

J. BRIAN RATLEDGE - NORTH CAROLINA JUDGE DISTRICT COURT SEAT 2 DISTRICT 10D (R)

Key findings include:

- **Large anti-vaccine and COVID sentiments.** Ratledge has many retweets and original tweets that question the impact of COVID. [[Twitter](#), 1/18/2026]
- **General right-wing extremism indicators.** Ratledge has tweeted about liberalism being a disease, negative sentiments towards immigrants, anti-trans sentiments, and election denialism.

North Carolina's District Court District 10D covers Wake County, one of the fastest-growing and most politically significant counties in the state. Anchored by Raleigh (the state capital) and part of the Research Triangle, the area combines a large professional workforce, major universities, and a rapidly diversifying population. Politically, Wake County has trended Democratic in federal and statewide races, though judicial races remain formally nonpartisan on ballots (with partisan affiliations still influential).

District courts in North Carolina handle family law, civil disputes, domestic violence cases, and misdemeanors, making them highly consequential for everyday legal outcomes and community trust in the justice system [[NCADCJ](#), accessed 3/30/2026] The local electorate tends to be more educated and suburban than statewide averages, with increasing attention to issues like criminal justice reform, equity in family courts, and judicial professionalism.

BACKGROUND

J. Brian Ratledge is the incumbent District Court Judge (Seat 2) in District 10D, first elected in 2018 and re-elected in 2022. Professionally, Ratledge has a background as both a private attorney and government lawyer [[Trellis](#), accessed 3/30/2026]. Prior to taking the bench, he worked as general counsel for the North Carolina Industrial Commission and Department of Administration, and previously ran his own law firm handling criminal, family, and civil matters [[Judge Brian Ratledge](#), accessed 3/30/2026]. On the bench, he presides over both family court and criminal matters, and was designated Lead Family Court Judge in Wake County in 2021, indicating a leadership role within the district court system. He also serves on the Chief Justice's Rules Advisory Commission, suggesting integration into statewide judicial policy circles. [[NC Courts](#), accessed 3/30/2026] Ratledge's educational background includes a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Tennessee and a J.D. from Campbell University. He is active in his church (serving as an elder) and previously served on the Wake County Board of Elections, including as chairman (2015–2016) [[Judge Brian Ratledge](#), accessed 3/30/2026].

According to his Facebook, he is from Knoxville, TN, he currently resides in Fuquay Varina, NC, his wife is named Elizabeth Rogers Ratledge and they have three children. Ratledge does not have any state or FEC contributions.

ON THE ISSUES

NO FINDINGS OF NOTE FOR FIRST ROUND VET

VULNERABILITIES & ADVERSE FINDINGS OF NOTE

ICE

Ratledge retweeted posts that shamed an anti-ICE protest that happened in a church in Minneapolis. [[Twitter](#), 1/18/2026]



↻ J. Brian Ratledge reposted

 **Robert Hasler**  @rdhasler · Jan 18

From all accounts, the believers at Cities Church responded to this shameful act with grace and self-control. The church played its part. I pray the state will now play theirs.

 **Center for Baptist Leadership**  @BaptistLeaders · Jan 18

Shocking footage from Cities Church in Minneapolis this morning (an SBC church) where an anti-ICE mob stormed the service and disrupted their worship, alleging one of the church's lead pastors is an ICE agent.

