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Speaker Jordan would be a dangerous threat to our democracy. He has shown time and time again that he is willing to use his power to protect his allies at the expense of the American people. If he is elected speaker, House Republicans will have endorsed Jordan's out of touch, extreme MAGA agenda and election denialism.

Jim Jordan was one of the biggest proponents of the "Big Lie," suggesting that Democrats would steal the 2020 election before a single vote was even cast. This election denialism threatened to undermine and subvert our democracy. After the election while votes were still being counted, Jordan attended a "Stop the Steal" rally. He spoke with Trump frequently leading up to January 6th and was a key player in the plot to overturn the election. He opposed the formation of the House Select Committee on January 6th and defied a subpoena from the committee to testify about his involvement.

Donald Trump perhaps has no stronger ally in Congress than Jim Jordan. During 2023 in his position as chair of the House Judiciary Committee, Jordan worked to protect Trump by threatening those leading the investigations against the former president with investigations of his own and holding political stunt hearings, rather than focusing on the issues he was elected to address.

While Trump was in the White House, Jordan ran interference for him, shielding him, his businesses, and members of his administration (including his son-in-law, Jared Kushner) from Congressional oversight.

JIM JORDAN HAS WORKED FEVERISHLY TO DEFEND TRUMP FROM CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BY THREATENING INVESTIGATIONS AND POLITICAL STUNTS

August 2023: After Trump’s Fulton County Indictment, Jordan Began Working Overtime to Attack The Prosecutors & Investigators Involved. After a Fulton County, Georgia grand jury [indicted](#) former President Trump on 41 felony racketeering charges and conspiracy counts related to efforts to overturn the 2020 election, Jordan [sent a letter](#) to DA Fani Willis accusing her of coordinating with the DOJ and demanded access to documents and communications. Judiciary Committee Republicans – the committee which Jordan chairs – also pushed a new report accusing the DOJ of “colluding with U.S. Attorney Weiss” about a Congressional hearing. [NBC News, [8/15/23](#); Twitter, [8/24/23](#)]

June 2023: After Trump’s Second Indictment, Jordan Sent A Letter Threatening An Investigation Into the Special Counsel. Following Trump’s second indictment on charges of violating the Espionage Act and obstructing justice, Jordan against attempted to interfere on Donald Trump’s behalf, sending a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland [demanding](#) sensitive information about the prosecution and [asking](#) Special Counsel Jack Smith for a memo and other documents “describing, listing, or delineating the authority and jurisdiction of the special counsel.” [The Hill, [6/6/23](#); CBS News, [6/6/23](#)]

March – April 2023: Shortly After Former President Trump’s First Indictment in New York, Jordan Worked to Interfere With the Investigation and Held A Sham Field Hearing. Donald Trump became the first former president in U.S. history to be indicted on criminal charges on March 30, 2023, facing allegations of felony tax crimes. Shortly after, Jordan [sent](#) two letters [demanding](#) information about the charges and they later moved to [subpoena](#) a former special assistant to the DA (who ended his involvement in the case in February 2022). Just a few weeks after the indictment, Jordan and his MAGA cronies held a [partisan stunt field hearing](#) in the heart of Manhattan [painting a false narrative](#) of the District Attorney as a pro-crime, anti-victim prosecutor overseeing a city inundated by violence in the streets – even though overall crime in the city had actually [declined](#) by about 5.6% since Bragg took office and was [more than three times higher](#) in Jordan’s home district at the time. [House GOP Judiciary Committee Letter to Alvin Bragg, [3/20/23](#), [3/25/23](#); Congressional Integrity Project, [4/17/23](#); Gothamist, [4/16/23](#); New York City Press Release, [3/3/23](#); New York Daily News, [4/17/23](#);

- **March 2023: In Anticipation of Trump’s Indictment, Jordan Threatened The Local District Attorney With Requests for Documents and Testimony.** In late March, Jordan and other top House Republicans sent a letter to Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg demanding documents and testimony related to expectations that Bragg might charge Trump over a hush-money payment to adult actress Stormy Daniels in 2016—even though Congress [cannot lawfully](#) use its investigative power to engage in law enforcement. The Supreme Court has [ruled](#) that the Constitution has a “fundamental policy against federal interference with state criminal prosecutions,” and legal experts suggested that any efforts to subpoena Bragg would “[disrupt the basic elements of our](#)

[adversarial system of justice](#).” Further, one of Trump’s lawyers [personally prodded](#) Jordan to investigate any coming prosecution. [Congressional Research Service, [4/7/95](#); MSNBC (Opinion), [3/23/23](#); The Washington Post (Opinion), [3/22/23](#)]

