

HOUSE ACCOUNTABILITY WAR ROOM

To: Interested Parties
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RE: Meet the Extreme MAGA Speaker Candidates

MAGA extremists have plunged Congress into chaos once again, throwing out their Speaker because they couldn't use a MAGA government shutdown to get new extreme abortion bans and funding cuts for programs like children's cancer research, law enforcement and access to Social Security and Medicare.

With the fight over the Speakership looming, **MAGA Republicans are gearing up to double down on their extremism once again.**

How do we know?

Every single one:

- Voted to overturn the 2020 election and/or voted against establishing the January 6th investigative committees.
- Supports extreme restrictions on abortion.
- Voted to cut funding for nutrition assistance for moms and children, benefits for our veterans and critical programs to help seniors and people with disabilities.
- Continues to attack Social Security and Medicare.

And that's just the start.

Below are some of the biggest takeaways about the MAGA Speaker candidates.

One thing is abundantly clear: each of them is far too extreme to be Speaker.

Mike Johnson

- Johnson is an election denier who [voted](#) to overturn the election results in 2020.
- Johnson [signed](#) onto “an amicus brief in a Texas lawsuit to invalidate millions of votes and the election results from four key swing states that went for President-elect Joe Biden.”
 - CNN reporter [Andy Kaczynski on X](#): “Emmer signed on to the Texas lawsuit trying to throw out the results in all of the swing states to throw the election to Trump though. It was probably outside of January 6 the second most extreme action in that whole post 2020 period.”
- Johnson [voted](#) against establishing the January 6th investigative committees.
- Johnson [voted for](#) a national abortion ban and [cosponsored](#) a 15-week abortion ban in 2022.
 - He holds an [‘A+’ Rating](#) from Susan B Anthony Pro-Life America, a national, extreme anti-abortion group.
- In September 2023, Johnson [voted](#) for the House Republicans' continuing resolution that would [cut](#) access to Social Security.
- Johnson is a [member](#) of the Republican Study Committee, a group of Republicans [proposing](#) to [cut](#) Social Security [and](#) Medicare, which will put millions of senior and low-income Americans at risk.
- Johnson [repeatedly voted against](#) the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which [would allow](#) the Department of Justice to overturn discriminatory state and local voter suppression laws.

Tom Emmer

- Emmer [signed](#) onto “an amicus brief in a Texas lawsuit to invalidate millions of votes and the election results from four key swing states that went for President-elect Joe Biden.”
 - CNN reporter [Andy Kaczynski on X](#): “Emmer signed on to the Texas lawsuit trying to throw out the results in all of the swing states to throw the election to Trump though. It was probably outside of January 6 the second most extreme action in that whole post 2020 period.”
- Emmer has voted for [a national abortion ban multiple times](#) and [cosponsored](#) a 20-week abortion ban in 2021.
 - He holds an [‘A+’ Rating](#) from Susan B Anthony Pro-Life America, a national, extreme anti-abortion group.

- In September 2023, Emmer [voted](#) for the House Republicans' continuing resolution that would [cut](#) access to Social Security.
- Emmer [voted twice](#) against establishing the January 6th investigative committees.
- Emmer [voted against](#) the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which [would allow](#) the Department of Justice to overturn discriminatory state and local voter suppression laws. He also [voted against](#) the Freedom to Vote Act, which would protect voters and prohibit discriminatory voter purges and the partisan removal of election officials.

Patrick McHenry

- McHenry [voted twice](#) against establishing the January 6th investigative committees and [voted against impeaching Donald Trump](#) for attempting to overturn the results of the 2020 election.
- McHenry [repeatedly co-sponsored national abortion bans](#), including [bills that ban abortion from fertilization](#), with [no exceptions](#).
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 - He holds an ['A' Rating](#) from Susan B Anthony Pro-Life America, a national, extreme anti-abortion group.
- McHenry is a [member](#) of the Republican Study Committee, a group of Republicans [proposing](#) to [cut](#) Social Security [and](#) Medicare, which will put millions of senior and low-income Americans at risk.
- Just last month, McHenry [voted](#) for the House Republicans' continuing resolution that [would](#) raise the cost of housing, home heating, food, and health care. It would also [cut](#) access to Social Security, cut Head Start slots, cut loans for farmers, cut support for small businesses, and take food away from women, children, and seniors.

