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Rich McCormick
Republican Candidate in Georgia’s 7th Congressional District

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Key Findings

McConnell Downplayed The Severity Of The Coronavirus Pandemic For Political Gain

McConnell Continually Downplayed The Severity Of COVID-19 Long After The Pandemic Was An Obvious Crisis. From the earliest discussions on the topic of Coronavirus, McConnell has taken an approach that has focused on downplaying all elements of the disease and the pandemic. He has compared the pandemic to the flu and the common cold and aggressively called for reopening from lockdown as early as March 2020 and opposing the closure of schools. McConnell has also repeatedly used his medical credentials to quell fears regarding the virus, attempting to paint it as a minor concern as opposed to the global pandemic that it is.

McConnell Didn’t Seem To Care If People Lived Or Died. As the pandemic raged on, McConnell took an increasingly fatalistic approach to the pandemic, reiterating that we will all die someday and suggesting that people should be concerned with the afterlife rather than extending our own lives, a somewhat unusual approach for someone who is an emergency room doctor. McConnell went on to state that treatment of people for Coronavirus didn’t have much purpose, since those that became seriously ill with the disease were not healthy to begin with and would die soon anyway. McConnell also acknowledged that some healthy and young people would die but said that the numbers would be small.

McConnell Played Loose With Coronavirus Safety. After losing control of his prescription pad in early 2019 and showing a lack of control over his professional life, McConnell continued to attend campaign events and interact with the public not wearing masks, gloves, or other forms of protective gear while the pandemic raged.

McConnell Promoted The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine To Treat Coronavirus – Citing His Medical Credentials – But The Drug Was Later Deemed Ineffective And Dangerous. McConnell has incessantly defending the use of Hydroxychloroquine as an effective treatment for Coronavirus. He has defended it ad nauseam as being a target of political attacks by Democrats for the mere fact that it has been promoted by President Trump. This is all in defiance of well-established government guidelines and scientific consensus that the drug is not effective in treating Coronavirus.

McConnell Was An Extremist Who Threatened Georgians’ Health Care

McConnell Supported A Radical Full Repeal Of The ACA While He Falsely Claimed He Wanted To Protect Those With Preexisting Conditions. McConnell supported full repeal of the Affordable Care Act, which he has labeled as a disaster and the most inefficient method of allocating health care in the United States. Despite the fact that a full repeal would strip millions with preexisting conditions of their protections

McConnell Claimed That The US Needed To Control The Border To Stem The Flow Of Opioids But Couldn’t Even Control His Own Prescription Pad. In early 2019, McConnell reported that someone was using his DEA number to write themselves prescriptions for high-grade narcotics. Local police reported that McConnell was unsure when this had started or how many times it had occurred. It is unclear how McConnell managed to lose track of his DEA number, but he has since tried to convince Georgians that the is the person to be trusted to manage the opioid crisis.

McConnell Criticized Rural Health Care Facilities As Inefficient And Attacked The VA. On multiple occasions, McConnell ridiculed the existence of a rural VA hospital in South Dakota as inefficient, regardless of the fact that rural medical facilities are an essential part of many people’s health care. McConnell also attacked the VA generally as an inept institution while not offering real solutions to improve the service of the agency.

McConnell Was An Anti-Abortion Extremist And Supported A Complete Ban With No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest. McConnell expressed a fundamentalist approach to Anti-Abortion policy and committed to
supporting a total ban on the procedure with absolutely no exceptions for rape, incest, or the life of the mother. He also supported invasive and traumatizing tactics to dissuade women from getting an abortion.

McCormick Spread Right-Wing Conspiracy Theories

McCormick Peddled An Anti-Semitic Conspiracy Theory That George Soros Put $20 Million Into GA-07 On A Podcast Hosted By A Far-Right Blogger Who Frequently Posted Racist, Xenophobic And Dangerous Conspiracy Theories. Without any sort of evidence, McCormick claimed that George Soros had targeted the race in GA-07 with $20 Million in contributions and further claimed that Soros was funneling this money through ActBlue to incite violence and rioting. McCormick made these claims on a podcast whose host was a notorious right-wing blogger who claimed that Black Lives matter wanted to achieve the “Primal Goal Of Islamic Sharia” to “force non-Muslims…to submit….or be exterminated.” He further added that Democrats have a “mind-numbing” control over Black Americans.

McCormick Appeared On A QAnon Hub And Peddled Racist And Anti-Semitic Conspiracy Theories And COVID-19 Misinformation That Originated In QAnon Circles. McCormick made two appearances on the Patriots’ Soapbox News Network, which served as a nonstop channel of QAnon related propaganda. McCormick reiterated his conspiracy theory regarding George Soros on their show was silent as the hosts compared Black Lives Matter and The Democratic Party to Nazi Germany.

McCormick Spread Misconceptions About The Federal Reserve, Which He Claimed Was Led By “Big Money People,” That Reinforced Anti-Semitic Tropes. McCormick repeated claims that verged on anti-Semitism regarding the Federal Reserve, including that it was run by “big money people.” McCormick further criticized the Federal Reserve on multiple occasions, claimed it was the reason that the U.S. must pay interest on the national debt and supported what he described as Donald Trump’s effort to “conquer” it.

McCormick Repeatedly Boosted Claims That Democrats Funded And Supported Terrorist Groups. McCormick tweeted out baseless claims that Democrats fund terrorist organizations and also sought to appease terrorists to the opposition of Donald Trump.

McCormick Promoted Conspiracy Theories That Democrats Were Involved In The Death Of Jeffrey Epstein. McCormick tweeted out, in a since-deleted tweet, that Democrats wanted to impeach Donald Trump because, among other reasons, “Epstein didn’t kill himself.”

McCormick Was Interviewed By The Conspiracy-Riddled Conservative Podcast “Patriots In Tune” Who Advocated A Hostile Takeover Of The Tech Industry. McCormick appeared on an extremely fringe conservative podcast called “Patriots in Tune” whose hosts discussed

McCormick Followed A Host Of QAnon Accounts On The Right-Wing Social Media Website Parler. McCormick maintained an account for his campaign on the right-wing social media website Parler and followed a host of QAnon-focused accounts there. These were festooned with disturbing QAnon imagery.

McCormick Hid The True Nature Of His Residency And Finances

McCormick Repeatedly Voted In Florida, Despite Not Having Lived There For Years. McCormick first registered to vote in the State of Florida in 2000 and voted absentee there until 2004, presumably due to his status as an active duty member of the Marine Corps. Despite moving to Georgia and initially voting there from 2006-2012, McCormick maintained his Florida Voter Registration and voted there for a final time on an absentee ballot in 2014 while residing in North Carolina. McCormick was continuously registered to vote in Florida from 2000-2020, and only requested that he be removed from the voter rolls in May of 2020, after his residency and voter record became the subject of scrutiny by his GOP primary opponents. It is currently unknown where McCormick
filed his taxes in this period—Florida does not have a state income tax. Records do not indicate that McCormick ever voted in two different states in the same year.

McCormick Defended His Questionable Voting Pattern Despite Criticizing Others For Running In Districts They Didn’t Live In. Despite facing criticism from primary opponents for failing to cast a ballot for Donald Trump in 2016, McCormick doubled down that it was not his fault that his 2016 absentee ballot was not counted and reiterated his belief that candidates should run in districts that they live in. It is not known if McCormick claimed residency in Florida for tax purposes.

McCormick’s Financial Disclosures To Congress Obscured The True Nature Of His Finances. In his financial disclosures to the Clerk of the House of Representatives, McCormick either intentionally or unwittingly obscured the true state of his finances and listed a dizzyingly high salary from the U.S. Military for one year, and an income of zero from the military the succeeding year. The income that McCormick listed far exceeded the top salary or pension for an Admiral or General, which McCormick was not. McCormick also listed no assets in 2019, but claimed significant assets the next year, including a home, car, and bank accounts. Against this backdrop, McCormick has contributed over half a million dollars to his own campaign. This amount far exceeds McCormick’s maximum liquid assets listed in his 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure (not including the value of his home or car) which totaled $300,000.
Thematics
McCormick Downplayed The Severity Of The Coronavirus Pandemic For Political Gain

**Significant Findings**

✓ McCormick repeatedly downplayed the severity of COVID-19 long after it was an obvious crisis. His claims include:

✓ In Feb. 2020, McCormick downplayed Coronavirus, saying “nobody in the United States has died from it” and “we have zero cases in Georgia.” He continued downplaying the virus by comparing it to deaths caused by the common flu.

✓ In March 2020, McCormick urged his followers not to panic about Coronavirus, saying it was “no different than other Coronavirus we have had in the past decade.”

✓ In March 2020, McCormick predicted the coronavirus would be “a bad memory” in “about two months” and the country would see an economic rebound.

✓ In March 2020, McCormick opposed canceling school due to coronavirus, saying “children are the lowest risk of all.”

✓ In April 2020, McCormick commended Trump’s and various GOP governors’ efforts to reopen America.

✓ May 2020: McCormick claimed that Coronavirus death figures were inflated and that “a good majority” of fatalities were the primary result of another condition or illness.

✓ In June 2020, McCormick theorized that society had developed a “herd immunity” – claiming a “vast majority – especially young people – are not getting sick.”

✓ McCormick didn’t seem to care if people lived or died.

✓ July 2020: McCormick said that “I’m just not all that concerned” about coronavirus’s impact on the general public.

✓ July 2020: McCormick admitted that there was an ongoing second wave of the pandemic but complained that the focus was on “nobody dying.”

✓ McCormick played loose with coronavirus safety.

✓ In 2019, McCormick lost control of his DEA number, which allowed unknown persons to prescribe themselves high grade narcotics.

✓ Between April and July 2020, McCormick frequently posted photos and videos of himself with others, in public or both without a facemask or other protective gear.

✓ May 2020: McCormick speculated that he was infected with coronavirus, but did not say if he had been tested for the disease.

✓ June 2020: McCormick hosted an in-person campaign event as COVID-19 restrictions in Georgia loosened.
Rich McCormick repeatedly promoted the use of hydroxychloroquine to treat coronavirus – often citing his medical credentials – but the drug was deemed ineffective and dangerous by the FDA in June 2020.

McCormick claimed that initial rates of Coronavirus infections were lower in California due to proximity to China.

McCormick Continually Downplayed The Severity Of COVID-19 Long After The Pandemic Was An Obvious Crisis

**Feb. 2020: McCormick Downplayed Coronavirus, Saying Nobody In The United States Had Died Of The Virus And There Were No Cases In The State Of Georgia**

Feb. 27, 2020: McCormick Downplayed Coronavirus, saying “Nobody In The United States Has Died From It” And “We Have Zero Cases In Georgia.” “Let’s talk about something that’s concerning a lot of people right now – the Coronavirus. Now the Democrats will never let a good crisis go to waste. They’re trying to blame President Trump for a virus. Tell me what we haven’t done to contain this virus. So far nobody in the United States has died of it. We have zero cases in Georgia. To put this in perspective, 12,000 people die a year of the flu. On a bad year – like 2017 and 2018 – we had over 70,000 people die in the United States of the flu alone. In the world about 400,000 people die of the flu every year. Now let’s look at what’s really happening: if you wash your hands, if you stay away from sick people, if you protect the most vulnerable, we’ll be just fine.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 2/27/20]

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The First Coronavirus Deaths In The U.S. Occurred On February 6th And 17th, Though These Were Not Reported Until Months Later. “The first report of a coronavirus-related death in the United States came on Feb. 29 in the Seattle area, although officials there later discovered that two people who had died Feb. 26 also had the virus. But Santa Clara County officials said that autopsies of two people who died at their homes on Feb. 6 and Feb. 17 showed that the individuals were infected with the virus. The presence of the disease Covid-19 was determined by tissue samples and was confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, county health officials said in a statement. […] The newly reported deaths suggest that the coronavirus may have been spreading in California much earlier than was previously known, said Dr. Jeffrey V. Smith, the Santa Clara county executive and a medical doctor. […] It was unclear early Wednesday why it had taken so long to identify the February deaths as caused by the coronavirus.” [New York Times, 5/7/20]

McCormick: “If You Wash Your Hands, If You Stay Away From Sick People, If You Protect The Most Vulnerable, We’ll Be Just Fine.” “Now let’s look at what’s really happening: if you wash your hands, if you stay away from sick people, if you protect the most vulnerable, we’ll be just fine.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 2/27/20]

McCormick: “They’re Trying To Blame President Trump For A Virus. Tell Me What We Haven’t Done To Contain This Virus.” “They’re trying to blame President Trump for a virus. Tell me what we haven’t done to contain this virus.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 2/27/20]

Trump Retweeted McCormick’s Video Claiming The Democrats Will “Never Let A Good Crisis Go To Waste.” “President Donald Trump retweeted a physician who accused Democrats of trying to blame him for the coronavirus crisis – after his administration told NIH health expert Anthony Fauci to stay off the Sunday shows. Trump on Friday tweeted out a video clip by Dr. Rich McCormick, a Georgia congressional candidate who echoed his own attacks on Democrats and defense of his coronavirus response. ‘The Democrats will never let a good crisis go to waste,’ McCormick says, in a video that appears to be shot beneath a wooden staircase. ‘They're trying to blame President Trump for a virus. Tell me what we haven't done to contain this virus? So far, nobody in the United States has died of it,’ he said.” [Daily Mail, 2/28/20]

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As Of August 3, 2020, 155,062 People Had Died From Coronavirus In The United States. [Johns Hopkins University – COVID 19 Dashboard, accessed 8/3/20]

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McCormick’s Plea For His Followers To Not Panic Came In Response To A Trump Tweet Downplaying The Severity Of Coronavirus By Comparing Its Effects To The Common Flu.
March 2020: McCormick Said He Consulted With “Over 25 Physicians, Including Some Of The Leading Experts In Infectious Disease” And Claimed The Media Made Coronavirus Seem “Much Worse Than It Actually Is”

McCormick: After Talking To Over 25 Physicians – Including Some Of The Leading Experts In Infectious Disease – One Thing That’s For Sure Is That The Media Has Made This Much Worse Than It Actually Is. “I just got done talking to over 25 physicians, including some of the leading experts in infectious disease about coronavirus. One of the things that’s for sure is that the media has made this much worse than it actually is. They continually blame the President for not doing enough. I’m here to tell you that the President is doing everything possible. We could spend a trillion dollars on this disease and it would still spread. The media continually says that we should be doing more and that we’re not doing enough. Where was their outrage in 2017 and 18 when over 70,000 Americans died of the flu? Where was the media this year when anywhere from 14 to 70,000 people died of the flu and 400,000 people in the world died of the flu. People weren’t making runs on their grocery stores, and the media wasn’t blowing it out of proportion. But they seem to think that this is going to sell papers, and they can politicize it. And that’s the problem. I’m Dr. Rich McCormick. I’m looking for a good conversation, one based on medical fact and not media hype.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/10/20]

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**March 2020: McCormick Blamed The Media For “Creating Panic And Hype To Create Headlines” Regarding Coronavirus**

McCormick: “If Only The Media Cared About Our Veterans And First Responders As Much As They Cared About Creating Panic And Hype To Create Headlines.”
“If only the media cared about our veterans and first responders as much as they cared about creating panic and hype to create headlines....... @realDonaldTrump #COVID2019 #coronavirus #stocks #mondaythoughts”
[Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/9/20]

NOTE: McCormick’s quote tweet was attached to an original tweet is now unavailable.

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The Study Indicated That Children Under 5 Posed The Biggest Infection Risk. “Coronavirus testing performed in Chicago in March and April shows that children and teens tend to have as much virus in their nasal passages as adults, according to a research letter published online July 30 in JAMA Pediatrics. In fact, children younger than 5 carried the highest viral loads, the researchers reported. ‘It's concerning the youngest individuals were the ones with the highest amount of virus,’ said lead researcher Dr. Taylor Heald-Sargent, a pediatric infectious diseases specialist at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago. ‘They are not always the ones who are washing their hands or wearing their masks.’” [HealthDay News via WebMD, 7/30/20]

The Study Estimated That The Amount Of Virus Contained In The Nasal Passages Of Children Under 5 Was Between 10 And 100 Times The Amount In Older Children And Adults. “The first study, published in JAMA on July 30, reports findings from a pediatric hospital in Chicago. The study examines the concentration of the COVID-19 in the nasopharynx, or the upper region of the throat that connects to the nasal passages, of children and adults. The study reports that: Kids younger than 6 years old who develop mild to moderate COVID-19 symptoms have 10 to 100 times as much SARS-CoV-2 in the nasopharynx as older children and adults. Kids ages 5 to 17 years have the same amount of virus in the nasopharynx as adults age 18 and older.” [Forbes, 8/3/20]

HEADLINE: New Study Shows Kids Are COVID Spreaders, Too. [HealthDay News via WebMD, 7/30/20]
HEADLINE: Kids Under Age 5 May Carry A Much Higher Coronavirus Viral Load Than Older Children And Adults: Study. [Market Watch, 8/1/20]

Large Numbers Of Children Contracting Coronavirus At Schools Would Have Resulted In Risk To Parents And Continued Home Quarantine. “Businesses are guided by the C.D.C. and states to conduct daily health screenings of workers who come to work, to slow the spread. Federal law permits these inquiries as COVID-19 is a “direct threat” to the workplace. These worker health screenings consist of temperature checks and questions about a worker’s symptoms and possible exposure to others who may be positive. As a result, a worker living with a child who was infected or exposed to COVID-19 at school will likely have to notify their employer. Given that the C.D.C. requires that ‘individuals exposed to people with known or suspected COVID-19 should be quickly identified and quarantined’ workers will be forced out of work while quarantined.” [Forbes, 8/3/20]


June 2020: A Coronavirus Outbreak At A Georgia YMCA Camp Resulted In over 260 Cases Of COVID-19, Showing Rapid Spread Amongst Children And Teenagers

June 2020: A Coronavirus Outbreak At A Georgia YMCA Camp Resulted In over 260 Cases Of COVID-19. “Some 260 cases of the coronavirus have been tied to attendees and staff at a North Georgia YMCA children’s camp in June, according to a report released Friday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one of the largest known superspreading events in the state. The report details how COVID-19 spread rapidly among children and teens within the camp and raises questions about the effectiveness of safety protocols as school districts and colleges contemplate reopening for in-person instruction this fall.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 7/31/20]

The CDC Said The Camp Outbreak Showed A Viral Attack Rate Of 44%, Which The CDC Acknowledged Was An Undercount. “The CDC study of 597 campers and staff from Georgia found the camp did not follow its guidance to require campers wear masks, though staff did. Three-quarters of the 344 attendees and staff for whom the CDC was able to obtain test results tested positive for the virus. The CDC said the overall attack rate of the virus was 44%, though the agency acknowledged that’s an undercount because it includes more than 250 for whom they had no results.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 7/31/20]

The CDC Said That The Event Showed That Children Of All Ages Were Susceptible To The Virus. “‘This investigation adds to the body of evidence demonstrating that children of all ages are susceptible to SARS-CoV-2 infection and, contrary to early reports might play an important role in transmission,’ the report said.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 7/31/20]

HEADLINE: “COVID-19 Spread Quickly Among Unmasked Youth At YMCA Camp, CDC Finds.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 7/31/20]

March 2020: McCormick Argued That The Coronavirus Curve Had Been Flattened Enough That It Could Be Managed

March 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Recapping His Night Shift At The ER, Saying He Thought “We Have Flattened The Curve Enough” That It Could Be Managed. “Most people who come in who have respiratory symptoms are fairly mild and they’re being discharged home with likely COVID-19 infections. Some people are being admitted if they’re sick enough. Some people are still showing up for tests, but most people are staying home. Anybody who shows up for tests is sent on their way, because that’s not what we do here. I think the worst is yet to come. I think we’re still going to see an increase in flow and people who are sick, but eventually I think we’ve flattened the curve enough that we’ll be able to manage it well.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/25/20]
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April 2020: McCormick Said It Was Time To Reopen America, Saying “This Country Has Always Been About Freedom Over Security”

April 2020: McCormick Touted His Medical Credentials And Military Background While Commending President Trump’s And Various GOP Governors’ Efforts To Open America

April 2020: McCormick: “As An ER Doctor And Former Military Officer, I Commend President Trump And Those Governors Willing To Step Up And Reopen America Safely.” “As an ER doctor and former military officer, I commend @realDonaldTrump and those governors willing to step up and reopen America safely. #wednesdaymorning #DonaldTrump #OPENAMERICANOW #SmallBusiness #GA07 #Gapol” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/22/20]

McCormick Asked, “As Americans, Do We Rely On The Government To Keep Us Safe? Or Do We Rely On Our Own Self-Governance?” “As Americans, do we rely on the government to keep us safe? Or do we rely on our own self-governance to determine what is safe and unsafe?” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/22/20]

McCormick Claimed “Nobody Is Forcing You Back To Work.” “Nobody’s asking you to come out of your house. Nobody’s forcing you back to work. Nobody’s making you open your businesses.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/22/20]

April 2020: McCormick: “Some Speed And Intensity On Getting This Country Back To Functioning Is What Needs To Happen”

McCormick: “Some speed and intensity on getting this country back to functioning is what needs to happen. Being a leader means stepping up in a time of crisis. @SpeakerPelosi is a disgrace and an example of poor leadership. #WorkFromHome #thursdaymorning #DoNothingDemocrats” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/30/20]
May 2020: McCormick Claimed That Coronavirus Death Figures Were Inflated And That “A Good Majority” Of Fatalities Were The Primary Result Of Another Condition Or Illness

“MCCORMICK: ‘This is where the statistics really get skewed. Because all these people that they say are assumed COVID deaths, or tested positive for COVID and died of something. Literally, you could talk about probably a good majority of those people who died who had COVID did not die from it at all, not even not even remotely.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 34:32, 5/14/20]

May 2020: McCormick Said That There Was No Evidence That Masks Were Effective At Mitigating The Spread Of The Virus

“MCCORMICK: ‘So one of the things I've noticed is that we've had now I don't blame everybody. I don't even believe Fauci or anybody for having these evolving opinions because we as physicians do what we're trained for. And originally, they tried to go off evidence. And that's where the mass thing came. We have no evidence, specifically scientific evidence to show what the effectiveness of masks is, maybe it's sufficient. Maybe it's not, we don't know. Because there you can't do a side by side comparison of a virus and how easily it's…now we have some idea that yes, the more we stay away from each other, the less we're going to contaminate each other. But let's think about this. The original intent of social distancing, and the lockdown was to what flatten the curve. Now, we said, that's no longer there.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 41:05, 5/14/20]

April 2020: The CDC Issued Its First Recommendation That All Americans Wear Masks Or Some Sort Of Covering In Public. “President Trump said Friday the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now recommends that people wear cloth or fabric face coverings, which can be made at home, when entering public spaces such as grocery stores and public transit stations. It is mainly to prevent those people who have the virus — and might not know it — from spreading the infection to others. The guidelines do not give many details about coverings beyond: ‘cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.’” [NPR, 4/3/20]

May 2020: McCormick Admitted He Expected To See A Spike In COVID Cases When Georgia Reopened – Despite Earlier Pushes To Open The State – Then Falsely Claimed There Was Not A Surge Afterward

“MCCORMICK: ‘Well, I’m glad you brought it up as a clustered effect. In other words, it’s very different in different regions of the United States. That’s so important to realize when you talk about government shutdowns and how you treat this disease. We did have our spike about a month or two ago. Since that time – actually since even the opening of Georgia, Georgia being one of the most preeminent states to open up at the start of this – getting back to work – we have not seen a second surge, which is so important to realize. To not see a second wave, which we did expect. Even the most skeptical people thought that there’d be at least some sort of bump, but there wasn’t.’” [One America News Network via YouTube, 6/1/20]
June 1, 2020: McCormick Claimed Georgia Had Not Seen A Second Surge And Did Not See A Bump After Its Reopening. HOST: “I know that each region has a very different response. They’ve seen a different surge or not surge depending on where you live. What’s it been like in your experience?” MCCORMICK: “Well, I’m glad you brought it up as a clustered effect. In other words, it’s very different in different regions of the United States. That’s so important to realize when you talk about government shutdowns and how you treat this disease. We did have our spike about a month or two ago. Since that time – actually since even the opening of Georgia, Georgia being one of the most preeminent states to open up at the start of this – getting back to work – we have not seen a second surge, which is so important to realize. To not see a second wave, which we did expect. Even the most skeptical people thought that there’d be at least some sort of bump, but there wasn’t. And numbers continue to go down despite testing more patient. The admissions go way down, and the ICUs are clearing out. In other words, the patients who were the most sick before are coming off the ventilators and are being discharged, which is fantastic news.” [One America News Network via YouTube, 6/1/20]

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June 2020: Georgia Saw A Significant Spike In Positive Coronavirus Cases Shortly After Lifting Restrictions. “New cases of the coronavirus in Georgia rose by over 25 percent on Thursday, the same day that Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp lifted a shelter-in-place order for those aged 65 and older, among other restrictions. The number of new cases jumped from 731 reported on Wednesday to 993 on Thursday, according to the latest figures from Johns Hopkins University. Thursday’s spike marked a single-day increase of over 26 percent and the largest jump in cases since the state reopened in early May. The increase, which brought the total confirmed cases in Georgia to 54,973, marks the largest single-day spike since May 1, when 1,236 new cases were reported. Most businesses resumed operations from early May, while a selection of venues were allowed to reopen from April 24.” [Newsweek, 6/12/20]

The Spike Coincided With Governor Kemp’s Loosening Of Restrictions, Particularly For Restaurants. “The latest spike in daily cases coincided with a new executive order issued Thursday by Kemp, which is in effect from June 16 to 30, unless otherwise stated in specific sections of the order. The new order longer requires those aged 65 and older to shelter in place unless they fit certain criteria outlined in the order. Under the new order, restaurants no
longer have a limit on the number of patrons allowed per square foot. Restaurants and movie theaters no longer have a limit on the number of people who can sit together.” [Newsweek, 6/12/20]

**HEADLINE: Georgia Sees Highest Single-Day Rise in Coronavirus Cases Since Reopening as More Restrictions Lifted.** [Newsweek, 6/12/20]

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McCormick Theorized That Society Was Developing A “Herd Immunity” To The Disease And Claimed That A “Vast Majority – Especially Young People – Are Not Getting Sick.” HOST: “And when we look at the different states that have made that decision to open up – we can look at Florida, we can look at Texas. You can go through that and kind of see that there hasn’t been that surge that a lot of people were warning about at first, and that’s not to say that we won’t have one. I’m not a medical professional. I can’t speak as to what the future will hold or anything like that, but what is the lesson that we can learn from this. Is it the idea that maybe that this idea isn’t as transmissible as we initially thought? Is it that maybe there’s more herd immunity in this country than we thought? What can we take away from that lesson?” MCCORMICK: “So we’re still learning exactly what the prevalence is – in other words, how many people have really been exposed. My theory based on just the evidence that we see first-hand is that we probably do have a herd immunity. If you look at these studies of the contained space that we actually knew had overall exposure, such as the Navy ship that had wide exposure or the cruise ship that had wide exposure- these nursing homes that have wide exposure – you can see the prevalence of this disease is very contagious. But the vast majority – especially young, healthy people – are not getting sick. More often than not in young people, you have zero symptoms even though you’re building an immunity. Even in the elderly, the most vulnerable populations, they’ve shown that almost 50 percent of the people who are actually exposed to this and are building some form of immunity don’t have symptoms. At least not significant symptoms that we’d acknowledged. And then of those people that are coming in, we’re getting much better at treating the disease, too, so the overall outcome is not as high in mortality.” [One America News Network via YouTube, 6/1/20]

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**July 2020: McCormick Downplayed The Effectiveness Of Masks In Combatting Coronavirus**

McCormick Cited A Study Regarding Sterile Gloves And The Size Of Bacteria Compared To Viruses To Downplay The Effectiveness Of Masks. “MCCORMICK: ‘don’t think that you're safe, because you're wearing a mask and don't think that you're not safe. When you're not wearing a mask. There's way too much labeling going on right now. And there's a big difference between bacteria and virus when you're talking about communicable diseases. […] When we suture somebody who has a laceration. It used to be for a while people wanted to wear sterile gloves and make sure that every you know, had a mask on everything like that. So they did studies on it. And I'm talking about well-powered study, 10s of thousands of people studying to see what the reoccurrence of infection was, after I get done washing this moon and suturing it with gloves that were normal gloves I just took out of a box or gloves that came out of a package that were absolutely sterile for sure. And when they found after these extensive stays was you actually have a slightly higher infection rate with the sterile gloves. […] But in other words, there’s no absolutely no variance. And that’s a bacterial infection. Now bacteria are hundreds of times, maybe thousands times larger than, than a virus.”” [Doctor’s Lounge, YouTube, 20:00, 7/9/20]

McCormick Said People Shouldn’t Be Vilified For Not Wearing Masks In Public. “RM; ‘Now I'm not going to vilify you if you're not wearing a mask, but don't vilify people who aren't wearing a mask thinking that they don't care. Some don't, maybe some do. It doesn't really matter. But let's talk about the facts.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, YouTube, 22:53, 7/9/20]

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**McCormick Didn’t Seem To Care If People Lived Or Died**
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July 2020: McCormick Admitted That There Was An Ongoing Second Wave Of The Pandemic But Complained That The Focus Was On “Nobody Dying”

7/9/20: McCormick Admitted That Georgia Was In The Midst Of A Second Wave. “MCCORMICK: ‘Now, here's the irony. And this is the ultimate irony because I've worked six out of last seven nights. And I'll tell you this, we are getting a second wave.’” [Doctor's Lounge, 46:07, 7/9/20]
7/09/20: McCormick Complained About What He Perceived As The Medical Community Bowing To Pressure For “Perceived Progress” On Treatment. “MCCORMICK: ‘And this is the problem with the way that we knee jerk reactions. Even inside the physician community. We're supposed to be the most educated, the most scientifically based. We're doing the wrong things based off of pressure for perceived progress, and that's where it really bothers me. Are you talking about moving the goalposts with a drug? Originally what we were trying to do with the COVID response was flatten the curve. Once we find the curve Then what happened? Well, now it's about nobody dying.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 45:33, 7/9/20]

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McCormick Again Complained On The Focus On Increasing Numbers Of Coronavirus Cases In What He Called A “Huge Second Wave Of Infections.” “MCCORMICK: ‘But yet, the original intent was to flatten the curve. But what we did when we flatten the curve, we had a high mortality rate. And that was unfortunate because a lot we didn't know how to treat the disease. A lot of people who are most vulnerable got exposed because of bad policies from the government. And but now we're seeing this huge second wave of infections, but the death rate is going down. So ironically, even though we flatten the curve, originally, the death toll was high. Now we have a high incident rate below mortality rate. And so we're moving the bar again, because we are actually having full hospitals.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 45:33, 7/9/20]

Late July 2020: Confirmed Cases Of Coronavirus In Georgia Passed 150,000 And The Death Toll In The State Reached Its Second-Highest Total. “Surging numbers of COVID-19 deaths continued in Georgia Wednesday as the number of confirmed cases in the state surpassed 150,000. Health officials say the jump in deaths follow the increasing number of cases in Georgia. The state Department of Public Health reported 81 deaths Wednesday, the second-highest number reported so far in the pandemic, below only the 100 deaths reported on April 7. The big number followed 78 deaths reported on Tuesday, combining to push up Georgia’s 7-day trend in deaths to a level not seen since early June. Not all deaths are reported immediately, but state Department of Public Health spokesperson Nancy Nydam said Tuesday that more than 90% of deaths with known dates reported Tuesday happened in July, indicating they’re likely related to the surge in cases that began in Georgia in June.” [Associated Press, 7/22/20]

McCormick Didn’t Care If He Was Ultimately Successful At His Job, Since His Patients Would Go To Heaven Anyway

April 2020: McCormick Dismissed Concerns About Coronavirus Deaths And Said “You’re Gonna Die. I’m Gonna Die. We’re All Temporal Creatures”

McCormick Downplayed Coronavirus Casualties By Stating That Approximately 70,000 Americans Died From The Flu In 2019. “MCCORMICK: ‘The people who are saying the government has overreach, the government should allow us to make our own decisions, and no one I'm no longer at risk, or at least the acceptable risk to myself where I can, I can also distance and go back to work. I can wear a mask if you want me to do but let me get back to work. Let me do what I do best. These young healthy people are very much at a low risk category. I understand some people are going to die who are young, but guess how many people died in the flu season two years ago, about 70,000 people die, right 70,000 people die. We didn't bat an eyelash. And that was including young kids. We know for a fact that the young kids are not at high risk for this disease, certainly not as high risk as they were with the flu, certainly not as high as they were with H1N1 back in 2009.’” [Red Kudzu, 20:30, 4/21/20]

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McCormick Went On A Rant Complaining That Everyone Is going To Die And People Aren’t Focused Enough On The Afterlife. “MCCORMICK: ‘What we think is we can prolong life forever. I'm here to temporarily help you along. But I can't save you forever as an ER doc. You're gonna die. I'm gonna die. We're all temporal creatures. And that's the one thing we're kind of lacking in our spiritual life is we keep on thinking that it's all about this life and not the next we're thinking about us instead of our children. And that's the real problem. We're not setting up America, for our children. We're always thinking about ourselves.’” [Red Kudzu, 21:51, 4/21/20]

2020: McCormick Responded To A Facebook Post Praising Medical Workers, Saying The “Rope That Matters Is The One Tethered To Heaven”

May 2020: An Individual Posts An Illustration To McCormick’s Facebook Wall Showing Medical Workers Bringing Back A Patient From The Brink Of Death. “Dr Richard see this just now made me think about how important you are to the community and to the state for the job you do sir.” [Richard McCormick, Facebook, 5/5/20]
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Humanity has no nationality or religion.

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McCormick Played Loose With Coronavirus Safety

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McCormick Said That This Had Occurred On At Least Five Separate Occasions That He Was Aware Of And That He Did Not Know When It Started. “Richard said he found out about it this past weekend and doesn't know exactly when it started. Richard said that someone has been calling in to pharmacies and having prescriptions filled using his DEA number and pretending to be him. Richard said that it has happened at least 5 times that he knows of.” [Gwinnett County Police Department, Officer R.D. Walsh Narrative, Case Number 190017695, Report Filed 2/25/19]

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Drugs In The Class Or Schedule II Category Included OxyContin And Forms Of Commercial Fentanyl. “Substances in this schedule have a high potential for abuse which may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence. Examples of Schedule II narcotics include: hydromorphone (Dilaudid®), methadone (Dolophine®), meperidine (Demerol®), oxycodone (OxyContin®, Percocet®), and fentanyl (Sublimaze®, Duragesic®). Other Schedule II narcotics include: morphine, opium, codeine, and hydrocodone.” [Drug Enforcement Administration, accessed 7/30/20]
McCormick Stated That He Had Reported The Incidents To The DEA, But It Is Unclear When This Occurred. “Richard reported the incident to the DEA before we spoke. I advised Richard to get as much details about each prescription as he could in case it is needed either by pd or the DEA.” [Gwinnett County Police Department, Officer R.D. Walsh Narrative, Case Number 190017695, Report Filed 2/25/19]

March 25, 2020: McCormick: “Anybody Who Shows Up For Tests Is Sent On Their Way, Because That’s Not What We Do Here.” “Anybody who shows up for tests is sent on their way, because that’s not what we do here.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/25/20]

March 30, 2020: McCormick Praised Testing, Saying: “The More People That Are Tested The Better Information We Will Have. Although The Number Of People Tested Will Help Determine Mortality Rates We Will Continue To Try To Protect The Most Vulnerable And Treat Those In Distress.” “The more people that are tested the better information we will have. Although the number of people tested will help determine mortality rates we will continue to try to protect the most vulnerable and treat those in distress #StayAtHome #COVID #DoctorsDay” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/30/20]

April 17, 2020: McCormick Posted A Photo With Him And GOP Volunteers While Not Wearing A Mask. “Thank you to the Chinese Republicans for supporting the Medical staff in Duluth and Lawrenceville with face masks! They are true patriots and great Americans! Many people are also making masks (note my new favorite) and giving food. What a great nation we live in!” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/17/20]
April 21, 2020: McCormick Posted A Series Of Photos With Him Making Pizza At A Local Restaurant Without A Mask Or Gloves. “Making pizza with Dr. Rocco Romeo at Romeo’s New York Pizza in Alpharetta for the frontline troops at the hospital. Love to see great Americans supporting great Americans!” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/21/20]
May 2020: McCormick Speculated That He Was Infected With Coronavirus, But Did Not Say If He Had Been Tested For The Disease

"MCCORMICK: And my suspicion is we had a bunch of health care workers, myself included who had a fever, I never get fevers, I had a fever this year! I had my flu shot. I'm doing exactly what I always do. I don't get sick, because I'm exposed to everything every year because I'm an ER doc. And yes, I do my hand hygiene. But the point is, all these doctors got sick this year. We didn't know why I'm sure it's because we're exposed to a novel virus. The point being, in the end, we have something that's been overstated for a financial gain. And also for a political gain. This is becoming more and more obvious.” [Doctor’s Lounge, 36:20, 5/14/20]

May-June 2020: During McCormick’s 22-Day Pushup Challenge To Bring Awareness To Veterans Suffering From PTSD, He Repeatedly Posted Videos Of Himself Without A Facemask Or Gloves In Public Places, Potentially Risking The Safety Of Others

McCormick Was Challenged To Do 22 Push Ups For 22 Days To Bring Awareness To Veterans Struggling With PTSD. “Finishing up an Overnight shift and was challenged to 22 push ups for 22 days. We have lost far too many veterans struggling with PTSD. Supporting veterans and creating opportunities for veterans is something I will always make time for! Flag of United States#Gapol #GA07 #Veterans #PTSD” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 5/30/20]

June 3, 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself Without A Facemask Performing Handstand Pushups (With One Individual Spotting) In His Campaign Office.
June 8, 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself Without a Facemask Or Gloves Using A Public Playground Set To Do Pushups.
Day 15 of #22pushupchallenge. #Veterans and their families are special. They made sacrifices that only other Veterans and families would understand. They also have challenges other Americans don’t understand. Anxiety and depression can be treated! Reach out! #GA07 #GA7 #Gapol

[Rich McCormick via Twitter, 6/14/20]

Day 20 of #22pushupchallenge. It's Navy vs Marine Corps tonight! #PTSD affects so many #veterans. If you or someone you know is struggling please reach out and take action. Even something as simple as these videos have helped several veterans get help! #GA07 #GA7

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[Rich McCormick via Twitter, 6/19/20]

June 20, 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself Doing Pushups On A Hospital Floor Without Gloves.
June 2020: McCormick Posted Photos Of Himself Without A Mask Speaking To And Posing With A Group Of People At An Outdoor Memorial

June 25, 2020: McCormick Posted Two Photos Of Himself Without A Mask Speaking To And Posing With A Group Of People At An Outdoor Memorial.
June 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself Speaking With Voters Without A Mask


It’s going to be a great day! Primary vote today in Georgia and Trump Rallies are coming back! I feel very blessed to be an American and have the right to vote!

#Trump #MAGA2020 #KAG2020TRUMPVICTORY #GA07 #Gapol #TuesdayThoughts #KAG2020 #MAGA #Blessed
June 2020: As COVID-19 Restrictions In Georgia Loosened, Leading To A Spike In Cases, McCormick Hosted An In-Person Campaign Event


“Republicans who are holding campaign events in the days leading up to the primary include Rich McCormick, who is among the GOP front-runners in the 7th District. He is hosting a family fun night on Friday at a park in Cumming, with shaved ice for the kids, and more than 30 people are on the host committee. McCormick, an emergency room doctor, held an event in a Snellville supporter's backyard, where ‘X’s’ marked the ground to keep people spaced out. He said it was important for voters to hear from him directly, and social media is no replacement. ‘You can see how authentic a person is by looking in their eyes; you can't do that any other way except in person,’ he said.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 6/4/20]
Family Night at Fowler Park
Public · Hosted by Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress

Friday, June 5, 2020 at 6 PM – 8 PM
about 1 month ago

4110 Carolene Way, Cumming, GA 30040, United States

Join us for a family fun night at Fowler Park with Dr. Rich McCormick.

Friday June 5th, 6-8pm

Kona Ice will be served! Please bring your lawn chair as we practice social distancing at this outdoor event.

[Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, event date 6/5/20]
McCormick’s Campaign Claimed On The Event Page That Social Distancing Would Be Practiced At The Event. “Join us for a family fun night at Fowler Park with Dr. Rich McCormick. Friday June 5th, 6-8pm. Kona Ice will be served! Please bring your lawn chair as we practice social distancing at this outdoor event.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, event date 6/5/20]

The "Family Fun Night” Occurred In Suwanee. “Dr. Rich McCormick, a leading Republican contender for Georgia's 7th Congressional District, held a family fun night in Suwanee to energize his supporters, who snacked on icy treats as they heard from the emergency room physician.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 6/7/20]

June 2020: Georgia Experienced A Surge In Coronavirus Cases

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McCormick Promoted The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine To Treat Coronavirus – Citing His Medical Credentials – But The Drug Was Later Deemed Ineffective And Dangerous

April 2020: McCormick Cited His Medical Credentials And Referenced Other Doctors He Knew Were Prescribing Hydroxychloroquine “Because They Think It Works” In An Effort To Defend President Trump

McCormick Defended President Trump, Saying He “Had The Advice Of Some Of The Best Physicians In The World.” “The president has the advice of some of the best physicians in the world.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/9/20]

McCormick Cited His Medical Credentials And Referenced Other Physicians He Claimed Were Prescribing Hydroxychloroquine “Because They Think It Works.” “I am a doctor, and I know several pulmonologists and intensivists who are prescribing hydroxychloroquine because they think it works.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/9/20]

McCormick: This Is Not The Time For Politics – If You’re Not Going To Be Part Of The Solution, Get Out Of The Way And Let The President Do His Job. “This is not the time for divisiveness. This is not the time for politics. If you're not going to be part of the solution, get out of the way and let the President do his job.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/9/20]

May 2020: McCormick Criticized Governor Lamont For Saying The President Should Wear A Mask Instead Of Hydroxychloroquine, Calling The Governor An “Armchair Physicians” And Saying “Let Doctors Be Doctors”

On CNN, Governor Lamont Of Connecticut Said “He’d Tell President Trump To Try A Surgical Mask Rather Than Hydroxychloroquine If He Really Wants A Line Of Defense That Works Against Coronavirus.” “Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont of Connecticut says he’d tell President Trump to try a surgical mask rather than hydroxychloroquine if he really wants a line of defense that works against coronavirus.” [CNN via Twitter, 5/19/20]
Rich McCormick

McCormick Responded To The Tweet, Saying: “A Lot Of Armchair Physicians Are Commenting On The Medications [President Trump] Is Taking…Here Is An Idea, Let Doctors Be Doctors.” “A lot of armchair physicians are commenting on the medications @realDonaldTrump is taking. The left says decisions should be between a doctor and a patient unless they disagree, then the media should make the decisions. Here is an idea, let doctors be doctors. #Covid_19 #GA07” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 5/19/20]

May 2020: McCormick Said Hydroxychloroquine Was One Of His Hospital’s Standard Treatments For Coronavirus

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HOST: “Hydroxychloroquine continues to be a trending topic as numerous doctors report seeing success treating COVID-19 patients with the drug. One of those doctors is Dr. Richard McCormick, an emergency room physician in Georgia who’s also running for the Peach State’s 7th Congressional District. He joins us now. […] As a doctor yourself, what are some cases where you’ve seen hydroxychloroquine treat patients with coronavirus?”

MCCORMICK: “So one of our standards is when we admit a patient, and that means they’re sick enough to be treated in the hospital, is we use hydroxychloroquine as one of our standard treatments. […] A lot of people say that we should include zinc in that there’s a synergistic effect that we feel has been the most effective at this point, but there is some data that’s missing. Remember this is a novel virus. There’s a lot we don’t know. There’s a lot of different trials that we’re floating right now. […] There’s over a hundred studies right now worldwide on different drug treatments. There’s new drugs coming out all the time, so this is going to be a learning process for all of us.” [One America News Network via YouTube, 5/27/20]

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June 2020: McCormick Said He Did Not Have A Problem Using Hydroxychloroquine To Treat Coronavirus “Until Shown Clear Evidence That It’s Not Good For You” And Called The Drug “Very Safe”

McCormick Said He Had No Problem Using Hydroxychloroquine To Treat Coronavirus “Until Shown Clear Evidence That It’s Not Good For You.” HOST: “And one thing that’s kind of entered this equation is the use of this drug known as hydroxychloroquine. Some people say that it’s not effective as a treatment. Some people say it is effective as a prophylactic. There’s different studies really that you can find online to support whatever position you want to take. Where do you stand on the use of that malaria drug?” MCCORMICK: “Yeah – that’s the problem is that there’s a lot of contradictory information out there. Until we get the double-blind placebo test with multiple patients – I’m talking tens of thousands of patients – where you’re able to compare it to – not only placebos but also other drugs. […] We actually have multiple drug combinations we’re using. We’ll be able to compare and contrast what drugs are most effective. Right now – I mean up to now it’s been our standard care. We do have some new trials being started. I think mechanically, it’s more important to realize how we treat these really, really sick patients, because those are the ones that are potentially going to die, and understanding that we shouldn’t be
McCormick Said Hydroxychloroquine Was A “Very Safe Drug” That He Used Himself In The Military.

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McCormick Responded To Criticisms About His Peddling Of Hydroxychloroquine – Saying “Let Doctors Practice Medicine” And “Political Hacks In Washington DC Shouldn’t Be In Charge Of” Health Care…

McCormick’s Campaign Tweeted At The DCCC, Saying: “Let’s Agree To Let Doctors Practice Medicine. This Is Why Political Hacks In Washington DC Shouldn’t Be In Charge Of Healthcare.” “Hey @dccc let’s agree to let doctors practice medicine. This is why political hacks in Washington DC shouldn’t be in charge of healthcare.” [Team McCormick via Twitter, 7/3/20]

…Linking To A CNN Article With A Seemingly Favorable Headline That Was Later Edited To Express Doubts Toward the Drug’s Effectiveness In Treating Coronavirus

McCormick’s Campaign Linked To An Article With A Headline Favoring Their Argument, But The Source Later Edited To Headline And Body To Express Doubts Toward The Effectiveness Of Hydroxychloroquine. Team McCormick linked to a CNN article entitled, “Study finds hydroxychloroquine helped coronavirus patients survive better.” The headline was later edited to: “Study finds hydroxychloroquine may have boosted survival, but other researchers have doubts.”

