



Left-wing uprising exposes the problems with unions

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The Colorado race to watch features candidates whose views display a divide as vast as the district



Diane Mitsch Bush



Lauren Boebert

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It's already a brawl.

The two major-party candidates running for Colorado's suddenly open 3rd Congressional District seat attacked swiftly after their primary wins, each scrambling to portray their opponent as a dangerous extremist.

From the moment Lauren Boebert, the owner of Rifle's Shooters Grill and a longtime gun-rights activist, shocked U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton with a 9-percentage-point win in the June 30 GOP primary, Democrats depicted the novice politician as out of step with the sprawling, largely rural district's values.

That same night, former state Rep. Diane Mitsch Bush, who lost a bid to unseat Tipton two years ago, came under fire for proposals Republicans labeled "socialist."

Mitsch Bush accused Boebert of palling around with members of "far-right militia with connections to violent white supremacists," and Boebert's campaign has taken to referring to the Democrat as a "social worker," which at least shares a syllable with the career the former sociology professor had before winning election to the Routt County Commission.

On July 30, in a tweet retweeted by Boebert, national Republicans called Mitsch Bush a "sleazy liar," claiming the Democrat is attempting to backtrack from previous statements of support for the single-payer Medicare for All proposal and the Green New Deal, a sweeping set of policies to tackle climate change.

Welcome to Colorado's hottest congressional race.

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STILL UP FOR DEBATE

Cory Gardner's campaign proposed five debates. John Hickenlooper's team just proposed four. But only one venue is on both lists. **Page 7**