

CLEAN ELECTIONS USA

Minister, counselor, and QAnon supporter Melody Jennings founded Clean Elections USA after watching the debunked film “2000 Mules” to organize surveillance teams to monitor drop boxes and ensure election integrity. Jennings saw her public profile rise dramatically in the leadup to the 2022 election after appearing on Steve Bannon’s podcast and receiving significant attention from Donald Trump on Truth Social. The group faced multiple legal challenges around its actions and name, ultimately agreeing to largely curtail its activities. Since disbanding the group, Jennings has remained an outspoken right-wing influencer, and uses her platforms on Truth Social and Rumble to encourage conservatives to get involved in their local elections boards.

Key findings include:

Melody Jennings, a minister, counselor, and QAnon devotee, founded Clean Elections USA to organize surveillance teams to monitor drop boxes. The Independent reported in late 2022 that Donald Trump “seemed enamored by” Jennings, who went by “TrumperMel” online. The New York Times reported that Jennings had attracted tens of thousands of followers on Truth Social, and that her ideas “spread quickly as her posts were shared by election deniers...including...Trump and...Sidney Powell...” The group began watching drop boxes during the 2022 primaries, saying it was a “dry-run” for the mid-terms. In the weeks leading up to the 2022 elections, Jennings said she had volunteers “ready to go” in nearly 20 states. The New York Times wrote that internal membership rolls show that roughly 4,500 people in 48 states have registered with Clean Elections USA,” but that it was “unclear if Ms. Jennings has significant financial support.” The Juneau Empire reported that members of the group “are allegedly behind incidents such as masked and armed people keeping a 24-hour-a-day watch on ballot boxes in Arizona.”

Jennings has been described as “QAnon-linked” in press reports. “In those states where they do not outlaw drop boxes...we have no less than ten patriots standing around every one of those 24/7 for the duration of the voting period,” she said in April 2022. “We are gathering across the nation in every drop box state,” she has said. “If you've got drop boxes outdoors, we're on it. We're aligning teams of hopefully up to 10, but you know, as many as we can get around each box, and we are actually making a difference. We're actually seeing mules be intimidated, you know, from doing their thievery.” “We must deter people from committing fraud,” the Clean Elections USA website once said. The Guardian reported that there’s “no doubt that Jennings has been zealous in spreading debunked allegations about 2020 election fraud...” “We now know that the level of fraud in 2020 was unprecedented and determinative, meaning Joe Biden is now NOT our duly elected representative and neither is Kamala Harris,” Jennings has said. “The rabbit hole goes much deeper, but this is all we need to know for now. It means that we do not have free and fair elections in the US and this should be concerning for all...”

In the leadup and immediate aftermath of the 2022 election, Clean Elections USA found itself involved in myriad litigation and legal issues.

DOJ Referral. In October 2022, the Arizona Secretary of State’s office announced it was referring a report to the U.S. Department of Justice and Arizona Attorney General’s Office for further investigation after a voter reported being approached and followed by a group of people while trying to drop off a ballot at an outdoor ballot box near the Mesa Juvenile Justice Court. In November 2022, the Justice Department ruled that “vigilante” poll watchers stationed at ballot drop boxes in Arizona were unlawful. Kristen Clarke, the assistant attorney general for civil rights, wrote that the First Amendment “affords no protection for threats of harm directed at voters...The First Amendment does not protect individuals’

right to assemble to engage in voter intimidation or coercion...Nor does it transform an unlawful activity for one individual - voter intimidation -- into a permissible activity simply because multiple individuals have assembled to engage in it.”

Federal Voting Rights Lawsuit. In October 2022, two political groups accused Clean Elections USA and Jennings of conducting a “coordinated campaign of vigilante voter intimidation” and filed a federal lawsuit. Federal Judge Michael T. Liburdi, a Trump appointee, later ruled that activists had a First Amendment right to gather around ballot boxes in the state, noting that there was no proof that the group had encouraged acts of violence or posted personal or identifying information online. The Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans and Voto Latino had both alleged that the group’s intent was to dissuade people from voting through harassment and threats. Liburdi, who noted that the case remained open, removed Voto Latino from the case.

Federal Voter Intimidation Lawsuit. In November 2022, the same federal judge, Michael T. Liburdi, sharply curtailed Clean Elections USA’s activity after the League of Women Voters sued the group over voter intimidation. In filing the suit, the League said the group’s actions amounted to “time-tested methods of voter intimidation.” The group later stated it had agreed to cease some activities, including refraining from openly carrying guns or wearing visible body armor within 250 feet of ballot boxes, as well as following or interacting with voters within 75 feet of the boxes. Liburdi’s temporary restraining order also prohibited the group ‘and other persons in active concert or participation with’ it from taking photos or videos of voters or disseminating information about voters online, and also from “making false statements” about Arizona’s statutes regarding early voting in interviews or on social media. “It is imperative we balance the defendants’ right to engage in First Amendment-protected activity with the plaintiffs’ right to act without intimidation or harassment,” the judge wrote, noting that allegations in the case went well beyond testimony from the earlier federal suit.

Cease & Desist. In October 2022, a lawyer for the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission sent a cease-and-desist letter to Clean Elections USA, one of the groups organizing ballot box stakeouts across the state. The letter referenced reports of voter intimidation and noted the group’s use of the Clean Elections name caused widespread voter confusion and “violated several Arizona statutes and common-law doctrines.” The commission said the group was not only causing confusion but also angering residents who believed that the commission was working to impede the right to vote. In October 2022, a Maricopa County judge told Jennings to stop using the name “Clean Elections USA,” and to take down a post entitled, “10+ Ways the Election Was Rigged in Maricopa County...”

Since settling litigation related to Clean Elections USA, Jennings has remained active in the right-wing media ecosystem, distancing herself from certain conspiratorial aspects of QAnon while maintaining strong support for Donald Trump. On May 29, 2023, less than two weeks after settling the final lawsuit related to her work with Clean Elections USA, Jennings launched The Coach Mel Show on Rumble, the right-wing streaming platform. Since then, the channel has posted nearly 100 videos, many of which encourage viewers to get involved on their local elections boards. Jennings has distanced herself from her previous affiliation with Q Anon and argues that some of the movement’s conspiracy theories, such as that Donald Trump is secretly serving as commander in chief, are misinformation designed to depress conservative turnout in the upcoming election. Jennings has more than 1,000 followers on Rumble and more than 41,000 followers on Truth Social. In June 2024, Jennings spoke at a “ReAwaken America Tour” event in Detroit, Michigan. The ReAwaken America Tour was launched in 2021 by former Trump National Security Advisor Michael Flynn and Oklahoman Clay Clark, whom Jennings has interviewed on her Rumble show. The gatherings are replete with Christian nationalist themes and Q Anon-style conspiracy theories.

Public records relating to Jennings are sparse and contradictory. Clean Elections USA was never formally registered as a business or nonprofit entity. Jennings maintains current residences in both Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Fort Mill, South Carolina, and database abstracts indicate that she has gone by at least three other names. Her main sources of income appear to be book sales and subscriptions to The Coach Mel Show.