CNN: “A Surprising New Study Found The Controversial Antimalarial Drug Hydroxychloroquine Helped Patients Better Survive In The Hospital. But The Findings, Like The Federal Government's Use Of The Drug Itself, Were Disputed.” “Surprising new study found the controversial antimalarial drug hydroxychloroquine helped patients better survive in the hospital. But the findings, like the federal government's use of the drug itself, were disputed.” [CNN, 7/3/20]
CNN: A Study Of 2,541 Hospitalized Patients Found That Those Given Hydroxychloroquine Were Much Less Likely To Die – But Outside Researchers Pointed Out The Study Saying Other Drugs Used May Have Accounted For Better Survival And Criticized The Study’s Selection And Treatment Methods. “A team at Henry Ford Health System in southeast Michigan said Thursday their study of 2,541 hospitalized patients found that those given hydroxychloroquine were much less likely to die. […] Researchers not involved in the Henry Ford study pointed out it wasn’t of the same quality of the studies showing hydroxychloroquine did not help patients, and said other treatments, such as the use of the steroid dexamethasone, might have accounted for the better survival of some patients. […] Researchers not involved with the study were critical. They noted that the Henry Ford team did not randomly treat patients but selected them for various treatments based on certain criteria. ‘As the Henry Ford Health System became more experienced in treating patients with COVID-19, survival may have improved, regardless of the use of specific therapies,’ Dr. Todd Lee of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, Canada, and colleagues wrote in a commentary in the same journal. ‘Finally, concomitant steroid use in patients receiving hydroxychloroquine was more than double the non-treated group. This is relevant considering the recent RECOVERY trial that showed a mortality benefit with dexamethasone.’ The steroid dexamethasone can reduce inflammation in seriously ill patients.” [CNN, 7/3/20]

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June 2020: The FDA Revoked Emergency Use Authorization For Hydroxychloroquine To Be Used To Treat Coronavirus – Citing Ineffectiveness And Dangerous Side Effects, Including “Serious Cardiac Adverse Events”


The FDA Revoked The Emergency Use Authorization That Allowed Hydroxychloroquine To Be Used To Treat COVID-19, Saying It Was “Unlikely To Be Effective In Treating COVID-19” And Cited “Ongoing Serious Cardiac Adverse Events And Other Potential Serious Side Effects.” “Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) revoked the emergency use authorization (EUA) that allowed for chloroquine phosphate and hydroxychloroquine sulfate donated to the Strategic National Stockpile to be used to treat certain hospitalized patients with COVID-19 when a clinical trial was unavailable, or participation in a clinical trial was not feasible. The agency determined that the legal criteria for issuing an EUA are no longer met. Based on its ongoing analysis of the EUA and emerging scientific data, the FDA determined that chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine are unlikely to be effective in treating COVID-19 for the authorized uses in the EUA. Additionally, in light of ongoing serious cardiac adverse events and other potential serious side effects, the known and potential benefits of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine no longer outweigh the known and potential risks for the authorized use.” [FDA – Press Release, 6/15/20]

July 2020: McCormick Again Defended The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine As A Coronavirus Treatment And Agreed With A Conspiracy Theory About Dr. Fauci

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things is I was originally scheduled to be asked some questions by a reporter. One of them was going to be on how
dare you say that hydroxychloroquine was a viable medication for this disease process, clearly you didn't read the
data behind that. And of course, at the time I was ready for it because I was like, well, heck, that was what was
recommended by the CDC. That's what we were recommending. That's what our pulmonologist, by the way, my
democrat friend who is a pulmonologist was prescribing it to his friends prophylactically. So it wasn't a political
decision. It was based on medical studies that time and that may change just like it did on Motrin, and, and steroids
and stuff like that. But one of the things that that was including masks and everything else that Fauci has vacillated
on himself.”” [Doctor’s Lounge, 31:42, 7/9/20]

April 2020: CDC Guidance Regarding Was Removed From Its Website After It Was Revealed That It
Was Based On Non-Scientific Anecdotal Evidence. “The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
has removed from its website highly unusual guidance informing doctors on how to prescribe
hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine, drugs recommended by President Donald Trump to treat the coronavirus.
The move comes three days after Reuters reported that the CDC published key dosing information involving
the two antimalarial drugs based on unattributed anecdotes rather than peer-reviewed science.” [Reuters,
4/7/20]

Trump Had Personally Pressed Officials To Incorporate Hydroxychloroquine Guidance Based On
Untested Theories. “Reuters also reported that the original guidance was crafted by the CDC after President Trump personally pressed federal regulatory and health officials to make the malaria drugs more widely
available to treat the novel coronavirus, though the drugs in question had been untested for COVID-19.”
[Reuters, 4/7/20]

McCormick Claimed That Studies Showing The Ineffectiveness Of Hydroxychloroquine “Got Flipped.”
“MCCORMICK: ‘But what they didn't understand is that same day, also in that study that said that
hydroxychloroquine was bad, got flipped. And so they, Ellison, that question went away from my interview. And
that's the funny thing about this, we always go off the most recent data which will change by the way, in a year
from now, our whole understanding of how to treat this disease and how it's communicated will totally change the
way to look back on this as what we jumped to conclusions.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 32:34, 7/9/20]

McCormick Agreed With Dr. Scott Barbour’s Conspiratorial Assertion That Dr. Anthony Fauci Was
Pushing Thee Drug Remdesivir Over Hydroxychloroquine For His Own Financial Interests

July 2020: McCormick’s Interviewer, Dr. Scott Barbour Pushed A Conspiracy Theory That Dr. Anthony
Fauci Was Pushing Remdesivir Over Hydroxychloroquine For His Own Financial Interests. “BARBOUR:
‘This whole thing is about money. It's about power and it's about politics and let's talk about remdesivir.
Remdesivir is a medication that is produced by a company called Gilead, which by the way, Anthony Fauci and
nine of the NA NIH board members who decide what our treatment response is going to be all have financial
interest in Gilead. Gilad is expected to make $2.1 billion in 2021 with the treatment of COVID that would be
threatened if a cheap generic drug like hydroxychloroquine was found to be effective, and made it so we didn't need
the rent asthma fear. The study on remdesivir was designed initially to demonstrate the decrease in mortality. Mid
study, it became clear that the decrease in mortality was not going to be demonstrated by the study and so they
changed the endpoint to be decreased on hospitals. So that is a scientific no-no you don't do that with research
papers to have a hypothesis and then mid study when it's not working out the way you want it to suddenly change
your hypothesis create corrupt beyond description. […] That's why I want you to go to government to stop this
back, give us back our freedom, let's improve and increase the transparency in healthcare and stop these practices.’”
[Doctor’s Lounge, 41:08, 7/9/20]

McCormick Did Not Contest This Theory And Instead Discussed The Purported Ineffectiveness Of
Tamiflu. “BARBOUR: ‘That's why I want you to go to government to stop this back, give us back our
freedom, let's improve and increase the transparency in healthcare and stop these practices.’ MCCORMICK:
‘So one of the things that you mentioned is different drugs and how they've been used historically. Let's talk
about Tamiflu. Tamiflu has been widely prescribed for a long time now, it was the leading treatment for flu.
And what's ironic is even the CDC realized eventually that there's not going to be a mortality benefit from Tamiflu. And the end point was result of whether you're going to get a better quicker or not, was about a half a day in the course of a week.”” [Doctor’s Lounge, 43:15, 7/9/20]

Later In The Interview, McCormick In Response To Dr. Barbour’s Further Conspiratorial Ramblings About Dr. Fauci, Said “Bingo.” “MCCORMICK: ‘But it's so easy right for Gilead. They've got remdesivir a pandemic comes up, they got to get this thing to market, they make a bogus study, it's so easy to go pay the people at the top in the government in the FDA, and all sudden that becomes a mandate up we're using remdesivar I don't want to buy it, don't worry, we're going to use taxpayer money and sell it out.’ MCCORMICK: ‘Bingo!’

BARBOUR: ‘And you know, if somebody like you or me is in there, like Hey, I got a question about this, you know, immediately we'll be a racist or we'll be a quack they'll attack us if and here's a little something for your campaign fund. And next thing you know, everybody's just kind of in line and listen, folks, that is the reason that I am supporting rich McCormick for the Georgia seventh because I know he's not that kind of guy. And I've been doing this for a very long time and I really don't believe anybody isn't that kind of guy, but riches and I believe when He goes there, he's going to look out for our best interests and not get bought off.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 55:14, 7/9/20]

McCormick Claimed That If Trump Had Never Mentioned Hydroxychloroquine It Would Not Have Been Controversial And Called Benadryl, Aspirin, Tylenol More Dangerous Drugs

McCormick Claimed That If Trump Had Never Mentioned Hydroxychloroquine It Would Not Have Been Controversial And Called Benadryl, Aspirin, Tylenol More Dangerous Drugs. “MCCORMICK: ‘Now interesting enough, if President Trump never mentioned the drug, then it wouldn't be controversy at all. There are some more dangerous drugs that you might have heard of, on the study list way above hydroxychloroquine is a drug called aspirin. It's been around for a little while. And Tylenol, TYLENOL, which are two drugs that are literal, you can go down the store and buy as much as you like, and nobody cares. I would say Benadryl is by way more dangerous, also in a different way.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 43:15, 7/9/20]

July 2020: McCormick Echoed The Claims Of Dr. Harvey Risch, Who Repeatedly Promoted The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine

7/23/20: McCormick Tweeted Out A Fox News Article Echoing The Claims Of Dr. Harvey Risch And Directly Attacking Carolyn Bourdeaux For “Making Hydroxychloroquine Political.” “Hey @Carolyn4GA7 isn’t this MD/PhD a Professor of Epidemiology at your alma mater? Are you going to follow his advice to stop making hydroxychloroquine [sic] political or are you going to follow @CNN ’s lead and sic your @dccc goon squad on him, too? #GAPol” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Twitter, 7/23/20]
7/23/20: An Opinion Piece Written By Dr. Risch Was Published By Newsweek Magazine Alleging That Hydroxychloroquine Could Prevent “Tens Of Thousands” Of COVID-19 Patients From Dying. “As a result, tens of thousands of patients with COVID-19 are dying unnecessarily. Fortunately, the situation can be reversed easily and quickly. I am referring, of course, to the medication hydroxychloroquine. When this inexpensive oral medication is given very early in the course of illness, before the virus has had time to multiply beyond control, it has shown to be highly effective, especially when given in combination with the antibiotics azithromycin or doxycycline and the nutritional supplement zinc.” [Harvey Risch Op-Ed, Newsweek, 7/23/20]

RISCH OP-ED: The Key to Defeating COVID-19 Already Exists. We Need to Start Using It. [Harvey Risch Op-Ed, Newsweek, 7/23/20]

McCormick Claimed That Initial Rates Of Coronavirus Infections Were Lower In California Due To Proximity To China
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May 2020: McCormick Claimed That Initial Rates Of Coronavirus Infection Were Lower In California Compared To New York Because They’re “Closer To China.” “MCCORMICK: ‘And what the reason I think that California did better is because they probably because they're closer to China, they probably had more people exposed.’ BARBOUR: ‘That’s been confirmed now.’ MCCORMICK: ‘That's been confirmed now. 78% of those people have already had some sort of meaning, and that's why they're doing so much better.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 36:06, 5/14/20]
McCormick Was An Extremist Who Threatened Georgians’ Health Care

**Significant Findings**

✓ McCormick stated that he supported a full repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

✓ McCormick called the ACA a “disaster.”

✓ McCormick called the ACA the “least cost effective method” of organizing health care in the United States.

✓ Despite these statements, McCormick claimed that he wanted to protect those with pre-existing conditions.

✓ McCormick criticized the existence of a rural VA hospital in South Dakota as inefficient.

✓ McCormick joked Members Of Congress should have “exactly” the same health care as veterans.

✓ McCormick said that there is “no motivation to work harder” in the VA.

✓ McCormick criticized the cost of the VA for “just about 8 million applicants.”

✓ January 2020: McCormick answered an issue questionnaire prepared by the Georgia Life Alliance that showcased a variety of McCormick’s extreme views on abortion.

   ✓ McCormick answered that abortion should be illegal in all circumstances, with no exceptions in cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is in jeopardy.

   ✓ McCormick answered that he supported the reversal of Roe v. Wade by the Supreme Court.

   ✓ McCormick answered that he supported the Georgia “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act” which attempted to ban abortion after 20 weeks.

✓ McCormick retweeted a post claiming assertions that “abortion is health care” were a “brainwashing method” being used on “young teens.”

**McCormick Supported A Radical Full Repeal Of The ACA While He Falsely Claimed He Wanted To Protect Those With Preexisting Conditions**

**2020: McCormick Stated That He Supported The Full Repeal Of The ACA**

2020: In An Answer To A Candidate Survey By Campaign For Liberty, McCormick Stated That He Supported The Full Repeal Of The ACA. “7. Will you support legislation to fully repeal ObamaCare and oppose efforts to give the federal government more control of health care? […] Rich McCormick […] Yes.” [Campaign for Liberty, accessed 7/28/20]
Survey Questions

1. Will you cosponsor and support efforts for roll call votes on the Audit the Fed bill, designed to bring transparency to the Federal Reserve?

2. Will you oppose legislation allowing roving wiretaps and warrantless searches and oppose U.S.A. Freedom Act renewal that includes such items?

3. Will you support legislation that would end “policing for profit,” including equitable sharing, require charges to be filed before any assets are seized by law enforcement, and ensure that property is returned if charges are dropped or the suspect is acquitted?

4. Will you oppose all tax and fee increases and vote for tax cuts?

5. Will you support efforts to slash wasteful spending and oppose any debt limit increase?

6. Will you support all efforts to slash government bureaucracy, increase accountability, and vote to pass the REINS Act?

7. Will you support legislation to fully repeal ObamaCare and oppose efforts to give the federal government more control of health care?

8. Will you oppose all infringements on law-abiding citizens’ Second Amendment rights?

9. Will you oppose using military action without a congressional declaration of war?

[Campaign for Liberty, accessed 7/28/20]

2008: Campaign For Liberty Was Established By Ron Paul. “Rep. Ron Paul's presidential campaign, a pugnacious, ideological crusade against big government and interventionist leanings in the Republican party, will officially end Thursday at a rally outside the Texas GOP's convention, ABC News has learned. Paul told supporters back in March, in a video posted on his Web site, that he was winding down his campaign and planning a new phase to what he and fans call their ‘revolution.’ The new phase of the revolution officially begins with a speech tonight in Houston and a Web video to be posted on his site, officially ending Paul's presidential campaign and freeing up the more than $4.7 million in campaign cash for investment in a new advocacy group, The Campaign for Liberty.” [ABC News, 6/13/08]

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McCormick Claimed He Wanted To Protect People With Pre-Existing Conditions
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McCormick Called The ACA The “Least Cost Effective Method” Of Organizing Health Care In The United States

“RM ‘The ACA has consolidated doctors into hospital systems - the least cost effective method and the only people who really make out on this is insurance companies, pharmaceuticals, hospital systems, and conglomerates.’” [Medical Association of Georgia, 12:42 5/18/20]

McCormick: To Bring Down Costs In Health Care, “This Means Less Regulation”

“MCCORMICK: ‘The way it is now, you meet your deductible and no reason to save money, and we have no competition at premium levels because you have maybe 2 insurance companies and they have agreements with pharmaceuticals, it is one big nasty conglomerate of special interest - that is why healthcare is so expensive. A lot of times this means less regulation - but if we don't do something, people will rebel and we will end up with socialized medicine, it won't be inexpensive, it will be inefficient, no motivation for people to work hard, just like it was bad for the VA, it will be bad for healthcare in general.’” [Medical Association of Georgia, 12:42, 5/18/20]

McCormick Claimed That The US Needed To Control The Border To Stem The Flow Of Opioids But Couldn’t Even Control His Own Prescription Pad


McCormick Said Doctors Should “Stop Prescribing So Many [Opioids] To Begin With.” “Stop prescribing so many to begin with. Control the boarders where most come from and most importantly- educate. We are one generation from overcoming cigarette use by youth. That’s because of tons of educational effort. #DemocraticDebate #opioidcrisis” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 10/15/19]

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McCormick Said That This Had Occurred On At Least Five Separate Occasions That He Was Aware Of And That He Did Not Know When It Started. “Richard said he found out about it this past weekend and doesn't know exactly when it started. Richard said that someone has been calling in to pharmacies and having prescriptions filled using his DEA number and pretending to be him. Richard said that it has happened at least 5 times that he knows of.” [Gwinnett County Police Department, Officer R.D. Walsh Narrative, Case Number 190017695, Report Filed 2/25/19]

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McCormick Said That Whoever Was Using His DEA Number Was Using It To Fill Class II Prescriptions, A Category That Included Dangerous Narcotics And Fentanyl

McCormick Said That Whoever Was Using His DEA Number Was Using It To Fill Class II Prescriptions. “Richard said that it has happened at least 5 times that he knows of. Richard also said that the prescriptions are Class II prescriptions and that the pharmacies should not even accept the prescriptions over the phone.” [Gwinnett County Police Department, Officer R.D. Walsh Narrative, Case Number 190017695, Report Filed 2/25/19]

Drugs In The Class Or Schedule II Category Included OxyContin And Forms Of Commercial Fentanyl. “Substances in this schedule have a high potential for abuse which may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence. Examples of Schedule II narcotics include: hydromorphone (Dilaudid®), methadone (Dolophine®), meperidine (Demerol®), oxycodone (OxyContin®, Percocet®), and fentanyl (Sublimaze®, Duragesic®). Other Schedule II narcotics include: morphine, opium, codeine, and hydrocodone.” [Drug Enforcement Administration, accessed 7/30/20]

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McCormick Stated That He Had Reported The Incidents To The DEA, But It Is Unclear When This Occurred. “Richard reported the incident to the DEA before we spoke. I advised Richard to get as much details about each prescription as he could in case it is needed either by pd or the DEA.” [Gwinnett County Police Department, Officer R.D. Walsh Narrative, Case Number 190017695, Report Filed 2/25/19]
Note: Multiple FOIA requests to the DEA for further information on this subject were denied under privacy exemptions.

McCormick Criticized Rural Health Care Facilities As Inefficient And Attacked The VA

May 2020: McCormick Criticized The Existence Of A Rural VA Hospital In South Dakota As Inefficient

May 2020: McCormick Criticized A Rural VA Hospital As Inefficient. “MCCORMICK: ‘If you look at the VA system, in South Dakota they have a hospital that has a census of 5 per week. A hospital. Do you know how much administrative cost, building cost, facilities, doctors, administrators, everything that goes into this hospital for 5 patients per week? Are you kidding me? That’s crazy. That is the most ineffective. Why? Because government said ‘well there’s your piece, that pays off your district.’ That’s how, when the government takes over, how you pay off your lobbyists and your politicians. There’s no accountability.’” [Medical Association of Georgia, 19:01, 5/18/20]

McCormick Had Previously Criticized The Existence Of A VA Hospital In South Dakota And Called The VA “Literally A Joke.” “MCCORMICK: ‘It is widely seen as inefficient at the very best you have a hospital in South Dakota, protected by politicians that has an average weekly census of five, the entire hospital five. Tell me how that makes any sense other than a bureaucrat really wants it in their district. Yeah, you know, these veterans’ administration hospitals were kind of one of the first revelations I had about something was rotten in the state of Denmark. These Veterans Administration hospitals run so ridiculously poorly. You can't make it up. I mean, it is literally a joke.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 11:00, 5/14/20]

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the border illegally and come straight to our ERs. That much we should agree on. Give our vets what they deserve, which is first rate healthcare.”” [Medical Association of Georgia, 19:01, 5/18/20]

McCormick Said That Allowing Doctors To Do More Pro Bono Care For Veterans Was A Solution To Problems With The VA. “MCCORMICK: ‘If you allow doctors to do pro bono work for vets, you would see the most generous hardworking doctors you have ever seen. The problem is they can't because they are part of a hospital system that won't allow them. You see the difference between socialism and capitalism - do you know better where your money should go than the government does? If you believe that, guess who you are.’” [Medical Association of Georgia, 19:01, 5/18/20]

**April 2020: McCormick Said That There Is “No Motivation To Work Harder” In The VA**

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**July 2020: McCormick Criticized The Cost Of The VA For “Just About 8 Million Applicants”**

July 2020: McCormick Criticized The Cost Of The VA For “Just About 8 Million Applicants.” “The Veterans Administration is extremely expensive. I think we spent $240 billion on just about 8 million Africans last year, wildly exposed to some of the worst and most inefficient medicine in the free world. We have so many better free market solutions. And yet, we're not really exploring those things because of special interest. And we need to get on this. We need to we need to find better solutions that have transparency. Pricing, transparency is a good thing. And that's what the President's been pushing for because he's not beholden to special interest. Like so many other politicians on both sides of the aisle.’” [America Out Loud, 48:22, 7/2/20]

**McCormick Was An Anti-Abortion Extremist And Supported A Complete Ban With No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest**

McCormick Supported A Total Abortion Ban, With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or The Life Of The Mother

**January 2020: McCormick Answered An Issue Questionnaire Prepared By The Georgia Life Alliance**

McCormick Answered That Abortion Should Be Illegal In All Circumstances, With No Exceptions In Cases Of Rape, Incest, Or When The Life Of The Mother Is In Jeopardy. “Do you believe abortion should be illegal? […]If you answered “yes” to question 1, do you believe there should be an exception to laws prohibiting abortion in any of the following circumstances? (please initial all that you agree with).” [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]
**ISSUE: ABORTION**

The Georgia Life Alliance (GLA) believes that unborn children should be protected by law, and that abortion should be permitted only when necessary to prevent the death of the mother.

For each numbered question, please indicate your answer by initialing next to the “yes” or “no” for each question. NOTE, in every numbered question below, the answer “yes” indicates agreement with the position of GLA.

1. Do you believe abortion should be illegal?

   YES  _RM_  NO ________

   If you answered “yes” to question 1, do you believe there should be an exception to laws prohibiting abortion in any of the following circumstances? (please initial all that you agree with)

   (a) ______ To prevent the death of the mother.

   (b) ______ In cases of rape where the rape is reported to an appropriate law enforcement agency.

   (c) ______ In cases of incest where the incest is committed against a minor and it has been reported to an appropriate agency.

   (d) Other: (Please initial all that you agree with or complete d.) __________________________

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   [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

McCormick Answered That He Supported The Reversal of Roe V. Wade By The Supreme Court

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   YES _RM_  NO ________

   [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

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Protection Act which was passed in 2012 and which seeks to ban abortion after 20 weeks (following fertilization)?” [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

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YES RM NO ________

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

McCormick Answered That He Would Support Requiring Parental Consent Before A Minor Obtaining An Abortion

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4. Would you support improving Georgia’s law by requiring a parent or guardian’s consent prior to a minor obtaining an abortion? (current law only requires parental notification)

YES RM NO ________

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

McCormick Answered That He Supported Mandated “Women’s Right To Know” Or Invasive Questioning Prior To An Abortion

McCormick Answered That He Supported Mandated “Women’s Right To Know” Or Invasive Questioning Prior To An Abortion. “Do you support Georgia’s “Woman’s Right to Know” law which ensures women are given medically and scientifically significant information (including the risks of the abortion procedure and benefits if the woman brings the child to term) prior to obtaining an abortion? […] Would you support ensuring all doctors are required to report they have given a woman the informed consent required under the ‘Woman’s Right to Know’ law regardless of whether the abortion was performed in an abortion clinic, hospital, or doctor’s office?” [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

5. Do you support Georgia’s “Woman’s Right to Know” law which ensures women are given medically and scientifically significant information (including the risks of the abortion procedure and benefits if the woman brings the child to term) prior to obtaining an abortion?

YES RM NO ________

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

6. Would you support ensuring all doctors are required to report they have given a woman the informed consent required under the “Woman’s Right to Know” law regardless of whether the abortion was performed in an abortion clinic, hospital, or doctor’s office?

YES RM NO ________

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

McCormick Answered That He Supported Required Provision Of Ultrasounds To Women Seeking An Abortion. “Ultrasound is the “window” to the womb. Would you support legislation to ensure any
woman seeking an abortion is actively provided information regarding free ultrasounds and that any image resulting from an ultrasound must be made available for the woman to view prior to her abortion?” [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

7. Ultrasound is the “window” to the womb. Would you support legislation to ensure any woman seeking an abortion is actively provided information regarding free ultrasounds and that any image resulting from an ultrasound must be made available for the woman to view prior to her abortion?

YES RM NO ______

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

McCormick Supported Ban On Abortion Due To Severe Genetic Defects Which Would Be Disguised As A Ban On Sex Selective Abortion

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YES RM NO ______

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

McCormick Answered That He Supported A Ban On So-Called “Dismemberment Abortions”

McCormick Answered That He Supported A Ban On So-Called “Dismemberment Abortions.” “Would you support legislation to prohibit dismemberment abortions (where the life of the fetus is terminated by dismemberment of the body)?” [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

10. Would you support legislation to prohibit dismemberment abortions (where the life of the fetus is terminated by dismemberment of the body)?

YES RM NO ______

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

McCormick Answered That He Supported A Ban On Taxpayer Funding For Any Form Of Abortion

McCormick Answered That He Supported A Ban On Taxpayer Funding For Any Form Of Abortion. “Would you support a law prohibiting the use of taxpayer dollars to pay for abortions, except when necessary to prevent the mother’s death?” [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

13. Would you support a law prohibiting the use of taxpayer dollars to pay for abortions, except when necessary to prevent the mother’s death?

YES RM NO ______

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]
McCormick Answered That He Supported Recognizing A Fetus As A Legal Person And Banning Abortion After The Detection Of A Heartbeat

McCormick Answered That He Supported Recognizing A Fetus As A Legal Person And Banning Abortion After The Detection Of A Heartbeat. “Do you support HB 481, the Living Infants Fairness & Equality Act (The LIFE Act; aka the Heartbeat Bill), which recognized a child in the womb as a person and ended most abortions after a baby’s heartbeat is detected – usually around 6 weeks?” [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

14. Do you support HB 481, the Living Infants Fairness & Equality Act (The LIFE Act; aka the Heartbeat Bill), which recognized a child in the womb as a person and ended most abortions after a baby's heartbeat is detected – usually around 6 weeks?

YES RM NO

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

McCormick Retweeted A Post Claiming Assertions That “Abortion Is Health Care” Were A “Brainwashing Method” Being Used On “Young Teens”

McCormick Retweeted A Post Criticizing Bernie Sanders’ Assertion That “Abortion Is Health Care” As A “Brainwashing Method” Being Used On Young Teens Whose “Minds... Haven’t Been Fully Developed.” “Suggesting this to young teens and to the minds that haven’t been fully developed is disturbing, and quite frankly dangerous. Your brainwashing method won’t work when you stand before God. With a good conscience I can’t even wish you good luck! #AllLivesMatter #ChoseLife.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Original: @ROHLL5), 1/26/20]

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[Rich McCormick via Twitter (Original: @ROHLL5), 1/26/20; @ROHLL5 via Twitter, 1/25/20]

McCormick Of Schumer: “I Hope When He Meets Our Maker He Has To Explain To The Lord Why He Worked So Hard To Kill Babies.” “I hope when he meets our maker, he has to explain to the Lord why he worked so hard to kill babies.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/4/20]
I hope when he meets our maker, he has to explain to the Lord why he worked so hard to kill babies.

This marks a dangerous new low.
## McCormick Spread Right-Wing Conspiracy Theories

### Significant Findings

- McCormick peddled an anti-Semitic conspiracy theory that George Soros put $20 million into flipping Georgia’s 7th Congressional District.

- McCormick appeared on a podcast hosted by a far-right blogger who frequently posted racist, xenophobic and dangerous conspiracy theories:
  - In Jan. 2020, the website posted a podcast claiming the Democratic Party had “mind-numbing control” over Black Americans. In May 2020, the website posted a podcast claiming the media waged a war “of distortion” to convince people that cardiac death are overwhelmingly caused by the use of hydroxychloroquine. In July 2020, the website posted a blog claiming the Democratic Party and media were distorting the truth about Black Lives Matter, claiming Muslim groups were inciting their followers to riot, topple statutes and wreak havoc among “non-Muslims of the USA.”

- McCormick appeared on the Patriots’ Soapbox News Network – a 24-hour YouTube channel for “QAnon study and discussion.”

- On Patriots’ Soapbox, McCormick promoted a debunked racist and anti-Semitic far-right conspiracy theory that George Soros donated $20 million to Black Lives Matter through ActBlue “as a way to incite more violence and unrest to get people out to vote the wrong way.”

- The conspiracy theory that Soros donated money to BLM via ActBlue – a Democratic fundraising tool – was first circulated by a QAnon account.

- On Patriots’ Soapbox, McCormick was silent when the host compared Black Lives Matter and the Democratic Party to Nazi Germany.

- McCormick repeatedly boosted claims that Democrats funded and supported terrorist groups.

- McCormick repeatedly peddled “Obamagate” conspiracy theories claiming the Obama Administration spied on Donald Trump and maliciously worked against those close to him.

- McCormick was interviewed by the conspiracy riddled podcast “Patriots In Tune” which advocated a hostile takeover of the tech industry.

- McCormick promoted conspiracy theories that Democrats were involved in the death of Jeffrey Epstein. The tweet promoting this has since been deleted.

- McCormick followed a host of QAnon centered accounts on the Right-Wing social Media website Parler.

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**McCormick Peddled An Anti-Semitic Conspiracy Theory That George Soros Put $20 Million Into GA-07...**

**McCormick Peddled A Conspiracy Theory That George Soros Put $20 Million Into Flipping GA-07**
McCormick Appeared On “Malcolm Out Loud” And Peddled A Conspiracy Theory That George Soros Put $20 Million Into GA-07. MCCORMICK (23:19) “And so the 7th (District) is their next battleground. They’re going to be investing millions and millions – tens of millions of dollars into this race. We just saw I think Soros put $20 million into this area…” HOST: “Wow!” “…basically trying to turn this into a blue district and it’s going to be a battleground…” [America Out Loud - Malcolm Out Loud, 7/2/20]

McCormick Had Previously Claimed George Soros Donated $20 Million To Black Lives Matter Through ActBlue “As A Way To Incite More Violence And Unrest To Get People Out To Vote The Wrong Way.” MCCORMICK: “And if you look at what Soros did, I just heard today, and – I don’t want to get conspiracy [sic] on you or anything – but $20 million was donated to Black Lives Matter basically through ActBlue. Basically, as a way to incite more violence and unrest to get people out to vote the wrong way based on a narrative that we know is false.” [Patriots Soapbox News via YouTube, 6/19/20]

AP HEADLINE: George Soros Conspiracy Theories Surge As Protests Sweep US. [AP, 6/21/20]

AP: George Soros – Who Has Long Been The Subject Of Anti-Semitic Conspiracy Theories – Is Now Being Falsely Accused Of Orchestrating And Funding The Protests Over Police Killings Of Black People. “They say he hires protesters and rents buses to transport them. Some say he has people stash piles of bricks to be hurled into glass storefronts or at police. George Soros, the billionaire investor and philanthropist who has long been a target of conspiracy theories, is now being falsely accused of orchestrating and funding the protests over police killings of Black people that have roiled the United States. Amplified by a growing number of people on the far right, including some Republican leaders, online posts about Soros have skyrocketed in recent weeks. They have been accompanied by online ads bought by conservative groups that call on authorities to ‘investigate George Soros for funding domestic terrorism and his decades-long corruption.’ Soros, 89, has donated billions of dollars of his personal wealth to liberal and anti-authoritarian causes around the world, making him a favored target among many on the right. The Hungarian-American, who is Jewish, has also been the subject of anti-Semitic attacks and conspiracy theories for decades.” [AP, 6/21/20]

…On A Podcast Hosted By A Far-Right Blogger Who Frequently Posted Racist, Xenophobic And Dangerous Conspiracy Theories

America Out Loud Was Run By “Malcolm Out Loud”


The Podcast’s Description Asked Why The Democratic Party Had “Mind-Numbing Control Over The Black American Community” “Why has the democrat party has some mind-numbing control over the Black American community?” [America Out Loud – Malcolm Out Loud, 1/30/20]


The Podcast Description Accused The Media Of Waging A War “Of Distortion” Against The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine. “Every American must realize that there is an agenda lurking behind most of the policies and debate taking place in opening up cities and towns from the COVID Lockdown. We are experiencing a full-media war of distortion against the use of hydroxychloroquine. The media puppets and political hacks have taken it upon themselves to discourage and disperse lies on an hour by hour basis. The stories are being written like bombshells of new information to convince folks that cardiac deaths are overwhelming due to the use of hydroxychloroquine.” [America Out Loud – Malcolm Out Loud, 5/27/20]

The Description Suggested The Media Was Attempting To Convince People “That Cardiac Deaths Are Overwhelming Due To The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine.” “The stories are being written like bombshells of new information to convince folks that cardiac deaths are overwhelming due to the use of hydroxychloroquine.” [America Out Loud – Malcolm Out Loud, 5/27/20]

July 2020: America Out Loud Posted An Article Claiming Muslim Groups Were Exploiting The BLM Movement To Incite Riots, Topple Statues, And Wreak Havok Against Non-Muslims In The US – Adding BLM Achieved The “Primal Goal Of Islamic Sharia” To “Force Non-Muslims…To Submit…Or Be Exterminated”


The Article Suggested The Democratic Party And The Media Were Distorting “The Truth Regarding Black Lives Matter,” Arguing That Muslim Groups “Incited Their Muslim Followers To Go On The Riots, Topple Statues And Wreak-Havoc Upon Infidels/Kuffar/Non-Muslims Of The USA.” “As always, the New York Times, Washington Post, CNN, MSNBC and all the other stooges of the Democrat Party, continue deceiving the American people, willfully misinforming, and literally contorting the truth regarding Black Lives Matter (BLM); we too must always counter their mendacity with Facts, Reality and TRUTH. Before and during the riots and wanton destruction visited upon 70 American cities (just about all controlled by Democrats), the leaders of the Muslims in the USA, such as CAIR (Council of American Islamic Relations), incited their Muslim followers to go on the riots, topple statues and wreak-havoc upon the Infidels/ Kuffar/ Non-Muslims of the USA.” [America Out Loud, 7/6/20]

The Article Said Muslim Americans Showed Solidarity With BLM After George Floyd’s Killing “For Obviously Selfish And Convenient Reasons”. “Since Floyd’s killing, Muslim Americans, for obviously very selfish and convenient reasons, have mostly shown solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement.” [America Out Loud, 7/6/20]

The Article Said BLM Achieved “The Primal Goal Of Islamic Sharia…To Either Force Non-Muslims…To Submit To Allah’s Sharia, Or Be Exterminated.” “After all, BLM is achieving the primal goal of Islamic Sharia; the very essence and foundation of the belief system of every single Muslim: to either force Non-Muslims/ Infidels/ Kuffar to submit to Allah’s Sharia, or be exterminated.” [America Out Loud, 7/6/20]

The Article Said BLM Was A “Criminal Enterprise Pretending To Be A Social Movement.” “BLM is in fact a Criminal Enterprise pretending to be a Social Movement, protecting the rights of black Americans, above and beyond the rights of non-blacks. This is exactly why BLM is in favor of defunding, and even dismantling the Police forces, so that they will be able to terrorize Americans to submit to their will.” [America Out Loud, 7/6/20]

The Article Suggested BLM Should Demand Reparations From “The Muslim States Of Africa” And “Not From Currently Innocent Americans.” “BLM should demand ‘reparations’ NOT from currently innocent
Americans, but from the Muslim states of Africa, who did all the trading in human trafficking and continue, even today in Mauritania and Libya.” [America Out Loud, 7/6/20]

McCormick Appeared On A QAnon Hub And Peddled Racist And Anti-Semitic Conspiracy Theories And COVID-19 Misinformation That Originated In QAnon Circles

NOTE: McCormick’s appearances on the Patriots’ Soapbox News Network can be found here and here.

McCormick Appeared Twice On The Patriots’ Soapbox News Network, A QAnon Hub

HuffPost: McCormick Appeared Twice On A QAnon Hub, Patriots’ Soapbox News Network. “Consider Rich McCormick, who is running for a toss-up open seat in Georgia’s 7th Congressional District and has been retweeted multiple times by Trump. McCormick has appeared twice on a livestreamed YouTube program that is part of the Patriots’ Soapbox News Network, a QAnon hub. In one appearance, he promoted a debunked racist and anti-Semitic far-right conspiracy theory about George Soros and Democrats’ laundering money through a front group to fund Black Lives Matter. A version of this false claim was first circulated by a QAnon account.” [Huffington Post, 7/4/20]

NBC News: Patriots’ Soapbox Was A Round-The-Clock Livestreamed YouTube Channel For QAnon Study And Discussion. “Kicked off Reddit, Rogers hatched a new plan. He would replace the mainstream media — often a target of Q’s posts — with a constantly streaming YouTube network made up of the self-described ‘researchers’ who were putting together Q’s clues. Within a month, Rogers, 31, and his wife, Christina Urso, 29, had launched the Patriots’ Soapbox, a round-the-clock livestreamed YouTube channel for Qanon study and discussion. The channel is, in effect, a broadcast of a Discord chatroom with constant audio commentary from a rotating cast of volunteers and moderators with sporadic appearances by Rogers and Urso. In April, Urso registered Patriots’ Soapbox LLC in Virginia.” [NBC News, 8/14/18]

In One Appearance, McCormick Promoted A Debunked Racist And Anti-Semitic Far-Right Conspiracy Theory That Was First Circulated By A QAnon Account

McCormick Claimed George Soros Donated $20 Million To Black Lives Matter Through ActBlue “As A Way To Incite More Violence And Unrest To Get People Out To Vote The Wrong Way.” MCCORMICK: “And if you look at what Soros did, I just heard today, and – I don’t want to get conspiracy [sic] on you or anything – but $20 million was donated to Black Lives Matter basically through ActBlue. Basically, as a way to incite more violence and unrest to get people out to vote the wrong way based on a narrative that we know is false.” [Patriots Soapbox News via YouTube, 6/19/20]

HuffPost: McCormick Promoted A Debunked Racist And Anti-Semitic Far-Right Conspiracy Theory About George Soros And Democrats’ Laundering Money Through A Front Group To Fund Black Lives Matter. “Consider Rich McCormick, who is running for a toss-up open seat in Georgia’s 7th Congressional District and has been retweeted multiple times by Trump. McCormick has appeared twice on a livestreamed YouTube program that is part of the Patriots’ Soapbox News Network, a QAnon hub. In one appearance, he promoted a debunked racist and anti-Semitic far-right conspiracy theory about George Soros and Democrats’ laundering money through a front group to fund Black Lives Matter. A version of this false claim was first circulated by a QAnon account.” [Huffington Post, 7/4/20]

The Debunked Conspiracy Theory About Black Lives Matter, ActBlue, And Democrats Was First Circulated By A QAnon Account. “A false money laundering conspiracy theory regarding the Black Lives Matter movement’s use of a payment processing company for donations has gained traction online among right-wing figures and can be traced back to far-right message boards. The conspiracy theory alleges that the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement is some kind of a front to launder money to Democrats because the BLM website uses ActBlue to process its online fundraising payments. ActBlue is a payment processor used
widely by progressive groups and organizations affiliated with the Democratic Party, and the Republican Party has an equivalent processing company called WinRed. As the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics has noted, “many candidates use [ActBlue] to process donations but that money isn't pooled to be shared across candidates or groups,” and “a donation to BLM through ActBlue goes just to BLM, not any other group.” But the conspiracy theory still has earned well over a million shares and views on social media and has been amplified by a Fox Nation host. A review by Media Matters found that before it gained traction, the conspiracy theory had been circulating for days on far-right message boards. The earliest mention our review found was at the beginning of June on Twitter, when an account that has pushed the slogan for the QAnon conspiracy theory repeatedly tweeted the claim on June 1 and June 2. The account claimed it had sent the conspiracy theory to the FBI and President Donald Trump, and it urged the Ohio Police Department to investigate the claim.” [Media Matters, 6/12/20]

HEADLINE: A Debunked Conspiracy Theory About Black Lives Matter, ActBlue, And Democrats Can Be Traced To Far-Right Message Boards. [Media Matters, 6/12/20]

The Host Of Patriots’ Soapbox During McCormick’s Interview Compared Black Lives Matter And The Democratic Party To Nazi Germany. HOST: “Yeah, now it’s up to us to spread that word. It’s definitely up to us to spread that word, because they’re – they’re trying to rewrite our history. They’re taking down all the statues. They’re doing what every totalitarian regime does. They literally desecrate history and then rewrite it the way they want to tell it, and they’re doing it as we speak right now. […] The perfect example is when you were in Germany, if you talked to a German back in the days and you’d be like, “Oh no, that’s not what the Nazis are.” And then Nazis are saying, “Yes, it is. Didn’t you see Goebbels’ documentary?” Like- Goebbels is writing the documentary explaining who the Nazis are, and right now we got Democrats writing the documentaries explaining who the Democrats are. And it’s all false. It’s all fake. Just to give you an analogy.” [Patriots Soapbox News via YouTube, 6/19/20]

McCormick Ignored The Statement And Proceeded To Tell His Story. After the host used a Nazi Germany “analogy” to describe the Democratic Party and Black Lives Matter, McCormick did not respond but instead began telling the host about his background. [Patriots Soapbox News via YouTube, 6/19/20]

McCormick Spread Misconceptions About The Federal Reserve, Which He Claimed Was Led By “Big Money People,” That Reinforced Anti-Semitic Tropes

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McCormick Reiterated Conspiratorial Talking Points About The Federal Reserve System And Called It A “Private Industry”
McCormick Said That The US Currency Is Not “Based By The Nation” Like China’s Was And That The Federal Reserve Is “Private Industry.” “MCCORMICK: ‘Now, I will say that there’s a complex issue because there’s a lot more to macroeconomics than what I just mentioned. And a lot of times when it comes to the Federal Reserve, and I know this is gonna get more complex and maybe we’re willing to get into right now, the way we pay back that money or don’t have to pay that money has a lot to do with how our designed government is. Realize that China has four times the national debt than we do. They don’t have to pay any interest. Why is that? Because their national currency is based by the nation. And because it’s their own currency, they’re able to do that. We could also do that. complex issue I know gets into a lot of banking issue, because realize that Federal Reserve is not federal, it’s not owned by the government, it goes to private industry.’’” [Medical Association of Georgia, 43:00, 5/18/20]

McCormick Claimed That The Federal Reserve Was Controlled By “Some Big Dollar People” But Caught Himself Before Launching Into A Conspiratorial Tirade. “We could also do that. complex issue I know gets into a lot of banking issue, because realize that Federal Reserve is not federal, it’s not owned by the government, it goes to private industry. So now you're talking about some big dollar people…I’m I’m I’m not willing to go out on a limb and challenge them right now, but realize it’s a very complex issue that we need to address in the future.’’” [Medical Association of Georgia, 43:00, 5/18/20]

According To The Anti-Defamation League, Anti-Semitic Conspiracies Regarding Purported Jewish Control Of The Monetary System And Specifically The Federal Reserve Have Become Increasingly Common In Recent Years. “For centuries, anti-Semitic propaganda has demonized the Jew as a conspiratorial, manipulative outsider, often with powers and designs of world domination. From the Middle Ages through the Holocaust, fabricated accusations against Jews as poisoners and corrupters have led to horrendous suffering for the Jewish people. In more recent years, the anti-Semitic notion that ‘the Jews’ dominate and command the U.S. Federal Reserve System and in effect control the world’s money has surfaced across the extremist spectrum. Contemporary economic anxieties and distrust of government have given new life to this timeworn myth.” [Anti-Defamation League, accessed 7/20/20]

**McCormick Agreed With Calls To “Audit The Fed”**

When Answering A Candidate Survey From The Group Campaign For Liberty, McCormick Agreed To Vote For A Bill To “Audit The Fed.” “‘Will you cosponsor and support efforts for roll call votes on the Audit the Fed bill, designed to bring transparency to the Federal Reserve? […] RICHARD MCCORMICK […] Y.” [Campaign for Liberty, accessed 7/28/20]

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2008: Campaign For Liberty Was Established By Ron Paul. “Rep. Ron Paul's presidential campaign, a pugnacious, ideological crusade against big government and interventionist leanings in the Republican party, will officially end Thursday at a rally outside the Texas GOP's convention, ABC News has learned. Paul told supporters back in March, in a video posted on his Web site, that he was winding down’ his campaign and planning a new phase to what he and fans call their ‘revolution.’ The new phase of the revolution officially begins with a speech tonight in Houston and a Web video to be posted on his site, officially ending Paul's presidential campaign and freeing up the more than $4.7 million in campaign cash for investment in a new advocacy group, The Campaign for Liberty.” [ABC News, 6/13/08]

“Q: ‘We’re moving on now to the second question as Federal funding for covid-19 takes the country into unprecedented debt. How do you propose the country deals with the obligations? We now face going forward and how do you see the debt affecting small business long term, how will you support small business?’” MCCORMICK: ‘So first of all, let’s talk about the national debt after we get done with this crisis, I think we will be approaching 30 trillion dollars a day. I think the president the United States has a pretty good idea of how he's going to deal with the Federal Reserve and how he's going to conquer that but it is burdensome and how it's going to come back to us is if we had to pay that debt it goes back to the small businesses and the individuals that are going to be burdened with that for future Generations.” [Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, YouTube, 18:54, 5/21/20]


“MCCORMICK: “We do have a spending problem. We have to control spending as best as possible. We have to create alliances to combat the out-of-control spending if you look at what is happening right now in the pandemic, about 10 trillion dollars more in national deficit before all this started we had half a trillion dollars in interest payments alone. We have a federal reserve that is very complex and difficult to read, Most people have to realize is first of all, the Federal Reserve is not federal. We are paying taxes to a private institution.”” [Gwinnett County Republican Party, Facebook, 23:37, 5/26/20]

McCormick Repeatedly Boosted Claims That Democrats Funded And Supported Terrorist Groups

McCormick Boosted A Claim That The Obama Administration And Democrats “Fund Terrorism”

“Obama and Democrats fund terrorism. @realDonaldTrump removes it!” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Quote: Lori Hendry), 1/8/20]

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McCormick Claimed “The Left” Sympathized With Terrorists While Retweeting A Photoshopped Picture Of Speaker Pelosi And Senate Minority Leader Schumer Superimposed In Front Of The Iranian Flag
McCormick Claimed “The Left” Was Sympathizing With Terrorists. “The world is watching Iranians push for democracy and the left sympathizes with the terrorists #NancyPelosiFakeNews #GA07” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 1/13/20]

McCormick Retweeted A Photoshopped Picture Of Speaker Pelosi And Senate Minority Leader Schumer Superimposed In Front Of The Iranian Flag And Donning Muslim Headwear. [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 1/13/20]

McCormick Claimed President Trump Was Able To Take “Decisive Action…Despite The Democrats Best Efforts To Appease Terrorists And Allow Our Economy To Sink”