- **August 2022: Jordan Warned AG Garland and FBI Director Wray That They Would Have to Answer for Raid on Mar-a-Lago.** “In their defense of former President Donald Trump following an FBI search of Mar-a-Lago, congressional Republicans showed how close they remain to Trump and previewed how the next Congress could proceed under Republican control. Republican leaders, responding to Monday’s search, quickly tied it to broader criticism of the Biden administration’s Justice Department and its handling of issues such as a probe of the president’s son and a response to parent protests at school boards last year... Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan, the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, told Fox News Monday that oversight ‘is going to change’ in a Republican Congress. In the meantime, he wanted Garland and FBI Director Christopher Wray to answer questions about the search when the House returns for votes on Friday. ‘What was on the warrant? What were you really doing? What were you looking for? Why not talk to President Trump and have him give the information you're after?’ Jordan said.” [CQ Roll Call, [8/10/22](#)]

2022: Even Before Republicans Took Control Of The House of Representatives, Jordan Was Plotting Politically-Motivated Investigations To Benefit Trump’s Reelection Bid. Throughout 2022, Jordan openly discussed plans to launch politically motivated investigations of the Biden administration if they took control of Congress. Jordan planned to lead an “[onslaught](#)” of committee investigations into the Biden administration in the runup to 2024 on a variety of conspiratorial topics:

- **October 2022: Weeks Before The 2022 Election, Jordan Promised He Would Consider Impeaching President Biden.** Rep. Jordan [promised](#) that his House committee will look at “the impeachment question” for President Biden during a Fox News interview in October 2022. [Fox News, “Sunday Morning Futures with Maria Bartiromo,” 10/9/22, [VIDEO](#)]
- **August 2022: Jordan Said Investigations Will “Help Frame Up The 2024 Race” And Help Trump Win.** “So, all these things need to be investigated just so you have the truth, plus that will help frame up the 2024 race, when I hope and I think President Trump is going to run again and we need to make sure that he wins...” [Jim Jordan, CPAC, Dallas, TX, [8/4/22](#)]
- **April 2022: Jordan Called For Impeachment Proceedings Against A Biden Appointee, Citing Policies First Deployed By The Trump Administration.** In April 2022, Jordan joined [over 130](#) Republicans [calling for impeachment proceedings](#) against DHS Secretary Mayorkas after refusing to investigate the very same policies that were used for years by the Trump administration. Jordan intends to impeach Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas, alleging: “Mayorkas [deserves](#) (impeachment) for sure,” and, “when it comes to looking at an impeachment inquiry, I think Mr. Mayorkas [certainly deserves it](#).” [Axios, [4/26/22](#); Newsmax, 4/26/22, [VIDEO](#); CNN, [10/6/22](#); Real America’s Voice, 10/7/22, [VIDEO](#)]

Jordan “Helped Push Former President Donald Trump’s False Narrative That The 2020 Election Was Somehow Stolen.” “It’s no secret that Jordan has helped push former President Donald Trump’s false narrative that the 2020 election was somehow stolen. ‘I don’t know how you can ever convince me that President Trump didn’t actually win this thing based on all the things you see,’ Jordan said in an interview on Fox News in December 2020. Jordan was also one of 139 House Republicans to vote to sustain the objections to the Electoral College votes in either Pennsylvania or Arizona on January 6. Weirdly, less than a week later he insisted that ‘I’ve never said that this election was stolen.’” [CNN, [12/16/21](#)]

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Jordan Communicated with Senior Trump White House Officials, Including President Trump

Jordan Spoke “At Length” With Donald Trump On The Morning Of January 6. “The House select committee investigating the Capitol insurrection is now in possession of White House records that provide new details about a phone call Donald Trump made to Republican Rep. Jim Jordan on January 6, 2021 – as the investigation drills down on the former President’s communications that day and questions have long swirled around calls between him and lawmakers. Two sources who have reviewed the call records tell CNN that Trump spoke on the phone at the White House residence with Jordan for 10 minutes on the morning of January 6. That afternoon, Jordan took to the House floor to object to the certification of President Joe Biden’s Electoral College win, and pro-Trump supporters attacked the US Capitol.” [CNN, [2/4/22](#)]

- **Jordan “Has Waived Off Questions About It Or Been Inconsistent In His Answers” About His Phone Call That Day.** “Since Jordan acknowledged last summer that he spoke to Trump on the phone that day, the Ohio Republican and Trump loyalist has waived off questions about it or been inconsistent in his answers. When asked on Friday about the White House records, Jordan told CNN that he had multiple calls with Trump on January 6 but could only confirm that he spoke with Trump after he left the House floor and did not remember whether they spoke that morning. ‘I talked to the President a number of times that day, but I don’t remember the times,’ Jordan said.” [CNN, [2/4/22](#)]

