

Bob Brooks Has Been Accused Of Racism, Including Sharing Racist Memes...

***The Washington Post* HEADLINE: “Democrat In Key Race Defended Guns After Mass Shooting And Insulted Kaepernick,”** (Dan Merica, “Democrat In Key Race Defended Guns After Mass Shooting And Insulted Kaepernick,” [The Washington Post](#), 4/20/26)

In Time Magazine’s February 2026 Writeup Of Brooks, The Author Mentioned That Brooks Was Criticized For Old Social Media Posts. “Brooks has taken heat from a local blogger for pro-gun social-media posts, as well as one in 2019 in which he called then-NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick a “douchebag” for kneeling during the national anthem. As Brooks jostles in a crowded, six-way field ahead of the Democrats’ May 19 primary, he is dealing with questions about whether a résumé forged outside government would translate to success in Congress. But his background and laser focus on economic issues has won him the backing of national and state party leaders, from Shapiro—who Brooks said convinced him to run—to Sen. Bernie Sanders and former Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg.” (Julia Terruso, “The Democrats’ Blue-Collar Brigade,” [Time](#), 2/23/26)

NOTE: The social media posts featured in this section are no longer available on Brooks’ Facebook. The below sourcing is the only place where these posts have been found.

The Washington Post: “But Brooks’s Prolific Posting On His Private Facebook Page Shows How The Candidate, Now Embraced By The Democratic Establishment And Some Liberal Groups, Had At Times Appeared To Engage With Right-Wing Ideas Before Running For Office.” (Dan Merica, “Democrat In Key Race Defended Guns After Mass Shooting And Insulted Kaepernick,” [The Washington Post](#), 4/20/26)

In September 2025, Blogger Rich Wilkins Noted That Brooks Has Shared Racist Memes On Social Media, Including An Image That Displayed The 13-Star Flag, “Considered A Symbol Of Slavery Era United States And The Foundation Of The Three Percent Flag, And Attacks Colin Kaepernick Because He ‘Doesn’t Like This Flag.’” (Rich Wilkins, “Was I Too Mean? Or Is Bob ‘Crooksy’ Brooks Basically A Racist Nut?” [The Rich Wilkins’ Apocalypse Vibes Blog](#), 9/12/25)