McCormick: President Trump “Has Taken Decisive Action…Despite The Democrats Best Efforts To Appease Terrorists And Allow Our Economy Sink.” “Do you think Hillary would have answered the call to help America or would she have missed it like she did Benghazi? .@realDonaldTrump has taken decisive action time and time again, despite the Democrats best efforts to appease terrorists and allow our economy sink. #Covid19Out” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/24/20]

McCormick Repeatedly Peddled “Obamagate” Conspiracy Theories Claiming The Obama Administration Spied On Donald Trump And Maliciously Worked Against Those Close To Him

“Obamagate” Referred To President Trump’s Long-Standing Accusation Of Criminality Against The Obama Administration
“Obamagate” Referred To President Trump’s Long-Standing Accusations Of Criminality Against The Obama Administration, Including A Theory That The Obama Administration Conspired Against Michael Flynn In Order To Bring Down Trump. “U.S. President Donald Trump's long-standing accusation of criminality against his Democratic predecessor, Barack Obama, has taken on a new name: Obamagate. In this new iteration being hotly promoted by Trump and his right-wing allies, Obama officials in the waning days of his administration conspired to entrap Trump's national security adviser, Michael Flynn, as part of a larger plot to bring down the incoming president.” [Voice of America, 5/15/20]

McCormick Boosted A Conspiracy Theory That The “Deep State Left” Spied On The Trump Campaign

Jan. 2020: McCormick: Tough To Imagine Spying On President Trump’s Campaign Was The First Time The Deep State Left Broke The Law To Further Their Own Agenda. “Tough to imagine spying on President Trump's campaign was the first time the Deep State left broke the law to further their own agenda.... #WEF20 #ImpeachmentTrial #GA07 #GA7 #ThursdayThoughts” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 1/23/20]

May 2020: McCormick Boosted A Claim That Trump Was Being Spied On, Saying Trump Kept His Promises “All While Being Unfairly Treated By Mainstream Media And Spied On.” “.@realDonaldTrump has made promises and kept them! All while being unfairly treated by Mainstream media and spied on! Of all of his accomplishments in the first term which one means the most to you as Americans? #Trump #Obamagate #RedWave2020 #KAGA2020 #MAGA #KAG #Flynn” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 5/14/20]

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McCormick Claimed The Obama Administration Used Its Time During The Transition To “Sabotage” The Incoming Trump Administration, Calling It One Of The “Greatest Abuses Of Power In Our History.” “The peaceful transition of power from one President to the next has been the hallmark of American Democracy. It is clear @BarackObama used this delicate time to sabotage the @realdonaldtrump Administration. It is among the greatest abuses of power in our history #ObamaGate #GA07” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 5/21/20]

McCormick Pushed Misinformation Regarding General Michael Flynn – Claiming The Obama Administration Set Flynn Up

McCormick Claimed The Obama Administration Set Up Flynn In An Attempt To “[ Abuse] The Law To Obstruct And Oppose President Trump”

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McCormick Supported General Flynn, Calling His Case “Blatant Partisan Corruption,” And Claimed The Obama Administration Set The FBI On Flynn Because He Supported President Trump

McCormick: I Support General Flynn And Want To See Those Behind This Blatant Partisan Corruption Brought Out Into The Light. “I support @GenFlynn and want to see those behind this blatant partisan corruption brought out into the light! If this can happen to a man like General Flynn what does that say for every American? #FlynnExonerated #FlynnEntrapment #Corruption” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/30/20]

McCormick Claimed The Obama Administration Had The IRS And FBI “Go After” The Republican Party And General Flynn For His Support Of President Trump. “I think it’s reprehensible and dangerous to have the IRS to go after a political party when it happened with the Obama Administration and now with the FBI going after a general who spent his entire life serving his nation just because he supported President Trump.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/30/20]

TAGLINE: Dr. Rich McCormick: General Flynn Is A Patriot And I Have His Back. [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 4/30/20]
McCormick Frequently Used The “Obamagate” Hashtag

McCormick Said President Trump “Had To Beat” President Obama And Used The Hashtag “#ObaMAGate.” “Think about this, @realDonaldTrump had to beat @BarackObama, @HillaryClinton and @JoeBiden; the #Impeachment, the Russia hoax, the #COVID19, and managed to kill the top two terrorists in the world. All in the first term. #ObaMAGate #Trump #KAGA2020” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 5/11/20]

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McCormick Praised Trump In A Tweet And Added The Hashtags “#ObamaGate” And “#OBAMAGATEGATE” “God Bless @realDonaldTrump and his draining the swamp! Career politicians,
incompetence, and corruption erode everything that is great about America! The best is yet to come!! #ObamaGate #TermLimits #OBAMAGATEGATE #Trump #GA07 #Gapol” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 5/15/20]

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McCormick Was Interviewed By The Conspiracy-Riddled Conservative Podcast “Patriots In Tune” Who Advocated A Hostile Takeover Of The Tech Industry

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One Of The Hosts Complained About Being Allegedly Being Blocked On Facebook, Saying “If I Ever See That Zuckerberg I Swear I’m Going To Kick Him Right In The Ass.” “JEWELSJONES: ‘King just says FascistBook is blocking this TootsSweet. I don't know.’ TOOTSWEET: What happened? […] They're blocking my Facebook? […] They're block me on facebook now, these little…ugh…come on man. These Republicans better get their act together how they allowed they got us locked in the damn house. This is the only platform we can literally speak on and now they’re taking away of free speech. I'm telling you these republicans they’re doing nothing.
nothing. [...] This is really starting to piss me off. If I ever see that Zuckerberg I swear I'm going to kick him right in the ass.”’ [Patriots In Tune, 46:09, 5/13/20]

Host TootSweet Said That Big Tech Companies Should Be Taken Away From The “Scuzzballs” Who Should All Be Thrown In Jail. “TOOTSWEET: ‘And we let the republicans say, Oh, this is a private company. Are you people to stupid? I can't stand them anymore. They get they don't get anything wrong. We could open up our own free markets. We opened up early. I can't deal with these republicans anymore. They make me sicker than the democrats because democrats we know are scum. republicans are just stupid, dumb, lame nothings. They said disgusting. There's nothing worse in the world than nothing. But there's nothing worse. You can't get any worse than nothing. Democrats are scum. And republicans are nothing that nothing's disgusted Come on, we got to get this Congress back. We got to take this Congress back and we got to take over social media. I say this is a war. I mean, we're really a war and the spoils of war go to the winners. We should take all these companies away from these scuzzballs, throw them all in jail, take this stuff and divvy it up amongst ourselves and get rid of some of these labels. Get them the hell out of here. They make a sick they're the enemy within and was still dealing with these nuts. Like then like, like, it's, like, oh, that's okay. That's still American and not American. American. This is not America. I don't even know what the whole country I'm in was stuck in the house. [Patriots In Tune, 47:33, 5/13/20]

The Patriots In Tune Podcast Hosts Discussed The Obamagate Conspiracy Theory

The Patriots In Tune Podcast Hosts Read Out An “Open Memorandum” From Sidney Powell To President Obama. “JEWELJONES: ‘So this is from a raising hell [...] and it's an open letter from Sidney Powell to Barack Obama. The indictment for the Obama gate will not come soon enough for me get them Sidney. I don't know if you've read this letter or not, but it's pretty fantastic. [...] Okay, so so I'm gonna I'm gonna I'm going to read this as quickly as I can. It's three pages. But it's it's fantastic. And it's an open memorandum to Barack Hussein Obama, and it was dated May 12. And it says regarding your failure to find precedent for Flynn dismissal regarding the decision of the Department of Justice dismissed with prejudice, the information filed against General Flynn.”’ [Patriots In Tune, 52:51, 5/13/20]

Another Host Dismissed The Crime Of Lying To The FBI As Not A Real Crime. “TOOTSWEET: ‘That's that's a damning. Well, she’s amazing. I mean, everything she just laid out. And what she said was, I love the way she explained that trying to get Flynn on a perjury trap on perjury when it was like, What the hell did he even do? I mean, this is like crazy. When they literally the real perjury is when you intentionally lie under oath. He wasn't under oath. What did he do? I'm so sick of this. He lied to an FBI agent. Well, you know what these when FBI agents are the biggest lies on earth? They can't lie. Why the hell are they lying? And the same thing with Congress? If you lie in front of Congress, you're in trouble yet Congress sits there in lies it to our face every second of the day. Everything's opposite of what it should be. They should be held accountable for lying, not us. What the hell is going on? He were the people serving us.’’” [Patriots In Tune, 1:03:14, 5/13/20]

McCormick Said He Grew Up Conservative And That His Sons Listen To “Crowder And Shapiro”

McCormick Said He Grew Up Conservative And That His Sons Listen To “Crowder And Shapiro.” “MCCORMICK: ‘Yeah, I grew up conservative. I have some libertarian leanings. But I think overall, I'm a real conservative guy. I think I grew up my mom's a conservative. My sons are conservative say they listened to Louder With Crowder and Ben Shapiro. I sometimes have to talk them down a little bit like okay, have you ever considered this? reality check. But yeah, I'm a conservative guy. I think it goes, Plays Well With my faith. I think it plays well in my convictions about what this great nation has been built on. The Freedom the principles of limited government, free market solutions, individual liberties that made this nation so amazing when it comes to the the American dream and what gives opportunity not just to one set of people but all sets of people. I don't care what race or gender religion you are, the American Dream is for everybody. If they're just looking for an opportunity to get ahead by hard work.’’” [Patriots In Tune, 1:20:29, 5/13/20]
McCormick Claimed That He Had Friends That Were Involved In The Attack On The American Compound In Benghazi. “JEWLESJONES: ‘isn't he incredible? I mean, every single one of his promises he has kept including draining the swamp and exposing the swamp, that for what it is, it's unreal what he has been able to accomplish. And I know you're gonna be able to do the exact same thing, but I'm with you. I was expected to vote for Hillary Clinton, because I'm a woman here in Hollywood. And I sat there and I would listen to everyone say, Well, you know, I'm voting for Hillary. And I've said to a few of my friends. Why? I mean, what is she offering you? Exactly? I mean, other than being a woman, I don't see how her platform is going to help you or the country personally at all. She's not in our best interest here. And then when you bring up what she's done to the military, Benghazi is a perfect example.’ MCCORMICK: ‘Yeah, it's horrible. That really upset me. I have some People, some friends are involved in that, that just that whole. I get emotional talk about because that was really sad case of politics over people.’” [Patriots In Tune, 1:29:56, 5/13/20]

One Host Claimed That The Podcast Was Personally Targeted By Hillary Clinton In 2019 And That She Had Been Personally Tracking The Show Since 2016. “JEWELSJONES: ‘But one thing that we do on this show Dr. McCormick is we are the Mighty 200. We were actually targeted. By Hillary Clinton personally, all 200 of us and this was back in 2019. But she had been watching us since 2016. As you know, I live in Hollywood, so I was not able to really talk about my views. So I started talking about my beliefs, my political beliefs, etc. on social media. That was my only outlet. I couldn't talk to my friends, I couldn't talk to my co-workers, because I would have lost everyone and everything, including probably my job and everything else.’” [Patriots In Tune, 1:30:52, 5/13/20]

The Host JewelsJones Claimed That She Was Part Of A Group Of 200 Who Were Personally Doxxed By Hillary Clinton. “MCCORMICK: ‘But one thing that we do on this show Dr. McCormick is we are the Mighty 200. We were actually targeted. By Hillary Clinton personally, all 200 of us and this was back in 2019. But she had been watching us since 2016. As you know, I live in Hollywood, so I was not able to really talk about my views. So I started talking about my beliefs, my political beliefs, etc. on social media. That was my only outlet. I couldn't talk to my friends, I couldn't talk to my co-workers, because I would have lost everyone and everything, including probably my job and everything else. So I've had to keep that pretty quiet that part of my life. So I started tweeting and tweeting a lot, obviously, because I made this hitlist of Hillary Clinton's, and me and 200 others, and it's because we were tweeting and because we were getting a bigger reach than CNN, NBC fake news media, etc. So she put us on a hit list, told everyone that we were foreign agents, Russian bots, and had Politico Bloomberg on A lot of fake news, write articles about us, and then had our Twitter handles and our profile pictures, the one that you see here, on a page where people could click including trolls and everybody else from the left, click on that, and she doxxed us basically, they could figure out who we were. And you know, attackers start shutting down our accounts, etc, etc. Well, we decided to fight back, I found toots on Twitter and I said, Hey, I need a musician. We're gonna fight this, we're gonna fight this right. And Toots wrote us the Mighty 200 song. I don't know if you heard the beginning of the show. But that was the song that he wrote about the Mighty 200. So we've been fighting ever since. And that's the group that you're in now the political room with the Mighty 200 they're going they're amazing on social media, they will get your message out.’” [Patriots In Tune, 1:29:56, 5/13/20]

JewelsJones Claimed That She And The “Mighty 200” Tweeted For “The President, They Tweet For Giuliani, For Everyone.” “JEWLESJONES: ‘And that's the group that you're in now the political room with the Mighty 200 they're going they're amazing on social media, they will get your message out. They will do whatever it takes. They tweet for the President. They, they tweet for Giuliani, they, they you know everyone, and they're just amazing patriots. So that is your audience.’” [Patriots In Tune, 1:32:40, 5/13/20]
McCormick Followed A Host Of QAnon Accounts On The Right-Wing Social Media Website Parler

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McCormick Followed The Parler Account “GreyAnon” A QAnon Conspiracy Account


“GreyAnon” Was Clearly A QAnon-Focused Account, Festooned With References To The Conspiracy Cult.  “100% Deplorable #maga #Usmc Vet. #semperfi. #GenFlynn #Qanon #wwg1wga Mod/Host #PatriotsSoapbox #PSBarmy” [GreyAnon, Parler, accessed 7/23/20]
Early July 2020: McCormick Followed A Parler Account Called “QanonAmerica” Which Did Not Exist As Of July 23, 2020

QanonAmerica was a QAnon account that went by the screen name WWG1GA Patriot. [QanonAmerica, Parler, accessed 7/6/20]
WWG1WGA Was An Abbreviation “For Where We Go One, We Go All,” Which Was Associated With The QAnon Movement. “The Q posts are known to the faithful as ‘breadcrumbs.’ The people who then try to figure out what they mean are called ‘bakers.’ According to The Daily Beast's Will Sommer, QAnon adherents also spend a lot of time trying to figure out who in the government is a ‘white hat’ Trump supporter and who is a ‘black hat’ in league with the deep state. Their rallying cry is "where we go one, we go all," a line from the 1996 Jeff Bridges sailing adventure "White Squall" that they misattribute to President Kennedy. The phrase is frequently abbreviated to ‘WWG1WGA,’ which Roseanne Barr -- one of several celebrity QAnon promoters -- tweeted in June. Former Red Sox pitcher and current right-wing radio host Curt Schilling has also promoted QAnon online.” [CBS News, 8/2/18]

As Of July 2020, McCormick Follow Xx Accounts With The WWG1WGA Calling Card In Their Biographical Section. [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Parler, 7/23/20]


[Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Parler, 7/23/20]
McCormick Followed The Account Grey Anon On Parler. “100% Deplorable #maga #Usmc Vet. #semperfi. #GenFlynn #Qanon #wwg1wga Mod/Host #PatriotsSoapbox #PSBarmy.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Parler, 7/23/20]

McCormick Followed The Account Phxrising8 On Parler. “I’m only on Parler because Twitter sucks. And I’m only on Twitter because Trump is! #wwg1wgaus #magaus #kagus.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Parler, 7/23/20]
McCormick Followed The Account Su8lim3 On Parler. “#MAGA #wwg1wga #qanon #thegreatawakening #godwins #digitalsoldier #patriot #qarmy #american #uscg.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Parler, 7/23/20]

McCormick Followed The Account Theresa Pagano On Parler. “#Patriot #Trump2020 #wwg1wga I love my President! From the moment he announced, I was thrilled to finally have someone running this country like a business!!! #LikeABoss #USA Text Trump to 88022. [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Parler, 7/23/20]
McCormick Followed The Account Carolyn On Parler. “John 3:16 #TRUMP God and Trump is our hope for the future! 🕊️ I see RED 2020 us #VETS #WWG1WGA #MAGA FB 🦅 @CraigRSawyer @RealJamesWoods @GenFlynn IFB #MAGA lady @Carolyn_4_Vets on Twitter, Roll Tide!” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Parler, 7/23/20]

McCormick Followed The Account Michellestripe On Parler “TRUMP2020 usus #WWG1WGA usus #KAG #MAGA #PROLIFE #Q #Michigan.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Parler, 7/23/20]
McCormick Hid The True Nature Of His Residency And Finances

**Significant Findings**

- 2014: McCormick Voted In Florida After Having Regularly Voted In Georgia.
- 2000-2020: McCormick was registered to vote in Florida.
  - McCormick voted absentee for all elections in Florida, with the last ballot sent to his house in North Carolina.
  - Florida does not have a state income tax.
- 2006-2020: McCormick was registered to vote in Georgia.
- May 2020: McCormick’s GOP opponents criticized him for not voting for Trump in 2016, making excuses for his missed vote and repeatedly changing his excuses.
- McCormick defended his actions, claiming to have voted absentee in 2016 and 2014, only for his votes to have not been counted.
- McCormick emphatically stated that a candidate should run for office in the district that they live in.
- McCormick said that “I don’t try to claim things that I’m not.”
- McCormick’s financial disclosures to Congress obscured the true state of McCormick’s finances.
  - In 2019, McCormick reported having no assets, but on his 2020 disclosure, he reported significant assets, including a home, car, and bank accounts.
  - As of July 2020, over half of the McCormick campaign’s receipts came from self-financing, coming to more than half a million dollars.

McCormick Repeatedly Voted In Florida, Despite Not Having Lived There For Years

2014: McCormick Voted In Florida After Having Regularly Voted In Georgia

2014: McCormick Voted In Florida After Having Regularly Voted In Georgia. [Georgia Secretary of State Individual Voter Report, Generated 7/13/20] [Florida Department of State, Public Record Request Response, received 6/19/20] [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Voter Registration Report, Received 7/13/20]

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Note: Blue shading indicates voting in GEORGIA elections. Red shading indicates voting in FLORIDA elections; A indicates absentee voting while X indicates regular, in-person voting.

Note: In 2014, McCormick resided in North Carolina (see below).

### 2000-2020: McCormick Was Registered To Vote In Florida

#### February 2000: McCormick Registered To Vote In Florida

2/16/2000: According To The Santa Rosa County Florida Supervisor Of Elections, McCormick Registered To Vote In Milton, FL. [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Voter Registration Report, Received 7/13/20]

**2000: McCormick Voted In The Florida October Primary Election.** [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Voter Registration Report, Received 7/13/20]

**2000: McCormick Voted In The Florida General Election.** [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Voter Registration Report, Received 7/13/20]

**2004: McCormick Voted Absentee In The Florida Primary Election.** [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Voter Registration Report, Received 7/13/20]

**2004: McCormick Voted Absentee In The Florida General Election.** [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Voter Registration Report, Received 7/13/20]

**2014: McCormick Voted Absentee In The Florida Primary Election.** [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Voter Registration Report, Received 7/13/20]

Note: It is unknown if McCormick was a resident of Florida for tax purposes. FOIA requests with the Department of Defense are outstanding to determine what McCormick’s stated place of residence was for payroll purposes.

May 2020: McCormick Removed Himself From The Voter Rolls In Florida

5/18/20: According To An Email From The Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor Of Elections, McCormick Requested That His Voter Registration Be Terminated After Having Lived In Georgia For Years. “Good afternoon- please see attached information per your public records request. Mr. McCormick is no longer registered to vote in Santa Rosa County. He requested to be removed from the voter rolls on May 18, 2020.” [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Voter Registration Report, Email. 7/13/20]

According To An Email From The Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor Of Elections, McCormick Was Continually Registered To Vote In Florida From 2/16/00 To 5/18/20 Without Interruption. “Q: ‘Thank you very much for the responsive records and contextual information. As a point of clarification, do your records indicate that Mr. McCormick was continuously registered to vote in Santa Rosa County from 2/16/00 to 5/18/20?’ SUPERVISOR: ‘Yes.’” [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Email. 7/13/20]
The Absentee Ballot Address On File With Santa Rosa County Was McCormick’s Prior Residence In North Carolina

The Absentee Ballot Address On File With Santa Rosa County Was McCormick’s Prior Residence In Hampstead, NC. [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Email. 7/13/20]

Mailing Address  
Hampstead NC  

2006-2020: McCormick Was Registered To Vote In Georgia

2006: McCormick First Voted In The State Of Georgia In The 2006 General Election

2006: McCormick First Voted In The State Of Georgia In The 2006 General Election As A Resident Of Cobb County. [Georgia Secretary of State Individual Voter Report, Generated 7/13/20]

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As Of July 2020, McCormick Was Registered To Vote In Suwanee, GA

As Of July, 2020, McCormick Was Registered To Vote In Suwanee, GA. [Georgia Secretary of State Individual Voter Report, Generated 7/13/20]
McCormick’s Residence In Suwanee, GA, Was Located Within Georgia’s 7th Congressional District. [House.gov, accessed 7/27/20]


2013: McCormick Purchased A House In Hampstead, NC, For $416,000

7/25/13: McCormick And Debra Miller Purchased A House In Hampstead, NC, For $416,000. [Pender County Register of Deeds, 7/26/13]

2017: McCormick Sold His House In Hampstead, NC, For $414,000

12/6/17: Rich And “His Wife” Debra Miller Sold Their House In Hampstead, NC. [Pender County Register of Deeds, 12/20/13]

12/20/17: The Buyers Took Out A Mortgage For $414,000. [Pender County Register of Deeds, 7/26/13]

McCormick Never Registered To Vote In The State Of North Carolina

According To Correspondence With Officials Of The North Carolina Board Of Elections, McCormick Was Never A Registered Voter Of Pender County, North Carolina. [North Carolina Board of Elections, Email 7/28/20]
McCormick Collected No Tax Exemptions On His Property Due To No Exemptions Being Available


In The State Of North Carolina, Homestead Exemptions Are Only Available To Qualifying Low-Income Or Elderly Homeowners. “North Carolina offers three property tax relief programs for the permanent residence of qualified homeowners. A permanent residence includes the dwelling, the dwelling site (up to one acre), and related improvements. Elderly or Disabled Exclusion: Applicants must be 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled. […] Circuit Breaker Tax Deferment Program: Applicants must be 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled. […] Disabled Veteran Exclusion: Veterans discharged under honorable conditions or their unmarried surviving spouse may be eligible for a reduction in property tax.” [Wake County, North Carolina, accessed 7/14/20]

McCormick Defended His Questionable Voting Pattern Despite Criticizing Others For Running In Districts They Didn’t Live In

May 2020: McCormick’s GOP Opponents Criticized Him For Not Voting For Trump In 2016, Making Excuses For His Missed Vote And Repeatedly Changing His Excuses

Renee Unterman – A GOP Candidate In GA-07 – Claimed McCormick Refused To Vote For Donald Trump In 2016. “Rich McCormick’s squealing doesn’t change the fact that he refused to vote for Donald Trump for president while Renee Unterman campaigned for Trump and proudly voted for the leader she considers the best president of her lifetime.” [Renee Unterman for Congress, accessed 7/7/20]

Unterman Said Rich Couldn’t “Get His Story Straight” And Mocked Him For Providing Documentation Confirming He Received An Absentee Ballot But Still Didn’t Vote For Trump. “It’s taken weeks for Rich to get his story straight. And it’s still not working. After all this time, he’s finally providing documentation that he requested an absentee ballot from a Florida county. That means he got the ballot and STILL didn’t vote for Trump, when the nation faced the dire prospect of a Hillary win.” [Renee Unterman for Congress, accessed 7/7/20]

Mark Gonsalves – A GOP Candidate In GA-07 – Released Audio Recorded By A Voter That Includes McCormick Claiming He Sent In An Absentee Ballot, But They Wouldn’t Be Counted Unless It Would
Make A Difference In The Outcome. VO: “When asked why he didn’t vote for Trump against Hillary, Rich McCormick claimed:” MCCORMICK (VO): “I sent an absentee ballot, which does not get counted unless it’s going to make a difference in the outcome.” [Mark Gonsalves via Twitter, 5/8/20]

Gonsalves Released A Video Suggesting McCormick Made Up A New Excuse When Asked About His Absentee Ballot In Public, Showing McCormick Saying He Was Away From His Family For Nine Months, Mostly In Afghanistan. VO: “Asked publicly why he refused to vote for Trump, he made up a new excuse.” MCCORMICK: “I’ll tell you what I was doing in 2016. I spent over nine months of my life away from my family. Most of it, in Kandahar.” [Mark Gonsalves via Twitter, 5/8/20]


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McCormick Blocked Gonsalves Four Days After Gonsalves’ Video Attacking McCormick Was Released. “I have never been afraid of a fight.’ - @RichforGA Sure Rich. Sure. #gapol” [Mark Gonsalves via Twitter, 5/12/20]
“I have never been afraid of a fight.” - @RichforGA

Sure Rich.

Sure.

#gapol

McCormick Defended Himself Against Attacks Against His Voting Record By Posting A FOIA Response From Santa Rosa County (FL) That Showed He Received A Ballot To An Address In North Carolina.
McCormick Said Renee Unterman Was Attacking Him Because She Was “Desperate To Remain In Office,” Calling Her Claims a “Lie.” “Career politician Renee Unterman is desperate to remain in office. She’s attacking me on TV saying I didn’t request and absentee ballot and didn’t support @realdonaldtrump. That’s a lie and here is the proof. @renee_unterman, Georgia voters deserve better than this. #GA07 #Gapol”
McCormick Defended His Actions, Claiming To Have Voted Absentee In 2016 And 2014, Only For His Votes To Have Not Been Counted

McCormick Claimed To Have Attempted To Vote In The 2014 And 2016 General Elections Via Absentee Ballot, Only To Have The Votes Not Be Tabulated. “MCCORMICK: ‘We’ve stayed on message, meanwhile, that they’ve tried to do is come back to us with slander and try to make us try to connect dots about absentee ballots that weren’t received and saying, Oh, I was against Trump in 2016. The fact of the matter is, I received it mailed it in, it didn't get counted. I don’t know why. Same thing happened in 2014. My primary vote was counted, but my, my general election vote was not I don't know why.’” [Patriots in Tune, 1:27:11, 5/13/20]

McCormick Emphatically Stated That A Candidate Should Run For Office In The District That They Live In

McCormick Emphatically Stated That A Candidate Should Run For Office In The District That They Live In. “MCCORMICK: ‘The businesswoman is not getting much traction, she spent more money than anybody but she's polling at probably about 5% no offense to her. She lives outside the district that's another problem you always have. If you're gonna run you have two other districts to choose from, besides the one that you don't live, the one that you never worked in, the one you never went to church in, the one your kids never went to school in. Go run where you're supposed to run, which is where you live. That's the big difference right there.’” [Patriots in Tune, 1:38:20, 5/13/20]

McCormick Claimed That “I Don’t Try To Claim Things That I’m Not”

McCormick Claimed That “I Don’t Try To Claim Things That I’m Not.” “MCCORMICK: ‘My MBA, my MD, my specialty training, my military training, all that stuff's very legit. My opponent has some issues with that. If you want to talk about, you know, lastly, she likes to talk about being a nurse. She was an LPN, whose license expired back in 1984. That was a while ago. And yet I see a person on an advertisement in a white coat, seeing a patient during the COVID crisis. That's what we call in the in the military, we call that Stolen Valor. That like showing me kicking in the door and taking down Osama bin Laden. I didn't do that. That's why I did try to be very careful about what I claim in my military service. I did some things Yes, but I didn't do everything. And I don’t try to claim things that I’m not. I am who I am. I'm very proud of that.’” [Patriots in Tune, 1:40:14, 5/13/20]

McCormick’s Financial Disclosures To Congress Obscured The True Nature Of His Finances

2019: McCormick Reported Over $1.3 Million In Income From The Military For The Year 2018

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2019: The Highest Officer Rank In The Military, A Four-Star General Or Admiral, Made $189,000 In Regular Salary Per Year. “O-10: $189,600: Regardless of continued time in service, once a military officer achieves the four-star rank of general or admiral, they will no longer receive pay raises and are capped at $15,800 per month.” [Business Insider, 2/15/19]
2014: The Highest Annual Pension In The Entire United States Military Was $272,892 For An Officer With The Rank Of General Or Admiral With 43 Years Of Service. “A few officers top 40 years of service in part because the years spent at military academies is counted toward their pension. In 2011, the Pentagon noted that the highest pension, $272,892, was paid to a retired four-star officer with 43 years of service.” [USA Today, 1/9/14]


2019: McCormick Reported No Assets…


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**SCHEDULE A: ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME**

None disclosed.

[2019 McCormick Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 8/7/19]

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**Note:** Principal residence and vehicle are typically not included in Assets and Unearned Income.

**2020: McCormick Reported His Car And Home As Assets**


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**SCHEDULE A – ASSETS & “UNEARNED INCOME”**


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**July 2019: The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Reported On McCormick’s Significant Self-Funding Of More Than $300,000**
July 2019: The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Reported On McCormick’s Significant Self-Funding Of More Than $300,000. “Republican candidates in Georgia are reaching deep into their wallets to fund their congressional bids. Several first-time U.S. House candidates loaned or donated six figures to their campaigns in the competitive north Atlanta suburbs between early April and late June, according to recently released federal disclosures. The list includes multiple Republicans vying for their party’s nomination in the 7th District, the open seat based in Forsyth and Gwinnett counties that’s considered among the most competitive in the country. Former Home Depot executive Lynne Homrich loaned her campaign $250,000 -- matching the amount she fundraised during her first weeks in the race -- and donated an additional $8,400. Emergency room doctor Richard McCormick, another first-time candidate, gave $301,000 to his operation. The biggest candidate contribution came from state Sen. Renee Unterman, who loaned her campaign more than $600,000 in the days before the fundraising deadline.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 7/17/19]

$300,000 Out Of $314,135 Raised By McCormick Was Self-Financing. “On the Republican side of the contest, businesswoman Lynne Homrich used a $250,000 loan to vault into second place in fund-raising behind Unterman with $500,321 in campaign receipts through June 30. Just more than $300,000 of Dr. Richard McCormick's $314,125 was contained in a loan the emergency

As Of July 2020, Over Half Of The McCormick Campaign’s Receipts Came From Self-Financing, Coming To More Than Half A Million Dollars

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Note: This amount far exceeds McCormick’s maximum liquid assets in his 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure (not including the value of his home or car) which totaled $300,000.
**Key Visuals**

**Video**

**2/27/20:** “Nobody In The United States Has Died From [Coronavirus]. We Have Zero Cases In Georgia.”

[Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Twitter, 2/27/20]

**4/21/20:** McCormick saying that those saved from Coronavirus are going to die soon anyway because “they were unhealthy to begin with” […] “You're gonna die. I'm gonna die.”

[Rich McCormick via Twitter, 6/9/20]
**7/9/20**: McCormick Says “I’m Just Not All That Concerned” About Coronavirus’s Impact On The General Public.

[Doctor’s Lounge, YouTube, 18:57, 7/9/20]
Personal & Professional History
This section provides background information on McCormick’s personal life, including education, personal finances, criminal and civil record, and other areas. Searches were conducted with various local media in Gwinnett and Forsyth Counties, media outlets including the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Georgia Public Broadcasting, as well as a number of other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

### Birth Date

According to The Santa Rosa County, Florida Clerk’s Office, Richard Dean McCormick was born on October 7, 1968 in the State of Nevada. [Santa Rosa County, Florida Clerk’s Office, File 2010044616, OR BK 3020, Page 37, Marriage Date 6/12/93]

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### Education

**1986-1990: McCormick Attended Oregon State University**


In An April 2020 Interview, McCormick claimed that he obtained a “BS in Physiology” from Oregon State. “MCCORMICK: ‘I joined the Marine Corps in 1990 after graduating college with my BS in Physiology.’” [Red Kudzu, 1:17: 4/21/20]
May 1996: McCormick Obtained An MBA From National University In Business Administration. [Georgia Institute of Technology, Open Records Act Reply, Received 7/23/20]

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Education Information

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National University
Masters of Business Administration, Marketing

National University Was A Private University Based In La Jolla, California. [U.S. News & World Report, accessed 7/29/20]

2006-2010: McCormick Attended The Morehouse College School Of Medicine

2009: McCormick Joined The Board Of Morehouse School Of Medicine While A Fourth-Year Medical Student. “Morehouse School of Medicine announces five new board members. They are Art Collins, founder,
president and chief executive officer of Public Private Partnership Inc.; Dr. Christopher R. Edwards, an orthopedic surgeon; Zach Hall, vice chancellor emeritus, the University of California at San Francisco; fourth-year medical student Richard McCormick, and Henry ‘Hank’ Thomas, president of Victoria Hospitality Properties Inc., and vice president of the Hayon Group Inc.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 8/23/09]

5/1/10: McCormick Graduated From Morehouse College School Of Medicine. [Georgia Composite Medical Board, accessed 7/7/20]

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[Georgia Composite Medical Board, accessed 7/7/20]  
McCormick Was Elected Student Body President At Morehouse School Of Medicine. “Whoever wins in the Democratic contest will face emergency room physician Rich McCormick in the general election. McCormick had faced accusations that he was not loyal enough to President Donald Trump, but he focused on building support across the district and led the field in fundraising during the most recent reporting period. He also focused on his service both as a physician in an Atlanta hospital attending to COVID-19 patients and previously in the Marines and Navy, including tours of duty overseas. McCormick attended the Morehouse School of Medicine, where his peers elected him student body president.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 6/11/20]

McCormick Said That He Attended Morehouse School Of Medicine Because It Was “The Closest Location To Myself” And “Because At The Time I Was A Single Parent.” “MCCORMICK: ‘Then I went to medical school. That’s kind of a little weird tidbit, I went to Morehouse School of Medicine because I at the time was a single parent. That's here in Atlanta. It's a traditionally black school. I taught at Morehouse College as an associate professor for four year prior to that. I went to this school because it was closest location to myself, my senior year in a school that's about 60%, female, about 80% black and about 95% liberal I was elected student body president, same year that President Obama was elected President of the United States, so little learning experience for me from leadership standpoint of learning how to deal with people who think differently than myself, to negotiate and come to the table. I did my residency at Grady Hospital in Atlanta through Emory and went back into the Navy as an ER doc for Marine Corps Base on the East Coast Camp Lejeune to my final tour overseas in Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2016, and then retired in 2017 and came back to Georgia.'” [Patriots in Tune, 1:13:15, 5/13/20]

According To Morehouse School Of Medicine, McCormick Was The President Of The Class Of 2010, And The President Of The Student Government Cabinet From 2009-2010. [Morehouse School of Medicine, Student Handbook 2009-2010, accessed 7/21/20]
July 2020: McCormick Claimed That His Senior Year Of Medical School, And When He Was Elected Student Body President, Was The Same Year Barack Obama Was Elected President. “MCCORMICK: ‘And during the course of all that I was able to make some more great relationships, ended up getting out going to medical school as a single parent of three little boys, the youngest at the time. Was I believe two or three years old at the time. My senior year, the same year that President Obama was elected president united states, I was elected student by President at a school that’s about 60% female about 80%, black and about 95% liberal.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, YouTube, 3:50, 7/9/20]

2009: As A Fourth-Year Medical Student, McCormick Served On The Board Of Morehouse School Of Medicine. “Morehouse School of Medicine announces five new board members. They are Art Collins, founder, president and chief executive officer of Public Private Partnership Inc.: Dr. Christopher R. Edwards, an orthopedic surgeon; Zach Hall, vice chancellor emeritus, the University of California at San Francisco; fourth-year medical student Richard McCormick, and Henry "Hank" Thomas, president of Victoria Hospitality Properties Inc., and vice president of the Hayon Group Inc.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 8/29/09]

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Career

The following provides a brief overview of McCormick’s professional career:

Professional Timeline

- **2017-Present**: Emergency Medicine, Gwinnett Medical Center (Actual employer: Gwinnett Emergency Specialists)
- **2013-2017**: US Navy
  - **2013-2015**: Assistant Department Head, Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune
- **2010-2013**: Emergency Medicine Resident, Emory School of Medicine
- **1989-2006**: US Marine Corps

2017-Present: McCormick Was An Emergency Medicine Physician At Gwinnett Medical Center/Northside Hospital In Gwinnett County, GA

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2017-Present: McCormick Was An Emergency Medicine Physician At Gwinnett Medical Center/Northside Hospital In Gwinnett County, GA. [Rich McCormick, LinkedIn, accessed 7/17/20]

2019: Northside Hospital And Gwinnett Health System Merged To Form Gwinnett Medical Center.

“Two massive health systems in metro Atlanta announced the launch date of their imminent merger. Northside Hospital and Gwinnett Health System will merge Aug. 28, according to a statement from the Northside Hospital communications team. The merger will increase the capacity of the health system and alter names of the Gwinnett Medical Center hospitals. Otherwise, the health system said patients will notice virtually no changes to their treatment and care. Patient bills and statements will be addressed from Northside Hospital following the merger, and payments will be made to the same. For care received at Gwinnett locations prior to Aug. 28, patient bills will come from and be payable to Gwinnett Medical Center.” [Gwinnett Daily Post, 8/21/19]

According To Financial Disclosures McCormick’s Actual Employer Was A Medical Group Called Gwinnett Emergency Specialists


Note: McCormick reported no income directly from Gwinnett Medical Center or Northside Hospital.

July 2020: McCormick Was A Registered Physician With An Active Registration From The Georgia Composite Medical Board

July 2020: McCormick Was A Registered Physician With An Active Registration From The Georgia Composite Medical Board. [Georgia Composite Medical Board, accessed 7/6/20]

12/7/12: McCormick’s Medical License Was First Issued. [Georgia Composite Medical Board, accessed 7/6/20]

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Practice Address

Street Address: 1000 Medical Center Blvd
County: Gwinnett
Country: United States

[Georgia Composite Medical Board, accessed 7/6/20]

According To State Authorities, McCormick Was Not Involved In Major Malpractice Settlements

According The Georgia Composite Medical Board, McCormick Was Not Involved With Four Or More Medical Malpractice Settlements Of Any Kind. [Georgia Composite Medical Board, accessed 7/6/20]

According The Georgia Composite Medical Board, McCormick Was Not Involved With Three Or More Medical Malpractice Settlements Where One Was At Least $100,000. [Georgia Composite Medical Board, accessed 7/6/20]
According to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, McCormick was not involved with any medical malpractice settlement in excess of $300,000.

**Medical Malpractice Judgment Arbitration Awards**

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**Medical Malpractice Settlement Amounts**

A. Minimum four (4) settlements (regardless of amount).
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C. Any settlement in which at least one (1) payment is in excess of $300,000.00.

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**Gwinnett Emergency Specialists was a Physician Group That Operated Out Of Northside Hospital Gwinnett, Part Of Gwinnett Medical Center**

Gwinnett Medical Center was a physician group that employed approximately 19 physicians and operated in Lawrenceville, GA. “Gwinnett Emergency Specialist PC is a group practice with 1 location. Currently, Gwinnett Emergency Specialist PC specializes in Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, Emergency Medicine and Hormone Replacement Therapy with 19 physicians. Gwinnett Emergency Specialist PC Office Locations Gwinnett Emergency Specialist PC 1000 Medical Center Blvd Lawrenceville, GA 30046.” [WebMD, 8/3/20]

1000 Medical Center Blvd, Lawrenceville, GA 30046 was the address of Northside Hospital Gwinnett, part of Gwinnett Medical Center. “The Northside Hospital health care system is one of Georgia’s leading health care providers with five acute-care hospitals in Atlanta, Canton, Cumming, Duluth and Lawrenceville and more than 250 outpatient locations across the state. Northside Hospital leads the U.S. in newborn deliveries and is among the state’s top providers of cancer care, sports medicine, cardiovascular and surgical services. […] Northside Hospital Gwinnett 1000 Medical Center Boulevard Lawrenceville, GA 30046.” [Gwinnett Medical Center, accessed 8/3/20]
Gwinnett Emergency Specialists Was Registered As Two Corporate Entities With Primary Office Addresses In Florida

Gwinnett Emergency Specialists, P.C. Was A Domestic Professional Corporation With An Office Address In Florida And Registered In Georgia. [Georgia Corporations Division, Secretary of State’s Office, accessed 7/7/20]

Gwinnett Emergency Specialists, P.C. Reported Their Principal Office Address As 7700 West Sunrise Boulevard, Mailstop PI-6, Plantation, FL, 33322. [Georgia Corporations Division, Secretary of State’s Office, accessed 7/7/20]

5/8/91: Gwinnett Emergency Specialists, P.C. Was Registered With The Georgia Corporations Division. [Georgia Corporations Division, Secretary of State’s Office, accessed 7/7/20]

2020: Gwinnett Emergency Specialists, P.C. Was An Active Corporation In Compliance With The Georgia Corporations Division. [Georgia Corporations Division, Secretary of State’s Office, accessed 7/7/20]
Gwinnett Emergency Specialists Observation Services, LLC. Was A Domestic Limited Liability With An Office Address In Florida

Gwinnett Emergency Specialists Observation Services, LLC. Was A Domestic Professional Corporation With An Office Address In Plantation Florida And Registered In Georgia. [Georgia Corporations Division, Secretary of State’s Office, accessed 7/7/20]

Gwinnett Emergency Specialists Observation Services, LLC Reported Their Principal Office Address As 7700 West Sunrise Boulevard Plantation, FL, 33322. [Georgia Corporations Division, Secretary of State’s Office, accessed 7/7/20]

4/18/11: Gwinnett Emergency Specialists Observation Services, LLC Was Registered With The Georgia Corporations Division. [Georgia Corporations Division, Secretary of State’s Office, accessed 7/7/20]

2020: Gwinnett Emergency Specialists Observation Services, LLC Was An Active Corporation In Compliance With The Georgia Corporations Division. [Georgia Corporations Division, Secretary of State’s Office, accessed 7/7/20]
2017: Gwinnett Emergency Specialists Was Sued In Federal Court For Pursuing Medical Billing Claims Against A Disabled Veteran Who Was Covered By The VA

2017: A Disabled Veteran Sued Gwinnett Emergency Specialists (GES) For Using A Debt Collection Service To Pursue The Veteran For Payment He Did Not Owe. “This action arises from collection and credit reporting activity initiated by the defendants for medical debts for which Plaintiff, a disabled veteran, was not personally responsible to pay under his United States Veteran Administration benefits, but nevertheless Defendant GWINNETT EMERGENCY SPECIALISTS, P.C. (hereinafter ‘GES’) sent to its collection agent Defendant OPTIMUM OUTCOMES, INC. (hereinafter ‘Optimum Outcomes’).” [United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division, Case 1:17-cv-01551-CAP, Document 1, Filed 5/1/17]

2014: The Disabled Veteran Plaintiff Held That GES Held Him Personally Labile For Medical Expenses Arising From An Emergency Visit And Improperly Billed Him Instead Of The VA. “On or about December 19, 2013 Plaintiff Sanders was seen for emergency medical services at GES (‘December 2013 Visit’) covered by
his VA benefits. 32. Sanders made GES aware of his VA benefits at the time of his visit. 33. Contrary to VA rules and procedures, instead of timely filing the appropriate forms with the VA, on February 04, 2014 GES sent a bill directly to Sanders for the balance of $652.00 with a due date of March 03, 2014 for the December 2013 Visit. 34. GES held Sanders personally liable for payment of the December 2013 Visit’s balance despite this action violating its VA obligations.” [United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division, Case 1:17-cv-01551-CAP, Document 1, Filed 5/1/17]

January 2015: The Plaintiff Held That GES Again Improperly Billed Him Contrary To VA Rules. “38. On or about October 24, 2014 Sanders again was seen by GES for emergency medical services (“October 2014 Visit”) covered by his VA benefits. 39. Sanders made GES aware of his VA benefits at the time of October 2014 Visit. 40. Contrary to VA rules and procedures, instead of timely filing the appropriate forms with the VA, on January 30, 2015 GES sent a bill directly to Sanders for the balance of $634.351 with a due date of March 01, 2015 for the October 2014 Visit.” [United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division, Case 1:17-cv-01551-CAP, Document 1, Filed 5/1/17]

September 2015: The Plaintiff Held That GES Once Again Improperly Billed Him Contrary To VA Rules. “47. On or about September 05, 2015 Sanders once again was seen by GES for emergency medical services (“September 2015 Visit”) covered by his VA benefits. 48. Sanders made GES aware of his VA benefits at the time of the September 2015 Visit. 49. Contrary to VA rules and procedures, GES did not timely file the appropriate forms with the VA and held Sanders personally responsible for the $808.00 September 2015 Visit. 50. GES held Sanders personally liable for payment of the September 2015 Visit’s balance of $808.00 despite this action violating its VA obligations.” [United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division, Case 1:17-cv-01551-CAP, Document 1, Filed 5/1/17]

The Debt Collection Agency For GES, Optimum Outcomes, Pursued Reported Outstanding Radical Bills As “Adverse Collection,” Which Impacted The Disabled Veteran Plaintiff’s Credit. “Despite Sanders not being personally responsible for the payment of the accounts for the December 2013 Visit, the October 2014 Visit, and the September 2015 Visit, Optimum Outcomes reported adverse collection accounts for each of the visits to the CRAs in the amounts of $652.00, $639.00, and $808.00, respectively. […] On January 27, 2017 Sanders sent his disputes via Certified U.S. Mail to the three Defendant CRAs; this time disputing Optimum 2013 Tradeline, Optimum 2014 Tradeline, and Optimum 2015 Tradeline and citing GES Call 1 and GES Call 2. 75. Optimum Outcomes again reaffirmed the three adverse collection tradelines with each of the three CRAs. 76. In both of Equifax’s February 16, 2017 and February 18, 2017 investigation results, it reaffirmed Optimum 2013 Tradeline, Optimum 2014 Tradeline, and Optimum 2015 Tradeline. 77. In Experian’s February 15, 2017 investigation results, it reaffirmed Optimum 2013 Tradeline, Optimum 2014 Tradeline, and Optimum 2015 Tradeline.” [United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division, Case 1:17-cv-01551-CAP, Document 1, Filed 5/1/17]

GES Admitted Improper Billing To The Disabled Veteran Plaintiff. “69. During a January 11, 2017 telephone call between Sanders and a GES representative named Katelyn (“GES Call 1”), GES admitted multiple errors in its billing of Sanders’ visits to the VA, specifically: For the December 2013 Visit: GES mistakenly billed the wrong insurance and did not bill the VA but would bill the VA. It would then have to be appealed because it would not have been billed timely. For the October 2014 Visit: GES’s bill to the VA was denied because GES did not timely bill the VA, but they are currently in the process of re-billing the VA. For the September 2015 Visit: GES still had not billed the VA, but ultimately GES will bill the VA which will be untimely requiring them to file an appeal once denied.” [United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division, Case 1:17-cv-01551-CAP, Document 1, Filed 5/1/17]

