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"Do they speak for you?"

U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) was stripped of her committee assignments over racist remarks and her embrace of conspiracy theories.

- She talked-up the "Pizzagate" conspiracy that alleged Hilary Clinton and other Democratic Party leaders were running a human-trafficking and pedophilia ring out of a pizzeria in Washington, DC.
- As California's poorly-maintained electrical grid sparked a wildfire that killed 84 people, her Facebook post floated the possibility that the fires could have been started by "lasers or blue beams of light...there are too many coincidences to ignore."
- Greene "liked" a Facebook post that called for "a bullet to the head" of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.
- In a video about the 9/11 terrorist attacks, she said "It's odd, there's never any evidence shown for a plane in the Pentagon." After widespread backlash she offered that "Some people claimed a missile hit the Pentagon. I now know that is not correct. The problem is our government lies to us so much to protect the Deep State, it's hard sometimes to know what is real and what is not. 9/11 absolutely happened. I remember that day, crying all day long, watching it on the news. And it's a tragedy for anyone to say it didn't happen. So that I definitely want to tell you all, I do not believe it's fake."
- She questioned whether the Parkland shooting that killed 17 people was a planned event and called Parkland survivor and activist David Hogg a "paid actor" and published a video in which she hectors him on the streets of Washington. And on Facebook, she mused that the Las Vegas massacre – the USA's deadliest shooting, which killed 58 -- was part of a massive conspiracy to enact gun control; comments she also ended-up walking-back.
- Rep. Greene has been fined a total of \$48,000 for not observing the House floor mask mandate, which she called "exactly the type of abuse" as Nazi gas chambers and yellow stars forced upon Jews in Nazi Germany as a form of identification. After a mea culpa visit to the Holocaust Museum: "There are words that I've said and remarks that I've made that I know are offensive."
- Ask callers: "Is this the fringe, or the new Republican party? Does she speak for you?" **[phone number]**

Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO) champions gun rights. When she's home in Colorado, her sidearm is a fashion statement; and she published a video of her walking around downtown Washington packing heat, prohibited in the District of Columbia.

- She fabricated a story about riding the U.S. Capitol elevator with Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN): "She doesn't have a backpack, we should be fine;" after which: "I apologize to anyone in the Muslim community I offended with my comment about Rep Omar. I have reached out to her office to speak with her directly. There are plenty of policy differences to focus on without this unnecessary distraction."
- Among her deleted Tweets: "The easiest way to make the Delta variant go away is to turn off CNN. And vote Republican."
- Ask callers: "Does she represent Republican values?" **[phone number]**

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy has been slow to chastise fringe GOP members' faux pas. While history predicts midterm congressional wins for the party not-in the White House, his ascent to Speaker is fraught: "McCarthy has a problem in our conference. He doesn't have the votes" Greene said in an episode of the "Firebrand with Matt Gaetz" podcast.

Gaetz is being under investigation for a relationship with a 17-year-old he is accused of traveling with across state lines to have sex.

- On Tucker Carlson's show: "I'm not the only person on screen right now who's been falsely accused of a terrible sex act. You were accused of something you did not do so you know what this feels like. You and I went to dinner about two years ago. Your wife was there, and I brought a friend of mine, you'll remember her. And she was actually threatened by the FBI, told that if she wouldn't cop to the fact that somehow I was involved in some pay-for-play scheme that she could face trouble, and so I do believe that there are people at the Department of Justice who are trying to smear me." After a quick break, Carlson couldn't recall that.
- Denying the allegations, Gaetz has stated that he's "not a monk, and certainly not a criminal."
- Does he represent Republican values? **[phone number]**

Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ) was the first member to be censured in more than a decade, and lost his two committee assignments after posting an anime video showing him appearing to kill Democratic Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and attacking President Joe Biden.

On December 16, 2020, Congressman Jim Jordan (R-OH) called the upcoming January 6 the "ultimate date of significance." Five days later he met with President Trump and group of House Republicans to coordinate plans to object to Certification on the 6th. Interviewed following the 6th, he couldn't recall if he had spoken with the president that day. By July 28, he admitted for the first time that he had.

In Trump World, Mitt Romney is mocked for being genteel. So WHO personifies today's Republican party? **[phone number]**