

## Congressional Integrity Project Message Guidance March 2023

**TOPLINE**: The congressional investigations led by the GOP have been an embarrassment and a fiasco. They are political stunts designed to hurt President Biden and Democrats and are led by MAGA Republicans who lack all credibility. Congressional Republicans turned a blind eye to Trump's numerous conflicts of interest and crimes, and ignored subpoenas when they were under investigation for attempting to overturn an election they knew Trump lost. They condoned the January 6th attack and continue to support political violence. MAGA Republicans only care about power, not solving the real problems that keep Americans up at night. If they are successful, they will take away our fundamental rights, like the right to vote and the right to have an abortion.

## **Key Points**

- The hearings have been a failure and an embarrassment. The public rejects them and even other Republicans have criticized them publicly. MAGA Republicans have promoted conspiracy theories, given a platform to people publicly praised by the KKK, and allowed members to air their own grievances instead of focusing on the issues that matter. Jim Jordan's whole premise for starting the Weaponization Subcommittee has been debunked and his so-called whistleblowers were proven to be a sham. Even Fox News hosts are scoffing at the lack of evidence of any wrongdoing.
- 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. And the American people know it. 54% of Americans say these investigations are just political stunts. A resounding 86% of voters agree with the statement that they want their elected leaders to stop playing partisan games and work together to solve their problems, with 74% strongly agreeing. If these Republicans succeed in their political stunts, they will use their power to take away our fundamental rights, like the right to vote and the right to have an abortion.

- MAGA Republicans have the wrong priorities. MAGA Republicans have made clear that they don't care about the issues that concern hard-working Americans. 63% of Americans would rather Congress focus on issues like health care than investigating the Biden administration. A similar 61% of voters (and 60% of independents) want Congress to focus on issues like rising costs and healthcare versus those who want Congress to spend time investigating President Biden's family and Hunter Biden's laptop.
- The MAGA politicians pushing these investigations have no credibility. These same Republicans ignored the Trump family's numerous conflicts of interest when the former president was in office, including turning a blind eye when it came to Jared Kushner's dealings with Saudi Arabia and Ivanka Trump's business in China. Oversight Chair James Comer all but <a href="mailto:admitted">admitted</a> outright to stealing a server and leaking its contents as well as <a href="mailto:abandoning">abandoning</a> investigations into whether Trump profited improperly during his presidency.
- MAGA Republicans leading these investigations were part of the criminal conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election and they condoned the violence of January 6th. They have called convicted criminals who assaulted police officers patriots, and 137 of them voted to overturn the 2020 election. Many of those in charge of investigating the current White House were deeply involved in attempts to overturn the 2020 election. If people like Jim Jordan

cared so much about getting to the bottom of what happened on January 6th, they would have responded to the subpoenas issued by the House Select Committee and told America what they knew.

## **KEY WORDS:**

Power-hungry
MAGA Republicans
Political Stunts
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Wrong Priorities
Failure