8/25/17: The Plaintiff Settled With GES Out Of Court. [United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division, Case 1:17-cv-01551-CAP, Document 31, Filed 8/25/17]

Gwinnett Emergency Specialists Was Subject Of Multiple Medical Malpractice Suits Alleging Negligence Toward Patients And Ignoring Serious Medical Concerns

2018: An Individual Launched A Malpractice Suit Stemming From Employees At Gwinnett Medical Center Dismissing Their Pain As “Dramatic”

March 2018: Plaintiff Was Admitted To Gwinnett Medical Center With Abdominal Pain That Was Shown To stem From Appendicitis And Surgery Was Conducted. “On the evening of March 10, 2018, Plaintiff Isabella Morris, who at the time was a minor, age seventeen (17) years old, presented to the Gwinnett Medical Center emergency department with abdominal pain that she reported had a sudden onset earlier that day around 4:00 p.m. 11. Following initial clinical assessments, the Gwinnett Medical Center staff raised concerns that Ms. Morris may have appendicitis, so an abdominal CT scan was ordered. Around 10:40 p.m., the CT scan was read to show acute appendicitis without extraluminal air or abscess. Ms. Morris was then admitted to Gwinnett Medical Center. On the morning of March 11, 2018 at approximately 8:30 a.m., Dr. Elsey performed a laparoscopic appendectomy of Ms. Morris under general anesthesia with reportedly no complications during the procedure. The surgery ended at 8:57 a.m., and Ms. Morris left the operating room at 9:02 a.m. 15. Around 11:00 a.m. on March 11, 2018, just two hours since her surgery was concluded, Ms. Morris was discharged from Gwinnett Medical Center without any lab work, imaging, or other observation having been conducted by Dr. Elsey or anyone else at Gwinnett Medical Center after the surgery other than vital signs last done at 10:30 a.m.” [State Court of DeKalb County, GA, Civil Action File No. 18A71517, Complaint Filed 10/15/18]

The Same Day After Discharge, The Plaintiff Reported Severe Continued Pain And Vomiting And Was Readmitted To The Hospital. “Later that day and after initially being discharged, Ms. Morris’ father called Dr. Elsey to report that his daughter was still in significant pain. […] Despite being on notice that his patient was continuing to experience severe postoperative abdominal pain after being initially discharged by him from the hospital, Dr. Elsey never attempted to see Ms. Morris for evaluation or treatment at any other time on March 11 or March 12 or at any other point prior to Ms. Morris’ subsequent admission to Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta on March 16, 2018. Around 5:00 p.m. on March 11, 2018, Ms. Morris had a vomiting episode at her home after taking her pain medication. She continued to experience severe abdominal pain and returned to Gwinnett Medical Center that evening by ambulance around 7:48 p.m.” [State Court of DeKalb County, GA, Civil Action File No. 18A71517, Complaint Filed 10/15/18]

After An Initial Triage, The Plaintiff’s Complaints Of Severe And Increasing Pain Were Ignored By Multiple GES Employees As “Dramatic.” “Following her initial evaluation and without conducting any lab work or imaging, Gwinnett Medical Center nurse practitioner Stacey Leigh diagnosed Ms. Morris as having postoperative pain at 8:22 p.m. 20. Throughout the evening, Ms. Morris complained to Gwinnett Medical Center staff of excruciating abdominal pain that continued to get worse. Ms. Leigh, however, dismissed Ms. Morris’ complaints of abdominal pain, calling her “dramatic” in the medical records. 21. Around 9:00 p.m. that evening, Ms. Morris was seen by Gwinnett Medical Center emergency medicine physician, Dr. Amita Shroff, who agreed with Ms. Leigh’s notes and similarly dismissed Ms. Morris as being “dramatic” with “a low pain tolerance.” Dr. Shroff also documented that Ms. Morris had an acute appendicitis that was “not perforated” even though neither she nor anyone else had auscultated Ms. Morris’ bowel sounds or conducted any imaging of her abdomen. 22. Throughout the evening of March 11, Gwinnett Medical Center nurses continued to downplay Ms. Morris’ symptoms by detailing Ms. Morris’ use of her phone in her medical records.” [State Court of DeKalb County, GA, Civil Action File No. 18A71517, Complaint Filed 10/15/18]

The Plaintiff Was Discharged Without Further Action. “Around 11:30 p.m. on March 11, 2018, and without auscultating Ms. Morris’ bowel sounds or conducting any imaging of her abdomen or other lab work, Dr.
Shroff made the decision to discharge Ms. Morris.” [State Court of DeKalb County, GA, Civil Action File No. 18A71517, Complaint Filed 10/15/18]

Several Days Later, The Plaintiff Underwent Surgery At A Different Facility For A Severe Abdominal infection And Was Not Discharged For Over A Month. “During the surgical procedure at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, Dr. Glasson documented ‘intestinal contents including succus entericus and vegetable matter in the abdomen and pelvis as well,’ ‘dense inflammatory adhesions noted around the small bowel, which was encased in thickened and inflamed omentum,’ and that the omentum ‘was adherent to and partially walling off a large perforation of the distal ileum. There was active spillage of intestinal contents noted from the perforation. The perforation encompassed more than half the circumference of the bowel.” 32. Following this surgery, Ms. Morris was placed in the Intensive Care Unit at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta for several weeks for further treatment. She was not discharged from Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta until April 29, 2018.” [State Court of DeKalb County, GA, Civil Action File No. 18A71517, Complaint Filed 10/15/18]

2019: GES Was Added To The Lawsuit In An Amended Complaints

2019: GES Was Added To The Lawsuit In An Amended Complaint Since It Was Discovered That The Defendant Doctor Who Discharged The Plaintiff Was Their Employee. “At all times relevant to this action, Dr. Shroff was an agent or employee of Defendant Gwinnett Emergency Specialists, P.C. and was acting within the course and scope of her employment and/or agency with Defendant Gwinnett Emergency Specialists. As such, the negligence of Dr. Shroff and any of Gwinnett Emergency Specialists’ agent(s) or employee(s) is imputed to Defendant Gwinnett Emergency Specialists by the doctrines of respondeat superior and/or agency. 66. Defendant Gwinnett Emergency Specialists is liable to Plaintiffs for all damages recoverable against Dr. Shroff, its agent(s) and/or employee(s), including but not limited to, pain and suffering and medical expenses in an amount to be determined by the enlightened conscience of a jury.” [State Court of DeKalb County, GA, Civil Action File No. 18A71517, Amended Complaint Filed 8/9/19]

2020: Gwinnett Emergency Specialists Held A D- Rating With The Better Business Bureau

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Gwinnett Emergency Specialists Had Extremely Low Reviews With BBB, And One Called For “These Quacks To Be Barred From Planet Earth”


One Reviewer Called For “These Quacks To Be Barred From Planet Earth.” “These quacks should be barred from the planet Earth! My daughter went thru the ER @ Gwinnett Medical; WE NEVER ACTUALLY SAW A DOCTOR THE ENTIRE TIME IN THE ER! First Doctor we actually got to see was the Hospitalist after she was admitted. Then, we got a $1,400 DUN! No bill, just a DUN for the balance! Called (7 times) to get a line itemized
detail bill and all we get is a statement: "you owe $1,400, pay it". From other patients; IF you survive the ER and get into the Hospital, you will have much better chance of recovery! Surviving the ER is the trick.” [Better Business Bureau, accessed 7/17/20]

One Individual Complained That Instead Of Being Sent A Medical Bill Directly, They Instead Received Notice From A Collection Agency. “I was seen by a physician employed with Gwinnett Emergency Specialists PC in the emergency room on 1/5/18. I was not sent a bill but I got a letter from a collection agency yesterday, 12/6/18.” [Better Business Bureau, accessed 7/17/20]

Another Individual Complained That Their Bill Was Handled By A Collection Agency During A Billing Dispute. “Gwinnett Emergency Specialist turned my account for services rendered on July 3, 2016 over to a collection agency, ************** (877) 795-9819, of May 25, 2017; however the bill was paid by **************** on 11/30/16. GES insists I owe them $779.29 even though they had a contractual agreement with ***** to accept the PPO discount as full payment leaving the patient (me) with a -0- balance. Dealing with a ************** all this time they refused to give me the contact information for the provider. Since early 2018 I have made countless attempts to resolve this issue. It has greatly impacted my credit score. I have contacted the insurance company, sent Explanations of Benefits to the collection agency and to the credit bureau and even gone to the hospital billing office to no avail.” [Better Business Bureau, accessed 7/17/20]

Yet Another Individual Described Being Overbilled And A Collection Agency Impacting Their Credit, Similar To the 2017 Federal Suit Against GES. “I was billed for several services that were not rendered, and was therefore, overbilled. I was also told by hospital account management that the services of the physicians were in-network, when the services were actually out of network. I requested an itemized bill for services, and realized that they billed me for services that I did not receive. They also violated HIPAA law by providing my medical information to a collection agency, who in turn, told me the medical information. […] Correction to a credit report They need to remove the $421.00 from my bill. They also need to remove Optimum Outcomes collection agency from my credit report.” [Better Business Bureau, accessed 7/17/20]

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McCormick Said That This Had Occurred On At Least Five Separate Occasions That He Was Aware Of And That He Did Not Know When It Started. “Richard said he found out about it this past weekend and doesn't know exactly when it started. Richard said that someone has been calling in to pharmacies and having prescriptions filled using his DEA number and pretending to be him. Richard said that it has happened at least 5 times that he knows of.” [Gwinnett County Police Department, Officer R.D. Walsh Narrative, Case Number 190017695, Report Filed 2/25/19]

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McCormick Said That Whoever Was Using His DEA Number Was Using It To Fill Class II Prescriptions. “Richard said that it has happened at least 5 times that he knows of. Richard also said that the prescriptions are Class II prescriptions and that the pharmacies should not even accept the prescriptions over the phone.” [Gwinnett County Police Department, Officer R.D. Walsh Narrative, Case Number 190017695, Report Filed 2/25/19]

Drugs In The Class Or Schedule II Category Included OxyContin And Forms Of Commercial Fentanyl. “Substances in this schedule have a high potential for abuse which may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence. Examples of Schedule II narcotics include: hydromorphone (Dilaudid®), methadone (Dolophine®, meperidine (Demerol®), oxycodone (OxyContin®, Percocet®, and fentanyl (Sublimaze®, Duragesic®). Other Schedule II narcotics include: morphine, opium, codeine, and hydrocodone.” [Drug Enforcement Administration, accessed 7/30/20]

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McCormick Stated That He Had Reported The Incidents To The DEA, But It Is Unclear When This Occurred. “Richard reported the incident to the DEA before we spoke. I advised Richard to get as much details about each prescription as he could in case it is needed either by pd or the DEA.” [Gwinnett County Police Department, Officer R.D. Walsh Narrative, Case Number 190017695, Report Filed 2/25/19]

Note: Multiple FOIA requests to the DEA for further information on this subject were denied under privacy exemptions.

2013-2017: McCormick Served In The United States Navy
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7/6/13-9/30/17: According To The Department Of Defense Manpower Data Center, McCormick Was An Active Duty Member Of The United States Marine Corps. [Department of Defense Manpower Data Center, accessed 7/28/20]

2013-2015: According To His LinkedIn, McCormick Was An Assistant Department Head At Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune, NC

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Assistant Department Head
Naval Hospital Camp Lejeune
2013 – 2015 · 2 yrs

Design and enforce policies to streamline care and admissions to various specialties in a timely and efficient manner. Liaison between departments to reach common ground in working relationships and achieve the highest care possible for our patients.

[Rich McCormick, LinkedIn, accessed 7/17/20]
2013-2017: According to his LinkedIn, McCormick served as an emergency medicine physician in the United States Navy and managed an emergency department.

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Emergency Medicine Physician
US Navy
2013 – Jun 2017 · 4 yrs

Manage the Emergency Department and serve as a physician in a team of doctors, nurses, and corpsmen who serve in trauma teams for NATO and allied forces.

[Rich McCormick, LinkedIn, accessed 7/17/20]

2002-2006: McCormick Was an Instructor for the Naval ROTC Program at Georgia Tech

2002-2006: McCormick was a marine officer instructor for the Naval ROTC program at Georgia Tech.

[Georgia Institute of Technology, Open Records Act Reply, Received 7/23/20]
As An Affiliate Employee, McCormick Received No Compensation For His Role. [Georgia Institute of Technology, Open Records Act Reply, Received 7/23/20]

McCormick Was An Instructor At Morehouse College

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**1989-2006: McCormick Served In The United States Marine Corps**

1989 - 2006: McCormick Was An Active Duty Member Of The United States Marine Corps

7/16/89-6/21/06: According To The Department Of Defense Manpower Data Center, McCormick Was An Active Duty Member Of The United States Marine Corps. [Department of Defense Manpower Data Center, accessed 7/28/20]

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**Department of Defense Manpower Data Center**

**Status Report**

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According To Local Reporting, McCormick Served In Combat Zones As An Emergency Medicine Physician In Africa, The Persian Gulf, And Afghanistan

According To Local Reporting, McCormick Served For More Than 20 Years In The Marine Corps And Navy As A Pilot And Emergency Medicine Physician, Serving In Combat Zones In Africa, The Persian Gulf And Afghanistan. “McCormick served for more than 20 years in the Marine Corps and Navy as a pilot and emergency medicine physician, serving in combat zones in Africa, the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan.” [Forsyth County News, 7/13/19]

McCormick Used Photographs In Uniform To Promote His Candidacy

June 2019: McCormick Used A Photograph Of Himself In Uniform In Front Of A Sign In Arabic Script To Promote His Candidacy With The Standard Disclaimer. “Rich McCormick, US Marine, US Navy Commander, and Emergency Medicine Doctor. Conservative Leader And The Record To Prove It. (Rich McCormick is a retired member of the United States Military use of his military rank, job titles, and photographs in uniform does not imply endorsement by the Department of Defense.) [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 6/17/19]
McCormick Claimed That The Only Original Requirement To Be A Marine Was “That You Own A Rifle,” Which Was False

“MCCORMICK: ‘The only requirement to be a Marine when it was founded, is that you own a rifle. Since that time, we have established the 2nd amendment, the reason it is so important is not to protect hunting rights, but you can defend yourself against a government if it overreaches. Without the second amendment, it can never protect you or other articles and amendments of the constitution.’” [Newsmax (via Facebook), 5/21/20]

1775: The Continental Congress Required “Particular Care Be Taken” That Marines Were Experienced Sailors. “Resolved, That two Battalions of marines be raised, consisting of one Colonel, two Lieutenant Colonels, two Majors, and other officers as usual in other regiments; and that they consist of an equal number of privates with other battalions; that particular care be taken, that no persons be appointed to office, or enlisted into said Battalions, but such as are good seamen, or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve to advantage by sea when required; that they be enlisted and commissioned to serve for and during the present war between Great Britain and the colonies, unless dismissed by order of Congress: that they be distinguished by the names of the first and second battalions of American Marines, and that they be considered as part of the number which the continental Army before Boston is ordered to consist of.” [Continental Congress, Resolution Establishing the Continental Marines, 11/20/1775]

2020: McCormick Claimed That He Was Part Of A Marine Expeditionary Unit To Rwanda In 1994

“MCCORMICK: ‘It reminds me of the United Nations in 1994, when my Marine Expeditionary Unit was sent to operation restore hope to support the Rwandans when 10 Belgian soldiers were killed and the United Nations withdrew from that time on the only thing they did was escort white Europeans out of the country, and almost a million Africans died. That's the problem with global organizations. They don't have our best interests in hand.’” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Twitter, 4/16/20]

Note: Pending receipt of McCormick’s Official Military Personnel File via FOIA request, this information cannot be confirmed.

McCormick Said That He Was Inspired To Join The Navy After Watching “Top Gun”

“MCCORMICK: ‘As I grew up, I went to school. I was actually supposed to enlist in the Army. But I saw this movie in 1986, the same year I graduated high school called ‘Top Gun.’ It looked pretty cool. They flew around some airplanes, they, they were popular with the gals. So I wanted to know how you do that. They said you had to go to college said Okay, I will. I’d only applied to one college instead of going and listen the Army I went to college, in the Navy ROTC program.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 0:35, 7/9/20]

McCormick Said That He Ended Up Joining The Marines Because He Was Impressed By Them.

“MCCORMICK: 'I'd only applied to one college instead of going and listen the Army I went to college, in the Navy ROTC program, but everybody who I met, it was impressive. Everybody who was the top of the food chain, the people who were Really think go getters than the people who can move the needle. We're all the marine options. The guys who had the greatest camaraderie, the greatest fitness, the greatest motivation. Their camaraderie was unparalleled. I've never seen anything like that before. I don't want to be part of that brotherhood. And so I joined up with the Marines. And when I graduated from college went to the basic scores, all Marines have to go through six months of training to learn to be an infantry guy before he learned to be anything else.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 1:45, 7/9/20]
1990: McCormick Featured In A U.S. Marine Corps Recruitment Ad

“NARRATOR: ‘To compete, you’ve got to be strong. To win, you’ve got to be smart. Maybe you can be one of us. The Few. The Proud. The Marines.’

[Closing Shot of McCormick With Sword] DESCRIPTION: ‘A Marine Corps commercial from 1990, ‘Chess.’”

[U.S. Marine Corps, YouTube, 4/16/12]

McCormick Claimed That This Ad Ran For Approximately Seven Years. “MCCORMICK: ‘I was fortunate enough to be selected to be the guy who made the commercial for Marine Corps back in the 90s. On the chess commercial version of the Marine Corps commercial, which played for about seven years on national TV.’”

[Doctor’s Lounge, 2:29, 7/9/20]

Criminal Record

McCormick Was Associated With Multiple Traffic Violations In The State Of North Carolina


4/16/14: McCormick Was Charged With Driving 60 Miles Per Hour In A 45 Miles Per Hour Speed Zone By The Jacksonville, NC Police Department. [Jacksonville, NC Police Department Citation, Control #232F717, 5/9/14]

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**JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT** 07/14/2020

**NORTH CAROLINA UNIFORM CITATION**

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**Department Use Only**

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| Traffic: MEDIUM  Light: CLEAR |
| AC Refused: AC Result: Chemical Analyst: |

**Offense Date/Time**

| Date: April 17, 2014, Thursday  Time: 00:00 |

**Charges**

1. Speeding

[Jacksonville, NC Police Department Citation, Control #232F717, 5/9/14]

*Note: Original copies of traffic violations from 10/16/15 and 6/18/15 via the Onslow County, NC Courthouse are pending receipt by the DCCC research department.*

**McCormick Was Associated With Multiple Traffic Violations In The State Of Oregon**

10/19/88: McCormick Was Charged With Failure To Obey A Traffic Signal By The Corvallis, OR Police Department. [Corvallis Police Department, Incident #88053444, 10/19/88]
5/20/90: McCormick Was Charged With An Infraction Class B Traffic Violation In Benton County, OR.
[Oregon Judicial Department, Benton County Case Number #T903836-D, Filed 5/24/90]
Federal Courts

According to PACER, The Federal Courts Database, McCormick Has Not Been Subject To Federal Criminal Proceedings In The United States. [PACER, accessed 7/15/20]

Judgments Or Liens

No Evidence Of Liens Or Judgments

As Of July 2020, McCormick Is Not Known To Be Associated With Any Present Or Prior Personal Judgments, Or Liens. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Search, accessed 7/7/20]

Bankruptcy Filings

No Evidence Of Bankruptcy

According To PACER, The Federal Courts Database, McCormick Has Not Been Associated With Bankruptcy Proceedings In The United States. [PACER, accessed 7/15/20]

Voter Registration & History

According to the Georgia Secretary of State, the Florida Department of State, and the Santa Rosa County (Florida) Supervisor of Elections, McCormick’s voting history is depicted below:

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Note: Blue shading indicates voting in GEORGIA elections. Red shading indicates voting in FLORIDA elections; A indicates absentee voting while X indicates regular, in-person voting.

[Georgia Secretary of State Individual Voter Report, Generated 7/13/20] [Florida Department of State, Public Record Request Response, received 6/19/20] [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Voter Registration Report, Received 7/13/20]
Personal Finance

In 2020 McCormick Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $-814,999 And $383,996

According to McCormick’s federal personal financial disclosures, he had no unearned income. McCormick’s assets totaled between $616,004 and $1,315,000. McCormick had between $500,001 and $1,000,000 in liabilities.

NOTE: For detailed descriptions of McCormick’s personal financial disclosures by year, see Appendix 1 – Personal Financial Disclosures.

McCormick’s Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Summary

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2020: McCormick Reported No Income From The Government Whatsoever


In 2019, McCormick Reported No Assets...


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Note: Principal residence and vehicle are typically not included in Assets and Unearned Income.
**SCHEDULE A - ASSETS & "UNEARNED INCOME"**

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Political Career

This section provides an overview of McCormick’s political career, from 2019-2020.

**Significant Findings**

- **May 2019**: McCormick entered the race for GA-07 with a low profile and scattered media coverage.
- **July 2019**: The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported on McCormick’s significant self-financing, at the time over $300,000.
- **In March 2020**, McCormick played up his credentials as a graduate of the Morehouse School of Medicine when discussing the diversity of GA-07.
- **In May 2020**, McCormick participated in a virtual candidates’ forum hosted by the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce.
- McCormick’s primary opponents questioned McCormick’s loyalty to Trump due to his failure to vote in the 2016 election.
- **June 2020**: McCormick hosted in-person campaign events as Coronavirus restrictions in Georgia were loosened.
- **June 2020**: McCormick won the GOP primary with more than 50% of the vote, avoiding a runoff.
- McCormick continually scapegoated socialism as a campaign tactic.
- McCormick was endorsed by Donald Trump.

2020 Campaign

2020 Republican Primary Election Results

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[Georgia Secretary of State, accessed 7/30/20]

May 2019: Local Media First Reported On McCormick’s Entry Into The Race
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“The 7th District race also continues to grow like kudzu. Dr. Rich McCormick, an emergency medicine physician and military veteran, became the third Republican to join the race. Five Democrats are running, and more could dust off their track shoes.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 5/26/19]

June 2019: McCormick Was Repeatedly A Footnote In Reporting On The GA-07 Primary

“Six Republicans have already filed paperwork with the Federal Elections Commission to run for the seat, including: former Home Depot executive Lynne Homrich, U.S. Marine Corps veteran Harrison Floyd; businessman and former NFL player Joe Profit; businessman Mark Gonsalves; Air Force veteran and small businessman Ben Bullock; and Marine Corps and Navy veteran and emergency medicine doctor Richard Dean McCormick.” [Gwinnett Daily Post, 6/6/19]

Forsyth County News Made Brief Mention Of McCormick. “A crowded field of candidates has emerged on both sides since Woodall announced he won’t seek re-election. Bullock joins a list of Republicans including former Atlanta Falcons player Joe Profit, former Home Depot executive Lynne Homrich, physician Rich McCormick and former education executive Lerah Lee.” [Forsyth County News, 6/7/19]

McCormick Was Again Briefly mentioned In The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. “If Jones runs, he’ll have more than just Unterman and Bullock to contend with for the GOP nomination. Former Home Depot executive Lynne Homrich, former pro football player Joe Profit and emergency room physician Rich McCormick are also running as Republicans.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 6/9/19]

July 2019: McCormick Was Profiled By Forsyth County News

“McCormick, an emergency medicine physician at Gwinnett Medical Center, is one of nine Republicans who have declared their intention to run for the seat in 2020 and is promising to bring his conservative beliefs to the campaign trail.” [Forsyth County News, 7/13/19]

HEADLINE: Physician Touts Conservative Credentials For District 7 Race. [Forsyth County News, 7/13/19]

July 2019: The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Reported On McCormick’s Significant Self-Funding Of More Than $300,000

“Republican candidates in Georgia are reaching deep into their wallets to fund their congressional bids. Several first-time U.S. House candidates loaned or donated six figures to their campaigns in the competitive north Atlanta suburbs between early April and late June, according to recently released federal disclosures. The list includes multiple Republicans vying for their party’s nomination in the 7th District, the open seat based in Forsyth and Gwinnett counties that’s considered among the most competitive in the country. Former Home Depot executive Lynne Homrich loaned her campaign $250,000 — matching the amount she fundraised during her first weeks in the race — and donated an additional $8,400. Emergency room doctor Richard McCormick, another first-time candidate, gave $301,000 to his operation. The biggest candidate contribution came from state Sen. Renee Unterman, who loaned her campaign more than $600,000 in the days before the fundraising deadline.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 7/17/19]
Rich McCormick

$300,000 Out Of $314,135 Raised By McCormick Was Self-Financing. “On the Republican side of the contest, businesswoman Lynne Homrich used a $250,000 loan to vault into second place in fund-raising behind Unterman with $500,321 in campaign receipts through June 30. Just more than $300,000 of Dr. Richard McCormick's $314,125 was contained in a loan the emergency medicine physician made to his campaign.” [Atlanta Business Chronicle, 7/24/19]

July 2019: McCormick Did Not Attend A Candidate Forum Hosted By The Forsyth County Tea Party

July 2019: McCormick Did Not Attend A Candidate Forum Hosted By The Forsyth County Tea Party. “A crowded field has appeared in the race for the next representative for Georgia’s 7th House District, and this week, two candidates had a chance to speak with Forsyth County voters. On Monday, Republican candidates Mark Gonsalves and Jacqueline Tseng spoke at a meeting hosted by the Forsyth County Tea Party. Both are among 14 candidates – nine Republicans and five Democrats – who are hoping to replace Rep. Rob Woodall, who announced earlier this year he would not seek re-election for the seat he has held since 2011. [Forsyth County News, 7/1/19]

November 2019: McCormick Said That His Campaign Was Being “Aggressive” In Reaching Out To Forsyth County Voters

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November 2019: McCormick Attended A Candidate Forum Hosted By The Forsyth County Tea Party

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American community in the GOP in Forsyth and Gwinnett County. You are seeing the Indian community, it is great to see that diversity and how legal immigration has really benefited America and our education and service to medicine and industry, each demographic has a rich diversity and we should embrace that as conservatives.”” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 8:16, March 2020]

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May 2020: McCormick Was Slated To Participate In A Virtual Candidates’ Forum Hosted By The Gwinnett Chamber Of Commerce. “The Gwinnett Chamber's Candidates Forum, presented by Jackson EMC, is a free webinar series featuring local candidates running for Congressional District 7 and Gwinnett County Commission Chair. As of May 6, Congressional District 7 Republican candidates Lisa Babbage, Mark Gonsalves, Lynne Homrich, Rich McCormick and Eugene Yu will participate 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 5/8/20]

5/21/20: McCormick Participated In The Virtual Forum. [Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, YouTube, 5/21/20]

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McCormick’s Job As An Emergency Room Doctor Received New Attention In The Midst Of The Coronavirus Pandemic. “A few months ago, Dr. Rich McCormick was another face in the crowded Republican race for a suburban congressional district. But the coronavirus pandemic has sent the emergency room physician's profile soaring. McCormick logs scores of views with his social media posts urging a speedier reopening of the U.S. economy. Fox News and other conservative outlets lean on his experience in TV interviews. And President Donald Trump retweeted one of his videos accusing Democrats of not letting a ‘crisis go to waste,’ ‘I didn't become an ER doctor because I want to be a politician,’ McCormick said. "I didn't time this to the pandemic. But it just so happened that this is who I am.’ He's among a small group of doctors, nurses and public health scientists who are competing for state and federal office in Georgia at a time when public attention is transfixed on a pandemic that's transformed the state's politics -- and just about every facet of everyday life.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 5/21/20]
June 2020: McCormick Won The GOP Primary For GA-07 With Over 50% Of The Vote, Avoiding A Runoff. “Dr. Rich McCormick won the Republican primary for Georgia’s 7th Congressional District, beating out six other candidates in a race many expected to go to a runoff to replace incumbent Rep. Rob Woodall. McCormick, an emergency medicine physician at Northside Hospital Gwinnett, had 55.37% of over 47,000 votes as of Friday morning, well ahead of state Sen. Renee Unterman in second with 17.22%. Five other candidates finished in the single-digits.” [Forsyth County News, 6/13/20]

HEADLINE: McCormick Avoids Runoff For District 7 GOP Nomination. [Forsyth County News, 6/13/20]

McCormick Said That His Victory Indicated A Desire For “New, Conservative Leadership.”
“McCormick attended the Morehouse School of Medicine, where his peers elected him student body president. ‘Tonight's election results prove that our community wants new, conservative leadership,’ the Republican said. With faith, hard work and trust in the electorate, our campaign exceeded all expectations.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 6/11/20]

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February 2020: McCormick Said That The Democratic Primaries Were A “Battle Between Socialism And More Socialism.” “The Democrat primaries are a battle between socialism and more socialism. And more socialism is winning. What a joke. It's time to Keep America Great by re-electing President Trump and giving him a Congress that will deliver his agenda.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 2/12/20]
McCormick Said That “I Saw This Back In the 60s Too” And Praised President Reagan For “Reversing That Trend” Before The “60s Movement Mentality” Took Over Again. “MCCORMICK: ‘And I saw this back in the 60s too. You saw when Reagan took this on, and the great orator that he was the great communicator that he was, he was able to kind of reverse that trend for a while. And they're seen as basically being taken over by that that 60s movement mentality again, that you can go and live in the middle of Seattle and people are supposed to bring you things for free and, and that's the way it's supposed to be.’” [America Out Loud, 9:00, 7/2/20]

McCormick Was Born In 1968 And Was A One Year Old Infant When The 1960s Ended. [Marietta, GA Police Department, Motor Vehicle Accident Report 02023604, 10/18/02]

December 2019: McCormick Said That One Of His Priorities In Congress Would Be Taking On “The Squad.” “MCCORMICK: ‘In Congress, I'll protect America from the socialist fantasies of the left, stand up to the squad, build the wall and double down on the Trump economy.’” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, YouTube, 11/10/19]

“Be the change you wish to see in the world”-Gandhi #GA07.” [ProPublica Politwoops, Tweet Deleted 1/11/20]

2020 Campaign Endorsements

Donald Trump

June 2020: Trump Endorsed McCormick. “Congratulations to Dr. Rich McCormick (@RichforGA) on a BIG WIN in Georgia last night! We need you in Washington, D.C. badly. You have my Complete and Total Endorsement! #MAGA #GA07” [Donald Trump, Twitter, 6/10/20]
May 2020: McCormick Was Endorsed By Students For Trump. “Thank you Students for Trump for the strong endorsement! ‘Dr. McCormick brings a fresh and invigorating message with real world experience to solve real world issues. As a decorated Marine, emergency room doctor and positive influence in youth ministry he is extremely suited to represent the people of Georgia. Dr. McCormick has spent his entire life fighting to defend the Constitution, giving back to his community and leaving everything better from when he found it. This type of leadership is desperately needed in Washington DC to stop the spread of socialism and the erosion of our God-given rights.’” [Dr. Richard McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 5/1/20]
May 2020: Ted Cruz Endorsed McCormick. “Dr. Rich McCormick, one of several Republicans running for the open 7th Congressional District seat, announced this past week that he has been endorsed by U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, in the race. ‘Dr. Rich McCormick is the type of leader we need in Congress,’ Cruz said in a statement. ‘He is a pro-life doctor and a man of faith. As a Marine and Naval Commander, Dr. McCormick knows what it will
take to build the wall, secure our border, and keep America safe. I'm confident Rich will work with me to hold China accountable, rebuild our economy, and stand against rampant socialism. I urge conservatives to join me in supporting Rich for Congress.’ McCormick is locked in a tight race where some of his opponents have gone after him in recent weeks over his voting record. Businessman Mark Gonsalves and State Sen. Renee Unterman have challenged McCormick on whether he supports President Donald Trump.” [Gwinnett Daily Post, 5/16/20]
Ted Cruz Recorded A Video Of His Endorsement For The McCormick Campaign. “CRUZ: ‘Hi, this is Ted Cruz. Every day, Nancy Pelosi and the radical left in DC are working to undermine our conservative values. We need strong reinforcements in Congress to help us fight back. And that’s why I’m proud to endorse Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress. Richard's the type of leader we need in Congress. He’s a pro-life doctor, and a man of faith. As a former Marine and naval commander, Rich McCormick knows what it'll take to build the wall to secure our borders and to keep America safe. I'm confident that rich will work with me and with President Trump to hold China accountable, to rebuild our economy and to stand against rampant socialism. I urge conservatives to stand together and join me in supporting rich McCormick.’” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 5/22/20]


March 2020: McCormick Was Endorsed By Rep. Jim Jordan Of Ohio’s 4th Congressional District. “I am honored to be endorsed by a true conservative and one of President Trump's toughest defenders in Washington. I look forward to working with him to enact the President's America First agenda. ‘As a Marine pilot and emergency room doctor, Rich McCormick knows what it means to provide leadership under pressure. He is exactly the kind of conservative we need in Washington to stand with me against the radical left and DC swamp.’ - Congressman Jim Jordan.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 3/4/20]
April 2020: McCormick Called Jordan “A Great Leader.” “MCCORMICK: ‘Jim Jordan was my first endorser. I’m really thankful. What a great leader he is.’” [Red Kudzu, 4/21/20]

Rep. Rob Woodall (R, GA-07)

July 2020: McCormick Was Endorsed By Outgoing Representative Rob Woodall. “Thank you Congressman Rob Woodall for your endorsement! I will make sure to uphold your legacy as Georgia's next Congressman from the 7th.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, 7/1/20]
Rep. Mike Garcia (R, CA-25)

May 2020: Rep. Mike Garcia Endorsed McCormick. “Earlier this month, Conservative Congressman Mike Garcia rocked the liberal establishment in California by taking back a U.S. House seat for the first time in two decades! I’m proud to have his endorsement and look forward to defeating liberals with him in Washington.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, 5/29/20]
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[Friends of McCormick, Facebook, 5/29/20]
Honored to have the endorsement of fellow pilot Congressman Mike Garcia! @MikeGarcia2020 won his seat from the Democrats in California! Together we will stand and help @realDonaldTrump bring back the economy and #MAGA! #GA07 #Gapol #Trump2020 #Trump #RedWave #KAG #KAGA2020
Rep. Jody Hice (R, GA-10)

May 20202: Rep. Jody Hice Endorsed Rich McCormick. “I’ve been a big fan of Congressman Hice and it is an honor to be endorsed by him! Together we will help @realDonaldTrump hold China responsible and bring back the economy! #Gapol #GA07 #thursdaymorning #Trump #MAGA #KAG #KAG2020 #MAGA2020” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Twitter, 5/28/20]

Duluth, GA Mayor Nancy Harris

May 2020: McCormick Was Endorsed By Duluth, GA Mayor Nancy Harris. “Proud to be the ONLY candidate in this race to be endorsed by Duluth Mayor Nancy Harris. Mayor Harris is the epitome of a community leader and I can't wait to work with her to advance our communities forward.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 5/13/20]
As Of July 2020, The Link To Harris’s Endorsement On McCormick’s Campaign Website Leads To A Dead Webpage. [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 5/13/20]
February 2020: Club For Growth PAC Endorsed McCormick For GA-07, Praising Him For A “Firm Understanding Of Free Markets, A Constitutionally Limited Government, And America’s Dire Debt And Deficit Situation.” “Club for Growth PAC announced the endorsement of Rich McCormick for the Republican primary in Georgia’s 7th Congressional District. The primary will be held on May 19. McCormick is currently an emergency room doctor and has 20 years of experience as a pilot and physician in the Marine Corps and Navy.”

[Club for Growth – Press Release, 2/24/20]
McCormick Said That He Was “Honored” To Receive Club For Growth’s Endorsement. “Honored to be a part of a movement stressing limited government, free market solutions, and individual liberties.” [Richard McCormick, Facebook, 2/25/20]

March 2020: McCormick Was Endorsed By The House Freedom Fund. “I am proud to receive an endorsement from the House Freedom Fund. Led by true Conservatives like Jim Jordan, Mark Meadows, Chairman Andy Biggs, and Jody Hice, the HFF supports candidates who will fight to defend the Constitution and advance President Trump's policies to promote liberty, safety, and prosperity for all Americans.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 3/2/20]

The Guardian Fund (Allen West)

**Medical Association Of Georgia**

**September 2019: The Medical Association Of Georgia Endorsed McCormick.** “Doctors know that to fix healthcare, you need more physicians, not politicians, in Washington. That's why I'm honored to pick up the support of the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG). They know I'm ALL IN to champion patient advocacy, lower costs, and end surprise billing once and for all.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 9/16/19]
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The Medical Association of Georgia Noted That McCormick Was A Member In Its Endorsement. “The Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) is endorsing Richard ‘Rich’ McCormick, M.D., M.B.A., for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 7th Congressional District of Georgia. ‘As an ER physician and combat veteran, Dr. McCormick is a proven leader who has the experience, skill set, and temperament we need to solve today’s most pressing problems,’ says MAG President Rutledge Forney, M.D. ‘And he is the ideal candidate to tackle the health care system’s complex challenges, in particular.’ Dr. Forney adds that, “Dr. McCormick knows how to strengthen and solidify Georgia’s practice environment – including the need for tort reform, eliminating surprise bills, and reducing today’s oppressive regulatory burdens – which ultimately means Georgians will have more access to the physicians and medical care they need.’ Dr. Forney concludes that, “MAG is confident that Dr. McCormick is the best candidate for this office, and we are convinced that he will be a strong and effective advocate for the Georgians he represents, including both patients and physicians.” Dr. McCormick is a MAG member, an emergency medicine physician at Gwinnett Medical Center in Lawrenceville, and a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and Navy – having served as an officer and helicopter pilot in combat zones in Africa, the Persian Gulf, and Afghanistan. It is also worth noting that he is a graduate of the Morehouse University School of Medicine.” [Medical Association of Georgia, accessed 7/29/20]
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Go to www.friendsofmccormick.com for Dr. McCormick’s campaign website.

[Medical Association of Georgia, accessed 7/29/20]

Forsyth County, GA Sheriff Ron Freeman

July 2020: Forsyth County Sheriff Ron Freeman Endorsed McCormick. “I am honored to receive the endorsement of Forsyth County Sheriff, Ron Freeman. You are a leader in our state and I look forward to working together to keep our communities safe!” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, 7/7/20]

[Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 5/3/20]

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Former Georgia State Representative Scott Hilton (GA House-95)

The endorsements of Conservative leaders across GA-7 keep rolling in!
Former State Representative Scott Hilton trusts decorated Marine and ER Physician Dr. Rich McCormick to protect our Conservative values from Washington liberals.

Hilton Encouraged Voters To Turn Out For His “Friend” Rich McCormick. “HILTON: ‘I want to encourage everybody to get out and vote June 9 for Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress. He is a husband, a father, a Marine, a doctor, and one of the best candidates we have for the seventh congressional district. So again, get out either vote early absentee, early, in person. or June 9, vote for my friend Dr. Rich McCormick.’”

[Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 5/20/20]

[Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 5/23/20]
As Of July 2020, Hilton Served As The Executive Director Of The Georgians First Commission, A Small Business Commission Of The Georgia Government, Under Governor Brian Kemp. “Scott Hilton serves as Executive Director for the Georgians First Commission under the Office of the Governor. The Georgians First Commission is laser focused on streamlining government to make Georgia the most attractive state for small business.” [Georgians First Commission, accessed 7/24/20]
Personal Political Donations

**McCormick Did Not Contribute To Federal Candidates And Committees**

As Of July 2020, McCormick Had Not Made Any personal Contributions To Campaigns Other Than His Own. [FEC, Individual Contributions, accessed 7/9/20]

Note, A “Richard McCormick” of Athens, GA that appears in FEC data is likely not Rich McCormick as his city of residence and status as a practicing physician in 1998 does not align with the known facts.

**McCormick Contributed $2,250 To State-Level Candidates And Committees In Georgia**

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**TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS** $2,500

## Coronavirus Pandemic

### Significant Findings

- **McCormick repeatedly downplayed the severity of COVID-19. His claims include:**
  - Feb. 2020: McCormick downplayed Coronavirus, saying nobody in the United States had died of the virus and there were no cases in the State of Georgia.
  - March 2020: McCormick urged his followers not to panic about Coronavirus, arguing the virus was “no different than other Coronaviruses we have had in the past decade.”
  - March 2020: McCormick predicted Coronavirus would be “a bad memory” in “about two months” and the country would see an economic rebound.
  - March 2020: McCormick was already calling for an end to lockdowns and a return to work.
  - April 2020: McCormick dismissed concerns about coronavirus deaths and said “You’re gonna die. I’m gonna die. We’re all temporal creatures.”
  - May 2020: McCormick claimed that Coronavirus death figures inflated and that “a good majority” of fatalities were the primary result of another condition or illness.
  - May 2020: McCormick said that there was no evidence that masks were effective at mitigating the spread of the coronavirus.
  - May-June 2020: During McCormick’s 22-day pushup challenge to bring awareness to veterans suffering from PTSD, he repeatedly posted videos of himself without a facemask or gloves in public places, potentially risking the safety of others.
  - June 2020: McCormick hosted an in-person campaign events as COVID-19 restrictions in Georgia loosened and cases spiked.
  - July 2020: McCormick said that “I’m just not all that concerned” about Coronavirus’s impact on the general public.
  - July 2020: McCormick downplayed the effectiveness of masks in combatting Coronavirus.
  - Late July 2020: McCormick walked back some of his blasé statements and urged his followers caution amidst of what he called a “second wave” but did not encourage use of masks.

- **McCormick repeatedly promoted the use of hydroxychloroquine to treat coronavirus – often citing his medical credentials – but the drug was deemed ineffective and dangerous by the FDA in June 2020.**

- **McCormick repeatedly praised President Trump’s response to the coronavirus and commended Gov. Kemp’s reopening plans.**

- **McCormick speculated that he had contracted coronavirus but did not say if he was tested or took precautions.**

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**NOTE:** This timeline is current as of **July 31, 2020.**
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<td>McCormick posted a video to Twitter downplaying the coronavirus. In the video, McCormick says, “Nobody in the United States has died from [coronavirus]. We have zero cases in Georgia. To put this in perspective, 12,000 people die a year of the flu. On a bad year – like 2017 and 2018 – we had over 70,000 people die in the United States of the flu alone. In the world about 400,000 people die of the flu every year. Now let’s look at what’s really happening: if you wash your hands, if you stay away from sick people, if you protect the most vulnerable, we’ll be just fine.” McCormick also blamed the Democrats for fears over coronavirus, saying: “Now the Democrats will never let a good crisis go to waste.”</td>
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<td>Trump retweeted McCormick’s 2/27 video.</td>
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<td>McCormick criticized Democrats for saying “President Trump…hasn’t done enough…yet they have fought him taking steps to protect our country since the beginning of [coronavirus].” McCormick attached a screenshot of a Chuck Schumer Tweet criticizing Trump’s “premature travel ban to and from China,” claiming it was “just an excuse to further his ongoing war against immigrants.”</td>
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<td>McCormick retweeted a President Trump post downplaying the severity of coronavirus by comparing its effects to that of the flu. McCormick urged his followers not to panic and argued: “In historical context this virus is no different than the other coronaviruses we have had in the past decade.” He added the elderly and immunocompromised should “take caution to not get sick…like they should everyday [sic].”</td>
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<td>McCormick said “if we cancel school every time someone tests positive for Coronavirus we will not finish the school year. Children are the lowest risk of all. Low infection rate and almost no mortality.” McCormick followed his post with the hashtag “#WuhanVirus.”</td>
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<td>McCormick praised Trump (who – in his tweet – praised the Senate GOP) for taking “bold decisive action…instead of panicking and freezing.”</td>
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<td>McCormick posted a video claiming he spoke with “over 25 physicians, including some of the leading experts in infectious disease,” and that he could say for sure the media made it “much worse than it actually is.” He asked where the media was when tens of thousands died of the flu in 2017. McCormick said President Trump was doing “everything possible” and “we could spend a trillion dollars on this disease, and it would still spread.”</td>
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<td>McCormick boosted a claim that “all the manufacturers in China…are back in business up and running.” The tweet also claimed, “things are okay!”</td>
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### 3/11/20
McCormick boosted a tweet reading, “California’s Democrat Governor Praises @realDonaldTrump’s Response To Coronavirus On Cruise Ship: ‘Every Single Thing He Said They Followed Through On.’”

McCormick quote tweeted: “‘We suffer more in imagination than in reality.’ –Seneca”

### 3/14/20
McCormick tweeted: “Wash your hands, stay hydrated, and use common sense! Be kind to each other America!”

### 3/15/20
McCormick tweeted: “Listen to the kindness in your soul and not the panic on the TV. How you react to adversity is what defines you.” He followed his tweet with the hashtags “HighRiskCovid19” and “Coronapocolypse.”

### 3/16/20
McCormick postponed an event with Jody Hice “due to the impact of coronavirus and the new policy set forth by the President and the CDC.”

He went on to say America was “in a unique position to deal with [coronavirus] in a great way.”

He predicted: “in about two months, this will be a bad memory, and our economy will rebound nicely.”

### 3/17/20
McCormick told a Fox News host to not be concerned about contracting coronavirus from walking down the street – saying her body would overcome being introduced to the small amount of coronavirus “very quickly.”

McCormick made no mention of social distancing or wearing masks.

### 3/19/20
McCormick tweeted: “@FoxNews asked for my opinion and it’s 100% clear: @realdonaldtrump decisive action to place this country on a war footing will save lives.”

### 3/20/20
McCormick told Newsmax TV that Trump was right in closing the borders amid the coronavirus pandemic and pushed back on calls the measures were xenophobic, saying: “I think it’s very responsible for the president to control borders and understand where the disease comes from.”

McCormick also said, “I’ve said for many years that we got to be careful who comes across [borders]…We’ve got to the point where we have to become so politically correct even at the expense of our own people. It’s not just drugs and child trafficking that come across borders. It’s disease processes.”

He also added the 1918 flu pandemic killed 25 million “because we didn’t have containment.”

### 3/22/20
In a quote tweet, McCormick criticized the “#DoNothingDemocrats” for “filibuster[ing]” the Phase 3 coronavirus-relief package.

McCormick retweeted a Fox News article that reported Democrats blocked the package because it “did not go far enough to provide health care and unemployment aid for Americans, and failed to put restraints on a proposed $500 billion ‘slush fund’ for corporations, saying the ban on corporate stock buy-backs are weak and the limits on executive pay would last only two years.”

### 3/23/20
McCormick called Speaker Pelosi “classless” for “delaying economic recovery for America to push her socialist agenda.”

