

MESA COUNTY CANDIDATE FOR CLERK & RECORDER ABIGAIL ELIZABETH “ABBY” SILZELL (R)

Republican Abby Silzell is a 30-year-old first-time candidate challenging incumbent Clerk and Recorder Bobbie Gross in a June 30 Republican primary that will decide who controls Mesa County's Clerk and Recorder office outright. There is no Democratic or other candidate in the race. Silzell, who grew up on the Grand Mesa and currently works in sales and marketing for Copper Creek Builders, has no experience in election administration of any kind. Her campaign is centered on “secure elections,” “auditing the voter rolls,” and “bringing integrity to the office.” Her personal social media accounts reveal fervent support for convicted former election official Tina Peters, who formerly held the office Silzell now seeks. (Silzell also frequently espouses anti-vaccine sentiment and content from Christian nationalist figures.) Silzell's sole identified public endorser is a local election denier with ties to the extremist group Stand for the Constitution. Politically, Mesa County is considered [strongly conservative](#).

Key Findings:

Silzell is challenging incumbent Bobbie Gross in a Republican primary that will decide the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder race outright. Silzell qualified for the primary ballot by receiving 32.4% of delegate votes at the Mesa County Republican Assembly, compared to incumbent Bobbie Gross's 67.6%. The winner of the June 30 primary will serve as Clerk and Recorder without facing further opposition. The Grand Junction Daily Sentinel reported that “there are no other candidates in this race, so the primary victor will be the clerk and recorder.”

Silzell is a fervent supporter of convicted former elections official Tina Peters, whose former office she is now seeking. Between August 2023 and March 2026, Silzell's personal X account (@ae7silzell) was dominated by reposts defending Peters and amplifying claims that the 2020 election was rigged. She amplified content from Trump, Steve Bannon, Patrick Byrne, Joe Oltmann, Lara Logan, Liz Harrington, and QAnon-adjacent figures, all framing Peters's criminal conviction as political persecution. She reposted Trump's own Truth Social post stating: “FREE TINA PETERS, WHO SITS IN A COLORADO PRISON, DYING & OLD, FOR ATTEMPTING TO EXPOSE VOTER FRAUD IN THE RIGGED 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION!!!”

Silzell's campaign uses election denier language and her only identified public supporter is a local election denier with ties to the extremist group Stand for the Constitution. Silzell's campaign website calls for “securing elections,” “auditing and maintaining the voter rolls,” and “bringing integrity to the office.” In a May 2026 campaign video, Silzell stated: “Our elections right now are not as secure as they should be.” Her sole identified public endorser, Tom Keenan, is described by the Anne Landman Blog as “a local conservative political activist who has been an election denier since 2021” and a regular attendee at meetings of Stand for the Constitution, which has hosted and defended Tina Peters.

Silzell's personal social media shows a sustained pattern of sharing far-right and anti-democratic content. On her personal Facebook page (primarily active in 2021), Silzell shared anti-abortion content from Lila Rose equating abortion rights with “slave ownership,” anti-vaccine content, and posts dismissing January 6 as an insurrection. Her X account shows repeated engagement with anti-vaccine figures including Children's Health Defense and The HighWire, and Christian nationalist content from David Barton and Tim Barton of WallBuilders.

BACKGROUND & BIO

Career

2025-Present: Silzell works as a sales marketing and operations coordinator at Copper Creek Builders in Fruita, Colorado. [Abigail Silzell LinkedIn, [accessed 6/5/26](#)]

2021-2023: Silzell worked as a closing assistant at Land Title Guarantee Company in Grand Junction. [Abigail Silzell LinkedIn, [accessed 6/5/26](#)]

- **Silzell says she “spent three years as a licensed title officer on one of the busiest closing teams on the Western Slope.”** “For most of her career, Abby has worked in high-volume administrative roles that demand precision, integrity, and excellent public service. She spent three years as a licensed title officer on one of the busiest closing teams on the Western Slope preparing, reviewing, and recording thousands of real estate documents during one of the most active real estate periods in recent memory. That experience gave her firsthand insight into the importance of accurate record-keeping and efficient recording processes.” [Committee to Abby Silzell, [accessed 6/5/26](#)]

2017-2021: Silzell worked in retail positions in Fort Worth, Texas. [Abigail Silzell LinkedIn, [accessed 6/5/26](#)]

