

American Bridge: Who is Timothy Ramthun?

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Over the weekend, Republican lawmaker and conspiracy theorist **Timothy Ramthun** announced that he would be joining the increasingly nasty race for governor of Wisconsin. Ramthun joins fellow far-right conservatives **Kevin Nicholson** and **Rebecca Kleefisch** in the race.

While Ramthun's policies and penchant for conspiracy theories are disturbing — as is the direct line he has to **Donald Trump** — he's not the only radical in the running. Both Kleefisch and Nicholson are in lockstep with Ramthun when it comes to supporting the anti-worker, anti-democratic politics that hurt Wisconsin so significantly during Scott Walker's tenure.

WHO IS TIMOTHY RAMTHUN?

1. **Ramthun is a true believer in the Big Lie.** Ramthun has received national attention for spreading the false conspiracy that Joe Biden did not win the 2020 election. His [campaign website](#) includes a 72-page PowerPoint detailing how he plans on revoking Wisconsin's ten electoral votes — a plan he tried to enact in the Wisconsin legislature, and that was called "[illegal](#)" by other Republicans. He was [disciplined](#) by his own Republican Party colleagues for his lies earlier this year.
2. **Donald Trump is impressed by Ramthun's loyalty.** After Ramthun's failed attempt to overturn the 2020 election results, Trump called him [directly](#) to praise his efforts to dismantle democracy. Close Trump allies like pillow CEO Mike Lindell have announced their support, with Lindell [expected](#) to appear in a rally with Ramthun this weekend.

3. **Ramthun has made enemies of Republicans in the legislature.**

Ramthun's antics have not endeared him to other Republicans in the Wisconsin legislature. In addition to being formally disciplined for attempting to overturn a democratic election, Assembly Leader Robin Vos [removed](#) his only staff member. As a Vos representative explained, "After extensive caucus discussions and dozens of members expressing their displeasure with Representative Ramthun and his staff for using state resources to spread bold-faced lies to people outside of his district, the decision was made to move his staff."

4. **Ramthun would ban abortion "regardless the circumstance,"** with no [exceptions](#) for rape, incest, or the life of the parent.