

# Senator Wendy Rogers

District 7

## Legislative Biography



AZ Sen. Wendy Rogers is a Senator in the Arizona State Legislature who represents the 7th district and received 65.0% of the vote in her last election. She is the Chair of the Judiciary committee, the Ranking Member of the Government and Senate Ethics committees, and a member of the Border and Homeland Security and Military, Public Safety, and Border Security committees.

She works most frequently on Law (115 bills), Crime and Law Enforcement (112 bills), Health (41 bills), Education (41 bills), and Economics and Public Finance (36 bills). She has sponsored 191 bills in her last four year(s) in office, voting with her party 94.8% of the time, getting 57.07% of her bills out of committee, and 2.62% of her sponsored bills enacted.

Sen. Rogers most frequently works on legislation with David Gowan (R-AZ-19) (49 bills), Janae Shamp (R-AZ-29) (46 bills), and Jake Hoffman (R-AZ-15) (41 bills). She most frequently votes with Mark Finchem (R-AZ-1) (97.83%), Kevin Payne (R-AZ-27) (97.14%), and Timothy Dunn (R-AZ-25) (96.93%).

Before entering politics, Sen. Rogers was involved in business. She received her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and a graduate degree from California State University, San Bernardino.

### About

Assumed Office - 2020

Next Election - 2026

Residence -Flagstaff, AZ

Term - 3rd term

### Previous Experience

Co-Owner, Property Inspection Business

Lt Col- U.S. Air Force, 1976-1996

Co-Owner, Property Inspection Business- Retired Military Officer

U.S. Air Force

[Quorum Biography, [Accessed 3/1/2025](#)]

# Undermining American Democracy

Activity	Description	Category	Role
HB 2794	Bans election officials from altering voting deadlines	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
SR 1105	Holds county officials in contempt for refusing election "audit" subpoenas	Voter Suppression	Sponsored, Voted Yes
HCR 2023	Resolution opposing "For the People" Act	Voter Suppression	Sponsored, Voted Yes
HB 2905	Restricts mail ballot from being sent to all voters	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
SB 1485	Allows purging voters from Permanent Early Voting List	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
HCR 2033	Decertifying AZ's 2020 Presidential Electors	Voter Suppression	Co-sponsor
HB 2238	Ban Ballot Drop Boxes	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes in Government Committee; Voted Yes
HB 2289	Eliminates Mail Voting/Early Voting/Vote Center and requires hand counting ballots	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes in Government Committee; Voted Yes
HB 2492	Proof of citizenship required for voting	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
HB 2319	"Transparency in Elections"	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
SB 1011	Makes Municipal Elections Partisan	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
SB 1021	AG required defend all State Legislature all passed by the Leg unless the AG gets permission from the Leg	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
HB 2415	Easier removal from early voting lists	Voter Suppression	Voted Yes
SB 1268	Imposes onerous red tape on unions	Anti-Labor	Voted Yes
SB 1377	Grants immunity from COVID-19-related liability	Anti-Labor	Voted Yes, Voted Yes in committee
SB 1191	Bans PLAs/Prevailing Wage	Anti-Labor	Voted Yes
SB 1278	Onerous paperwork for labor unions	Anti-Labor	Voted Yes
SB 1005	Eliminates penalties for parents suing teachers over curriculum and losing	Anti-Labor	Voted Yes
SB 1108	Penalize localities for passing living wage ordinances.	Anti-Labor	Prime Sponsor and Voted Yes
HB 2309	Criminalizes protests of seven or more people	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes in committee
SB 1532	Prohibits teachers from discussing so-called "divisive issues" such as racism, sexism, bias and other social issues	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
SB 1456	Suppresses teaching sex ed and gender identity	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
SB 1074	Bans public sector trainings on race, sex discrimination	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
SB 1165	Bans transgender students from participating on girls sports teams	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
SB 1138	Bans medical care for transgender youth	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
HB 2161	Allows for parents to sue schools, local governments, and officials	Anti-First Amendment	Voted Yes
SB 1305	Ban on Critical Race Theory	Culture Wars	Voted Yes
SB 1001	Pronoun Bill	Culture Wars	Voted Yes
SB 1040	Anti-Trans Bathroom Bill	Culture Wars	Voted Yes

## Disinformation

### QAnon

Here are examples of Senator Wendy Rogers's social media posts spreading dangerous QAnon conspiracy theories:

**June 1st, 2022** - *More trained teachers with guns and less groomers in the classrooms.*

**May 24th, 2022** - *Groomers right here in the AZ Government. <https://t.co/tcuTYFJJzb>*

**May 24th, 2022** - *Good morning! @StateFarm almost became Woke Farm but they dropped their groomer policy that just got exposed. Somebody over there knows what their doing. Fire all of the woke groomers!*

