

WisDems: Weekly roundup of the Republican primary for governor

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MADISON, Wis. — Welcome to “Knives Out”— Rebecca Kleefisch’s favorite phrase and a weekly roundup of the infighting between the radical Republicans running for Wisconsin governor.

The GOP is locked in a heated and brutal primary for governor, where Rebecca Kleefisch, Kevin Nicholson, and Tim Ramthun are trying to prove they are the most divisive candidate in the race. What’s going on in the Republican Party is so outrageous, it’s hard to keep track of all of their blunders — so we’ve got you covered:

Top Kleefisch Group Wants to Raise Gas Prices

One of Kleefisch’s biggest supporters, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, lists raising gas taxes as one of their priorities for the 2021-2022 legislative session. WMC lists “a gas tax increase of up to five cents per gallon” as something they would be supportive of in their yearly legislative agenda [[page 5](#)].

Not only is Kleefisch [opposed to returning surplus money back to Wisconsinites](#) in the form of a tax credit, one of her biggest endorsers wants to actually raise gas prices even higher than they already are. Meanwhile, [Governor Tony Evers is urging Congress to halt the federal gas tax](#) until next year, in order to alleviate rising prices, since Republicans have no plan to help working families.

Nicholson to Vos: “Don’t you have a job?”

Kevin Nicholson continues to “light matches” and throw them into the “dumpster fire” — much to [Rebecca Kleefisch’s aggravation](#). Nicholson continued his crusade against Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, attacking him on Twitter for an elections-related amendment in the legislature.



We don’t know why Nicholson chooses to spend the majority of his time attacking members of his own party instead of offering solutions for issues that are important to Wisconsinites. But we do know one thing — this brawl isn’t ending anytime soon.

Trump’s Support for Decertifying Election Puts Kleefisch and Nicholson in Tough Spot

Despite the complete lack of evidence and the legal impossibility of decertifying the 2020 election results in Wisconsin, disgraced former President Trump called Michael Gableman’s sham interim report “incredible” and said he anticipates [the state legislature will decertify the 2020 election results](#). Tim Ramthun is probably having a field day.

So far, Republican candidates for governor have only amplified these ridiculous conspiracy theories in an attempt to prove they are the most radical candidate in the race. Every single Republican running for governor refuses to call out Trump for his lies and will not admit that the election was free, fair, and secure.

Last month, Rebecca Kleefisch [tripled down on her refusal to answer if she would have certified the election results](#) if she were governor in 2020. Kevin Nicholson has continually doubted the validity of the 2020 election and voiced his desire to dismantle Wisconsin's bipartisan elections commission in order to put politicians from his own party in charge of election administration. And of course, we know where Tim Ramthun stands. He has been leading the crusade to decertify the election results, something that he and Donald Trump may discuss when Ramthun visits Mar-a-Lago next month [[1:30](#)].

Any candidate coming out of the primary who has supported Trump, Gableman, or these election conspiracy theories will be far too radical to win in Wisconsin.

#TimTime: Election Integrity Warriors

We checked, and yes, Tim Ramthun is still running for governor. On Ramthun's campaign Facebook page this week, he posted a photo with Michael Gableman, referring to himself as "Governor Ramthun" and naming their duo "election integrity warriors." Worst. Band. Ever.



It's no coincidence that this photo was posted less than 24 hours after Trump put out a statement in support of Gableman's report.

Friends in Low Places

Kleefisch saw Tim Ramthun hanging out with Michael Gableman and the MyPillow Guy, Mike Lindell, and said hold my beer — I have even worse friends.

First, she [posted](#) a photo of herself hanging out with Pam Travis, who actively participated in a coup last fall against the United States government. Travis tried to interfere with the results of the 2020 election by posing as a member of the Electoral College.



And then, since apparently that's not bad enough, Kleefisch [sat down for an interview](#) with a podcast host [who said you should mace people who ask you to wear a mask](#) and hired armed security at his Christmas Party to forcefully remove anyone who disagreed with him. The host, Patrick Flynn, told his Facebook followers if a store employee asks you to wear a mask: "It's quite simple. You mace them." Law enforcement responded: it's quite simple, if you do that, we will arrest you.

Isn't It Ironic: Election Liar Rebecca Kleefisch, Desperate for Trump's Endorsement, Joins Truth Social

After [failing](#) to win Trump's endorsement last fall, and with the Republican primary devolving into a full on "knife fight in a phone booth," Rebecca Kleefisch is desperately doing everything she can to win over the disgraced former president's endorsement — even [joining](#) his own failing social media network, Truth Social.

It's quite ironic that Rebecca Kleefisch is joining a social media network called Truth Social considering she's been [denying](#) the truth on the 2020 election. Reports have even said that the Trump base has failed to "[flock to Truth Social](#)" and Trump himself is "[blowing a gasket over his joke of a social media network.](#)"

Truth Social may be a joke so far, but at least Donald's got one user desperate for his attention: Rebecca Kleefisch.

VIDEO: Whose Administration Worked to Defund Public Education?

The Walker-Kleefisch administration drastically defunded Wisconsin's public schools and wreaked havoc on our state's education system. As a candidate for governor, Kleefisch has continued to embrace extreme policies and chooses to use children as pawns in her divisive political battles.

The Democratic Party of Wisconsin released a video highlighting the history of the Walker-Kleefisch administration's attacks on education.

[Watch the video here](#)