



TALKING POINTS ON MAGA JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HEARING ON OVERSIGHT OF THE FBI

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Key Point: The MAGA-led House Judiciary Committee and Chairman Jim Jordan are planning to use Wednesday’s hearing featuring testimony from FBI Director Christopher Wray as yet another bogus political stunt. This hearing follows weeks of threats from Kevin McCarthy, Jim Jordan, and James Comer to hold Director Wray in contempt of Congress as they pursue bogus, disproven conspiracy theories.

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- **MAGA Republicans in Congress continue to push sham investigations, despite repeatedly failing to produce their so-called bombshell evidence.** In May of this year, Republicans like James Comer [threatened](#) to hold FBI Director Wray in contempt of Congress over a single document, even though the FBI is [fully cooperating](#) with the House’s bogus investigation and according to Rep. Raskin, the FBI warned that public release of this document could put the source in grave danger and undermine the integrity of the FBI. They have failed again and again to prove any evidence of wrongdoing by President Biden – but that hasn’t stopped them from pushing these ridiculous allegations and threats. They are all hat, no cattle.
- **Republicans went from “tough on crime” to calling to defund the FBI, simply because they aren’t getting their way.** Republicans have long campaigned on tough-on-crime rhetoric and denouncing calls to defund the police. However, MAGA Republicans have repeatedly called for defunding federal law enforcement agencies – particularly the FBI – especially since former President Trump [called on](#) House Republicans to “defund the DOJ and FBI” in April. Comer has suggested repeatedly that he intends to defund the FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies, openly calling to “[hold their budget hostage](#)” and to target [specific employees](#) for punitive measures. Such blatant hypocrisy only demonstrates that House Republicans are far more concerned with launching political stunts than ensuring public safety and the rule of law.

- **House Republicans are working to defend their disgraced former president at all costs.** They are following the same Trump-style playbook of condoning violence and questioning the legitimacy of law enforcement. MAGA House Republicans are calling for investigations into the special counsel assigned to Trump's federal case, threatening the Manhattan District Attorney's office, and threatening to defund the Department of Justice. They are going out of their way to intervene in federal proceedings, continuing a pattern of defending Trump at all costs against legitimate investigations – this is the real weaponization of the federal government.
- **MAGA Republicans have the wrong priorities.** These investigations are nothing more than political stunts, designed by MAGA Republicans to undermine President Biden in order to get more power for themselves, push their extreme agenda, and re-elect Donald Trump. They continue to hold conspiracy theory-filled hearings attacking President Biden instead of focusing on the real issues that matter to Americans like health care, rising costs, and gun violence

KEY WORDS:

Wrong priorities

Failure

MAGA

Political stunts

Conspiracy theorists

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