



100 Days of Chaos, Inaction, and Extremism: GOP Shows They are Unfit to Lead

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April 13, 2023 marks 100 days of a Republican House Majority, and these early days of GOP leadership have made the stakes for 2024 clear. This Congress started with a chaotic and embarrassing speakership battle, and every day since has been filled with inaction, party dysfunction and extreme, out-of-touch priorities. It's shameful, damaging for the country, and voters are taking notice.

House Democrats will continue to hold Republicans accountable for their dysfunction, unwillingness and inability to govern, and extreme MAGA agenda – and, in 2024, voters will make their voices heard by relegating them to the minority.

Republican Chaos and Infighting

SPEAKERSHIP BATTLE: Early on, Americans saw firsthand that House Republicans are beholden to far-right extremists and more concerned with power than delivering for the people. As Kevin McCarthy struggled through 15 rounds of voting to be elected Speaker, House Republicans:

- [Endangered national security](#) oversight by stalling the start of Congress;
- Made [desperate concessions](#) and dangerous backroom deals with some of the most [extreme members of the Republican Caucus](#), including deals that would lead to drastic cuts to programs that aid children and families;
- Almost had a [physical fight](#) on the floor of the House;
- And [relied on extremists like Donald Trump](#) and Marjorie Taylor Greene to negotiate support and secure McCarthy's speakership.

FRACTURES IN LEADERSHIP: Now, as Republicans hold the economy hostage by [refusing to introduce a budget](#), knowing their priorities are deeply unpopular with voters, cracks in the GOP are once again showing just how ineffective McCarthy and his extremist caucus are. According to recent [reporting](#) about the ongoing, yet unsuccessful, GOP budget negotiations, McCarthy recently [described](#) Majority Leader Scalise as “**unreliable,**” and “**ineffective, checked out and reluctant to take a position on anything,**” and budget chair, Rep. Jodey Arrington, as “**incompetent,**” and claimed “**he has no confidence**” in Arrington's ability to deliver a budget framework.

WILL MCCARTHY SURVIVE TWO YEARS?: Already irritated by McCarthy's speakership, some far-right members have said the “motion to vacate,” procedure rule – which McCarthy agreed to in his concessions – has “[come up from time to time, as we game plan and we look at](#)



[all of the alternatives and contingency plans that could play out over the next two years.](#)”

Republicans recognize their inability to organize and get anything done. They are in a continued proxy war for power and control and it threatens the livelihoods and futures of all Americans.

A Stark Contrast: Republicans Inaction vs. Democrats’ Historic Progress

REPUBLICANS 100 DAYS IN: So far, Republicans have had [no legislation](#) enacted into law that will benefit the communities they represent. It stands in stark contrast to what House Democrats accomplished while they were in the majority.

DEMOCRATS 100 DAYS IN: At this point in the Democratic-run 117th Congress, House Democrats had passed – and President Biden had signed into law – the American Rescue Plan. That tireless leadership has benefited the country in countless ways:

- Jobs once lost are now back and the country continues to see record job creation and low unemployment;
- Schools are reopened and kids are back in the classroom;
- Critical funding was allocated to state and local governments, helping to fund police departments;
- Child poverty was cut in half thanks to the expanded Child Tax Credit.

And, while Republicans may now narrowly hold the House majority, Americans across the country are experiencing the positive effects of Democrats’ successes from the 117th Congress, from better roads and bridges to affordable insulin. Democrats were the ones that made these investments and improvements in communities possible.

Republicans’ Extreme, Out-of-Touch Priorities Put Americans at Risk

Instead of working to help everyday families, House Republicans have been plagued with infighting, and they have prioritized out-of-touch messaging bills and stirring up culture wars to appease their far-right base. And there is no sign of that changing anytime soon.

WHAT THEY ARE NOT DOING: Republicans have **not** introduced an economic plan that will lower prices, have **not** protected children from being gunned down in schools, and have **not** fought to protect reproductive freedoms that are rapidly being ripped away.

WHAT THEY ARE DOING: Instead, in the past 100 days, House Republicans have prioritized:

- MAGA-led [political investigations](#);
- Passing [anti-abortion legislation](#);
- Protecting [wealthy tax cheats](#);
- Fighting to [give Big Oil free handouts](#);



- [Stoking culture wars](#) in children's classrooms;
- [Brainstorming ways](#) to cut Social Security and Medicare;
- [Placing far right extremists](#) on powerful committees;
- Trying to [relitigate January 6th](#) by handing all footage over to known conspiracy theorist Tucker Carlson and treating defendants as celebrities when they went to visit them in jail;
- [Threatening catastrophic default](#) by holding the US economy hostage unless they can force extreme cuts to popular programs children and families rely on;
- Protecting serial fraud [George Santos, refusing to remove](#) him from Congress;
- And [defending Donald Trump](#), at [all costs](#).

THEY'RE ALL COMPLICIT: Make no mistake, vulnerable Republicans have worked and voted in lockstep with Kevin McCarthy to advance an extreme MAGA agenda. They are responsible and will be held accountable for every single concession made, every extreme piece of legislation passed, and every one of McCarthy's future dishonorable bargains.

Outlook for 2024

100 days in, House Republicans are showing the American people exactly who they are: Extreme MAGA Republicans who are unwilling, unable, and too extreme to lead. They are more concerned with pushing an out-of-touch agenda and protecting the likes of Marjorie Taylor Greene and Donald Trump than working to deliver results for the American people.

Every single vulnerable Republican has gone along with McCarthy and this far-right agenda: supporting abortion bans, furthering MAGA-led investigations, empowering far-right members, and holding the US economy hostage. There is no doubt that House Republicans will continue down a path of extremism and inaction, and the DCCC will hold them accountable every step of the way.