Silzell claims to have tracked “national elections for two full cycles on behalf of history organizations.” “Her passion for history has brought her several opportunities to be involved with elections, including tracking national elections for two full cycles on behalf of history organizations. Those experiences strengthened her conviction that secure, transparent elections are the foundation of our republic.” [Committee to Abby Silzell, [accessed 6/5/26](#)]

Campaign

March 2026: Silzell qualified for the primary ballot by receiving 32.4% of delegate votes at the Mesa County Republican Assembly. “Incumbent Bobbie Gross received 250 votes (67.6%) and challenger Abigail Silzell received 120 votes (32.4%).” [Grand Junction Daily Sentinel, [4/1/26](#)]

April 2026: Silzell: “I am honored to announce that I am running to be Republican candidate for Mesa County Clerk and Recorder.” “I am honored to announce that I am running to be Republican candidate for Mesa County Clerk and Recorder, I hope to earn your vote this June during the republican primary!” [Abby Silzell for Mesa County Clerk and Recorder, Instagram, [4/6/26](#)]

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Report	Amount Raised	Amount Disbursed	On Hand
Report of Contributions & Expenditures 6.9.26	\$4,028.96	\$1,567.32	\$2,461.64

April 2026: Silzell’s sole identified local supporter is conservative election denier and activist Tom Keenan. “There are no reports so far on the Secretary of State’s TRACER website so far showing who, if anyone, has donated funds in support of Silzell’s candidacy, but one of her supporters is Tom Keenan, who endorsed her in a post on Facebook. This is important because Keenan is a local conservative

political activist who has been an election denier since 2021. He is also former candidate for Mesa County School Board who doesn't believe students should pursue higher education and who was unable to put together a coherent sentence in a candidate questionnaire for that position in 2017. Keenan is a regular attendee at local political meetings that have featured, supported and defended former Mesa County Clerk — and now convicted felon doing 9 years in prison — Tina Peters, like meetings held by the extremist right wing group Stand for the Constitution.” [Anne Landman Blog, [4/29/26](#)]

August 2021: Silzell Contributed \$25 To Stand For The Constitution.

Contributor ▲	Covered Org	City, State	Type	Amount	Date	Recipient Name	In Kind?	Major	
ABBY SILZELL	No	MESA, CO	Monetary (Itemized)	\$25.00	08/30/2021	STAND FOR THE CONSTITUTION	No	No	View

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[Colorado Secretary of State, accessed, 5/7/2026]

Anne Landman Blog Called Stand For The Constitution A Local Extremist Group. “Stand for The Constitution (SFTC), the local extremist group that pushed to get Tina Peters elected County Clerk in 2018, that continued to support Peters even after her loss of 574 of ballots in 2019 and even after her indictments on multiple felony criminal charges related to election tampering, is now working to get Barbara Evanson and CynDee Skalla elected to the District 51 School Board in the November 7, 2023 election.” [[Anne Landman Blog](#), 10/21/2023]

Stand for the Constitution Continued Supporting Tina Peters Even After Peters Was Indicted On Multiple Criminal Charges Related To Election System Tampering In Mesa County. “Stand for The Constitution (SFTC), the local extremist group that pushed to get Tina Peters elected County Clerk in 2018, that continued to support Peters even after her loss of 574 of ballots in 2019 and even after her indictments on multiple felony criminal charges related to election tampering, is now working to get Barbara Evanson and CynDee Skalla elected to the District 51 School Board in the November 7, 2023 election.” [[Anne Landman Blog](#), 10/21/2023]

Stand for the Constitution Hosted Events Featuring Election Conspiracy Theorist Douglas Frank, Who Has Repeatedly Promoted False Claims About Widespread Election Fraud In U.S. Elections.