On January 5, 2021, Jordan Sent A Text Message To Mark Meadows, Trump’s Chief Of Staff, “Regarding A Legal Theory That Then-Vice President Mike Pence Could Prevent The Certification Of Electoral College Votes From The 2020 Election.” “Ohio Republican Rep. Jim Jordan is among the lawmakers who texted with Mark Meadows, chief of staff to former President Donald Trump. Jordan forwarded a text

message to Meadows, regarding a legal theory that then-Vice President Mike Pence could prevent the certification of Electoral College votes from the 2020 election, according to CNN. The text message was revealed this week by the House committee investigating Jan. 6.” [USA Today, [12/16/21](#)]

- **Jordan “Effectively Argued That Pence Could And Should Unilaterally Reject Certain States’ Electors That Day,” Citing The Writing Of Alexander Hamilton.** “The text effectively argued that Pence could and should unilaterally reject certain states’ electors that day, but it did so in a rather remarkable way. ‘On January 6, 2021, Vice President Mike Pence, as President of the Senate, should call out all the electoral votes that he believes are unconstitutional as no electoral votes at all,’ said the text in the portion disclosed by Rep. Adam B. Schiff (D-Calif.). The rest of the text read: ‘— in accordance with guidance from founding father Alexander Hamilton and judicial precedence. “No legislative act,” wrote Alexander Hamilton in Federalist No. 78, “contrary to the Constitution, can be valid.”’” [Washington Post, [12/16/21](#)]
- **The “Legally Dubious Argument That Pence Could Unilaterally Invalidate Or Refuse To Count Any State’s Electoral Votes Was Rejected By Pence Himself, Despite Trump Pressuring Him To Do So.”** “The message said Pence on Jan. 6 ‘should call out all electoral votes that he believes are unconstitutional as no electoral votes at all,’ claiming such an act would be in accordance with ‘judicial precedence’ and ‘guidance from founding father Alexander Hamilton.’ The legally dubious argument that Pence could unilaterally invalidate or refuse to count any state’s electoral votes was rejected by Pence himself, despite Trump pressuring him to do so.” [CNBC, [12/15/21](#)]

Jordan Refused to Cooperate with January 6th Committee

Jordan, a Close Ally of Trump, Refused to Cooperate With the January 6 Committee. “U.S. Republican Representative Jim Jordan, a close confidante of former President Donald Trump, said on Sunday he would not cooperate with a U.S. House committee investigating last year’s attack on the Capitol. The panel had asked Jordan to disclose conversations he had with Trump on Jan. 6, 2021, the day of the attack by Trump supporters aiming to stop Congress from formally certifying the presidential election victory of Democrat Joe Biden. Jordan was one of Trump’s main defenders during his two impeachment trials, the second on a charge of inciting the Capitol riot. Both times, Trump was acquitted by the Senate, then controlled by Republicans.” [Reuters, [1/10/22](#)]

Jordan Voted Against Establishing January 6 Investigation

Jordan Voted Against A Bipartisan Proposal to Establish an Independent Commission to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the U.S. Capitol.

On May 19, 2021, Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) voted against the bipartisan proposal to establish an independent “National Commission to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol.” [U.S. House of Representatives, 117th Congress, Roll Call Vote #153, [5/19/21](#)]

Jordan Voted Against Establishing A Select Committee to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the U.S. Capitol. On June 30, 2021, Rep. Jordan voted against “Establishing the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol.” [U.S. House of Representatives, 117th Congress, H. Res 503, Roll Call Vote #197, [6/30/21](#), Jordan “Nay”]

Jordan Was Rejected from January 6th Investigative Panel

Jordan Was Barred From The January 6 Select Committee Because He Backed Trump’s “Efforts To Invalidate The Election And... Opposed Investigating The Assault On Congress.” “The two House Republicans Speaker Nancy Pelosi barred from a select committee investigating the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol are both staunch defenders of former President Donald J. Trump who backed his efforts to invalidate the election and have opposed investigating the assault on Congress. Ms. Pelosi said she had decided to disqualify Representatives Jim Jordan of Ohio and Jim Banks of Indiana because of widespread Democratic dismay about ‘statements made and actions taken by these members.’ Her decision enraged Republican leaders, who announced that they would boycott the investigation altogether. But Democrats insisted that the pair’s support for the election lies that fueled the deadly attack and their subsequent statements downplaying the violence that occurred that day were disqualifying.” [New York Times, [7/21/21](#)]