BACKGROUND

Clean Elections USA Founded by Melody Jennings, a Minister and Counselor; Group Founded to Organize Surveillance Teams to Monitor Drop Boxes. “Melody Jennings, a minister and counselor who founded the right-wing group Clean Elections USA, claimed credit for the Arizona gathering on Truth Social and said it was the group’s ‘first run.’ She said in a podcast interview that any surveillance teams she organized would try to record all voters who used drop boxes. The primaries, she said, were a ‘dry run’ for the midterms in November. Ms. Jennings did not respond to requests for comment. After the Arizona gathering, organizers wrote to high-profile Truth Social users, including Mr. Trump, claiming without evidence that ‘mules came to the site, saw the party and left without dropping ballots.’ Comments on other social media posts about the event noted that the group could have frightened away voters wary of engaging, drawn people planning to report the group’s activities or simply witnessed lost passers-by.” [New York Times, 8/10/22]

2022: The Independent: Trump “Seemed Particularly Enamored by the Posts of Melody Jennings...Who Is Pursuing a Campaign to Get Patriotic Americans to Watch Ballot Boxes for Alleged Nefarious Behavior...” “The former president seemed particularly enamoured by the posts of Melody Jennings, founder of Clean Elections USA, who is pursuing a campaign to get patriotic Americans to watch ballot boxes for alleged nefarious behaviour, retruthing several of her posts.” [The Independent, 10/18/22]

Right Wing Grassroots Group “Committed to Election Integrity.” “A group supported by former President Donald Trump is filming ballot boxes in Arizona and other states. A video posted on Twitter by ABC15 reporter Nicole Grigg showed a man and a woman with cameras outside the Maricopa County elections headquarters. Kari Lake, the Trump-backed Republican candidate for governor, is facing off against Secretary of State Katie Hobbs in a closely watched race for governor. ‘They have their own cameras rolling, pointed right at the drop box,’ Grigg wrote. ‘A woman here says she is here to get Vitamin D.’ A man told Grigg that he was with Clean Elections USA, a right-wing grassroots organization ‘committed to election integrity,’ according to its website. ‘They are sitting outside the 75 foot limit and there are no reports of any interactions with voters,’ Garrett Archer, a data and political analyst for ABC 15, tweeted.” [Newsweek, 10/20/22]

- **Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chairman Bill Gates Said Election Workers Had Been Harassed as They Came to Work.** “However, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chairman Bill Gates said that election workers have been harassed as they come into work. ‘We aren't going to stand by while our election workers who are your friends, family members and neighbors get harassed for doing their jobs,’ Gates wrote on Twitter on Wednesday. ‘When you observe elections, please do it respectfully.’ At a press conference on Wednesday, Gates said: ‘We're running the most transparent election in Maricopa County's history. We're also protecting our elections workers. We can do both and if the campaigns have an issue, they can contact us. They don't need to go and send incendiary tweets.’” [Newsweek, 10/20/22]

Clean Elections USA Began Watching Drop Boxes during 2022 Primaries; Said It Was a “Dry Run” for Mid-Terms. Clean Elections USA began watching drop boxes during the primaries this past summer, which Jennings, who goes by ‘TrumperMel’ online, trumpeted on Truth Social, the floundering social network Trump backed after being banned from Twitter. This served as a sort of ‘dry run’ for the midterms, Jennings said. [Daily Beast, 10/20/22]

Jennings Went by “TrumperMel” Online. [Daily Beast, 10/20/22]

October 2022: Jennings Said She Had Volunteers “Ready to Go” in Arizona and 17 Other States. “Last Saturday, Clean Elections USA founder Melody Jennings, a minister who has namechecked QAnon during appearances on indicted Trump adviser Steve Bannon’s webcast, said she had volunteers ‘ready to go’ not just in Arizona, but in 17 other states, as well.” [Daily Beast, 10/20/22]

2022: NYT: “Jennings’ Ideas Spread Quickly as Her Posts Were Shared by Election Deniers with Large Number of Followers...Including...Trump and...Sidney Powell...” “Ms. Jennings’ ideas spread quickly as her posts were shared by election deniers with large numbers of followers, including Mr. Trump and his former attorney, Sidney Powell. Ms. Jennings launched a website in May and, this summer, frequently promoted her plans on right-wing podcasts. She urged people not only to gather around ballot boxes, but to photograph voters and reveal their identities online. ‘I am FULLY STOKED that ballot trafficking mules are about to be completely doxxed and put on blast at every drop box across America VERY SOON,’ Ms. Jennings posted on Truth Social on Sept. 8.” [New York Times, 10/28/22]

Jennings Had Attracted Tens of Thousands of Followers on Truth Social. “Ms. Jennings’s following on the platform has grown from barely 100 in April to more than 35,000.” [New York Times, 10/28/22]

Internal Membership Rolls Showed Roughly 4,500 People in 48 States Had Registered with Group. “Internal membership rolls show that roughly 4,500 people in 48 states have registered with Clean Elections USA, according to a report in Votebeat, a nonprofit news outlet. The group tells volunteers that the information they collect will be shared with True the Vote, which in turn works with Protect America Now, a group of sheriffs who have pledged to investigate election fraud, the report found.” [New York Times, 10/28/22]

NYT: “It Is Unclear If...Jennings Has Significant Financial Support.” “It is unclear if Ms. Jennings has significant financial support. A fund-raiser she set up online in August had raised \$3,600 as of Friday. Over the summer, several Republican officeholders and candidates in Arizona encouraged the effort and Ms. Jennings organized what she called a ‘dry run’ during the state’s Aug. 2 primary elections.” [New York Times, 10/28/22]

Leonard Pitts Jr. Column: “They Are Incapable of Processing...that When They Lose an Election, It Is Not Because They’ve Been Cheated, But Because They Are Fewer in Number and Growing Smaller Every Day as a Percentage of the Whole.” “According to a column by Leonard Pitts Jr. The group behind this Clean Elections USA would likely dispute that their mission is to deter voters of color. On the other hand, Clean Elections is a band of far-right election deniers, and, Kanye West notwithstanding, the far-right is not, shall we say, known for its hospitality toward people of color. Especially, one wagers, in Maricopa, where the population of non-Hispanic, non-Latino white people is just barely a majority at 53 percent. It would require prodigious credulity, then, not to believe voters of color are the implicit target here, or to buy that any of this really has to do with protecting election integrity especially since U.S. elections already are among the most secure in the world. Rather, this

bizarre behavior seems an obvious outgrowth of the fact that some large fragment of white America feels itself outnumbered in the country's changing demographic climate. They are incapable of processing the fact of their own numerical diminution, i.e., to understand that when they lose an election, it is not because they've been cheated, but because they are fewer in number and growing smaller every day as a percentage of the whole. Instead, they salve themselves by telling themselves their opponents' votes must somehow be illegitimate.” [Daily Freeman, 10/29/22]