### Other

**In 2024, Rogers posted banned, pro-Nazi lyrics. In response to criticism, she replied with antisemitic conspiracy theories.** According to the Arizona Mirror, "Last week on X, the social media site formerly known as Twitter, Rogers posted the phrase 'Deutschland, Deutschland über alles' after far-right German parties won multiple elections in the country. Those lyrics were banned in Germany after World War II as they were used by Hitler's Nazi party to stir up nationalism and as a rallying cry. Some local and national media picked up on Rogers' use of the phrase, and the lawmaker denounced the criticism in a lengthy post on social media. 'I don't usually waste my time responding to Soros-funded smear campaigns from the Marxist press, but it seems they're desperate for traffic this week,' Rogers said, referring to antisemitic conspiracy theories around billionaire George Soros and the longstanding antisemitic trope that Jewish people control the media. Rogers has a history of amplifying antisemitic figures and narratives, attending events featuring white nationalists, and promoting conspiracy theories with racist undertones. [Arizona Mirror, [9/9/2024](#)]

**Rogers belongs to the extremist hate group, the Oath Keepers.** Senator Wendy Rogers is an active member and vocal supporter of the extremist militia group, the Oath Keepers. The Southern Poverty Law Center describes the group as "one of the largest radical anti-government groups in the U.S. today. While it claims only to be defending the Constitution, the entire organization is based on a set of baseless conspiracy theories about the federal government working to destroy the liberties of Americans." Roger is a "charter member" of the hate group and according to the Payson Roundup "first publicly claimed membership in Oath Keepers during her unsuccessful 2018 bid for Congress and repeated that claim in campaign mailings in her current run for the District 6 state Senate seat." [Southern Poverty Law Center, Accessed [8/16/2021](#); Payson Roundup, [10/27/2020](#)]

**Rogers claimed the racially motivated massacre in Buffalo, New York, was a false flag operation conducted by the Federal Government.** On May 22, 2022, ten shoppers were fatally shot and three others wounded in a targeted attack at the Tops Friendly Market in Downtown

Buffalo. That same day, Senator Wendy Rogers claimed the event was a false-flag event. According to Newsweek, "As many politicians from both major parties expressed their sympathies for the victims following the deadly shooting, some far-right influencers instead promoted an unfounded conspiracy theory that the shooting was a false-flag operation. Arizona State Senator Wendy Rogers, who is endorsed for reelection by former President Donald Trump, wrote in a Gettr post Saturday that 'fed boy summer has started in Buffalo,' referring to the theory among some right-wingers that FBI agents are behind acts of violence and are seeking to blame conservatives." [Newsweek, [5/15/2022](#)]

**In a bipartisan move, Rogers was censured by her colleagues after calling for public hangings while speaking at a white nationalist convention.** For the first time in 30 years, Republicans and Democrats joined together to censure Senator Rogers. According to the Arizona Republic, "Republican and Democratic state senators joined together Tuesday in a historic vote to censure Sen. Wendy Rogers following violent and discriminatory comments she made to a white nationalist conference and on social media attacking the president of Ukraine. Thirteen Democrats and 11 Republicans voted for the censure language read on the Senate floor. It was the first time in three decades that senators publicly censured one of their own members, and the move was applauded by Gov. Doug Ducey — who just days ago was criticized for his support of Rogers. [Arizona Republic, [3/22/2022](#)]

**Rogers attended a white nationalist conference where she fawned over the event's racist organizer, called the attendants "patriots," and admitted she fantasized about killing her political opponents.** According to the Arizona Mirror, "A Republican state senator fawned over the leader of a white nationalist movement on Friday and told his followers that she fantasizes about hanging her perceived enemies from gallows." 'I've said we need to build more gallows. If we try some of these high-level criminals, convict them, and use a newly built set of gallows, it'll make an example of these traitors who have betrayed our country,' Sen. Wendy Rogers, R-Flagstaff, said on Feb. 25 in her speech to the white nationalist America First Political Action Conference in Florida. Rogers told the white nationalists who were assembled in the ballroom at the Orlando World Center Marriott that they were 'patriots.'" [Arizona Mirror, [2/26/2022](#)]

