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It's been 100 days since Speaker Kevin McCarthy made enough backroom deals with the most extreme members of his conference to barely secure the votes needed to be the leader of the House of Representatives.

His elevation made it extremely clear who was running the show: MAGA. And they've been exercising their influence every day since.

From trying to further criminalize abortion to attacking benefits like Social Security to prioritizing the wealthy over the middle-class to threatening a devastating default to launching investigations simply to hurt President Biden, the extreme MAGA agenda has been the driving force in the House since McCarthy took his oath of office on January 7, 2023.

Here is a brief rundown of what the MAGA led House has prioritized during the first 100 days of securing the Speaker's gavel.

### House Republicans Have Passed, Introduced, And Promised Votes On Harmful Legislation Across Topics:

#### **Abortion:**

- House Republicans <u>passed</u> legislation that could penalize doctors performing abortions.
- 78 Republicans sponsored or co-sponsored <u>legislation</u> to ban abortion nationwide in all circumstances.
- 67 Republican members of Congress <u>signed onto</u> a lawsuit to overturn FDA approval of mifepristone to restrict access to medication abortions.
- 40 Republicans co-sponsored Lauren Boebert's <u>legislation</u> to defund Planned Parenthood.

### **Favoring The Wealthy And Corporations Over Everyday Americans:**

- The first bill <u>passed</u> by House Republicans this Congress was to <u>repeal</u> funding to crack down on wealthy and corporate tax cheats.
- Republicans' top priority legislation was <u>H.R.1</u>, which would cut taxes and fees on oil companies. While just one of these cuts equaled a <u>\$6 billion tax break</u> for oil companies, Roll Call <u>reported</u> that "the bill contains no obvious provisions to help consumers."
- In order to secure his speakership, McCarthy promised to hold a vote on the so-called <u>Fair Tax Act</u>, extreme legislation that would eliminate all federal income, payroll, estate and gift taxes and replace them with a 30% national sales tax, while also eliminating the IRS. This would <u>raise taxes and prices</u> enormously for the middle and working classes while cutting them for the wealthy.

#### Oil and Gas:

- McCarthy and House Republicans <u>voted</u> to make it <u>harder</u> for the Biden Administration to use the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to lower gas prices.
- H.R.1, the top bill in the Republican agenda, would increase profits for oil and gas companies while <u>costing taxpayers</u> and increasing pollution. This legislation would also make crucial energy efficient upgrades <u>more expensive</u> for consumers.

#### **Cutting Essential Benefits:**

- House Freedom Caucus Chair Scott Perry and January 6th insurrectionist Derrick Van Orden <u>both introduced</u> balanced budget amendments, which the <u>AARP</u> says will "likely harm Social Security and Medicare, subjecting both programs to potentially deep cuts."
- Dusty Johnson introduced <u>legislation</u> to impose stricter work requirements for SNAP eligibility, which could lead to older Americans and parents of children over the age of seven <u>losing their benefits</u>. 41 Republicans have co-sponsored the bill, which Johnson has touted in the press.

#### **Book Bans:**

 House Republicans <u>passed legislation</u> to require schools to provide parents with lists of books available in their school libraries. Similar legislation has fueled the <u>record number</u> of book bans happening across the country in recent years.

### LGBTQ+:

- House Republicans passed <u>legislation</u> to target transgender students, putting LGBTQ+ students at increased risk of family conflict and violence.
- Marjorie Taylor Greene <u>introduced</u> legislation with 26 <u>co-sponsors</u> to criminalize gender-affirming care for minors.
- Jim Banks <u>introduced legislation</u> that would <u>ban</u> transgender Americans from serving in the military, with very limited exceptions.
- Greg Steube <u>introduced</u> legislation with 93 co-sponsors that would <u>ban</u> transgender girls from participating in sports.

### **Public Safety And Guns:**

- MAGA extremists like Marjorie Taylor Greene, Lauren Boebert, and Paul Gosar have called for defunding the FBI.
- MAGA extremist Matt Gaetz <u>introduced</u> legislation to abolish the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.
- The House Judiciary Committee <u>postponed</u>—but did not cancel—a markup on legislation to eliminate a gun safety rule set to be held just days after a mass school shooting.
- 156 Republicans co-sponsored Richard Hudson's bill to expand conceal carry reciprocity of guns across state lines.

