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Red Alert: RFK Jr.'s Far-Right MAGA Agenda—Briefing Book



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Anyone considering Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'s spoiler presidential campaign must be aware that RFK Jr. is a right-wing nut who is actively aligned with MAGA and is embracing far-right allies, conspiracy theories, and radical policies. A vote for RFK Jr. is not just a vote for Trump but an endorsement of their shared right-wing worldview. Here is RFK Jr.'s record:

RFK Jr. is a threat to abortion access, NF, and reproductive freedom...

In recent months, Kennedy has repeatedly shifted his positions to suit his audience, conflated the timelines of pregnancy, stated the government has a "claim" to unborn children and has promoted

abortion misinformation. Meanwhile, his running mate is best known for her war on IVF—an essential medical procedure for women who want to get pregnant but struggle to do so.

Kennedy previously described himself as "pro-life:" Kennedy describes himself as 'pro-life,' to reporters in 2005. – <u>Boston Globe</u> (March 15, 2005) He also discussed his view that "the proper moral stance is to always err towards life," specifically saying "we should be consistent about that in all of our policies" including "in addressing abortion" in a separate media appearance that year. – *CNN Live Sunday*, *CNN* (March 27, 2005)

RFK Jr. supports a 15-week abortion ban and says "states have a right to protect the child once it becomes viable": Since running for office, RFK Jr's most consistent position on abortion is his support for a 15-week abortion ban. He has repeatedly answered in the affirmative when asked about a 15-week ban. Responding to a question asking, "So you would cap [abortion] at 15 weeks?" RFK Jr. said, "Yes, yes, yes, for three months…Once the child is viable outside the womb, I think the state has an interest in protecting that child that supersedes…I think the states have a right to protect the child once it becomes viable." – Robert F. Kennedy Jr., <u>NBC News</u> (August 14, 2023)

RFK Jr. asserts that the government has a "claim" to unborn children: Among Kennedy's most perplexing comments on abortion is his continued expression that the government has a "claim" to unborn children. "Now, I would say later on in the pregnancy, and the government has a much larger claim to after the first trimester, philosophically has a higher claim to protect that child when they're viable. – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <u>The Charlie Kirk Show/Real America's Voice</u> (December 16, 2023)

RFK Jr. would roll back abortion medication: RFK Jr. says he would re-evaluate abortion pills, saying "I'm worried about every pharmaceutical drug...About the abortion pill, we ought to know what the side effects are, what the risks are, what the benefits and that everyone should have informed choice and we don't have that now." – Robert F. Kennedy, <u>Catholic News Agency</u> (April 26, 2024)

RFK Jr.'s ticket spreads abortion misinformation that "85% of abortion are with Black women" and that women are "coerced" into a "corral to get an abortion": "You educated me that 85% of abortions are with Black women. The abortion clinics are in the Black neighborhoods and the fertility clinics are in the white neighborhoods...The amount of money spent funneling women into that corral to get an abortion and the coercion that takes place that should not take place." – Robert F. Kennedy Jr., <u>Washington Post</u>, (Feb. 23, 2024) "You look at the abortion clinics—many of which are in low-income neighborhoods—and we're investing in those at a far higher rate than we're investing in ending the cycle of poverty in those neighborhoods, and you clearly see there's an issue here." – Nicole Shanahan, *Daily Beast* (May 1, 2024)

RFK Jr.'s ticket attacks IVF: Kennedy's running mate has committed millions of dollars and her personal energy in Silicon Valley attacking IVF treatments for women: "She started that work through her ex-husband's foundation, announcing a \$100 million commitment in 2019 to programs aimed at helping women become pregnant later in life, in addition to exploring solutions to criminal justice reform and climate change...However, Shanahan has advocated against supporting IVF research, because, in her view, it detracts from understanding the root causes of infertility. And she has argued the procedure is "sold irresponsibly" and has become more of a "commercial endeavor" than a scientific one, calling its promise "one of the biggest lies that's being told about women's health today." – <u>NBC News</u>, (March 6, 2024)

