

TALKING POINTS ON THE MAGA HOUSE GOP'S TAXPAYER-FUNDED POLITICAL STUNT AT THE BORDER

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Key Point: After a series of failed attempts at holding serious hearings, MAGA Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee are planning on a political stunt at the Arizona border this Thursday. This trip will be about photo ops and soundbites to get on Tucker Carlson rather than actual accountability and solutions. Republicans repeatedly refused to provide oversight into Trump's inhumane and failed border policies and have no credibility to claim they care about real solutions to fix our immigration system or the border.

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- House Republicans care more about partisan political stunts than actually solving immigration or fixing the border. Jim Jordan did not consult with Democrats on the committee when planning the trip, despite bipartisan interest in fixing the problems. With Democrats in control of the Senate and White House, bipartisan compromises are the only way to get things done, but MAGA Republicans have made clear they don't actually care about governing. Republicans have refused to work with the Biden administration or even the Senate on immigration reform or border policy.
- House Republicans refused to provide oversight into Trump's failed border policies. During the Trump administration, Jim Jordan and other MAGA Republicans opposed bipartisan efforts to investigate the policy of forced child separation along the southern border, including opposing subpoenas against Trump cabinet officials. Jordan even claimed Trump bore no responsibility for unrest at the border during his presidency. How can he claim to have any authority to investigate the Biden administration's border policies now that he's in charge?
- Jim Jordan's first Judiciary Committee hearing on immigration was a failure. The first hearing was straight out of the Trump playbook with far-right

- witnesses and blatant lies. The hearing further proved that Republicans cannot be trusted to conduct fair and legitimate investigations.
- Americans can expect to hear House Republicans continue to spread racist conspiracy theories like the Great Replacement theory during this so-called hearing. At least three Republicans going on this trip to the border Jim Jordan, Matt Gaetz, and Andy Biggs have a history of spreading this racist conspiracy theory demonizing immigrants. House Republicans already used the House Oversight Committee's border hearing as a platform to elevate this conspiracy theory.

KEY WORDS:

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