

JAMES WILEY (R)

James Wiley is the Republican nominee for Colorado Secretary of State in 2026. Wiley has described his occupation as “business development and political consultant.” Previously, he worked as an insurance agent and financial services professional. In 2024, Wiley ran as a libertarian in an attempt to unseat Rep. Lauren Boebert to represent Colorado’s 3rd Congressional District. While running for congress, he said “CD-3 needs activist leaders prepared and willing to demolish the federal government.” Wiley lost the general election for CD-3 to Republican Jeff Hurd, securing only ~2.5% of the vote. He reportedly turned to political activism during the 2020 pandemic and touts his leadership roles in liberty-focused organizations, such as director of Project Thaler, director of Save Our Suffrage, former executive director of the Libertarian Party of Colorado, and Secretary of the Chainsaw Caucus. Wiley served as the executive director of the Libertarian Party of Colorado from 2024 to 2025. In 2025, he unsuccessfully ran for chair of LPCO. Wiley rebranded as a Republican prior to running for SOS in 2026, but said he wasn’t abandoning any of his libertarian principles. Instead, he said he felt it was necessary to run as a Republican as “a pragmatic response to the existential threats facing human liberty from election machines.” Wiley was born in Colorado Springs and earned an MBA from Colorado State University-Pueblo.

Key Findings:

Wiley has campaigned on an extreme overhaul of Colorado elections, calling for “one day, in-person voting.” Wiley has repeatedly called for restoring “honest, secure elections” or “tamper-proof elections” with “one day, in-person voting, voter ID, and paper ballots.” Wiley posted a meme on X expressing similar “one day” and “paper ballot” sentiments that said “no more 2-week mail-in chaos.” Colorado currently conducts an all-mail election. Wiley encouraged his supporters to vote in-person during the 2026 primary election (in which he was running unopposed), saying “It’s the first step towards fixing our elections. Show your ID, get a paper ballot, and let’s push for a hand count. Your participation is key.” Wiley has vowed to decertify the state’s electronic voting machines and ballot tabulators, and to mandate hand-counted paper ballots.

Wiley is a vocal supporter of former Mesa County Clerk Tina Peters, an election denier convicted of election interference. Advocating for Tina Peters’ release was a cornerstone of Wiley’s campaign. Wiley’s political goals included working to free Tina Peters. In June 2026, he thanked Gov. Jared Polis for “freeing” Tina Peters. While speaking at the Colorado GOP assembly in 2026, Wiley suggested that Tina Peters should have been the Republican candidate for secretary of state, saying “I’ll accept the nomination for secretary of state, but I will be honest, I wish I didn’t have to. Tina Peters should be the one up here today now, accepting that nomination. Instead, she’s seven miles away imprisoned in La Vista Correctional Facility.” On Facebook in March 2026, Wiley said “Tina Peters exposed vulnerabilities and paid the price. As SOS, I’ll release the files the current office hides—because truth matters more than politics” In a Q&A with Colorado Newsline in 2024, Wiley said “I have organized numerous class actions and fought ceaselessly against election fraud, as the executive director of Save Our Suffrage in 2021 and the organizer of the Colorado Recount Coalition in 2022, working with warriors like attorneys Gary Fielder and Ernest Walker and whistleblowers like Tina Peters.” Peters, [in 2024](#), had been convicted of attempting to influence a public servant, conspiracy to commit criminal impersonation, violation of duty, and other crimes by jurors in Mesa County; she served under a quarter of her nine-year prison sentence before her commutation.

Wiley supports the SAVE America Act. On X, Wiley posted “Save America act must pass.” In a video post to X, Wiley called for the Save America Act to be passed to protect against mail-in voting

vulnerabilities and non-citizens. In a caption to the video, he said “It’s time to restore honest, secure elections with one day, in-person voting, voter ID, and paper ballots.”

Wiley campaigned on his previous lawsuits against “Dominion Voting Machines, Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, the Secretary of States and Governors of Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Michigan, Secretary Griswold” for what he describes as “election misconduct.” According to Talking Points Memo, Wiley claimed to have sued “Dominion Voting Machines, Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, the Secretary of States and Governors of Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Michigan, Secretary Griswold” for what he describes as “election misconduct.” According to the Durango Herald, Wiley had been involved in several lawsuits against Dominion Voting Systems and was a strong advocate for the release of Tina Peters. While campaigning for Secretary of State, Wiley repeatedly noted his suing of Jena Griswold, saying “We need to know our votes count.” In November 2024, Wiley and the Libertarian Party of Colorado sued Jena Griswold and other state officials over a leak of sensitive election system passwords that were left exposed on the SOS website. Wiley called for the 2024 election to be halted immediately, arguing “We would like the machines to stop counting immediately, because every ballot that passes through them, the chain of custody on that is compromised by the fact that the machines that they’re passing through are all compromised.” Wiley said the Libertarian Party did not believe Griswold and her department acted quickly enough to remedy the security breach, arguing “The delay in response, especially after the matter became public, raises significant concerns about the commitment to election security.”