2022: Juneau Empire: Clean Elections USA Members “Are Allegedly Behind Incidents Such as Masked and Armed People Keeping a 24-Hour-a-Day Watch on Ballot Boxes in Arizona.” “One aspect of early voting that has apparently remained normal in Alaska — despite being abnormal in some other states — is there have been no reports of encounters involving official or unofficial poll watchers. However, several people claiming they are Alaska residents have registered to be activists for the group Clean Elections USA, whose members are allegedly behind incidents such as masked and armed people keeping a 24-hour-a-day watch on ballot boxes in Arizona.” [Juneau Empire, 10/31/22]

The Sun Editorial Said Clean Elections USA Activity “Sounds Like Voter Intimidation and We’re Not OK with It.” “If we were to walk up to a ballot drop box to cast our early ballot and were greeted by unknown armed people wearing bulletproof vests who were filming us, we would be understandably leery of the situation – and likely would move on. That sounds like voter intimidation, and we're not OK with it.” [The Sun, 11/3/22]

PHILOSOPHY

April 2022: Jennings: “In Those States Where They Do Not Outlaw Drop Boxes...We Have No Less than Ten Patriots Standing around Every One of those 24/7 for the Duration of the Voting Period.” “Ms. Jennings, who is from Tulsa, Okla., and has described herself as a Christian pastor and counselor, has fast become a leading voice in the election-denial movement. She first proposed sending observers to ballot boxes this spring, just weeks after joining Truth Social. ‘I have an idea,’ she wrote on April 19. ‘In those states where they do not outlaw drop boxes, I think we have no less than 10 patriots standing around every one of those 24/7 for the duration of the voting period.’ In podcast interviews, Ms. Jennings said she was inspired by a trailer for the film, ‘2000 Mules,’ released in May. The film, directed and produced by the right-wing pundit Dinesh D’Souza, relied heavily on debunked research from True the Vote, a group focused on voter fraud. The film asserts that ‘mules’ paid by the Democratic Party ferried illegal votes to ballot boxes, often in the dead of night. It was shown in more than 400 theaters and brought in some \$1.4 million at the box office.” [New York Times, 10/28/22]

Melody Jennings Inspired by 2000 Mules: “We’re Not Intimidating Voters But the Mules Do Not Want to Be Caught on Film.” “Melody Jennings, the QAnon-linked founder of Clean Elections USA, wrote on Truth Social, Trump's social media platform, that news stations were ‘scoping out our box watchers’ in Maricopa County. She added: ‘What’s super fun is that they are being incredible deterrents to mules!’ In another post, she said the media was ‘out in force filming our people at the Mesa Arizona drop box. We are filming them back. Get out there people.’ Jennings has appeared on Steve Bannon's War Room podcast several times to promote the group in the past week. She said she was inspired by 2000 Mules, a widely debunked film that was aggressively promoted by Trump to support his false claims that the 2020 election was stolen from him amid widespread fraud. ‘We are gathering across the nation in every drop box state,’ Jennings told Bannon, a former Trump adviser, on his podcast on Monday. ‘If you've got drop boxes outdoors, we're on it. We're aligning teams of hopefully up to 10, but you know, as many as we can get around each box, and we are actually making a difference. We're actually seeing mules be intimidated, you know, from doing their thievery. We're not intimidating voters

but the mules do not want to be caught on film. And that's what we're doing,' Trump has shared several of Jennings' posts on his Truth Social platform over the past week, including clips of her speaking on Bannon's podcast." [Newsweek, 10/20/22]

Clean Elections USA Website: "We Must Deter People from Committing Fraud." "Efforts to reach Jennings or Clean Elections USA through multiple platforms were unsuccessful. The organization's web site says that drop boxes, by their nature, open the door for illegal activity. 'We must deter people from committing fraud,' it says. 'The only way we can do this is to monitor those drop box locations with a team of volunteers,' it continues. 'That is why we're reaching out to patriots like yourself who have similar concerns.'" The web site also claims 'votes have been diluted by phony ballots' and how ballot 'mules' depositing fake ballots have 'hijacked' elections. [Casa Grande Dispatch, 10/21/22]

Website: "We Are Looking for True Patriots to Take a Stand and Watch the Drop Boxes...We Want to Gather Video and Live Witness Evidence of Any Ballot Tampering that Takes Place in Real Time." "Basically, they told the reporter that they were just there to get a little vitamin D, very squirrely, very sketchy, not saying anything. Eventually, one of them came clean enough to say that they were working on behalf of a group called Clean Elections USA. The organization's website repeats debunked conspiracy theories about drop boxes and voter fraud in the 2020 elections, including the ridiculous idea that so-called mules were stuffing ballot boxes with fake votes for Joe Biden. It also includes the following call to action, 'We are looking for true patriots to take a stand and watch the drop boxes. We want to gather video and live witness evidence of any ballot tampering that takes place in real-time.'" [All In with Chris Hayes, 10/24/22]

Jennings Embraced QAnon Conspiracy Theory. "Clean Elections USA, one group behind the Arizona efforts, says on its website its mission is to prevent the fraud imagined in D'Souza's film. 'Just your presence alone & the mule knowing they will be caught on our multiple cameras is enough deterrent to make them shrink back into the darkness,' said founder Melody Jennings, who has embraced the QAnon conspiracy theory, in August on Truth Social, Trump's platform." [Agence France Presse, 10/30/22]

Attorneys for Jennings: "Our Clients Have the Right to Film and Photograph, Especially in Areas that Are on the Street Or Public Buildings." "Attorneys for Oklahoma Resident Melody Jennings, the Founder of the Conservative Clean Elections USA group, that has Organized at least some Drop Box Monitoring, have said the proposed Injunctions in both Suits are too broad and would Infringe on the Observers' First Amendment Rights. 'Our clients have a right to film and photograph, especially in areas that are on the street or public buildings,' said Attorney Alexander Kolodin at Monday's Status Hearing. 'These are not places where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy.'" [The Independent View, 11/1/22]

The Guardian: "There's No Doubt that Jennings Has Been Zealous in Spreading Debunked Allegations about 2020 Election Fraud..." "But there's no doubt that Jennings has been zealous in spreading debunked allegations about 2020 election fraud as revealed by internet archives of now-deleted Clean Election USA blog writings and other group materials." [The Guardian, 11/6/22]

- **Jennings: "The Rabbit Hole Goes Much Deeper...We Do Not Have Free and Fair Elections in the US...Biden Is...NOT Our Duly Elected Representative and Neither Is Kamala Harris."** "We often hear people say things like, 'there is always some election fraud' as if it is OK at a certain level. However, with the help of our heroes mentioned above, we now know that the level of fraud in 2020 was unprecedented and determinative, meaning Joe Biden is now NOT

our duly elected representative and neither is Kamala Harris.’ ‘The rabbit hole goes much deeper, but this is all we need to know for now. It means that we do not have free and fair elections in the US and this should be concerning for all,’ Jennings said in a previously unreported Clean Elections document found using internet archives.” [The Guardian, 11/6/22]

