Representative Rachel Jones Extremism Spotlight

Jones sought court intervention to block an executive order protecting LGBTQ workers from discrimination. In 2023, Jones and other members of the Arizona Freedom Caucus held a news conference to announce plans for a lawsuit against Gov. Katie Hobbs, alleging that Hobbs's executive order reinforcing nondiscrimination laws in state agencies protecting LGBTQ workers is unconstitutional. The executive order was similar to those issued by Republican governors, but caucus members claimed that didn't matter, and that Hobbs was attempting to usurp legislative power. [AZ Mirror, 1/10/2023]

Jones is a far-right culture war extremist opposed to any compromise with Democrats. Jones said she decided to run for office because she "could no longer sit by and let the Socialist Democrats in Phoenix ruin her great state." She calls herself an "Authentic Conservative Fighter" [sic] and prioritizes "fighting the woke agenda," "fighting for the Unborn" [sic], and "defending the 2nd Amendment." She has also emphasized backing "medical freedom" (i.e., allowing doctors to promote misinformation and prescribe unproven remedies for Covid and other afflictions) and opposing vaccine mandates. She has excoriated fellow Republicans for being open to compromise with Democrats to pass legislation in the narrowly-divided legislature. "Let's go together as a Republican legislature and let's figure out how to make the best for the people, and not compromise with the Democrats necessarily," Jones said. She said Republicans had lost seats because "there were too many legislators willing to [compromise.]" [Rachel Jones for State House, Accessed 2/22/2024; Tucson Sentinel, 8/14/2023]