Wiley pushed transphobic rhetoric and supported the usage of anti-gay slurs by his communications director and fiancée. Wiley is particularly active on social media, calling himself the “Red Flame of Liberty” and a “Dark MAGA” candidate. Dark MAGA is an alt-right meme/internet movement, with [ties to misogyny and trolling](#), that was pushed into the [mainstream](#) by Elon Musk. On social media, Wiley has repeatedly made disparaging remarks about transgender people. In 2023, he posted “Can we ban trans people until they get their heads right?” In 2025, he posted “Normal people should be as well armed as trans people. It is the only way to defend children from them.” In 2026, Wiley responded “ya” to a review of the “James Wiley for Colorado” Facebook page which claimed “transphobia is his thing, he’s not for everyone.” Additionally, he supported the usage of unknown anti-gay slurs. In 2025, the Denver Post reported that Hannah Goodman, then-chairwoman of Libertarian Party of Colorado had “repeatedly used anti-gay slurs last week in an exchange with a person who criticized the party’s social media presence.” Wiley, then-executive director of LPCO, sent the Denver Post a seven-page statement in which he “touted the success of a recent social media posting on the party’s Facebook page” and “concluded the statement by calling the commenter another slur.” According to a July 2026 post on X and Goodman’s [LinkedIn](#), Goodman has served as the communications director for Wiley’s campaign for secretary of state. According to the Colorado Times Recorder, the two are [engaged](#). A month after the Denver Post article, Wiley posted on X, “In Colorado please make sure you use the properly gendered language now if you don’t want to go to jail. For male identifying retards use retard. For female identifying retards use retard. For non binary, dual gender, gender fluid, gender queer, and faggotrons please use retardo.” On X, Wiley has also claimed “the attempt by republicans to ban gay marriage ruined this state because it united the retards.”

Wiley is anti-choice, once vowing to “pursue a constitutional amendment affirming the right to life from conception” and “work to end all federal funding of abortion services that don’t sustain the life of the child.” While running for Congress, Wiley said “I believe in the sovereignty of human life and will pursue a constitutional amendment affirming the right to life from conception.” Further, he said, “I do not believe that the government should sanction the taking of innocent life, and I would work to end all federal funding of abortion services that don’t sustain the life of the child.”

BACKGROUND

Personal Life

Wiley claimed he grew up "as a missionary in the former Soviet Union," where he "witnessed the effect that the opportunity of freedom balanced with personal responsibility can have in benefit to a society recovering from communism." "According to his campaign site, Wiley grew up 'as a missionary in the former Soviet Union, where I witnessed the effect that the opportunity of freedom balanced with personal responsibility can have in benefit to a society recovering from communism.'" [Colorado Politics, 9/18/23]

As of April 2026, Wiley was engaged to Hannah Goodman, the former chair of the Libertarian Party of Colorado. "Prominent figures in the Colorado Mises caucus, namely James Wiley, Brandon Wark, and Hannah Goodman, were the main drivers behind the #8216;Liberty Pledge,' although following Wiley's loss in the November party election, he left the party to join the Republicans, while Goodman became a Democrat. The two former LPCO leaders have also since become engaged to one another. Wark remains a vocal figure within the Libertarian Party." [Colorado Pols, 4/23/26]

Wiley was born in Colorado Springs. "I am a Colorado native, born in Colorado Springs, with a MBA from Colorado State University Pueblo." [Weld County GOP, accessed [8/5/26](#)]

Education

Wiley graduated from Pueblo County High School in Colorado. "A graduate of Pueblo County High School, Wiley received a business degree from Colorado State University-Pueblo and worked in finance before turning to political activism during the 2020 COVID pandemic, he said." [Colorado Politics, 9/18/23]

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- **2016: Wiley received a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in marketing from Colorado State University – Pueblo.** [LinkedIn, accessed [8/3/26](#)]
- **2017: Wiley received an MBA from Colorado State University – Pueblo.** [LinkedIn, accessed [8/3/26](#)]

Career

Wiley worked in finance before turning to political activism during the 2020 COVID pandemic. "A graduate of Pueblo County High School, Wiley received a business degree from Colorado State University-Pueblo and worked in finance before turning to political activism during the 2020 COVID pandemic, he said." [Colorado Politics, 9/18/23]

2024: Wiley described his occupation as "business development and political consultant." "James Wiley (Libertarian) Age: 30 City of residence: Pueblo Occupation: Business development and political consultant" [Colorado Newslne, 10/11/24]

Career Timeline

According to Wiley's LinkedIn, his career history includes:

2011: Technician at Pueblo PC & Mac.

2011 – 2014: General Desktop Support Team Lead at Office of IT, University of Colorado – Boulder.

2013 – 2014: IT Manager at Department of Integrated Physiology, University of Colorado – Boulder.

2014 – 2015: Student Government at Colorado State University – Pueblo.

2017 – 2019: Agent at New York Life Insurance Company.

2017 – 2019: Financial Services Professional at NY Life Securities LLC

2020 – 2023: President of Board of Directors at Love A Senior Company.

2023: Director at Project Thaler.

2020 – 2024: Legal Clerk at Law Office of Gary Fielder.