Axios: “Clean Elections USA Has Promoted Baseless Claims from a Discredited Movie of ‘Ballot Harvesting’ in Arizona and Other Swing States in 2020.” “An Arizona activist group agreed Sunday to settle a lawsuit accusing its activists of voter intimidation at ballot drop boxes in the state. Driving the news: The League of Women Voters of Arizona filed the suit against Clean Elections USA, whose activists gathered at drop boxes last year in efforts they claimed were to prevent ballot fraud, after reports of voter intimidation in the state. The League of Women Voters of Arizona said in a statement that in settling the case, Clean Elections USA and its founder Melody Jennings have ‘agreed to publicly condemn intimidation of any kind in connection with the exercise of the right to vote.’ The big picture: A federal judge issued a temporary restraining order against Clean Elections USA in November after the Justice Department weighed in on the case — arguing in a filing that ‘vigilante ballot security efforts’ may have violated the Voting Rights Act. The order prevented the group from going within 75 feet of a ballot drop box, photographing voters, openly carrying firearms or making false statements’ about election laws. Of note: Clean Elections USA has promoted baseless claims from a discredited movie of ‘ballot harvesting’ in Arizona and other swing states in 2020.” [Axios, 5/22/23]

LITIGATION & LEGAL ISSUES

DOJ Referral

October 2022: Arizona SOS’ Office Announced It Was Referring a Report to US DOJ and AZ AG’s Office for Further Investigation after Voter Reported Being Approached and Followed by Group of People While Trying to Drop Off Ballot. “The Arizona Secretary of State’s Office announced Wednesday evening that it was referring a report to the U.S. Department of Justice and Arizona Attorney General’s Office for further investigation after a voter reported being approached and followed by a group of people while trying to drop off a ballot on Monday at an outdoor ballot box near the Mesa Juvenile Justice Court. Gates said people with questions about elections should consider working at the polls or volunteering as poll observers with their political party. He warned monitors that watching the drop boxes ‘is not helping anyone.’” [Arizona Republic, 10/20/22]

- **Gates: “We’re Going to Protect Our Election Workers and We’re Going to Continue to Shine a Light on This.”** ““This sort of activity — in Maricopa County, we’re saying that it’s done,’ he said. ‘We’re going to protect our election workers and we’re going to continue to shine a light on this.’” [Arizona Republic, 10/20/22]

November 2022: Justice Department Ruled that “Vigilante” Poll Watchers Stationed at Ballot Drop Boxes in Arizona Were Unlawful. “The Justice Department ruled that ‘vigilante’ poll watchers stationed at ballot drop boxes in Arizona are unlawful. Kristen Clarke, the assistant attorney general for civil rights, wrote on Monday that the First Amendment ‘affords no protection for threats of harm directed at voters’ taking the side of the League of Women Voters on Monday in a lawsuit related to alleged voter intimidation in the state. ‘The First Amendment does not protect individuals’ right to assemble to engage in voter intimidation or coercion,’ Clarke wrote. ‘Nor does it transform an unlawful activity for one individual - voter intimidation -- into a permissible activity simply because multiple individuals have assembled to engage in it.’” [UPI, 11/1/22]

Federal Voting Rights Lawsuit

October 2022: Two Political Groups Accused Clean Elections USA and Jennings of Conducting “Coordinated Campaign of Vigilante Voter Intimidation.” “Two political groups that encourage voting want a federal judge to order members of Clean Elections USA, some armed and in tactical gear, to stay away from ballot drop boxes. A lawsuit filed Monday accuses members of the group and founder Melody Jennings of conducting a ‘coordinated campaign of vigilante voter intimidation.’ Attorney Daniel Arellano said that violates not just the federal Voting Rights Act but the 1871 Ku Klux Klan Act which bans private conspiracies to intimidate voters. And Arellano told U.S. District Court Judge John Tuchi that he needs to act immediately. ‘Voting is already underway, and there are only 15 days left until election day,’ he said. Arellano also said that organized vigilante groups already have turned away voters. He is not alleging that there has been violence.” [Casa Grande Dispatch, 10/24/22]

Federal Judge Michael T. Liburdi Said Activists Had First Amendment Right to Gather around Ballot Boxes; Said Actions Did Not Constitute a “True Threat” and that Right to Assemble Was Constitutionally Protected. “Judge Michael T. Liburdi said activists have a First Amendment right to gather around ballot boxes in the state. Voting rights groups called the tactic voter intimidation. A federal judge on Friday declined to ban an activist group from gathering near ballot boxes in Arizona, arguing that the members’ actions did not appear to constitute a ‘true threat’ or intimidation and that their right to assemble in public spaces is constitutionally protected.” [New York Times, 10/28/22]

- **Ruled No Proof that Clean Elections USA Had Encouraged Acts of Violence Or Posted Personal Or Identifying Information Online.** “In his 14-page ruling, Judge Michael T. Liburdi found that while ‘many voters are legitimately alarmed by the observers filming’ at ballot boxes in Maricopa County, there was no proof that the group, Clean Elections USA, had encouraged acts of violence or posted personal or identifying information online. ‘While this case certainly presents serious questions,’ Judge Liburdi wrote, ‘the court cannot craft an injunction without violating the First Amendment.’” [New York Times, 10/28/22]
- **In Denying Request, Judge Said He’d Keep Case Open and Agree to Hear New Evidence that Group Had “Engaged in Unlawful Voter Intimidation.”** “In denying the request, the judge said he would keep the case open and agreed to hear new evidence that the group has ‘engaged in unlawful voter intimidation.’ Clean Elections USA, whose founder is a purveyor of election and QAnon theories, has said it is trying to prevent voter fraud by organizing activists across the country to station themselves near drop boxes set up to receive mail ballots. The aim, the organizers say, is to observe voters and document possible instances of voter fraud or misconduct.” [New York Times, 10/28/22]
- **Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans and Voto Latino Alleged Group’s Intent Was to Dissuade People from Voting through Harassment and Threats.** “A lawsuit filed on Monday by two nonprofit organizations, the Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans and Voto Latino, alleged that the group’s intent was to dissuade people from voting through harassment and threats. The complaint, which asked for an injunction and restraining order against Clean Elections USA, identified several incidents in which voters in Maricopa County were followed, photographed and accused of being ‘ballot mules’ — a term borrowed from a conspiracy theory about voters fraudulently casting dozens of ballots at once. In several cases, the activists carried firearms and wore military-style protective gear and masks.” [New York Times, 10/28/22]

- **Jennings: “The Constitution Won Today.”** “Ms. Jennings has described the ballot box monitors as ‘my people’ and ‘our box watchers’ in social media posts. On Friday, she praised the judge’s ruling in a post on Truth Social, the social media platform founded by Mr. Trump. ‘The Constitution won today,’ Ms. Jennings wrote. ‘This battle is not over, but today was a step for freedom and for your 1st amendment rights being preserved.’” [New York Times, 10/28/22]

Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans: “Citizens Should Be Able to Cast a Ballot without Fear of Personal Injury Or Other Harm to Their Safety and Security.” “In a statement, the Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans called the ruling ‘truly disappointing,’ adding that ‘American citizens should be able to cast a ballot without fear of personal injury or other harm to their safety and security.’” [New York Times, 10/28/22]

Judge: “Defendants Have Not Made Any Statements Threatening to Commit Acts of Unlawful Violence to a Particular Individual Or Group of Individuals...” “A federal judge on Friday refused to block the activities of those watching ballot drop boxes in Maricopa County, ruling they are engaged in constitutionally protected conduct. ‘Plaintiffs and many voters are legitimately alarmed by the observers filming at the county’s early voting drop boxes,’ wrote Judge Michael Liburdi. And the judge said that the First Amendment rights of individuals to speak and gather do not extend to ‘true threats.’ But he said the groups that sought an injunction never provided him with any evidence during a court hearing earlier this week that anything being done by Clean Elections USA and Melody Jennings, its founder, reach that level. ‘Defendants have not made any statements threatening to commit acts of unlawful violence to a particular individual or group of individuals,’ Liburdi wrote. ‘There is no evidence that defendants have publicly posted any voter’s names, home addresses, occupations, or other personal information.’” [Arizona Daily Star, 10/28/22]

Judge Said Case Remained Open; Voto Latino Was Removed from Case. “A federal judge Friday refused to bar a group from monitoring outdoor ballot boxes in Arizona’s largest county where watchers have shown up armed and in ballistic vests, saying to do so could violate the monitors’ constitutional rights. U.S. District Court Judge Michael Liburdi said the case remained open and that the Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans could try again to make its argument against a group calling itself Clean Elections USA. A second plaintiff, Voto Latino, was removed from the case. Judge Liburdi concluded that ‘while this case certainly presents serious questions, the Court cannot craft an injunction without violating the First Amendment.’ The judge is a Trump appointee and a member of the Federalist Society, a conservative legal organization. Local and federal law enforcement have been alarmed by reports of people, including some who were masked and armed, watching 24-hour ballot boxes in Maricopa County - Arizona’s most populous county - and rural Yavapai County as midterm elections near. Some voters have complained alleging voter intimidation after people watching the boxes took photos and videos, and followed voters. ‘We continue to believe that Clean Elections USA’s intimidation and harassment is unlawful,’ the Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans said, shortly before filing an appeal.” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 10/29/22]

Clean Elections USA Would Not Appeal Ruling, which Ended Any Litigation against the Group by League of Women Voters. “Clean Elections USA will not appeal a late Tuesday ruling by a federal judge blocking most of what it can do while watching ballot boxes. The move ends any litigation against the group by the League of Women Voters, which got Judge Michael Liburdi to issue a temporary restraining order barring everything from taking pictures of people dropping their ballots into the boxes to prohibiting anyone who is openly armed or dressed in body armor from being within 250 feet of the drop boxes.” [Arizona Capitol Times, 11/2/22]

- **In Exchange, Attorneys for Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans Agreed to Drop Appeal Request from Different Lawsuit.** “But the decision is not one sided. In exchange, attorneys for the Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans have agreed to drop their request that the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals issue an emergency order granting the relief they sought against Clean Elections USA in a separate lawsuit, a ruling that did not go their way. Most of the issues effectively were resolved with the Tuesday temporary restraining order. But that order did not cover something that AARA had sought and that Liburdi never granted: a prohibition against members of Clean Elections USA from gathering ‘within sight of drop boxes,’ whether armed or not, or whether taking photos or not.” [Arizona Capitol Times, 11/2/22]
- **Order Did Not Impair Members to Monitor Drop Boxes as Long as They Didn’t Take Video and Remained at Least 75 Feet Away.** “In fact, the Tuesday order does not impair members of the organization continuing to monitor drop boxes as long as they are at least 75 feet away and as long as they do not take videos of those within that perimeter.” [Arizona Capitol Times, 11/2/22]

Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans President: “Casting a Ballot Is Not Only a Constitutional Right But a Patriotic Act.” “Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans President Sandra Cole released the following statement regarding the Arizona District Court issuance of a Temporary Restraining Order in the case Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans v. Clean Elections USA. ‘This order is a win for all Arizonans, especially seniors who are the most likely to vote by early ballot. Casting a ballot is not only a constitutional right, but a patriotic act. ‘We intend to withdraw our emergency motion in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals today since the Temporary Restraining Order covers the harassment and intimidation tactics we were primarily concerned with. ‘Recent Arizona history tells us that there may be more challenges to democracy in our state. Arizona Alliance members will continue to do whatever we can to ensure all older voters can make their voices heard at the ballot box.’” [Yellow Sheet Report, 11/2/22]

Federal Voter Intimidation Lawsuit

After League of Women Voters Sued over Voter Intimidation, Federal Judge Sharply Curtailed Clean Elections USA’s Activity. “The group may not take photos or videos of voters, openly carry firearms near ballot boxes, or post information about voters online, a federal judge ruled. A federal judge in Arizona has sharply curtailed the activities of an election-monitoring group in the vicinity of ballot boxes, including taking photos or videos of voters, openly carrying firearms, posting information about voters online, or spreading falsehoods about election laws. The group, Clean Elections USA, has the stated goal of preventing voter fraud by staking out ballot boxes to ensure that people don’t behave as ‘mules’ by illegally casting multiple ballots. In recent weeks, self-described ‘mule watchers’ — some armed — have gathered around outdoor ballot boxes in Maricopa County to take pictures of voters and, in some cases, post those images online.” [New York Times, 11/1/22]

- **Group Said It Had Agreed to Cease Certain Activities, Including Refraining from Openly Carrying Guns Or Wearing Visible Body Armor within 250 Feet of Ballot Boxes, as Well as Following Or Interacting with Voters within 75 Feet of the Boxes.** “Last week, the League of Women Voters sued the group, saying that its actions amounted to ‘time-tested methods of voter intimidation,’ and seeking an injunction to halt its activities. Early on Tuesday before a hearing on the matter, Clean Elections USA said it had agreed to cease some activities, including refraining from openly carrying guns or wearing visible body armor within 250 feet of ballot

boxes, as well as following or interacting with voters within 75 feet of the boxes.” [New York Times, 11/1/22]