### 3/24/20
McCormick claimed President Trump had taken “decisive action” against COVID-19 “despite the Democrats best efforts to appease terrorists and allow our economy sink”

### 3/24/20
McCormick asked: “Why should those struggling with this unprecedented national crisis suffer because of these political issues?” referring to Democrats pushing for certain provisions in a coronavirus relief bill.

### 3/25/20
McCormick posted a video recapping his ER night shift, saying: “Most people who come in who have respiratory symptoms are fairly mild and they’re being discharged home with likely COVID-19 infections. Some people are being admitted if they’re sick enough. Some people are still showing up for tests, but most people are staying home. **Anybody who shows up for tests is sent on their way, because that’s not what we do here.** I think the worst is yet to come. I think we’re
still going to see an increase in flow and people who are sick, but eventually I think we’ve flattened the curve enough that we’ll be able to manage it well.”

### 3/25/20
McCormick posted a video saying, “America is in a unique position to deal with this [virus] in a great way” citing the “solution of combining government with private industry.” McCormick pointed to the U.S. defeating Germany in WWII.

### 3/27/20
McCormick tweeted: “Make no mistake we are in a fight against #COVID19 today…@realDonaldTrump will keep America the greatest economy in world history.”

### 3/28/20
McCormick bragged about being retweeted by President Trump and said, “his leadership during this national disaster is a perfect balance of preserving individual liberties while taking aggressive action to keep Americans safe.”

### 3/30/20
McCormick praised his campaign team for making masks for those on the frontlines of coronavirus.

### 3/30/20
McCormick tweeted, “The more people that are tested the better information we will have. Although the number of people tested will help determine mortality rates we will continue to try to protect the most vulnerable and treat those in distress #StayAtHome”

### 4/2/20
McCormick praised Trump’s leadership against “Terrorists, Socialists, and the #COVID19Pandemic” and argued that “Free market capitalism has stepped up huge to save this country and fight” coronavirus.

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McCormick wrote an appreciation post to Vice President Mike Pence “for his leadership on the #COVID19 task force,” adding: “The ramp up of medical supplies through private sector business has been a massive success so far.”

### 4/3/20
McCormick responded to a tweet by AOC, in which she argued that COVID deaths “are disproportionately spiking in Black + Brown communities,” saying: “Regrettably I think @AOC should consider that she was perhaps better at her former job than her present.”

### 4/6/20
McCormick tweeted: “I am really looking forward to the first @realDonaldTrump Rally after we defeat this virus as a nation!! Killing the top terrorist, defeating partisan impeachment, SOTU address, and leading America through Covid What a 1st Quarter.”

### 4/7/20
McCormick criticized the media for “irresponsible reporting” that led to “panic and fear.” He said, “The governor of Connecticut recently inferred that an infant died of Covid 19. No detail given to the actual information surrounding the death so why would he publicize that one piece of info? Sensationalism, fear, politics.”

### 4/8/20
McCormick retweeted a post by President Trump that read: “FLATTENING OF THE CURVE!” to which McCormick responded: “This is fantastic news! I believe the best is yet to come!!”

### 4/8/20
McCormick tweeted in response to Bernie Sanders suspending his presidential campaign: “What a great day! Fantastic news from @realDonaldTrump about curve flattening and now America will not have to listen to socialist propaganda!!” He included the hashtag “#SocialismKills”

### 4/9/20
McCormick bashed Kamala Harris for “picking a fight with the president” over hydroxychloroquine, saying she was endangering “people’s lives” by eroding “confidence in this country’s professionals.”

In an effort to defend President Trump, McCormick cited his medical credentials and referenced other physicians he claimed were prescribing hydroxychloroquine “because they think it works.”

### 4/16/20
McCormick defended President Trump’s decision to defund the WHO via Twitter, using the hashtag “#WHOLiedPeopleDied.” McCormick said the organization was “corruptible” and “unaccountable.” He further suggested the organization was “anti-American” and “anti-Semitic.”

### 4/17/20
McCormick criticized Speaker Pelosi for “withholding funding from American small business owners yet having a fit about defunding the WHO and aid from Ukraine.”

### 4/20/20
McCormick said it was “time to safely open America back up,” agreeing with President Trump. In his video, McCormick said, “This country has always been about freedom over security.”

McCormick emphasized the oil industry, using the hashtags “#OilPrices” and “#crudeoil.”
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<td>McCormick cited his medical credentials and military experience to commend President Trump and GOP governors for “willing to step up and reopen America safely.” He added, “Nobody is forcing you back to work…that’s an individual decision that only you can make.”</td>
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<td>McCormick praised Georgia’s reopening strategy and said that since reopening, “we’ve seen no second wave.”</td>
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<td>On CNN, Democratic Governor Ned Lamont of Connecticut said the President should try “a surgical mask rather than hydroxychloroquine if he really wants a line of defense that works against coronavirus.” McCormick responded by criticized Lamont, saying: “A lot of armchair physicians are commenting on the medications @realDonaldTrump is taking. The left says decisions should be between a doctor and a patient unless they disagree, then the media should make the decisions. Here is an idea, let doctors be doctors.”</td>
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<td>McCormick tweeted a Fox News report that “Planned Parenthood affiliates improperly applied for and received” PPP loans. In his post, he expressed support for the Hyde Amendment, saying: “Real small businesses are struggling and need PPP loans to keep their employees on payroll. I strongly support the Hyde Amendment and will never let federal funds be used to pay for abortion.”</td>
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<td>In a One America News (OAN) Network interview, McCormick said hydroxychloroquine was one of his hospital’s standard treatments for coronavirus. He criticized the WHO for halting testing on the drug, calling it politicized and saying it was “clouding the data.”</td>
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<td>In the same interview, McCormick theorized that society had developed a “herd immunity” and claimed a “vast majority – especially young people – are not getting sick.”</td>
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<td>McCormick doubled-down on his hydroxychloroquine stance, saying he had no problem using the drug to treat coronavirus “until shown clear evidence that it’s not good for you.” He added that the drug should be tested on “tens of thousands of patients.” He called hydroxychloroquine a “very safe drug” that he himself had used in the military. He went on to say that he was “not worried about the side-effects” of the drug unless a patient had serious heart conditions or there was a reaction with another drug.</td>
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<td>McCormick posted a video reflecting on a 22-year old intubated patient he saw in the ICU, saying “when there’s people in need, we need to answer the call.” He continued: “We need to defend ourselves against socialism. We need to defend our health care system. We need to make it better, more affordable…I hope that you’ll join me for a limited government, free-market solution, individual liberties and a God-centered decision-making matrix.”</td>
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<td>McCormick posted a video of himself speaking with voters without a facemask.</td>
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<td><em>(NOTE: While the timing of the video is unclear, at one point McCormick opts to bump elbows with an elderly man instead of shaking his hand, an indication that the event occurred during the pandemic. Nobody in the videos is wearing a facemask.)</em></td>
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<td>McCormick said, “Shuttering our economy again would be a gut-punch to the American dream.” He added, “Mandating they close again is the wrong path, we know how [to] reopen America safely.”</td>
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| 6/16/20 | McCormick defended his recommendation of hydroxychloroquine to Atlanta Journal-Constitution via a campaign spokesman, who said: “I can’t think of a better metaphor for the takeover of
healthcare and socialized medicine that Democrats want to force on Seventh District families than a Washington DC political operative telling a Georgia licensed physician how to practice medicine."

**6/16/20** McCormick: “Make no mistake about it, we are going to innovate our way out of the #COVID19 crisis. Testing and validating treatment theories is our best hope against his disease until we create a vaccine.”

*NOTE: President Trump said he asked his staff to slow down testing one week later (see below).*

**6/19/20** McCormick posted a video of himself and a Navy veteran without masks doing pushups in a public outdoor area.

**6/23/20** President Trump said he asked his staff to slow down coronavirus testing. When senior members of his administration said the comment was made in jest, President Trump said he was not kidding.

**6/25/20** McCormick posted a photo of himself without a mask speaking to and posing with a group of people at an outdoor public venue.

**6/25/20** The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported on a DCCC ad claiming McCormick was “putting lives at risk during a pandemic” after the FDA withdrew authorizations for hydroxychloroquine use. McCormick’s spokesperson responded to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution “panning Washington operatives for ‘telling a Georgia licensed physician how to practice medicine.’”

**6/30/20** McCormick tweeted, “China lied and Americans died,” and accused Democrats of “pandering to a Communist China.”

**6/30/20** McCormick’s campaign said: “The Chinese Communist Party is directly responsible for the spread of COVID-19. Now they are carrying out cyber attacks in an effort to steal US intellectual property and COVID-19 vaccine research while Democrats stand idly by.”

**7/3/20** Team McCormick tweeted at the DCCC, saying: “Let’s agree to let doctors practice medicine. This is why political hacks in Washington DC shouldn’t be in charge of healthcare.”

McCormick linked an article entitled, “Study finds hydroxychloroquine helped coronavirus patients survive better.” The headline was later edited to: “Study finds hydroxychloroquine may have boosted survival, but other researchers have doubts.”

**7/9/20** On the Doctor’s Lounge podcast, McCormick again defended his promotion of hydroxychloroquine, saying that was “what was recommended by the CDC.” McCormick also stated that one of his Democratic colleagues was prescribing hydroxychloroquine to his friends as a preventative drug.

McCormick agreed with his interviewer Dr. Barbour that Dr. Fauci had a financial interest in promoting remdesivir and suppressing use of hydroxychloroquine.

McCormick then admitted that there was an ongoing second wave of the pandemic but complained that the focus of pandemic response had moved from “flattening the curve” to “nobody dying.”

McCormick also said that if Trump had never mentioned hydroxychloroquine it would not have been controversial and called Benadryl, Aspirin, Tylenol more dangerous drugs.

**7/21/20** McCormick posted a video to Twitter and Parler saying that based on what he was seeing in the ER that there “is definitely as second wave.”

**7/23/20** McCormick directly attacked Boudreaux and called on her to “stop making hydroxychloroquine political.”

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**McCormick Repeatedly Downplayed The Severity Of Coronavirus**

**Feb. 2020: McCormick Downplayed Coronavirus, Saying Nobody In The United States Had Died Of The Virus And There Were No Cases In The State Of Georgia**
Feb. 27, 2020: McCormick Downplayed Coronavirus, Saying “Nobody In The United States Has Died From It” And “We Have Zero Cases In Georgia.” “Let’s talk about something that’s concerning a lot of people right now – the Coronavirus. Now the Democrats will never let a good crisis go to waste. They’re trying to blame President Trump for a virus. Tell me what we haven’t done to contain this virus. So far nobody in the United States has died of it. We have zero cases in Georgia. To put this in perspective, 12,000 people die a year of the flu. On a bad year – like 2017 and 2018 – we had over 70,000 people die in the United States of the flu alone. In the world about 400,000 people die of the flu every year. Now let’s look at what’s really happening: if you wash your hands, if you stay away from sick people, if you protect the most vulnerable, we’ll be just fine.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 2/27/20]

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Trump Retweeted McCormick’s Video Claiming The Democrats Will “Never Let A Good Crisis Go To Waste.” “President Donald Trump retweeted a physician who accused Democrats of trying to blame him for the coronavirus crisis – after his administration told NIH health expert Anthony Fauci to stay off the Sunday shows. Trump on Friday tweeted out a video clip by Dr. Rich McCormick, a Georgia congressional candidate who echoed his own attacks on Democrats and defense of his coronavirus [sic] response. ‘The Democrats will never let a good crisis go to waste,’ McCormick says, in a video that appears to be shot beneath a wooden staircase. ‘They’re trying to blame President Trump for a virus. Tell me what we haven’t done to contain this virus? So far. nobody in the United States has died of it,’ he said.” [Daily Mail, 2/28/20]
The First Reported Coronavirus Death In The United States Came On Feb. 29 – Two Days After McCormick’s Post. “The first report of a coronavirus-related death in the United States came on Feb. 29 in the Seattle area, although officials there later discovered that two people who had died Feb. 26 also had the virus.” [New York Times, 5/7/20]

As Of August 3, 2020, 155,062 People Had Died From Coronavirus In The United States. [Johns Hopkins University – COVID 19 Dashboard, accessed 8/3/20]

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McCormick: “If Only The Media Cared About Our Veterans And First Responders As Much As They Cared About Creating Panic And Hype To Create Headlines.” “If only the media cared about our veterans and first responders as much as they cared about creating panic and hype to create headlines...... @realDonaldTrump #COVID2019 #coronavirus #stocks #mondaythoughts” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/9/20]

NOTE: McCormick’s quote tweet was attached to an original tweet is now unavailable.

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“Children with COVID-19 carry as much or more coronavirus in their nose as adults, suggesting that they could pose a serious infection risk if schools and day care centers reopen, a new study argues. Coronavirus testing performed in Chicago in March and April shows that children and teens tend to have as much virus in their nasal passages as adults, according to a research letter published online July 30 in JAMA Pediatrics.” [HealthDay News via WebMD, 7/30/20]

The Study Indicated That Children Under 5 Posed The Biggest Infection Risk. “Coronavirus testing performed in Chicago in March and April shows that children and teens tend to have as much virus in their nasal passages as adults, according to a research letter published online July 30 in JAMA Pediatrics. In fact, children younger than 5 carried the highest viral loads, the researchers reported. ‘It’s concerning the youngest individuals were the ones with the highest amount of virus,’ said lead researcher Dr. Taylor Heald-Sargent, a pediatric infectious diseases specialist at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago. ‘They are not always the ones who are washing their hands or wearing their masks.’” [HealthDay News via WebMD, 7/30/20]

The Study Estimated That The Amount Of Virus Contained In The Nasal Passages Of Children Under 5 Was Between 10 And 100 Times The Amount In Older Children And Adults. “The first study, published in JAMA on July 30, reports findings from a pediatric hospital in Chicago. The study examines the concentration of the COVID-19 in the nasopharynx, or the upper region of the throat that connects to the nasal passages, of children and adults. The study reports that: Kids younger than 6 years old who develop mild to moderate COVID-19 symptoms have 10 to 100 times as much SARS-CoV-2 in the nasopharynx as older children and adults. Kids ages 5 to 17 years have the same amount of virus in the nasopharynx as adults age 18 and older.” [Forbes, 8/3/20]

HEADLINE: New Study Shows Kids Are COVID Spreaders, Too. [HealthDay News via WebMD, 7/30/20]

HEADLINE: Kids Under Age 5 May Carry A Much Higher Coronavirus Viral Load Than Older Children And Adults: Study. [Market Watch, 8/1/20]

Large Numbers Of Children Contracting Coronavirus At Schools Would Have Resulted In Risk To Parents And Continued Home Quarantine. “Businesses are guided by the C.D.C. and states to conduct daily health screenings of workers who come to work, to slow the spread. Federal law permits these inquiries as COVID-19 is a “direct threat” to the workplace. These worker health screenings consist of temperature checks and questions about a worker’s symptoms and possible exposure to others who may be positive. As a result, a worker living with a child who was infected or exposed to COVID-19 at school will likely have to notify their employer. Given that the C.D.C. requires that ‘individuals exposed to people with known or suspected COVID-19 should be quickly identified and quarantined’ workers will be forced out of work while quarantined.” [Forbes, 8/3/20]


June 2020: A Coronavirus Outbreak At A Georgia YMCA Camp Resulted In over 260 Cases Of COVID-19, Showing Rapid Spread Amongst Children And Teenagers

The CDC Said The Camp Outbreak Showed A Viral Attack Rate Of 44%, Which The CDCAcknowledged Was An Undercount. “The CDC study of 597 campers and staff from Georgia found the camp did not follow its
guidance to require campers wear masks, though staff did. Three-quarters of the 344 attendees and staff for whom the CDC was able to obtain test results tested positive for the virus. The CDC said the overall attack rate of the virus was 44%, though the agency acknowledged that’s an undercount because it includes more than 250 for whom they had no results.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 7/31/20]

The CDC Said That The Event Showed That Children Of All Ages Were Susceptible To The Virus. “This investigation adds to the body of evidence demonstrating that children of all ages are susceptible to SARS-CoV-2 infection and, contrary to early reports might play an important role in transmission,’ the report said.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 7/31/20]

HEADLINE: “COVID-19 Spread Quickly Among Unmasked Youth At YMCA Camp, CDC Finds.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 7/31/20]

March 2020: McCormick Argued That The Coronavirus Curve Had Been Flattened Enough That It Could Be Managed

March 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Recapping His Night Shift At The ER, Saying He Thought “We Have Flattened The Curve Enough” That It Could Be Managed. “Most people who come in who have respiratory symptoms are fairly mild and they’re being discharged home with likely COVID-19 infections. Some people are being admitted if they’re sick enough. Some people are still showing up for tests, but most people are staying home. Anybody who shows up for tests is sent on their way, because that’s not what we do here. I think the worst is yet to come. I think we’re still going to see an increase in flow and people who are sick, but eventually I think we’ve flattened the curve enough that we’ll be able to manage it well.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/25/20]

McCormick: “Anybody Who Shows Up For Tests Is Sent On Their Way, Because That’s Not What We Do Here.” “Anybody who shows up for tests is sent on their way, because that’s not what we do here.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/25/20]

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March 2020: McCormick Was Already Calling For An End To Lockdowns And A Return To Work

March 2020: McCormick Said That Within A Month, Coronavirus Would “Be A Bad Memory.” “MCCORMICK: I think so, if you are looking at the models in the Far East, China, Japan, Korea, they have already turned the corner, kids going back to school, people going back to work, we are not too far behind them, within a month, I think everything will be a bad memory, hopefully we will get our youngest back to work to support our economy.’” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 1:31, March 2020]
McCormick Stated That He Hoped People Could Begin To Return To Work In Two Weeks And Compared The Pandemic To The 2017-2018 Flu Season. “MCCORMICK: My hope is that we do start to gradually in increments of people going back to work, I think we will turn the corner, as soon as we see the death tolls starting to reduce everyday, which should be coming hopefully in the next two weeks, to put things into perspective going back to the 17-18 flu season, over 70,000 people died that year, if you compare it to modern day what is happening, you would have to have 700 people die for 100 days straight, in order to approach those numbers - just putting things into perspectives.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 2:51, March 2020]

March 2020: McCormick Encouraged People To Present At Medical Facilities Other Than An ER With COVID Symptoms

March 2020: McCormick Encouraged People To Present At Medical Facilities Other Than An ER With Some COVID Symptoms. “MCCORMICK: I hope people go somewhere else other than the ER when they are not truly ill. The problem is people come to the ER all the time with cold like symptoms, and this thing where people are sneezing or hacking, that is not really what we are looking for. As a matter of fact, even if you are coronavirus infected, we don't necessarily want you to come to the ER. You don't need treatment, we are not going to give you anything other than ibuprofen, Tylenol to bring the fever down and stay hydrated. But if you come to the ER and you are infected, you are going to infect other people. And if you are not infected, you could get infected. […] What I want to see is the people who have difficulty breathing, distressed.” [Newsmax (via Facebook), 3/13/20]
March 2020: McCormick Touted The Importance Of Testing For Coronavirus Just Days After He Posted A Video Saying He Turned Away People Trying To Get Tested

March 25, 2020: McCormick: “Anybody Who Shows Up For Tests Is Sent On Their Way, Because That’s Not What We Do Here.” “Anybody who shows up for tests is sent on their way, because that’s not what we do here.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/25/20]

March 30, 2020: McCormick Praised Testing, Saying: “The More People That Are Tested The Better Information We Will Have. Although The Number Of People Tested Will Help Determine Mortality Rates We Will Continue To Try To Protect The Most Vulnerable And Treat Those In Distress.” “The more people that are tested the better information we will have. Although the number of people tested will help determine mortality rates we will continue to try to protect the most vulnerable and treat those in distress #StayAtHome #COVID #DoctorsDay” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/30/20]

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April 2020: McCormick Said It Was Time To Reopen America, Saying “This Country Has Always Been About Freedom Over Security”

April 20, 2020: McCormick Tweeted: “It’s Time To Safely Open America Back Up.” “It’s time to safely open America back up .@realDonaldTrump is right!” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/20/20]

McCormick: “This Country Has Always Been About Freedom Over Security.” “This country has always been about freedom over security.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/20/20]

April 2020: McCormick Dismissed Concerns About Coronavirus Deaths And Said “You’re Gonna Die. I’m Gonna Die. We’re All Temporal Creatures”

McCormick Downplayed Coronavirus Casualties By Stating That Approximately 70,000 Americans Died From The Flu In 2019. “MCCORMICK: ‘The people who are saying the government has overreach, the
government should allow us to make our own decisions, and no one I'm no longer at risk, or at least the acceptable risk to myself where I can, I can also distance and go back to work. I can wear a mask if you want me to do but let me get back to work. Let me do what I do best. These young healthy people are very much at a low risk category. I understand some people are going to die who are young, but guess how many people died in the flu season two years ago, about 70,000 people die, right 70,000 people die. We didn't bat an eye eyelash. And that was including young kids. We know for a fact that the young kids are not at high risk for this disease, certainly not as high risk as they were with the flu, certainly not as high as they were with H1N1 back in 2009.”” [Red Kudzu, 20:30, 4/21/20]

McCormick Said “I Understand Some People Are Going To Die Who Are Young.” “MCCORMICK: ‘I understand some people are going to die who are young, but guess how many people died in the flu season two years ago, about 70,000 people die, right 70,000 people die.’” [Red Kudzu, 20:50, 4/21/20]

McCormick: “You’re Gonna Die. I’m Gonna Die. We’re All Temporal Creatures.”. “MCCORMICK: ‘What we think is we can prolong life forever. I'm here to temporarily help you along. But I can't save you forever as an ER doc. You're gonna die. I'm gonna die. We're all temporal creatures. And that's the one thing we're kind of lacking in our spiritual life is we keep on thinking that it's all about this life and not the next we're thinking about us instead of our children. And that's the real problem. We're not setting up America, for our children. We're always thinking about ourselves.’” [Red Kudzu, 21:51, 4/21/20]

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April 2020: McCormick Posted Photos Of Himself In Public Without Wearing Protective Gear

April 17, 2020: McCormick Posted A Photo With Him And GOP Volunteers While Not Wearing A Mask. “Thank you to the Chinese Republicans for supporting the Medical staff in Duluth and Lawrenceville with face masks! They are true patriots and great Americans! Many people are also making masks (note my new favorite) and giving food. What a great nation we live in!” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/17/20]
April 21, 2020: McCormick Posted A Series Of Photos With Him Making Pizza At A Local Restaurant Without A Mask Or Gloves. “Making pizza with Dr. Rocco Romeo at Romeo’s New York Pizza in Alpharetta for the frontline troops at the hospital. Love to see great Americans supporting great Americans!” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/21/20]
April 2020: McCormick Touted His Medical Credentials And Military Background While Commending President Trump’s And Various GOP Governors’ Efforts To Open America

McCormick: “As An ER Doctor And Former Military Officer, I Commend President Trump And Those Governors Willing To Step Up And Reopen America Safely.” “As an ER doctor and former military officer, I commend .@realDonaldTrump and those governors willing to step up and reopen America safely. #wednesdaymorning #DonaldTrump #OPENAMERICANOW #SmallBusiness #GA07 #Gapol” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/22/20]

McCormick Asked, “As Americans, Do We Rely On The Government To Keep Us Safe? Or Do We Rely On Our Own Self-Governance?” “As Americans, do we rely on the government to keep us safe? Or do we rely on our own self-governance to determine what is safe and unsafe?” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/22/20]

McCormick Claimed “Nobody Is Forcing You Back To Work.” “Nobody’s asking you to come out of your house. Nobody’s forcing you back to work. Nobody’s making you open your businesses.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/22/20]

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April 2020: McCormick: “Some Speed And Intensity On Getting This Country Back To Functioning Is What Needs To Happen”

McCormick: “Some Speed And Intensity On Getting This Country Back To Functioning Is What Needs To Happen.” “Some speed and intensity on getting this country back to functioning is what needs to happen. Being a leader means stepping up in a time of crisis. .@SpeakerPelosi is a disgrace and an example of poor leadership. #WorkFromHome #thursdaymorning #DoNothingDemocrats” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/30/20]

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May 2020: McCormick Said That There Was No Evidence That Masks Were Effective At Mitigating The Spread Of The Virus
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April 2020: The CDC Issued Its First Recommendation That All Americans Wear Masks Or Some Sort Of Covering In Public. “President Trump said Friday the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now recommends that people wear cloth or fabric face coverings, which can be made at home, when entering public spaces such as grocery stores and public transit stations. It is mainly to prevent those people who have the virus — and might not know it — from spreading the infection to others. The guidelines do not give many details about coverings beyond: ‘cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.’” [NPR, 4/3/20]

May-June 2020: During McCormick’s 22-Day Pushup Challenge To Bring Awareness To Veterans Suffering From PTSD, He Repeatedly Posted Videos Of Himself Without A Facemask Or Gloves In Public Places, Potentially Risking The Safety Of Others

McCormick Was Challenged To Do 22 Push Ups For 22 Days To Bring Awareness To Veterans Struggling With PTSD. “Finishing up an Overnight shift and was challenged to 22 push ups for 22 days. We have lost far too many veterans struggling with PTSD. Supporting veterans and creating opportunities for veterans is something I will always make time for!Flag of United States#Gapol #GA07 #Veterans #PTSD” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 5/30/20]

June 3, 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself Without A Facemask Performing Handstand Pushups (With One Individual Spotting) In His Campaign Office.
June 8, 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself Without a Facemask Or Gloves Using A Public Playground Set To Do Pushups.
Day 10 of #22pushupchallenge. Being a veteran is special because regardless of race or creed we all came together to serve our country. If you are struggling or know someone who is suffering from #PTSD please reach out! You are important! #GA07 #Gapol #VETERAN

Day 15 of #22pushupchallenge. #Veterans and their families are special. They made sacrifices that only other Veterans and families would understand. They also have challenges other Americans don’t understand. Anxiety and depression can be treated! Reach out! #GA07 #GA7 #Gapol

[Rich McCormick via Twitter, 6/14/20]

Day 20 of #22pushupchallenge. It’s Navy vs Marine Corps tonight! #PTSD affects so many veterans. If you or someone you know is struggling please reach out and take action. Even something as simple as these videos have helped several veterans get help!
#GA07 #GA7

June 20, 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself Doing Pushups On A Hospital Floor Without Gloves.
June 2020: McCormick Admitted He Expected To See A Spike In COVID Cases When Georgia Reopened – Despite Earlier Pushes To Open The State – Then Falsely Claimed There Was Not A Surge Afterward

NOTE: Instances of McCormick pushing for the state to reopen can be found in the sections above.

McCormick Said He Did Expect A Second Wave When Georgia Reopened. MCCORMICK: “Well, I’m glad you brought it up as a clustered effect. In other words, it’s very different in different regions of the United States. That’s so important to realize when you talk about government shutdowns and how you treat this disease. We did have our spike about a month or two ago. Since that time – actually since even the opening of Georgia, Georgia being one of the most preeminent states to open up at the start of this – getting back to work – we have not seen a second surge, which is so important to realize. To not see a second wave, which we did expect. Even the most skeptical people thought that there’d be at least some sort of bump, but there wasn’t.” [One America News Network via YouTube, 6/1/20]
[One America News Network (via YouTube), 0:26, 6/1/20]
June 1, 2020: McCormick Claimed Georgia Had Not Seen A Second Surge And Did Not See A Bump After Its Reopening. HOST: “I know that each region has a very different response. They’ve seen a different surge or not surge depending on where you live. What’s it been like in your experience?” MCCORMICK: “Well, I’m glad you brought it up as a clustered effect. In other words, it’s very different in different regions of the United States. That’s so important to realize when you talk about government shutdowns and how you treat this disease. We did have our spike about a month or two ago. Since that time – actually since even the opening of Georgia, Georgia being one of the most preeminent states to open up at the start of this – getting back to work – we have not seen a second surge, which is so important to realize. To not see a second wave, which we did expect. Even the most skeptical people thought that there’d be at least some sort of bump, but there wasn’t. And numbers continue to go down despite testing more patient. The admissions go way down, and the ICUs are clearing out. In other words, the patients who were the most sick before are coming off the ventilators and are being discharged, which is fantastic news.” [One America News Network via YouTube, 6/1/20]

Georgia Saw A Significant Spike In Positive Coronavirus Cases Shortly After Lifting Restrictions

June 2020: Georgia Saw A Significant Spike In Positive Coronavirus Cases Shortly After Lifting Restrictions. “New cases of the coronavirus in Georgia rose by over 25 percent on Thursday, the same day that Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp lifted a shelter-in-place order for those aged 65 and older, among other restrictions. The number of new cases jumped from 731 reported on Wednesday to 993 on Thursday, according to the latest figures from Johns Hopkins University. Thursday's spike marked a single-day increase of over 26 percent and the largest jump in cases since the state reopened in early May. The increase, which brought the total confirmed cases in Georgia to 54,973, marks the largest single-day spike since May 1, when 1,236 new cases were reported. Most businesses resumed operations from early May, while a selection of venues were allowed to reopen from April 24.” [Newsweek, 6/12/20]

The Spike Coincided With Governor Kemp’s Loosening Of Restrictions, Particularly For Restaurants. “The latest spike in daily cases coincided with a new executive order issued Thursday by Kemp, which is in effect from June 16 to 30, unless otherwise stated in specific sections of the order. The new order longer requires those aged 65 and older to shelter in place unless they fit certain criteria outlined in the order. Under the new order, restaurants no longer have a limit on the number of patrons allowed per square foot. Restaurants and movie theaters no longer have a limit on the number of people who can sit together.” [Newsweek, 6/12/20]

HEADLINE: Georgia Sees Highest Single-Day Rise in Coronavirus Cases Since Reopening as More Restrictions Lifted. [Newsweek, 6/12/20]


McCormick Theorized That Society Was Developing A “Herd Immunity” To The Disease And Claimed That A “Vast Majority – Especially Young People – Are Not Getting Sick.” HOST: “And when we look at the different states that have made that decision to open up – we can look at Florida, we can look at Texas. You can go through that and kind of see that there hasn’t been that surge that a lot of people were warning about at first, and that’s not to say that we won’t have one. I’m not a medical professional. I can’t speak as to what the future will hold or anything like that, but what is the lesson that we can learn from this. Is it the idea that maybe that this idea isn’t as transmissible as we initially thought? Is it that maybe there’s more herd immunity in this country than we thought? What can we take away from that lesson?” MCCORMICK: “So we’re still learning exactly what the prevalence is – in other words, how many people have really been exposed. My theory based on just the evidence that we see first-hand is that we probably do have a herd immunity. If you look at these studies of the contained space that we actually knew had overall exposure, such as the Navy ship that had wide exposure or the cruise ship that had wide exposure- these nursing homes that have wide exposure – you can see the prevalence of this disease is very contagious. But the vast majority – especially young, healthy people – are not getting sick. More often than
not in young people, you have zero symptoms even though you’re building an immunity. Even in the elderly, the most vulnerable populations, they’ve shown that almost 50 percent of the people who are actually exposed to this and are building some form of immunity don’t have symptoms. At least not significant symptoms that we’d acknowledged. And then of those people that are coming in, we’re getting much better at treating the disease, too, so the overall outcome is not as high in mortality.” [One America News Network via YouTube, 6/1/20]

June 2020: McCormick Posted A Video Of Himself Speaking With Voters Without A Mask


[Rich McCormick via Twitter, 6/9/20]

June 2020: As COVID-19 Restrictions In Georgia Loosened, Leading To A Spike Of Cases, McCormick Hosted An In-Person Campaign Event

June 2020: McCormick Hosted A “Family Fun Night” And A Campaign Event In A Supporter’s Back Yard

“Republicans who are holding campaign events in the days leading up to the primary include Rich McCormick, who is among the GOP front-runners in the 7th District. He is hosting a family fun night on Friday at a park in Cumming, with shaved ice for the kids, and more than 30 people are on the host committee. McCormick, an emergency room doctor, held an event in a Snellville supporter's backyard, where ‘X’s’ marked the ground to keep people spaced out. He said it was important for voters to hear from him directly, and social media is no
replacement. ‘You can see how authentic a person is by looking in their eyes; you can't do that any other way except in person,’ he said.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 6/4/20]
McCormick’s Campaign Claimed On The Event Page That Social Distancing Would Be Practiced At The Event. “Join us for a family fun night at Fowler Park with Dr. Rich McCormick. Friday June 5th, 6-8pm. Kona Ice will be served! Please bring your lawn chair as we practice social distancing at this outdoor event.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, event date 6/5/20]

The "Family Fun Night” Occurred In Suwanee. “Dr. Rich McCormick, a leading Republican contender for Georgia's 7th Congressional District, held a family fun night in Suwanee to energize his supporters, who snacked on icy treats as they heard from the emergency room physician.” [Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 6/7/20]

June 2020: Georgia Experienced A Surge In Coronavirus Cases

June 2020: Georgia Experienced A Surge In Coronavirus Cases With A Record Of Over 2,200 New Cases On June 28. “Hoping to slow staggering surges in new case numbers, some states are pausing or rolling back reopening plans. Georgia is not one of them. […] According to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Research Center, Georgia set another all time high for new coronavirus cases on Sunday, with over 2,200 new instances. It marks the seventh day in the last nine that the state has exceeded April peak of new cases reported.” [CBS Atlanta, 6/29/20]
June 2020: McCormick Posted Photos Of Himself Without A Mask Speaking To And Posing With A Group Of People At An Outdoor Memorial

June 25, 2020: McCormick Posted Two Photos Of Himself Without A Mask Speaking To And Posing With A Group Of People At An Outdoor Memorial.

[Rich McCormick via Twitter, 6/25/20]

July 2020: McCormick Said That He Was Not Callous In Approach To Coronavirus, Despite Not Wearing A Mask

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July 2020: McCormick Said That “I’m Just Not All That Concerned” About Coronavirus’s Impact On The General Public

July 2020: McCormick Said That “I’m Just Not All That Concerned” About Coronavirus’s Impact On The General Public. “MCCORMICK: ‘The young generation, the healthy people, whether you wear a mask or not, if you get sick, most likely you won't get very sick. And that's why when this school conversation comes up, realize that, yes, if you're in a multi-generational family, and you're going to expose yourself to high risk people, maybe it's not something good. But for the general public, young, healthy families, I'm just not all that concerned.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, YouTube, 18:57, 7/9/20]

July 2020: McCormick Downplayed The Effectiveness Of Masks In Combatting Coronavirus

McCormick Cited A Study Regarding Sterile Gloves And The Size Of Bacteria Compared To Viruses To Downplay The Effectiveness Of Masks. “MCCORMICK: ‘don't think that you're safe, because you're wearing a mask and don't think that you're not safe. When you're not wearing a mask. There's way too much labeling going on right now. And there's a big difference between bacteria and virus when you're talking about communicable diseases. […] When we suture somebody who has a laceration. It used to be for a while people wanted to wear sterile gloves and make sure that every you know, had a mask on everything like that. So they did studies on it. And I'm talking about well-powered study, 10s of thousands of people studying to see what the reoccurrence of infection...”
was, after I get done washing this moon and suturing it with gloves that were normal gloves I just took out of a box or gloves that came out of a package that were absolutely sterile for sure. And when they found after these extensive stays was you actually have a slightly higher infection rate with the sterile gloves. [...] But in other words, there's no absolutely no variance. And that's a bacterial infection. Now bacteria are hundreds of times, maybe thousands times larger than, than a virus.”” [Doctor’s Lounge, YouTube, 20:00, 7/9/20]

McCormick Said People Shouldn’t Be Vilified For Not Wearing Masks In Public. “RM; ‘Now I'm not going to vilify you if you're not wearing a mask, but don't vilify people who aren't wearing a mask thinking that they don't care. Some don't, maybe some do. It doesn't really matter. But let's talk about the facts.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, YouTube, 22:53, 7/9/20]

July 2020: McCormick Admitted That There Was An Ongoing Second Wave Of The Pandemic But Complained That The Focus Was On “Nobody Dying”

7/9/20: McCormick Admitted That Georgia Was In The Midst Of A Second Wave. “MCCORMICK: ‘Now, here's the irony. And this is the ultimate irony because I've worked six out of last seven nights. And I'll tell you this, we are getting a second wave.’” [Doctor's Lounge, 46:07, 7/9/20]

7/09/20: McCormick Complained About What He Perceived As The Medical Community Bowing To Pressure For “Perceived Progress” On Treatment. “MCCORMICK: ‘And this is the problem with the way that we knee jerk reactions. Even inside the physician community. We're supposed to be the most educated, the most scientifically based. We're doing the wrong things based off of pressure for perceived progress, and that's where it really bothers me. Are you talking about moving the goalposts with a drug? Originally what we were trying to do with the COVID response was flatten the curve. Once we find the curve Then what happened? Well, now it's about nobody dying.’” [Doctor's Lounge, 45:33, 7/9/20]

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McCormick Again Complained On The Focus On Increasing Numbers Of Coronavirus Cases In What He Called A “Huge Second Wave Of Infections.” “MCCORMICK: ‘But yet, the original intent was to flatten the curve. But what we did when we flatten the curve, we had a high mortality rate. And that was unfortunate because a lot we didn't know how to treat the disease. A lot of people who are most vulnerable got exposed because of bad policies from the government. And but now we're seeing this huge second wave of infections, but the death rate is going down. So ironically, even though we flatten the curve, originally, the death toll was high. Now we have a high incident rate below mortality rate. And so we're moving the bar again, because we are actually having full hospitals.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 45:33, 7/9/20]

Late July 2020: Confirmed Cases Of Coronavirus In Georgia Passed 150,000 And The Death Toll In The State Reached Its Second-Highest Total. “Surging numbers of COVID-19 deaths continued in Georgia Wednesday as the number of confirmed cases in the state surpassed 150,000. Health officials say the jump in deaths follow the increasing number of cases in Georgia. The state Department of Public Health reported 81 deaths Wednesday, the second-highest number reported so far in the pandemic, below only the 100 deaths reported on April 7. The big number followed 78 deaths reported on Tuesday, combining to push up Georgia’s 7-day trend in deaths to a level not seen since early June. Not all deaths are reported immediately, but state Department of Public Health spokesperson Nancy Nydam said Tuesday that more than 90% of deaths with known dates reported Tuesday happened in July, indicating they’re likely related to the surge in cases that began in Georgia in June.” [Associated Press, 7/22/20]
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Late July 2020: McCormick Walked Back Some Of His Blasé Statements And Urged His Followers Caution Amidst Of What He Called A “Second Wave” But Did Not Encourage Use Of Masks. “MCCORMICK: ‘There's a lot of questions about what's going on in the COVID world right now. In the ER, I can tell you that there is definitely a second wave. The good news is we're much better at treating this disease than we ever were before. We're better at medicinal treatments. We're better at mechanical treatments. In other words, we don't intubate as much. We’re getting better at getting ahead of this disease when people are admitted, and the death rates are going down, which is fantastic. But what I need is people to realize that this still is a threat, it should still be taken seriously and that for some people, it is deadly. The good news also is that most people who are coming down with this disease right now are younger and healthier, and they will tend to do better, but they come into contact with a lot of other people who of course come into contact with the older Indian firmed. Please be careful. Please be respectful of people's distances. Try not to belittle people's opinions of those who are concerned. Let's do our part to contain this disease. And do right by all means. Americans so we can get over this as soon as possible and get back to the American way. God bless and have a great day.’” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Twitter, 7/21/20]

McCormick Also Posted The Same Video To The Right-Wing Social Media Platform Parler. “I wanted to take a moment to update you on what I've been seeing in the ER everyday. While we are getting better at treating COVID-19, this disease is still a dangerous threat to the elderly and those with underlying conditions. Please be respectful of those who are at risk. #GA7” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Parler, 7/21/20]
McCormick Promoted The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine To Treat Coronavirus – Citing His Medical Credentials – But The Drug Was Later Deemed Ineffective And Dangerous

April 2020: McCormick Bashed Kamala Harris For Picking A Fight With President Trump Over Hydroxychloroquine – Saying She Was “Endanger[ing] People’s Lives”

April 2020: McCormick Bashed Kamala Harris For Picking A Fight With Trump Over Hydroxychloroquine, Saying “Last Time I Checked, She Isn’t A Doctor Either.” “I want to address Kamala Harris and the fight she’s picking with the president. Last time I checked, she isn’t a doctor either.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/9/20]

McCormick Accused Kamala Harris Of Endangering People’s Lives By Eroding “Confidence In This Country’s Professionals.” “Fools like @SenKamalaHarris endanger people’s lives when they erode confidence in this country’s professionals. No shortage of idiot Dems that are going to try to make a name for
themselves and be @JoeBiden VP by picking a fight with our president.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/9/20]

April 2020: McCormick Cited His Medical Credentials And Referenced Other Doctors He Knew Were Prescribing Hydroxychloroquine “Because They Think It Works” In An Effort To Defend President Trump

McCormick Defended President Trump, Saying He “Had The Advice Of Some Of The Best Physicians In The World.” “The president has the advice of some of the best physicians in the world.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/9/20]

McCormick Cited His Medical Credentials And Referenced Other Physicians He Claimed Were Prescribing Hydroxychloroquine “Because They Think It Works.” “I am a doctor, and I know several pulmonologists and intensivists who are prescribing hydroxychloroquine because they think it works.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/9/20]

McCormick: This Is Not The Time For Politics – If You’re Not Going To Be Part Of The Solution, Get Out Of The Way And Let The President Do His Job. “This is not the time for divisiveness. This is not the time for politics. If you’re not going to be part of the solution, get out of the way and let the President do his job.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/9/20]

May 2020: McCormick Criticized Governor Lamont For Saying The President Should Wear A Mask Instead Of Hydroxychloroquine, Calling The Governor An “Armchair Physicians” And Saying “Let Doctors Be Doctors”

On CNN, Governor Lamont Of Connecticut Said “He'd Tell President Trump To Try A Surgical Mask Rather Than Hydroxychloroquine If He Really Wants A Line Of Defense That Works Against Coronavirus.” “Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont of Connecticut says he’d tell President Trump to try a surgical mask rather than hydroxychloroquine if he really wants a line of defense that works against coronavirus.” [CNN via Twitter, 5/19/20]

McCormick Responded To The Tweet, Saying: “A Lot Of Armchair Physicians Are Commenting On The Medications [President Trump] Is Taking…Here Is An Idea, Let Doctors Be Doctors.” “A lot of armchair physicians are commenting on the medications @realDonaldTrump is taking. The left says decisions should be between a doctor and a patient unless they disagree, then the media should make the decisions. Here is an idea, let doctors be doctors. #Covid_19 #GA07” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 5/19/20]

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HOST: “Hydroxychloroquine continues to be a trending topic as numerous doctors report seeing success treating COVID-19 patients with the drug. One of those doctors is Dr. Richard McCormick, an emergency room physician in Georgia who’s also running for the Peach State’s 7th Congressional District. He joins us now. […] As a doctor yourself, what are some cases where you’ve seen hydroxychloroquine treat patients with coronavirus?”

MCCORMICK: “So one of our standards is when we admit a patient, and that means they’re sick enough to be treated in the hospital, is we use hydroxychloroquine as one of our standard treatments. […] A lot of people say that we should include zinc in that there’s a synergistic effect that we feel has been the most effective at this point, but there is some data that’s missing. Remember this is a novel virus. There’s a lot we don’t know. There’s a lot of different trials that we’re floating right now. […] There’s over a hundred studies right now worldwide on different drug treatments. There’s new drugs coming out all the time, so this is going to be a learning process for all of us.” [One America News Network via YouTube, 5/27/20]
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June 2020: McCormick Said He Did Not Have A Problem Using Hydroxychloroquine To Treat Coronavirus “Until Shown Clear Evidence That It’s Not Good For You” And Called The Drug “Very Safe”

McCormick Said He Had No Problem Using Hydroxychloroquine To Treat Coronavirus “Until Shown Clear Evidence That It's Not Good For You.” HOST: “And one thing that’s kind of entered this equation is the use of this drug known as hydroxychloroquine. Some people say that it’s not effective as a treatment. Some people say it is effective as a prophylactic. There’s different studies really that you can find online to support whatever position you want to take. Where do you stand on the use of the malaria drug?” MCCORMICK: “Yeah – that’s the problem is that there’s a lot of contradictory information out there. Until we get the double-blind placebo test with multiple patients – I’m talking tens of thousands of patients – where you’re able to compare it to – not only placebos but also other drugs. […] We actually have multiple drug combinations we’re using. We’ll be able to compare and contrast what drugs are most effective. Right now – I mean up to now it’s been our standard care. We do have some new trials being started. I think mechanically, it’s more important to realize how we treat these really, really sick patients, because those are the ones that are potentially going to die, and understanding that we shouldn’t be intubating them. […] But yeah, I have no problem with hydroxychloroquine as it stands right now until shown clear evidence that it’s not good for you.” [One America News Network via YouTube, 6/1/20]

McCormick Said Hydroxychloroquine Was A “Very Safe Drug” That He Used Himself In The Military.
HOST: “Are you saying it’s a treatment or something maybe a little bit more – beforehand as a preventative measure? Is it something that’s used depending on the situation? Is that really the way that doctors should be approaching this?” MCCORMICK: “Yeah so – a lot of people think that it can be used prophylactically or preventatively, as you’re saying. […] There’s a lot of combination of drugs – using zinc, which is known to be good for viral replication inhibitors. There are lots and lots of drugs. Right now, I have no problem – it’s a very safe drug. I’ve used it myself when I was in the military when we were in malaria areas. I’m not worried about the side-effects of this drug unless you have serious heart conditions or there’s some other cross-contamination or cross-reaction with another drug, but I’m not worried about it harming you. I think anybody who’s saying that is mostly politically motivated.” [One America News Network via YouTube, 6/1/20]

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McCormick Responded To Criticisms About His Peddling Of Hydroxychloroquine – Saying “Let Doctors Practice Medicine” And “Political Hacks In Washington DC Shouldn’t Be In Charge Of” Health Care…

McCormick’s Campaign Tweeted At The DCCC, Saying: “Let’s Agree To Let Doctors Practice Medicine. This Is Why Political Hacks In Washington DC Shouldn’t Be In Charge Of Healthcare.” “Hey @dccc let’s agree to let doctors practice medicine. This is why political hacks in Washington DC shouldn’t be in charge of healthcare.” [Team McCormick via Twitter, 7/3/20]

…Linking To A CNN Article With A Seemingly Favorable Headline That Was Later Edited To Express Doubts Toward The Drug’s Effectiveness In Treating Coronavirus

McCormick’s Campaign Linked To An Article With A Headline Favoring Their Argument, But The Source Later Edited To Headline And Body To Express Doubts Toward The Effectiveness Of Hydroxychloroquine. Team McCormick linked to a CNN article entitled, “Study finds hydroxychloroquine helped coronavirus patients
survive better.” The headline was later edited to: “Study finds hydroxychloroquine may have boosted survival, but other researchers have doubts.”