“Ohio math teacher-turned election conspiracy theorist Douglas Frank returned to Mesa County this week. Frank spoke at a July 14 Stand For The Constitution meeting at Appleton Christian Church in Grand Junction. “It’s good to be in a church, Frank told the audience of around 75. “A lot of places I go, no church will host me – they’re terrified.” In 2021, Frank’s election fraud conspiracy theories helped convince former clerk Tina Peters to commit multiple felonies related to breaching her own secure voter data. Frank travels the country soliciting subscribers to his debunked theory that elections are rigged by state officials and that counties need to control electoral processes. Frank claims he can accurately predict voter turnout in every county in the United States and that state officials are purging or inflating voter rolls, and stuffing ballots to change election outcomes. Frank invoked God and war multiple times during his two-hour presentation. Stand for the Constitution, which counts at least two Mesa GOP central committee (“bonus”) members, Nova Tucker and Tom Keenan, among its own current and former leaders (Tucker served as Vice Chair until late 2022), has promoted election denialism since 2021.” [[The Colorado Times Recorder](#), 8/10/2025]

A Vice Chair Of Stand for the Constitution Publicly Expressed Distrust In Colorado Election Systems Despite Audits And Reviews Confirming Election Accuracy Following The 2020 Election.

“Conservative Political activist Nova Tucker is a close friend and ally of Peters and worked to help elect conservative school board candidates. She trusts the results for a simple reason: “Because all eyes are on Mesa county, all eyes are on Mesa county. There was no way they were going to cheat in this election.” But that doesn’t give Tucker confidence in the overall election system. She calls this year’s security a temporary ‘pass’ and worries about the upcoming midterms.” [[Colorado Public Radio](#), 12/21/2021]

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

No findings identified.

AFFORDABILITY

No findings identified.

BUDGETS & TAXES

No findings identified.

CONTROVERSIES

SUPPORT FROM ELECTION DENIERS

April 2026: Tom Keenan Supported Silzell’s Campaign And Said “Let’s Step Up And Create Movement To Take Back Our Elections.

Abby Silzell for Mesa County Clerk and Recorder 's Post

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Abby Silzell for Mesa County Clerk and Recorder
Here is a link to the website -
<https://abbyforcountyclerk.com>

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Becky Hittle
The site looks great!

2w Like Reply



Abby Silzell for Mesa County Clerk and Recorder
Thanks!

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Tom Keenan
Mesa County is very fortunate to have a candidate such as Abby Silzell stepping up to represent the constituents of Mesa County as Clerk and Recorder. Please let's step up and create a movement to take back our elections. Let your family friends and neighbors review and participate in the upcoming June primary, it will select our next Clerk and Recorder. Don't miss the opportunity and in sharing the taking back Mesa county's elections.

[Facebook, Abby Silvell, 4/2026]

A Mesa County Local Blog Described Keenan As “A Local Conservative Political Activist” And “Election Denier.” “This is important because Keenan is a local conservative political activist who has been an election denier since 2021. He is also former candidate for Mesa County School Board who

doesn't believe students should pursue higher education and who was unable to put together a coherent sentence in a candidate questionnaire for that position in 2017. Keenan is a regular attendee at local political meetings that have featured, supported and defended former Mesa County Clerk — and now convicted felon doing 9 years in prison — Tina Peters, like meetings held by the extremist right wing group Stand for the Constitution.” [[Anne Landman Blog](#), accessed, 5/7/2026]

Tom Keenan Was President Of Stand For The Constitution. [Facebook, Stand for Constitution, 11/25/2021]

Stand For The Constitution Is A Mesa County Conservative Activist Group Tied To Election Denial Activism And Support For Former Clerk Tina Peters Following Peters’ Election Tampering Charges. “Stand for The Constitution (SFTC), the local extremist group that pushed to get Tina Peters elected County Clerk in 2018, that continued to support Peters even after her loss of 574 of ballots in 2019 and even after her indictments on multiple felony criminal charges related to election tampering, is now working to get Barbara Evanson and CynDee Skalla elected to the District 51 School Board in the November 7, 2023 election.” [[Anne Landman Blog](#), 10/21/2023]

April 2026: Silzell Rallied At Stand For The Constitution.

 **Abby Silzell for Mesa County Clerk and Recorder**
April 13 at 5:34 PM · 🌐 ...
I will be speaking tonight at stand for the constitution



[Facebook, Abby Silzell, 4/13/2026]

Q&A WITH STAND FOR THE CONSTITUTION

Mesa County Clerk Candidate Abby Silzell Advocated For Hand-Counted Elections And Paper Ballots While Speaking To The Far-Right Group “Stand For The Constitution.” During a May 2026 appearance before the extremist group Stand for the Constitution, Silzell said she wanted to “secure our elections by going back to hand counting and paper ballots” and said that if allies like James Wiley and Scott Bottoms won office “we could really start to change the state and in turn this county” [[Facebook](#), 00:00:35, accessed 5/15/2026].