And Kennedy campaigned at anti-abortion centers: RFK Jr.'s senior advisor, Angela Stanton King, is an anti-abortion activist who was pardoned by President Trump and <u>still supports President Trump</u>. RFK visited an Atlanta anti-abortion facility founded by Stanton King, "which aims to persuade women to carry their pregnancies to term, [and] he has repeated her false and inflammatory claims that abortion providers systematically target Black women." – <u>Washington Post</u> (April 22, 2024)

RFK Jr. and his running mate champion farright policies and conspiracy theories on vaccines, autism, and trans youth...

RFK Jr. says COVID is "targeted to attack Caucasians and Black people": "COVID-19. There is an argument that it is ethnically targeted. COVID-19 attacks certain races disproportionately. COVID-19 is targeted to attack Caucasians and Black people. The people who are most immune are Ashkenazi Jews and Chinese." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <u>New York Post</u> (July 15, 2023)

RFK Jr. believes that vaccines and Wi-Fi cause autism: "A mountain of scientific study links autism to early vaccination with certain vaccines." – Robert F. Kennedy Jr., NBC News (March 18, 2024) "I don't think there's any scientific question that vaccines cause autism if you actually read the science." – Robert F. Kennedy Jr., PatriotTakes (July 30, 2023) "Kennedy suggested that 'wifi radiation' could be causing autism, food allergies, asthma, eczema, or other chronic illnesses...'I think it degrades your mitochondria and it opens your blood-brain barrier.'" – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <u>Vice News</u> (June 16, 2023)

RFK Jr. spreads misinformation that chemicals are turning boys transgender: "A lot of the problems we see in kids, particularly boys, it's probably underappreciated how much of that is coming from chemical exposures, including a lot of sexual dysphoria that we're seeing. I mean, they're swimming through a soup of toxic chemicals today, and many of those are endocrine disruptors. There's Atrazine throughout our water supply, and atrazine... it will chemically castrate

and forcibly feminize...there's a lot of other evidence that it's doing it to human beings as well." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <u>Jordan Peterson</u> (June 19, 2023)

RFK Jr. will target and prosecute nonpartisan health experts within the federal government: "As President, I will clean up the cesspool of corruption at CDC and force the public health agencies to come clean about Covid vaccines. I'll hold responsible those who lied or concealed critical health information, including the crooked individual who ordered the destruction of this myocarditis data." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., *RFK Jr.* (March 11, 2024)

RFK Jr. spreads anti-vax misinformation that vaccines are not safe and effective, and that the CDC is genetically modifying vaccines to "attack Black and Latino boys": "There is no vaccine that is, you know, safe and effective." – Robert F. Kennedy Jr., CNN (Dec. 15, 2023) "I see somebody on a hiking trail with a, carrying a little baby, and I say to him, 'better not get him vaccinated'...maybe he won't do it, you know, maybe he will save that child." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., CNN (Dec. 15, 2023) RFK Jr. spread misinformation that the "[Measles] vaccine and many of the vaccine shots have been genetically modified [by the CDC] to attack Black and Latino boys." – Louis Farrakhan, *C-SPAN* (Sept. 26, 2020)

RFK Jr. spreads misinformation about ineffective COVID treatments: "We know now there were dozens and dozens of therapeutic drugs that were off the shelves that obliterated [COVID]...Ivermectin, hydroxychloroquine, many, many, many others." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Fox News (July 25, 2023)

Shanahan believes that vaccines were the cause of her daughter's autism: "Shanahan said she 'wholeheartedly attributes' her daughter's autism to 'environmental toxins'...Shanahan elaborated that she considers 'pharmaceutical medicine' to be among the toxins making children sick." – Nicole Shanahan, *The Hill* (March 29, 2024)

RFK Jr. will endanger children's health by re-evaluating approved children's vaccines and will prosecute experts inside and outside the government who disagree with him: "President Kennedy would order childhood vaccines, which have already gone through clinical trials and constant safety studies, to undergo bigger, double-blind controlled trials. That sounds scientific, but those studies, health professionals say, would needlessly and unethically deny children vaccines, offering them a placebo instead... President Kennedy would gut the agencies that currently regulate, monitor and recommend schedules for childhood vaccines — the Food and Drug Administration, the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — and the expert advisory panels of doctors, scientists and professors they rely on... President Kennedy would also order his Justice Department to investigate the editors and publishers of medical journals for 'lying to the public.'" — <u>NBC News</u> (June 26, 2023)

RFK Jr. is a danger to democracy...

