

Interested Parties Memo: House Democrats Ring The Alarm, House Republicans' Deadly, Dangerous, and Divisive COVID-19 Lies Threaten America's Health and Economic Progress

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Since COVID-19 began threatening the health and safety of the American people and taken the lives of over 650,000 Americans including 425 children, House Republicans have lied about its impact, dangerously rejected medical guidance to wear masks and social distance, and extremist Republicans like Reps. Louie Gohmert and Yvette Herell (NM-02) have even encouraged Americans to consume horse and cattle dewormer in lieu of the proven COVID-19 vaccine.

President Biden and House Democrats have rushed to get Americans back to work and crush the COVID-19 virus and rebuild our economy with the American Rescue Plan. We've added 4.5 million new jobs since January 2021, returning the nation's economy to pre-pandemic levels and put more than 374 million shots in arms. But House Republicans are threatening our economic progress by doubling down on their deadly lies. With the rising Delta variant, COVID cases are back up around 100,000 per day and schoolchildren are filling up ICU beds. Still, extremist House Republicans like Reps. Majorie Taylor Greene and Madison Cawthorn have taken to social media and blanketed the airwaves of conservative media outlets where they are welcome to spread lies and misinformation that is endangering the health and safety of the American people.

Despite their abysmal failure at handling COVID-19, House Republicans' Extremist Ringleaders Kevin McCarthy and Tom Emmer have a moronic proposal for the American people; hand them control of Congress next November and usher in their clan of dangerous extremists. **McCarthy and Emmer's band of extremist hopefuls are lusting for a starring role in the dangerous circus that's threatening American lives:**

- Rep. Yvette Herrell (NM-02) has repeatedly promoted the use of the [animal dewormer \(Ivermectin\)](#) and sponsored legislation to ban vaccine mandates for airlines and universities
- Anna Paulina Luna (FL-13) was not vaccinated, pushed hydroxychloroquine as an alternative to vaccination, and [compared vaccine requirements to racial segregation and Nazi Germany](#)
- Rep. Mike Garcia (CA-25) spent the past few months [opposing mask and vaccine mandates](#), calling it "dangerous" and an infringement upon people's constitutional rights if canvassers went door-to-door to encourage vaccination

- Even amid a deadly surge in COVID-19, Rep. Carlos Gimenez (FL-26) said that [social media companies should be prohibited from censoring COVID-19 misinformation and disinformation](#)
- Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (GA-14) was even [suspended from using her Twitter account for spreading lies that suggested COVID-19 wasn't deadly for certain groups](#) deemed vulnerable by health experts
- Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-02) [falsely claimed children could not transmit COVID-19 to adults or to other children](#) and criticized social media companies for taking down COVID misinformation
- Rep. Jeff Van Drew (NJ-02) cosponsored legislation to ban vaccine passports, an effort that could make air travel less safe
- Rep. Madison Cawthorn (NC-11) took to Right-wing media suggesting President Biden's door-knocking effort to ensure Americans could get vaccinated infringed on people's rights and that next "They could then go door to door to take your Bibles,"
- Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (NY-11) [even led a lawsuit seeking to block New York City's vaccine mandate](#), calling it an "unacceptable overreach"
- Rep. Claudia Tenney (NY-22) opposed vaccination requirements and [falsely claimed that people who already had COVID-19 did not need to get vaccinated](#)
- Rich McCormick (GA-07), a practicing emergency room doctor, despite his medical background downplayed the danger of the Delta variant as hospitalizations were on the rise in Georgia and [falsely claimed](#) that "the spike in cases has been overblown." McCormick also discouraged vaccinations, claiming it "[makes no sense](#)" to "[vaccinate] people to protect other people who are unvaccinated" and [said "who really cares" if children get vaccinated](#),
- Karoline Leavitt (NH-01) [called Americans who protected themselves and their community from COVID-19 by becoming vaccinated were "guinea pigs,"](#) and wrongly claimed [Dr. Fauci was a "fraud" who was "in on \[the COVID-19 virus\] from the beginning,"](#)
- Alek Skarlatos (OR-04) spoke at an event with anti-vaccine protesters and opposed COVID-19 safety measures like vaccine and mask mandates.
- Teddy Daniels (PA-08) [claimed liberals wanted to kill people who refused COVID vaccines](#)

- Rep. Scott Perry (PA-10) [spread lies about vaccines, hydroxychloroquine, and ivermectin](#), sponsored legislation to prohibit mandating vaccines, wouldn't encourage his constituents to get vaccinated, and mocked Biden for saying people who weren't vaccinated could die from COVID-19
- Monica De La Cruz-Hernandez (TX-15) failed an Associated Press fact check for [falsely claiming that bringing COVID-19 vaccination information door-to-door would violate HIPAA](#),
- Derrick Van Orden (WI-03) [mocked efforts to increase vaccination rates](#), calling programs to promote vaccination "absolutely bizarre" and [compared virus contact tracing](#) to what the "KGB used to do in the Soviet Union and the Stasi used to do in East Germany"
- Jarome Bell (VA-02) made numerous inflammatory statements opposing COVID-19 vaccines, [even invoking Americans living with AIDS](#)

BOTTOM LINE: House Republicans have made clear that the health and safety of the American people comes second to their politics. If we lose progress in our fight against this virus and getting Americans back to work there will be no wonder about who is to blame. The American people simply can't afford to give extremist House Republicans control of Congress. The health and well-being of our people and our economy simply cannot afford it.