That Allowed For The By-Mail Distribution Of Abortion Medication

June 2023: Ciscomani Voted To Pass The Agricultural Appropriations Bill As Amended Out Of The House Appropriations Committee. In June 2023, Ciscomani voted for a motion in the House Appropriations Committee to “report [H.R. 4368] to the House, as amended.” The motion was adopted by a vote of 34-27. [H.R. 4368, Roll Call #10, pg. 104, [6/14/23](#)]

The House Agricultural Appropriations Bill Included A Provision Nullifying A Previous FDA Ruling That Allowed For The By-Mail Distribution Of The Abortion Medication Mifepristone. “While the Senate Appropriations Committee has passed the 12 bills, the House Appropriations Committee has only passed one. One bill that is still on the floor appropriates funding for the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Rural Development, the Food and Drug Administration and related agencies. As with other appropriation bills, the Republican majority has taken opportunities to slide social priorities into the bill, including one that limits abortion access. Located on page 107 of the 113-page bill, the provision nullifies a previous FDA ruling that allowed for the by-mail distribution of mifepristone, a medication used for abortions.” [Arizona Republic, [8/5/23](#)]

- **Arizona Republic: The Republican Majority Slid Social Priorities Into The Agriculture Appropriations Bill, Including One That Limited Abortion.** “Ciscomani, R-Ariz., is Arizona’s only member of Congress who sits on the House Appropriations Committee. [...] While the Senate Appropriations Committee has passed the 12 bills, the House Appropriations Committee has only passed one. One

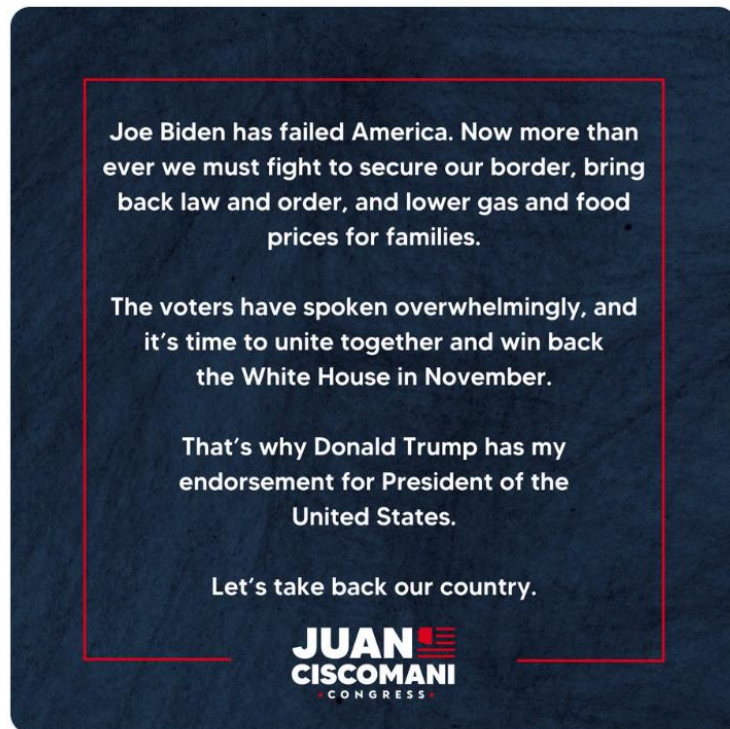
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<p>and supports allowing politicians to ban abortion with no exceptions for rape and incest.</p>	<p><u>CISCOMANI SUPPORTED THE SUPREME COURT DECISION OVERTURNING ROE V. WADE, WHICH ALLOWED POLITICIANS TO BAN ABORTION WITH NO EXCEPTIONS</u></p> <p>June 2022: Ciscomani tweeted in support of Dobbs v. Jackson. “A historic day! I applaud the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v Wade. #LifeWins” [Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, 6/24/22]</p> <p>League of Women Voters: “In June 2022, the US Supreme Court ruled in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, ending the federal constitutional right to abortion. This ruling eliminated a fundamental right that women and people who may become pregnant held for nearly fifty years and left the right to abortion up to federal and state legislation.</p> <p>One year after Dobbs, 20 states are enforcing more limited abortion bans than before the ruling, including 14 states that have banned abortion at conception” [League of Women Voters, 8/2/23]</p>

And Ciscomani strongly supports Donald Trump,

CISCOMANI STRONGLY SUPPORTS DONALD TRUMP

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March 2024: Ciscomani Endorsed Donald Trump For President. “Joe Biden has failed America. Now more than ever we must fight to secure our border, bring back law and order, and lower gas and food prices for families. The voters have spoken overwhelmingly, and it’s time to unite together and win back the White House in November. That’s why Donald Trump has my endorsement for President of the United States. Let’s take back our country.” [Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [3/7/24](#)]



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[Juan Ciscomani, Twitter, [3/7/24](#)]

who says states should have the right to monitor every woman who gets pregnant in the state to make sure they have not had an illegal abortion.