# House Republicans Are Using Their Leadership And Committee Control To Benefit Their Donors And Promote Extremism

### **Using Field Hearings To Promote Donors Across The County:**

- House Republicans have <u>poured</u> "substantial" amounts of taxpayer money into field hearings that reward their major campaign donors with publicity and exposure for their businesses. For example:
  - Carol Miller <u>hosted</u> a <u>field hearing</u> at the Allegheny Wood Products store;
     the owner of Allegheny Wood Products, John Crites, donated the maximum

- possible amount to Miller's 2022 campaign and <u>thousands more</u> in previous years. According to the <u>New York Times</u>, the Allegheny Wood Products' logo "was on prominent display during the event."
- Rep. Kevin Hern <u>hosted</u> a field hearing at the Express Clydesdales event space; its owner <u>donated</u> thousands to Hern's campaigns, as well as to the Congressional Leadership Fund Super PAC, the RNC, and Donald Trump.

## **Accountable**

### **The House Financial Services Committee**

The MAGA House Majority in the House Financial Services committee, led by Rep. Patrick McHenry, cares more about their industry donors than protecting American consumers. Accountable. US's research has shown time and again that McHenry and his top lieutenants have:

- Claimed 'junk fees don't exist' while trying to defund and defang the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.
- <u>Thrown</u> up their hands on introducing their solution to the looming debt ceiling crisis, even before Kevin McCarthy and caucus leadership have released a budget.
- And while overseeing the committee, <u>taken</u> thousands of dollars from predatory lenders, greedy big banks, and billionaires while doing nothing to help consumers across the country.

McHenry and other House Financial Services Committee Republicans have been siding with their donors over consumers:

 McHenry attended a Signature Bank fundraiser a week before its collapse, after <u>receiving</u> over \$400,000 in career contributions from Signature employees and executives.

- A group of HFSC members led by McHenry lieutenant Andy Barr <u>sent</u> a
  letter to the CFPB slamming its lawsuit against predatory auto lender Credit
  Acceptance Corporation on the same day industry groups filed an amicus
  brief supporting the lender. Unsurprisingly, these lawmakers received
  \$216,500 in career contributions from the three industry groups opposed to
  this lawsuit.
- McHenry <u>immediately</u> came out against the CFPB's rulemaking against credit card late fees after receiving over \$1.1 million from the eight largest credit card issuers and banking industry trade groups that decried the proposed rule.
- Andy Barr has <u>repeatedly</u> introduced legislation to weaken the CFPB's funding structure and hamper its ability to punish bad actors that harm consumers.

### **January 6th Rioters:**

- In March, Marjorie Taylor Greene led a House Oversight Committee <u>visit to inmates</u> charged with crimes relating to the January 6th insurrection. Greene high-fived and shook hands with the defendants, whom she referred to as "political prisoners."
- 17 of the 20 such inmates in the DC jail have been <u>charged with assaulting</u> law enforcement officers during the insurrection, and nine have already been <u>found</u> <u>quilty</u> or pleaded guilty.
- James Comer helped organize the trip, which Republicans Lauren Boebert, Byron Donalds, Anna Paulina Luna, and Mike Collins also attended.
  - Associated Press Headline: Greene's DC jail visit pulls GOP closer to Jan. 6 rioters

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# McCarthy Sharing Exclusive January 6th Footage With Tucker Carlson

- In February 2023, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy granted Fox News personality Tucker Carlson <u>exclusive access to more than 40,000 hours</u> <u>of security footage</u> from the January 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.
- Tucker Carlson is a known propagandist who spent the last two years spinning up a <u>fraudulent alternative narrative</u> to the Jan. 6 insurrection in giving the video to Carlson, **McCarthy made it crystal clear that his true** goal in sharing the footage was to drum up propaganda.
- If McCarthy's interest in sharing the footage was primarily transparency, he
  would have made the footage available to the press or public. If he believed
  the House Jan. 6 committee had engaged in malfeasance, he would have
  given the footage to a Republican-controlled House committee for review.
- Most of the footage McCarthy provided to Carlson did not go through a
  security review by Capitol Police. In a court filing, Capitol Police General
  Counsel Thomas DiBiase explained that 39 out of 40 clips from the Jan. 6
  insurrection "were never shown to me nor anyone else from the Capitol
  Police" prior to being aired on Carlson's program. He also stated that he
  was not informed anyone outside of a House committee would be viewing
  the video.
- McCarthy sharing the footage with Carlson was also, in part, a fulfillment
  of Carlson's own demand in exchange for helping McCarthy secure the
  speakership. As McCarthy struggled to wrangle together the votes
  necessary to gain the speakership, Carlson cited releasing all files and
  videos related to Jan. 6 as something he could offer to win over House
  Republicans.

