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INTRO

Jim Walsh, a prominent figure in the Grays Harbor Republican Party, has been actively involved in local organizing efforts. His endorsement by the Grays Harbor GOP and his role as a state representative have positioned him as a key player in the region's political landscape. However, his actions and affiliations have sparked significant controversy. Walsh has been known to attend meetings at the Harbor Calvary Church, a venue that has become a gathering spot for local far-right groups. This association has raised concerns about the influence of extremist ideologies within the local Republican Party.

Walsh's decision to wear a yellow Star of David to protest COVID-19 vaccine mandates drew widespread condemnation. The symbol, historically used by Nazis to identify Jews during the Holocaust, was seen as a gross misappropriation of history and deeply offensive. Despite his subsequent apology, the incident highlighted Walsh's controversial approach to public health measures. Additionally, his support for figures like Matt Shea and groups such as the Three Percenters and Patriot Prayer has further fueled criticism. These groups, known for their extremist views and involvement in violent protests, have been linked to anti-government and white nationalist movements. Walsh's alignment with these entities underscores the broader concerns about his political stance and the potential implications for the community.

HARBOR CALVARY CHURCH

Harbor Calvary Church has, for years, been a meeting spot for the Grays Harbor Republican Christian fascist wing. Not only do they allow these people to meet in their space, but they have openly endorsed these extremist politics. Jim Walsh attends this church when in Aberdeen, and being the new head of the Republican Party here in Washington, he is now a key power player both locally and state-wide.

Many feel that his and his followers extreme views on Christianity being the founding religion of this country, desiring for people to follow the laws of the Bible as they interpret them. They are virulently homophobic, anti-poor, and anti-addict.

This church is the place that spawn SOAP, or Save Our Aberdeen Please. This group went around photographing homeless people and their living situations, claiming to pick up needles everywhere they went. They protested against the local needle exchange, successfully shutting it down at the county level. This group launched the political careers of Kacey Ann Morrison, and Debi Pieracinni. Both advocates of criminalizing the unhoused and those addicted to substances.

This church is also a large part of the reason why there has been no Cold Weather Emergency Sehlter in Aberdeen the last two years. Since the last one, three years ago, was located above their church and cause many run ins with the population they so hate. This lead to many calls to the police about the unhoused being so close all the time. This is no small part helped to fuel the generated outrage towards the very concept of Emergency Shelter for the unhoused.

This is the company that this man keeps, the most hateful people in our town. And they congregate together at Harbor Calvary Church.

ANTISEMTIC ANTI-VAXXER

Jim Walsh sparked significant controversy when he wore a yellow Star of David to protest COVID-19 vaccine mandates. The symbol, historically used by Nazis to identify Jews during the Holocaust, was seen as a gross misappropriation and deeply offensive. Walsh wore the star during a speech to fascists, claiming it was an "echo from history" and suggesting that in the current context, "we're all Jews". Despite his subsequent apology, Walsh's actions highlighted a troubling trend of using Holocaust imagery to protest public health measures.

The backlash against Walsh was swift and intense. Critics pointed out that his actions not only showed a lack of understanding of Holocaust history but also disrespected the memory of those who suffered under Nazi persecution. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and other organizations emphasized that such comparisons are not only historically inaccurate but also morally reprehensible. Walsh's attempt to draw parallels between vaccine mandates and the systemic extermination of Jews during World War II was seen as a dangerous and inflammatory rhetoric.

This incident highlights his views on the oppression him and his Christian patriots face by having to adhere to basic public health measures like everyone else. It is made all the more uncomfortable when you realize his close proximity to actual fascist organizations. These types of group often pull gags like these that poke fun at the holocaust in one way or another. The fact he ever thought this was appropriate shows where exactly his mind is at.

3 PERCENTERS, PATRIOT PRAYER, MATT SHEA

Jim Walsh's political career has been marked by his controversial support for far-right figures and groups, including Matt Shea, Patriot Prayer, and the Three Percenters. Matt Shea, a former Washington state representative, was expelled from the House Republican caucus after an independent investigation concluded that he had engaged in acts of domestic terrorism. Shea was found to have participated in armed conflicts of political violence and advocated for replacing the government with a theocracy, including the killing of non-Christian males who did not follow fundamentalist biblical law. Despite these findings, Walsh has publicly defended Shea, arguing that the Republican Party should avoid internal conflicts and maintain unity.

Walsh's associations with Patriot Prayer and the Three Percenters have further fueled controversy. Both groups are known for their far-right ideologies and involvement in violent fascist street attacks. In May 2020, Walsh, along with Shea and other Republican representatives, participated in a rally against the state's COVID-19 stay-athome order, where they were joined by members of Patriot Prayer and the Three Percenters. These groups have been linked to numerous violent incidents and promote extremist views. Critics argue that his actions embolden extremist elements and contribute to a climate of division and unrest.

His friends both here at home and statewide prove that Jim is fascist adjacent enough to be on the radar of all regional anti-fascist groups. For more information email us at sabot_media@riseup.net.