Mesa County Clerk Candidate Abby Silzell Promoted Conspiracy Theories About Voting Machines Being Vulnerable To Election Manipulation. Silzell claimed that election fraud is easier to commit with voting machines because “with a machine you only need one or two people who can code properly and be able to get in to change that machine and cause a problem” [[Facebook](#), 00:06:22, accessed 5/15/2026].

Mesa County Clerk Candidate Abby Silzell Opposed Colorado’s Mail-In Voting System And Echoed Election Fraud Concerns About Mail Ballots. Silzell told attendees, “I share your concerns with mail-in voting. I am not in favor of mail-in voting,” and argued that Colorado should move toward “single day in-person voting” because mail ballots are “going to that address that no one knows probably who's picking it up” [[Facebook](#), 00:05:44, accessed 5/15/2026].

Mesa County Clerk Candidate Abby Silzell Credited Election Conspiracy Theorist Joe Oltmann For Encouraging Her To Run For Office. Silzell told attendees that Oltmann asked her why she was not running for county clerk and said, “Oh, we can fix that, you just have to run,” before helping connect her with political contacts to launch her campaign [[Facebook](#), 00:21:18, accessed 5/15/2026]. Oltmann played a major role in spreading the “Big Lie” after falsely claiming he overheard an “Antifa” conference call involving former Dominion Voting Systems employee Eric Coomer discussing election manipulation. Those claims were never substantiated and became the subject of multiple defamation lawsuits [[Axios](#), 5/15/2026].

Mesa County Clerk Candidate Abby Silzell Suggested She Would Challenge Or Potentially Defy State Election Rules She Disagreed With. While criticizing Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold’s election guidance, Silzell said election officials were creating “rules that aren't law” [[Facebook](#), 00:26:29, accessed 5/15/2026] and told attendees that if she faced conflicting directives “then it comes to you to help me figure out which one you would rather essentially have me break” [[Facebook](#), 00:23:38, accessed 5/15/2026].

Mesa County Clerk Candidate Abby Silzell Said She Would Remove Mesa County From The Colorado Clerks Association Because Of Its Connection To Republican Former Secretary Of State Wayne Williams. When asked about counties leaving the Colorado Clerks Association, Silzell responded, “I’d remove myself from it as well. In our county, it has way too much to do with Wayne Williams, and that is not where we want to be” [[Facebook](#), 00:22:21, accessed 5/15/2026].

Supporters At The Stand For The Constitution Event Compared Abby Silzell To Convicted Former Mesa County Clerk Tina Peters And Praised Her As Peters’ Ideological Successor. One attendee told the audience, “I think she's going to stand up for us like no one has since Tina,” [[Facebook](#), 00:15:39, accessed 5/15/2026] while another warned that “rogue counties” and “fraudulent votes” [[Facebook](#), 00:13:47, accessed 5/15/2026] were undermining elections across Colorado.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No findings identified.

EDUCATION

No findings identified.

ELECTIONS & BALLOT ACCESS

Silzell: “Our elections right now are not as secure as they should be.” “Hi, I’m Abby Silzell. I’m running for Mesa County Clerk and Recorder in the June 30 Republican primary. I believe every person has the right to knowing that their vote is counted properly and knowing that only registered voters have voted in primary and general elections. Our elections right now are not as secure as they should be. 86% of Americans agree with that and are wanting better security and more auditing of our voter rolls, and that’s what I intend to do if you vote for me in the June 30 election.” [Abby Silzell for Mesa County Clerk and Recorder, Instagram, [5/18/26](#)]

Silzell’s campaign priorities include “auditing and maintaining the voter rolls.” “Giving voters confidence that their votes are counted accurately, providing transparency throughout the whole system.” Her stated priorities also include: “Audit and maintain the voter rolls — Clean up the voter rolls by performing a full audit to identify and remove ineligible voters. Begin performing monthly updates to maintain an accurate registration.” [Abby Silzell for Mesa County Clerk and Recorder, [accessed 6/2/26](#)]