- As anticipated, once Carlson and his staff received the footage from McCarthy, Carlson <u>featured a series of cherry-picked videos</u> from the footage in order to paint a fabulist portrayal of the insurrection.
  - Carlson alleged that Democrats and mainstream media outlets were engaged in a conspiracy to prevent the public from seeing insurrection footage. In reality, legitimate media organizations, including a consortium led by CNN, had been seeking as much footage as possible.
  - Carlson spent a significant portion of the broadcast pleading a special case for Jacob Chansley, often referred to as the "QAnon Shaman" even though Chansley <u>pleaded guilty in 2021</u> to obstructing an official proceeding and was sentenced to 41 months in prison.
  - The Fox personality also exploited the death of U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick, who died of two strokes the day after the insurrection, suggesting that no attack or injury against Sicknick even happened.



# 100 Days of House GOP Investigations Gone Down The MAGA Rabbit Hole

The first 100 days of the MAGA Majority in the House have been nothing but an embarrassment. Top House Republicans like James Comer and Jim Jordan have turned the People's House into a circus of conspiracy theories and partisan attacks against President Biden and his family. Instead of focusing on the real issues Americans care about, Republicans are running defense for Trump,

interviewing 50+ former intelligence officers over Hunter Biden's laptop, pushing to deregulate firearms amid hundreds of mass shootings, downplaying domestic terrorism, and launching anti-vaccine inquiries. Make no mistake: Republicans in the House care more about scoring points with their far-right base than actually seeking out the truth. What do we have to look forward to for the next 100 days?

### **Defending Trump and Undermining the Rule of Law.**

Almost immediately after former President Trump <u>declared</u> he was about to be indicted for falsifying business records of hush money payments to an adult film actress—and before charges were even announced—House Republicans began <u>investigating</u> the Manhattan district attorney presiding over the grand jury assigned to the case. Despite having <u>very limited jurisdiction</u> over the case, they <u>requested documents</u> and information about potential charges and sensitive details. Less than a month after submitting the request, Jordan and his MAGA cronies moved to <u>subpoena</u> a former special assistant to the DA (who ended his involvement in the case in February 2022). Now, they have <u>booked</u> a special field hearing in the heart of Manhattan supposedly dedicated to 'examining' how "Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's pro-crime, anti-victim policies have led to an increase in violent crime and a dangerous community for New York City residents" — even though overall crime has actually <u>declined</u> by about 5.6% since Bragg took office.

Jordan and Comer have also gone through great lengths to investigate federal prosecutors in an effort to defend Trump. One of their first letters sent in January 2023 <a href="accused">accused</a> Attorney General Merrick Garland of political bias, and asked for greater scrutiny of newly discovered classified documents held by President Biden. Just months prior, Jordan had sent a flurry of letters to the <a href="White House">White House</a>, <a href="EBI">EBI</a>, <a href="DOJ">DOJ</a>, and the <a href="National Archives">National Archives</a>, attacking top federal law enforcement officials for investigating Trump's mishandling of classified documents in an attempt to shield the former President from accountability.

## 50+ Interview Requests to Intelligence Officers Who Disagree With Them On Hunter Biden's Laptop.

It's no secret that House Republicans have spent months pushing a story about Hunter Biden's laptop to attack President Biden and his family. In recent weeks, however, they have gone straight down the MAGA rabbit hole and launched an investigation into a single public statement denouncing the Hunter Biden laptop story signed by numerous former intelligence officers in October 2020. In one day, the MAGA Judiciary committee sent more than 50 letters to an assortment of the

former intelligence officers, requesting transcribed interviews: "These documents and your testimony are necessary to further our oversight." The recipients include top former officials including Former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, Former Undersecretary of Intelligence Michael Vickers, and Former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper.

