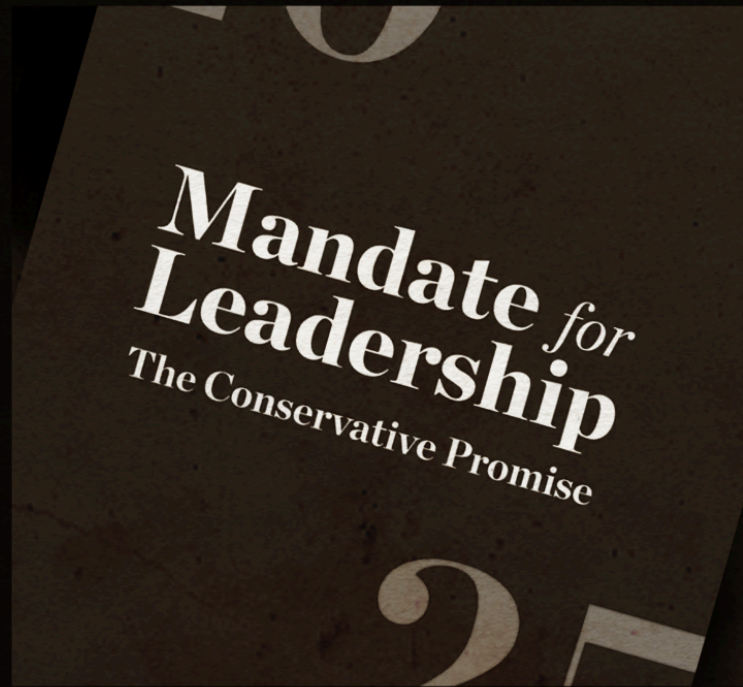




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REPORT: WRONG PRIORITIES

How House Republicans and the Biden 17 Spent the 118th Congress Pushing Donald Trump's Political and Project 2025 Agenda Instead of Americans' Vital Priorities

As the 118th Congress draws to a close, it's clear that the MAGA House Republican majority has been historically ineffective, pursuing the wrong priorities of political stunts to do Donald Trump's bidding instead of solving the real issues facing Americans. House Oversight Republicans, led by Chair James Comer (R-KY) have dedicated more than 75 percent of their 130+ hearings to useless partisan stunts attacking the Biden-Harris administration since taking charge of the committee in 2023, while House Judiciary Republicans, led by Chair Jim Jordan (R-OH), have wasted 90 percent of their hearings on political games. They spent hundreds of hours and millions of taxpayer dollars attacking President Biden at the behest of Trump, pushing a completely baseless impeachment investigation that turned up no evidence of wrongdoing. When that effort went up in smoke, they immediately pivoted to attacking Vice President Kamala Harris and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz.

Polling has consistently shown that Americans are most worried about issues like rising costs, health care, and immigration. Yet House Republicans spent the 118th Congress pushing Project 2025, Trump's political agenda, and working up legislation that would take away food aid and Medicaid from tens of millions of Americans, impose restrictions on investing, rip away hundreds of billions of dollars from businesses' climate subsidies, and raise health care costs for over 100 million Americans with pre-existing conditions. MAGA Republicans – including the 17 House Republicans in districts President Biden won in 2020 – have spent their majority crafting bills that would harm investment and consumer spending, damaging the economy while making everyday essentials less affordable.

Before they won control of the House, Republicans campaigned aggressively on immigration and border security. But instead of coming to the table with solutions to [address immigration](#), they pushed conspiratorial MAGA bills and stunts like impeaching Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. House Republicans have held at least 50 hearings and counting focused on the southern border, yet when bipartisan immigration reform legislation brokered in the Senate finally landed on Speaker Mike Johnson's desk, he tanked it at the behest of Trump. They refused to take action and have made it clear that they only intend to exploit the issue for political gain.



From attacking the Biden-Harris administration to pushing the MAGA Project 2025 agenda, Comer and his fellow MAGA House Republicans have spent the past 90 weeks using Congress as an arm of the Trump campaign – all while blatantly ignoring their campaign promises and turning a blind eye to the wishes of their constituents.

House Republicans Have Left Americans’ Vital Priorities Undone During The 118th Congress. [Recent polling](#) shows that top issues for American voters include the economy, health care, and immigration. Yet ever since they took charge of the House of Representatives in January 2023, House Republicans have utterly failed to address the pressing concerns of the American people. The House GOP’s voting record – including its most vulnerable members representing the 17 congressional districts that voted for President Biden in 2020 – shows that, instead of addressing these top priorities, MAGA Republicans are choosing to push the Project 2025 agenda through partisan stunts.

