

# TALKING POINTS ON HOUSE REPUBLICANS' DISASTROUS WEEK OF HEARINGS

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**Key Point:** MAGA House Republicans continue to prove that they care more about holding hearings full of conspiracy theories and Trump-style political attacks than investigating the real issues keeping Americans up at night. The first week of hearings were just a preview of what Republicans plan on spending the next two years doing in a blatant attempt to gain more political power to enact their extreme MAGA agenda including a national abortion ban and gutting Social Security and Medicare. After four years of obstructing legitimate investigations into Donald Trump and his family, MAGA Republicans have no credibility when it comes to oversight. And the worst part for them, last week's hearings were a disaster - they backfired spectacularly and failed to uncover a single new fact to advance their conspiracy theories.

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- These hearings are a series of taxpayer-funded political stunts. House Republicans have been using the hearings to try to score cheap shots at their political enemies rather than helping the American people. They are more focused on getting soundbites on FOX News than actually conducting oversight.
- MAGA Republicans spread numerous conspiracy theories at last week's hearings. House Republicans used the hearings to spread conspiracy theories including QAnon, the Great Replacement Theory, and conspiracy theories about vaccines and the 2016 and 2020 Presidential elections.
- The MAGA politicians smearing President Biden's family are hypocrites, after ignoring Donald Trump and his children's numerous conflicts of interest. While Republicans are mounting a smear campaign against President Biden and his only surviving son, a private citizen, they have ignored blatant corruption by former President Trump and his family who systematically profited off of their Administration while they were government officials.

• House Republicans are using the hearings to air grievances. House Republicans' priority in the hearings appeared to be the airing of personal and political grievances. Two members - Lauren Boebert and Marjorie Taylor-Greene - used their time in an Oversight hearing to complain to former Twitter officials about their accounts.

## **News Coverage of the Hearings:**

Newsweek: Republicans' Big Hopes For Attacking Joe Biden Spectacularly Unraveled.

Bloomberg: House Republicans' Hunter Biden Investigation Begins With A Thud.

NBC: Why The Twitter/Hunter Biden Hearing Backfired On Republicans.

Washington Post: An inauspicious start to House GOP hearings

#### **KEY WORDS:**

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