



TALKING POINTS ON HOUSE WEAPONIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE

TWITTER FILES HEARING

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Key Point: Instead of focusing on the real issues that matter to hard-working Americans, Jim Jordan and his fellow MAGA Republicans on the House Judiciary Weaponization subcommittee are planning yet another political stunt designed to exact revenge on President Biden and his family. Jim Jordan was recently exposed for the fraud that he is after a bombshell report was released discrediting his so-called “whistleblowers” who turned out to be conspiracy theorists who have spread lies about January 6th and been paid by a crony of Donald Trump’s. Last month’s House Oversight Committee hearing on Twitter was a nothingburger, devolving into a conspiracy theory-filled mess with Republican members using their time to air grievances about their own Twitter accounts. There is no reason to believe this subcommittee’s hearing on Thursday will be any different.

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- **The MAGA Republicans on the Weaponization Subcommittee would rather perform political stunts than address the real issues that keep Americans up at night.** They have the wrong priorities. MAGA Republicans have made clear their focus is on conducting political stunts, and the issues that concern hard-working Americans will have to take a backseat. Instead of focusing on issues American families care about, like the cost of healthcare, House Weaponization Subcommittee Chair Jordan is attacking social media companies for no other reason than to advance outrageous right-wing conspiracy theories about President Biden and his family.
- **The previous MAGA Republican-held hearing on Twitter was a conspiracy theory-filled mess.** Jim Jordan took part in the last hearing on Twitter where members spread conspiracy theories and aired personal grievances. The only thing MAGA Republicans proved during the previous Twitter hearing was that they cannot be trusted to conduct fair and legitimate oversight.
- **Jim Jordan’s justification for the Weaponization subcommittee is based on sham whistleblowers.** A series of bombshell stories released last week about Jordan’s so-called FBI “whistleblowers” exposed Jim Jordan and his subcommittee as frauds and showed they have no credibility to conduct oversight. Jim Jordan repeatedly emphasized

that dozens of FBI “whistleblowers” were coming forward to give testimony about an alleged conspiracy and even used them to justify the creation of his weaponization subcommittee. But the three witnesses who have testified so far are conspiracy theorists who have spread lies about January 6th and been paid by a crony of Donald Trump’s. Jim Jordan has given the American people no reason to trust these upcoming witnesses and every reason to treat them with skepticism.

- **Jim Jordan’s witnesses for the Twitter hearing have credibility issues of their own.** Matt Taibbi and Michael Shellenberger both have long histories of spreading conspiracy theories and disinformation on topics including Covid-19 and January 6th. Both have been criticized by journalists for issues with their so-called reporting on the “Twitter Files.” Taibbi previously ran a scandal-ridden tabloid in Moscow that was accused of harassment and ethical issues. Shellenberger has long focused on right-wing grievances and it is clear the two of them will lend no credibility to this unserious hearing.

KEY WORDS:

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