

Westwood MUNC VIII

# FOUR PARTY FRENZY



Delegates,

Since WestwoodMUNCVIII is being run as an entirely crisis-based conference, it is crucial for newcomers to be familiar with the rules of procedure, as it does diverge from some of the more traditional general assembly procedures. Please see below for a quick rundown of most of the rules we will be following for the duration of the conference:

I. Overview:

Crisis committees are run differently from “normal” Model UN committees. Because they run at a very fast pace, each committee is run in a series of moderated caucuses, designed to maintain a rapid flow of debate and help delegates adjust to crisis updates. The rest of the committee follows normal parliamentary procedure with a few notable exceptions.

II. Format:

As previously stated, the format of debate differs slightly from a general assembly in a crisis simulation. There is no speakers list and therefore, the default method of debate is a moderated caucus. Chairs will require the first motion to be a round robin to ascertain the positions of others in the committee. This will serve as a good jumping off point to see who delegates are most likely to work with and who is most likely to get in the way of achieving their goals. After that, delegates will be able to motion for the “traditional” (un)moderated caucuses, round robins, straw polls, voting procedure, etc. In order to make any of these motions, a delegate must be recognized by the chair after raising their placards. Points and motions may be made between speakers, though note that right of

replies are rarely granted and are only allowed when serious insult to national or personal integrity has occurred.

### III. Public Directives:

Delegates do not work to pass resolutions. Rather, they will pass a series of directives that are binding, take effect immediately and can potentially alter the course of events for the entire crisis simulation. A directive is a specific action that the committee wishes to take. Unlike resolutions, directives do not include preambulatory clauses; instead, delegates will directly state specific orders, similar to operative clauses, following the title and the sponsors and signatories list.

### IV. Personal Directives:

Additionally, individual members of the committee may pass personal directives depending on their particular position, potentially contributing to individual crisis arcs. These directives can range from allocating funds for renewable energy to carrying out assassinations. These actions do not need to be passed by the committee at large and their effectiveness is determined by their feasibility and the crisis staff. It is suggested that delegates refrain from sharing what personal directives they are planning as they should be used to achieve personal objectives that might not always align with the interests of the committee as a whole. These directives are sent to the crisis backroom, who determines whether or not the directive will change the course of the committee.

### V. Communication:

Communication is an essential part of any crisis simulation, and is especially a vital tool when delegates are required to respond to crisis updates. At the beginning of the conference, delegates will be provided with a pen and a pad of paper. They may use the paper to write notes to each other, write up directives, or organize thoughts. Regarding note passing: delegates may pass notes to each other during committee while other members are speaking, but this privilege may be revoked by the chair should it distract from the debate. Specifics about note passing will be addressed at the beginning of the first committee session by the chair. Technology, like computers and cell phones, are not allowed during debate.

#### VI. Conference Prep:

In order to prepare for this conference, it is *strongly* recommended that each delegate consolidate their thoughts and strategy by writing a position paper. Delegates that do not submit a paper by the deadline below will not be eligible for awards. Position papers should:

- Be 1-2 pages in length single spaced, 12 point font
- Describe your role's position and what they contribute to the issue
- Address specific questions from the Background Guide that are relevant to your role
- Outline your role's likely optimal resolution and steps you need to take to achieve it
- MLA or Chicago style citations along with a Works Cited or Bibliography

Please email your position paper to your chairs no later than ***11:59 pm on Saturday, April 5th*** so that they have adequate time to read them. To qualify for any awards you must submit a

position paper by emailing it to [25dviswalingam@wpsstudents.org](mailto:25dviswalingam@wpsstudents.org) or [25cwatson@wpsstudents.org](mailto:25cwatson@wpsstudents.org). Once again, please feel free to email your chairs or crisis director with any questions you may have regarding conference policies or procedures.

Best,

WestwoodMUNCVIII Staff

Dear Delegates,

My name is Deepak Viswalingam. I am honored to chair the Four Party Frenzy crisis committee at WestwoodMUNC VIII. I am a senior at Westwood High School and I have participated in Model UN since my sophomore year. Beyond MUN, I love playing the clarinet, writing about politics in our school newspaper, and playing Quizbowl, a *Jeopardy!*-style trivia game.

I see this topic as a test of the fragility of American democracy without the familiar two-party system. Set in a dysfunctional House of Representatives with *four* different and divided parties, this committee will offer you insight into coalition building and the process of legislation. If you want to submit your position paper or have any questions, please email me at [25dviswalingam@wpsstudents.org](mailto:25dviswalingam@wpsstudents.org). Please note that the deadline for position papers is 11:59 pm on Saturday, April 5th. I look forward to meeting all of you and participating in this fascinating American political experiment.

