

Complicit Cowards or Complicit Conspirators

Take Your Pick

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It's become so easy to write profound essays on Donald Trump's lack of morality, his sociopathic, psychopathic, and narcissistic behavior, his ignorance, and his total ineptitude at running the country. I could wax poetic on how this one man has done so much damage to the rule of law, our standing in the world, and the quality of life for so many of us. But it's now time to focus on how to stop him and his MAGA enablers. A good start is to vote out the Republicans who are too afraid to stand up to Trump or, worse yet, believe in his corrosive policies.

Here in Florida, we have a term-limited Governor and two House of Representatives incumbents from Volusia County up for reelection. I could write a Master's thesis treatise on the amount of harm Ron DeSantis has reeked on Florida, just because of his sycophantic support for Trump. But because I live in Volusia County, I want to focus on Cory Mills and Randy Fine: our two congressmen in the House of Representatives. Both Cory Mills and Randy Fine maintain a 100% Presidential Support Score, meaning they have voted in alignment with Donald Trump's stated executive agenda on every tracked legislative vote during the 2025–2026 congressional session.

They voted for the “Big Ugly Bill,” which structurally shifts resources away from low-income households and toward the wealthiest Americans. A massive upward wealth transfer by pairing \$4.5 trillion in tax cuts with over \$1 trillion in cuts to social safety net programs. Not good for Floridians.

Cory Mills and Randy Fine have both supported Republican efforts to advance the Build the Ballroom Act. Obviously, Fine and Mills care more about Trump's vanity projects than struggling Floridian families.

Both Mills and Fine voted "Nay" (against) the June 3, 2026, War Powers resolution. Yes, they voted to give Trump free rein on waging and losing a senseless war in Iran. Because of this war, Floridians are currently paying about \$0.89 more per gallon for regular unleaded gasoline compared to this time last year. Florida farmers have a hard time getting and affording fertilizer. We lost 14 servicemen, with many more wounded. Billions of dollars have been wasted, and thousands of innocent lives have been lost. It seems that that's just fine with Cory Mills and Randy Fine.

Mills and Fine both consistently voted "Yea" (in favor) of funding and empowering Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) during the intense 2026 budget battles. They're just fine with Trump having a private goon squad arresting and murdering innocent American citizens and legal immigrants who have done nothing wrong. Apparently, they have no problem with farmers, construction companies, hospitals, nursing homes, and the hospitality business having a hard time finding workers. They are just fine and dandy with the cruelty in ICE detention centers that are being forced on communities that don't want them.

Suffice it to say, both these Congressmen are so afraid of pissing off Donald Trump and being primaried or worse: they actually support these Trumpian policies. Whatever their reasons, all of these policies have hurt Florida. Cory Mills and Randy Fine have to go. There are several really good

Democratic candidates running in the upcoming primary. Once the primary is decided, Florida voters should consider looking at these Democratic candidates, whatever your party affiliation is. They would surely be better than Mills or Fine for us Floridians.