

WisDems: Tim steals the spotlight at CPAC, overshadows Rebecca Kleefisch

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MADISON, Wis. – While Rebecca Kleefisch was the Wisconsin gubernatorial candidate given speaking time at CPAC this week, Trump-wannabe Tim Ramthun stole the show.

Ramthun made sure that he made bigger waves than Kleefisch at CPAC, [handing out endorsements](#) like Trump hands out election fraud claims and bragging that he was the only Wisconsin state Republican to receive a “conservative award” at the event. Ramthun was not the only legislator to receive this invite (or an award) — [see Rep. Jim Steineke’s outraged tweet](#). But Ramthun was the only state legislator to coin his own hashtag: #timtimewi.

Over the course of the conference, Ramthun also told MyPillow Guy Mike Lindell’s TV network that Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Robin Vos publicly cursed him out in a caucus gathering.

The primary continues to be [a dumpster fire](#) with Kleefisch, Ramthun, and Kevin Nicholson changing their views daily in order to compete for the title of most radical candidate in the race.

CPAC has become a breeding ground for misinformation and lies about the 2020 election. This could have been a much-needed political reinforcement for Kleefisch as she attempted to win over the extremists in her party. Kleefisch may not have her own personal hashtag or a pillow salesman doing her bidding, but she’s still finding her own way to win over the conspiracy theorists.

Earlier this week, Kleefisch [completely reversed her views on who won the 2020 election](#) in order to position herself to the right of Ramthun, and then she [refused to answer](#) when asked if she would have certified the 2020 election results as governor.

With all this flip-flopping and divisiveness, no matter who emerges from the wreckage as the Republican nominee, they will be out of touch with Wisconsinites.

“Ramthun and Kleefisch are only concerned about proving who is the most radical candidate in the race — their pandering to Republican extremists at CPAC confirmed it,” said Democratic Party of Wisconsin Rapid Response Director Hannah Menchhoff. “While they’ve been focused on one-upping each other at a political conference, not a single Republican running for governor has offered a vision for a better Wisconsin. Wisconsinites want a governor who is focused on common sense and not bending to the extreme of either party — every candidate in this primary is too divisive for our state.”