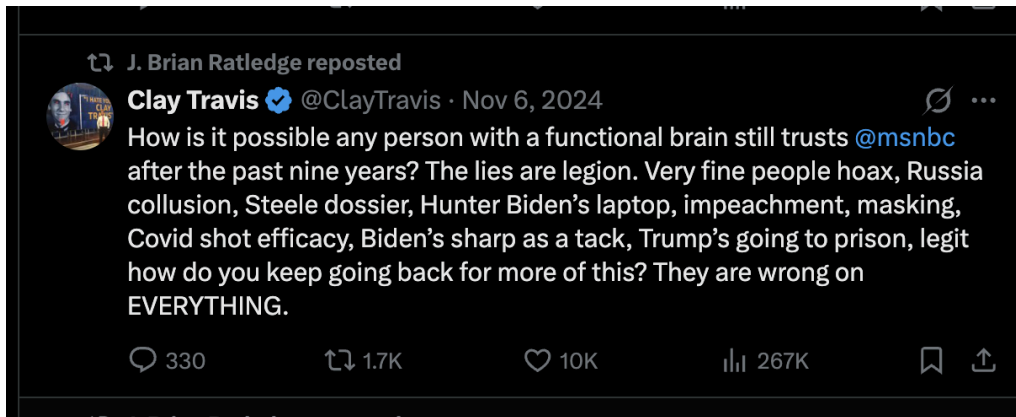


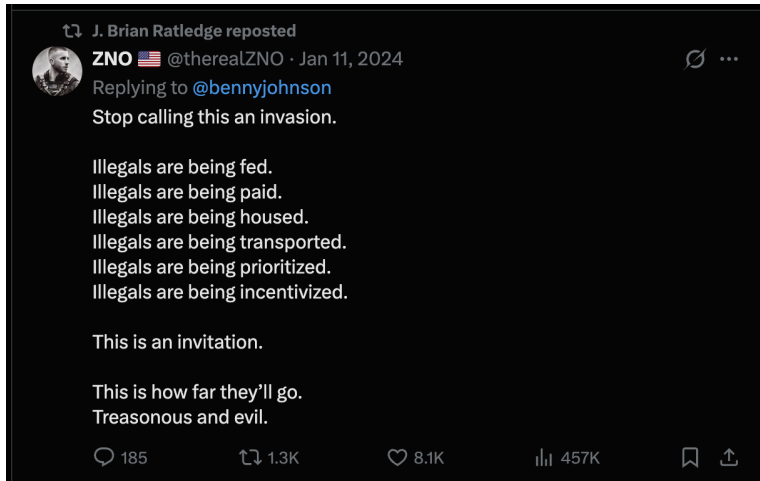
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General Right-Wing Extremism

Ratlidge retweeted a post that progressivism is a diseased worldview. [[Twitter](#), 1/18/2026]





COVID

Ratledge retweeted a post that claims that “science” was wrong on COVID vaccines. [[Twitter](#), 12/30/2025]



Ratledge retweeted a post about how COVID impacted children. [[Twitter](#), 8/7/2025]

J. Brian Ratledge reposted



Jennifer Sey @JenniferSey · Aug 7, 2025



The world wants to forget what happened during covid.

But our children are still paying the price.

Generation-Covid is a documentary feature film that tells the story of this forgotten generation.



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J. Brian Ratledge reposted



Ratledge tweeted about a podcast praising RFK and pushing vaccine and autism conspiracy. [Twitter, 7/1/2025]



Election Denialism

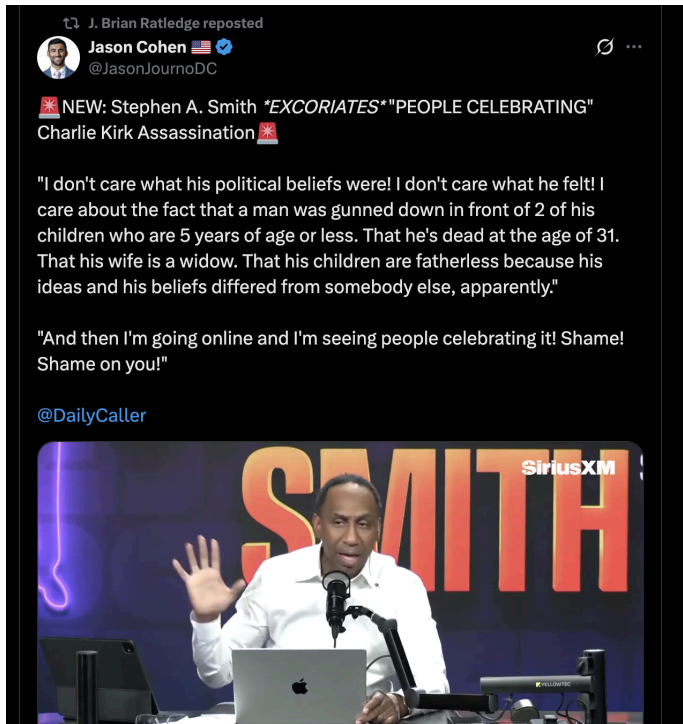
Ratledge retweeted a post about Fulton County illegally certifying ballots. [Twitter, 12/19/2025]



Charlie Kirk

Ratledge retweeted a post about Charlie Kirk. [Twitter, 9/17/2025]





Anti-Trans Sentiments

Ratledge retweeted a post claiming that Imane Khelif is a transgender athlete. [Twitter, 7/30/2024]



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