

# Representative Joseph Chaplik Extremism Spotlight

**Chaplik co-founded the Arizona Freedom Caucus.** In 2022, Chaplik was among the four Arizona Republican legislators to found the Arizona Freedom Caucus, modeled on its federal counterpart in the U.S. House. The Freedom Caucus seeks to move the legislature towards far rightwing extremism. [Axios, [7/25/2022](#)]

**Chaplik threatened to withhold funding from Arizona State University after wildly claiming “institutionalized racism and neo-segregation” had taken over the campus.** After a viral [incident](#) where two white students attempted to troll students of color with a “Police Lives Matter” sticker and claiming that “white” is a culture at ASU’s multicultural center were calmly asked to leave, 20 Arizona legislators drafted a letter attacking the University and threatened to withhold vital funding. The letter, signed by Rep. Joseph Chaplik, criticizes the incident as, “Racially-motivated harassment of two students and their subsequent removal from one of the campus’ study facilities that ASU has allowed a culture of institutionalized racism and neo-segregation to take hold on its campus.” The signers of the letter vowed to take legislative action including the threat of withholding funding to the university. [Prescott eNews, [10/5/2021](#)]