2024 – 2025: Executive Director at Libertarian Party of Colorado.

2019 – Present: Business Development Consultant at Dodona Group.

2025 – Present: Freelance Legal Assistant.

[LinkedIn, accessed [8/3/26](#)]

Activism

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As of 2024, Wiley was the executive director of the Libertarian Party of Colorado. “James Wiley, the state Libertarians' executive director and the party's nominee in the 3rd Congressional District, pronounced himself ‘very encouraged’ after meeting with Joshi and Joss ‘to ensure Janak's genuine alignment with our ideals and desires and to discuss their shared political values and principles.’ Added Wiley: ‘Janak is a fascinating leader with an excellent track record whose example I appreciate.’” [Colorado Politics, 5/17/24]

2025: Wiley unsuccessfully ran for chair of the Libertarian Party of Colorado. “For the party's now-former leadership, partnering with the GOP meant a degree of tangible and elusive relevance. James Wiley, a member of the party's prior leadership who unsuccessfully challenged Laube for chair, said the division came down to a ‘difference of philosophy.’” [Journal-Advocate, 10/26/25]

- **Wiley left the Libertarian Party to join Republicans after losing the election for the LPCO chair.** “Prominent figures in the Colorado Mises caucus, namely James Wiley, Brandon Wark, and Hannah Goodman, were the main drivers behind the #8216;Liberty Pledge,' although following Wiley's loss in the November party election, he left the party to join the Republicans, while Goodman became a Democrat. The two former LPCO leaders have also since become engaged to one another. Wark remains a vocal figure within the Libertarian Party.” [Colorado Pols, 4/23/26]

2026: Wiley rebranded himself as a Republican and resigned his position as an alternate representative on the Libertarian National Committee. “This time around, however, Wiley has been running for secretary of state and, at the end of the year, rebranded himself as a Republican. He also resigned his position as an alternate representative on the Libertarian National Committee.” [Colorado Politics, 1/9/26]

Wiley posted a 2026 Liberty Pledge using the LPCO logo, but LPCO chair Keith Laube said party leadership had not been consulted by Wiley about the pledge. “In March, Wiley posted a 2026 #8216;Liberty Pledge' that he appeared to have made himself and signed, even using the LPCO logo on the document. Laube confirmed to CTR that party leadership had not been consulted by Wiley about the pledge, made further evident by the two Libertarian secretary of state candidates competing for the party's nomination to challenge him in the general. Laube also stated that any pledge signed after last fall was null and void.” [Colorado Politics, 1/9/26]

2026 Campaign For Secretary of State

Before Wiley rebranded as a Republican in the SOS race, Republicans had not yet fielded an active candidate for the position. “This time around, however, Wiley has been running for secretary of state and, at the end of the year, rebranded himself as a Republican. He also resigned his position as an alternate representative on the Libertarian National Committee. Until Wiley's move, Republicans had not yet fielded an active candidate for the state's top election official, a position held by term-limited Democrat Jena Griswold, who is running for the open attorney general seat.” [Colorado Politics, 1/9/26]

- **Wiley said he wasn't abandoning any of his libertarian principles but felt it was necessary to run as a Republican as ‘a pragmatic response to the existential threats facing human liberty from election machines.** “He told Colorado Politics that he isn't abandoning any of his libertarian principles but feels it's a necessary, pragmatic response to what he describes as ‘a pragmatic response to the existential threats facing human liberty from election machines.’” [Colorado Politics, 1/9/26]
- **Wiley: “I do not want to be a Republican, but that's what's necessary now. I'm willing to take that step and form coalition with people typically I wouldn't agree with politically, in order to achieve what I believe is in both of our interests and a common good.”** ““I do not want to be a Republican, but that's what's necessary now,” Wiley said. ‘I'm willing to take that step and form coalition with people typically I wouldn't agree with politically, in order to achieve what i believe is in both of our interests and a common good.’” [Colorado Politics, 1/9/26]

Wiley was the only secretary of state candidate to qualify for the primary ballot at the 2026 state GOP assembly. “State Sen. Mark Baisley was the only U.S. Senate candidate to clear 30%. He received 950 votes — about 46% of delegate votes. Treasurer candidate Kevin Grantham and secretary of state candidate James Wiley were the lone candidates to clear 30% in their respective races.” [Pueblo Chieftain, 4/12/26]

July 2026: Wiley said he decided against signing the unity compact led by controversial Republican gubernatorial candidate Victor Marx but was “open to more conversation” with Marx about how their campaigns can collaborate. “Republican secretary of state nominee James Wiley, who made an unsuccessful run for Congress on the Libertarian ticket two years ago, told Colorado Politics on Monday that he'd decided against signing the compact but is ‘open to more conversation’ with Marx about how their campaigns can collaborate. ‘Am I opposed to unity? By no means,’ Wiley said. ‘I'm looking forward to getting to know Marx, and him getting to know me, and that being the basis of any potential coalition work we can do together.’” [The Tribune, 7/16/26]

- **July 2026: Wiley said he was undecided on whether to endorse Victor Marx for governor, but an endorsement is "definitely on the table."** “Wiley added that he hasn't decided whether to endorse Marx, but an endorsement is ;definitely on the table.” [The Tribune, 7/16/26]