**Rogers guested on a prominent Q-Anon podcast to push the Big Lie.** Wendy Rogers appeared on a prominent Q-Anon podcast to promote baseless conspiracy theories claiming the 2020 election was stolen from former President Donald Trump. According to Newsweek, "Republican Arizona State Senator Wendy Rogers praised a QAnon podcast host for continuing to push baseless election fraud claims. Rogers joined Zak Paine on a Saturday live stream on the RedPill78 podcast, where they both pushed claims that the 2020 Presidential Election was somehow stolen from Donald Trump. The Republican Senator, who last month earned herself an endorsement from Trump for her ongoing claims of election fraud, praised Paine for promoting baseless allegations of widespread fraud." [Newsweek, [12/20/2021](#)]

**Rogers called for the mass imprisonment of government officials after they condemned the partisan election audit of Maricopa County.** After the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors

condemned Arizona's partisan audit of the 2020 elections, Senator Wendy Rogers called for the mass imprisonment of the board into solitary confinement. According to Business Insider, "An Arizona state senator has called for members of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors to be imprisoned after they condemned the county's widely criticized election audit and objected to related subpoenas. "I would like to know if we have enough solitary confinement cells in Arizona available for the entire Maricopa Board of Supervisors and the execs at the fraud machine company," tweeted Wendy Rogers, a vocal supporter of former President Donald Trump, on Monday, 'We are going to need a lot." [Business Insider, [8/3/2021](#)]

**Rogers appeared multiple times on an antisemitic news show pushing the Big Lie.** According to the Arizona Mirror, "Flagstaff Republican Sen. Wendy Rogers appeared again on an online TV network that has made multiple antisemitic remarks. Rogers tweeted about her appearance on TruNews earlier this week. She was interviewed about the Senate's review of the Maricopa County election and repeated the debunked claims spread by auditors at the Senate's recent hearing. TruNews has a history of antisemitic rhetoric on the site, the most infamous of which is a piece in which the founder, Rick Wiles, spent an hour and a half saying that 'seditious Jews' were 'orchestrating' to impeach Trump. Calling the Jewish people 'tyrants.' Wiles has also claimed that the anti-Christ will be a 'homosexual Jew.' This week's appearance is Rogers' second on the show. And, like her first appearance in June, she was interviewed by Lauren Witzke." [Arizona Mirror, [7/23/2021](#)]

**Rogers promotes and defends racist 'great replacement' conspiracy ideology.** According to the AZ Mirror, "After a media report highlighting her use of language mirroring a racist conspiracy theory that was cited by white supremacist mass shooters, Flagstaff Republican state Sen. Wendy Rogers doubled- and tripled-down on her assertion that immigrants are 'replacing' white Americans and destroying 'western civilization'...On Tuesday, Rogers addressed Martin's coverage and the criticism she was facing by saying that Americans are being replaced and that it was the work of 'communists & our enemies.' 'I will not back down from this statement. Communists & our enemies are using mass immigration, education, big tech, big corporations & other strategies to accomplish this,' Rogers said in another tweet." [AZ Mirror, [7/20/21](#)]

**Rogers became the subject of an ethics complaint after only 10 days in office, a record.** After ten days of being an Arizona State Senator, a legislative assistant filed an ethics complaint against Rogers alleging harassment, including screaming, spitting, and body shaming. According to the Arizona Republic, "Now she's broken a record of sorts in the Arizona House. It took only 10 days for Rogers to become the subject of an ethics complaint. Her now-former legislative assistant filed the complaint on Thursday, alleging harassment. Michael Polloni volunteered with Rogers' campaign and went to work as her legislative assistant in early December. His account of his experience, as reported by the Arizona Daily Independent, describes everybody's nightmare of a boss. According to Polloni's complaint, Rogers belittled him and yelled at him — coming so close that her spittle hit his face — and basically lorded it over him that she's now a hotshot legislator. At one point, he said she told him to lose weight so he'd look better representing her as he sat behind his desk in her outer office." [The Arizona Republic, [1/25/2021](#)]

**Rogers signed onto a letter threatening to withhold funding to 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, where they were calmly asked to leave, 20 Arizona legislators drafted a letter attacking the University and threatened to withhold vital funding. The letter, signed by ALEC-tied Senator Wendy Rogers, 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](#)]

**Rogers signed a letter calling to withhold funding for school districts that implement mask mandates.** The same day that three state universities announced they would implement mask mandates, 17 Arizona legislators wrote a letter to Governor Ducey calling for him to withhold federal funding to schools that implement such policies. The letter highlights preemption saying that local governments cannot make their own policies and the real issues, “The Arizona legislature, with the governor concurring, very intentionally enacted the laws at hand to protect Arizonans and Arizona children from the threat of government mandating them to wear a mask or be injected with a vaccine.” The letter publicly asks Ducey to withhold funding, provide Empowerment Scholarship Accounts to students, and initiate legal action in those school districts. The following week, Gov. Ducey announced education grants that can only be directed to schools without mask mandates, but the Treasury Department said these grants are “not a permissible use” of federal funding. [Gila Herald, [8/12/2021](#); The Hill, [8/18/2021](#); AP News, [10/5/2021](#)]