JIM JORDAN PROTECTED DONALD TRUMP, HIS ADMINISTRATION, AND HIS BUSINESSES FROM CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT

Jordan Ran Interference for President Trump During His Impeachment Trials

Jordan Tried to Frame Impeachment as a Nothing Burger Even While He Knew There Was Damning Information on Trump. “For anyone who watched the House’s 2019 impeachment of Donald Trump over withholding military aid to Ukraine, it’s probably not a surprise that Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) wasn’t quite an unbiased investigator. But a new book about Trump’s two impeachment trials details how Jordan worked to frame the Ukraine scandal as a nothing burger—even when he knew there was more damning information yet to come—and defended Trump’s stonewalling tactics, even when he disagreed and tried to convince the president to cooperate. In *Unchecked*, Politico’s Rachael Bade and The Washington Post’s Karoun Demirjian lay out how Jordan made his way into Trump’s inner circle, became a key defender of the president, misled the media with strategic leaks, and defended Trump’s decisions to block key testimony.” [Daily Beast, [10/16/22](#)]

Jordan Was Given an Early Look at Transcript of Trump’s Phone Call with Ukrainian President Zelensky in an Attempt to Help Defend Trump. “The book includes scenes like Jordan heading to the White House to read a transcript of Trump’s call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky before it was released to the public, only to receive a partial account that excluded more concrete evidence of a quid pro quo. Trump’s team, Bade and Demirjian say, wanted House Republicans to go on the record defending Trump before they knew all the facts. The book also details the time Jordan and GOP staff went through 53 pages of Volker’s WhatsApp messages about the Ukraine scandal. Volker was extremely active in communicating with State Department officials about Trump’s desire to withhold aid until Ukrainian officials opened an investigation into Joe Biden and his son, Hunter. While there were plenty of damaging exchanges, there were also some bright spots.” [Daily Beast, [10/16/22](#)]

Jordan’s Attacking Fellow Congressman to Help Trump Showed He Was an “Unprincipled, Vicious and Dangerous Politician in the Same Ugly Way Sen. Joseph McCarthy Was” According to Newspaper Columnist. Columnist David Zurawik wrote, “I have had my critic’s eye on Ohio Republican Congressman Jim Jordan

since the February House Oversight Committee hearing with Michael Cohen, the former personal attorney to President Donald Trump. What captured my attention was the way Rep. Jordan, the ranking member of the committee, immediately went after Chairman Elijah Cummings, a Maryland Democrat, at the start of the televised hearing, trying to steamroller the Baltimore congressman with parliamentary challenges and unwarranted insults, claiming Rep. Cummings showed a lack of integrity. I had been dismissive of Mr. Jordan, with his trademark shirtsleeves and snarls, before this attack on Mr. Cummings. But watching him go after a man who had just come out of the hospital and was still obviously ill, put him in a different category in my mind. No longer was he just a showboat trying to get some media attention, Mr. Jordan was now an unprincipled, vicious and dangerous politician in the same ugly way Sen. Joseph McCarthy was before he was censured in the Senate and died in disgrace. All of which, of course, makes Mr. Jordan the perfect choice to be [sic] the face of the Republican Party in the impeachment hearings. He represents what the party has become for all those adherents who have put on moral blinders and pledged their allegiance to Mr. Trump.” [The Baltimore Sun (Opinion), [11/19/19](#)]

Jordan Went Out of His Way to Defend Trump and Told a U.S. Diplomat He Was Wrong to Say Trump Was Withholding Military Aid to Ukraine. “Republican Rep. Jim Jordan has told the top U.S. diplomat in Ukraine that he is ‘wrong’ to have said there was a clear understanding that President Donald Trump was withholding military aid to Ukraine in exchange for investigations of Democrats. Jordan was questioning William Taylor during the first public hearing in the House impeachment inquiry on Nov. 13. Watch in the player above. Taylor has said his understanding was based on conversations with other diplomats. But Jordan said the president of Ukraine never announced an investigation and the aid was eventually released. The aid was released in September following an outcry in the U.S. Congress. Jordan mockingly called Taylor the Democrats’ ‘star witness’ and said he’s ‘seen church prayer chains that are easier to understand than this.’ Taylor responded that he didn’t consider himself a star witness.” [PBS, [11/13/19](#)]