2024 Campaign For CD-3

2024: Wiley ran as a libertarian in an attempt to unseat Rep. Lauren Boebert to represent Colorado's 3rd Congressional District. “Pueblo Libertarian James Wiley on Monday said he hopes to deny U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert a third term representing Colorado's 3rd Congressional District because the Silt Republican won't sign a pledge to adhere to the minor party's principles. Wiley told Colorado Politics that he was compelled to run because of Boebert's refusal to agree to terms released this summer by Colorado Libertarians as part of a deal struck with state Republicans to avoid potential spoiler candidates in competitive races.” [Colorado Politics, 9/18/23]

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2023: While running for congress, Wiley said “CD-3 needs activist leaders prepared and willing to demolish the federal government.” “‘In truth, I will be elected by the voters of CD-3 as their Libertarian representative to Congress because the land of our district is filled with Sovereign American People whose rights have suffered immeasurable damage by state actors,’ the 29-year-old said in a release. ‘CD-3 needs activist leaders prepared and willing to demolish the federal government.’” [Colorado Politics, 9/18/23]

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While running against Lauren Boebert, Wiley vowed to serve no more than three terms in congress and pledged “never to vape nicotine at any venue.” “Referring to the pact state Libertarians entered into with the Colorado GOP, Wiley said: ‘Lauren Boebert, aka Beetlejuice, has publicly denounced our pledge and defamed the principles we cherish as unworthy.’ Wiley also vowed to serve no more than three terms and pledged ‘never to vape nicotine at any venue,’ including at the Sept. 16 Rob Zombie concert at Fiddler’s Green Amphitheatre in Greenwood Village. Vaping while watching the performance was among the infractions that led to Boebert’s ouster from ‘Beetlejuice,’ according to a report filed by authorities and closed-circuit video obtained by Colorado Politics news partners at 9News.” [Colorado Politics, 9/18/23]

Wiley vowed to stay on the general election ballot in the 3rd CD no matter who the Republicans nominated, so long as the nominee hadn’t signed an agreement with libertarians. “Libertarian nominee James Wiley told Colorado Politics on Wednesday that he intends to stay on the general election ballot in the 3rd CD no matter who the Republicans nominate, so long as the nominee hasn’t signed a pledge the minor party produced last year as part of a deal worked out with Williams to avoid siphoning votes from GOP candidates in competitive races. So far, none of the six candidates in the Republican primary have signed the pledge.” [Colorado Politics, 5/16/24]

2024: The Colorado Democratic Party sent out mailers seeking to boost Wiley in the CD-3 race. “The Colorado Democratic Party sent out mailers aimed at boosting the Libertarian candidate. The mailer says James Wiley (L) is the strongest Trump supporter in the race and calls attorney Jeff Hurd (R) a corporate lawyer who won’t take a position on immigration or former President Trump. The mailer features 2022 nominee Adam Frisch (D), labeling him an independent small-business man.” [Hotline, 10/31/24]

2024: Wiley lost the general election for CD-3 to Republican Jeff Hurd, securing only 2.5% of the vote. “Hurd, who appears to have won his competitive congressional race, declined to sign, leaving Libertarian James Wiley on the 3rd CD ballot, but Wiley’s 2.5% of the vote didn’t cost Hurd the election.” [Denver Gazette, 11/6/24]

PHILOSOPHY

Wiley: “As a Republican candidate for Colorado Secretary of State in 2026, my mission—Liberty S.O.S.—is to free whistleblower Tina Peters, to decertify compromised machines, and implement blockchain for tamper-proof state records to prevent cartel laundering.” “After running as a Libertarian for Colorado’s 3rd Congressional District in 2024, I switched to the Republican Party to run this campaign to amplify the urgent fight for election reform on a larger platform. As a Republican candidate for Colorado Secretary of State in 2026, my mission—Liberty S.O.S.—is to free whistleblower Tina Peters, to decertify compromised machines, and implement blockchain for tamper-proof state records to prevent cartel laundering.” [Ballotpedia.org, accessed [8/3/26](#)]

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2026: Wiley campaigned “on free and fair elections, making it easier for businesses to open in Colorado, and promising to put all state public records on an "immutable blockchain.” James Wiley (Republican) is running unopposed, campaigning on free and fair elections, making it easier for businesses to open in Colorado, and promising to put all state public records on an ‘immutable blockchain.’” [Axios, 6/23/26]

Wiley described himself as an activist against vulnerable electronic voting systems. “Republican James Wiley, a political consultant who describes himself as an activist against vulnerable electronic voting systems, will run against Democrat Amanda Gonzalez, the Jefferson County clerk.” [Coloradoan, 7/2/26]

Wiley claimed he grew up in Kazakhstan, which ignited his “lifelong passion for defending individual sovereignty, just government, and secure elections.” “I grew up in Kazakhstan witnessing the fall out of the communist government in the former Soviet Union, which ignited my lifelong passion for defending individual sovereignty, just government, and secure elections. This fueled my activism against vulnerable electronic voting systems and my recent lawsuits challenging election integrity issues in Colorado.” [Weld County GOP, accessed [8/5/26](#)]

