

House Select Committee issues 10 new subpoenas targeting fascist militia group leaders, Trump political operative Roger Stone and InfoWars host Alex Jones

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Earlier this week, the House Select Committee charged with investigating former president Donald Trump's attempted coup on January 6th issued 10 new subpoenas targeting Republican political operatives as well as leaders of fascist paramilitary groups that participated in the planning and storming of the Capitol.

The five subpoenas issued by the committee on Monday called on Trump's long-time political fixer, Roger Stone, fascist host of the *InfoWars* show, Alex Jones, and right-wing Republican political operatives, Taylor Budowich, Dustin Stockton and his fiancée, Jennifer Lawrence, to provide documentation and testify by mid-December. The following day, the committee issued five new subpoenas, bringing the total so far to 45, targeting the leaders of the far-right paramilitary groups that provided security for the rallies and would later attack on the Capitol.

This includes Proud Boys chairman and admitted FBI informant Henry "Enrique" Tarrío, Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes, and founder of the 1st Amendment Praetorian (1AP) private security group Robert Patrick-Lewis.

In a tweet telegraphing the attack on the Capitol, the official Twitter account of the 1AP warned on January 4, 2021: "There may be some young National Guard Captains facing some very, very tough choices in the next 48 hours."

Subpoenas were also issued to the Proud Boys International, LLC and Jason Lee Van Dyke, the Proud Boys attorney and former chairman of the organization, and to the Oath Keepers organization, which is headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada.

In his letter demanding Alex Jones' appearance before the Select Committee, Chairman Bennie Thompson (Democrat, Mississippi) pointed to "public reports" that have revealed "credible evidence of your involvement" in the January 6 "Save America" rally, "including by facilitating a donor, now known to be Julie Fancelli, to provide what you characterized as 'eighty percent' of the funding."

Previously, the *Wall Street Journal* and *Washington Post*

have reported that a majority of the funding for the January 6 rally at the Ellipse outside the White House came from heir of the Super Markets grocery chain, Julie Jenkins Fancelli, whose family, according to Forbes, is the 39th richest in the US.

In January, *WSJ* reported that Fancelli donated \$300,000 towards the rally via an intermediary, the aforementioned Jones. In October, the *Post* found that she had funneled an additional \$150,000 to the Republican Attorneys General Association to help promote the rally in the form of a robocall that invited Trump supporters to "march on the Capitol" and "call on Congress to stop the steal." Federal Election Commission records show that in 2019 and 2020, Fancelli donated more than \$2.6 million to the Republican Party, including over \$1 million to the Trump Victory 2020 campaign fund.

In furtherance of Trump's paramilitary attempts to incite fascistic violence against the election of Biden, Roger Stone, along with Jones, promoted and spoke at several "Stop the Steal" rallies leading up to the attack. Both Jones and Stone have also admitted that Trump asked them to lead the march to the Capitol.

The "Stop the Steal/Save America" rallies and bus tour, organized by the Women for America First (WFAF) political action committee, served to propagate Trump's election fraud conspiracy theories, incite and cultivate lumpen elements, and pressure Republican senators to support an attempt by House Republicans to overturn the election results on January 6. After the attack on the Capitol, 147 House Republicans, including Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, along with seven Republican senators, voted to overturn the election results.

Proud Boys, Three Percenters and Oath Keepers frequently served as "security" for the rallies. However, a featured speaker at the WFAF organized rallies, retired Lt. General Michael Flynn, also employed members of Patrick-Lewis's 1AP paramilitary group as "security" while speaking at them. Philip Luelsdorff, director of Business Development for 1AP, was

photographed in one of Trump's Willard Hotel "war rooms" with Trump's coup lawyers, Rudy Giuliani and John Eastman, on January 5.

At the pro-Trump rallies in November, December, and the day before the attack on the Capitol, Trump's trusted political fixer, and the recently subpoenaed Roger Stone, was photographed and taped flanked by Oath Keeper bodyguards, 18 of whom have been indicted by a federal grand jury for allegedly planning a coordinated storming of the Capitol in order to prevent the certification of the election. At least 34 Proud Boys have been indicted for their role in the January 6 attack.