Jordan Agreed That Trump Should Not Cooperate with Impeachment Probe by Handing Over Records on Ukraine. “Jordan was not available for an interview but told reporters Monday that he agreed with the Trump administration’s decision, later detailed in a letter, not to cooperate because of the ‘illegitimate’ nature of the impeachment probe. ‘If it’s going to be this kind of process . . . we understand why they made this decision at this moment,’ Jordan told reporters Monday after a State Department official, Gordon Sondland, failed to appear for a House deposition. Jordan spokesman Russell Dye said the deliberate nature of the Benghazi probe stood in contrast to the pace of the House impeachment probe: ‘Gowdy went slow. You have to contrast that with Nancy Pelosi saying you have to “strike while the iron is hot,”’ Dye said, referring to comments made by the House speaker. ‘Nobody can look at how this is going and say there is strategy, deliberation or investigative force that would lead to serious fact-finding.’” [The Washington Post, [10/10/19](#)]

[Jim Jordan Worked To Protect Trump From The Mueller Report](#)

Jordan Tried to Downplay Mueller Report Saying There Was No Bombshell Proving Conspiracy Between Trump and Russia. “During an appearance on ABC's This Week, Republican Representative Jim Jordan of Ohio defended and deflected criticisms of President Donald Trump and speculated that Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference wouldn't be the ‘bombshell’ Democrats were hoping for...conspiracy between the Trump campaign and Russia to influence the election,’ Jordan said. [...] Host George Stephanopoulos then cited evidence that 14

associates of Trump had more than 100 contacts with Russian nationals and asked if that concerned Jordan, who didn't respond to the question directly. Instead, he noted that lawmakers on both sides of the aisle had confidence that Mueller would be able to carry out the investigation and sleuth out facts. 'Well, look, the central charge of the special counsel was to see if there was conspiracy, coordination or collusion. That was the focus of the entire investigation,' he responded. '...We have not seen any of that.' [Newsweek, [3/24/19](#)]

Jordan Downplayed the Hush Money Trump's Attorney Paid to Women to Cover Up Affairs. "Jordan later deflected when asked if he was bothered by payments the president's former fixer, Michael Cohen, made to women who alleged they had affairs with Trump. Those dealings are the subject of a separate investigation in the Southern District of New York." [Newsweek, [3/24/19](#)]

Jordan Went Out of His Way to Protect Trump from the Mueller Report and Was Highly Critical of the Special Counsel from the Onset. "So, just to be clear, the president's involvement in those hush money payments doesn't concern you?,' Stephanopoulos asked. 'The president has had an amazing two years,' Jordan responded without answering, instead opining that Cohen's testimony wasn't reliable. '[Trump] was in Ohio last Wednesday, and what I saw were people lining the street as he rode from the airport to the tank plant, where we built the best tank plants in the world.' Jordan, one of Trump's closest allies and the top conservative on the House Oversight and Reform Committee, largely reiterated his previous statements of support throughout the appearance. The Ohio lawmaker has been highly critical from the outset of Mueller's investigation, which lasted 22 months and netted 34 indictments of both Russian nationals and people from within President Donald Trump's inner circle. The charges include hacking emails, lying to investigators and financial crimes, among others." [Newsweek, [3/24/19](#)]

Jordan Opposed the Effort to Force Attorney General Barr to Release the Full Mueller Report and Records Dealing with White House Counsel Don McGahn and White House Advisors Steven Bannon, Hope Hicks, and Reince Priebus.

In April 2019, Rep. Jordan and fellow House Republicans on the Judiciary Committee opposed a measure to force Attorney General William Barr to release the full report from Special Counsel Robert Mueller along with records involving several senior-level Trump. White House officials. [CQ Roll Call, "House Judiciary Committee Markup: House Democrats Approve Subpoenas for Full Mueller Report, [4/3/19](#); Jordan voted NO]

Jordan Defended Trump's Family, Trump Loyalists, and the Trump Organization

Jordan Opposed Subpoenas Looking Into Jared Kushner, Steve Bannon, and Ivanka Trump's Use of Primate Email and Messaging Accounts. Rep. Jordan told Politico on July 29, 2019, that he was opposed to the subpoenas looking into the probable illegal use of outside email and messaging accounts by White House officials including Jared Kushner, Steve Bannon, and Ivanka Trump. "The House Oversight and Reform Committee voted on Thursday to authorize subpoenas for senior White House officials' communications via private email accounts and messaging applications, a significant escalation in a years-long, bipartisan effort to learn more about potential violations of federal record-keeping laws. Thursday's vote by the Democrat-led panel came after the White House refused to turn over the messages voluntarily earlier this month — including senior adviser Jared Kushner's WhatsApp communications with foreign officials, senior adviser Ivanka Trump's use of a private email account to conduct official business, and former chief strategist Stephen Bannon's use of a personal mobile

device for White House business. [...] Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan, the top Republican on the Oversight Committee, said the subpoena resolution was ‘an attempt to create an appearance of some type of controversy,’ accusing Democrats of trying to ‘go fishing’ through the personal email accounts of Trump’s family members.” [Politico, [7/25/19](#)]

Jordan Opposed an Effort to Subpoena Jared Kushner, Corey Lewandowski, Jeff Session, Rob Porter, and Others During House Judiciary Committee Investigation.