CNN: “A Surprising New Study Found The Controversial Antimalarial Drug Hydroxychloroquine Helped Patients Better Survive In The Hospital. But The Findings, Like The Federal Government's Use Of The Drug Itself, Were Disputed.” “Surprising new study found the controversial antimalarial drug hydroxychloroquine helped patients better survive in the hospital. But the findings, like the federal government's use of the drug itself, were disputed.” [CNN, 7/3/20]

CNN: A Study Of 2,541 Hospitalized Patients Found That Those Given Hydroxychloroquine Were Much Less Likely To Die – But Outside Researchers Pointed Out The Study Saying Other Drugs Used May Have Accounted For Better Survival And Criticized The Study’s Selection And Treatment Methods. “A team at Henry Ford Health System in southeast Michigan said Thursday their study of 2,541 hospitalized patients found that those given hydroxychloroquine were much less likely to die. […] Researchers not involved in the Henry Ford study pointed out it wasn't of the same quality of the studies showing hydroxychloroquine did not help patients, and said other treatments, such as the use of the steroid dexamethasone, might have accounted for the better survival of some patients. […] Researchers not involved with the study were critical. They noted that the Henry Ford team did not randomly treat patients but selected them for various treatments based on certain criteria. ‘As the Henry Ford Health System became more experienced in treating patients with COVID-19, survival may have improved, regardless of the use of specific therapies,’ Dr. Todd Lee of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, Canada, and colleagues wrote in a commentary in the same journal. ‘Finally, concomitant steroid use in patients receiving hydroxychloroquine was more than double the non-treated group. This is relevant considering the recent RECOVERY trial that showed a mortality benefit with dexamethasone.’ The steroid dexamethasone can reduce inflammation in seriously ill patients.” [CNN, 7/3/20]

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**June 2020: The FDA Revoked Emergency Use Authorization For Hydroxychloroquine To Be Used To Treat Coronavirus – Citing Ineffectiveness And Dangerous Side Effects, Including “Serious Cardiac Adverse Events”**


The FDA Revoked The Emergency Use Authorization That Allowed Hydroxychloroquine To Be Used To Treat COVID-19, Saying It Was “Unlikely To Be Effective In Treating COVID-19” And Cited “Ongoing Serious Cardiac Adverse Events And Other Potential Serious Side Effects.” “Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) revoked the emergency use authorization (EUA) that allowed for chloroquine phosphate and hydroxychloroquine sulfate donated to the Strategic National Stockpile to be used to treat certain hospitalized patients with COVID-19 when a clinical trial was unavailable, or participation in a clinical trial was not feasible. The agency determined that the legal criteria for issuing an EUA are no longer met. Based on its ongoing analysis of the EUA and emerging scientific data, the FDA determined that chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine are unlikely to be effective in treating COVID-19 for the authorized uses in the EUA. Additionally, in light of ongoing serious cardiac adverse events and other potential serious side effects, the known and potential benefits of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine no longer outweigh the known and potential risks for the authorized use.” [FDA – Press Release, 6/15/20]

**July 2020: McCormick Again Defended The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine As A Coronavirus Treatment And Agreed With A Conspiracy Theory About Dr. Fauci**

7/9/20: McCormick Again Defended The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine As A Coronavirus Treatment

“MCCORMICK: ‘The DCCC has already gone out of their way to vilify me As matter of fact, one of the funny things is I was originally scheduled to be asked some questions by a reporter. One of them was going to be on how dare you say that hydroxychloroquine was a viable medication for this disease process, clearly you didn't read the data behind that. And of course, at the time I was ready for it because I was like, well, heck, that was what was recommended by the CDC. That's what we were recommending. That's what our pulmonologist, by the way, my democrat friend who is a pulmonologist was prescribing it to his friends prophylactically. So it wasn't a political decision. It was based on medical studies that time and that may change just like it did on Motrin, and, and steroids and stuff like that. But one of the things that that was including masks and everything else that Fauci has vacillated on himself.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 31:42, 7/9/20]

April 2020: CDC Guidance Regarding Was Removed From Its Website After It Was Revealed That It Was Based On Non-Scientific Anecdotal Evidence. “The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has removed from its website highly unusual guidance informing doctors on how to prescribe hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine, drugs recommended by President Donald Trump to treat the coronavirus. The move comes three days after Reuters reported that the CDC published key dosing information involving the two antimalarial drugs based on unattributed anecdotes rather than peer-reviewed science.” [Reuters, 4/7/20]

Trump Had Personally Pressed Officials To Incorporate Hydroxychloroquine Guidance Based On Untested Theories. “Reuters also reported that the original guidance was crafted by the CDC after President Trump personally pressed federal regulatory and health officials to make the malaria drugs more widely available to treat the novel coronavirus, though the drugs in question had been untested for COVID-19.” [Reuters, 4/7/20]
McCormick Claimed That Studies Showing The Ineffectiveness Of Hydroxychloroquine “Got Flipped.”

“MCCORMICK: ‘But what they didn't understand is that same day, also in that study that said that hydroxychloroquine was bad, got flipped. And so they, Ellison, that question went away from my interview. And that's the funny thing about this, we always go off the most recent data which will change by the way, in a year from now, our whole understanding of how to treat this disease and how it's communicated will totally change the way to look back on this as what we jumped to conclusions.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 32:34, 7/9/20]

McCormick Agreed With Dr. Scott Barbour’s Conspiratorial Assertion That Dr. Anthony Fauci Was Pushing Thee Drug Remdesivir Over Hydroxychloroquine For His Own Financial Interests

July 2020: McCormick’s Interviewer, Dr. Scott Barbour Pushed A Conspiracy Theory That Dr. Anthony Fauci Was Pushing Remdesivir Over Hydroxychloroquine For His Own Financial Interests. “BARBOUR: ‘This whole thing is about money. It's about power and it's about politics and let's talk about remdesivir. Remdesivir is a medication that is produced by a company called Gilead, which by the way, Anthony Fauci and nine of the NA NIH board members who decide what our treatment response is going to be all have financial interest in Gilead. Gilad is expected to make $2.1 billion in 2021 with the treatment of COVID that would be threatened if a cheap generic drug like hydroxychloroquine was found to be effective, and made it so we didn't need the rent asthma fear. The study on remdesivir was designed initially to demonstrate the decrease in mortality. Mid study, it became clear that the decrease in mortality was not going to be demonstrated by the study and so they changed the endpoint to be decreased on hospitals. So that is a scientific no-no you don't do that with research papers to have a hypothesis and then mid study when it's not working out the way you want it to suddenly change your hypothesis create corrupt beyond description. [...] That's why I want you to go to government to stop this back, give us back our freedom, let's improve and increase the transparency in healthcare and stop these practices.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 41:08, 7/9/20]

McCormick Did Not Contest This Theory And Instead Discussed The Purported Ineffectiveness Of Tamiflu. “BARBOUR: ‘That's why I want you to go to government to stop this back, give us back our freedom, let's improve and increase the transparency in healthcare and stop these practices.’ MCCORMICK: ‘So one of the things that you mentioned is different drugs and how they've been used historically. Let's talk about Tamiflu. Tamiflu has been widely prescribed for a long time now, it was the leading treatment for flu. And what's ironic is even the CDC realized eventually that there's not going to be a mortality benefit from Tamiflu. And the end point was result of whether you're going to get a better quicker or not, was about a half a day in the course of a week.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 43:15, 7/9/20]

Later In The Interview, McCormick In Response To Dr. Barbour’s Further Conspiratorial Ramblings About Dr. Fauci, Said “Bingo.” “MCCORMICK: ‘But it's so easy right for Gilead. They've got remdesivir a pandemic comes up, they got to get this thing to market, they make a bogus study, it's so easy to go pay the people at the top in the government in the FDA, and all sudden that becomes a mandate up we're using remdesivir I don't want to buy it, don't worry, we're going to use taxpayer money and sell it out.’ MCCORMICK: ‘Bingo!’ BARBOUR: ‘And you know, if somebody like you or me is in there, like Hey, I got a question about this, you know, immediately we'll be a racist or we'll be a quack they'll attack us if and here's a little something for your campaign fund. And next thing you know, everybody's just kind of in line and listen, folks, that is the reason that I am supporting rich McCormick for the Georgia seventh because I know he's not that kind of guy. And I've been doing this for a very long time and I really don't believe anybody isn't that kind of guy, but riches and I believe when He goes there, he's going to look out for our best interests and not get bought off.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 55:14, 7/9/20]

McCormick Claimed That If Trump Had Never Mentioned Hydroxychloroquine It Would Not Have Been Controversial And Called Benadryl, Aspirin, Tylenol More Dangerous Drugs

interesting enough, if President Trump never mentioned the drug, then it wouldn’t be controversy at all. There are some more dangerous drugs that you might have heard of, on the study list way above hydroxychloroquine is a drug called aspirin. It's been around for a little while. And Tylenol, Tylenol, which are two drugs that are literal, you can go down the store and buy as much as you like, and nobody cares. I would say Benadryl is by way more dangerous, also in a different way.” [Doctor’s Lounge, 43:15, 7/9/20]

July 2020: McCormick Echoed The Claims Of Dr. Harvey Risch, Who Repeatedly Promoted The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine

7/23/20: McCormick Tweeted Out A Fox News Article Echoing The Claims Of Dr. Harvey Risch And Directly Attacking Carolyn Bourdeaux For “Making Hydroxychloroquine Political.” “Hey @Carolyn4GA7 isn’t this MD/PhD a Professor of Epidemiology at your alma mater? Are you going to follow his advice to stop making hydroxychloroquine [sic] political or are you going to follow @CNN ’s lead and sic your @dccc goon squad on him, too? #GAPol” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Twitter, 7/23/20]
7/23/20: An Opinion Piece Written By Dr. Risch Was Published By Newsweek Magazine Alleging That Hydroxychloroquine Could Prevent “Tens Of Thousands” Of COVID-19 Patients From Dying. “As a result, tens of thousands of patients with COVID-19 are dying unnecessarily. Fortunately, the situation can be reversed easily and quickly. I am referring, of course, to the medication hydroxychloroquine. When this inexpensive oral medication is given very early in the course of illness, before the virus has had time to multiply beyond control, it has shown to be highly effective, especially when given in combination with the antibiotics azithromycin or doxycycline and the nutritional supplement zinc.” [Harvey Risch Op-Ed, Newsweek, 7/23/20]

**RISCH OP-ED: The Key to Defeating COVID-19 Already Exists. We Need to Start Using It.** [Harvey Risch Op-Ed, Newsweek, 7/23/20]

### McCormick Repeatedly Praised Trump’s Response To Coronavirus

#### March 2020: McCormick Praised President Trump For A “Decisive And Appropriate Response” To Coronavirus

March 2020: McCormick Praised President Trump For “Excellent Leadership” And A “Decisive And Appropriate Response” To Coronavirus. “Excellent leadership. @realDonaldTrump!!!! Decisive and appropriate response in a time others are panicking. #Coronavirus #CoronaAlert #KAGA2020” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/4/20]

March 2020: McCormick Praised President Trump For Taking “Bold Decisive Action…Instead Of Panicking And Freezing” Adding That Trump “Made Moves With The Intent Of Protecting All Americans.” “This administration has taken bold decisive action! Instead of panicking and freezing, @realDonaldTrump has made moves with the intent of protecting all Americans! Wash your hands, hydrate, and stay home if you are sick! #COVID19 #CoronaVirusUpdate” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/10/20]

March 2020: McCormick Supported Trump’s Travel Ban From China, Saying That It Was “Very Responsible” And Said That The US Used To Prohibit Entry Even To Those With Glaucoma

**President Trump Praised The Senate GOP In His Original Tweet.** “Thank you @Senate GOP!” [Donald J. Trump via Twitter, 3/10/20]
March 2020: McCormick Supported Trump’s Travel Ban From China, Saying That It Was “Very Responsible.” “ANCHOR: ‘Do you believe cutting off areas that are infected from accessing the United States is xenophobic and racist, sir?’ MCCORMICK: ‘So, you remember when we had upon with Ebola, there was no such talk. I mean, this is something new concerning this president specifically. It's become very political, political, and it's not appreciated actually, in the medical community. As far as I'm concerned, I think we should be on one team one force, obviously you want to reduce the vectors. [...] If you look back in the turn of the century in 1918, we had 25 million people die in about 25 weeks because we didn't have good containment. I think it's very responsible the president to absolutely control borders and understand where that disease processes coming from.’” [Newsmx (via Facebook), 3/21/20]

March 2020: McCormick Claimed “The President Is Doing Everything Possible”

McCormick: The Media “Continually Blames The President For Not Doing Enough, But I'm Here To Tell You The President Is Doing Everything Possible.” “I just got done talking to over 25 physicians, including some of the leading experts in infectious disease about coronavirus. One of the things that’s for sure is that the media has made this much worse than it actually is. They continually blame the President for not doing enough. I’m here to tell you that the President is doing everything possible. We could spend a trillion dollars on this disease and it would still spread. The media continually says that we should be doing more and that we’re not doing enough. Where was their outrage in 2017 and 18 when over 70,000 Americans died of the flu? Where was the media this year when anywhere from 14 to 70,000 people died of the flu and 400,000 people in the world died of the flu. People weren’t making runs on their grocery stores, and the media wasn’t blowing it out of proportion. But they seem to think that this is going to sell papers, and they can politicize it. And that’s the problem. I’m Dr. Rich McCormick. I’m looking for a good conversation, one based on medical fact and not media hype.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/10/20]

March 2020: McCormick Said That The Military Could Be Used To Provide Essential Services If The Pandemic Reached A Breaking Point

March 2020: McCormick Said That The Military Could Be Used To Provide Essential Services If The Pandemic Reached A Breaking Point. “ANCHOR: ‘Yeah, what else do you see the military's role as in this Coronavirus, the global pandemic here. What else? Do you think the military would be well suited to help out the nation with sir?’ MCCORMICK: ‘That's a good question. Now besides the humanitarian efforts, obviously I don't think we're going to have peace problems. Matter of fact, if you look worldwide, The nice thing to see is that most of the [unclear] countries are now getting back to some sense of normalcy. And so I don't think it'll come to that sort of head. But I think about trade very good if we had to, we could deploy foods and services to different people who are remote. We're very good at providing via not only trauma care, but also intensive care, unit care as well as medical care for basic problems. The military, a lot of things out there, because we've got to do most of the problems that you might face in the typical hospital and combat areas.’” [Fox News Network (via Facebook, 2:38 3/19/20]

March 2020: McCormick Said The President’s “Decisive Action To Place This Country On A War Footing Will Save Lives”

McCormick: “The President’s Decisive Action To Place This Country On A War Footing Will Save Lives.” “@FoxNews asked for my opinion and it's 100% clear: @realdonaldtrump decisive action to place this country on a war footing will save lives. As a veteran Marine and ER doctor, I will continue to do my part and serve where I am needed. #COVID19 #gapol #GA07 #Coronavirus #FoxNews” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/19/20]

March 2020: McCormick Claimed President Trump “Has Taken Decisive Action...Despite The Democrats Best Efforts To Appease Terrorists And Allow Our Economy Sink”
McCormick: President Trump “Has Taken Decisive Action…Despite The Democrats Best Efforts To Appease Terrorists And Allow Our Economy Sink.” “Do you think Hillary would have answered the call to help America or would she have missed it like she did Benghazi? .@realDonaldTrump has taken decisive action time and time again, despite the Democrats best efforts to appease terrorists and allow our economy sink. #Covid19Out” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/24/20]

March 2020: After Being Retweeted By President Trump, McCormick Praised The President, Saying “His Leadership During This National Disaster Is A Perfect Balance Of Preserving Individual Liberties While Taking Aggressive Action To Keep Americans Safe”

April 2020: McCormick Said President Trump Was “Working 24/7 To Keep America Safe And Functional”

April 2020: McCormick Compared Trump’s Refusal To Wear A Mask To President George H.W. Bush’s Distaste For Broccoli.

April 2020: McCormick Said President Trump Was “Correct To Defund WHO” Because The Organization “Lied,” Was “Corruptible,” “Unaccountable,” “Anti-American” And “Anti-Semitic”. “Let’s talk about the World Health Organization and why President Trump was correct to defund it. You’re talking about an organization that receives hundreds of millions of dollars from the United States, and yet it’s corruptible,
unaccountable and has very few measurable results. […] That’s the problem with global organizations. They don’t have our best interests in hand. Matter of fact, most of the time they’re anti-American, anti-Semitic and they do all the wrong things while they demand 10 percent of the world’s income.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/16/20]

McCormick Also Applauded The Decision On Facebook, Referencing Trump’s “You're Fired” Catchphrase. “W.H.O., you're FIRED! I applaud President Trump's decisive action against China and their accomplices at the World Health Organization.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 4/14/20]

McCormick Praised Governor Kemp’s Reopening Plans

May 2020: McCormick Praised Governor Kemp’s “Aggressive” Reopening Strategy And Said “Yes, Some People Are Going To Die”

McCormick Praised Governor Kemp’s “Aggressive” Reopening Strategy. “MCCORMICK: ‘I will say as far as the COVID industry, and what's happening right now is it's cut down the volume of the ER by about 50%. We actually had some people that were administrative get laid off. We had some of the people cut their hours. But it's
starting to pick up again, I will say that Governor Kemp in Georgia, here was very aggressive in getting people back to work. I think he's been very smart about clustering those outbreaks, and doing it safely. We still even with open up everything going on. We're still seeing a decline in the numbers of people, even though we're testing way more people. We're not seeing more people being admitted for COVID not seeing more people dying for COVID.’” [Patriots in Tune, 1:44:28, 5/13/20]

McCormick Said That Any Future COVID Spikes Would Be “Leftover From Some Other Time.” “MCCORMICK: ‘We're not seeing more people being admitted for COVID not seeing more people dying for COVID. Anything you see that's any spikes from here on will be leftover from some other time.’” [Patriots in Tune, 1:45:05, 5/13/20]

McCormick Said That Additional COVID Deaths Didn’t Matter Since Lockdowns Would Ruin The Economy. “MCCORMICK: ‘We’ve flattened the curve, which is what we intended to do. Anybody who tells you anything else that the goal is they're playing politics because that was always our goal. Now they're moving the bar. ‘Oh, some people are going to die.’ Yes, some people are going to die. What are you going to do, you know, wait for another year and a half until they maybe come up with a vaccination before you come out of hiding. You’ll ruin the economy. You'll ruin livelihoods.’” [Patriots in Tune, 1:45:09, 5/13/20]

McCormick Said That Continued Lockdowns Would Lead To Child Abuse. “MCCORMICK: ‘You ruin the economy. You'll ruin livelihoods. People are going to commit suicide. They're gonna, they're gonna abuse children. They're gonna do all the bad things that happen when everything goes wrong in your country and your family at the same time.” [Patriots in Tune, 1:45:29, 5/13/20]

McCormick Claimed That There Were Far Less COVID Deaths Than The Annual Flu, Which He Said Claimed Around 400,000 Lives A Year. “MCCORMICK: ‘Because we take a risk every single year, people die of flu. 10s of thousands of people die of flu. 400,000 people die of the flu every year in the world. We don't have half of that this year from this pandemic. I'm not saying it's a bad it's not a bad disease. It's a novel virus.’” [Patriots in Tune, 1:45:42, 5/13/20]


McCormick Said That Democrats Wanted To Extend Lockdowns Because They Didn't Want America To “Become Robust” And Get “Back To Health.” “It's a novel virus. The novel virus killed 25 million people in 1918. And it was flu. If this was a novel virus for flu, you'd have the same problem. It is a new virus. But we did what we said we're going to do, we flattened it, it's time to get back to work with the young, healthy people and get us back to health. So we can actually manage our country again and become robust, which is exactly what the democrats don't want us to do.”’” [Patriots in Tune, 1:45:55, 5/13/20]

May 2020: McCormick Defended Georgia’s Reopening Strategy And Said That “We’ve Seen No Second Wave. “MCCORMICK: ‘I'm an ER doc in the suburbs of Atlanta, in Georgia The first state to get back to work. Since we've gotten back to work, we've seen no second wave of this disease, the prevalence of this disease has decreased every single week since been open. That should tell you something about how we're going to save our small businesses, getting them back to work. The President's leadership and the governor's leadership has worked. They've been aggressively pursuing the capital solution that we have to all of our problems, we can still do it safely.’” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 5/16/20]

McCormick: “As An ER Doc In Georgia I Support [Governor Kemp’s] And [President Trump’s] Decision To Be Bold And Reopen This Country. “As an ER doc in Georgia I support @GovKemp and
June 2020: McCormick Proudly Supported Georgia Governor Brian Kemp’s Early Reopening, Saying That “We Have Not Had A Second Surge”

“MCCORMICK: ‘We did have our spike probably about a month or two ago. Since that time, actually since the opening of Georgia and Georgia being one of the most preeminent states to open up at the start of this getting back to work we have not seen a second surge, which is important to realize the wave, which we did expect- even the most skeptical people thought there would be some sort of bump but there wasn't. Then the numbers continue to go down despite testing more patients. The admissions go way down and the ICUs are clearing out in other words, patients are coming off the ventilators and being discharged which is fantastic news.'” [One America News Network (via YouTube), 0:26, 6/1/20]

McCormick Criticized Democratic Efforts For Coronavirus Relief And Accused Them Of Sabotaging Pandemic Response

March 2020: McCormick Claimed That Legislation To Produce PPE And Drugs Domestically Was Opposed By “The Liberal Side Of Our House.”

“MCCORMICK: ‘For the future battle is making sure we are securing the resources we need to fight these things in the future - means we have to have production capability here in America to produce the drugs we need and make sure we are not reliant on China or anyone else for PPE, or for the drugs we need and defend our boarders so we can secure them from disease. These are things that are strategically opposed by the liberal side of our house.’” [Newsmax (via Facebook), 3/24/20]

May 2020: McCormick Said That “The Less Centralized We Respond To This, The Better”

“MCCORMICK: ‘I'm an ER doc in the suburbs of Atlanta, in Georgia The first state to get back to work. Since we've gotten back to work, we've seen no second wave of this disease, the prevalence of this disease has decreased every single week since been open. That should tell you something about how we're going to save our small businesses, getting them back to work. The President's leadership and the governor's leadership has worked. They've been aggressively pursuing the capital solution that we have to all of our problems, we can still do it safely. The fact of the matter is that Democrats have it all wrong. They think they're gonna throw trillions of dollars at this problem. And it's just going to go away that we can wait, but we continue to spend without end to try to save businesses, there will be no businesses left. If we continue this behavior. They'll just run up the deficit will not be any safer for it. And we'll done the wrong thing for the businesses and the people that we're trying to represent. It's time to get back to work America. We can do it safely. On rich McCormick and I’m all in.'” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 5/16/20]
McCormick Claimed That Initial Rates Of Coronavirus Infections Were Lower In California Due To Proximity To China

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May 2020: McCormick Claimed That Initial Rates Of Coronavirus Infection Were Lower In California Compared To New York Because They’re “Closer To China.” “MCCORMICK: ‘And what the reason I think that California did better is because they probably because they're closer to China, they probably had more people exposed.’ BARBOUR: ‘That’s been confirmed now.’ MCCORMICK: ‘That's been confirmed now. 78% of those people have already had some sort of meaning, and that's why they're doing so much better.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 36:06, 5/14/20]

McCormick Speculated That He Had Contracted Coronavirus But Did Not Say If He Was Tested Or Took Precautions

May 2020: McCormick Speculated That He Was Infected With Coronavirus, But Did Not Say If He Had Been Tested For The Disease

May 2020: McCormick Speculated That He Was Infected With Coronavirus, But Did Not Say If He Had Been Tested For The Disease. “MCCORMICK: And my suspicion is we had a bunch of health care workers, myself included who had a fever, I never get fevers, I had a fever this year! I had my flu shot. I'm doing exactly what I always do. I don't get sick, because I'm exposed to everything every year because I'm an ER doc. And yes, I do my hand hygiene. But the point is, all these doctors got sick this year. We didn't know why I'm sure it's because we're exposed to a novel virus. The point being, in the end, we have something that's been overstated for a financial gain. And also for a political gain. This is becoming more and more obvious.” [Doctor’s Lounge, 36:20, 5/14/20]
## Extreme Rhetoric

### Significant Findings

- McCormick peddled an anti-Semitic conspiracy theory that George Soros put $20 million into flipping Georgia’s 7th Congressional District.

- McCormick appeared on a podcast hosted by a far-right blogger who frequently posted racist, xenophobic and dangerous conspiracy theories:
  - In Jan. 2020, the website posted a podcast claiming the Democratic Party had “mind-numbing control” over Black Americans. In May 2020, the website posted a podcast claiming the media waged a war “of distortion” to convince people that cardiac death are overwhelmingly caused by the use of hydroxychloroquine. In July 2020, the website posted a blog claiming the Democratic Party and media were distorting the truth about Black Lives Matter, claiming Muslim groups were inciting their followers to riot, topple statutes and wreak havoc among “non-Muslims of the USA.”

- McCormick appeared on the Patriots’ Soapbox News Network – a 24-hour YouTube channel for “QAnon study and discussion.”

- On Patriots’ Soapbox, McCormick promoted a debunked racist and anti-Semitic far-right conspiracy theory that George Soros donated $20 million to Black Lives Matter through ActBlue “as a way to incite more violence and unrest to get people out to vote the wrong way.”

- The conspiracy theory that Soros donated money to BLM via ActBlue – a Democratic fundraising tool – was first circulated by a QAnon account.

- On Patriots’ Soapbox, McCormick was silent when the host compared Black Lives Matter and the Democratic Party to Nazi Germany.

- McCormick repeatedly boosted claims that Democrats funded and supported terrorist groups.

- McCormick repeatedly peddled “Obamagate” conspiracy theories claiming the Obama Administration spied on Donald Trump and maliciously worked against those close to him.

- McCormick was interviewed by the conspiracy riddled podcast “Patriots In Tune” which advocated a hostile takeover of the tech industry.

- McCormick promoted conspiracy theories that Democrats were involved in the death of Jeffrey Epstein. The tweet promoting this has since been deleted.

- McCormick followed a host of QAnon centered accounts on the Right-Wing social Media website Parler.

### McCormick Peddled An Anti-Semitic Conspiracy Theory That George Soros Put $20 Million Into GA-07…

### McCormick Peddled A Conspiracy Theory That George Soros Put $20 Million Into Flipping GA-07
McCormick Appeared On “Malcolm Out Loud” And Peddled A Conspiracy Theory That George Soros Put $20 Million Into GA-07. MCCORMICK (23:19) “And so the 7th (District) is their next battleground. They’re going to be investing millions and millions – tens of millions of dollars into this race. We just saw I think Soros put $20 million into this area…” HOST: “Wow!” “…basically trying to turn this into a blue district and it’s going to be a battleground…” [America Out Loud - Malcolm Out Loud, 7/2/20]

McCormick Had Previously Claimed George Soros Donated $20 Million To Black Lives Matter Through ActBlue “As A Way To Incite More Violence And Unrest To Get People Out To Vote The Wrong Way.” MCCORMICK: “And if you look at what Soros did, I just heard today, and – I don’t want to get conspiracy [sic] on you or anything but $20 million was donated to Black Lives Matter basically through ActBlue. Basically, as a way to incite more violence and unrest to get people out to vote the wrong way based on a narrative that we know is false.” [Patriots Soapbox News via YouTube, 6/19/20]

AP HEADLINE: George Soros Conspiracy Theories Surge As Protests Sweep US. [AP, 6/21/20]

AP: George Soros – Who Has Long Been The Subject Of Anti-Semitic Conspiracy Theories – Is Now Being Falsely Accused Of Orchestrating And Funding The Protests Over Police Killings Of Black People. “They say he hires protesters and rents buses to transport them. Some say he has people stash piles of bricks to be hurled into glass storefronts or at police. George Soros, the billionaire investor and philanthropist who has long been a target of conspiracy theories, is now being falsely accused of orchestrating and funding the protests over police killings of Black people that have roiled the United States. Amplified by a growing number of people on the far right, including some Republican leaders, online posts about Soros have skyrocketed in recent weeks. They have been accompanied by online ads bought by conservative groups that call on authorities to ‘investigate George Soros for funding domestic terrorism and his decades-long corruption.’ Soros, 89, has donated billions of dollars of his personal wealth to liberal and anti-authoritarian causes around the world, making him a favored target among many on the right. The Hungarian-American, who is Jewish, has also been the subject of anti-Semitic attacks and conspiracy theories for decades.” [AP, 6/21/20]

...On A Podcast Hosted By A Far-Right Blogger Who Frequently Posted Racist, Xenophobic And Dangerous Conspiracy Theories

America Out Loud Was Run By “Malcolm Out Loud”


The Podcast’s Description Asked Why The Democratic Party Had “Mind-Numbing Control Over The Black American Community” “Why has the democrat party has some mind-numbing control over the Black American community?” [America Out Loud – Malcolm Out Loud, 1/30/20]


The Podcast Description Accused The Media Of Waging A War “Of Distortion” Against The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine. “Every American must realize that there is an agenda lurking behind most of the policies and debate taking place in opening up cities and towns from the COVID Lockdown. We are experiencing a full-media war of distortion against the use of hydroxychloroquine. The media puppets and political hacks have taken it upon themselves to discourage and disperse lies on an hour by hour basis. The stories are being written like bombshells of new information to convince folks that cardiac deaths are overwhelming due to the use of hydroxychloroquine.” [America Out Loud – Malcolm Out Loud, 5/27/20]

The Description Suggested The Media Was Attempting To Convince People “That Cardiac Deaths Are Overwhelming Due To The Use Of Hydroxychloroquine.” “The stories are being written like bombshells of new information to convince folks that cardiac deaths are overwhelming due to the use of hydroxychloroquine.” [America Out Loud – Malcolm Out Loud, 5/27/20]

July 2020: America Out Loud Posted An Article Claiming Muslim Groups Were Exploiting The BLM Movement To Incite Riots, Topple Statues, And Wreak Havok Against Non-Muslims In The US – Adding BLM Achieved The “Primal Goal Of Islamic Sharia” To “Force Non-Muslims…To Submit…Or Be Exterminated”


The Article Suggested The Democratic Party And The Media Were Distorting “The Truth Regarding Black Lives Matter,” Arguing That Muslim Groups “incited Their Muslim Followers To Go On The Riots, Topple Statues And Wreak-Havoc Upon Infidels/Kuffar/Non-Muslims Of The USA.” “As always, the New York Times, Washington Post, CNN, MSNBC and all the other stooges of the Democrat Party, continue deceiving the American people, willfully misinforming, and literally contorting the truth regarding Black Lives Matter (BLM); we too must always counter their mendacity with Facts, Reality and TRUTH. Before and during the riots and wanton destruction visited upon 70 American cities (just about all controlled by Democrats), the leaders of the Muslims in the USA, such as CAIR (Council of American Islamic Relations), incited their Muslim followers to go on the riots, topple statues and wreak-havoc upon the Infidels/ Kuffar/ Non-Muslims of the USA.” [America Out Loud, 7/6/20]

The Article Said Muslim Americans Showed Solidarity With BLM After George Floyd’s Killing “ForObviously Selfish And Convenient Reasons”. “Since Floyd’s killing, Muslim Americans, for obviously very selfish and convenient reasons, have mostly shown solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement.” [America Out Loud, 7/6/20]

The Article Said BLM Achieved “The Primal Goal Of Islamic Sharia…To Either Force Non-Muslims…To Submit To Allah’s Sharia, Or Be Exterminated.” “After all, BLM is achieving the primal goal of Islamic Sharia; the very essence and foundation of the belief system of every single Muslim: to either force Non-Muslims/ Infidels/ Kuffar to submit to Allah’s Sharia, or be exterminated.” [America Out Loud, 7/6/20]

The Article Said BLM Was A “Criminal Enterprise Pretending To Be A Social Movement.” “BLM is in fact a Criminal Enterprise pretending to be a Social Movement, protecting the rights of black Americans, above and beyond the rights of non-blacks. This is exactly why BLM is in favor of defunding, and even dismantling the Police forces, so that they will be able to terrorize Americans to submit to their will.” [America Out Loud, 7/6/20]

The Article Suggested BLM Should Demand Reparations From “The Muslim States Of Africa” And “Not From Currently Innocent Americans.” “BLM should demand ‘reparations’ NOT from currently innocent Americans.”
Americans, but from the Muslim states of Africa, who did all the trading in human trafficking and continue, even today in Mauritania and Libya.” [America Out Loud, 7/6/20]

McCormick Appeared On A QAnon Hub And Peddled Racist And Anti-Semitic Conspiracy Theories And COVID-19 Misinformation That Originated In QAnon Circles

NOTE: McCormick’s appearances on the Patriots’ Soapbox News Network can be found here and here.

McCormick Appeared Twice On The Patriots’ Soapbox News Network, A QAnon Hub

HuffPost: McCormick Appeared Twice On A QAnon Hub, Patriots’ Soapbox News Network. “Consider Rich McCormick, who is running for a toss-up open seat in Georgia’s 7th Congressional District and has been retweeted multiple times by Trump. McCormick has appeared twice on a livestreamed YouTube program that is part of the Patriots’ Soapbox News Network, a QAnon hub. In one appearance, he promoted a debunked racist and anti-Semitic far-right conspiracy theory about George Soros and Democrats’ laundering money through a front group to fund Black Lives Matter. A version of this false claim was first circulated by a QAnon account.” [Huffington Post, 7/4/20]

NBC News: Patriots’ Soapbox Was A Round-The-Clock Livestreamed YouTube Channel For QAnon Study And Discussion. “Kicked off Reddit, Rogers hatched a new plan. He would replace the mainstream media — often a target of Q’s posts — with a constantly streaming YouTube network made up of the self-described ‘researchers’ who were putting together Q’s clues. Within a month, Rogers, 31, and his wife, Christina Urso, 29, had launched the Patriots’ Soapbox, a round-the-clock livestreamed YouTube channel for Qanon study and discussion. The channel is, in effect, a broadcast of a Discord chatroom with constant audio commentary from a rotating cast of volunteers and moderators with sporadic appearances by Rogers and Urso. In April, Urso registered Patriots’ Soapbox LLC in Virginia.” [NBC News, 8/14/18]

In One Appearance, McCormick Promoted A Debunked Racist And Anti-Semitic Far-Right Conspiracy Theory That Was First Circulated By A QAnon Account

McCormick Claimed George Soros Donated $20 Million To Black Lives Matter Through ActBlue “As A Way To Incite More Violence And Unrest To Get People Out To Vote The Wrong Way.” MCCORMICK: “And if you look at what Soros did, I just heard today, and – I don’t want to get conspiracy [sic] on you or anything – but $20 million was donated to Black Lives Matter basically through ActBlue. Basically, as a way to incite more violence and unrest to get people out to vote the wrong way based on a narrative that we know is false.” [Patriots Soapbox News via YouTube, 6/19/20]

HuffPost: McCormick Promoted A Debunked Racist And Anti-Semitic Far-Right Conspiracy Theory About George Soros And Democrats’ Laundering Money Through A Front Group To Fund Black Lives Matter. “Consider Rich McCormick, who is running for a toss-up open seat in Georgia’s 7th Congressional District and has been retweeted multiple times by Trump. McCormick has appeared twice on a livestreamed YouTube program that is part of the Patriots’ Soapbox News Network, a QAnon hub. In one appearance, he promoted a debunked racist and anti-Semitic far-right conspiracy theory about George Soros and Democrats’ laundering money through a front group to fund Black Lives Matter. A version of this false claim was first circulated by a QAnon account.” [Huffington Post, 7/4/20]

The Debunked Conspiracy Theory About Black Lives Matter, ActBlue, And Democrats Was First Circulated By A QAnon Account. “A false money laundering conspiracy theory regarding the Black Lives Matter movement's use of a payment processing company for donations has gained traction online among right-wing figures and can be traced back to far-right message boards. The conspiracy theory alleges that the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement is some kind of a front to launder money to Democrats because the BLM website uses ActBlue to process its online fundraising payments. ActBlue is a payment processor used
widely by progressive groups and organizations affiliated with the Democratic Party, and the Republican Party has an equivalent processing company called WinRed. As the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics has noted, “many candidates use [ActBlue] to process donations but that money isn't pooled to be shared across candidates or groups,” and “a donation to BLM through ActBlue goes just to BLM, not any other group.” But the conspiracy theory still has earned well over a million shares and views on social media and has been amplified by a Fox Nation host. A review by Media Matters found that before it gained traction, the conspiracy theory had been circulating for days on far-right message boards. The earliest mention our review found was at the beginning of June on Twitter, when an account that has pushed the slogan for the QAnon conspiracy theory repeatedly tweeted the claim on June 1 and June 2. The account claimed it had sent the conspiracy theory to the FBI and President Donald Trump, and it urged the Ohio Police Department to investigate the claim.” [Media Matters, 6/12/20]

HEADLINE: A Debunked Conspiracy Theory About Black Lives Matter, ActBlue, And Democrats Can Be Traced To Far-Right Message Boards. [Media Matters, 6/12/20]

**In The Same Appearance, McCormick Was Silent When The Host Compared Black Lives Matter And The Democratic Party To Nazi Germany**

**The Host Of Patriots’ Soapbox During McCormick’s Interview Compared Black Lives Matter And The Democratic Party To Nazi Germany.** HOST: “Yeah, now it’s up to us to spread that word. It’s definitely up to us to spread that word, because they are – they’re trying to rewrite our history. They’re taking down all the statues. They’re doing what every totalitarian regime does. They literally desecrate history and then rewrite it the way they want to tell it, and they’re doing it as we speak right now. […] The perfect example is when you were in Germany, if you talked to a German back in the days and you’d be like, “Oh no, that’s not what the Nazis are.” And then Nazis are saying, “Yes, it is. Didn’t you see Goebbels’ documentary?” Like- Goebbels is writing the documentary explaining who the Nazis are, and right now we got Democrats writing the documentaries explaining who the Democrats are. And it’s all false. It’s all fake. Just to give you an analogy.” [Patriots Soapbox News via YouTube, 6/19/20]

**McCormick Ignored The Statement And Proceeded To Tell His Story.** After the host used a Nazi Germany “analogy” to describe the Democratic Party and Black Lives Matter, McCormick did not respond but instead began telling the host about his background. [Patriots Soapbox News via YouTube, 6/19/20]

**McCormick Repeatedly Boosted Claims That Democrats Funded And Supported Terrorist Groups**

**McCormick Boosted A Claim That The Obama Administration And Democrats “Fund Terrorism”**

McCormick Retweeted A Post That Claimed “Obama And Democrats Fund Terrorism.” LORI HENDRY: “Obama and Democrats fund terrorism. @realDonaldTrump removes it!” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Quote: Lori Hendry), 1/8/20]
McCormick Claimed “The Left” Sympathized With Terrorists While Retweeting A Photoshopped Picture Of Speaker Pelosi And Senate Minority Leader Schumer Superimposed In Front Of The Iranian Flag

McCormick Claimed “The Left” Was Sympathizing With Terrorists. “The world is watching Iranians push for democracy and the left sympathizes with the terrorists #NancyPelosiFakeNews #GA07” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 1/13/20]

McCormick Retweeted A Photoshopped Picture Of Speaker Pelosi And Senate Minority Leader Schumer Superimposed In Front Of The Iranian Flag And Donning Muslim Headwear. [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 1/13/20]
McCormick Claimed President Trump Was Able To Take “Decisive Action…Despite The Democrats Best Efforts To Appease Terrorists And Allow Our Economy To Sink”

McCormick: President Trump “Has Taken Decisive Action…Despite The Democrats Best Efforts To Appease Terrorists And Allow Our Economy Sink.” “Do you think Hillary would have answered the call to help America or would she have missed it like she did Benghazi? .@realDonaldTrump has taken decisive action time and time again, despite the Democrats best efforts to appease terrorists and allow our economy sink. #Covid19Out” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/24/20]

McCormick Repeatedly Peddled “Obamagate” Conspiracy Theories Claiming The Obama Administration Spied On Donald Trump And Maliciously Worked Against Those Close To Him

“Obamagate” Referred To President Trump’s Long-Standing Accusation Of Criminality Against The Obama Administration

“Obamagate” Referred To President Trump’s Long-Standing Accusations Of Criminality Against The Obama Administration, Including A Theory That The Obama Administration Conspired Against Michael Flynn In Order To Bring Down Trump. “U.S. President Donald Trump's long-standing accusation of criminality against his Democratic predecessor, Barack Obama, has taken on a new name: Obamagate. In this new iteration being hotly promoted by Trump and his right-wing allies, Obama officials in the waning days of his administration conspired to entrap Trump’s national security adviser, Michael Flynn, as part of a larger plot to bring down the incoming president.” [Voice of America, 5/15/20]

McCormick Boosted A Conspiracy Theory That The “Deep State Left” Spied On The Trump Campaign

Jan. 2020: McCormick: Tough To Imagine Spying On President Trump’s Campaign Was The First Time The Deep State Left Broke The Law To Further Their Own Agenda. “Tough to imagine spying on President Trump's campaign was the first time the Deep State left broke the law to further their own agenda.... #WEF20 #ImpeachmentTrial #GA07 #GA7 #ThursdayThoughts” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 1/23/20]

May 2020: McCormick Boosted A Claim That Trump Was Being Spied On, Saying Trump Kept His Promises “All While Being Unfairly Treated By Mainstream Media And Spied On.” “.@realDonaldTrump has made promises and kept them! All while being unfairly treated by Mainstream media and spied on! Of all of his accomplishments in the first term which one means the most to you as Americans? #Trump #Obamagate #RedWave2020 #KAGA2020 #MAGA #KAG #Flynn” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 5/14/20]

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McCormick Claimed The Obama Administration Used Its Time During The Transition To “Sabotage” The Incoming Trump Administration, Calling It One Of The “Greatest Abuses Of Power In Our History.” “The peaceful transition of power from one President to the next has been the hallmark of American Democracy. It is clear @BarackObama used this delicate time to sabotage the @realdonaldtrump Administration. It is among the greatest abuses of power in our history #ObamaGate #GA07” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 5/21/20]
McCormick Pushed Misinformation Regarding General Michael Flynn – Claiming The Obama Administration Set Flynn Up

McCormick Claimed The Obama Administration Set Up Flynn In An Attempt To “[Abuse] The Law To Obstruct And Oppose President Trump”

McCormick: “Democrats Have Abused The Law To Obstruct And Oppose President Trump.” “Democrats have abused the law to obstruct and oppose President Trump. General Flynn was setup by Obama DOJ officials and I am glad to see the charges against him dropped. As a Marine, I stand with Gen. Flynn and have his back, just like I would on the battlefield. #GeneralFlynn” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 5/7/20]

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McCormick Supported General Flynn, Calling His Case “Blatant Partisan Corruption,” And Claimed The Obama Administration Set The FBI On Flynn Because He Supported President Trump

McCormick: I Support General Flynn And Want To See Those Behind This Blatant Partisan Corruption Brought Out Into The Light. “I support @GenFlynn and want to see those behind this blatant partisan corruption brought out into the light! If this can happen to a man like General Flynn what does that say for every American? #FlynnExonerated #FlynnEntrapment #Corruption” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/30/20]

McCormick Claimed The Obama Administration Had The IRS And FBI “Go After” The Republican Party And General Flynn For His Support Of President Trump. “I think it’s reprehensible and dangerous to have the IRS to go after a political party when it happened with the Obama Administration and now with the FBI going after a general who spent his entire life serving his nation just because he supported President Trump.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 4/30/20]

TAGLINE: Dr. Rich McCormick: General Flynn Is A Patriot And I Have His Back. [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 4/30/20]
McCormick Frequently Used The “Obamagate” Hashtag

McCormick Said President Trump “Had To Beat” President Obama And Used The Hashtag “#ObaMAGate.” “Think about this, @realDonaldTrump had to beat @BarackObama, @HillaryClinton and @JoeBiden; the #Impeachment, the Russia hoax, the #COVID19, and managed to kill the top two terrorists in the world.  All in the first term.  #ObaMAGate #Trump #KAGA2020” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 5/11/20]

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McCormick Praised Trump In A Tweet And Added The Hashtags “#ObamaGate” And “#OBAMAGATEGATE” “God Bless @realDonaldTrump and his draining the swamp! Career politicians,
incompetence, and corruption erode everything that is great about America! The best is yet to come!!
#ObamaGate #TermLimits #OBAMAGATEGATE #Trump #GA07 #Gapol” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 5/15/20]

McCormick Promoted Conspiracy Theories That Democrats Were Involved In The Death Of Jeffrey Epstein

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Deleted Tweet from Dr.Rich McCormick for Congress

RichforGA (R-Ga.)
@RichforGA

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Deleted after 2 days at 9:29 PM on 17 Nov. [ProPublica Politwoops, Tweet Deleted 11/17/20]

McCormick Was Interviewed By The Conspiracy-Riddled Conservative Podcast “Patriots In Tune” Who Advocated A Hostile Takeover Of The Tech Industry

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“JEWELSJONES: ‘We've got our special guests with us and this is Dr. Richard McCormick. He is running for for a seat congressional seat in Georgia. It's Georgia 07. We are thrilled to have him with us. Are you there doctor?’ MCCORMICK: ‘Yes ma'am. I'm sure I am.’” [Patriots in Tune, 1:10:32, 5/13/20]

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Host TootSweet Said That Big Tech Companies Should Be Taken Away From The “Scuzzballs” Who Should All Be Thrown In Jail. “TOOTSWEET: ‘And we let the republicans say, Oh, this is a private company. Are you people to stupid? I can't stand them anymore. They get they don't get anything wrong. We could open up our own free markets. We opened up early. I can't deal with these republicans anymore. They make me sicker than the democrats because democrats we know are scum. republicans are just stupid, dumb, lame nothings. They said disgusting. There's nothing worse in the world than nothing. But there's nothing worse. You can't get any worse than nothing. Democrats are scum. And republicans are nothing that nothing's disgusted Come on, we got to get this Congress back. We got to take this Congress back and we got to take over social media. I say this is a war. I mean, we're really a war and the spoils of war go to the winners. We should take all these companies away from these scuzzballs, throw them all in jail, take this stuff and divvy it up amongst ourselves and get rid of some of these labels. Get them the hell out of here. They make a sick they're the enemy within and was still dealing with these nuts. Like then like, like, it's like, oh, that's okay. That's still American and not American. American. This is not America. I don't even know what the whole country I'm in was stuck in the house. [Patriots In Tune, 47:33, 5/13/20]