The WFAF group was founded by Roger Stone's ex-wife Ann Stone and by Amy Kremer, the current chair of the organization. Amy's daughter, Kylie J. Kremer, is the executive director of WFAF. Both have already been subpoenaed by the committee.

In the last week, *Rolling Stone* and *Pro Publica* have published major articles exposing the coordinated months-long planning between members of the Trump White House, including his inner family circle, and WFAF organizers. *Rolling Stone's* articles include texts sent by the Kremers, some taken the day of the attempted coup and in the months leading up to it. As the Capitol was under siege around 5:30 p.m. *Rolling Stone* reported the Kremers were stationed at one of Trump's "war rooms" at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel, apparently ordering room service and drinking champagne.

Citing anonymous high-level organizers within WFAF, *Rolling Stone* reported on Tuesday that Kylie Kremer had an aide purchase three so-called burner phones a few days before the January 6 rally at the Ellipse. The source told *Rolling Stone* that it was "of the utmost importance" that the phones be purchased with cash. The report claims the phones were used by the Kremers and one other person to communicate with members of the Trump family, including Trump's son, Eric, daughter-in-law and former campaign official Lara Trump, former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows and Trump surrogate and spokesperson for Trump's 2016 presidential campaign, Katrina Pierson.

The source told *Rolling Stone* that Kylie claimed the phones were bought because, "she needed burner phones in order to communicate with high-level people."

In a different set of leaked text messages, *Pro Publica* reported last week that beginning on January 4, Kimberly Guilfoyle, current girlfriend of Donald Trump Jr. and fundraiser for the Trump campaign, pressured Pierson to allow her to speak at the January 6 rally, boasting about the amount of money she had raised for the event.

After Pierson, who was acting as a White House liaison for the January 6 rally, told Guilfoyle that Trump himself was setting the speaking lineup and that it was limited to only a select few people, including Amy Kremer, Guilfoyle retorted that she has "raised so much money for this."

"Literally one of my donors, Julie, at \$3 million," claimed Guilfoyle, referring to the aforementioned billionaire heiress Fancelli.

Helping to organize the rallies that Stone and Jones spoke at were former Breitbart employees and the recently subpoenaed Dustin Stockton and Jennifer Lawrence. Following Trump's defeat, the pair worked with WFAF in promoting the "Stop the Steal" rallies and raising money for the group. Their former boss, fascist Steve Bannon, gave at least \$5,000 to the WFAF as part of a *WarRoom* sponsorship. My Pillow CEO and Trump sycophant, Mike Lindell, also gave at least \$50,000 to the group.

Prior to their involvement in WFAF, Stockton and Lawrence participated in dozens of Tea Party and Republican campaigns in the last decade. They have already been speaking with the committee, reportedly telling members that Stockton raised concerns with White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows that a march to the Capitol would lead to "possible danger," which he said "felt unsafe."

Stockton maintains a fascist blog called "Tyrant's Curse," which features several photos of him with the Three Percenters militia group taken during "Stop the Steal" rallies organized by the WFAF. Undeterred by the failed coup and arrests of low-level fascist thugs, in a July 28 post titled "Statement on Q/Anons, Oath Keepers, III%ers, and January 6th Protesters," Stockton defends all the fascist militias that participated in the attack on the Capitol as "patriots" and encouraged his readers to join one of the groups, especially given the fact that "The senile Chinese sellout in the White House is driving our country off a cliff and threatening to lock us all down again. Hell no."

In addition to billionaire backing, the "Stop the Steal" movement was, and continues to be, heavily promoted by fascist Republican lawmakers Paul Gosar (Arizona), Andy Biggs (Arizona) and Mo Brooks (Alabama), none of whom have been subpoenaed by the committee. Their participation underscores that the attack on the Capitol was not a "grassroots protest that turned into a riot," but a well-funded attempt, carried out by a fascist section of the ruling class and their political pawns in the Republican Party, to overthrow the election of Joe Biden and institute a military dictatorship under Trump.

That Trump and his fascist co-conspirators in Congress remain free is entirely the fault of Biden and the Democrats, who above all seek "unity" with their far-right colleagues in order to carry out their shared agenda of ruthless class exploitation at home and imperialist military conquest abroad.



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