Table 1: The Biden 17's Voting Record on MAGA Immigration Stunts

House Member	H. Res. 863				H.R. 7109	H.R. 2	H.R. 8281	Percent- age Voting the MAGA Position
	Vote #645	Vote #37	Vote #42	Vote #43	Vote #193	Vote #209	Vote #345	
Nick LaLota (NY-1)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Lori Chavez-DeRemer (OR-5)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Brandon Williams (NY-22)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-1)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Mike Garcia (CA-27)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Marc Molinaro (NY-19)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Don Bacon (NE-2)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Jen Kiggans (VA-2)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Anthony D'Esposito (NY-4)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
David Valadao (CA-21)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Juan Ciscomani (AZ-6)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
John Duarte (CA-13)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	72%
Young Kim (CA-40)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Tom Kean, Jr. (NJ-7)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Michelle Steel (CA-45)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
David Schweikert (AZ-1)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Mike Lawler (NY-17)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Final House Vote	Passed 209-201	Failed 214-216	Passed 216-211	Passed 214-213	Passed 206-202	Passed 219-213	Passed 221-198	

- Immigration.** Republicans have been using immigration and border security as a talking point for well over a decade, taking little action to address the situation at the southern border. During the 2022 midterm elections, they campaigned heavily on the issue and promised to address it if they won a House majority. They spent millions campaigning on border issues and putting on [elaborate political stunts](#) like sending migrants to Martha's Vineyard to critique policies imposed or exacerbated by the Trump administration. They have held **at least 50 hearings** focused on the southern border as of September 2024 – but instead of coming to the table with solutions to help fix our immigration system, Republicans refused to take action and have exploited the crisis for political gain.

- **H.R. 8281: The MAGA Conspiracy-Based SAVE Act.** In July 2024, every member of the Biden 17 [voted](#) for a dangerous, unnecessary bill fueled by MAGA election conspiracy theories known as [H.R. 8281](#), or the SAVE Act. The bill, which was [supported](#) by the think tank behind Project 2025, would have required documentary proof of American citizenship to register to vote in federal elections – even though a citizenship requirement is already constitutionally mandated – in an effort to promote fear-mongering and push Trump’s lies about non-citizen voting. As the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights [concluded](#), “The SAVE Act is both unnecessary and dangerous. Our electoral system already deploys processes to ensure that our elections are secure and that only eligible voters are participating in our democracy. Voters in every state are already required to affirm or verify their citizenship status when registering to vote. State election officials already have in place existing systems to verify an individual’s voter eligibility and ensure voter rolls are accurate.”
- **S. 4361: Tanking Bipartisan Immigration Reform and Border Security Legislation.** House Republicans have refused to work with the Biden-Harris administration or even their own colleagues in the Senate on immigration reform or border policy. Then while Republican senators were negotiating a bipartisan border security measure, [S. 4361](#), former President Trump made [numerous statements](#) opposing any solution, openly stating that inaction on the border is better for his campaign. Speaker Mike Johnson immediately answered Trump’s call to action and [declared](#) the Senate border deal “dead on arrival,” effectively destroying the bill’s chances of passing and Senate Republicans [voted down](#) the legislation. Instead of engaging and negotiating, Republicans want to use border policy as an [endless crisis issue](#) to campaign on.
- **H.R. 7109: Politicizing The Census To Attack Non-Citizens and Pass Unconstitutional Reforms.** In May 2024, every member of the Biden 17 [voted](#) to bar non-citizens from counting toward Electoral College/congressional district tabulations and to politicize the census by including a citizenship question. The House GOP passed [H.R. 7109](#) 206-202. The bill was [supported](#) by the think tank behind Project 2025 and was labeled a “[voter suppression bill](#)” by pro-democracy groups. The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights [noted](#) that the bill would have violated the 14th Amendment, which requires Congressional apportionment and the Electoral College to be based on “the whole number of persons in each State,” not merely the number of citizens in each state. The bill also would have undermined Census accuracy by reducing response rates.

