

## An Overview of Tim Michels' and Rebecca Kleefisch's Most Extreme Positions

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MADISON, Wis. — The blaze of the dumpster fire primary is expected to get a boost this Sunday night during the primetime GOP gubernatorial debate. Rebecca Kleefisch and Tim Michels have been vying for the crown of the most radical candidate in order to pander to the ultra-MAGA right. Here is a round up of their extreme positions and comments:

Abortion:



Rebecca Kleefisch: Wants to see a total ban on abortion in Wisconsin that goes beyond the 1849 legislation, and once agreed that rape victims should “turn lemons to lemonade” by carrying a pregnancy resulting from their assault.

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Tim Michels: Michels said the 1849 ban on abortion that doesn't include exceptions for rape or incest is "an exact mirror" of his position and previously said it was "not unreasonable" for the government to force rape victims to give birth.

### Gun Safety:

Rebecca Kleefisch: Opposes common sense gun safety measures like expanded background checks and red flag laws and backs permitless concealed carry without any training and recently touted her "A" rating from the guns-everywhere extremists at the NRA. In the wake of the Uvalde Elementary School shooting, Kleefisch lauded efforts to make some Wisconsin communities "second amendment sanctuaries" rather than finding ways to keep kids safe at school.

Tim Michels: Tim Michels has pledged to lift restrictions on firearms, opposes an assault weapons ban, and said he will not support "red flag" laws backed by 81% of Wisconsin voters. Recently he even said he "did not have an answer" on expanded background checks. Michels also suggested he opposed the bipartisan gun reform passed by the US Congress, which included a provision to make it harder for domestic abusers to purchase guns.

### LGBTQ+ Rights:

Rebecca Kleefisch: Will no longer fly the Pride Flag above the Capitol if she becomes governor and in the past has said that same-sex marriage is a slippery slope that could lead to people "marry[ing] dogs."

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