### **Pushing To Deregulate Firearms.**

In the wake of at least 145 mass shootings since the beginning of this year, House Republicans are pushing investigations of the chief regulatory agency that oversees the sale and transfer of firearms: the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). They inquired after ATF director Steven Dettelbach and held a joint hearing featuring a perennial GOP witness and owners of two fringe firearm businesses—all who had staked their careers on exposure to right-wing media, think tanks, and advocacy groups. Instead of carefully selecting firearm experts to testify or addressing the epidemic of gun violence in American schools, Republicans enlisted yet another group of right-wing witnesses and pushed ahead with their MAGA agenda.

### **Attacking Law Enforcement and Downplaying Domestic Terrorism.**

Jim Jordan is using his Select Committee on the so-called Weaponization of the Federal Government to <u>denounce and ridicule counterterrorism efforts</u> aimed at combating threats of domestic terrorism. MAGA Republicans on the subcommittee have been building a campaign against the DOJ and federal law enforcement by sending dozens of letters to FBI affiliates and members of the National School Boards Association—<u>including subpoenas</u> to two former heads of the Association. Jordan even tried to bring in a slate of <u>phony whistleblowers</u> who turned out to be little more than partisan actors who supported far-right conspiracy theories, held close financial ties to Trump's closest allies, and defended those involved in the January 6th attack on our country. These fringe efforts only serve to stymie federal law enforcement efforts and put politics above safety.

#### **Amplifying Vaccine Conspiracies.**

Instead of investigating the real scientific questions about the pandemic, MAGA Republicans in the House are only interested in investigating conspiracy theories. There's a clear pattern: Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) is proudly unvaccinated and opposes COVID-19 vaccine mandates, Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO) is an anti-vaxxer, Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) is a notorious anti-vaxxer, and Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) is a vaccine skeptic alongside at least five other Oversight Republicans. In March 2023, they requested testimony on the FDA approval

process from top commissioners and officials within the agency, following previous anti-vaccine information requests sent to the <u>Coast Guard</u>, the <u>DOJ</u>, and even the <u>DC Mayor Muriel Bowser</u>. Vaccines have come up in other unrelated hearings, with Republicans bringing them up during hearings on <u>Twitter</u>, border security, and even <u>military readiness</u>.

# House Republicans Continue To Bring The Country Closer And Closer To An Unprecedented, Devastating Default On Its Debt

House Republicans are threatening to force our nation to default, holding the U.S. economy hostage to try to push through their extreme agenda. Avoiding default would ensure stability for the U.S. and global economies, protect the country's standing among world leaders, and avoid catastrophe for Americans utilizing government programs. Republican lawmakers are willing to risk all that to push through their extreme agenda and try to score political points against President Biden and the Democratic Party.

• <u>The Guardian</u>: "The US economy could be headed for a crisis manufactured by a handful of House Republicans."

### Republicans Have Voted to Avoid Default Without Preconditions Many Times Before Biden Took Office:

- Congressional Republicans voted <u>three times</u> during the Trump Administration to suspend the debt ceiling, while the Trump administration added \$7.8 trillion to the national debt.
  - New York Times Headline: Republican Votes Helped Washington Pile Up Debt

#### The Only Thing House Republicans Agree On Is To Threaten Default:

- Garret Graves, whom McCarthy chose to lead internal party discussions on default, said: "I think there's one absolute: We're not going to do a clean debt ceiling."
- Marjorie Taylor Green <u>agreed</u>: "I for one will not sign a clean bill raising the debt limit."
- McCarthy <u>continued</u> to hold this stance into April: "We are never going to move a bill that just raises the debt ceiling."

### **Republicans Are Pushing Legislative Changes That Make A Default More Likely:**

- In their <u>first official vote</u>, House Republicans ended the Gephardt Rule, which allowed the House to extend the debt limit when adopting a budget resolution without holding a direct vote on the debt ceiling. This change makes it <u>more likely</u> that the House will not raise the debt limit in the future, increasing the chances of default.
- Instead of focusing on avoiding default, Republicans are <u>pushing legislation</u> to outline in what order the government would try to pay some of its bills when a default happens. Republicans are prioritizing payments to the government's bondholders- including China and Wall Street- <u>over payments for Medicaid</u>, veterans benefits, military wages, border patrol, tax refunds, <u>school lunches</u>, and Pell Grants, among other crucial services.
  - Business Insider Headline: "Republicans are preparing to let some bills go unpaid as the debt ceiling crisis looms. Janet Yellen says their plan is just 'default by another name."