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Wiley: “I am answering the call to restore trust in our election and make the Secretary of State's office boring again.” “As a Republican candidate for Colorado Secretary of State in 2026, my mission is to build a Coalition of Coloradans that put the Colorado Families First. I am committed to regenerating the Republican Party with principles of unity and liberty, ensuring every Coloradan’s vote is protected and our democracy is secure. I am answering the call to restore trust in our election and make the Secretary of State's office boring again.” [wileyforcolorado.com, accessed [8/7/26](#)]

Wiley described himself as a “Kennedy libertarian.” “As a Kennedy libertarian, I built real coalitions in 2024 when Bobby Kennedy signed the Liberty Presidential Pledge. Today I continue to support his MAHA work while following Bobby's example to running as a Republican for Colorado Secretary of State. My mission is simple: end the failed leadership of Jena Griswold, restore free and fair elections, lock our public records on blockchain, and make it radically easier to start and run a business in Colorado.” [wileyforcolorado.com, accessed [8/7/26](#)]

Wiley, 2023: “I am most thankful for the un-wasting faithfulness of God's eternal promise of Peace in heaven and on earth. [...] I am most grateful for the power to love one's enemies and how by it our hope for Peace will bear fruit.” “James Wiley, Libertarian candidate in the 3rd CD: ‘I am most thankful for the un-wasting faithfulness of God's eternal promise of Peace in heaven and on earth. Sustained by this promise, our hope burns bright for the uniting of humanity and the secession of war and barbarism. I am most grateful for the power to love one's enemies and how by it our hope for Peace will bear fruit.’” [Colorado Politics, 11/22/23]

Wiley, 2024: “I’m proud to have helped more Republicans arrive at the understanding that the state is our enemy. Our Libertarian Principles are immovable.” “‘Looking forward to campaigning with him next month and hoping for him all the success in the world in the primary,’ Wiley said in a text message. ‘I’m proud to have helped more Republicans arrive at the understanding that the state is our enemy. Our Libertarian Principles are immovable.’” [Colorado Politics, 5/29/24]

According to Wiley, the Libertarian Party of Colorado did not support the Chase Oliver and Mike ter Maat presidential ticket, because the board was unimpressed by Oliver's willingness to wear a face mask during the height of the pandemic and ter Maat's "feeble jokes" after former President Donald Trump's conviction on multiple felony charges in New York “According to James Wiley, the Libertarian Party of Colorado's executive director, the state party's board was unimpressed by Oliver's willingness to wear a face mask during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and faulted ter Maat for telling ‘feeble jokes’ after former President Donald Trump's conviction on multiple felony charges in New York.” [Denver Gazette, 7/3/24]

Wiley: “I support extending the tax cuts from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, particularly the reduction in individual tax rates and increased standard deductions.” “WILEY: I support extending the tax cuts from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, particularly the reduction in individual tax rates and increased standard deductions. These provisions have allowed working Americans to keep more of their earnings, and I believe it's critical to eliminate the federal government's ability to tax hard-working individuals. Taxation is theft. The most insidious taxation we have is inflation and I would stop inflation by abolishing the federal reserve bank and allowing the free market to provide transaction alternatives.” [Colorado Newslne, 10/11/24]

ELECTIONS & VOTING

Election Denialism

Wiley, 2024: “As the primary victims of election fraud in 2020, many Republicans have realized what Libertarians have always known, the state and its contractors like Dominion Voting Systems cannot be trusted.” “WILEY: Over the last four years I have worked closely with members of the Republican Party, the historical Libertarian nemesis, to fight for election transparency and reform. As the primary victims of election fraud in 2020, many Republicans have realized what Libertarians have always known, the state and its contractors like Dominion Voting Systems cannot be trusted. I have organized numerous class actions and fought ceaselessly against election fraud, as the executive director of Save Our Suffrage in 2021 and the organizer of the Colorado Recount Coalition in 2022, working with warriors like attorneys Gary Fielder and Ernest Walker and whistleblowers like Tina Peters.” [Colorado Newslne, 10/11/24]

