



**To:** House Democrats  
**From:** Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee  
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**RE:** **Messaging Guidance on GOP Extremism Under a Potential Speaker Jordan**

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A Speaker Jordan means extremism and far-right priorities will govern the House of Representatives. It is imperative that our caucus makes clear to voters just how extreme Congressman Jordan is and how his Speakership would negatively impact working families across the country, threaten democratic norms, and weaken relationships with our allies.

### **Messaging Guidance**

- It appears there are no more moderates left in the Republican conference capable of standing up to the far right.
- Jordan will only win the speakership if so-called “moderates” continue to cave and get him there.
- Every Republican who votes for Jordan for Speaker is simply following Trump’s marching orders – it’s clear Republicans are incapable of governing themselves and instead look to the indicted former president for guidance on everything.
- Even more so than former Speaker McCarthy, a Speaker Jordan will force ‘moderate Republicans’ to take votes on government funding bills and other pieces of legislation that prioritize extreme fringe policies over fighting for middle-class families.
- If someone shows you who they are, believe them. Congressman Jordan has shown voters just how extreme he is and there is no indication that he’ll moderate himself in any way if he becomes speaker. In fact, he’ll pull the entire Republican caucus even further to the right.
- House Democrats stand ready to work across the aisle to lower costs for working families and make our communities safer. With a Speaker Jordan, that isn’t likely. Jim Jordan is one of the **least** bipartisan members of Congress, coming [nearly dead last](#) on the Lugar Center’s bipartisanship score.

### **Key Examples of Jordan’s Extremism**

Voters won’t have to take our word for it. Here are just some examples of how the DCCC will use Jordan’s own record against the so-called moderates who vote for him.

1. Jordan sought to overturn the 2020 presidential election and has refused to comply with multiple subpoenas seeking to uncover details of the January 6 insurrection.
2. Jordan is a conspiracy theorist who has espoused talking points associated with the Great Replacement Conspiracy Theory in official government hearings.
3. Jordan is a founding member of the far-right House Freedom Caucus, whose “our way or no way” approach has torpedoed comprehensive immigration reform, sought repeatedly to kill the Affordable Care Act, and led the charge on multiple government shutdowns.





4. Jordan has repeatedly voted against common-sense, bipartisan legislation including disaster relief, aid for 9/11 victims, funding for medical research and opioid treatments, and expanded health care benefits for our veterans.
5. Jordan voted for the radical plan to end Medicare as we know it by raising the retirement age and drastically slashing benefits.
6. Jordan voted for a radical budget plan that would force large cuts to Social Security.
7. Jordan supports a nationwide abortion ban with no exemptions for rape, incest, or the life of the mother.
8. Jordan was allegedly complicit in a sexual assault coverup while working as an assistant coach at the Ohio State University.

**The DCCC is committed to ensuring that every battleground Member of the Republican conference who stands and votes for a Speaker Jordan will be making a career ending move.**