Steve Scalise

- Scalise is an election denier who [voted](#) to overturn the election results in 2020.
- Scalise allegedly [described](#) himself as "David Duke without the baggage."
 - Scalise also [spoke](#) at a white supremacist convention founded by a former KKK leader. The organization that hosted the convention has been [called](#) a hate group by several civil rights organizations.
- Scalise is a "[staunch anti-abortion advocate](#)" who said the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* was "[the first phase of this battle](#)" to ban abortion.

- He holds an ['A' Rating](#) from Susan B Anthony Pro-Life America, a national, extreme anti-abortion group.
- Just last Friday, Scalise [voted](#) for the House Republicans' continuing resolution that would [cut](#) access to Social Security, cut Head Start slots, cut loans for farmers, cut support for small businesses and take food away from women, children, and seniors.
- Scalise is an [executive](#) of the Republican Study Committee, a group of Republicans [proposing](#) to [cut](#) Social Security [and](#) Medicare, which will put millions of senior and low-income Americans at risk.

Kevin Hern

- Hern is an election denier who [voted](#) to overturn the election results in 2020 and was part of a lawsuit to [overturn](#) the 2020 election.
- Hern [repeatedly co-sponsored](#) national abortion bans, including a [bill](#) with no exceptions for rape or incest.
 - He holds an ['A+' Rating](#) from Susan B Anthony Pro-Life America, a national, extreme anti-abortion group.
- In September 2023, Hern [voted](#) against the continuing resolution that avoided a government shutdown, which would have impacted millions of Americans, especially our troops and veterans, seniors and people with disabilities.
- Just last Friday, Hern [voted](#) for the House Republicans' continuing resolution that [would](#) raise the cost of housing, home heating, food, and health care. It would also [cut](#) access to Social Security, cut Head Start slots, cut loans for farmers, cut support for small businesses, and take food away from women, children, and seniors.
- Hern is the [chair](#) of the Republican Study Committee, a group of Republicans [proposing](#) to [cut](#) Social Security [and](#) Medicare, which will put millions of senior and low-income Americans at risk. Under Hern's leadership, the Republican Study Committee is also [proposing](#) to end Medicare's ability to negotiate drug prices, cut SNAP and Medicaid, and ban abortion nationwide.

Jim Jordan

- Jordan is an insurrectionist who [voted](#) to overturn the election results in 2020.
 - As a ["significant player"](#) in the efforts to overturn the 2020 election, Jordan endorsed MAGA conspiracy theories, even [encouraging](#) fellow lawmakers to object to certification on Jan. 6, [calling](#) for a "special counsel" to investigate so-called voter fraud, [meeting](#) with a group of Trump loyalists in the White House on Dec. 21 to coordinate plans to prevent Congress from certifying the election results, and [coordinating](#) directly with the White House in the days leading up to the insurrection.
- Jordan [repeatedly co-sponsored](#) national abortion bans, including a [bill](#) with no exceptions for rape or incest.

- He also [co-sponsored](#) a bill that would classify abortion as murder and could [impact](#) contraception access.
 - Jordan [called](#) the story of a 10-year-old rape victim from his home state of Ohio “a lie.”
 - He holds an [‘A+’ Rating](#) from Susan B Anthony Pro-Life America, a national, extreme anti-abortion group.
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 - Just last Friday, Jordan [voted](#) for the House Republicans' continuing resolution that would [cut](#) access to Social Security, cut Head Start slots, cut loans for farmers, cut support for small businesses and take food away from women, children, and seniors.
 - In 2014, Jordan [voted](#) to raise the retirement age for Social Security and Medicare to 70 years, which would have cut benefits for tens of millions of seniors who have paid into the system for years.
 - Jordan [co-founded](#) the House Freedom Caucus, a group of “[unabashed agents of chaos](#)” and “[legislative terrorists](#).”

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