RFK Jr. touts MAGA talking points, saying that Biden is "a much worse threat to democracy" than Trump: "President Biden is a much worse threat to democracy [than Trump] and the reason for that is President Biden is the first President in history that has used the federal agencies to censor political speech to censor his opponent...Who is a worse threat to democracy...I can argue that President Biden is..." – Robert F. Kennedy Jr., <u>CNN</u> (April 1, 2024)

RFK Jr. says he may pardon January 6 insurrectionists and rioters: "In terms of pardoning people, I'm going to use the pardon power—I don't know who I'm going to use it on..." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <u>MSNBC</u> (May 8, 2024) "I would look at individual cases." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <u>The Hill</u> (March 12, 2024)

RFK Jr. gives cover to Trump on January 6 and says, "there is little evidence of a true insurrection": RFK Jr. said he is "concerned about the possibility that political objectives motivated the vigor of the prosecution of the J6 defendants...Reasonable people, including Trump opponents, tell me there is little evidence of a true insurrection. They observe that the protestors carried no weapons, had no plans or ability to seize the reins of government, and that Trump himself had urged them to protest 'peacefully.'" – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <u>Kennedy Campaign</u> (April 5, 2024)

RFK Jr.'s campaign said that the January 6 th insurrectionists are "activists" and have been "stripped of their Constitutional liberties": "The campaign of independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. sent out with a fundraising email Thursday referring to Jan. 6 defendants as 'activists' who have been 'stripped of their Constitutional liberties,' echoing former President Donald Trump's rhetoric about the 2021 riot at the U.S. Capitol." – <u>NBC News</u> (April 4, 2024)

RFK Jr.'s campaign includes Trump campaigners, MAGA Trump donors and January 6 participants: The Kennedy campaign's communications director spoke at a January 6 rally at the Capitol and spread misinformation about the 2020 election, saying "'We're being led off of a cliff,' Del Bigtree, an anti-vaccine activist, told the crowd at the 'MAGA Freedom Rally D.C.' about a block from the Capitol. 'I wish I could tell you that Tony Fauci cares about your safety...' he said. 'I wish I could believe that voting machines worked... but none of this is happening.'" – <u>CNN</u> (Feb. 5, 2021) "American Values 2024 has so far raised \$38 million, and its most important donor is longtime Republican financier Timothy Mellon. Mellon...has contributed millions of dollars to conservative candidates over the years, including \$15 million in donations to MAGA Inc, the premiere pro-Trump super PAC, this election cycle." – <u>Rolling Stone</u> (Feb. 26, 2024) "Palma said she is the campaign's New York state director...Palma said she had campaigned for Trump in 2016 and 2020... She also described Biden as the 'mutual enemy' of voters for Trump and Kennedy and said it was her 'No. 1 priority' for Biden to lose the election." – <u>NBC News</u> (April 11, 2024)

RFK Jr. believes that confederates were "heroes" and opposes removing confederate statues:

"There were 'heroes in the Confederacy who didn't have slaves,' though when he later picked an example of a Confederate whom he idolized, he singled out Robert E. Lee, a prominent general in the rebel army who owned slaves. 'I have a visceral reaction against the attacks on those statues...if we want to find people who are completely virtuous on every issue throughout history, we would erase all of history.'" – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., *New York Times* (May 28, 2024)

RFK Jr. defended Trump after he was convicted for fraud and parroted Trump's attacks, saying "it is profoundly undemocratic": "The Democratic Party's strategy is to beat President Trump in the courtroom rather than the ballot box. This will backfire in November. Even worse, it is profoundly undemocratic... The Democrats are afraid they will lose in the voting booth, so instead they go after President Trump in the courtroom." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., RFK Jr. (May 30, 2024)

RFK Jr. threatens progress on climate...

