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This week, fulfilling a promise he made as part of his corrupt bargain to become Speaker of the House, Kevin McCarthy announced a hand-picked slate of Trump loyalists and MAGA conspiracy theorists to sit on a new select subcommittee supposedly investigating the “weaponization” of the federal government. This subcommittee will be led by none other than far-right favorite, House Judiciary Chair Jim Jordan. The committee has been given incredibly [broad power](#) to investigate the FBI, the IRS, the intelligence community and anyone perceived as a threat to the MAGA agenda and it has been populated with some of the most extreme members of the House.

Some of The Most Extreme MAGA Republicans Are Joining A New Subcommittee Investigating “Weaponization” Of Government. Eight of the 12 Republican members of the new subcommittee voted to overturn the election in 2020 and freshman member Harriett Hageman gained election by relentlessly attacking former Republican member of Congress Liz Cheney for her pursuit of the truth about the January 6 attack on the Capitol and Donald Trump’s conspiracy to overturn the election. The members of the subcommittee, led by Jim Jordan, are some of the most extreme MAGA Republicans who will relentlessly pursue an agenda of conspiracy theories, phony oversight, and attacks on law enforcement.

- Subcommittee Committee Chairman **Jim Jordan** (R-OH) is one of the most [far-right MAGA loyalists](#) in the House and one of just three Republicans serving on both Oversight and Judiciary this year. He was a [key figure](#) in the criminal conspiracy to overturn the results of the 2020 election and [worked closely](#) with the Trump administration to shield them from accountability. Rep. Jordan has a long history of this – he [opposed](#) the creation of a January 6th Committee and used his position to [shield](#) members of the Trump administration [from oversight](#). He has spent months working closely with Chairman Comer to plan [partisan investigations](#) designed to target President Joe Biden and his family. Jim Jordan is a conspiratorial, fringe Republican following Trump’s playbook in an effort to distract from the real issues Americans are facing across the country.

- Rep. **Darrell Issa** (R-CA) has spent years pushing an extreme oversight agenda. Issa was the [architect](#) behind baseless investigations of the Obama administration as the former House Oversight Chair. As the [wealthiest](#) member of Congress, Issa has spent his career dogged by [allegations of criminal activity](#), arson, insurance fraud, and campaign finance violations. Nearly a decade later, Issa is a [Trump-endorsed](#) election denier who [voted](#) to overturn the election on Jan. 6 and [downplayed](#) the violence at the Capitol building. Now on the House Judiciary Committee, he is still pushing partisan investigations for political power. Issa recently [signed a letter](#) demanding that current and former FBI officials preserve documents, and has spent months [laying the groundwork](#) for investigating President Biden's family — despite using his position to [shield](#) members of the Trump family from accountability over the same allegations. Issa's record makes it clear that this MAGA “weaponization” committee will continue pursuing [baseless investigations](#) into the FBI and the Biden family at all costs.
- Rep. **Thomas Massie** (R-KY) is just another MAGA Republican pushing baseless claims for political gain. Massie is [known for](#) voting against even bipartisan measures and pushing a hardline agenda. He has been [criticized](#) by opponents for failing to support Trump's effort to overturn the 2020 election after [spreading lies](#) and pursuing baseless investigations about so-called election fraud—and his partisan investigations show no sign of relenting. Massie signed a joint letter with Rep. Chip Roy to Attorney General Merrick Garland [demanding evidence](#) as part of an investigation into so-called bias in the Department of Justice. Worst of all, Massie has [long endorsed](#) fellow Kentucky Rep. James Comer, a [power-hungry](#) conspiracy theorist who has promised a slate of [partisan investigations](#) designed to target President Joe Biden and his family. Thomas Massie has made it clear he will follow James Comer's partisan agenda instead of investigating the real issues.
- Rep. **Chris Stewart** (R-UT) is yet another MAGA loyalist who has gone to great lengths to protect Donald Trump and attack Joe Biden. Stewart is an election denier who voted against certification of the Electoral College and [repeatedly](#) pushed falsehoods about the 2020 election on social media. Stewart [still claims](#) that the real “big lie” about the 2020 election was the investigation of Trump's connections to Russia. Stewart has also said that it's “nonsense” that Joe Biden could have been unaware of classified documents found in his home and [indicated](#) that this investigation will be a priority.
- Rep. **Elise Stefanik** (R-NY) is the ultimate far right chameleon [transforming](#) herself from a moderate Republican into a Trump-loving MAGA star who is often spoken of as a potential [running mate](#) for Trump in his 2024 campaign. Stefanik [voted](#) to overturn the 2020 election for Trump and supported the Texas lawsuit that sought to throw out electoral votes in key states. She [led](#) the Republican pushback on the January 6 committee hearings, which she called an unfair attempt to “target patriotic Trump

supporters across the country” and a “partisan witchhunt.” Stefanik has also been a [loud voice](#) critical of the FBI after the Department of Justice executed a search warrant on Donald Trump’s Mar-A-Lago residence, while simultaneously [slamming](#) Joe Biden’s “illegal” conduct with classified material. As a member of the subcommittee, Stefanik will be sure to continue to follow the lead of Donald Trump and pursue a partisan agenda, if she’s not [sidetracked](#) by her extensive ties to serial liar and con artist Rep. George Santos first.