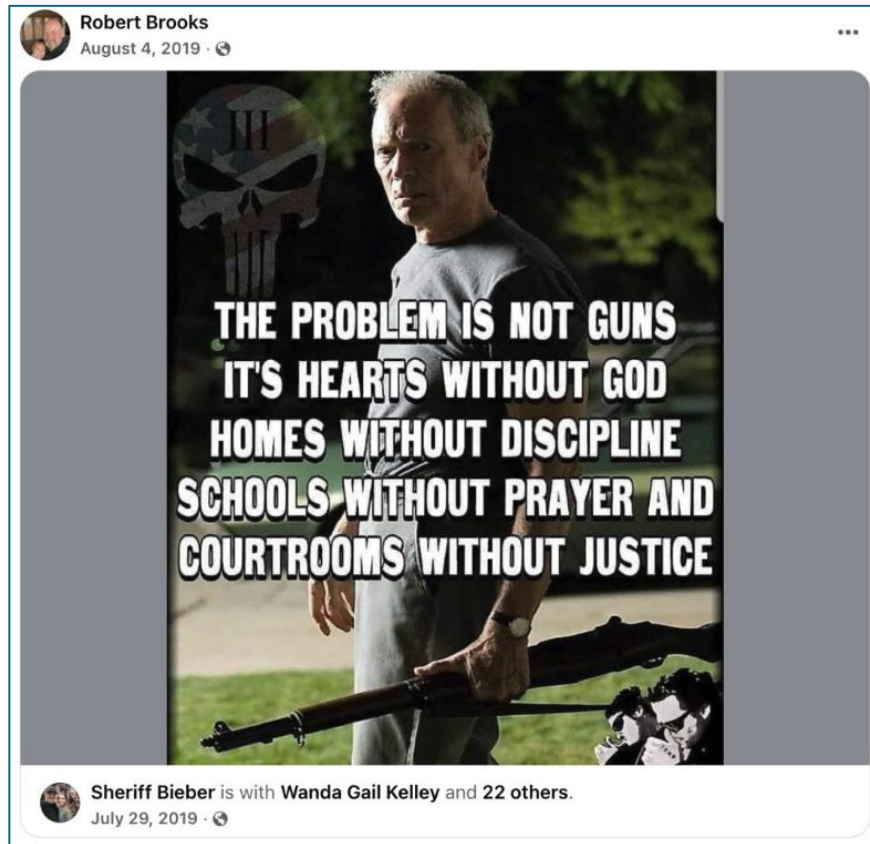


Brooks has also shared racist memes, including this one that displays a 13 star flag, [considered a symbol of slavery era United States and the foundation of the Three Percent flag](#), and attacks Colin Kaepernick because he “doesn’t like this flag”. In Brooks’ personal message he goes on to call Colin Kaepernick a “douchebag.”

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...Used By White Nationalist Groups On Social Media...

On August 4, 2019, Brooks Posted A Meme Stating, “The Problem Is Not With Guns It’s Hearts Without God Homes Without Discipline Schools Without Prayer And Courtrooms Without Justice.”



(“Robert Brooks And His In-Laws,” [Lehigh Valley Ramblings](#), 8/27/25)

This Post Was The Day After A Self-Described White Nationalist Killed Nearly Two Dozen People At A Texas Walmart. “This morning, we published a story about Bob Brooks, the burly, goatee-sporting firefighter and union leader who is running to oust a freshman Republican congressman in Northeast Pennsylvania. His race is key for Democrats in their quest to take back the House. Brooks was prolific on Facebook before he ran for Congress, and he made some off-color posts. One that we highlight is a meme that stated the ‘problem is not guns’ and included the logo of a right-wing, anti-government organization the day after a self-described white nationalist killed nearly two dozen people at a Texas Walmart in 2019.” (Dan Merica, “Democrat In Key Race Defended Guns After Mass Shooting And Insulted Kaepernick,” [The Washington Post](#), 4/20/26)

The Clint Eastwood Meme Included An Image That Is Often Associated With The Three Percenters In The Top Left Corner. The Three Percenters Are A Right-Wing Anti-Government Militia Group That Is Considered To Be A Terrorist Organization By The Canadian Government. “A day later, Brooks posted a meme that read: “The problem is not guns. It’s hearts without God, homes without discipline, schools without prayer and courtrooms without justice.” The meme included an image of actor Clint Eastwood holding a rifle and a skull superimposed with the roman numeral III, an image often associated with the Three Percenters, a right-wing anti-government militia group that Canada later declared a terrorist entity because of its links to bomb plots targeting U.S. government buildings and Muslim communities.” (Dan Merica, “Democrat In Key Race Defended Guns After Mass Shooting And Insulted Kaepernick,” [The Washington Post](#), 4/20/26)

- **According To Newlines Institute, The Three Percenter Movement Focuses On Black Lives Matter, Among Other Issues.** “This deep political anxiety and sense of impending crisis