RFK Jr. believes that there is a cabal, run by Bill Gates and the intelligence agencies, that is coopting climate change to establish totalitarian controls: "Climate change is being used to control us through fear...as a pretext for clamping down totalitarian controls in the same way the COVID crisis was. It's the intelligence agencies...and it's the same kind of cabal of people who will use every crisis to stratify society." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <u>RFK Jr.</u> (July 12, 2023) "[Climate change] has been co-opted—by Bill Gates and the World Economic Forum..." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <u>Unherd</u> (May 3, 2023)

RFK Jr. says he will roll back Joe Biden's climate investment law and lies that the investments are increasing carbon pollution: "I would not have [signed the Inflation Reduction Act]...they say that this is fighting climate change; it's actually doing the opposite...it's not going to reduce carbon, it's probably going to increase carbon." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <u>NBC News</u> (Aug. 14, 2023) RFK Jr. wants to roll back the Inflation Reduction Act, saying "it's just a subsidy for big carbon." – <u>Politico</u> (April 19, 2024)

RFK Jr. is profiting off of the oil and energy industry, including from the company that polluted East Palestine, Ohio: RFK Jr. "earned tens of thousands of dollars from an oil and gas rights leasing company...Kennedy earned between \$17,759 and \$29,257 from Jan. 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, from Arctic Royalty...Arctic Royalty, which is part of a portfolio of investments from Kennedy's family trust accounts, leases land to multiple companies that have been fined for pollution and regulatory infractions, as well as to the chemical subsidiary of the company that polluted East Palestine, Ohio, in the trail derailment last year." – *Politico* (March 25, 2024)

RFK Jr. befriended and hired a convicted kingpin smuggler of endangered wildlife at his environmental organization: "Wegner, then 49, had been released from federal prison just a few months earlier, after serving about 3½ years of a five-year sentence for tax fraud, perjury and

conspiracy to violate wildlife protection laws. The charges all sprang from his roughly decade-long run as the alleged kingpin of <u>a smuggling ring</u> that trafficked in Australian cockatoos." Kennedy said that he "had not done anything improper by hiring a former wildlife smuggler at the group." – <u>Washington Post</u> (March 2, 2024)

Environmental leaders call RFK Jr. a "science denier" whose policies are "no different than Donald Trump" and "will benefit Big Oil and the greedy corporations that fund them": Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. is not an environmentalist. He is a dangerous conspiracy theorist and science denier whose agenda would be a disaster for our communities and the planet. He may have once been an environmental attorney, but now RFK Jr. is peddling the term "climate change orthodoxy" and making empty promises to clean up our environment with superficial proposals. The truth is, by rejecting science, what he offers is no different than Donald Trump. In the fact-free world that both he and Trump live in, objective reality simply does not exist. Their policy platforms are instead driven by what will benefit Big Oil and the greedy corporations that fund them." – Friends of the Earth Action (April 19, 2024)

RFK Jr. touts Russian propaganda and is a fraud "peace candidate"...

RFK Jr. touts Russian propaganda, saying that Russia's invasion of Ukraine "is a war that we started, that we provoked." – Robert F. Kennedy Jr., <u>NBC News</u> (August 14, 2023) "[The Biden administration] wanted war as part of their strategic grand plan to destroy any country such as Russia that resists American imperial expansion. They only pretend to think it was unprovoked. They are lying to us, manufacturing consent for war." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <u>RFK Jr.</u> (May 24, 2023)