In July 2019, Rep. Jordan and the House Judiciary Committee approved the issuing of subpoenas to Trump administration officials related to the committee’s investigation of obstruction of justice and public corruption investigation within the Trump administration as raised by the report of Special Counsel Robert Mueller. Jordan voted against issuing a subpoena to President Trump’s son-in-law, Jared Kushner and other Trump White House officials. “The House Judiciary Committee authorized 12 more subpoenas Thursday related to its probe of the Trump administration, including subpoenas for former Attorney General Jeff Sessions and the president’s son-in-law and White House adviser, Jared Kushner. Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said the witnesses are government officials who worked in close proximity to President Donald Trump or those outside the government who have ‘critical information’ related to allegations of obstruction of justice and public corruption detailed in former special counsel Robert S. Mueller III’s report released in April. [...] The resolution also would authorize the chairman to issue subpoenas for documents and testimony from the following 12 people who worked in the Trump administration or are associated with the committee’s investigation into allegations President Donald Trump obstructed justice or misused his office:

- Rick A. Dearborn
- Michael T. Flynn
- Joseph "Jody" H. Hunt
- Jared C. Kushner
- John F. Kelly
- Corey R. Lewandowski
- Robert R. Porter
- Rod J. Rosenstein
- Jefferson B. Sessions, III
- Keith M. Davidson
- Dylan Howard
- David J. Pecker”

[CQ Roll Call, [7/11/19](#); Jordan voted NO]

Jordan Protected Trump From An Inspector General’s Report on a Trump Hotel’s Lease.

Jordan Criticized “A General Services Administration Inspector General’s Report That Questioned The Agency’s Handling Of The Trump Hotel D.C.’s Lease.” “While none of the Trumps live in Jordan’s northwestern Ohio district, work the ranking member of the House Oversight Committee has done on behalf of the Trump family business (beyond simply being a good customer) includes criticizing a General Services Administration inspector general’s report that questioned the agency’s handling of the Trump Hotel D.C.’s lease; letting Capital One know he was concerned about his colleagues’ request for Trump Organization financial documents; headlining a PAC’s fundraiser at Trump Hotel and Tower Chicago.” [1100 Pennsylvania Newsletter, [6/24/19](#)]

Jordan “Cast Suspicion On The Findings Of” The Report That Was “Critical Of The GSA’s Handling Of The Old Post Office Building Lease To An Affiliate Of President Donald Trump’s Hotel Business Once The President Was Elected.” “A group of Republican lawmakers has cast suspicion on the findings of an inspector general’s report critical

of the GSA's handling of the Old Post Office Building lease to an affiliate of President Donald Trump's hotel business once the president was elected. The lawmakers, who hold leadership positions on House and Senate committees overseeing the General Services Administration, penned a letter Monday to GSA Inspector General Carol Ochoa asking her for all the information her office collected for its Jan. 16 report.” [Washington Business Journal, [2/4/19](#)]

- **Jordan Led A Group Of Congressional Republicans In Calling On The GSA Inspector General To Release Information And Documents Related To The Investigation.** “On January 16, 2019, the General Services Administration Office of Inspector General’s (GSA OIG) released a report titled, ‘Evaluation of GSA’s Management and Administration of the Old Post Office Building Lease.’ We write to request information and documents related to the GSA OIG’s evaluation of this issue. As the Ranking Members and Chairman, respectively, of the Committees with legislative jurisdiction over GSA, we appreciate the tireless efforts of your office to root out fraud, waste, and abuse on behalf of American taxpayers. In this instance, the GSA OIG conducted an evaluation lasting well over a year, interviewed over 24 employees, and reviewed more than 10,000 documents.” [House GOP Oversight Committee, Letter to Inspector General Carol F. Ochoa from Rep. Jim Jordan et. al., [2/4/19](#)]