Thank you,

Deepak

Dear Delegates,

My name is Christian Watson, and I am both honored and excited to be acting as your co-chair for the Four-Party Frenzy crisis committee at A WestwoodMUNCVIII. I am a senior at WHS, and this is my first year participating in Model UN, as well as my first time chairing. I regularly head the Film club and contribute to the Varsity swim team.

I believe that this crisis represents a key vulnerability of the United States government. As a polarized partisan community of Americans, we stand divided along a line of Us vs. Them. I hope that this experiment of a four party system will challenge delegates to think critically about the nature of US politics as well as the future of our nation.

Best Regards,

Christian

## Committee Overview

Over the last decade or so, the U.S. Congress has been increasingly hamstrung by narrow majorities for both the Democrats and the Republicans, making it exceedingly difficult to enact impactful legislation. This is most starkly evidenced by the divided 118th Congress during the latter half of former President Joe Biden's term, which was among the least productive sessions in American history.<sup>1</sup> To make matters worse, proliferating polarization within both major parties has stifled most of the few remaining moderate voices in Congress, making for a dysfunctional government gridlock between two political extremes.<sup>2</sup>

President Donald Trump's return to the presidency marks a crossroads for American politics, with the Democrats and Republicans forced to reckon with their future without Trump. But after decades of the same two electoral choices, perhaps the American people will lend their votes to new coalitions. Delegates in this committee, set in the United States House in the months ahead of the November 2026 midterm elections, will be tasked with the multi-pronged challenge of electing a new speaker and rein in an growingly uncontrollable executive branch as it careens toward autocracy.

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<sup>1</sup> Joe Locascio. "118th Congress on Track to Become One of the Least Productive in US History."

<sup>2</sup> Anthony Fowler. "It's Getting Tougher to Find Moderates among Elected Officials. Harris Research Sheds Light on Why They Decline to Run."



## Committee Setting

It is early October 2026, and Republican President Donald Trump's approval rating has collapsed to a lowly 19% in the wake of rampant inflation and his neglect of an incipient bird flu epidemic. Angered by the dismal state of the economy and Democrats' inability to resist Trump's string of power grabs, voters have soured on the two-party status quo that has defined the past two centuries of American democracy. Sensing the opportunity to capitalize, politicians on both sides of the aisle have mulled bids to form new parties.

This dynamic shift is most evident in the U.S House of Representatives, which has languished without a speaker for three record-setting months. Former Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) was ousted in July by a motion to vacate filed by members of the far-right Republican wing unhappy with the spendthrift concessions Johnson offered to the Democrats in order to pass his legislative agenda. In the intraparty feud that ensued, seven different Republicans bid for the speakership in vain, with the party ideologically split between pro-Trump and moderate factions. After days of bitter standoff, Rep. Chip Roy (NTP-TX) stunningly announced the formation of the fiscally conservative New Tea Party (NTP), bringing with him a host of moderate and libertarian-leaning Republicans disillusioned with Trump's agenda. What was left of the shattered party coalesced into the ardently pro-Trump America First Party (AFP) under the leadership of hard-line members of the House Freedom Caucus.

A few days later, instead of capitalizing on the Republicans' implosion, the Democratic Party underwent collapse of its own. Long enraged by establishment Democrats' tepid response to the Trump Administration's authoritarian impulses, the party's left-wing broke off to form the People's Progressive under the charismatic Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (PPP-NY). The remaining

Democrats united to form the moderate New Democratic Party (NDP) under former Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (NDP-NY).

After Johnson's dismissal, Rep. Tom Emmer (AFP-MN) was appointed speaker pro tempore of the House, a role he still holds three months later in October. Yet, unlike a properly elected speaker, Emmer is unable to set a legislative agenda or conduct voting procedure, leaving the House temporarily incapacitated.<sup>3</sup> A dysfunctional Congress, which provides necessary checks to executive and judicial power, poses a dire, if not existential, threat to the U.S. Government. The only solution is electing a new speaker, which will be an exceedingly difficult challenge in a legislature with four deeply divided parties.

Worst of all, realizing he no longer commands a majority in the House after the Republicans' implosion, President Trump, now the leader of the AFP, has intensified his administration's push to undermine the separation of powers. Just last week, he publicly considered dissolving the House over their "inability to legislate his agenda to save the American people." This comes as his administration continues to defy court orders and impound congressionally approved spending, actions which legal scholars have deemed "groundwork for a coup."