### McCarthy And His MAGA Caucus Are Demanding Extreme Cuts To Popular Benefits In Exchange For Avoiding Default:

- McCarthy's <u>secret deal</u> to secure the votes for his speakership included a pledge to make extreme spending cuts to crucial programs in alignment with FY22 spending levels.
  - McCarthy was listening to ultra-conservative "Trump acolyte" Russ Vought.
     Vought, Trump's former budget director, has continued to advise the House Republican caucus on making extreme cuts, including \$2 trillion in cuts to Medicaid, over \$600 billion to the ACA, and \$400 billion to food security and nutrition programs.
- The right-wing House Freedom Caucus included these cuts to healthcare and other priorities on their <u>list of demands</u> in exchange for its members' votes to avoid default.
- McCarthy then made these cuts to popular programs his <u>leading demand</u> in a <u>letter</u> to President Biden on default negotiations.

## The impacts of these cuts would be damaging across the board. The cuts McCarthy and the House Freedom Caucus are pushing would:

 <u>Eliminate Pell Grants</u> for 80,000 students and reduce grant funding for millions of others

- Cause 300,000 children to <u>lose access</u> to <u>Head Start and child care</u>
- Endanger public safety by cutting funding for over 2,000 Customs and Border Protection Agents, 11,000 FBI personnel, and hundreds of local law enforcement positions
- Shut down 125 air traffic control towers and increase airport security wait times
- Cut back on <u>rail safety</u> inspections
- Increase the risk of homelessness for families and seniors by <u>cutting rental</u>
   <u>assistance</u> and voucher programs for 640,000 families and up to 100,000 seniors
- <u>Evict hundreds of thousands of families</u>, veterans, seniors, and people with disabilities from Section 8 housing
- Cause around 2 million people to <u>lose health care</u> access through Community Health Centers, including in many rural areas
- Reduce access to veterans' care and increase wait times for veterans receiving benefits
- Reduce opportunities for job training and apprenticeships
- Hinder investigations into employers that may be breaking the law, resulting in workers <u>losing back wages</u>
- Increase wait times for <u>Social Security and Medicare assistance</u> and for approval to receive disability benefits
- Leave seniors, mothers, and children lacking <u>crucial nutrition assistance</u>, including taking away Meals on Wheels from more than 1 million seniors and WIC benefits from 1.2 million women, babies and children
- Undermine national efforts to increase <u>domestic manufacturing</u> established in the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act
- <u>Threaten national security investments</u> from the Department of Defense in the Indo-Pacific

 <u>Cut at least two capital ships</u> from the Navy and hamper efforts to modernize the nuclear triad, including "significant disruption and delays to the B-21 bomber program"

### Some Members Have Their Own Individual Demands In Exchange For Their Votes To Avoid Default – And Some Will Try To Force A Default No Matter What. For example:

- Chip Roy <u>opposes</u> avoiding default "until all asylum seekers can be kept in detention centers."
- Greg Pence "told CNN that he wouldn't vote to raise the limit even if he got everything he wanted."
- In the midst of the speaker vote negotiations, Ralph Norman <u>said</u>, "Is he
  [McCarthy] willing to shut the government down rather than raise the debt ceiling?
  That's a non-negotiable item," he added. Norman later <u>switched</u> his vote to support
  McCarthy for Speaker on the 12th ballot, after McCarthy <u>pledged</u> not to hold a
  vote on raising the debt ceiling without including spending cuts.
- Bob Good <u>supported</u> not raising the debt ceiling in order to force a "prioritization of our spending."

