Mark Finchem Profile

Representative Mark Finchem is an active member of a right-wing militia. In 2014 Rep. Mark Finchem disclosed that he was a member of the Oath Keepers, a group described by the Southern Poverty Law Center as "one of the largest far-right antigovernment groups in the U.S.". The Oath Keepers were founded in 2009 after the election of President Barack Obama, and organized around a set of conspiracy theories about the federal government working to destroy Americans' liberties. The group has participated in multiple standoffs with federal officials, and openly urged President Trump to reject the results of the 2020 election and remain in office. 18 members of the Oath Keepers have been arrested and charged with crimes related to the January 6th 2021 attempted insurrection in Washington, DC. [Southern Poverty Law Center, Accessed 11/5/2021; InMaricopa, 7/30/2014; Phoenix New Times, 3/22/2019]