- **H. Res. 863: Impeaching Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.** In addition to threatening President Biden with impeachment, MAGA Republicans also impeached Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas by passing [H. Res. 863](#). After failing to secure enough support on the first two attempts, Republicans finally passed the resolution after four votes, 214-21. There was bipartisan opposition to the impeachment effort, which was [supported](#) by the think tank behind Project 2025, but in the end, every member of the Biden 17 [voted](#) for the MAGA agenda. The Senate [immediately rejected](#) the bogus articles.
- **H.R. 2: The MAGA Border Bill.** In May 2023, the MAGA House GOP passed an extreme, destructive bill known as [H.R. 2](#) – which was [supported](#) by the think tank behind Project 2025 – despite facing bipartisan opposition and concerns from [numerous immigration groups](#). As UnidosUS [noted](#), the bill would have “hurt the economy, do[ne] nothing to address our outdated immigration system or resolve the status of DACA recipients or other undocumented people with deep roots in the United States.” Even though several House Republicans [voted against](#) H.R. 2, all but one member of the Biden 17 supported it, and the bill passed 219-213.

Table 2: The Biden 17's Voting Record on MAGA Economic & Health Care Policy

House Member	H.R. 2811	H.J. Res. 30		Percentage Voting the MAGA Position
	Vote # 199	Vote # 124	Vote # 149	
Nick LaLota (NY-1)	Y	Y	Y	100%
Lori Chavez-DeRemer (OR-5)	Y	Y	Y	100%
Brandon Williams (NY-22)	Y	Y	Y	100%
Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-1)	Y	Y	Y	100%
Mike Garcia (CA-27)	Y	Y	Y	100%
Marc Molinaro (NY-19)	Y	Y	Y	100%
Don Bacon (NE-2)	Y	Y	Y	100%
Jen Kiggans (VA-2)	Y	Y	Y	100%
Anthony D'Esposito (NY-4)	Y	Y	Y	100%
David Valadao (CA-21)	Y	Y	Y	100%
Juan Ciscomani (AZ-6)	Y	Y	Y	100%
John Duarte (CA-13)	Y	Y	Y	100%
Young Kim (CA-40)	Y	Y	Y	100%
Tom Kean, Jr. (NJ-7)	Y	Y	Y	100%
Michelle Steel (CA-45)	Y	Y	Y	100%
David Schweikert (AZ-1)	Y	Y	Y	100%
Mike Lawler (NY-17)	Y	Y	Y	100%
Final House Vote	Passed 217-215	Passed 216-204	Failed 219-200	

- **The Economy & Health Care.**
 - **H.R. 2811: Taking Away Food Aid and Medicaid From Millions of Americans.** In April 2023, every member of the Biden 17 [voted](#) for [H.R. 2811](#), also known as the Limit, Save, Grow Act, which was [supported](#) by the think tank behind Project 2025. The bill, which passed the House 217-215 despite bipartisan opposition, was a proposal to [cut](#) key federal programs and services, block student debt relief, partially repeal the Inflation Reduction Act, and [take away housing vouchers, food aid, and Medicaid coverage](#) from tens of millions of Americans.

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- **H.J. Res. 30: Imposing Restrictions on Responsible Investing.** In March 2023, every member of the Biden 17 [voted](#) in favor of [H.J. Res. 30](#), a joint resolution [supported](#) by the think tank behind Project 2025 nullifying a Labor Department regulation allowing companies to offer investment plans taking into consideration environmental, social, and governance (ESG) metrics. Legislative [analysts](#) and [pension fund managers](#) estimated that legislation punishing financial institutions for using ESG metrics would cost millions or even billions of dollars, harming the economy and reducing investment just to forward the MAGA agenda. The joint resolution was ultimately [vetoed](#) by President Biden.
- **The Republican Study Committee Agenda: Pushing Project 2025 and Ripping Away Health Care and Climate Subsidies.** Around 81 percent of the House GOP [currently serves](#) on the **Republican Study Committee (RSC)**, 178 of the 220 Republicans in the House. That [includes](#) all House GOP leaders, including Speaker Mike Johnson, and all but four committee chairs. Six of the most vulnerable House Republicans, representing key districts won by President Biden in 2020, sit on the RSC – namely Reps. Nick LaLota (NY-1), Brandon Williams (NY-22), Mike Garcia (CA-27), Don Bacon (NE-2), Juan Ciscomani (AZ-6), and David Schweikert (AZ-1). The most recent RSC budget, introduced in March 2024, would [fully repeal](#) the Inflation Reduction Act, damaging the economy by ripping away trillions of dollars in climate investments. The RSC budget would also cut Americans' health care by ending coverage protections for [over 100 million Americans](#) with pre-existing conditions, [banning](#) Medicare from negotiating drug prices or issuing inflation rebates for drug company price hikes, and ending co-pay cost caps for seniors.