Between August 2023 and March 2026, Silzell’s personal X account was dominated by reposts defending Tina Peters and promoting election denial claims, including content from Trump, Steve Bannon, Joe Oltmann, Patrick Byrne, Lara Logan, Liz Harrington, and QAnon-adjacent figures. She reposted Trump’s Truth Social post: “FREE TINA PETERS, WHO SITS IN A COLORADO PRISON, DYING & OLD, FOR ATTEMPTING TO EXPOSE VOTER FRAUD IN THE RIGGED 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION!!!!” This activity continued while Silzell was planning her own run for Peters’s former office. [@ae7silzell, [accessed 6/3/26](#)]

Silzell said a conversation with conservative podcaster and Tina Peters supporter Joe Oltmann encouraged her to run for Mesa County Clerk and Recorder. “Silzell said a meeting with conservative podcaster and Tina Peters supporter Joe Oltmann encouraged her to run for elected office. Silzell has experience as a title officer, which informs her pitch for office. That appeal to voters includes making title searches less daunting and tweaking the county’s motor vehicle department in ways that would avoid repeat trips for residents.” [[CPR News](#), 6/20/2026]

Silzell described former Mesa County Clerk Tina Peters’ prosecution as “a very big miscarriage of justice all around.” “A candidate for Mesa County Clerk and Recorder thinks mail-in voting is unsafe, that ballots need to be counted by hand and that Tina Peters got a raw deal. ‘I’m actually hopeful that when we get a new governor that we have one who would be willing to pardon her fully because I do feel like it has been a very big miscarriage of justice all around,’ Abby Silzell told CPR News. Peters was sentenced to prison after a jury of Mesa County residents convicted her for crimes related to permitting unauthorized access to county voting in past elections, but did not uncover any evidence of wrongdoing. She was released from prison on June 1, a week before ballots for the June 30 primary were mailed to voters. Gov. Jared Polis commuted her sentence, stating that it was too harsh, and freed her from the La Vista Correctional Facility in Pueblo.” [[CPR News](#), 6/20/2026]

Silzell said she hopes a future Colorado governor will fully pardon Tina Peters. “A candidate for Mesa County Clerk and Recorder thinks mail-in voting is unsafe, that ballots need to be counted by hand and that Tina Peters got a raw deal. ‘I’m actually hopeful that when we get a new governor that we have one who would be willing to pardon her fully because I do feel like it has been a very big miscarriage of justice all around,’ Abby Silzell told CPR News. Peters was sentenced to prison after a jury of Mesa County residents convicted her for crimes related to permitting unauthorized access to county voting in

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[[CPR News](#), 6/20/2026]

ENVIRONMENT

No findings identified.

ETHICS & GOOD GOVERNMENT

No findings identified.

HEALTHCARE

ANTI-VACCINE MANDATE CONTENT

August 2021: Silzell Posted An Anti-Vaxxer Rhetoric Facebook Post.



[Facebook, Abby Silzell, 8/21/2021]

August 2021: Silzell Shared A Facebook Post “Sen. Cruz Introducing Legislation To Ban Mandates, Mask Mandates, Vaccine Passports.”



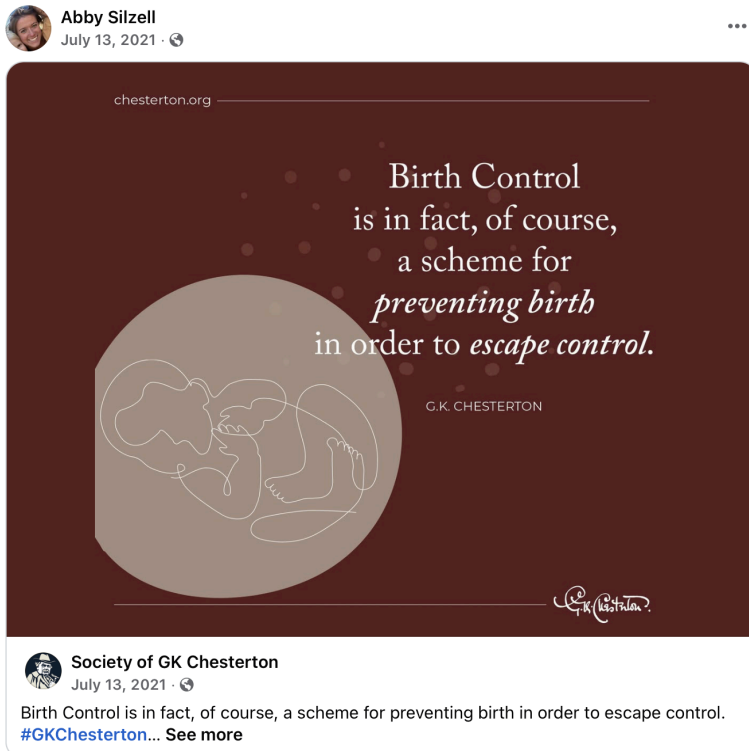
[Facebook, Abby Silzell, 8/10/2021]