- Rep. **Mike Johnson** (R-LA) is a [Trump loyalist](#) who will stop at nothing to curb accountability and push partisan investigations in the House Judiciary Committee. The day after the 2020 election, Johnson [called](#) Donald Trump and encouraged him to contest the election results. He later [voted](#) to overturn the results on Jan. 6. Now, as the former ranking member of the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties subcommittee, Johnson wants to investigate President Biden’s [family](#) after years of [shielding](#) the Trump family [from oversight](#) while serving on the House Judiciary committee. He is pursuing [baseless investigations](#) into the FBI, having recently [joined a letter](#) demanding that current and former FBI officials preserve documents. Mike Johnson is just another hypocritical MAGA acolyte following Jim Jordan and Kevin McCarthy’s extreme agenda.
- Rep. **Chip Roy** (R-TX) is an arch-conservative figure with a history of blocking bills and inquiries just to score political points. The Texan was one of just three House members to vote against an [anti-lynching bill](#), and he voted to [shield](#) members the Trump administration from accountability on [multiple occasions](#). Now, he is calling for Homeland Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to be [impeached](#) based on [mere policy differences](#) and intends to [investigate](#) Attorney General Merrick Garland for so-called bias in the Department of Justice. Chip Roy’s record is clear: he’s just another MAGA loyalist who supports politically motivated investigations into the Biden administration as part of Kevin McCarthy’s hypocritical agenda.
- Rep. **Kelly Armstrong** (R-ND) has a history of blocking accountability for his own party. Armstrong [voted against](#) creating an independent commission to investigate the Jan. 6 attack and has [applauded](#) MAGA efforts to investigate the so-called “weaponization of government.”
- Rep. **Greg Steube** (R-FL) was [promised](#) a seat on the subcommittee by Kevin McCarthy while he recovered from injuries he sustained falling from his roof. Steube is a conspiracy theorist and an election denier. He [voted](#) to overturn the results of the 2020 election and was one of only 12 Republicans to [vote against](#) awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to law enforcement who responded during the January 6 attack on the Capitol, claiming that it was actually, “Speaker Pelosi, the U.S. Capitol Police Chief and the sergeant at arms put their officers, members of Congress and the public at risk on January 6th and

led to the death of an unarmed protestor.” Steube has been [salivating](#) for months at the prospect of subpoenaing documents from “big tech” about Hunter Biden’s laptop and has already [seized](#) on a new conspiracy theory about classified documents found in Joe Biden’s possession being a “backdoor way” of laundering money from Ukraine and China.

- Hardline election denier Rep. **Dan Bishop** (R-NC) has spent his time on the House Judiciary Committee working tirelessly to pursue frivolous investigations while ignoring the real issues facing Americans. After the 2020 election, Bishop [spread misinformation](#) about so-called voter fraud, filing dubious legal reports and [encouraging](#) voters to “Fight!” Yet, when the time came to investigate the violent attack on the Capitol, he [opposed](#) a bipartisan commission and downplayed the insurrection. Even after calling the January 6 Committee a “[pure political power play](#).” Bishop is [pushing for partisan investigations](#) into President Biden and his family. Make no mistake: Dan Bishop will stop at nothing to pursue hypocritical investigations and investigate conspiracy theories in order to gain more power.
- Rep. **Kat Cammack** (R-FL) recently gained [notoriety](#) as an unserious MAGA bomb thrower when she accused Democrats of being drunk on the floor of the House during the chaotic elevation of Kevin McCarthy to Speaker of the House. Cammack is also an election denier who [voted](#) against certification of the Electoral College shortly after being sworn in for her own first term, [exhorting](#) her supporters on the morning of January 6 that, “We must do everything in our power to fight for all Americans’ right to a free and fair election.” Cammack has [promised](#) “aggressive” oversight of Joe Biden’s classified documents while remaining utterly silent about Mike Pence and Donald Trump.
- Far-right freshman **Harriet Hageman** (R-WY) is a Trump loyalist who handily [defeated](#) January 6 committee vice chair Liz Cheney in the 2022 primaries. Hageman claimed that the 2020 election was “[absolutely](#)” rigged and has endorsed a debunked conspiracy about voter fraud spread in the right-wing film *2000 Mules*. Hageman [formerly](#) led efforts to deny Donald Trump the Republican nomination in 2016, and her willingness to embrace increasingly far-right figures, including those [linked](#) to extremist groups like QAnon and the Oath Keepers, demonstrates the sort of lies she intends to investigate on the subcommittee.