



**TALKING POINTS ON HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE'S MANHATTAN  
CRIME FIELD HEARING**

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**Key Point:** It is clear that Monday's field hearing organized by Jim Jordan and the Republican-led House Judiciary Committee is retaliation for the legitimate investigation and indictment of Donald Trump by the Manhattan District Attorney. Jordan and his fellow MAGA Republicans have completely abandoned any pretense that they are conducting legitimate investigations in an egregious abuse of power to help Donald Trump escape the rule of law. If they were serious about reducing crime and gun violence, they would actually support common sense measures to keep guns out of the hands of people who should not have them rather than focusing on the wrong priorities.

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- **This hearing is nothing more than a MAGA Republican political stunt.** They are ignoring the priorities of the American people to help Donald Trump avoid accountability, to gain more power for themselves and pursue an extreme agenda of slashing Social Security and Medicare and passing a national abortion ban. They would rather exploit victims of crimes for a photo-op than actually work on solving the issue of violent crime.
- **Jim Jordan and his fellow MAGA Republicans will stop at nothing to defend Donald Trump.** This hearing is a disgraceful attempt to intimidate a local prosecutor doing his job and shield Trump for accountability for his crimes. No one, not even a former President, is above the law, and this prosecution must be allowed to play out. At Trump's direction, Jim Jordan and his fellow MAGA Republicans are trying to obstruct and undermine the legitimate investigations into Trump's conduct. They are following the same playbook they used to undermine investigations into Donald Trump and his family while Trump was in office.

- **Republicans do not actually care about gun violence.** House Republicans have been calling for defunding the ATF and FBI which would make it harder to keep guns out of the hands of people who wish to use them for harm. A group of House Republicans recently introduced a bill to declare the AR-15 the national gun of the United States – in spite of it being the most popular gun of choice by mass shooters. Democrats will continue to focus on policies to reduce gun violence despite Republican opposition to common sense gun reforms. MAGA Republicans like Jim Jordan and Donald Trump are too in the tank with the NRA to do anything about it.

**KEY WORDS:**

MAGA Republicans

Political stunts

Trump-style attacks

Wrong priorities

No one is above the law

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