- **Temporary Restraining Order Also Prohibited Group from Taking Photos Or Videos of Voters Or Disseminating Information about Voters Online.** “But the temporary restraining order issued by Judge Michael T. Liburdi, who was appointed by former President Donald J. Trump, goes well beyond that agreement, prohibiting the group ‘and other persons in active concert or participation with’ it from taking photos or videos of voters or disseminating information about voters online, and also from ‘making false statements’ about Arizona’s statutes regarding early voting in interviews or on social media. Lawyers for Clean Elections USA had resisted those limits, claiming they impinged on the group’s First Amendment rights and, in the case of comments made by its founder, Melody Jennings, would amount to unconstitutional prior restraint.” [New York Times, 11/1/22]
- **Judge: “It Is Imperative We Balance the Defendants’ Right to Engage in First Amendment-Protected Activity with the Plaintiffs’ Right to Act without Intimidation Or Harassment.”** “‘It is imperative we balance the defendants’ right to engage in First Amendment-protected activity with the plaintiffs’ right to act without intimidation or harassment,’ said Judge Liburdi after a marathon hearing in Phoenix punctuated by testimony from a Mesa, Ariz., man who said he and his wife were menaced when they went to vote last month.” [New York Times, 11/1/22]
- **Judge Noted Certain Allegations Went Well Beyond Testimony from Earlier Federal Suit.** “According to the man, who testified without revealing his name publicly for fear of harassment, eight to 10 people filmed the couple and told them they were ‘hunting mules.’ Images of him and his car were posted online and Ms. Jennings subsequently appeared on the podcast of Stephen K. Bannon, the former Trump adviser, saying they had caught a mule and ‘blasted it out viral.’ Judge Liburdi called his experience particularly compelling, and noted that it went well beyond testimony from last week in a parallel case against Clean Elections USA. In that lawsuit, brought by the Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans and Voto Latino, the judge declined to enjoin Clean Elections USA’s activities, saying he had not seen any evidence that real harm had befallen any voters. That ruling is being appealed in the Ninth Circuit.” [New York Times, 11/1/22]
- **Judge: “I...Have a Problem with...Jennings...Stating...What the Law Is...Incorrectly in a Way that Is Intimidating Or Coercive to Voting Behavior.”** “In his concluding remarks on Tuesday, Judge Liburdi pointed to incorrect statements made by Ms. Jennings in posts on social media and in interviews that only spouses could return ballots on behalf of voters in Arizona, when in fact housemates and caregivers are legally permitted to do so in the state. ‘This does not prohibit Miss Jennings from correctly stating what the law is,’ said Judge Liburdi, noting that he would also draft a preliminary injunction against Clean Elections USA in coming days. ‘I just have a problem with her stating it incorrectly in a way that is intimidating or coercive to voting behavior.’” [New York Times, 11/1/22]
- **Justice Department Filed Brief over the Issue; Noted that Constitution Did Not Protect Voter Intimidation.** “On Monday, the Justice Department filed a brief on the issue, noting that while it had no opinion on the lawsuit itself, the Constitution does not protect voter intimidation and that harassing or trying to harass people casting ballots could violate the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Underscoring the urgency of the moment, lawyers for the League of Women Voters

noted that Tuesday was the last day to mail in early ballots under Arizona statute, making ballot boxes the only option for people who wish to vote before Election Day.” [New York Times, 11/1/22]

- **President of League of Women Voters of Arizona Described How Group’s Activities Had Threatened Her Members.** “Pinny Sheoran, president of the League of Women Voters of Arizona, also provided sworn testimony at Tuesday’s hearing, describing how the activities of Clean Elections USA and similar groups had frightened her members, who feared they could be followed or even physically assaulted if they sought to deposit a ballot in a drop box. To address those concerns, the group had spent time and money aiming to educate Arizona voters that they had a legal right to vote, she said. ‘Today’s U.S. District Court decision is a victory for the voters of Arizona who have the right to cast their ballots free from intimidation, threats or coercion,’ she said in a statement after the hearing.” [New York Times, 11/1/22]

Cease & Desist

October 2022: Lawyer for Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission Sent Cease-and-Desist Letter to Clean Elections USA; Referenced Reports of Voter Intimidation and Said Name Caused Widespread Voter Confusion and Violated Laws. “A lawyer for the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission sent a cease-and-desist letter (LINK) to Clean Elections USA, one of the groups organizing ballot box stakeouts across the state. The letter referenced reports of voter intimidation and noted the group’s use of the Clean Elections name caused widespread voter confusion and ‘violated several Arizona statutes and common-law doctrines. ‘ The letter specifically mentions ARS 16-1013(2) (LINK), which bans the use of any fraudulent device or tactics to impede, prevent or interfere with the right to vote; ARS 13-2406 (LINK), a statute barring people from impersonating a public servant; and ARS 13-2008 (LINK), a law against taking the identity of another person or entity. The letter also generally argues that Clean Elections USA is impeding ACCEC’s duty to educate voters. ACCEC’s attorneys set a Thursday deadline and said they ‘are prepared to take all steps necessary to protect the public from confusion.’” [Yellow Sheet Report, 10/26/22]

Citizens Clean Elections Commission Said Clean Elections USA Was Not Only Causing Confusion But Angering Residents Who Now Believed Commission Was Working to Impede Right to Vote. “The Citizens Clean Elections Commission is asking a judge to immediately bar a group that monitors ballot drop boxes and raises doubts about election results from using its name in Arizona. The activities of Clean Elections USA are causing not only confusion but anger by Arizona residents who believe the commission is working to impede the right of people to vote by spreading misinformation about the election process, said Tom Collins, the commission's executive director. In fact, Collins said, his office is getting angry calls from people wondering why a state agency would engage in activities like monitoring drop boxes, discouraging people from voting which he said is precisely the opposite message of the commission.” [Arizona Daily Star, 11/3/22]

November 2022: Maricopa Judge Told Jennings to Stop Using the Name “Clean Elections USA.” “A Maricopa County judge told the founder of a group that organized people to monitor ballot drop boxes to stop using the name ‘Clean Elections USA’ for her organization. The temporary injunction issued on Monday follows a lawsuit from the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission, which argued that Clean Elections USA’s name violated its trademark.” Arizona Capitol Times, 11/14/22]

- **Jennings Also Had to Take Down a Post Titled ‘10+ Ways the Election Was Rigged in Maricopa County...’** “Clean Elections USA’s founder, Melody Jennings, must also take down

a post on the website www.cleanelectionsusa.org titled ‘10+ ways the election was rigged in Maricopa County,’ Judge Scott Blaney ordered. Jennings and Clean Elections USA helped organize and encourage people to monitor ballot drop boxes in Phoenix and Mesa, arguing that it was necessary to deter voter fraud. ‘2000 Mules clearly illustrated that there was a coordinated effort to stuff ballot box (sic) in 2020. Our immediate and urgent mission is to prevent this from happening in 2022,’ the group’s website previously stated, referring to a debunked film that purported to show that ‘mules’ unlawfully dropped off ballots during the 2020 election. The Clean Elections Commission argued that Jennings was damaging its brand and causing public confusion. They submitted evidence showing people had angrily emailed, called and messaged the Commission, thinking they were behind the activities of Clean Elections USA. Blaney wrote in the six-page ruling that the Clean Elections Commission was clearly harmed by Jennings’ use of the name Clean Elections USA, but one thing that gave him pause was the prospect of letting a government agency limit a private group’s political speech.” Arizona Capitol Times, 11/14/22]

May 2023: Clean Elections reached settlement in lawsuit. “An Arizona group that monitored ballot drop boxes for signs of fraud during the midterm elections has settled a lawsuit and agreed to ‘publicly condemn intimidation of any kind in connection with the exercise of the right to vote,’ according to a statement Sunday from the League of Women Voters of Arizona, which had filed the suit. The organization last October sued the group formerly known as Clean Elections USA and its founder, Melody Jennings, alleging the tactics of the group and its allies amounted to illegal voter intimidation.” [Washington Post, [5/21/23](#)]