TRUMP SAID STATES SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO MONITOR EVERY WOMAN WHO GETS PREGNANT IN THE STATE TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE NOT HAD AN ILLEGAL ABORTION.

HEADLINE: “Trump: It’s Up To States To Monitor Pregnancies, Prosecute Abortions.” [The Hill, [4/30/24](#)]

Trump Suggested That States With Restrictive Abortion Bans

	<p>Might Monitor Women’s Pregnancies. “Former President Trump in a new interview suggested states with restrictive abortion bans might monitor women’s pregnancies and should be left to decide whether to prosecute women for having the procedure. Trump sat for an interview earlier this month with Time Magazine about his plans for a possible second term. When asked about various abortion policies and how he would handle them if he is elected in November, Trump repeatedly said it should be left up to individual states to decide. ‘I think they might do that. Again, you’ll have to speak to the individual states,’ Trump told Time of states monitoring women’s pregnancies.” [The Hill, 4/30/24]</p>
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<p>Juan Ciscomani is a member of a far right group</p>	<p><u>JUAN CISCOMANI IS A MEMBER OF THE FAR-RIGHT REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE</u></p> <p>Republican Study Committee: Membership: Juan Ciscomani [Republican Study Committee, accessed 6/21/24]</p> <p>Washington Post: “The Republican Study Committee has historically been the largest ideological bloc of the conference, with current membership including nearly 80 percent of all Republicans. Given its size, its membership crosses over with many other groups in the more moderate and ultraconservative factions.” [Washington Post, 4/17/23]</p>
<p>fighting to raise the retirement age for Social Security,</p>	<p><u>REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE BUDGET PROPOSAL RAISES THE RETIREMENT AGE</u></p> <p>HEADLINE: “House Republican budget calls for raising the retirement age for Social Security” “The budget was released Wednesday by the Republican Study Committee, a group of more than 170 House GOP lawmakers, including many allies of Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump.” [NBC News, 3/20/24]</p>
<p>end Medicare’s ability to negotiate for lower prescription drug costs</p>	<p><u>REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE BUDGET PROPOSAL REPEALS MEDICARE’S PRICE NEGOTIATION</u></p> <p>Axios: “The RSC counts the majority of House Republicans as members, giving extra heft to priorities like repealing Medicare drug price negotiations.” [Axios, 3/20/24]</p>

<p>and taxes by \$175,000 for people earning more than \$4.5 million a year,</p>	<p><u>REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE BUDGET MAKES TRUMP TAX CUTS PERMANENT, WHICH CUTS TAXES FOR THOSE MAKING MORE THAN \$4.5 MILLION A YEAR BY \$175,000</u></p> <p>Republican Study Committee: “The RSC Budget would make the individual tax code provisions of the TCJA permanent.” [Republican Study Committee, 3/25]</p> <p>White House: Continuation of Trump Tax Cuts would save those making more than \$4.5 million a year \$175,000 per year. “Their plan would add more than \$3 trillion to deficits over 10 years, while providing tax cuts worth \$175,000 per year to the top 0.1 percent of Americans that have incomes over \$4.5 million.” [White House, 3/7/24]</p>
<p>all while allowing the government to tax Arizonans’ healthcare.</p>	<p><u>REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE BUDGET CAPS THE TAX EXCLUSION ON HEALTHCARE, ALLOWING HEALTHCARE TO BE TAXED AT CERTAIN LEVELS</u></p> <p>Headline: “GOP budget would cap tax exclusion for employer-provided healthcare.”</p> <p>“A new budget proposal from a large group of House Republicans would, among other health policy changes, cap the employee tax exclusion for employer-provided healthcare benefits. The proposal comes from the Republican Study Committee (RSC), a bloc that includes most Republicans in the House, including every member of House leadership.</p> <p>...</p> <p>The RSC proposal argues that the employee tax exclusion for employer-provided healthcare promotes job lock and lower wages and “has prevented the organic development of a competitive, transparent, and accessible health care market.” Instead of repealing the exclusion entirely, however, the RSC proposes to cap the exclusion at an unspecified level and extend the same tax treatment to everyone regardless of where they purchase coverage.</p> <p>The Alliance to Fight for Health Care, a broad-based coalition initially formed to oppose the Affordable Care Act’s (ACA) now-repealed “Cadillac” tax on employer coverage and of which Mercer is a member, blasted the RSC proposal.</p> <p>It is deeply concerning that the RSC has proposed to tax the health care of working Americans to fund other spending priorities, the group said in a statement. [Mercer, 4/4/24]</p>