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While support for the OSHA and CMS rules comes from dozens of public health and medical groups and more than one hundred experts, the legal attacks against them originated and are supported by the same elected officials responsible for the endless efforts to repeal or overturn the Affordable Care Act, outside dark money groups, and discredited physicians. These groups continue to push disinformation, attack masks, and attempt to derail other safety measures key to fighting the pandemic. By slowing down vaccinations, these groups are prolonging the pandemic and harming the economy in hopes of political gain.

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America First Legal

America First Legal Was Established By Former Trump Aide Stephen Miller “To Make Joe Biden’s Life Miserable.” “Former Trump White House policy adviser Stephen Miller, known for his hard-line immigration policies and conservative culture war postures, is launching a new legal group. And he’s looking to use it to make Joe Biden’s life miserable. The group, which will be known as America First Legal, will help organize Republican attorneys general against perceived executive branch abuses in addition to filing lawsuits of its own, according to six people familiar with the planning.” [Politico, [3/26/21](#)]

AFL’s Board Includes Former Trump Officials Mark Meadows, Russ Vought, And Matthew Whitaker. “A Trumpist answer to legal groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Common Cause, AFL is the latest example of the former president’s inner circle seeking to rouse his movement as he weighs a possible 2024 run to return to the White House. AFL’s board includes Miller, former Trump White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, former Office of Management and Budget Director Russ Vought, and former acting U.S. Attorney General Matthew Whitaker.” [Bloomberg, [10/12/21](#)]

Stephen Miller Believes That His Suit Against Vaccine Mandates Will “Save Our Liberties And Our Constitutional System Of Government.” “Statement From America First Legal President Stephen Miller: ‘These imperial executive mandates are unlawful, unconstitutional, unacceptable, unconscionable and un-American. America First Legal and the Texas Public Policy Foundation have filed these historic lawsuits to defeat these illegal decrees and save our liberties and our constitutional system of government.’” [America First Legal Press Release, [11/5/21](#)]

Defending The Republic

Defending The Republic Was Established By Sidney Powell, Former Member Of Trump Election Legal Team. Defending the Republic, a group founded by attorney and conspiracy theorist Sidney Powell, a peddler of 2020 election disinformation, filed an amicus brief in the OSHA vaccine or test in support of a stay or injunction. Defending the Republic makes [outrageous and false statements](#) throughout the brief, claiming “DTR seeks to inform the Court that the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine mandated by the OSHA ETS and described as being the one approved by the FDA, i.e., Comirnaty, is not currently available to anyone in the United States,” and “The only vaccines available are experimental products.”

America’s Frontline Doctors

PolitiFact Confirmed The Group’s Ties To Republican Politicians And Conservative Media. “Tea Party Patriots, a conservative group that is part of a coalition to end state lockdowns aimed at preventing the spread of the virus, organized the press conference [outside the Supreme Court, with America’s Frontline Doctors calling for the use of hydroxychloroquine to treat COVID-19.] Republican Rep. Ralph Norman of South Carolina introduced the doctors at the beginning of the video. Breitbart, a conservative news site, recorded the event.” [PolitiFact, [7/28/20](#)]

America’s Frontline Doctors’ SCOTUS Amicus Brief Is Riddled With Factual Inaccuracies And Political Attacks On OSHA. “It is the consensus of the medical community that the currently available Covid-19 vaccine injections do not prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2. Relevant federal agencies have repeatedly acknowledged this consensus...it is universally accepted that the Covid-19 injections do not stop the transmission or acquisition of the virus between persons...Accordingly, requiring Covid-19 ‘vaccination’ serves no compelling state interest at all, and fails the fundamental prong of the strict scrutiny test.” [America’s Frontline Doctors Amicus Brief, [12/30/21](#)]