The Report “Concluded GSA Officials Failed To Consider Whether The Entity That Operates The Trump International Hotel Violated Constitutional Emoluments Clauses When Trump Retained His Financial Stake In The Business Upon Taking The Oath Of Office.” “Ochoa’s report concluded GSA officials failed to consider whether the entity that operates the Trump International Hotel violated constitutional emoluments clauses when Trump retained his financial stake in the business upon taking the oath of office. The IG’s report purports to have studied the issue for more than a year, interviewed more than two dozen employees and reviewed more than 10,000 documents.” [Washington Business Journal, [2/4/19](#)]

Jordan Blocked Efforts by Democrats to Review Trump Administration Records of Trump’s Firing of FBI Director Comey, Kushner Security Clearance, and Kushner and Trump Jr. Meetings with Russians Promising “Dirt” on Hillary Clinton. During a meeting held by the House Judiciary Committee, Rep. Jordan and other Republicans blocked efforts to force the Trump White House to hand over records related to the surprise firing of FBI Director James Comey, any system “used by the White House to secretly record conversations between the President Donald Trump and James Comey” and records related to the infamous June 2016 meeting between Russians and Donald Trump Jr; Paul Manafort, and Jared Kushner that relates in which Russian citizens offered “dirt” on Hillary Clinton. “H Res 488 – Trump-Comey Communication Inquiry/Vote to Report - Request the president and the attorney general to transmit to the House within 14 days copies of any documents, audio recordings, records, memos, correspondence or other communication in their possession or any portion of such communications that relate to: The removal of former FBI Director James Comey; The participation of Attorney General Jeff Sessions in Comey’s removal; The attorney general’s recusal in investigations into any matters related to the 2016 presidential campaign. [...] Any system used by the White House to secretly record conversations between the President Donald Trump and James Comey [...] Any conversations with Natalia Veselnitskaya, Rinat Akhmetshin, and Irakly Kaveladze by Donald Trump Jr; Paul Manafort, and Jared Kushner that relates [sic] to their June 9th 2016 conversation [...] The disposition or review of security clearance submitted by Jared Kushner or Attorney General Sessions. **Ordered reported adversely to the full House.**” [CQ Roll Call, [9/7/17](#); Jordan voted YEA (to report adversely); New York Times, [7/11/17](#)]

Jordan Voted to Block Attempts to Force Trump’s Justice Department to Hand Over Records Involving Foreign Government Investments with President Trump, Ivanka Trump, the Trump Organization, and Two Trump Loyalists. Rep. Biggs and fellow House Judiciary Committee Republicans blocked a June 2018 attempt by Democrats to force the Trump administration’s Department of Justice to provide all information related to any investment by any foreign government or foreign government agent in any entity owned completely or partly by President Donald Trump. “H Res 938 - DOJ and FBI Documents/Emoluments - Cohen, D-Tenn. – Amendment to the Goodlatte, R-Va. substitute amendment that would require the Justice Department to provide the House all documents, communications and meetings referring to or related to any investment by any foreign government or foreign government agent in any entity owned completely or partly by President Donald Trump. It also would require the department to provide the House with copies of any document, record, memo, correspondence or other communication related to any attempt by Felix Sater, Michael Cohen or Ivanka Trump to develop or expand the Trump Organization’s holdings in Russia during the 2016 presidential campaign. [CQ Roll Call, [6/26/18](#); Jordan voted NO]

Jordan Opposed an Effort to Force President Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions to Provide Documents Related to Communications with the Government of Russia with Trump, Michael Flynn, Jared Kushner, Carter Page, Paul Manafort, Roger Stone or Michael Cohen. In March 2017, just two months into the Trump administration, Jordan voted to protect President Trump by blocking an effort to force the president and Attorney General Jeff Sessions to provide crucial documents related to their communications with government officials of Russia and Trump, Michael Flynn, Jared Kushner, Carter Page, Paul Manafort, Roger Stone or Michael Cohen. “The House Judiciary Committee Republicans voted down Wednesday a pair of resolutions of inquiry that would have directed President Donald Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions to provide documents ‘relating to communications with the government of Russia’ and regarding Trump’s allegations that the Obama administration wiretapped his campaign.” [CQ Roll Call, [3/29/17](#); Jordan voted YEA (to report adversely)]