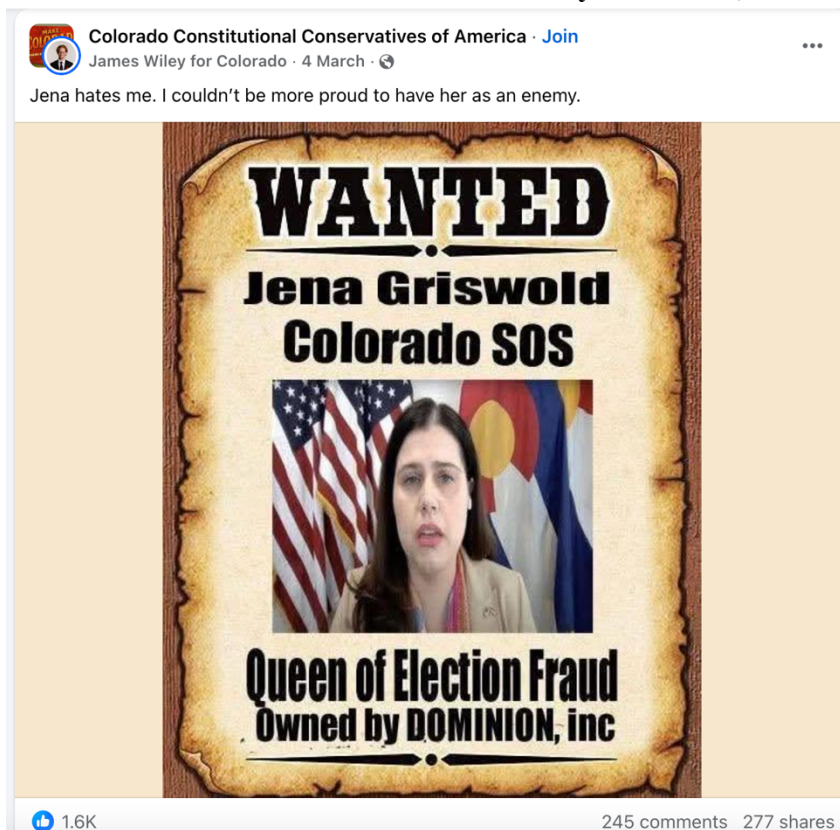
Wiley: “Jena Griswold’s leadership has left Coloradans with distrust, endless scandals, and machines that threaten our sovereignty with AI.” “Jena Griswold’s leadership has left Coloradans with distrust, endless scandals, and machines that threaten our sovereignty with AI. As Secretary of State I will deliver transparent, tamper-proof elections that unaffiliated voters, Republicans, libertarians, and MAHA supporters can all trust: One Day, a State Holiday In Person in Each Precinct Voter ID Required Paper Ballots ONLY Citizen Controlled Ballot Tabulation Clean the voter rolls” [wileyforcolorado.com, accessed [8/7/26](#)]

On Facebook, Wiley posted an image that said “I voted she stole it Griswold for GITMO” with the caption “Should Jena lose her right to vote? She has been giving it away to illegals for years...”



[Facebook, [3/4/26](#)]

On Facebook, Wiley shared a meme of Colorado SOS Jena Griswold that declared Griswold was “Queen of Election Fraud” and “Owned by Dominion, Inc.”



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Tina Peters

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2026: Wiley’s political goals included working to free Tina Peters, the former Mesa County clerk serving a nine-year prison sentence on felony and misdemeanor charges for breaching her county’s secure voting equipment. “Those goals, he said, include working to free Tina Peters, the former Mesa County clerk serving a nine-year prison sentence on felony and misdemeanor charges for breaching her county’s secure voting equipment.” [Colorado Politics, 1/9/26]

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Durango Herald: Wiley “campaigned on claims that the state’s elections need stronger safeguards and voiced support for former Mesa County Clerk Tina Peters, an election denier convicted of election interference.” “James Wiley, the Republican nominee for Colorado secretary of state, has campaigned on claims that the state’s elections need stronger safeguards and voiced support for former Mesa County Clerk Tina Peters, an election denier convicted of election interference who was released from prison June 1 after Gov. Jared Polis commuted her nine-year sentence.” [Durango Herald, 6/30/26]

Wiley: “Tina Peters exposed vulnerabilities and paid the price. As SOS, I’ll release the files the current office hides—because truth matters more than politics” “James Wiley: From Soviet Kazakhstan to Colorado, fighting tyranny and cover-ups. Tina Peters exposed vulnerabilities and paid the price. As SOS, I’ll release the files the current office hides—because truth matters more than politics” [Facebook, [3/13/26](#)]

Wiley: “Tina Peters, a dedicated public servant and Gold Star family member, acted to protect election integrity. Despite a federal pardon gesture, Colorado keeps her locked away. James will bring sunlight, no more hidden files, no more political prosecutions.” [Facebook, [3/14/26](#)]

Wiley thanked Gov. Jared Polis for freeing Tina Peters. “Got to meet @jaredpolis today. Thank you Governor Polis for being the most libertarian Governor in Colorado history by signing the tamale act and freeing @realtinapeters” [Facebook, [6/4/26](#)]
Election Lawsuits

2024: Wiley and the Libertarian Party of Colorado sued Jena Griswold and other state officials over a leak of sensitive election system passwords that were left exposed on the SOS website. “With just days to go before the general election, the Colorado secretary of state is facing a lawsuit over the leak of sensitive election system passwords that were inadvertently left exposed for months on her office's website. The lawsuit, filed Friday in Denver District Court by the Libertarian Party of Colorado and James Wiley, the Libertarian candidate for Colorado's 3rd Congressional District seat, names Jena Griswold, the Democratic secretary of state, and Chris Beall, the deputy secretary of state, as defendants. Hannah Goodman, the Libertarian Party state chair, is also named as a plaintiff. The suit had not yet appeared in an online state filing system by the time of publication, but Wiley shared a copy of the complaint with Newslane.” [Colorado Newslane, 11/1/24]

