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HEALTH

Republicans spar over IVF, with some turning to obscure alternative

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Republican support for in vitro fertilization, after surging in the wake of a 2024 Alabama Supreme Court decision that threatened the procedure, may be splintering as President Donald Trump retreats from his IVF promises and more far-right voices gain ground.

Earlier this year, conservatives in the Tennessee House staged an eleven-hour skirmish over an IVF protection bill introduced by two of their Republican colleagues. The bill eventually passed, becoming one of the first in the nation to explicitly protect access to IVF. But some lawmakers who voted for it have signaled their willingness to revisit the issue.

In Georgia, a Republican-sponsored bill to codify the right to IVF into law sailed through the legislature, even as fellow conservative lawmakers introduced their own anti-abortion bill that opponents warned would undermine the IVF protections in the new law.

In statehouses around the nation, IVF has emerged as a dividing line running through the Republican Party. Particularly in states where abortion is banned, lawmakers who unite under the “pro-life” banner disagree over whether the popular treatment gives life or destroys it.

People who believe embryos are children oppose IVF because it can involve the discarding of some embryos, which they say is akin to abortion.

“The popularity of IVF creates a dilemma for Republican politicians who have had anti-choice organizations as a key part of their constituency for their whole careers,” said Sean Tipton, chief advocacy and policy officer at the American Society for Reproductive Medicine.

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LYNNE SLADKY / ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE (2018)
A container with frozen embryos and sperm stored in liquid nitrogen is removed at a fertility clinic in Fort Myers, Fla.



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Yoshi Kojima, executive sushi chef for Silver & Black Hospitality, plates bluefin tuna, available to guests sitting in the loge sections, during a media open house Tuesday. The event, which also featured a chilaquiles hot dog, below, showcased offerings for the upcoming 2025 Las Vegas Raiders season at Allegiant Stadium.

SPORTS

Hospitality team elevates stadium experience with fresh menu for game days

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By GRACE DA ROCHA
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Many fans will flock to Allegiant Stadium tonight for the Raiders’ home debut on “Monday Night Football” eager to watch their beloved franchise.

Sandra Taylor hopes the experience also includes having a glass of wine.

Two years ago, she was working the 150s level at the stadium, curating a premium wine program featuring more than 20 labels for suite owners and treating fans to tastings of everything from rich bordeaux to crisp pinot.

But Taylor quickly recognized a challenge: In Las Vegas’ sweltering heat, with football games kicking off as early as 1 p.m., fans craved something far lighter than traditional wines.

That realization sparked her mission to craft the perfect rosé — a quest that led her all the way to France, where she collaborated with Gerard Bertrand, a world-renowned rosé sommelier. They



hand-selected every grape for what would become a distinctive five-varietal blend: “Raider Rosé.”

The elegant pink wine, housed in a sleek glass bottle adorned with the iconic Raiders logo, remains exclusively available at Allegiant Stadium home games — making it a coveted treasure for devoted fans. In just two seasons, Taylor has moved over 12,000 bottles of Raider Rosé

and is already stockpiling inventory for the games ahead.

“I feel like this is my second family, and I wanted to create something for (owner) Mark Davis to go along with his commitment to excellence and everything he does — and the Raiders really do,” said Taylor, head sommelier of Silver

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POLITICS

Nick Fuentes: A white nationalist problem for the right

By ROBERT DRAPER
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WASHINGTON — Until a month or two ago, Nick Fuentes was regarded by right-wing influencers as a mosquitolike interloper whose lifeblood was attention. Ignore his openly racist and sexist rants, their thinking went, and Fuentes would eventually flitter off into oblivion.

But today an entirely different consensus has emerged on the right. The footprint of the oratorically proficient late-night streaming show host has not dwindled in the least, with tens if not hundreds of thousands of alienated young male conservative followers known as Groyperers, a nickname derived from an alt-right meme. If anything, his anti-Israel, anti-immigrant, antitransgender and anti-civil-rights views seem to have gained new currency during the

second Trump administration.

There is now growing alarm among leading conservatives about Fuentes, who routinely tests the cultlike devotion of his young male fans by savaging their patriarchal figure, President Donald Trump, for not being right-wing enough. In the process, he has emerged as one of the loudest voices on the right to turn on the president.

“When I was a teenager, I thought he was a Caesar-like figure who was going to save Western civilization,” Fuentes, 27, said in an interview. “Now I view him as incompetent, corrupt and compromised.”

Specifically, he has criticized the president for showing solidarity with Israel over the war in the Gaza Strip, for refusing to release the Epstein files and for considering extending student visas to Chinese nationals. On Labor Day, Fuentes posted on

social media, “Trump 2.0 has been a disappointment in literally every way but nobody wants to admit it.”

Asked to comment on Fuentes’ remarks, White House officials declined. Current and former members of the Trump administration as well as outside advisers would not be quoted for the record about Fuentes out of fear, they said, of inviting online attacks from him and his zealous followers. Three of them mentioned the sudden ubiquity of Fuentes-related clips circulating in their social media feeds.

Certain metrics attest to Fuentes’ surge. Since his X account was reinstated by Elon Musk 16 months ago, the number of his followers appears to have grown from roughly 140,000 to more than 750,000. His “America First” streaming show viewer-



JAMIE KELTER DAVIS / THE NEW YORK TIMES

For years, conservatives hoped that Nick Fuentes, the notorious white nationalist social media personality, would go away. Instead, he has gained more traction, even while opposing the president. “When I was a teenager, I thought he was a Caesar-like figure who was going to save Western civilization,” Fuentes said of Trump. “Now I view him as incompetent, corrupt and compromised.”

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