JENNINGS WORK POST CLEAN ELECTIONS USA

Social Media

Jennings regularly on Truth Social under the name @RealCoachMel, but she maintains the @TrumperMel handle as a backup. “This is my backup account with my former name when we stood up nearly 10,000 to watch drop boxes in 2022. Follow me on @RealCoachMel.” [Truth Social, @TrumperMel, accessed [6/20/24](#)]

Jennings has 41.3k followers on Truth Social. [@RealCoachMel, accessed [6/20/24](#)]

Jennings has 1.01k followers on Rumble. [The Coach Mel Show, accessed [6/20/24](#)]

June 2024: Jennings returned to Twitter as @MelodyJenn72502. “New account on Twitter. Come follow me there if you have an account and I will follow back.” [@RealCoachMel, [6/11/24](#)]

- **750 followers on Twitter.** [@MelodyJenn72502, accessed [6/20/24](#)]

June 2024: In a Truth Social thread, Jennings claimed to have organized 10k people in 2022, and said she wanted to prevent Trump voters from being discouraged: “People were saying they would never vote again. People stopped believing in Trump. it was painful to watch, knowing that this stuff was all hopium.” “Ok ready! You may not know my history, but in 22 I stood up almost 10,000 people across the country to watch dropboxes in dropbox states. On August 25, I was sued by two alliances/Mark Elias. Catherine Engelbrecht stood up next to me and paid for the law fair and Mark Elias gets to pound sand. But during that election that was supposed to be a red wave many people black pilled because Trump and the military were supposed to come in and save them, they didn’t understand Why Trump wasn’t reinstated. Myself and a few others worked tirelessly out here pounding the

keyboards trying to encourage people and trying to tell them they were hearing lies. People were saying they would never vote again. People stopped believing in Trump. it was painful to watch, knowing that this stuff was all hopium. What was a national stance against the deep state became a battle cry for me to free people's minds from the con artists and the grifters who were causing them to" [[@RealCoachMel, 6/19/24](#)]

- **Jennings: “I was pushing people towards getting involved locally. ... almost deleted my account when I realized how many people had fallen for this mind control...”** “...lose faith in the constitution, pushing them to never vote again, and driving people to dangerous rhetoric. I was pushing people towards getting involved locally, spent weeks teaching people about becoming a precinct committee member, about joining local civics groups, showing people where to get plugged in to help save the country and I kept running into these hostile people who cursed me and jeered at me because the military is in control, or...the US is a corporation and you're an idiot. DC is foreign soil and you are a corporation. I kept at it for a year, struggling through these groups that would swarm me up, studying, researching, almost deleted my account when I realized how many people had fallen for this mind control and I became so discouraged. I took a breather and regrouped. I decided I can't let it get me down because there are innocent people who are seeing these people post and don't know better than to believe this stuff. Continued ...” [[@RealCoachMel, 6/19/24](#)]
- **Jennings: “The more I researched the angrier ... I got...”** “actually ... The more I researched the angrier at these narratives I got because I found the truth and saw through the lies. Then, on September 11 this past year my father fell off a ladder to his death. My grief turned to anger. I decided I was done doing the ad naseum repeat day after day after day to a person at a time only to have the same questions asked of me the next day and the next. It was when Derek Johnson kept posting ‘50 USC 1550’ over and over again that I finally snapped. He has twisted it completely out of recognition for his grift. I sat down to expose it and didn't stop. After a year and a half and after my dad passed, I was just done enough and just angry enough to pour it all out in 2 books while I took a much needed break from social to grieve the loss of my father...who by the way, had fallen for a bunch of this crap which fueled the flame of my anger and need to write the books all the more. Continued...” [[@RealCoachMel, 6/19/24](#)]
- **Jennings: “These books were me fighting back...”** “...These books were me fighting back the angry tears over his loss and the angry tears that liars got to him. As well as me exposing Derek. When people call me paytriot they have NO idea what that triggers for me. They don't know why I wrote them. It was people like [@Wisehart](#) and [@Alice2](#) and [@kellyfhall](#) , [@AAESZC](#) , [@SpartanAltsobaPatriot](#) (who has done many podcast civics trainings with me and helped expose the lies) and several others out here that kept me encouraged and fighting through all the opposition.” [[RealCoachMel, 6/19/24](#)]

ReAwaken America Tour

June 2024: Jennings spoke at a Reawaken America Tour stop in Detroit. Early in her speech, she recognized those in the audience who were getting involved in local elections and encouraged others to join them. “If any more of you would like to join these people, find those who are intercessors. Find those who are jumping into the system in your state, in your city, in your county. If you don't know what it means to be a precinct committee member, or an election judge, or a poll worker, talk to one of those ones that stood up, and let's find out. Let's get more of you doing this. Because this is where it all starts, it is grassroots.” [Rumble, [6/11/24](#)]

- **Jennings:** “Every one of us, we love our Jesus, we love our god, we love our guns , we love our country and we love Trump. Amen.” [Rumble, [6/11/24](#)]
- **Jennings:** Too many conservatives “online listening to ... a bunch of crap.” “However, I want to say something a little bit sobering. There are so many of us who are out online, listening to a bunch of stuff that’s a bunch of crap. Trump is not the commander in chief. There are no Americans going to Gitmo being tribunal-ed, that would be completely unconstitutional by the way, but we don’t know our constitution. Biden did not have a funeral instead of an inauguration. The United States is not a corporation. Oh I’m going to get into trouble for that one.” [Rumble, [6/11/24](#)]
- **Jennings:** “When you go and do the research, you find out. Oh, they’re distracting us, from what? Local engagement.” [Rumble, [6/11/24](#)]

Associations

January 2024: Jennings said she looked forward to reconnecting with activists she worked with “when I was in Michigan last year for the dropbox thing.” “How fun, that’ll be in Detroit, Michigan. Hey, I can say some hi’s to some of you folks that I got to speak with when I was in Michigan last year for the dropbox thing, so definitely come say hi.” [Rumble, [1/12/24](#)]

June 2024: Jennings indicated that Flynn was at the event and watched her speech. “Meeting so MANY wonderful patriots this weekend was a highlight of my year! Standing on that stage with General Flynn feet away from me & him speaking words of encouragement to me just before going on stage is almost surreal. He is such a gentle & kind gentleman while also being a fierce warrior of knowledge, truth and patriotism. I sold out of all my books this weekend while there. Folks had lots of questions and MANY came up to me thanking me for speaking truth even if it’s not always popular. I pray we all understand and learn just how important it is to never compromise truth even if it means swimming upstream. I sat with a few who came to me after my speech bewildered, eyes filled with angry tears because they feel like they have been deceived by influencers in the truth movement. By the end of our sit-downs together each one went away feeling more empowered and more positive about their ability to discern truth. Beautiful people. Each person I encountered blessed me greatly.” [@RealCoachMel, [6/9/24](#)]

Jennings posted photos with several conservative influencers and podcasters she interacted with at the event.