- **Wiley called for the 2024 election to be halted immediately, arguing “We would like the machines to stop counting immediately, because every ballot that passes through them, the chain of custody on that is compromised by the fact that the machines that they're passing through are all compromised.”** “We need to shut down. We need to shut down immediately,’ Wiley said in a phone interview Friday. ‘We're asking for a hearing on Monday. We would like the machines to stop counting immediately, because every ballot that passes through them, the chain of custody on that is compromised by the fact that the machines that they're passing through are all compromised.’” [Colorado Newslane, 11/1/24]
- **Wiley said the Libertarian Party did not believe Griswold and her department acted quickly enough to remedy the security breach, arguing “The delay in response, especially after the matter became public, raises significant concerns about the commitment to election security.”** “Wiley, who also serves as the state Libertarian Party's executive director, said the party doesn't believe Griswold and her department acted quickly enough to remedy the security breach. ‘The delay in response, especially after the matter became public, raises significant concerns about the commitment to election security,’ Wiley said in a statement.” [Colorado Newslane, 11/1/24]

2026: While campaigning, Wiley repeatedly noted his suing of Jena Griswold, saying “We need to know our votes count.” “Wiley also supports paper ballots and repeatedly noted his suing of Jena Griswold: ‘We need to know our votes count,’ he said.” [Daily Record, 3/1/26]

According to the Durango Herald, Wiley had been involved in several lawsuits against Dominion Voting Systems and was a strong advocate for the release of Tina Peters. “James Wiley – Unopposed. A Colorado Springs native, Wiley has been involved in several lawsuits against Dominion Voting Systems and was a strong advocate for the release of Tina Peters.” [Durango Herald, 6/14/26]

Axios: Wiley “filed lawsuits, including one against Dominion Voting Systems, alleging election misconduct.” “Wiley advocated for freeing former Mesa County clerk Tina Peters and has filed lawsuits, including one against Dominion Voting Systems, alleging election misconduct.” [Axios, 6/23/26]

Wiley claimed to have sued “Dominion Voting Machines, Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, the Secretary of States and Governors of Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Michigan, Secretary Griswold” for what he describes as “election misconduct.” “James Wiley, who ran unopposed, won the GOP nomination for Colorado secretary of state last month. Wiley is running on a campaign focused on restoring 'free and fair elections' and, according to his website, has sued 'Dominion Voting Machines, Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, the Secretary of States and Governors of Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Michigan, Secretary Griswold' for what he describes as 'election misconduct.’” [Talking Points Memo, 7/9/26]

Paper Ballots

2026: Wiley vowed to decertify the state's electronic voting machines and ballot tabulators, and to mandate hand-counted paper ballots. “He also vows to decertify the state's electronic voting machines and ballot tabulators, and to mandate hand-counted paper ballots. In addition, he wants to put all of Colorado's public records from the voter rolls to property records and birth certificates on a blockchain ledger, ensuring what he describes as ‘eternal transparency and auditability.’” [Colorado Politics, 1/9/26]

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Wiley asked his supporters to vote in person during the primary election, saying “It's the first step towards fixing our elections. Show your ID, get a paper ballot, and let's push for a hand count. Your participation is key.” “Wiley, who was unopposed, had asked his supporters to vote in person on Tuesday, writing on Facebook: ‘It's the first step towards fixing our elections. Show your ID, get a paper ballot, and let's push for a hand count. Your participation is key.’” [Daily Record, 7/1/26]

2026: Wiley posted a meme on X that said “no more 2-week mail-in chaos.”



[X, [3/27/26](#)]

SAVE America Act

In a video posted to X, Wiley called for the Save America Act to be passed to protect against mail-in voting vulnerabilities and non-citizens, saying “It’s time to restore honest, secure elections with one day, in-person voting, voter ID, and paper ballots.” “President Trump is sounding the alarm on election security, advocating for the Save America Act and protection against mail-in voting vulnerabilities. It’s time to restore honest, secure elections with one day, in-person voting, voter ID, and paper ballots.” [X, [7/17/26](#)]

- Wiley: “Save America act must pass” “Yes. Save America act must pass” [X, [3/12/26](#)]

Voter ID

On his website, Wiley vowed to administer “transparent, tamper-proof elections,” with voter ID required, in person, and on one day. “Jena Griswold’s leadership has left Coloradans with distrust, endless scandals, and machines that threaten our sovereignty with AI. As Secretary of State I will deliver transparent, tamper-proof elections that unaffiliated voters, Republicans, libertarians, and MAHA supporters can all trust: One Day, a State Holiday In Person in Each Precinct Voter ID Required Paper Ballots ONLY Citizen Controlled Ballot Tabulation Clean the voter rolls” [wileyforcolorado.com, accessed [8/7/26](#)]

