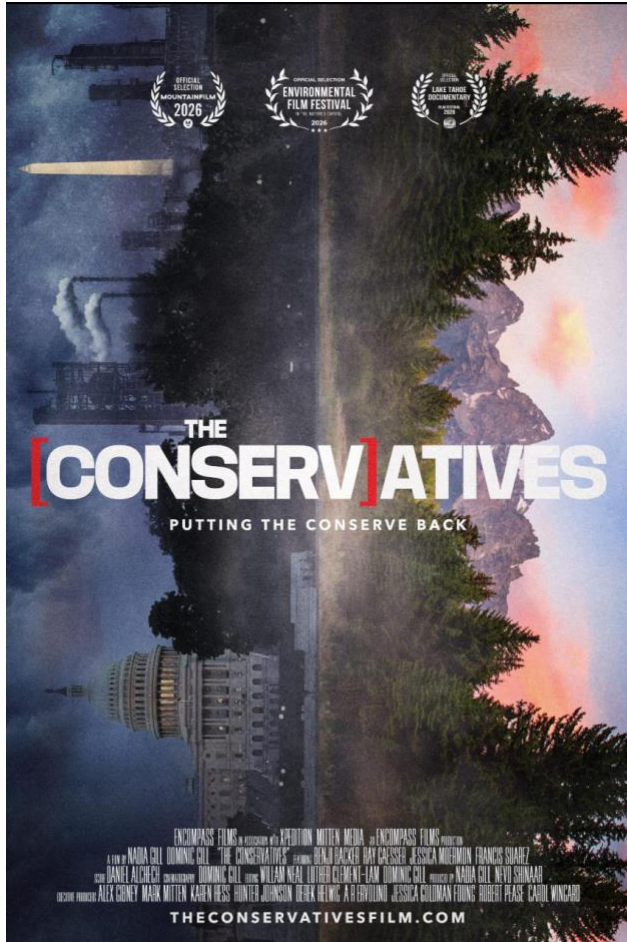




The [Conserv]atives

Brief Description: As extreme weather intensifies and the 2024 election looms, four Republicans embedded in different corners of the conservative ecosystem wage an uphill battle to transform their party from within—testing whether personal conviction can survive tribal loyalty.

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Run Time: 88 minutes

Year: 2025

Credits:

- Director, Producer: Nadia Gill
- Director, Editor: Dominic Gill
- Cast: Benji Backer, Ray Gaesser, Jessica Moermon, and Francis Suarez

Filmmaker's Summary:

From summer 2021 through Donald Trump's re-election campaign, four Republican insiders wage an uphill battle to transform their party's stance on climate change from within. A young grassroots organizer, a big-city mayor, an Iowa farmer, and an evangelical pastor — each embedded in different corners of the conservative ecosystem — risk alienation from their own communities as they attempt to reframe climate action as a conservative value.

As extreme weather intensifies and the 2024 election approaches, they confront a political machine built on denial, testing whether personal conviction can overcome tribal loyalty. This is a deeply personal story about the cost of defying your own side and the haunting question that drives them all: will their efforts be enough before time runs out?

Subjects explored: Conservation Movement; Identity Politics; Youth Leadership; Intra-Party Divides;

Notes from Better Together Film Festival Jury:

- Audiences the film is well suited for: General audience; Environmental Groups; Young Adults;

- The film defies expectations and assumptions commonly made regarding Republicans' views about environmentalism and conservation.
- The film traces back the history of environmentalism, showing how major industries transformed it from a shared American ethos – largely championed by the Republican party – to a polarized issue.