The Patriots In Tune Podcast Hosts Discussed The Obamagate Conspiracy Theory

Another Host Dismissed The Crime Of Lying To The FBI As Not A Real Crime. “TOOTSWEET: ‘That's that's a damning. Well, she’s amazing. I mean, everything she just laid out. And what she said was, I love the way she explained that trying to get Flynn on a perjury trap on perjury when it was like, What the hell did he even do? I mean, this is like crazy. When they literally the real perjury is when you intentionally lie under oath. He wasn't under oath. What did he do? I'm so sick of this. He lied to an FBI agent. Well, you know what these when FBI agents are the biggest lies on earth? They can't lie. Why the hell are they lying? And the same thing with Congress? If you lie in front of Congress, you're in trouble yet Congress sits there in lies it to our face every second of the day. Everything's opposite of what it should be. They should be held accountable for lying, not us. What the hell is going on? He were the people serving us.’’” [Patriots In Tune, 1:03:14, 5/13/20]

McCormick Said He Grew Up Conservative And That His Sons Listen To “Crowder And Shapiro”

McCormick Said He Grew Up Conservative And That His Sons Listen To “Crowder And Shapiro.” “MCCORMICK: ‘Yeah, I grew up conservative. I have some libertarian leanings. But I think overall, I'm a real conservative guy. I think I grew up my mom's a conservative. My sons are conservative say they listened to Louder With Crowder and Ben Shapiro. I sometimes have to talk them down a little bit like okay, have you ever considered this? reality check. But yeah, I'm a conservative guy. I think it goes, Plays Well With my faith. I think it plays well in my convictions about what this great nation has been built on. The Freedom the principles of limited government, free market solutions, individual liberties that made this nation so amazing when it comes to the the American dream and what gives opportunity not just to one set of people but all sets of people. I don't care what race or gender religion you are, the American Dream is for everybody. If they're just looking for an opportunity to get ahead by hard work.’’” [Patriots In Tune, 1:20:29, 5/13/20]
McCormick Claimed That He Had Friends That Were Involved In The Attack On The American Compound In Benghazi

McCormick Claimed That He Had Friends That Were Involved In The Attack On The American Compound In Benghazi. “JEWLESJONES: ‘isn't he incredible? I mean, every single one of his promises he has kept including draining the swamp and exposing the swamp, that for what it is, it's unreal what he has been able to accomplish. And I know you're gonna be able to do the exact same thing, but I'm with you. I was expected to vote for Hillary Clinton, because I'm a woman here in Hollywood. And I sat there and I would listen to everyone say, Well, you know, I'm voting for Hillary. And I've said to a few of my friends. Why? I mean, what is she offering you? Exactly? I mean, other than being a woman, I don't see how her platform is going to help you or the country personally at all. She's not in our best interest here. And then when you bring up what she's done to the military, Benghazi is a perfect example.’ MCCORMICK: ‘Yeah, it's horrible. That really upset me. I have some People, some friends are involved in that, that just that whole. I get emotional talk about because that was really sad case of politics over people.’” [Patriots In Tune, 1:29:56, 5/13/20]

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The Host JewelsJones Claimed That She Was Part Of A Group Of 200 Who Were Personally Doxxed By Hillary Clinton. “MCCORMICK: ‘But one thing that we do on this show Dr. McCormick is we are the Mighty 200. We were actually targeted. By Hillary Clinton personally, all 200 of us and this was back in 2019. But she had been watching us since 2016. As you know, I live in Hollywood, so I was not able to really talk about my views. So I started talking about my beliefs, my political beliefs, etc. on social media. That was my only outlet. I couldn't talk to my friends, I couldn't talk to my co-workers, because I would have lost everyone and everything, including probably my job and everything else. So I've had to keep that pretty quiet that part of my life. So I started tweeting and tweeting a lot, obviously, because I made this hitlist of Hillary Clinton's, and me and 200 others, and it's because we were tweeting and because we were getting a bigger reach than CNN, NBC fake news media, etc. So she put us on a hit list, told everyone that we were foreign agents, Russian bots, and had Politico Bloomberg on A lot of fake news, write articles about us, and then had our Twitter handles and our profile pictures, the one that you see here, on a page where people could click including trolls and everybody else from the left, click on that, and she doxed us basically, they could figure out who we were. And you know, attackers start shutting down our accounts, etc, etc. Well, we decided to fight back, I found toots on Twitter and I said, Hey, I need a musician. We're gonna fight this, we're gonna fight this right. And Toots wrote us the Mighty 200 song. I don't know if you heard the beginning of the show. But that was the song that he wrote about the Mighty 200. So we've been fighting ever since. And that's the group that you're in now the political room with the Mighty 200 they're going they're amazing on social media, they will get your message out.’” [Patriots In Tune, 1:29:56, 5/13/20]

JewelsJones Claimed That She And The “Mighty 200” Tweeted For “The President, They Tweet For Giuliani, For Everyone.” “JEWELSJONES: ‘And that's the group that you're in now the political room with the Mighty 200 they're going they're amazing on social media, they will get your message out. They will do whatever it takes. They tweet for the President. They, they tweet for Giuliani, they, they you know everyone, and they're just amazing patriots. So that is your audience.’” [Patriots In Tune, 1:32:40, 5/13/20]
McCormick Followed A Host Of QAnon Accounts On The Right-Wing Social Media Website Parler

July 2020: McCormick’s Parler Account Following 80 Individuals On Parler Including Multiple QAnon Accounts

Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress
@RichforGa
Joined Jun 24, 2020
US House Candidate GA-7 Presidential Endorsement by @realDonaldTrump "ALL IN" #GA07, Republican, Christian, GOP, Decorated U.S. Marine, ER Doctor, Husband, Father, Donate TEXT MCCORMICK to 22525us

10 Parleys 389 Followers 80 Following 1 Comments 2 Votes

FOLLOWING

The Peon Report @SolidRedPeon
Husband. Father of 3. Son is USMC. Grand pop to 3. #MAGA, Constitutionalist, #BacktheBlue, Christian

Reesp1984 @Reesp

American Prophet @Wolfcountry1970
I am an American. I am a Free Man. Christ is the Savior Liberty is His Wife Ezekiel 33:33 God's Will is Free Will

AZRAEL @AZRAELpink
McCormick Followed The Parler Account “GreyAnon” A QAnon Conspiracy Account

“GreyAnon” Was Clearly A QAnon-Focused Account, Festooned With References To The Conspiracy Cult.
Early July 2020: McCormick Followed A Parler Account Called “QanonAmerica” Which Did Not Exist As Of July 23, 2020


[GreyAnon, Parler, accessed 7/23/20]
QanonAmerica Was A QAnon Account That Went By The Screen Name WWG1GA Patriot. [QanonAmerica, Parler, accessed 7/6/20]
WWG1WGA Was An Abbreviation “For Where We Go One, We Go All,” Which Was Associated With The QAnon Movement. “The Q posts are known to the faithful as ‘breadcrumbs.’ The people who then try to figure out what they mean are called ‘bakers.’ According to The Daily Beast's Will Sommer, QAnon adherents also spend a lot of time trying to figure out who in the government is a ‘white hat’ Trump supporter and who is a ‘black hat’ in league with the deep state. Their rallying cry is "where we go one, we go all," a line from the 1996 Jeff Bridges sailing adventure "White Squall" that they misattribute to President Kennedy. The phrase is frequently abbreviated to ‘WWG1WGA,’ which Roseanne Barr -- one of several celebrity QAnon promoters -- tweeted in June. Former Red Sox pitcher and current right-wing radio host Curt Schilling has also promoted QAnon online.” [CBS News, 8/2/18]

As Of July 2020, McCormick Follow Xx Accounts With The WWG1WGA Calling Card In Their Biographical Section. [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Parler, 7/23/20]

McCormick Followed The Account Grey Anon On Parler. “100% Deplorable #maga #Usmc Vet. #semperfi. #GenFlynn #Qanon #wwg1wga Mod/Host #PatriotsSoapbox #PSBarmy.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Parler, 7/23/20]

McCormick Followed The Account Phxrising8 On Parler. “I’m only on Parler because Twitter sucks. And I’m only on Twitter because Trump is! #wwg1wgaus #magaus #kagus.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Parler, 7/23/20]
McCormick Followed The Account Su8lim3 On Parler. “#MAGA #wwg1wga #qanon #thegreateawakening #godwins #digitalsoldier #patriot #qarmy #american #uscg.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Parler, 7/23/20]

McCormick Followed The Account Theresa Pagano On Parler. “#Patriot #Trump2020 #wwg1wga I love my President! From the moment he announced, I was thrilled to finally have someone running this country like a business!!! #LikeABoss #USA Text Trump to 88022. [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Parler, 7/23/20]
McCormick Followed The Account Carolyn On Parler. “John 3:16 #TRUMP God and Trump is our hope for the future! 🆘 I see RED 2020 us #VETS #WWG1WGA #MAGA FB 🇺🇸 @CraigRSawyer @RealJamesWoods @GenFlynn IFB #MAGA#R @Carolyn_4_Vets on Twitter, Roll Tide!” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Parler, 7/23/20]

McCormick Followed The Account Michellestripe On Parler “TRUMP2020 usus #WWG1WGA usus #KAG #MAGA #PROLIFE #Q #Michigan.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Parler, 7/23/20]
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### Significant Findings

- **1999:** McCormick stated that he left California.
- **2000-2020:** McCormick was registered to vote in Florida.
  - Florida does not have a state income tax.
- **2006-2020:** McCormick was registered to vote in Georgia.
- **2017-2020:** McCormick owned a house in North Carolina.
- **2006-2020:** McCormick’s GOP opponents criticized him for not voting for Trump in 2016, making excuses for his missed vote and repeatedly changing his excuses.
- **2017-2020:** McCormick defended his actions, claiming to have voted absentee in 2016 and 2014, only for his votes to have not been counted.
- **2017-2020:** McCormick emphatically stated that a candidate should run for office in the district that they live in.
- **2017-2020:** McCormick said “I don’t try to claim things that I’m not.”

### Residency

#### 1999: McCormick Said That He Left California

McCormick said that he left California **in 1999.** “MCCORMICK: ‘I loved living there. The weather was amazing the resources to mountains and beaches of one day, and yet people will leave there because politicians are running that state that should say something to you, one of the one of the most robust economies in the world by itself could be a nation. And yet they they're literally they cannot stop their addiction to socialism, to the point where they're voting all the wrong things, and they double down on it. Well, that tax didn't work. We're going to do it twice as much next year. And it just gets worse and worse, and worse, and more and more people are living more and more businesses early. That's the type of people saying that people come there are their disapproval. I mean, it's crazy.’ JEWELSJONES: ‘It is unbelievable. I can tell you from living here, you wouldn't even rec…How long has it been since you've been in California since you've been back here?’ MCCORMICK: ‘I left I think in 1999.’” [Patriots in Tune, 1:34:50, 5/13/20]

#### 2000-2020: McCormick Was Registered To Vote In Florida

**February 2000: McCormick Registered To Vote In Florida**

2/16/2000: According To The Santa Rosa County Florida Supervisor Of Elections, McCormick Registered To Vote In Florida. [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Voter Registration Report, Received 7/13/20]

**2000: McCormick Voted In The Florida October Primary Election.** [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Voter Registration Report, Received 7/13/20]

**2000: McCormick Voted In The Florida General Election.** [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Voter Registration Report, Received 7/13/20]

**2004: McCormick Voted Absentee In The Florida Primary Election.** [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Voter Registration Report, Received 7/13/20]

**2004: McCormick Voted Absentee In The Florida General Election.** [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Voter Registration Report, Received 7/13/20]

**2014: McCormick Voted Absentee In The Florida Primary Election.** [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Voter Registration Report, Received 7/13/20]
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Florida Does Not Have State Income Tax


Note: It is unknown if McCormick was a resident of Florida for tax purposes. FOIA requests with the Department of Defense are outstanding to determine what McCormick’s stated place of residence was for payroll purposes.

May 2020: McCormick Removed Himself From The Voter Rolls In Florida

5/18/20: According To An Email From The Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor Of Elections, McCormick Requested That His Voter Registration Be Terminated After Having Lived In Georgia For Years. “Good afternoon- please see attached information per your public records request. Mr. McCormick is no longer registered to vote in Santa Rosa County. He requested to be removed from the voter rolls on May 18, 2020.” [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Voter Registration Report, Email. 7/13/20]

According To An Email From The Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor Of Elections, McCormick Was Continually Registered To Vote In Florida From 2/16/00 To 5/18/20 Without Interruption. “Q: ‘Thank you very much for the responsive records and contextual information. As a point of clarification, do your records indicate that Mr. McCormick was continuously registered to vote in Santa Rosa County from 2/16/00 to 5/18/20?’ SUPERVISOR: ‘Yes.’” [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Email. 7/13/20]
Yes

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Supervisor of Elections, Santa Rosa County
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The Absentee Ballot Address On File With Santa Rosa County Was McCormick’s Prior Residence In North Carolina.

Mailing Address
Hampstead NC

The Absentee Ballot Address On File With Santa Rosa County Was McCormick’s Prior Residence In Hampstead, NC. [Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Email. 7/13/20]

2006-2020: McCormick Was Registered To Vote In Georgia

2006: McCormick First Voted In The State Of Georgia In The 2006 General Election

2006: McCormick First Voted In The State Of Georgia In The 2006 General Election As A Resident Of Cobb County. [Georgia Secretary of State Individual Voter Report, Generated 7/13/20]

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As Of July 2020, McCormick Was Registered To Vote In Suwanee, GA

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Best regards,

[Santa Rosa County, FL Supervisor of Elections, Email. 7/13/20]
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INDIVIDUAL VOTER REPORT

Voter Current Information

Voter Registration #: [Redacted]
Name: MCCORMICK, RICHARD DEAN
Race: Unknown
Gender: Male
Residence Address: [Redacted]
Mailing Address: [Redacted]
Voter Status: Active
Status Reason: 
Special Designation: 
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McCormick’s Address In Suwanee, GA, Was Located Within Georgia’s 7th Congressional District. [House.gov, accessed 7/27/20]

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### 2017-2013: McCormick Owned A House In North Carolina

#### 2013: McCormick Purchased A House In Hampstead, NC For $416,000

7/25/13: McCormick And Debra Miller Purchased A House In Hampstead, NC, For $416,000. [Pender County Register of Deeds, 7/26/13]

#### 2017: McCormick Sold Their House In Hampstead, NC, For $414,000

12/6/17: Rich And “His Wife” Debra Miller Sold Their House In Hampstead, NC. [Pender County Register of Deeds, 12/20/13]

12/20/17: The Buyers Took Out A Mortgage For $414,000. [Pender County Register of Deeds, 7/26/13]

### McCormick Never Registered To Vote In The State Of North Carolina

According To Correspondence With Officials Of The North Carolina Board Of Elections, McCormick Was Never A Registered Voter Of Pender County, North Carolina. [North Carolina Board of Elections, Email 7/28/20]
Searched for Richard in Pender and it turned back no results. Let me know if you have any more information.

Best,

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McCormick Collected No Tax Exemptions On His Property


In *The State Of North Carolina, Homestead Exemptions Are Only Available To Qualifying Low-Income Or Elderly Homeowners*. “North Carolina offers three property tax relief programs for the permanent residence of qualified homeowners. A permanent residence includes the dwelling, the dwelling site (up to one acre), and related improvements. Elderly or Disabled Exclusion: Applicants must be 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled. […] Circuit Breaker Tax Deferment Program: Applicants must be 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled. […] Disabled Veteran Exclusion: Veterans discharged under honorable conditions or their unmarried surviving spouse may be eligible for a reduction in property tax.” [Wake County, North Carolina, accessed 7/14/20]

Defending Voting Record

May 2020: McCormick’s GOP Opponents Criticized Him For Not Voting For Trump In 2016, Making Excuses For His Missed Vote And Repeatedly Changing His Excuses

Renee Unterman – A GOP Candidate In GA-07 – Claimed McCormick Refused To Vote For Donald Trump In 2016. “Rich McCormick’s squealing doesn’t change the fact that he refused to vote for Donald Trump for president while Renee Unterman campaigned for Trump and proudly voted for the leader she considers the best president of her lifetime.” [Renee Unterman for Congress, accessed 7/7/20]

Unterman Said Rich Couldn’t “Get His Story Straight” And Mocked Him For Providing Documentation Confirming He Received An Absentee Ballot But Still Didn’t Vote For Trump. “It’s taken weeks for Rich to get his story straight. And it’s still not working. After all this time, he’s finally providing documentation that he requested an absentee ballot from a Florida county. That means he got the ballot and STILL didn’t vote for Trump, when the nation faced the dire prospect of a Hillary win.” [Renee Unterman for Congress, accessed 7/7/20]

Mark Gonsalves – A GOP Candidate In GA-07 – Released Audio Recorded By A Voter That Includes McCormick Claiming He Sent In An Absentee Ballot, But They Wouldn’t Be Counted Unless It Would Make A Difference In The Outcome. VO: “When asked why he didn’t vote for Trump against Hillary, Rich
McCormick claimed:” MCCORMICK (VO): “I sent an absentee ballot, which does not get counted unless it’s going to make a difference in the outcome.” [Mark Gonsalves via Twitter, 5/8/20]

Gonsalves Released A Video Suggesting McCormick Made Up A New Excuse When Asked About His Absentee Ballot In Public, Showing McCormick Saying He Was Away From His Family For Nine Months, Mostly In Afghanistan. VO: “Asked publicly why he refused to vote for Trump, he made up a new excuse.” MCCORMICK: “I’ll tell you what I was doing in 2016. I spent over nine months of my life away from my family. Most of it, in Kandahar.” [Mark Gonsalves via Twitter, 5/8/20]


Why can't this guy ever be straight with voters?

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McCormick Blocked Gonsalves Four Days After Gonsalves’ Video Attacking McCormick Was Released. “‘I have never been afraid of a fight.’ - @RichforGA Sure Rich. Sure. #gapol” [Mark Gonsalves via Twitter, 5/12/20]
“I have never been afraid of a fight.” -@RichforGA

Sure Rich.

Sure.

#gapol

McCormick Defended Himself Against Attacks Against His Voting Record By Posting A FOIA Response From Santa Rosa County (FL) That Showed He Received A Ballot To An Address In North Carolina.
McCormick Said Renee Unterman Was Attacking Him Because She Was “Desperate To Remain In Office,” Calling Her Claims a “Lie.” “Career politician Renee Unterman is desperate to remain in office. She’s attacking me on TV saying I didn’t request and absentee ballot and didn’t support @realdonaldtrump. That’s a lie and here is the proof. @renee_unterman, Georgia voters deserve better than this. #GA07 #Gapol” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 5/12/20]
McCormick Defended His Actions, Claiming To Have Voted Absentee In 2016 And 2014, Only For His Votes To Have Not Been Counted

McCormick Claimed To Have Attempted To Vote In The 2014 And 2016 General Elections Via Absentee Ballot, Only To Have The Votes Not Be Tabulated. “McCormick: ‘We’ve stayed on message, meanwhile, that they’ve tried to do is come back to us with slander and try to make us try to connect dots about absentee ballots that weren’t received and saying, Oh, I was against Trump in 2016. The fact of the matter is, I received it mailed it in, it didn't get counted. I don't know why. Same thing happened in 2014. My primary vote was counted, but my, my general election vote was not I don't know why.’” [Patriots in Tune, 1:27:11, 5/13/20]

McCormick Emphatically Stated That A Candidate Should Run For Office In The District That They Live In

McCormick Emphatically Stated That A Candidate Should Run For Office In The District That They Live In. “McCormick: ‘The businesswoman is not getting much traction, she spent more money than anybody but she's polling at probably about 5% no offense to her. She lives outside the district that's another problem you always have. If you're gonna run you have two other districts to choose from, besides the one that you don't live, the one that you never worked in, the one you never went to church in, the one your kids never went to school in. Go run where you're supposed to run, which is where you live. That's the big difference right there.’” [Patriots in Tune, 1:38:20, 5/13/20]

McCormick Claimed That “I Don’t Try To Claim Things That I’m Not”

McCormick Claimed That “I Don’t Try To Claim Things That I’m Not.” “McCormick: ‘My MBA, my MD, my specialty training, my military training, all that stuff's very legit. My opponent has some issues with that. If you want to talk about, you know, lastly, she likes to talk about being a nurse. She was an LPN, whose license expired back in 1984. That was a while ago. And yet I see a person on an advertisement in a white coat, seeing a patient during the COVID crisis. That's what we call in the military, we call that Stolen Valor. That like showing me kicking in the door and taking down Osama bin Laden. I didn't do that. That's why I did try to be very careful about what I claim in my military service. I did some things Yes, but I didn't do everything. And I don't try to claim things that I’m not. I am who I am. I'm very proud of that.’” [Patriots in Tune, 1:40:14, 5/13/20]

May 2020: McCormick attacked the New Deal and Franklin Roosevelt.


“As I’ve been in D.C. this week with my team, one moment has stood out. Today, I was deeply honored and humbled to have met with fellow military veteran, Rep. Dan Crenshaw. His devotion to continually upholding and embodying our creed—Honor, Courage, and Commitment, in all aspects of his life, from the countless sacrifices he made in his military service, to his continued, selfless service to this Great Nation, should serve as a shining example to every American of what true servant-leadership and sacrifice look like.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 12/4/19]
President Franklin Roosevelt

May 2020: McCormick Attacked The New Deal And Franklin Roosevelt. “MCCORMICK: ‘So many times we think we need to spend our way out as a government that’s been tried before that’s what happened in the Great Depression. That’s where they extended the Great Depression when you had Franklin Roosevelt thinking that the government was a solution to bind our way out of this problem.’” [Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, YouTube, 19:18, 5/21/20]
Donald Trump

Significant Findings

- McCormick referred to impeachment as a “hoax” and claimed the Democrats were “trying to cancel out an election.”
- McCormick pushed for impeaching Speaker Pelosi, even selling shirts reading “IMPEACH PELOSI” to fund his campaign.
- McCormick pushed a theory that the “real quid pro quo” came from Joe Biden.
- McCormick propagated false theories regarding impeachment, namely that President Trump was falsely accused of withholding aid from Ukraine or putting pressure on Zelensky.
- McCormick said that he did not think Trump would win the 2016 election.

2020 Election

July 2020: Trump Praised McCormick At A Rally In Atlanta

July 2020: Trump Praised McCormick At A Rally In Atlanta. “TRUMP: ‘thank you very much. two people, friends of mine that will be there soon, because they have to be because we need all the help we can get in Washington, Karen Handel, thank you very much, thank you, Karen. and Rick McCormick. thank you. they will be there soon, I hope. we need them. we need them. get them in there. thank you . as well to a man who I became good friends with, a man who was running against somebody that was unbeatable, running against a superstar, Governor Brian Kemp, you have done a great job in every aspect of running this incredible state and I have always been there for you. when we met at the plane, he said everything we needed in Georgia, you have been there, that is right.”’ [C-SPAN, 7:41, 7/15/20]

Trump Then Called Mail-In Ballots A Form Of Voter Fraud. “TRUMP: ‘and watch those mail-in ballots, you going to watch that for me? They have a lot of problems all over the country, they just had Paterson, New Jersey, massive percentages of the vote was a fraud. Well in balance, be careful. It is very bad what is going on with mail-in ballots. As differentiated from absentee ballots, where you have to go through a process because you can't be there for some reason, at the mail-in ballots is going to be -- they are going to berate, they are going to be a terrible situation and you have to be careful in Georgia but you have to be careful for everyone -- everywhere where they are doing it. We went through a first world war and second world war and people went to vote. Now they are saying, let's use this as a chance not to vote. There has been tremendous corruption on mail-in ballots. So absentee ballot, great. Mail-in ballots, it makes no sense. A governor sends out millions of ballots all over the place, they don't know where they are going, they are going to wherever, now we have to do something very important, we have to keep it going or this country will be in big trouble. […] A lot of politicians in this room. Good luck to Karen and Rich. Go get them. You are great people.’” [C-SPAN, 12:58, 7/15/20]

April 2020: McCormick Tweeted, Then Deleted The Hashtag “KingTrump” Along With Other Pro Trump Hashtags

**Deleted Tweet from Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress**

RichforGA (R-Ga.)
@RichforGA

#KingTrump #TrumpPressConf #KAG2020 #TrumpLandslide2020 #Gapol
https://t.co/UvOl5x5VYk

Deleted after 13 hours at 10:05 AM on 4 Apr. 

It looks like this tweet was not replaced.

[ProPublica Politwoops, tweet deleted 4/15/20]

**Impeachment**

McCormick Referred To Impeachment As A “Hoax” And Claimed The Democrats Were “Trying To Cancel Out An Election”

McCormick: Democrats’ Impeachment Hoax Is Trying To Cancel Out An Election And Tell Millions Of Americans Their Voices Do Not Matter. “Democrats’ #ImpeachmentHoax is trying to cancel out an election and tell millions of Americans their voices do not matter. Enough is enough! It’s time we send a Decorated Marine . Emergency Room Doctor. Conservative Republican to go ALL IN in Congress to help fight this sham.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 12/10/19]

McCormick Pushed For Impeaching Speaker Pelosi – Even Selling Shirts Reading “IMPEACH PELOSI” To Fund His Campaign

McCormick: It’s Time To Impeach Nancy Pelosi For “Turning Congress Into A 3-Ring Circus.” “Impeach Trump? No Way! It’s time to Impeach Pelosi for turning Congress into a 3-ring circus.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 12/10/19]

McCormick Sold “Limited Edition” Impeach Pelosi Shirts To Support His Campaign. “Get on board and grab your limited edition #ImpeachPelosi shirt today. #ImpeachmentHoax #ImpeachmentSHAM #ImpeachmentBackfire” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 12/10/19]
McCormick Pushed A Theory That The “Real Quid Pro Quo” Came From Biden

McCormick Defended Trump, Saying It Was Shameful That His Crime Was “Asking About The Real Quid Pro Quo That Biden Did.” “His ‘crime’ – asking about the REAL quid pro quo that Biden did…shameful.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Personal), 12/10/19]
McCormick Proposed Calling Joe And Hunter Biden To Testify, Claiming That Hunter Biden Was “Cashing In” While Dems Were Calling For Impeachment. “Bring up Joe and Hunter Biden!! Dems were calling for impeachment after the election in 2016 while Hunter was still cashing in! #ImpeachmentTrials #ImpeachmentHoax” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 1/27/20]

McCormick Propagated False Theories Regarding Impeachment

McCormick Retweeted A Post By Rep. Andy Biggs That Claimed “Aid Was Given To Ukraine Within Time Limits Of The Law Passed By Congress” And That “There Was NO Pressure On Zelensky.” “Democrats claim that we run the risk of being a monarchy or dictatorship. That is one of the sloppiest arguments for impeachment. It ignores the facts that all aid was given to Ukraine within time limits of the law passed by Congress, & that there was NO pressure on Zelensky.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Original: Rep. Andy Biggs), 12/18/19]

McCormick Retweeted A Post By Rep. Markwayne Mullin That Claimed The Democrats And Speaker Pelosi Impeached Trump Because They “Hate Him” And “Don’t Want Him To Get Re-Elected.” “History is being made today, but it’s being made in the wrong fashion. The House is voting to impeach @realDonaldTrump today, not because he did something wrong, but because Pelosi Democrats hate him and they don’t want him to get re-elected.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Original: Rep. Markwayne Mullin), 12/18/19]

McCormick Retweeted A Post By Rep. Phil Roe That Called Impeachment A “Sham” And Claimed The President Was “Falsely Accused” Of Withholding Aid From Ukraine. (TWEET) “Today is a sad day in American history. We are voting to impeach a duly-elected @realDonaldTrump without evidence a crime was committed. I won’t stand for this political sham and will be voting no. (VIDEO) ROE: “The President has been falsely accused of colluding with Ukrainians to withhold money to get information on a political rival.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Original: Dr. Phil Roe), 12/18/19]

July 2020: McCormick Said “Don’t Even Get Me Started On These Things With The Ukraine And Biden.” “MCCORMICK: ‘The left has no vested interest in accomplishing anything unfortunately, their entire mismanagement of Congress has been based on distracting people from getting things done rather than they would like to spend their entire time attacking the president, whether it be on Russia, Ukraine, COVID, race relations, all the things that all these things that existed for forever, I mean, if you're looking…oh man don't even get me started on these things with the Ukraine and Biden, the hypocrisy of the left as far as what they want to investigate what they don't want to investigate. If you want to look at the Chinese mismanagement of the budget, the way we've mismanaged the WHO, and also the United Nations, these are things that have been existing forever. Racial disparities haven't just all sudden happened during President Trump's [administration].’” [America Out Loud, 50:30 7/2/20]

McCormick Said That Theories Regarding Ukraine And Joe Biden Were “The Obvious Injustice.” “MCCORMICK: ‘I go back to the Ukraine thing, you know, where did the real the obvious injustice happen? I thought happened with Vice President Biden and his son. I mean, I know for a fact, we know what happened there. But then they want to talk about what possibly happened with Trump and ignore that.’” [America Out Loud, 54:18, 7/2/20]

Michael Flynn

July 2020: McCormick Said That The Prosecution Of Michael Flynn Was Unfair And Should Make People Worried About Their Own Rights

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if you're a general, if you're serving the President of the United States and you can be unfairly prosecuted, that should make you as an average citizen, worry about your rights. And once you go back to less government's always better because the bigger government is, the more likely you are to have your rights jeopardized. The Founding Fathers knew this that's why they limited us that's why they have amazing constitution to create a government that's limited by itself.” [Doctor’s Lounge, 7/9/20]

**Trump’s Style**

McCormick Said That “Soccer Moms Don’t Always Appreciate” How Donald Trump Acts As President

“MCCORMICK: ‘I get it. He doesn't always say things the way that people want to hear them. soccer moms don't always appreciate that. But man, if you look at the results, and his conservative values, he has been one of the best presidents truly since Reagan in accomplishing The conservative agenda without any apologies. And that's why he's so vastly popular.”” [America Out Loud, 15:45, 7/2/20]

**2016 Election**

McCormick Said That He Did Not Think Trump Would Win The 2016 Election

“MCCORMICK: ‘I think the thing that that strikes me is that in 2016, I truly did believe that President, then candidate Trump would not win the election. I also didn't think he was truly Republican. I thought at the time, he was a much better choice than Hillary Clinton because I knew about her very well.’” [America Out Loud, 15:04, 7/2/20]

McCormick Also Said That He Did Not Have Faith That Donald Trump Would Be A True Conservative.

“MCCORMICK: ‘I thought at the time, he was a much better choice than Hillary Clinton because I knew about her very well. But I didn't really have faith that he was gonna be a true conservative, even though he said the right things. The people you'd hang out with in the past, just didn't reassure me. We didn't have any voting record. I was a little uneasy, but man, he has been nothing but a pleasure to watch.’” [America Out Loud, 15:16, 7/2/20]
Issues
Abortion & Women’s Health Issues

**Significant Findings**

- **January 2020:** McCormick answered an issue questionnaire prepared by the Georgia Life Alliance.
  - McCormick answered that abortion should be illegal in all circumstances, with no exceptions in cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is in jeopardy.
  - McCormick answered that he supported the reversal of Roe v. Wade by the Supreme Court.
  - McCormick answered that he supported the Georgia “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act” which attempted to ban abortion after 20 weeks.
  - McCormick answered that he would support requiring parental consent before a minor obtaining an abortion.
  - McCormick answered that he supported mandated “women’s right to know” or invasive questioning prior to an abortion.
  - McCormick supported ban on abortion due to severe genetic defects which would be disguised as a ban on sex selective abortion.
  - McCormick answered that he supported a ban on so-called “dismemberment abortions.”
  - McCormick answered that he supported a ban on taxpayer funding for any form of abortion.
  - McCormick answered that he supported recognizing a fetus as a legal person and banning abortion after the detection of a heartbeat.
  - McCormick retweeted a post claiming assertions that “abortion is health care” were a “brainwashing method” being used on “young teens.”
  - McCormick said he would never let PPP loans be used to pay for abortion.

**Abortion**

McCormick Supported A Total Abortion Ban, With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or The Life Of The Mother

January 2020: McCormick Answered An Issue Questionnaire Prepared By The Georgia Life Alliance

McCormick Answered That Abortion Should Be Illegal In All Circumstances, With No Exceptions In Cases Of Rape, Incest, Or When The Life Of The Mother Is In Jeopardy.

Do you believe abortion should be illegal? If you answered “yes” to question 1, do you believe there should be an exception to laws prohibiting abortion in any of the following circumstances? (please initial all that you agree with.) [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]
ISSUE: ABORTION

The Georgia Life Alliance (GLA) believes that unborn children should be protected by law, and that abortion should be permitted only when necessary to prevent the death of the mother.

For each numbered question, please indicate your answer by initialing next to the “yes” or “no” for each question. NOTE: in every numbered question below, the answer “yes” indicates agreement with the position of GLA.

1. Do you believe abortion should be illegal?

YES RM NO

If you answered “yes” to question 1, do you believe there should be an exception to laws prohibiting abortion in any of the following circumstances? (Please initial all that you agree with)

(a) _______ To prevent the death of the mother.
(b) _______ In cases of rape where the rape is reported to an appropriate law enforcement agency.
(c) _______ In cases of incest where the incest is committed against a minor and it has been reported to an appropriate agency.
(d) Other: (Please initial all that you agree with or complete d.) ________________________________

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

McCormick Answered That He Supported The Reversal of Roe V. Wade By The Supreme Court

McCormick Answered That He Supported The Reversal of Roe V. Wade By The Supreme Court. “In Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton (1973) the U.S. Supreme Court created a “right to abortion” for any reason until “viability” (into the 6th month) and for any health reason during the final three months of pregnancy. Would you advocate for changing the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions so that elected legislatures may once again protect unborn children by limiting or prohibiting abortion?” [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

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YES RM NO

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

McCormick Answered That He Supported The Georgia “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act” Which Attempted To Ban Abortion After 20 Weeks

McCormick Answered That He Supported The Georgia “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act” Which Attempted To Ban Abortion After 20 Weeks. “Do you support Georgia’s Pain Capable Unborn Child
Protection Act which was passed in 2012 and which seeks to ban abortion after 20 weeks (following fertilization)?” [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

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YES ___ RM ___ NO ______

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

McCormick Answered That He Would Support Requiring Parental Consent Before A Minor Obtaining An Abortion

McCormick Answered That He Would Support Requiring Parental Consent Before A Minor Obtaining An Abortion. “Would you support improving Georgia’s law by requiring a parent or guardian’s consent prior to a minor obtaining an abortion? (current law only requires parental notification).” [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

4. Would you support improving Georgia’s law by requiring a parent or guardian’s consent prior to a minor obtaining an abortion? (current law only requires parental notification)

YES ___ RM ___ NO ______

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

McCormick Answered That He Supported Mandated “Women’s Right To Know” Or Invasive Questioning Prior To An Abortion

McCormick Answered That He Supported Mandated “Women’s Right To Know” Or Invasive Questioning Prior To An Abortion. “Do you support Georgia’s “Woman’s Right to Know” law which ensures women are given medically and scientifically significant information (including the risks of the abortion procedure and benefits if the woman brings the child to term) prior to obtaining an abortion? […] Would you support ensuring all doctors are required to report they have given a woman the informed consent required under the ‘Woman’s Right to Know’ law regardless of whether the abortion was performed in an abortion clinic, hospital, or doctor’s office?” [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

5. Do you support Georgia’s “Woman’s Right to Know” law which ensures women are given medically and scientifically significant information (including the risks of the abortion procedure and benefits if the woman brings the child to term) prior to obtaining an abortion?

YES ___ RM ___ NO ______

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

6. Would you support ensuring all doctors are required to report they have given a woman the informed consent required under the “Woman’s Right to Know” law regardless of whether the abortion was performed in an abortion clinic, hospital, or doctor’s office?

YES ___ RM ___ NO ______

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

McCormick Answered That He Supported Required Provision Of Ultrasounds To Women Seeking An Abortion. “Ultrasound is the “window” to the womb. Would you support legislation to ensure any
woman seeking an abortion is actively provided information regarding free ultrasounds and that any image resulting from an ultrasound must be made available for the woman to view prior to her abortion?" [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

7. Ultrasound is the “window” to the womb. Would you support legislation to ensure any woman seeking an abortion is actively provided information regarding free ultrasounds and that any image resulting from an ultrasound must be made available for the woman to view prior to her abortion?

YES ______ NO ________

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

McCormick Supported Ban On Abortion Due To Severe Genetic Defects Which Would Be Disguised As A Ban On Sex Selective Abortion

McCormick Supported Ban On Abortion Due To Severe Genetic Defects Which Would Be Disguised As A Ban On Sex Selective Abortion. “Would you support legislation to prohibit selective abortion (where an abortion is performed to terminate a child because of the sex or due to a genetic abnormality)?” [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

9. Would you support legislation to prohibit selective abortion (where an abortion is performed to terminate a child because of the sex or due to a genetic abnormality)?

YES ______ NO ________

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

McCormick Answered That He Supported A Ban On So-Called “Dismemberment Abortions”

McCormick Answered That He Supported A Ban On So-Called “Dismemberment Abortions.” “Would you support legislation to prohibit dismemberment abortions (where the life of the fetus is terminated by dismemberment of the body)?” [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

10. Would you support legislation to prohibit dismemberment abortions (where the life of the fetus is terminated by dismemberment of the body)?

YES ______ NO ________

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

McCormick Answered That He Supported A Ban On Taxpayer Funding For Any Form Of Abortion

McCormick Answered That He Supported A Ban On Taxpayer Funding For Any Form Of Abortion. “Would you support a law prohibiting the use of taxpayer dollars to pay for abortions, except when necessary to prevent the mother’s death?” [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

13. Would you support a law prohibiting the use of taxpayer dollars to pay for abortions, except when necessary to prevent the mother’s death?

YES ______ NO ________

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]
McCormick Answered That He Supported Recognizing A Fetus As A Legal Person And Banning Abortion After The Detection Of A Heartbeat

McCormick Answered That He Supported Recognizing A Fetus As A Legal Person And Banning Abortion After The Detection Of A Heartbeat. “Do you support HB 481, the Living Infants Fairness & Equality Act (The LIFE Act; aka the Heartbeat Bill), which recognized a child in the womb as a person and ended most abortions after a baby’s heartbeat is detected – usually around 6 weeks?” [Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

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YES _______ NO ________

[Georgia Life Alliance, 1/22/20]

McCormick Retweeted A Post Claiming Assertions That “Abortion Is Health Care” Were A “Brainwashing Method” Being Used On “Young Teens”

McCormick Retweeted A Post Criticizing Bernie Sanders’ Assertion That “Abortion Is Health Care” As A “Brainwashing Method” Being Used On Young Teens Whose “Minds...Haven’t Been Fully Developed.” “Suggesting this to young teens and to the minds that haven’t been fully developed is disturbing, and quite frankly dangerous. Your brainwashing method won’t work when you stand before God. With a good conscience I can’t even wish you good luck! #AllLivesMatter #ChoseLife.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Original: @ROHLL5), 1/26/20]

Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress
@RichforGA
US House candidate, GA-7

“I’ve noticed that everyone that is for abortion has been born already”—President Ronald Reagan

[Rich McCormick via Twitter (Original: @ROHLL5), 1/26/20; @ROHLL5 via Twitter, 1/25/20]

McCormick On Schumer: “I Hope When He Meets Our Maker He Has To Explain To The Lord Why He Worked So Hard To Kill Babies.” “I hope when he meets our maker, he has to explain to the Lord why he worked so hard to kill babies.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/4/20]
McCormick Said He Would Never Let PPP Loans Be Used To Pay For Abortion

McCormick: “I Strongly Support The Hyde Amendment And Will Never Let Federal Funds Be Used To Pay For Abortion.” “Real small businesses are struggling and need PPP loans to keep their employees on the payroll. I strongly support the Hyde Amendment and will never let federal funds be used to pay for abortion. #Covid_19 #COVID19 #OpenAmerica #PPP #GA07 #Gapol #ProLife” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 5/20/20]
Civil Rights & Black Lives Matter

**Significant Findings**

✓ McCormick took a defensive stance on police reform.

✓ July 2020: McCormick said that “we must prevent Atlanta from becoming the next Chicago.”

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**Black Lives Matter Protests**

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McCormick’s Campaign Criticized House Democrats For Voting “Against Condemning The Defunding Of Police Departments, Against Condemning The Violence, Rioting, And Looting And Vote[ing] Against Condemning The Autonomous Zones Established By Anarchists.” “Yesterday House Democrats voted against condemning the defunding of police departments, against condemning the violence, rioting, and looting and voted against condemning the autonomous zones established by anarchists. These are @Carolyn4GA7’s values, are they yours? #gapol #GA07” [Team McCormick, 6/26/20]
July 2020: McCormick Said That “We Must Prevent Atlanta From Becoming The Next Chicago.” “We must prevent Atlanta from becoming the next Chicago. We must support and fund the police, and we must come together as a community to stop the violence. I am ashamed to see my opponent continue to stay silent when it comes to defending our law enforcement officers and our communities from this growing tide of violence.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 7/22/20]

McCormick Criticized The Removal Of A Statue Depicting President Theodore Roosevelt, Accusing “Socialists” Of “Rewriting” History

McCormick Criticized New York City’s Museum Of Natural History’s Removal Of A President Teddy Roosevelt Statue, Calling It “Ridiculous” And Accusing “Socialists” Of “Rewriting” History. “The Museum of Natural History’s removal of President Roosevelt’s statue is ridiculous. Teddy was one of the most important leaders in our nation’s history. A statesman, trailblazer and conservationist, he embodied all of the characteristics the museum was founded upon. […] As the socialist rewriting of history continues, let us be reminded of some Teddy wisdom that I find extremely applicable to yesterday’s news: ‘to educate a person in the mind but not in morals is to educate a menace to society.’” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 6/22/20; 6/22/20]
The Removal Of This Particular Statue Was Supported By Theodore Roosevelt IV As Not Reflective Of The Values Of President Theodore Roosevelt. “The bronze statue of Theodore Roosevelt, on horseback and flanked by a Native American man and an African man, which has presided over the entrance to the American Museum of Natural History in New York since 1940, is coming down. […] When the monument will be taken down, where it will go and what, if anything, will replace it, remain undetermined, officials said. A Roosevelt family member released a statement approving the removal. ‘The world does not need statues, relics of another age, that reflect neither the values of the person they intend to honor nor the values of equality and justice,’ said Theodore Roosevelt IV, age 77, a great-grandson of the 26th president and a museum trustee. ‘The composition of the Equestrian Statue does not reflect Theodore Roosevelt’s legacy. It is time to move the statue and move forward.’” [New York Times, 6/25/20]

June 2020: On Juneteenth, McCormick Said That Racial Injustice Was Not A “Political Problem, It Is A People Problem”

July 2020: McCormick Claimed That Black Conservatives Were More Discriminated Against Than Black Liberals

McCormick Claimed That The Republican Party Was Responsible For The Passage Of The Civil Rights Act In 1964 And Called The African-American “Loyalty To The Left” As “Baffling.” “MCCORMICK: ‘When I don't understand the African American community’s loyalty to the left is somewhat baffling to me. It is the Republican party that fought died on the Civil War battlefield is the Republican party that that passed the Civil Rights Act that was opposed by so many Democrats. It was a very racist Lyndon B. Johnson, who was quoted in the Air Force One, speaking very poorly about the black communities and how they were being manipulated by politics. I don't understand why that's not more publicized.’” [America Out Loud, 27:18, 7/2/20]

1964: President Lyndon B. Johnson, A Democrat, Signed The Civil Rights Act Into Law Against The Opposition Of Johnson’s 1964 Reelection Opponent, Republican Barry Goldwater. “‘If government is to serve any purpose, it is to do for others what they are unable to do for themselves.’ With that assertion, President Lyndon B. Johnson on this day in 1964 signed into law a far-reaching civil rights act. The nation’s three TV networks carried the ceremony live from the East Room of the White House. As the most sweeping civil rights legislation to be passed by Congress since the post-Civil War Reconstruction era, the act outlawed racial discrimination in employment, education and housing; barred racial segregation in all state-sponsored public places such as schools, buses, parks and swimming pools; and outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion or national origin in hotels, motels, restaurants, theaters, and all other public accommodations engaged in interstate commerce, exempting only private clubs, without defining the term ‘private.’ In addition, the act laid the groundwork for the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which set rules to protect the right of African-Americans to vote, which had been curbed in the states of the Confederacy since the end of Reconstruction. […] Proponents of the legislation had needed to overcome an 88-day filibuster by a phalanx of Southern Democrats, as well as opposition from such GOP
conservatives as Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona, Johnson’s opponent in the upcoming 1964 presidential election, who believed the measure went too far in curbing property rights and individual freedom of association.” [Politico, 7/2/18]

McCormick Said That Martin Luther King, Jr. Was A Republican. “MCCORMICK: ‘It was a very racist Lyndon B. Johnson, who was quoted in the Air Force One, speaking very poorly about the black movies and how they were being manipulated by politics. I don’t understand why that’s not more publicize and why the faith initiative that the Republicans seem to really enforce, it seems to go so well hand in hand with the faithful African American community that in morality and the opportunities and the understanding of the history of the Republican Party, which was an abolitionist party seems to match up very well, Martin Luther King was a Republican, I really think it’s important to reach out and to not give up on that demographic, to really try to own the narrative.’” [America Out Loud, 28:25, 7/2/20]

King’s Political Party Registration Was Unknown, But His Son Called The Assertion That He Would Support The Modern Republican Party “Outrageous.” “Martin Luther King Jr.’s influence on American politics and his views about policy issues are a perennial topic of discussion around the time of his January 15 birthday and the Martin Luther King Jr. Day federal holiday. However, the civil-rights leader’s personal political party affiliation remains a mystery. His niece Alveda King, an Evangelical supporter of President Donald Trump, has argued that her uncle was a Republican, like his father Martin Luther King, Sr., who was also a Baptist minister. That idea has been repeated often, but videos that claim to show that Martin Luther King, Jr. is Republican have been proven not to do so. King’s son Martin Luther King III said in 2008 that it’s ‘disingenuous’ to insist he was when there is no evidence of him casting a Republican vote. ‘It is even more outrageous to suggest that he would support the Republican Party of today,’ the younger King added, “which has spent so much time and effort trying to suppress African American votes in Florida and many other states.” [Time, 1/17/20]

McCormick Also Said That “I Have A Friend That Is Actually A Democrat.” “MCCORMICK: ‘That's why I'm very, very active in the community. And I have a friend that is actually a Democrat who co-teaches youth ministry with me. And we have a movement called let’s talk, which is bringing together people of all backgrounds and it's not political.’” [America Out Loud, 29:15, 7/2/20]

February 2020: McCormick Retweeted An Assertion That Martin Luther King Jr. Was A Republican And Then Deleted It Shortly Thereafter. “RT @thecjpearson: Frederick Douglass was a Republican. Abraham Lincoln was a Republican. Martin Luther King Jr. was a Republican.” [Politifact Politwoops, Tweet Deleted 2/15/20]

Deleted Tweet from Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress

RichforGA (R-Ga.)
@RichforGA

RT @thecjpearson: Frederick Douglass was a Republican. Abraham Lincoln was a Republican. Martin Luther King Jr. was a Republican. T...
https://t.co/15RtrqOwODH

Deleted after 4 hours at 9:55 PM on 15 Feb. Original tweet by @thecjpearson. 🚫

It looks like this tweet was not replaced.

