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Tasha Adams devoted her life to supporting her husband.

She was an exotic dancer to pay for his college, took care of him when he accidentally shot himself in the face, and when he was looking for direction in life, she helped him start the Oath Keepers.

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With congressional committees & federal investigators examining the threat posed by domestic extremists and their contribution to the insurrection, Adams has been conducting an exploration of her own life and culpability in the forming of the Oath Keepers.

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“If I hadn’t helped him start it, I mean, there would probably still have been an insurrection...

But what would it have looked like? That is what I’m trying to figure out.”

Tasha Adams, wife of Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes



Stewart Rhodes, the founder of the Oath Keepers, and Tasha Adams’ estranged husband, did not respond to our interview requests.

He has not been charged in the insurrection and has said the Oath Keepers were in town to provide security on Jan. 6.
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Adams, who says her husband became emotionally and physically abusive while the Oath Keepers, a group they founded together, became more extreme and took stances that showed racial & ethnic biases, says it took years for her to see the truth about Rhodes.

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Through interviews with Adams, reviews of court records, interviews with 2 of her adult children and some of the few people she had contact in her isolated Montana town, [@DelWilber](https://twitter.com/DelWilber) reconstructs the founding of the Oath Keepers.

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