July 2021: Silzell Shared A Facebook Post Supporting Senator Paxton’s Senate Bill, Which Would’ve Prohibited “Discrimination Against Those Who Choose Not To Receive The Covid-19 Vaccine.”



[Facebook, Abby Silzell, 7/30/2021]

July 2021: Silzell Shared A Facebook Post Calling Birth Control A “Scheme For Preventing Birth In Order To Escape Control.”



[Facebook, Abby Silzell, 7/13/2021]

HOUSING

No findings identified.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Silzell identifies multiple DMV improvements as a campaign priority. “What if when you scheduled an appointment you were provided the list of what you needed to bring? Or if you end up not having everything with you, the person helping you took the time to let you know all documents that will be required to complete your transaction so you only have to come back one more time? What if you could look up everything needed for basic transactions on the DMV website? These are simple solutions, but ways that I intend to improve everyone's overall experience at the DMV.” [Abby Silzell for Mesa County Clerk and Recorder, Instagram, [5/8/26](#)]

PHILOSOPHY & IDEOLOGY

Silzell describes herself as “a proud conservative grounded in American history and founding principles” who “believes in limited government, personal responsibility, and the rule of law.” “Raised on the Grand Mesa, Abby has an unwavering commitment to making Mesa County a better place for her family and every resident. A proud conservative grounded in American history and founding principles, Abby believes in limited government, personal responsibility, and the rule of law.

Her love of history has repeatedly drawn her into the world of politics and elections. [Abby Silzell for Mesa County Clerk and Recorder, [accessed 6/2/26](#)]

Silzell shared a post from anti-abortion activist Lila Rose equating abortion rights with “Slave Ownership Rights.” The post shared by Silzell read, “Claiming you have: ‘Abortion Rights’ Is like claiming you have: ‘Slave Ownership Rights’...” [Abby Silzell, personal Facebook, [7/26/21](#)]

Silzell shared anti-vaccine content arguing that describing people who decline vaccines as “refusing” them is a “manipulative term, loaded with unfair moral pressure.” The post shared by Silzell read: “People who don't want the vaccine aren't 'refusing' it... Refuse is a manipulative term, loaded with unfair moral pressure.” [Abby Silzell, personal Facebook, [8/21/21](#)]

Silzell shared a tweet from right-wing commentator Buck Sexton dismissing January 6 as an insurrection, sourced from far-right outlet Disclose.tv. The post shared by Silzell read: “The Apparatus doesn't think it was an insurrection now, and never did, but they'll continue to pretend otherwise because it's an excuse for angry commies to despise all Trump voters.” [Abby Silzell, personal Facebook, [8/22/21](#)]

Silzell's X account shows sustained anti-vaccine engagement. Silzell has repeatedly reposted content from Children's Health Defense (RFK Jr.'s organization), The HighWire (Del Bigtree's anti-vaccine media operation), and a defense of suspended anti-vaccine physician Dr. Sherri Tenpenny on her X account. [@ae7silzell, [accessed 6/3/26](#)]

Silzell repeatedly reposted Christian nationalist content from David Barton and Tim Barton of WallBuilders. Silzell's X account has repeatedly retweeted content from WallBuilders, an organization that promotes a revisionist “biblical” interpretation of American history and the Founding Fathers. [@ae7silzell, [accessed 6/3/26](#)]

PUBLIC SAFETY

No findings identified.

LINKS

[Campaign Website](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

[Personal Facebook](#)

[Campaign Facebook](#)

[Personal Instagram](#) (private)

[Campaign Instagram](#)

[Personal X](#)

CONTACT & ADDRESS HISTORY

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