RFK Jr. parrots Putin's talking points that Russia wanted to "de-Nazify" Ukraine: "Putin said 'Look I don't want to go into Crimea. Let's negotiate a peace. And the three things he wanted — he wanted to keep NATO out of Ukraine. That was number one. He wanted to de-Nazify the Ukrainian government." — Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., TwinsPod (April 5, 2024)

RFK Jr. falsely blames the U.S. for overthrowing the Ukrainian government in 2014, for installing a new Ukrainian government, and for starting the war in Ukraine's Donbas region: "We then overthrow the Ukraine government, in 2014, their elected government, and put in a Western sympathetic government...Then the new Ukrainian government we installed started killing ethnic Russians in Donbas and Luhansk, and they voted to leave and join Russia." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Washington Post (May 8, 2024)

RFK Jr. says that Putin has acted in "good faith" throughout his invasion of Ukraine, and the U.S. is to blame for the war continuing: "The Russians were acting in good faith...I think we're the ones

RFK Jr. denies that Putin's intent in the war was to invade and capture the Ukrainian capital, Kiev—even when Russia attempted to do so: In response to Ben Shapiro saying, "The original purpose of the war was to try and take Kiev. Putin tried to invade Kiev. They were in the outskirts, they tried to land a helicopter..." RFK Jr. said, "I don't think that Russia wants to control Kiev...No. What [Putin] has said consistently is that 'we need to do this to keep NATO out.' And he's got support of his own people, he's got support of the Kremlin." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Liberty Vault (April 29, 2024)

RFK Jr. says that the U.S. should play nice with Vladimir Putin because he has support for invading Ukraine: "We should be making friends with Russia, we shouldn't be treating them as an enemy... the most recent polls that I've seen show [Putin] with an 89% popularity. The people in Russia support the war in Ukraine and they support him as an individual." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <u>Liberty Vault</u> (May 10, 2024)

RFK Jr. defended Tucker Carlson conducting a propaganda interview of Vladimir Putin, saying that the U.S. media is spreading "lies and propaganda" about Putin's invasion: "The legacy media is in shambles because we've caught onto their lies and propaganda. Tucker Carlson has every right to interview Putin." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <u>RFK Jr.</u> (Feb. 4, 2024)

RFK Jr. used the death of Vladimir Putin's main political opposition and longtime critic, Alexei Navalny, to attack media organizations—failing to mention Putin's role in Navalny's death: "The same media organizations using Navalny's death to push more pro-war sentiment completely ignored the death of Gonzalo Lira." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., RFK Jr. (Feb. 18, 2024)

RFK Jr. claims to be the "peace candidate," but he rejects supporting a ceasefire in the Israel-Gaza conflict: Each previous ceasefire "has been used by Hamas to rearm, to rebuild and then launch another surprise attack. So what would be different this time?" – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <u>Reuters</u> (March 21, 2024)

RFK Jr. will obstruct progress on guns and gun violence...

RFK Jr. believes that anti-depressants cause gun violence—and that mass shootings have "nothing to do with the number of guns": "Prior to the introduction of Prozac, we had almost none of these [mass shootings]." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <u>Forbes</u> (Oct. 10, 2023) "SSRIs have black box labels and benzos that say 'known to cause suicidal and homicidal behavior'...one thing we do know —[mass shootings have] nothing to do with the number of guns...[the number of guns] has been roughly constant." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <u>American Values 2024</u> (April 27, 2024)

RFK Jr. says he will not restrict guns because he believes gun control is not legal under the second amendment and that gun control won't meaningfully reduce gun violence: "I do not believe that there is, within that second amendment, that there's anything we can meaningfully do to reduce the trade in the ownership of guns, and I'm not going to take people's guns away. Anybody who tells you that they're going to be able to reduce gun violence through gun control at this point I don't think is being realistic." — Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Newsmax (June 29, 2023)

RFK Jr. falsely claims that Switzerland has the same number of guns as the US: RFK Jr. "claimed that gun ownership in the United States is similar to that of Switzerland while vowing not to 'take away anyone's guns' if elected president...Kennedy Jr. made the debunked claim, despite data that shows U.S. civilians possess an average of 120.5 firearms per 100 people, the highest per-capita rate in the world, compared to 27.6 in Switzerland, according to the Small Arms Survey by the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Forbes (June 8, 2023)

RFK Jr. parrots Trump's policy on immigration and the border...