**Rogers attended and was a featured speaker at multiple QAnon conventions in 2021.** The conventions were held in Las Vegas and Salt Lake City in late October 2021. QAnon, according to the Tucson Sentinel, is “the conspiracy theory that alleges that a cabal of Satan-worshipping pedophiles are running a global sex-trafficking ring, control world governments, and are trying to bring down President Donald Trump.” Senator Rogers was among four other Arizona legislators who attended and spoke to the crowd in Las Vegas. [Tucson Sentinel, [10/28/2021](#); Salt Lake Tribune, [10/28/2021](#)]

**Rogers tweeted support for Robert E. Lee and racist corporate mascots.** In July of 2021, Senator Wendy Rogers tweeted her support for Confederate General Robert E. Lee as well as various since-retired racist corporate mascots saying, “I like Indians and I like Redskins. I like Aunt Jemima, and I like Uncle Ben. I like Robert E. Lee, and I like Stonewall Jackson. I don’t like traitors who hate America. Stand up for our culture!” [Twitter, @WendyRogersAZ, [Accessed 11/8/2021](#)]

**In 2023, Rogers appeared on an antisemitic talk show.** In November of 2023, Senator Rogers appeared on a talk show with hosts who engage in antisemitic conspiracy theories. According to the Arizona Mirror, Senator Rogers “appeared on CrossTalk News on Monday, an online talk show

hosted by Lauren Witzke and Edward Szall. Witzke and Szall were both fired from a streaming TV network that also spread antisemitic messaging. Rogers appeared twice on that network when Witzke was the host there. The new network on which the duo appeared is run by Stew Peters, a well-known conspiracy theorist who also has spread antisemitic conspiracy theories, including blaming Jewish people for the sinking of the Titanic. He also is a well-known purveyor of COVID-19 misinformation.” [Arizona Mirror, [11/7/2023](#)]

**Rogers pushed legislation to allow concealed firearms on college campuses.** Senate Bill 1198, sponsored by Rogers, “would bar the governing board of a university, college or community college from enacting rules that prohibit the possession of a concealed weapon by anyone with a valid concealed carry permit.” [[SB1198](#), Senate First Read, 01/29/2024; KNAU, [2/13/2024](#)]

**Rogers tweeted sexually explicit pictures of Hunter Biden.** In a 2023 social media post that may have violated Arizona’s law on revenge pornography, Senator Rogers tweeted a graphic video that included sexually explicit pictures of President Joe Biden’s son. According to 3TV/CBS 5, Rodgers may have “violated Arizona’s so-called revenge porn law, which makes intentionally disclosing a sexual picture of anyone without consent a criminal offense.” [3TV/CBS 5, [7/6/2023](#)]

**Rogers filed a restraining order against a journalist, which was dismissed.** After reporter Camryn Sanchez started working on a story to determine whether Rodgers resided in the district she claimed, Rogers filed a restraining order. A judge dismissed that restraining order, finding the investigation warranted. According to Fox 10 Phoenix, “Rogers, a Republican, represents the state’s 7th Legislative District. The district, located in Northern Arizona, includes Flagstaff, but public records also show Rogers has homes in the Phoenix area. Sanchez reportedly rang the doorbell at Rogers’ homes in Tempe and Chandler on several occasions. ‘There is certainly a legitimate purpose in investigative reporting, so I’m going to dismiss the injunction,’ said Flagstaff Justice Court Justice of the Peace Howard Grodman, when he issued his ruling on the case.” [Fox 10 Phoenix, 4/21/[2023](#)]

**Rogers was sued for defamation over a radio ad she aired during the 2018 GOP primary, where she accused her opponent of engaging with sex trafficking.** In February 2022, the Arizona Supreme Court ruled in favor of State Senator Wendy Rogers in a defamation lawsuit regarding a 2018 campaign advertisement. The court determined that the ad, which criticized Rogers’ primary opponent, Steve Smith, was protected under the First Amendment. The ad described Smith as “a slimy character whose modeling agency specializes in underage girls and advertises on websites linked to sex trafficking.” Pamela Young, owner of the modeling agency employing Smith, filed the defamation suit, alleging the ad implied her agency’s involvement in sex trafficking. The court concluded that allowing the case to proceed would “inevitably and intolerably chill political speech,” noting that Young was not named in the ad and the implied allegations were not sufficiently clear. [Associated Press, [2/22/2022](#)]