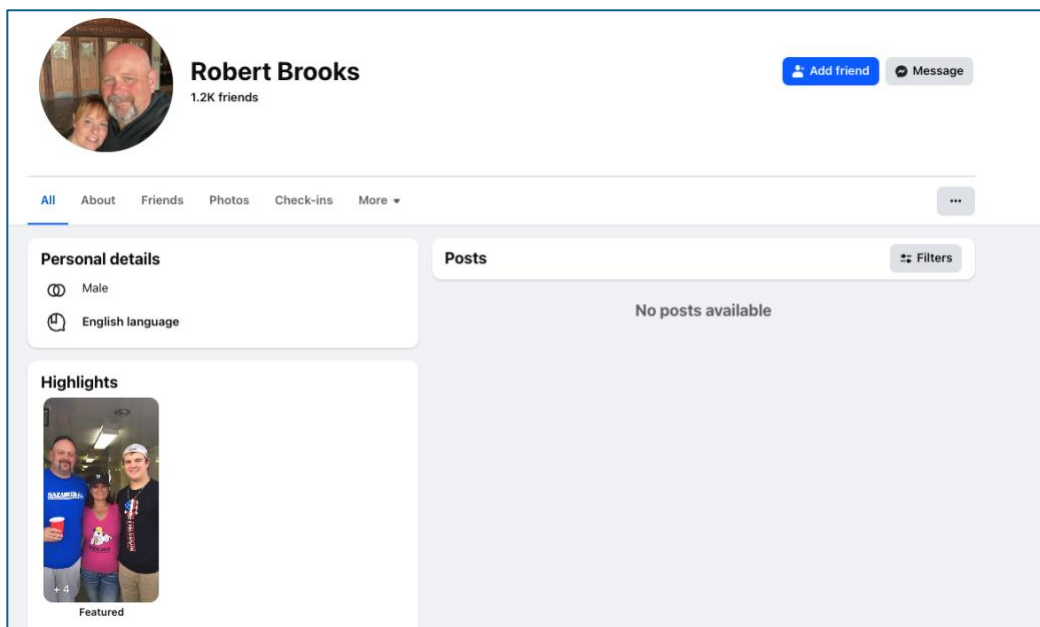
is reinforced by niche websites, chat boards, and social media accounts that discuss and generate a steady stream of moral outrage over a wide range of issues including anti-fascists ('antifa'), Black Lives Matter, 'fake news,' and perceived corrupt politicians; fears of economic collapse; enacting their vision of a constitutionally constrained government; concerns over the loss of Second Amendment rights via firearms laws and regulations; anger at perceived unjustified police raids; predictions of mass civil unrest; and stories about Islamist terrorism.” (Alejandro J. Beutel and Daryl Johnson, “The Three Percenters: A Look Inside An Anti-Government Militia,” [Newslines Institute](#), February 2021)

In 2017, Three Percenters Marched Beside White Nationalists At The Charlottesville Unite The Right Rally. “But that brand had an image problem. Three Percenters across the nation were among the groups with the most indicted members related to Jan. 6. Three Percenters have been arrested for bombing a mosque in Minnesota. Three Percenters tried to kidnap the Michigan governor. Three Percenters marched beside white nationalists at the Charlottesville Unite the Right rally.” (Daniel Walters, “Washington Three Percenters Want To Escape The ‘Extremist’ Label – But Experts Remain Wary,” [Investigate West](#), 12/6/23)

...Brooks Took Down His Posts Which Were Exposed By News Outlets

Brooks Later Apologized For The Posts. “Brooks, who is running for a seat that flipped back to the GOP by only one percentage point in 2024, replied to questions about his past statements, saying, ‘A bunch of DC insiders who don’t want more working people in office are selectively digging up years-old Facebook posts.’ He did, however, apologize for some of them. ‘I’ve shared a few stupid things over the years, and for that I am sorry,’ Brooks said in a statement. ‘I believe who I’ve fought for and my values have always been clear.’” (Nick Givas, “Democrat Trying to Flip Pennsylvania Seat Apologizes for Pro-Police, Pro-Gun, Pro-God Posts,” [The Western Journal](#), 4/21/26)

Brooks’ Facebook Has No Posts To Show. (Robert Brooks, [Facebook](#), Accessed 2/10/26)



(Robert Brooks, [Facebook](#), Accessed 2/10/26)

NOTE: *Since his campaign launch, all of Brooks’ previous personal social media accounts are not available for public viewing.*