RFK Jr. says he will shut down the border, deploy the military, and complete Trump's border wall: "I would shut down the border and do it immediately, even if it took deploying the military," and "finish the wall." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., <u>RFK Jr.</u> (Jan. 20, 2024)

RFK Jr. applauds Texas ignoring the Supreme Court's ruling that they must remove deadly razor wire: "Texas is right. Biden's failure to secure the border leaves states no choice but to take matters into their own hands...A country without borders is not a country at all." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., RFK Jr. (Jan. 25, 2024)

RFK Jr. parrots Trumpian talking points that "we now have an open border here": "This is a humanitarian crisis because of the understanding across the globe that we now have an open border here," and Kennedy says he will "seal the border." – Robert F. Kennedy Jr., <u>Axios</u> (April 10, 2024)

MAGA leaders praise RFK Jr. for his far-right views and conspiracy mongering, likening him to Trump...

Steve Bannon embraces RFK Jr.'s deep-state conspiracies: "[Kennedy is] what I've been talking about—the anti-vax, the vaccine-hesitant, anti-establishment, anti-authoritarian...What Kennedy is talking about is the administrative state and deep state. His particular line of work, but it gets deeper, is the biopharmaceutical and medical industrial complex. But he also gets into the national

security and intel. You cannot tell the difference between Kash Patel's line of attack and Robert F. Kennedy." – Steve Bannon, <u>Real America's Voice/Media Matters</u> (June 21, 2023)

Roger Stone cheers on RFK Jr.'s Trumpian policies and says he "sounds a lot like Donald Trump": "I'm extraordinarily impressed with [RFK Jr.'s] performance on the stump...He's a truth teller...He is opposed to endless foreign war, he wants to close our border, and he is for health freedom...

Donald Trump has said 'he's a good man.' He's got some very good ideas." – Roger Stone, <u>OANN</u> (June 27, 2023)

Alex Jones says, "I really support" RFK Jr.: RFK Jr. is "a man of integrity that fights fluoride and poison shots and fentanyl and everything else. He's a good man...He's got a lot of guts, and I really support him...I would support him over most RINO Republicans." – Alex Jones, <u>NBC News</u> (April 28, 2023)

Tucker Carlson vehemently defends RFK Jr.'s COVID theories: "Robert Kennedy knew early that the COVID vaccines were both ineffective and potentially dangerous...Bobby Kennedy himself is not extreme. He is deeply insightful and above all, he is honest...Bobby Kennedy is one of the most remarkable people we have ever met, and we are honored to have him on our show." – Tucker Carlson, <u>Fox News</u> (April 19, 2023)

Joe Rogan loves RFK Jr.'s anti-vax, deep-state theories: "I love [RFK Jr.]. Forget about the vaccine stuff, which I think he's got very good points on all that stuff. And if you read his book, if you read the 'Real Anthony Fauci' you'll be sick to your stomach if you know the absolute truth...He's an amazing guy. I really love him." – Joe Rogan, RFK Jr. (Feb. 11, 2024)

RFK Jr. tried to serve in the Trump administration and would consider serving in a Republican Cabinet...