Jordan Twice Voted to Block Subpoena of Senior Trump White House Advisor Steve Bannon—Jordan’s Votes Came During a Joint Hearing of Two of His Committees. In July 2017, Rep. Jordan attended the joint hearing of two of his committees and voted as a member of each committee to block a subpoena being issued to senior Trump White House advisor Steve Bannon. “House Oversight and Government Reform Committee business meeting on procedural matters during a joint hearing with House Judiciary Committee joint hearing on ‘Oversight of FBI and DOJ Actions Surrounding the 2016 Election.’ [...] Committee Votes - Procedural Matter/Motion to Appeal Ruling of Chair Swalwell, D-Calif. – Motion to table (kill) the motion to appeal the ruling of the chairman that the Swalwell, D-Calif., motion to subpoena White House strategist Steve Bannon was not germane. **Agreed to** 20-17: R 20-0; D 0-17; I 0-0; July 12, 2018. **Note:** The vote was taken during a joint hearing, with the House Judiciary Committee. Members agreed to a cumulative vote from both committees. [CQ Roll Call, [7/12/18](#), [7/12/18](#); Jordan (both committees) voted YEA]

Jordan Helped Lead the Opposition to a Bipartisan Subpoena of White House Advisor Kellyanne Conway for Violation of Ethics Laws---Jordan Spoke In Defense of Alleged Unethical Actions of Conway. Rep. Jordan opposed issuing a subpoena to Kellyanne Conway, a senior advisor in the Trump White House who allegedly violated the Hatch Act, the ethics law which prohibits campaign and partisan political work being done by government officials during government time or with government resources. Jordan helped lead the effort in opposition to the subpoena by coming to the defense of

Conway during the hearing. [CQ Roll Call, [6/26/19](#); Jordan voted NO]

Jordan Opposed Democratic Efforts to Subpoena President Trump’s Personal Finances for Evidence of Wrongdoing. Rep. Jordan issued a press release in April 2019 announcing his opposition to efforts from the House Oversight Committee chairman, Rep. Elijah Cummings, to subpoena records from Mazars USA, the accounting and consulting firm that handled President Trump’s personal finances. Jordan believed a subpoena seeking information about President Trump’s finances represented “a gross abuse of the Committee’s subpoena authority.” “Today, Congressman Jim Jordan (R OH), Ranking Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, sent a letter to Chairman Elijah Cummings (D-MD) and memorandum to Committee Members detailing how the Chairman’s decision to subpoena sensitive, personal information about the President’s finances is a gross abuse of the Committee’s subpoena authority and a violation of the Chairman’s promises to the Committee.” [House GOP Oversight Committee Press Release, [4/15/19](#)]

Jordan Shielded the Trump Administration From Oversight

Jordan Blocked an Attempt to Have Attorney General Jeff Sessions Provide Documents Related to President Trump’s Wild Accusations on Twitter That President Obama Had “Wire Tapped” the Trump Campaign. During a meeting of the House Judiciary Committee in March 2017, Jordan House Republicans voted to block efforts to have Attorney General Jeff Sessions provide documents related to President Trump’s wild claim on Twitter that President Obama had “wire tapped” the 2016 Trump campaign. “H Res 203 - White House Communications Inquiry/Vote to Report - Request the president, and direct the attorney general, to transmit documents to the House of Representatives relating to four statements made on President Donald Trump's Twitter account the morning of March 4, 2017, accusing former President Barack Obama of ‘wire tapping’ the Trump campaign. Ordered reported adversely to the full House 19-15: R 19-0; D 0-15; I 0-0; March 29, 2017. [CQ Roll Call, [3/29/17](#); Jordan voted YEA (to report adversely)]

Jordan Blocked Effort to Force Attorney General Jeff Sessions to Provide Documents Related to Secret White House Meetings Regarding U.S. Intelligence and the Trump Presidential Transition. Jordan and House Republicans blocked an amendment which would have compelled Attorney General Jeff Sessions to provide documents related to secret White House meetings involving then-Chairman Devin Nunes and others discussing U.S. intelligence and the Trump presidential transition team. “H Res 203 - White House Communications Inquiry/Intelligence Related Documents - Raskin, D-Md. – Amendment to the Goodlatte, R-Va., substitute amendment that would add language to direct the president and the attorney general to provide documents relating to: Any meeting House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Chairman Devin Nunes of California attended on White House grounds on March 21, 2017. Rep. Nunes' statement on March 22, 2017, that ‘the intelligence community incidentally collected information about U.S. citizens involved in the Trump transition.’” [CQ Roll Call, [3/29/17](#)] H.Res.203 Jordan voted NO]

Jordan Led an Effort to Block Subpoena for Records Looking Into Use of Private Email Accounts by Senior White House Officials. During a July 2019 meeting of the House Oversight Committee, Rep. Jordan and other Republicans attempted to block the issuance of a subpoena seeking records into the use of private email accounts by members of the Trump White House. [CQ Roll Call, [7/25/19](#); Jordan voted NO]