

Dan Kelly Lies About His Extremist Ties

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MADISON, Wis. — In the Wisconsin Supreme Court debate this afternoon, [self-proclaimed](#) “trustworthy judicial conservative” Dan Kelly repeatedly lied to cover up his extremist ties.

Here are the facts about Dan Kelly’s ties to the extreme right wing:

- Dan Kelly claimed [[17:56](#)] that he made no promises to anti-abortion groups to receive their endorsement. However, at the time of their endorsement, Wisconsin Right to Life endorsed “[candidates who have pledged to champion pro-life values and stand with Wisconsin Right to Life’s legislative strategy.](#)”

” The website has since been updated to reflect that for judicial candidates, the group merely [“endorses candidates whose judicial philosophies and values fit with those of Wisconsin Right to Life](#)

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- Kelly claimed [[16:06](#)] that he had never been on the payroll of the Republican Party. The fact remains that Kelly took on the Republican Party as a client and was [paid nearly \\$120,000 by the state and national Republican Parties](#) to work on “election integrity” issues. Kelly’s work included advising the Wisconsin GOP on their efforts to overturn the 2020 election by appointing a slate of fake electors.

- Kelly said he would not accept any funding from the Republican Party of Wisconsin because [[14:16](#)] “it gives the appearance that the Justice is bought and paid for by a political party.” This has never bothered Kelly before. In 2017, Dan Kelly [voted against a rule that would have required judges and justices to recuse themselves](#) from cases involving their financial backers.

- Despite previously rejecting [reports](#) that he was involved in the Republican Party’s efforts to overturn the 2020 election, Kelly today justified [[5:46](#)]

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] his involvement in the scheme, saying he was just one of several lawyers who advised the state GOP on their efforts to appoint a slate of fake presidential electors.

- Kelly also claimed [[50:56](#)] that he was not kept in the loop on the GOP's efforts to overturn the election. Former Wisconsin Republican Party Chair Andrew Hitt contradicts Kelly, saying in a [deposition](#) that he had extensive conversations with Kelly about the fake elector plot.