RFK Jr. said Trump succeeded in persuading him to serve in his first administration: President-elect Trump "asked me to come to New York and meet with him at Trump Tower. I went and I met with him, Mike Pence, Steve Bannon, Reince Priebus, and Hope Hicks, his sons, and Kellyanne Conway. We had a meeting and he asked me to run a vaccine safety commission. And that got announced—he asked me to go to a press conference that day and announce it." – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., PatriotTakes (July 31, 2023)

Roger Stone argued that Kennedy deserves consideration for a Cabinet pick in a future Trump administration: "Stone floated the idea of a Cabinet post for Kennedy during...his podcast, 'The Stone recalled the Democratic candidate's own comments during a Fox News appearance with Laura Ingraham, in which Kennedy said, 'I would have to think about that,' adding

he 'would not reject that out of hand' and suggesting he could do a 'lot of good for the public' at an agency like the Department of Health and Human Services." – Roger Stone & RFK Jr., <u>Rolling Stone</u> (July 26, 2023)

Ron DeSantis supports the idea of RFK Jr. serving in a Cabinet: "Ron DeSantis was warm to Kennedy serving in the Cabinet, because Kennedy's stance on 'the medical stuff does appeal to me.' DeSantis lofted the idea that Kennedy could serve as his administration's attack dog, battling the nation's top health agencies. 'Sic him on the FDA, if he'd be willing to serve. Or sic him on CDC.'" – Ron DeSantis, <u>Rolling Stone</u> (July 26, 2023)

MAGA leaders believe that RFK Jr. should run as Trump's Vice President...

Steve Bannon said RFK Jr. would be "an excellent choice for President Trump" and a Trump-Kennedy ticket "would be insurmountable": "Bobby Kennedy would be, I think, be an excellent choice for President Trump to consider [as VP]." Bannon said the idea of RFK Jr. as Trump's VP was met with an ovation from "a very hardcore MAGA, War Room Posse crowd." – Steve Bannon, <u>Raw Story</u> (April 24, 2023) "If we put together a unity ticket of Trump and Kennedy it would be insurmountable." – Steve Bannon, <u>Real America's Voice</u> (April 25, 2023)

Roger Stone said a Trump-Kennedy ticket would be a "dream ticket": RFK Jr. "sounds a lot like Donald Trump," and a Trump-Kennedy ticket is a "dream ticket." – Roger Stone, <u>OANN</u> (April 26, 2023)

Donald Trump even said he could get behind RFK Jr. on his ticket: "I like Trump-Kennedy...I like the way that sounds." – Donald Trump, *New York Times* (April 5, 2024)

RFK Jr. is an aid to MAGA and could help reelect Trump.

Donald Trump said RFK Jr. is going to take votes from Biden: "[RFK Jr.] is going to be taking votes from Crooked Joe Biden, which would be a great service to America...He is Crooked Joe Biden's Political Opponent, not mine. I love that he is running!" – Donald Trump, <u>Donald Trump</u> (March 27, 2024)

Roger Stone said RFK Jr. is going to help Trump: "I do think that everything [RFK's] doing, all the important issues he is raising, will end up inuring to the benefit of Donald Trump." – Roger Stone, <u>Pastors for Trump</u> (July 26, 2023)

MAGA donors are funding RFK Jr. to help Trump: "American Values 2024 has so far raised \$38 million, and its most important donor is longtime Republican financier Timothy Mellon. Mellon... has contributed millions of dollars to conservative candidates over the years, including \$15 million in donations to MAGA Inc, the premiere pro-Trump super PAC, this election cycle." – <u>Rolling Stone</u> (Feb. 26, 2024)

Kennedy Campaign workers believe they will throw the election to Trump: "The only way that Trump can even (have a) remote possibility of taking New York is if Bobby is on the ballot...If it's Trump v. Biden, Biden wins...Give those 28 (New York) electoral votes to Bobby rather than to Biden, thereby reducing Biden's 270. And we all know how that works, right — 270 wins the election. If you don't get to 270, if nobody gets to see 270, then Congress picks the president, right? Right now we have a majority of Republicans in Congress." — Rita Palma, former RFK Jr. New York Director, CBS (April 8, 2024)

Trump and his Super PAC have already begun using RFK Jr. to take votes from Biden: "Both the <u>Trump campaign</u> and the main super PAC supporting the former president, MAGA Inc., are already <u>aggressively framing Mr.</u> Kennedy as a far-left radical to draw potential Democratic voters away from Mr. Biden." – <u>New York Times</u> (April 10, 2024)