## Amidst This Chaos, Republican Leadership Is Not Confident They Will Avoid A Default–A Choice Of Their Own Making:

- <u>Kevin McCarthy</u>, 3/28: "I'm concerned more than I've ever been about getting this debt ceiling done."
- <u>Patrick McHenry</u>, 3/28: "I've never been more pessimistic about where we stand with the debt ceiling, and we've been in some bad situations before."
- <u>Kevin McCarthy</u>, 3/28: "We've made no progress... I'm always an optimist. I'm not now."
- <u>Patrick McHenry</u>, 4/1: "Very worried. Very worried... And frankly, I don't see how we
  get there at this point. There's no process set up, there's no dialogue, there's no
  discussion."

### The Impacts Of A Default Would Be Unprecedented And Catastrophic:

- A <u>recession</u> would be all but guaranteed. Goldman Sachs <u>estimated</u> that if the federal government stopped paying its bills, it would "be immediately killing the equivalent of one-tenth of American economic activity."
- According to <u>Moody's Analytics</u>, "The hit to the economy would be cataclysmic," including nearly 6 million jobs lost, the unemployment rate increasing to over 7%, and stock prices plummeting, wiping out \$12 trillion in household wealth and cutting retirement savings.
- Americans across the board—seniors, veterans, families, and more—could stop
  receiving the federal benefits they've earned and rely on, including Social Security,
  Medicare, Medicaid, veterans' benefits, food stamps, and housing vouchers,
  leaving Americans unable to pay their bills, afford groceries, or receive health care
  coverage.
- The government may not be able to pay bills even beyond benefits— threatening payments for soldiers, border patrol agents, and other <u>federal employees' salaries</u>, <u>national park operations</u>, and <u>national security</u>, among many federal government operations.
- Interest rates would rise, making things like car loans, mortgages, credit card debt, student loans, and small business loans more expensive for families borrowing money or subject to interest rate changes. Third Way <u>estimates</u> that the price of an average new home mortgage would increase by \$130,000 and <u>even more</u> in some states and Congressional districts.
- The value of the dollar <u>could</u> steadily weaken in the long run if its status as the global reserve currency is diminished.

## Even Just The Threat Of A Default- Which McCarthy And His Caucus Have Been Making All Year- Can Cause Major Damage To The Economy:

- During the 2011 <u>debt ceiling</u> negotiations, stock prices dropped and mortgage and interest rates increased. Notably, the S&P downgraded America's credit rating for the first time in history. The economy <u>did not recover</u> for months.
- The Government Accountability Office <u>estimated</u> that the 2013 delay in raising the debt limit increased government interest costs by tens of millions of dollars in just one year– which U.S. taxpayers ultimately have to pay.

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### McCarthy/MAGA Caucus Appearances on Fox

- During McCarthy's first 100 days as speaker, McCarthy and members of his extreme MAGA caucus made a grand total of at least 62 weekday appearances on Fox News.
  - Reps. Byron Donalds (R-FL) and Matt Gaetz (R-FL) clocked in with the highest number of guest appearances, each with a whopping total of 21 and 12 appearances, respectively.
  - Speaker McCarthy was a close third, with a total of 9 appearances during his first 100 days.
  - Other representatives, including Reps. Anna Paulina Luna (R-FL), Andy Biggs (R-AZ) and Chip Roy (R-TX) also accounted for a notable proportion of appearances, with 6 appearances of Rep. Luna and 5 appearances each of Reps. Biggs and Roy.

\*Please note that the above data only reflects Monday-Friday appearances on Fox News from 6am to midnight and does not include a handful of episodes from February 20, February 24, March 2, March 31 and April 3.

### **Conclusion: How Is McCarthy Doing?**

In March, extremist Matt Gaetz gave McCarthy an <u>A grade</u> for his tenure as Speaker so far, reflecting McCarthy's embrace of the right-wing of his party.

However, McCarthy is now facing a barrage of criticism from across the caucus after the New York Times <u>reported</u> on McCarthy's negative comments about his own leadership team.

An unnamed House Republican told Axios that "I can't imagine [he will last an entire term]."

- Politico emphasized: "It's McCarthy's own leadership team that's in disarray"
- Eli Crane <u>said</u> that the right-wing of the party does discuss the option of bringing up a motion to vacate to remove McCarthy from his position "from time to time" while planning for the rest of this Congress.
- <u>Washington Examiner</u> Headline: Some Republicans say McCarthy's time as speaker may be on the chopping block