House Republicans Spent Their Majority Defending Trump, Attacking Their Political Enemies, & Pushing the Project 2025 Agenda. Instead of addressing Americans' vital priorities, House Republicans are serving as an arm of the Trump campaign, attacking their political enemies and amplifying the MAGA Project 2025 agenda. They spent hundreds of hours and interviewed dozens of witnesses as part of a bogus impeachment investigation into President Biden that turned up nothing. When that fizzled out, they immediately pivoted to attacking Vice President Harris. Just last week, MAGA Oversight Republicans [invited](#) two authors of Project 2025 and an anti-immigrant white nationalist to testify at a committee hearing focused solely on attacking the Biden-Harris administration.

Table 3: The Biden 17's Voting Record on MAGA Impeachment Stunts

House Member	H. Res. 918		Percentage Voting the MAGA Position
	Vote # 719	Vote # 720	
Nick LaLota (NY-1)	Y	Y	100%
Lori Chavez-DeRemer (OR-5)	Y	Y	100%
Brandon Williams (NY-22)	Y	Y	100%
Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-1)	Y	Y	100%
Mike Garcia (CA-27)	Y	Y	100%
Marc Molinaro (NY-19)	Y	Y	100%
Don Bacon (NE-2)	Y	Y	100%
Jen Kiggans (VA-2)	Y	Y	100%
Anthony D'Esposito (NY-4)	Y	Y	100%
David Valadao (CA-21)	Y	Y	100%
Juan Ciscomani (AZ-6)	Y	Y	100%
John Duarte (CA-13)	Y	Y	100%
Young Kim (CA-40)	Y	Y	100%
Tom Kean, Jr. (NJ-7)	Y	Y	100%
Michelle Steel (CA-45)	Y	Y	100%
David Schweikert (AZ-1)	Y	Y	100%
Mike Lawler (NY-17)	Y	Y	100%
Final House Vote	Passed 220-212	Passed 221-212	

- Impeachment Stunts.** Above all, House Republicans spent the past year and a half chasing partisan impeachment stunts attacking the President instead of focusing on policy. House Oversight Republicans, led by Chair James Comer (KY-1) pushed a bogus impeachment inquiry into President Biden and his family (authorized by [H. Res. 918](#)) that turned up absolutely no new evidence of wrongdoing, let alone high crimes and misdemeanors, and was widely discredited as nothing but a stunt. Comer and his MAGA House Republican cronies [failed to uncover a single shred of evidence of wrongdoing](#) by the President whatsoever, instead pushing debunked conspiracy theories, factual inaccuracies, and downright misinformation. Every single member of the Biden 17 [voted](#) in favor of the impeachment inquiry – [twice](#).

FURTHER READING

- [ROUNDUP](#): More Nails In The Coffin For Comer's Impeachment Probe
- [FACT SHEET](#): The Top Five Faceplants From Comer's Failed Impeachment Inquiry
- [ROUNDUP](#): James Comer's Impeachment Report "Ends the Way it Began: With Nothing"
- [REPORT](#): All Hat, No Cattle – A Timeline of Comer's Impeachment Hype
- **Attacking Their Political Opponents.** Still licking their wounds from the impeachment inquiry into President Biden, Comer and his fellow MAGA House Republicans have shifted their baseless political stunts to Vice President Harris and Governor Walz, continuing to use Congress as an arm of the Trump campaign and ignore the important priorities of Americans across the country. Less than 48 hours after Vice President Kamala Harris launched her presidential campaign, MAGA House Republicans [advanced](#) resolutions with no purpose but to malign the Vice President, [announced](#) new investigations, [pushed](#) baseless conspiracy theories, and even [introduced](#) bogus articles of impeachment. These new efforts are nothing more than their latest partisan political stunts designed to hurt Harris and Walz ahead of the 2024 election and help Trump return to the White House.

FURTHER READING

- [FACT SHEET](#): Latest House GOP Stunt Hearing Promoting The MAGA Project 2025 Agenda Features A White Nationalist and Two Project 2025 Authors
- [FACT SHEET](#): MAGA House Republicans Should Investigate Trump's Extensive Foreign Business Ties To China
- [TALKING POINTS](#): MAGA House Republicans Have Shifted To Attacking Vice President Harris And Governor Walz To Help Donald Trump
- [MEMO](#): MAGA House Republicans Pivot Oversight To Vice President Kamala Harris and Tim Walz, Using the House of Representatives As An Arm of the Trump Campaign Once Again
- [FACT SHEET](#): Five Ways The MAGA GOP Is Weaponizing Congress To Attack Vice President Harris