- **8traQ:** “@8traQ Pit friends Reunite ❤️🇺🇸” [@RealCoachMel, [6/9/24](#)]
 - **“Vegas Mark aka 8traQ”:** “Co-host of 'The 40,000 Ft. View' podcast on Patriots Helping Patriots News Network.” [@8traQ, accessed [6/20/24](#)]
- **ENoCH:** “@elenochle there is something so God and so precious when you get to meet your friends irl and Holy Spirit is the center of the conversation. 🕊️ God is so cool! (Day after a conference tiredness has fully kicked in for us both! Ha) such a great weekend with friends.” [@RealCoachMel, [6/9/24](#)]

- **“ENoCH / Mr. Magapalooza”**: “Editor in Chief of the #NewsBlast Organizer of #Magapalooza National Patriot Campouts Creator of GreenDragon channels on Telegram Q’d over 30 times” [@elenochle, accessed [6/20/24](#)]
- **John Gridley**: “When you meet wonderful friends at Reawaken Tour and want to brag about it. So great to meet you @johngridley” [@RealCoachMel, [6/7/24](#)]
- **“John Gridley”**: “Christian, conservative. Basketball and volleyball. Retired from FDA.” [@johngridley, accessed [6/20/24](#)]

June 2024: “This place is spiritual warfare.” [@RealCoachMel, [6/5/24](#)]

Distancing from Conspiracy Theories

January 2024: “I’m not a Q girl.... I’m going to continue to have a lot of Q friends ...” “I think there needs to be a lot of grace and helping each other, but also being careful who we follow. I know that’s a Q thing. I’m not a Q girl. I used to say I’m Q affectionate because I have a lot of Q friends, and I’m going to continue to have a lot of Q friends. I’m also going to have a lot of non-Q friends, and this is not a place where we should be fighting, y’all, Q or Not Q. I’m not Q anymore, and I’ve got specific reasons for that. I never really was. I’ve never actually never been onto 4chan or 8kun or, I’ve literally never – never. So I was only just Q affectionate, meaning I would hear my friends talk about it, and I’d go, ‘Oh that sounds cool.’ I don’t think it sounds cool anymore personally, but that’s just me. I’ve just seen where it’s taken people, and I think there’s way too much room for interpretation and misinterpretation, and I think a lot of people have taken their personal decodes. I mean there’s like 10 different decodes for one Q post, and not all 10 of those can be right. So for me, I would really love for people to put that down for a minute, and let’s focus on what’s actually happening.... When you need a code to tell you how to think about something or to shape your worldview, I think that’s problematic. I think we get into some things that derail us a little bit, even if we started out with a pure heart. I’m not saying that our hearts aren’t pure anymore. But I think it just can take us into places that are maybe get us away from reality. So I’m going to just lay that there gently.” [Rumble, [1/12/24](#)]

June 2024: Jennings said discussion of conspiracy theories such as whether President Biden secretly died are a distraction from looking for voter fraud or GOTV. “That he is still alive? Correct it is. I think the greater point which you just made Tammy, is that this whole idea of Biden being the real Biden or not is just that. Opinion. There is no proof he is dead or that the Biden we see isn’t the real Biden. And yet people collectively spend thousands of hours discussing something that can’t be determined. Which doesn’t make any sense to me. What if we spent those same collective hours scouring through ‘active’ voter rolls locally and turning in long lists of names that are active in 2 states? What if we spent those hours. Getting out the vote in our neighborhoods?” [@RealCoachMel, [6/15/24](#)]

Promotion of Voter Involvement

May 2023: Jennings launched The Coach Mel Show on Rumble and said she would be promoting ways to get involved at the grassroots level. “We’re going to be doing this Monday-Friday, talking together about ways to take care of our country and get it healed on a grassroots level. Some of the things we’ll be talking about will be precinct strategy and getting on your school boards, getting on the boards of elections, working in your community, working on becoming election judges, finding out how to write bills and do all kinds of things, so those are just a few of the things we’ll go over more.” [Rumble, [5/29/23](#)]

- **June 2023: “Precinct Strategy Deep Dive”** [Rumble, [6/5/23](#)] – “I can relate to that; I just wrapped up a lawsuit... lawfare”
- **November 2023: Jennings interviewed a representative from Turning Point Action working on elections efforts in Wisconsin.** “He understands that it starts in the counties.” [Rumble, [November 2023](#)]

Books/Articles

Jennings has authored and self-published three books: “Patriot Psyops: The Battle For Your Mind,” published March 2024; “The Corporation Illusion: Unmasking 1871,” published April 2024; and 7:14: America's Battle Cry, published May 2024. The three titles retail for a combined \$76.49 on Amazon. [Amazon.com, accessed [6/20/24](#)]

- **Jennings will be in Tulsa for a book signing in June 2024.** “On Saturday, June 29th I will be in Tulsa Oklahoma and will be doing a book signing at Collaborative Coffee from 10 am to 2 pm. I would love to meet you!” [@RealCoachMel, [6/19/24](#)]

April 2024: Jennings wrote American Thinker article: “The quest for fairness in Trump’s trial jury selection.” “The integrity of the American judicial system, predicated on the principle of a fair trial by an impartial jury, faces a monumental test in the upcoming hush-money trial of former President Donald Trump. As Judge Juan Merchan lays out the jury selection questionnaire, probing potential jurors on their political affiliations, rally attendances, and views on Trump, the challenge of assembling an unbiased jury in Manhattan—or anywhere, for that matter—becomes glaringly evident.” [American Thinker, [4/9/24](#)]

Public Records

Sparse official documentation. Jennings does not appear to have ever registered Clean Elections USA as a business, nonprofit organization or political committee, according to searches of state and federal corporate registrations, campaign activity and nonprofit tax filings. [[IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search](#), [FEC Committee Search](#), [Oklahoma Ethics Commission Committee Search](#), [Oklahoma Business Entity Search](#), [Arizona Corporations Commission Search](#), [Arizona Elections Fund Portal](#), [South Carolina Business Name Search](#), searches performed 6/20/24]

Various aliases/addresses in database abstracts. A search of the Tulsa, Oklahoma, address associated with Jennings in the 2022 federal litigation indicates that Jennings has gone by various names and maintained multiple addresses over the years. She appears to also go by the name Melody Gay Lloyd and is associated with a current residence in Fort Mill, South Carolina. Other name variations associated with Jennings include: Melody Chiocco and Melody Oriente. We were unable to find additional information on these aliases in initial searches. [SmartLinx Person Report, accessed 6/23/24]

- **Jennings: “I’m in the Carolinas.”** [Rumble, [June 2023](#)]
- **Jennings: “I live in two places. [Tulsa, OK] is one of them.”** “Guest: You live in Tulsa, right? Jennings: I live in two places. That’s one of them.” [Rumble, [1/12/24](#)]