## JILL STEIN

<u>TOPLINE</u>: Just like in 2016, Jill Stein is running a spoiler campaign that has no path to victory, but she can help Donald Trump win. That's why she is propped up by MAGA operatives and trains all her fire on Democrats and Vice President Kamala Harris.

- In 2016, Stein helped Trump win the election. She won 132,000 votes in the decisive swing states — Michigan, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania — while Trump's margin of victory was just 77,000 votes in those same states.
- Not only did she help Trump win, but she also has no regrets about it. In multiple
  interviews when confronted about her role in helping Trump get elected, she's said she
  doesn't have second thoughts and isn't sorry about it.
  - She has said it's a "badge of honor" to be blamed for Trump's 2016 victory and considers it a "great honor" to be compared to Ralph Nader and his spoiler campaign.
  - Her campaign surrogates admit she has no path to victory and that their top priority is stopping Kamala Harris.
- Now, her campaign is being propped up by Donald Trump's allies and national Republicans because they believe she can help Trump win again.
  - GOP lawyers and operatives have helped Stein's campaign with ballot access litigation including Trump's former personal lawyer, Jay Sekulow, and an attorney involved in a lawsuit trying to overturn the 2020 election, Michael Dean.
  - GOP operatives and consulting firms including one operated by someone who attended the January 6 attacks on the Capitol — helped Jill Stein with signature collection to gain ballot access.
  - Jill Stein and her campaign said she saw "no issue" joining forces with Republicans and would "take the help."
- Trump himself has praised Jill Stein's spoiler candidacy, saying, "I like her also, Jill Stein,
   I like her very much. You know why? She takes 100% from them."
  - Steve Bannon admitted, "the path to victory here is clearly maximizing the reach
    of these left-wing alternatives," adding "the more exposure these guys get, the
    better it is for us."
  - Scott Presler— MAGA activist, GOP operative, and election denier— said that Jill Stein being on the ballot in Pennsylvania was a "tactic" that would "make a difference this November."
- Stein has echoed MAGA talking points on issues like January 6th and Trump's criminal trials, trained all of her attacks on Democrats, and downplayed the need to fight against Trump's disastrous Project 2025.
  - Stein is open to pardoning January 6 protesters and thinks January 6 was "blown up for political reasons."
  - She's also said she'd consider pardoning Trump.
  - Stein dismissed the need to unite against Trump to stop Project 2025's attacks on women's health care, LGBTQ rights, and racial equality, calling it propaganda.