[Politifact Politwoops, Tweet Deleted 2/15/20]
Crime & Public Safety Issues

**Significant Findings**

- **July 2020**: McCormick said that believed that Bill Barr should conduct business “behind the scenes.”
- McCormick claimed the Democrats carried out a “smear campaign on lies and false accusations” against Brett Kavanaugh.

**Department Of Justice**

**July 2020: McCormick Said That Believed That Bill Barr Should Conduct Business “Behind The Scenes”**

McCormick said if he was Barr and leading an investigation, “I would not do it in public.”

Judiciary

**McCormick Claimed The Democrats Carried Out A “Smear Campaign On Lies And False Accusations” Against Brett Kavanaugh**

“Remember when they did this to Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh? Total smear campaign on lies and false accusations #AdamSchiff #Pelosi #MAGAROLLERCOASTER #KAGA2020” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 1/22/20]
Economic & Business Issues

Significant Findings

✓ May 2020: McCormick stated that we need to “re-look at how we deal with the Federal Reserve.”

✓ McCormick reiterated conspiratorial talking points about the federal reserve system and called it a “private industry.”

✓ McCormick agreed with calls to “Audit the Fed.”

✓ May 2020: McCormick said that trump had a good idea of how to “conquer” the Federal Reserve.

✓ May 2020: McCormick again claimed that the Federal Reserve wasn’t “federal” and claimed that the us paid taxes for a private entity.

✓ McCormick used Coca-Cola as an example of the free market hiring minority workers as “a great business model”...

✓ ..But didn’t mention that Coca-Cola settled one of us history’s largest racial discrimination lawsuits for a combined total of nearly $200 million.

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✓ Immediately after praising mega-corporation Coca-Cola, McCormick said that he supported protecting small businesses from large corporations.

Federal Reserve System

May 2020: McCormick Stated That We Need To “Re-Look At How We Deal With The Federal Reserve”

May 2020: McCormick Stated That We Need To “Re-Look At How We Deal With The Federal Reserve.” “I think you have to have less spending, I think we spent far too much money that's driven our debt up to such a high amount that it's going to be about, it's gone from even 24 trillion to 30 trillion just in a short period because this pandemic and the bill before that was half a trillion dollars in interest per year. That's with low interest rates, half a trillion in interest rates per year should scare the heck out of anybody. We need to re-look at how we deal with the Federal Reserve, how we spend money, even how we tax money, because taxation is insatiable, you can you can always promise somebody something more. That’s what politics is really good at.” [Medical Association of Georgia, 37:34, 5/18/20]

McCormick Reiterated Conspiratorial Talking Points About The Federal Reserve System And Called It A “Private Industry”

McCormick Said That The US Currency Is Not “Based By The Nation” Like China’s Was And That The Federal Reserve Is “Private Industry.” “MCCORMICK: ‘Now, I will say that there's a complex issue because there's a lot more to macroeconomics than what I just mentioned. And a lot of times when it comes to the Federal Reserve, and I know this is gonna get more complex and maybe we're willing to get into right now, the way we pay back that money or don't have to pay that money has a lot to do with how our designed government is. Realize that
China has four times the national debt than we do. They don't have to pay any interest. Why is that? Because their national currency is based by the nation. And because it's their own currency, they're able to do that. We could also do that. complex issue I know gets into a lot of banking issue, because realize that Federal Reserve is not federal, it’s not owned by the government, it goes to private industry.” [Medical Association of Georgia, 43:00, 5/18/20]

McCormick Claimed That The Federal Reserve Was Controlled By “Some Big Dollar People” But Caught Himself Before Launching Into A Conspiratorial Tirade. “We could also do that. complex issue I know gets into a lot of banking issue, because realize that Federal Reserve is not federal, it’s not owned by the government, it goes to private industry. So now you're talking about some big dollar people…I’m I’m I’m not willing to go out on a limb and challenge them right now, but realize it's a very complex issue that we need to address in the future.” [Medical Association of Georgia, 43:00, 5/18/20]

According To The Anti-Defamation League, Anti-Semitic Conspiracies Regarding Purported Jewish Control Of The Monetary System And Specifically The Federal Reserve Have Become Increasingly Common In Recent Years. “For centuries, anti-Semitic propaganda has demonized the Jew as a conspiratorial, manipulative outsider, often with powers and designs of world domination. From the Middle Ages through the Holocaust, fabricated accusations against Jews as poisoners and corrupters have led to horrendous suffering for the Jewish people. In more recent years, the anti-Semitic notion that ‘the Jews’ dominate and command the U.S. Federal Reserve System and in effect control the world’s money has surfaced across the extremist spectrum. Contemporary economic anxieties and distrust of government have given new life to this timeworn myth.” [Anti-Defamation League, accessed 7/20/20]

McCormick Agreed With Calls By A Ron Paul Aligned Group To “Audit The Fed”

When Answering A Candidate Survey From The Group Campaign For Liberty, McCormick Agreed To Vote For A Bill To “Audit The Fed.” “Will you cosponsor and support efforts for roll call votes on the Audit the Fed bill, designed to bring transparency to the Federal Reserve? […] RICHARD MCCORMICK […] Y.” [Campaign for Liberty, accessed 7/28/20]

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   ![RICH MCCORMICK](Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y Y)

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2008: Campaign For Liberty Was Established By Ron Paul. “Rep. Ron Paul's presidential campaign, a pugnacious, ideological crusade against big government and interventionist leanings in the Republican party, will officially end Thursday at a rally outside the Texas GOP's convention, ABC News has learned. Paul told supporters back in March, in a video posted on his Web site, that he was winding down’ his campaign and planning a new phase to what he and fans call their ‘revolution.’ The new phase of the revolution officially begins with a speech tonight in Houston and a Web video to be posted on his site, officially ending Paul's presidential campaign and freeing up the more than $4.7 million in campaign cash for investment in a new advocacy group, The Campaign for Liberty.” [ABC News, 6/13/08]


May 2020: McCormick Said That Trump Had A Good Idea Of How To “Conquer” The Federal Reserve. “Q: ‘We're moving on now to the second question as Federal funding for covid-19 takes the country into unprecedented debt. How do you propose the country deals with the obligations? We now face going forward and
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how do you see the debt affecting small business long term, how will you support small business?  MCCORMICK: ‘So first of all, let’s talk about the national debt after we get done with this crisis, I think we will be approaching 30 trillion dollars a day. I think the president the United States has a pretty good idea of how he's going to deal with the Federal Reserve and how he's going to conquer that but it is burdensome and how it’s going to come back to us is if we had to pay that debt it goes back to the small businesses and the individuals that are going to be burdened with that for future Generations.” [Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, YouTube, 18:54, 5/21/20]


May 2020: McCormick Again Claimed That The Federal Reserve Wasn’t “Federal” And Claimed That The US Paid Taxes For A Private Entity. “MCCORMICK: “We do have a spending problem. We have to control spending as best as possible. We have to create alliances to combat the out-of-control spending if you look at what is happening right now in the pandemic, about 10 trillion dollars more in national deficit before all this started we had half a trillion dollars in interest payments alone. We have a federal reserve that is very complex and difficult to read. Most people have to realize is first of all, the Federal Reserve is not federal. We are paying taxes to a private institution.”” [Gwinnett County Republican Party, Facebook, 5/26/20]

Minority Hiring & Workforce

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McCormick Used Coca-Cola As An Example Of The Free Market Hiring Minority Workers As “A Great Business Model.” “MCCORMICK: ‘My belief in the American Dream centers around smaller government. I don’t believe the people are managed better by somebody who lords over them with their own money. I believe if you give people back their money, they’ll make the right decisions. I use Coca-Cola as an example: you don’t have to tell them to hire minorities, they hire more minorities than anybody and they do very very well businesswise, it’s a great business model. If you want a company to thrive, you treat people right.’” [Medical Association of Georgia, 37:34, 5/18/20]

McCormick: “If You Want A Company To Thrive, You Treat People Right.” “MCCORMICK: ‘If you want a company to thrive, you treat people right. I don’t have to make a rule for that. When I used to work at Morehouse College, I used to lose my interns all the time. They’d go to Coca-Cola, get offered a huge contract and they want to get out of the Navy, and I’m like ‘No it doesn’t work like that son, sorry, you’re staying.’” [Medical Association of Georgia, 37:34, 5/18/20]

..But Didn’t Mention That Coca-Cola Settled One Of US History’s Largest Racial Discrimination Lawsuits For A Combined Total Of Nearly $200 Million

2000: The Coca-Cola Company Settled What Was At The Time The Largest Ever Racial Discrimination Case For Over $156 Million In Damages And $36 Million In Restructuring Costs. “In the largest settlement ever in a racial discrimination case, the Coca-Cola Company agreed yesterday to pay more than $156 million to resolve a federal lawsuit brought by black employees. The settlement also mandates that the company make sweeping changes, costing an additional $36 million, and grants broad monitoring powers to a panel of outsiders -- an unusual concession in employment discrimination cases.” [New York Times, 11/17/00]

The Suit Claimed That Black Workers Were Systematically Paid Substandard Wages. “The lawsuit, filed in April 1999, accused Coke of erecting a corporate hierarchy in which black employees were clustered at the bottom of the pay scale, averaging $26,000 a year less than white workers. As redress, the settlement provides as many as
2,000 current and former black salaried employees with an average of $40,000 in cash, while the four plaintiffs whose names are on the lawsuit will receive up to $300,000 apiece.” [New York Times, 11/17/00]

In The Midst Of The Lawsuit, Jesse Jackson Called For A Boycott Of Coke Products. “The suit began in April 1999 after four black employees came forward with their stories, and it took on the tone of a civil rights crusade earlier this year when 45 current and former employees organized a "bus ride for justice" from the company's Atlanta headquarters to Washington, and the Rev. Jesse Jackson called for a consumer boycott of Coke products. For plaintiffs such as Linda Ingram, who worked for nine years as a senior information analyst for the company in Atlanta, the experience was painful and personal. Ingram said she first sought legal advice in 1998 after a manager insulted her, using what she described as a racist remark.” [Washington Post, 11/17/00]

HEADLINE: Coke To Pay $193 Million In Bias Suit. [Washington Post, 11/17/00]

**Trump Administration Economic Policy**

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McCormick: President Trump Insulated The American Economy From World Depression. “So many important issues to address by Congress but we waist time instead. No chance of success. Investigating a president who has insulated the American economy from world depression. His “crime” - asking about the REAL quid pro quo that Biden did... shameful.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Personal), 12/10/19]

**Small Business**

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And Then Immediately Said That Small Businesses Needed To Be Protected And “Allow Their Shackles To Be Taken Off.” “MCCORMICK: ‘The point is anybody who knows business knows that treating people the right way is what makes you succeed. I do believe you have to protect the small businesses from unfair businesses from unfair business practices because a lot of times the bigger businesses will lobby to make unfair competition against smaller entities. So you have to be very careful, that’s what the government is there for, to protect the little guy. It doesn’t mean you put anybody at a disadvantage as far as fair competition. But what you have to do is allow the shackles to be taken off. You shouldn't have a billion dollar industry like you've had in the past that had no taxes paid because you're a billion dollar industry. You can lobby to both sides. That's an unfair advantage. The small businessman is always the he small businessman is always going to be the prime employer of America’” [Medical Association of Georgia, 38:00, 5/18/20]

July 2020: McCormick Backtracked On The Role Of Government And Said That Government Intervention Should Be “The Last Option.” “MCCORMICK: ‘Unfortunately, with the incorporation of philosophical approaches of Marxism and socialism, in general, with our children. We've seen shift in our politics and also in the way we approach government in general, which is always looking to the government as the solution. And Matter of fact, and in my opinion, the last option should always be the government when we
can't solve it on our own, because usually it's the most inefficient, biased solution to begin with, and then it becomes more ineffective as it wears on." [The Doctor’s Lounge (via YouTube), 10:40, 7/9/20]
Election Law & Campaign Finance Issues

Significant Findings

✓ McCormick supported a constitutional amendment limiting members of the House of Representatives to three consecutive terms.

Term Limits


“A half dozen candidates, including Republicans and Democrats, running in the 7th Congressional District race have pledged support for term limits. The group, U.S. Term Limits, recently announced the support for term limits on elected officials. Candidates in the 7th district field who have pledged to support term limits include Republicans Renee Unterman, Lynne Homrich, Rich McCormick and Mark Gonsalves, and Democrats John Eaves and Rashid Malik.” [Gwinnett Daily Post, 6/6/20]

The U.S. Term Limits Pledge Indicated Support For A Constitutional Amendment Limiting Members Of The House Of Representatives To Three Consecutive Terms. “I, __________, pledge that as a member of Congress I will cosponsor and vote for the U.S. Term Limits Amendment of three (3) House terms and two (2) Senate terms and no longer limit.” [U.S Term Limits, accessed 7/8/12]
Environmental Issues

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Green New Deal

McCormick Mocked The Green New Deal

McCormick Mocked The Green New Deal, Citing The USSR, China And Venezuela As Examples Of Socialist And Communist Countries That Had Bad Track Records With Environmental Issues. “Right!? USSR, China, Cuba, Venezuela and all the other socialist/communist countries have such a great track record with environmental issues....#SocialismKills” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 2/14/20]
Equal Rights & Workplace Fairness

Significant Findings

✓ Defending unregulated capitalism, McCormick said that “it’s good business to have females work for you.”

Equal Pay

Mc Cormick Said “It’s Good Business to Have Females Work For You”


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Foreign Policy Issues

**Significant Findings**

- McCormick spoke favorably regarding China’s currency, saying that it allowed them to pay no interest on their national debt.
- McCormick said he was proud to stand with Israel, adding that the Israeli military were some of the “hardest warriors” he had ever met.
- McCormick retweeted a post that claimed the Iranian people “love Trump and hate the regime.”
- McCormick praised the death of Qasem Soleimani.
- McCormick said giving preferred trade status to North Korea only encouraged bad behavior.
- December 2019: McCormick downplayed a shooting at a naval base in Pensacola, FL perpetrated by a gunman who was an officer in the Saudi Air Force.
- June 2020: McCormick said that people in Venezuela were eating zoo animals due to living under a dictatorship.

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**China**

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**Donald Trump Has Criticized China For Being A Currency Manipulator By Artificially Keeping The Value Of The Chinese Yuan Low.**

“President Donald Trump accused China on Monday of manipulating its currency as the trade war between the world’s largest economies keeps escalating. ‘China dropped the price of their currency to an almost a historic low,’” Trump said in a tweet. ‘It’s called ‘currency manipulation.’ Are you listening Federal Reserve? This is a major violation which will greatly weaken China over time!’” [CNBC, 8/5/19]

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**Israel**

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Iran

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Death Of Qasem Soleimani

McCormick: President Trump Did The Right Thing In Iraq, Ridding The World Of Qasem Soleimani. America – And The World – Is Safer For It. “The President @realDonaldTrump did the right thing in Iraq, ridding the world of Qasem Soleimani. America - and the world - is safer for it. #AmericaFirst #MAGA #GA07 #IranVSAmerica” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 1/8/20]

McCormick: “If You’re Worried About Starting A World War, That Started A Long Time Ago. The War On Terror Is Never Gonna Stop As Long As The United States Stands For Freedom.” (0:30) “And if you’re worried about starting a world war, that started a long time ago. The War on Terror is never gonna stop as long as the United States stands for freedom.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 1/8/20]

McCormick Retweeted A Post From The White House That Read, “Soleimani Was A Monster” – To Which McCormick Summarized: “Bad Things Happen To Bad Guys.” MCCORMICK: “Bad things happen to Bad guys...” WHITE HOUSE: “Soleimani was a monster. ‘And he’s no longer a monster. He’s dead.’” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Quote: White House), 1/7/20]

North Korea

McCormick Said Giving Preferred Trade Status To North Korea Only Encouraged Bad Behavior

McCormick Said Giving Preferred Trade Status To North Korea Only Encouraged Bad Behavior. (0:45) “We’ve already given favored trade status to North Korea, and it only encouraged the bad behavior.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 1/8/20]

Saudi Arabia

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foreign officers for decades and that this is a rare occurrence. Training allies is an important part of our foreign relations.” [Richard McCormick, Facebook, 12/7/19]

The Shooter Killed Three United States Navy Sailors And Injured Eight Others. “Navy officials released the names Saturday night of the three aviation students killed in Friday's shooting at Naval Air Station Pensacola. These are the names of the three victims killed: Airman Mohammed Hathaim, student, Naval Aviation Schools Command, 19, from St. Petersburg, Florida Ensign Joshua Kaleb Watson, student, Naval Aviation Schools Command, 23, from Coffee, Alabama Airman Apprentice Cameron Scott Walters, student, Naval Aviation Schools Command, 21, from Richmond Hill, Georgia. At least eight others were injured as a result of the gunfire.” [USA Today, 12/7/19]

The FBI Found Links Between The Shooter And Al Qaeda. “The gunman in last year’s deadly shooting at a military base in Florida was regularly in touch with Al Qaeda for years, including the night before the attack, the country’s top law enforcement officials said on Monday. They also accused Apple of costing them valuable time by refusing to help unlock the gunman’s phone. The F.B.I. found that the gunman, Second Lt. Mohammed Saeed Alshamrani, a Saudi Air Force cadet training with the American military in Pensacola, had
communicated with leaders of Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula and had joined the Saudi military to carry out a ‘special operation,’ Attorney General William P. Barr said at a news conference.” [New York Times, 5/18/20]


South Korea

**June 2019: McCormick Spoke At A Meeting Of The Korean Veterans Association**

“‘Yesterday I had the honor of speaking to the Korean Veterans Association, Southern Regional Chapter.’” #GA07 #Gwinnett #Forsyth.” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Twitter, 6/23/19]

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Venezuela

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June 2020: McCormick Said That People In Venezuela Were Eating Zoo Animals Due To Suffering Under A Dictatorship. “‘MCCORMICK: I used to serve with Venezuelan Marines, I used to train with them. They used to have a high standard of living, just like America, they used to have a great capitalistic society, they used to have amazing values, and now look at them. They are eating zoo animals and fleeing their nation with a dictatorship. But just like that they took their first amendment rights, followed by the second amendment, and then all of the sudden, they lost everything.’” [Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 00:43, 6/26/20]

McCormick Said That America Could Become Like Venezuela. “MCCORMICK: ‘Anyone who thinks that we are indestructible, just take a look south of the border at Venezuela in just a couple generations, in one generation.’” Dr. Rich McCormick for Congress, Facebook, 00:43, 6/26/20

May 2020: McCormick Compared California To Venezuela As Both Places That Are Being Destroyed By Socialism

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Gun Issues

Significant Findings

✓ McCormick: Second Amendment rights aren’t up for negotiation.

✓ McCormick said he supported the “Constitution as written...especially the” Second Amendment.

✓ McCormick supported Virginians rallying for gun rights – saying “the right to bear arms will stay in the Constitution.”

✓ McCormick praised the Virginia state senate for rejecting a bill that banned the sale of certain semiautomatic weapons.

✓ McCormick re-tweeted an NRA tweet that indicated Michael Bloomberg was a hypocrite for having armed guards while he “dedicated billions to disarming good people.”

✓ McCormick: “It is the people who break laws that kill people.”

✓ July 2020: McCormick characterized prosecution of a St. Louis couple on brandishing charges as “harassing legal gun owners.”

Gun Control And Regulation

McCormick: “Our Second Amendment Rights Aren’t Up For Negotiation”

McCormick: “Our Second Amendment Rights Aren’t Up For Negotiation.” “Our #2ndAmendment rights aren’t up for negotiation. In Congress, I will be All In to stop radical, unconstitutional laws that prevent law abiding citizens from arming and protecting themselves wherever they occur. #GunRally #2ARally #GA07 #gapol” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 1/20/20]

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McCormick: Gun Owners Aren’t The Problem, They Are The Solution. (0:17) “Since when does making a law against people like you and I that have concealed weapons permits or people who openly carry – since when has that been the solution? We’re not the problem. We are the solution.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 1/20/20]

McCormick: Creating Laws Against Weapons Hasn’t Been Followed By Criminals And Hasn’t Helped Us In America. (0:31) “Since when does making a law against weapons been followed by criminals? Everywhere we create these laws – everywhere we restrict law-abiding citizens from carrying weapons, it hasn’t helped us in America.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 1/20/20]

McCormick Said He Supported The “Constitution As Written…Especially The” Second Amendment
McCormick: I Support The Constitution As Written, Especially The Second Amendment. “Blessed and honored to have the confidence and support of the people in #GA07! I will help @realDonaldTrump defeat socialism! I support the constitution as written! Especially the electoral college and 2A! #Gapol #KAG #RedWave2020 #MAGA #2ADefenders #Trump #Georgia” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 5/18/20]

McCormick: “I Believe In The Brilliance Of The Constitution As Written. That Means The 2nd Amendment And It’s [Sic] Intent Of Giving Law Abiding Citizens The Freedom And Liberty To Protect Themselves From AN Overreaching Government.” “I believe in the brilliance of the constitution as written. That means the 2nd Amendment and it’s intent of giving law abiding citizens the freedom and liberty to protect themselves from an overreaching government. #2ADefenders #GA07 #Gapol #MAGA2020 #KAGA2020 #Trump #RedWave” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 5/22/20]

McCormick Supported Virginians Rallying For Gun Rights – Saying “The Right To Bear Arms Will Stay In The Constitution”

McCormick: The Right To Bear Arms Will Stay In The Constitution. “Governor Northam is a disgraced politician going out on his sword for the left's agenda. The right to bear arms will stay in the constitution. #Virginia2A #VirginiaRally #SocialismIsEvil” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 1/20/20]

McCormick Called Virginia Governor Northam A “Disgraced Politician” Pushing The “Left’s Agenda” – Adding “Socialism Is Evil.” “Governor Northam is a disgraced politician going out on his sword for the left's agenda. The right to bear arms will stay in the constitution. #Virginia2A #VirginiaRally #SocialismIsEvil” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 1/20/20]

McCormick Praised The Virginia State Senate For Rejecting A Bill That Banned The Sale Of Certain Semiautomatic Weapons

McCormick Said Virginia’s Rejection Of Semiautomatic Firearms Was A “Big Win For The Constitution.” When A Virginia Gun Bill Classified Handguns As Assault Weapons. “Big win for the constitution today!” [Twitter, @RichforGA, 2/17/20]

The Bill Prohibited The Sale Of Certain Semiautomatic Firearms. “Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam's push to ban the sale of assault weapons has failed after members of his own party balked at the proposal. Senators voted to shelve the bill for the year and ask the state crime commission to study the issue, an outcome that drew cheers from a committee room packed with gun advocates. Four moderate Democrats joined Republicans in Monday's committee vote, rejecting legislation that would have prohibited the sale of certain semiautomatic firearms, including popular AR-15 style rifles, and banned the possession of magazines that hold more than 12 rounds.” [WHSV, 2/17/20]

McCormick Re-Tweeted An NRA Tweet That Indicated Michael Bloomberg Was A Hypocrite For Having Armed Guards While He “Dedicated Billions To Disarming Good People”
McCormick Re-Tweeted An NRA Tweet That Indicated Bloomberg Was A Hypocrite For Having Armed Guards While He “Dedicated Billions To Disarming Good People.” "Bloomberg has dedicated billions to disarming good people. He said that ‘average’ Americans shouldn't have guns. But, do you ever see Mike without armed guards. Is his life more valuable than you or anyone in your family?” [Twitter, @NRA, 2/19/20]

McCormick: “It Is The People Who Break Laws That Kill People”

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The Couple Had Been Charged With Threatening Exhibition Of Weapons Against Protesters Marching Through Their Neighborhood. “Felony charges have been filed against a St. Louis couple who pointed guns at protesters marching past their home last month in an episode that was captured on video and drew the attention of a divided nation, including President Trump. The couple, Mark and Patricia McCloskey, were charged on Monday by the Circuit Attorney’s Office in St. Louis with unlawful use of a weapon, exhibiting. The charge is a Class E felony that carries a possible penalty of up to four years in prison.” [New York Times, 7/20/20]
### Health Care Issues

#### Significant Findings

- McCormick stated that he supported full repeal of the ACA.
- McCormick called the ACA a “disaster.”
- McCormick called the ACA the “least cost effective method” of organizing health care in the United States.
- Despite these statements, McCormick claimed that he wanted to protect those with pre-existing conditions.
- McCormick said that the free market and prohibiting the re-patenting of drugs would help drive down the cost of prescription drugs.
- McCormick said that single payer health care would lead to socialism.
- McCormick claimed socialized medicine was “rationing health care” and giving resources “to those with the highest chance of survival or to families that support the political party in power.”
- McCormick addressed the opioid crisis by touting his medical credentials and referencing his experience in cutting opioid abuse in the military, saying he used “good policy” and “put people in jail.”
- McCormick likened the opioid crisis to cigarette use, arguing that education would be key to overcoming the crisis.
- McCormick said doctors should “stop prescribing so many” opioids and the country should control the borders where “most [opioids] come from.”

### Affordable Care Act (ACA)

#### 2020: McCormick Stated That He Supported The Full Repeal Of The ACA

2020: In An Answer To A Candidate Survey By Campaign For Liberty, McCormick Stated That He Supported The Full Repeal Of The ACA. “7. Will you support legislation to fully repeal ObamaCare and oppose efforts to give the federal government more control of health care? […] Rich McCormick […] Yes.” [Campaign for Liberty, accessed 7/28/20]
Survey Questions

1. Will you cosponsor and support efforts for roll call votes on the Audit the Fed bill, designed to bring transparency to the Federal Reserve?

2. Will you oppose legislation allowing roving wiretaps and warrantless searches and oppose U.S.A. Freedom Act renewal that includes such items?

3. Will you support legislation that would end “policing for profit,” including equitable sharing, require charges to be filed before any assets are seized by law enforcement, and ensure that property is returned if charges are dropped or the suspect is acquitted?

4. Will you oppose all tax and fee increases and vote for tax cuts?

5. Will you support efforts to slash wasteful spending and oppose any debt limit increase?

6. Will you support all efforts to slash government bureaucracy, increase accountability, and vote to pass the REINS Act?

7. Will you support legislation to fully repeal ObamaCare and oppose efforts to give the federal government more control of health care?

8. Will you oppose all infringements on law-abiding citizens’ Second Amendment rights?

9. Will you oppose using military action without a congressional declaration of war?

[Campaign for Liberty, accessed 7/28/20]

2008: Campaign For Liberty Was Established By Ron Paul. “Rep. Ron Paul’s presidential campaign, a pugnacious, ideological crusade against big government and interventionist leanings in the Republican party, will officially end Thursday at a rally outside the Texas GOP’s convention, ABC News has learned. Paul told supporters back in March, in a video posted on his Web site, that he was winding down’ his campaign and planning a new phase to what he and fans call their ‘revolution.’ The new phase of the revolution officially begins with a speech tonight in Houston and a Web video to be posted on his site, officially ending Paul’s presidential campaign and freeing up the more than $4.7 million in campaign cash for investment in a new advocacy group, The Campaign for Liberty.” [ABC News, 6/13/08]

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McCormick Called The Affordable Care Act “A Disaster.” “Healthcare is a mess. Obamacare was a disaster, and now the Democrats are doubling down on it by pushing a single-payer system that would cost $32 trillion over the next decade.” [Dr. Rich McCormick Congress, accessed 3/17/20]

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McCormick: To Bring Down Costs In Health Care, “This Means Less Regulation”

McCormick Said That There Health Care Should Deregulated Or He Feared People Would Turn To Socialized Medicine. “MCCORMICK: ‘The way it is now, you meet your deductible and no reason to save money, and we have no competition at premium levels because you have maybe 2 insurance companies and they have agreements with pharmaceuticals, it is one big nasty conglomerate of special interest - that is why healthcare is so expensive. A lot of times this means less regulation - but if we don't do something, people will rebel and we will end up with socialized medicine, it won't be inexpensive, it will be inefficient, no motivation for people to work hard, just like it was bad for the VA, it will be bad for healthcare in general.’” [Medical Association of Georgia, 12:42, 5/18/20]

Prescription Drug Costs

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Medicare For All

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$32 trillion over the next decade. As an emergency physician who treats patients regardless of their insurance status, Dr. Rich McCormick is infinitely familiar with the costs of healthcare and understands that a single-payer healthcare system would be the biggest step the nation could take toward socialism.” [Dr. Rich McCormick Congress, accessed 3/17/20]

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McCormick Called Socialism “An Epidemic,” Adding “Trust Me, I’m A Doctor.” “It's an epidemic, folks. Trust me, I'm a doctor.#DemDebate #Ga07 #gapol” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 11/20/19]

McCormick Retweeted A Post Saying Medicare For All “Won’t Fix Our Health Care Problems – It’ll Make Them Worse And Cost Taxpayers Trillions Of Dollars” And Called It “Medicare-For-None.” “#MedicareForAll won’t fix our health care problems -- it’ll make them worse and cost taxpayers trillions of dollars. Medicare-for-All is Medicare-for-NONE! RT if you agree!” [Rich McCormick via Twitter (Originally post by Bill Cassidy), 10/15/19]

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McCormick: Rationing Health Care Is Nothing New…This Is A Hallmark Of Socialized Health Care. “Rationing health care is nothing new in the world. This is a hallmark of socialized healthcare. Resources are given to those with highest chance of survival or to families that support the political party in power. My heart goes out to those elderly in Italy! @realDonaldTrump” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 3/15/20]

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McCormick Claimed That Medicare For All Would Cost $30 Trillion In 10 Years. “MCCORMICK: ‘if they get their way. They'll have socialized medicine to talk about it $30 trillion deficit you're worried about, guess how much it's gonna cost to have socialized medicine the next 10 years $30 trillion more than we're already spending right now. one fifth of our GDP is spent on healthcare right now, that doesn't count your premiums, your deductibles and all the other method money you spend on health care.’” [America Out Loud, 47:10, 7/2/20]

## Health Care Costs

### McCormick Promised To Go “All In” To End Surprise Billing

McCormick: “In Congress, I Will Go All In To End Surprise Billing.” “Such an honor to be endorsed by @MAG1849, In Congress I will go ALL IN to end surprise billing. #GA07 #healthcare” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 12/10/19]

McCormick Attached A Press Release From The Medical Association Of Georgia That Expressed Opposition Toward A Federal “Compromise” On Surprise Medical Billing – That Read, “The Only Winner Under This Legislation Would Be The Health Insurance Industry, Which Continues To Rack Up Record Profits.” “The Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) is opposing a federal surprise medical billing ‘compromise’ that was recently introduced by U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and U.S. Reps. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ) and Greg Walden (R-OR). ‘MAG has been taking steps to eliminate surprise bills for out-of-network medical care for five years now,’ says MAG President Andrew Reisman, M.D. ‘But the only winner under this legislation would be the health insurance industry, which continues to rack up record profits. This isn’t a sustainable solution because the delta between physician pay and the cost associated with delivering the care is simply too great.”’ [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 12/10/19]


McCormick Said He Defended Patients Against Surprise Billing At The Georgia State Capitol, Calling It His “First Foray Into Politics”

McCormick: “My First Foray Into Politics Was At The State Capitol, Defending Patients Against SURPRISE BILLING.” “@MAGAmomDawn (#winwithlynnne) Problem is you have it backwards. My first foray into politics was at the state capitol, defending patients against SURPRISE BILLING with the @MAG1849 (several employed by Envision) supported by PATIENT ADVOCACY GROUPS. […] The PATIENT-DOCTOR relationship is what is under attack.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 12/9/19]

### McCormick Stated That Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) Should Roll Over To Reward “Good Patient Behavior”

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McCormick Likened The Opioid Crisis To Cigarette Use, Arguing That Education Would Be Key To Overcoming The Crisis

McCormick Compared The Opioid Crisis To The Widespread Use Of Cigarettes – Arguing That Education Would Be Key To Overcoming The Current Crisis Because It Helped “One Generation From Overcoming Cigarette Use.” “Stop prescribing so many to begin with. Control the boarders where most come from and most importantly- educate. We are one generation from overcoming cigarette use by youth. That’s because of tons of educational effort. #DemocraticDebate #opioidcrisis” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 10/15/19]

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McCormick Addressed The Opioid Crisis By Touting His Medical Credentials And Referencing His Experience In Cutting Opioid Abuse In The Military, Saying He Used “Good Policy” And “Good Enforcement” – Even Putting “People In Jail.” “Let’s talk about the opioid crisis. Every year, more people die from overdoses from prescribed medications than died in the Twin Towers, and that’s just the tip of the iceberg. You have countless families affected by both addictions and death every year. When I was assigned the chairperson of the polypharmacy committee at Camp Lejeune, we had almost 1,300 people on dangerous amounts of Class II substances. Within one year, we cut that down to about 250. How did we do that? Through good policy. Through enforcement. Through education of physicians and patients. We put people in jail. We revoked people’s DEA licenses. We got people kicked out of the DoD system. We assigned people sole-provider contracts and pain management as appropriate. That’s what you need: good policy, good enforcement and accountability. I’m Rich McCormick. I’m a doctor, and I’m all in.” [Rich McCormick via Twitter, 7/2/20]


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Immigration & Border Issues

**Significant Findings**

- **December 2019:** McCormick said that he supported building a border wall as envisioned by Donald Trump.
- McCormick said that he wanted to secure the border to “stop violent criminal immigrants from entering our country and combat the flow of illicit drugs and child trafficking.”
- McCormick claimed that old diseases were being reintroduced to the US by migrants.
- **May 2020:** McCormick supported 287(g) agreements with local law enforcement to enforce immigration statutes.
- **May 2020:** McCormick stated that he wanted to “defund” sanctuary cities.

**Border Wall**

**December 2019: McCormick Said That He Supported Building A Border Wall As Envisioned By Donald Trump**

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Immigration Rhetoric

McCormick Said That He Wanted To Secure The Border To “Stop Violent Criminal Immigrants From Entering Our Country And Combat The Flow Of Illicit Drugs And Child Trafficking.”

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Local Immigration Enforcement
May 2020: McCormick Supported 287(G) Agreements With Local Law Enforcement To Enforce Immigration Statutes

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Tax Issues

**Significant Findings**

- McCormick said that he wanted to “double-down” on the Republican Tax Scam.
- 2020: McCormick recalled a 2004 debate between George Bush and John Kerry as a debate “over who can spend the most money.”
- July 2019: McCormick supported the so-called “FairTax,” which would raise taxes on the middle class.
- McCormick’s campaign posted and then deleted a Tweet in support of the FairTax.

**Tax Cuts And Jobs Act/Republican Tax Scam**

McCormick Wanted To “Double Down” On The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act

McCormick Wanted To “Double Down” On The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. “Rich wants to ensure his kids and all our families have that same opportunity. As congressman, Rich will work to empower the private sector while stopping the slide towards socialism. Double down on President Trump’s tax cuts.” [Dr. Rich McCormick Congress, accessed 3/17/20]

**Government Spending**


2020: McCormick Recalled A 2004 Debate Between George Bush And John Kerry As A Debate “Over Who Can Spend The Most Money.” “I mean that, that horrible feeling you had, I don't know if you remember it, everyone Bush was debating against John Kerry. And I was I was listening to him, I was thinking, Man, these guys are debating over who can spend the most money. And I realized we were in trouble.” [Red Kudzu, 7:00, 4/21/20]

“Fair” Tax

July 2019: McCormick Supported The So-Called “FairTax”

July 2019: McCormick Supported The So-Called “FairTax.” “McCormick, an emergency medicine physician at Gwinnett Medical Center, is one of nine Republicans who have declared their intention to run for the seat in 2020 and is promising to bring his conservative beliefs to the campaign trail. On the issues, McCormick has said he supports the FairTax initiative, the Second Amendment and is pro-life.” [Forsyth County News, 7/13/19]

The FairTax Would Require Huge Local Sales Tax Hikes. “This examination reveals that, in every case, “FairTax” proposals would: Require huge, and probably unworkable, sales tax rate hikes. “FairTax” proposals would do away with revenue sources that now provide 42 percent of the average state’s tax revenue — funds that are essential for K-12 education, health care, public safety, social services, and other functions. To fully replace revenue lost from eliminating other taxes, sales tax rates would have to be markedly higher than they are now, and often higher than “FairTax” proponents claim would be needed.” [Office on Budget and Policy Priorities, 9/7/10]
The FairTax Would Raise Taxes On The Middle Class. “Eliminating income taxes would, in most states, mean the wealthiest households would see the biggest tax reductions. The net result would be an overall tax increase for everyone else. “FairTax” proposals would include a rebate to shield low-income taxpayers from this tax increase, but the rebate would not be large enough to shield middle-income families from bearing the brunt.” [Office on Budget and Policy Priorities, 9/7/10]

The FairTax Would Be Especially Regressive And Burdensome On Lower Class Families. “The latest data on spending as a share of income published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Show that lower-income households spend more than they earn—presumably aided by tax credits and other cash transfers, gifts from family members and friends, and borrowing (see chart). People earning over $150,000 spend only half of their income (and the share continues to fall as incomes rise, although it’s not shown in the summary statistics). Compared with a broad-based income tax, the proposal effectively allows a 50% deduction for the average high-income household. Because it is also a flat rate tax, it would be especially regressive, especially compared with the current income tax where rates rise with incomes. A decade ago, President George W. Bush’s Tax Reform Panel considered a sales tax as a revenue-neutral replacement for the income tax. It rejected the idea after concluding that the rates would have to be much higher than promised by the FairTax people. It also calculated the tax would be very regressive as the figure below shows.” [Forbes, 5/27/20]

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**Deleted Tweet from Rich McCormick for Congress**

Rich McCormick Supports the FairTax https://t.co/x4F6VsQ91O

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[ProPublica Politwoops, Tweet Deleted 9/16/19]

| September 2019: McCormick Deleted A Tweet In Support Of The FairTax And Praising Former Congressman Woodall That Had Been Up For 9 Weeks. “Congressman Woodall proposed great ideas such as the FairTax Plan and budget reforms, and he deserves our gratitude. #GA07 #Gwinnett #forsyth.” [ProPublica Politwoops, Tweet Deleted 9/16/19] |
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[ProPublica Politwoops, Tweet Deleted 9/16/19]
Veterans & Military Family Issues

Significant Findings

✓ May 2020: McCormick criticized the existence of a rural VA hospital in South Dakota as inefficient.

✓ April 2020: McCormick joked Members Of Congress should have “exactly” the same health care as veterans.

✓ April 2020: McCormick said that there is “no motivation to work harder” in the VA.

✓ July 2020: McCormick criticized the cost of the VA for “just about 8 million applicants.”

Veterans’ Administration

May 2020: McCormick Criticized The Existence Of A Rural VA Hospital In South Dakota As Inefficient

May 2020: McCormick Criticized A Rural VA Hospital As Inefficient. “MCCORMICK: ‘If you look at the VA system, in South Dakota they have a hospital that has a census of 5 per week. A hospital. Do you know how much administrative cost, building cost, facilities, doctors, administrators, everything that goes into this hospital for 5 patients per week? Are you kidding me? That’s crazy. That is the most ineffective. Why? Because government said ‘well there’s your piece, that pays off your district.’ That’s how, when the government takes over, how you pay off your lobbyists and your politicians. There’s no accountability.’” [Medical Association of Georgia, 19:01, 5/18/20]

McCormick Had Previously Criticized The Existence Of A VA Hospital In South Dakota And Called The VA “Literally A Joke.” “MCCORMICK: ‘It is widely seen as inefficient at the very best you have a hospital in South Dakota, protected by politicians that has an average weekly census of five, the entire hospital five. Tell me how that makes any sense other than a bureaucrat really wants it in their district. Yeah, you know, these veterans’ administration hospitals were kind of one of the first revelations I had about something was rotten in the state of Denmark. These Veterans Administration hospitals run so ridiculously poorly. You can't make it up. I mean, it is literally a joke.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 11:00, 5/14/20]

April 2020: McCormick Joked Members Of Congress Should Have “Exactly” The Same Health Care As Veterans

April 2020: McCormick Joked Members Of Congress Should Have “Exactly” The Same Health Care As Veterans. “If you look at the dissatisfaction for the VA, it has been there for decades, people who defend their country come back and they are treated like second rate citizens. They would have the best healthcare if they had the same as the senators and congressman, and I think we should start there, give them exactly the same healthcare, and I think you will see some things change right away. Our vets should get as much care as those who come across the border illegally and come straight to our ERs. That much we should agree on. Give our vets what they deserve, which is first rate healthcare.’” [Medical Association of Georgia, 19:01, 5/18/20]

McCormick Said That Allowing Doctors To Do More Pro Bono Care For Veterans Was A Solution To Problems With The VA. “MCCORMICK: ‘If you allow doctors to do pro bono work for vets, you would see the most generous hardworking doctors you have ever seen. The problem is they can't because they are part of a hospital system that won't allow them. You see the difference between socialism and capitalism - do you know
better where your money should go than the government does? If you believe that, guess who you are.”” [Medical Association of Georgia, 19:01, 5/18/20]

**April 2020: McCormick Said That There Is “No Motivation To Work Harder” In The VA**

April 2020: McCormick Said That There Is “No Motivation To Work Harder” In The VA. “MCCORMICK: ‘There's no motivation to do better. There's no motivation to work harder. If I'm going to pay a physician a set amount for working guess what that is the VA. That is exactly why the VA doesn't work. There's no motivation to work harder. You have a retirement no matter what you do, it's impossible to fire you. And so you end up with this huge conglomerate. And by the way, this is the problem with the VA.’” [Doctor’s Lounge, 14:00, 74/2/20s]

**July 2020: McCormick Criticized The Cost Of The VA For “Just About 8 Million Applicants”**

July 2020: McCormick Criticized The Cost Of The VA For “Just About 8 Million Applicants.” “The Veterans Administration is extremely expensive. I think we spent $240 billion on just about 8 million Africans last year, wildly exposed to some of the worst and most inefficient medicine in the free world. We have so many better free market solutions. And yet, we're not really exploring those things because of special interest. And we need to get on this. We need to find better solutions that have transparency. Pricing, transparency is a good thing. And that's what the President's been pushing for because he's not beholden to special interest. Like so many other politicians on both sides of the aisle.’’” [America Out Loud, 48:22, 7/2/20]
Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures

2020 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

2020: McCormick Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $-814,999 And $383,996


Earned Income

2020: McCormick Reported $251,047 In Earned Income


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Assets & Unearned Income

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Note: Principal residence and vehicle are typically not included in the Assets and Unearned Income categories.

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2019 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

**2019: McCormick Had An Estimated Net Worth Between -$500,001 And -$1,000,000**

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Earned Income

**2019: McCormick Reported $797,150.10 In Earned Income**

**2019: McCormick Reported $797,150.10 In Earned Income From Gwinnett Emergency Specialists And The United States Navy.** [McCormick Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 8/7/19]

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Assets & Unearned Income

2019: McCormick Reported Between No Unearned Income


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Extension
6/15/19: McCormick Filed For A 60-Day Extension To File His Personal Financial Disclosure. [2019 McCormick Personal Financial Disclosure Extension Request, filed 6/15/19]
Appendix II – Campaign Finance

Items of Interest

✓ As of Q2 2020, a majority of McCormick’s receipts were the result of self-financing.
✓ $549,639 out of $1,009,465 was from personal loans and direct self-financed contributions.

Campaign Committee

McCormick’s Campaign Raised $1,009,465 And Spent $800,093

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[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 7/9/20]

McCormick’s Campaign Committee Received 40.25% Of His Contributions From Individual Contributors And Over 54% From Self-Financing

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[OpenSecrets, accessed 7/9/20]

McCormick’s Campaign Committee Received $5,000 From Corporate PACs

Over His Career, McCormick Received $5,000 From Corporate PACs. [Maplight, accessed 7/9/20]
December 2019: McCormick Received $5,000 From The Emergency Medical Care Political Action Committee. [Maplight, accessed 7/9/20]

McCormick’s Campaign Committee Contributed $5,470 To The Georgia Republican Party

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**McCormick’s Campaign Committee Received Almost 75% Of His PAC Contributions From Business PACs**

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**Top Overall Contributors**

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### Top Overall Sectors

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**Contributions From Conduit PACs**

2020: McCormick Received $114,431.50 From Conduit PACs, Compiling Individual Donations For The Purposes Of Contributing To McCormick’s Campaign. [FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 7/9/20]

| 2020: McCormick Contributions From Conduit PACs | 
|---|---|
| PAC | Total Conduit Contributions |
| Citizens Club for Growth Inc PAC | $59,826.50 |
| House Freedom Fund | $54,605.00 |
| TOTAL | **$114,431.50** |

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 7/9/20]

**Contributions From Republican Superdonors**

Richard And Barbara Gaby Donated Legal Maximums To McCormick’s In Every Election Type Category, With A Net Of $16,800. [FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 7/9/20]

$5,600 Of The Gabys’ Donations Were Refunded For Exceeding The Legal Limit In Their Contribution Category. [FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 7/9/20]

The Megadonor Wintersteen Family Contributed $12,200 To McCormick’s Campaign. [FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 7/9/20]

McCormick Received Two Legal Maximum Contributions From Superdonor Cherna Moskowitz, For A Total Of $5,600.

McCormick Received $2,800 From Republican Mega-Donor Richard Uihlein. [FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 7/9/20]

<p>| 2020: McCormick Superdonor Contributions |
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## Appendix III – Paid Media Summary

*NOTE: Paid media advertisements saved on the DCCC research drive.*

### 2020 Election

#### McCormick “Good Guy” Paid Media Summary

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<td>5/1/20</td>
<td>Unterman for Congress</td>
<td>“Renee Unterman”</td>
<td>McCormick didn’t vote for Trump, McCormick donors, Abortion, Guns, Drain the Swamp</td>
<td>Attacking record, bolstering pro-Trump credentials</td>
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<td>Carolyn for Congress</td>
<td>“Crisis”</td>
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#### McCormick “Bad Guy” Paid Media Summary

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<td>“All In”</td>
<td>Philosophy, upbringing, military record, faith, medical career, American Gladiators, Socialism, the Squad, the Wall, Impeachment</td>
<td>Introduction to voters, positive, issues, pro- Trump</td>
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