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LGBTQ+

After the Libertarian Party of Colorado’s chairwoman, Hannah Goodman, used anti-gay slurs in a social media exchange with a critic, Wiley stood by Goodman’s messages and called the critic another slur in a lengthy statement to the Denver Post. “The head of the Libertarian Party of Colorado repeatedly used anti-gay slurs last week in an exchange with a person who criticized the party's social media presence, according to copies of the messages reviewed by The Denver Post. The party's chairwoman, Hannah Goodman, sent the slurs Friday after a commenter privately messaged the party's Facebook account to criticize what he saw as its ‘asinine’ postings. After an initial exchange that included the commenter sarcastically highlighting the party's lack of electoral success, Goodman replying through the party's official account defended her party's achievements and repeatedly referred to the commenter using an anti-gay slur. [...] Goodman did not return a message seeking comment Friday. On Saturday, the party's executive director, James Wiley, sent The Post a seven-page statement that defended the party's political relevance, touted the success of a recent social media posting on the party's Facebook page, and further criticized the commenter. Wiley referred to a meme produced by Goodman as an ‘artistic work product’ that, Wiley wrote, had prompted the initial criticism from the commenter. ‘These judgements were rendered entirely at (the commenter's) own suggestion without any prompting on the part of the party or its representatives,’ Wiley wrote. Wiley confirmed that Goodman wrote the messages and said he stood by them. He concluded the statement by calling the commenter another slur and quoting a character from the animated show ‘South Park.’” [Denver Post, 4/15/25]

- **As of July 2026, Goodman served as Wiley’s communications director.** “A heartfelt thank you to Hannah Goodman, my Communications Director! From crafting powerful messages to getting our story out to voters across Colorado, your creativity and strategic voice have been essential. You helped carry the Red Flame far and wide! Thank you for your passion and hard work — this team is better because you’re on it!” [X, [7/4/26](#)]

2026: Wiley responded “ya” to a review of his Facebook page which claimed “transphobia is his thing, he’s not for everyone.”



[Facebook, [3/31/26](#)]

On X, Wiley posted “Trans is eugenics.” [X, [6/1/25](#)]

On X, Wiley posted “Normal people should be as well armed as trans people. It is the only way to defend children from them.”



[X, [9/6/25](#)]

On X, Wiley posted “We should be armed to defend ourself from the trans.”



[X, [9/5/25](#)]

On X, Wiley said “Can we ban trans people until they get their heads right?”



[X, [2/6/23](#)]

On X, Wiley posted “That’s gay. Like Ukraine.”



[X, [8/17/25](#)]

On X, Wiley posted “The attempt by republicans to ban gay marriage ruined this state because it united the retards.”

← Post



Jeff Hunt ✓ @jeffhunt · Aug 11, 2025



I say commercialized marijuana ruined Colorado, @FreeStateColor1 says I'm wrong. We debate tomorrow live. 6am. Jeff and Bill Show.

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James Wiley for Secretary of State ✓



@redflameliberty

Ur wrong. The attempt by republicans to ban gay marriage ruined this state because it united the retards.

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On X, Wiley posted “In Colorado please make sure you use the properly gendered language now if you don’t want to go to jail. For male identifying retards use retard. For female identifying retards use retarda. For non binary, dual gender, gender fluid, gender queer, and faggotrons please use retardo.”



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[X, [5/20/25](#)]

On X, Wiley has repeatedly described things as “gay” as an insult.



[X, accessed [8/6/26](#)]

CHOICE

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ABLEISM

On X, Wiley has repeatedly used the r-word.

**James Wiley for Secretary of S...**  @redflamelib... · Nov 14, 2024  ...
Tip: save time by dropping vowels from your most tweeted words (ie rtrd instead of **retard**/retarded)
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**James Wiley for Secretary of S...**  @redflamelib... · Jun 10, 2025  ...
Why is no one talking about the affect on battery life of apples **retard** os?
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**James Wiley for Secretary of St...**  @redflamelibe... · Jul 1, 2024  ...
Those aren't official acts. If he had done those things he wouldn't be immune. She is a **retard**.

**Adam Klasfeld**  @KlasfeldReports · Jul 1, 2024
Sotomayor's dissent:

[X, accessed [8/6/26](#)]

ISLAMOPHOBIA

On X, Wiley posted “It isn’t anti Muslim hate. It is anti retard hate.”

**Denver Westword** @denverwestword · Jun 4, 2025  ...
The assaults had different assailants and outcomes, but both stirred anti-Muslim hate.


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Pearl Street Mall Attack and Boulder King Soopers ...
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**James Wiley for Secretary of State**  @redflameliberty  ...
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6:41 AM · Jun 4, 2025 · **118** Views

[X, [6/4/25](#)]

CONSPIRACY THEORIES

On X, Wiley claimed Mossad was likely responsible for the death of Charlie Kirk. “Seth knows better than to feed into your identity politics games. He, as a real reporter, understands the importance of asking questions. He has a much higher bar than your minions are CTR and copols I don’t appreciate you accusing me of antisemitism or suggesting that I suggested that Jews killed Charlie Kirk what I am clearly indicating it was most likely Mossad. You know as well as I do that the Khazarian occupiers of Palestine are not Jews. Shouldn’t you be glad that I’m shifting the blame away from your antifa friends? Honestly antifa isn’t capable of more than a little vandalism alone. You know this was military intelligence and you know who benefited.”



[X, [10/30/25](#)]

IMMIGRATION

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