## **Party Positions**

The People's Progressive Party (PPP), led by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, is a left-wing populist and social-democratic party focused on fighting for the working class against the oligarchy they claim has overtaken the government. Unlike other parties, the PPP has pledged to fiercely fight President Trump's push for autocracy, which they see as catastrophic for

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<sup>3</sup> Amber Phillips. "Can the House Function without a Speaker? Here Are the Impacts."

working Americans, by all means possible. Ocasio-Cortez has refused to rule out unconstitutional methods for achieving her objectives, putting the party at bitter odds with institutionalist liberals. Since July, the PPP has seen a surge in the polls thanks to vigorous grassroots support for its populist and anti-Trump messaging, though it should be wary of the public's aversion to socialism and undemocratic efforts.<sup>4</sup> Although they are largely unwilling to make ideological concessions to form coalitions, the PPP has stressed the urgent need for a new speaker to protect Congress and the elections from the President's potential meddling.

Still smarting from its bitter split in July, the New Democratic Party's (NDP) primary objective is to quickly form a big tent coalition to elect a new speaker. Unlike the PPP's focus on political and social issues, the NDP has pledged to prioritize the preservation of America's existing constitutional order and government institutions. Having recognized the "old" Democrats' reputation as elitist and out of touch with working Americans, the party is hoping to disassociate with unpopular 'wokeness' by reinventing itself as more moderate and technocratic. Still yet, in a hyperpolarized political environment, the NDP is well aware of the political risks of alienating liberal hardliners as it builds its coalition.

Led by the feisty Rep. Chip Roy, the New Tea Party (NTP) owes its name to the Tea Party Movement advocating for limited government spending and intervention that swept the Republican Party in the late 2000s. In this vein, the NTP is in favor of a libertarian approach to government and spending, pitting them against the interventionist ideology of Trumpism. To achieve this end, the party believes electing a new speaker and limiting Trump's executive authority is of central importance. However, of all the blocs, the NTP is most vulnerable to disintegration caused by disagreement between its anti-Trump moderate wing, led by Rep. Don Bacon, and Rep. Roy's libertarian wing.

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<sup>4</sup> Reem Nadeem. "Modest Declines in Positive Views of 'Socialism' and 'Capitalism' in U.S."

Led by former Republican House leaders Rep. Jim Jordan and Speaker pro tempore Tom Emmer, the America First Party (AFP) is an organization founded to further President Trump's nationalist, protectionist, and authoritarian campaign for political vengeance and supremacy. In late July, congressional AFP members adopted Plan Infiniti, a manifesto detailing the party's sole goal of removing all roadblocks to presidential authority through legislation. Although the AFP eventually hopes to elect a new speaker in line with Trumpist doctrine, it is more than content with the status quo of an incapacitated, speakerless House while the Trump Administration runs rampant. In fact, many in the party's alt-right wing, most notably Rep. Marjory Taylor Greene, have publicly indicated they intend to abolish presidential term limits and limit congressional and judicial oversight.

## Questions to Consider

1. Who should be elected as speaker of the House?
2. What consensus must be reached in order to prevent the deadlock of Congress with this many parties?
3. What actions must be taken--if any--to amend federal law to limit the unitary executive branch strived for by the Trump Administration
4. How will the role of parties change in the American political sphere? Will they be able to coexist, or even recombine?
5. What actions--constitutional or not--can and/or must be taken to maintain American democracy?
6. How will the AFP maintain Trump's chokehold on the Federal Government without fundamentally destroying American ideals?

7. What actions can the legislative and judicial branches take to combat the domineering executive branch? Must the separation of powers be usurped to counteract MAGA hegemony?

## Positions

**Note:** To reflect the likely political distribution of the current (119th) congress, the PPP (far left) and NTP (center right) have been allocated **six** House seats each, while the NDP (center left) and AFP (far right) have been allocated **nine** House seats each.

- The Progressive People’s Party (PPP):
  - Rep. Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez (PPP-NY), PPP Leader
    - Once a young firebrand, Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, known as AOC, has emerged as a mature, charismatic, and wildly popular progressive leader since President Trump’s second inauguration. A vehement social-democrat populist, she strongly believes electing a new speaker, perhaps herself, to foil and eventually impeach Trump is the only way forward for American democracy—but she is also hesitant to make ideological concessions while coalition building.<sup>5</sup>
  - Rep. Pramila Jayapal (PPP-WA)
    - Rep. Jayapal is a well-established progressive leader known for her grassroots activism. She is in strong support of electing a new speaker to resist authoritarianism, but believes mobilization of the masses is the best way to preserve democracy.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Annie Karnie. “AOC Loses Vote to Be Top Democrat on Oversight Panel.”

<sup>6</sup> Jim Brunner. “Trump Resistance Growing, Jayapal Says.”

- Rep. Jamie Raskin (PPP-MD)
  - A former constitutional law professor, Rep. Raskin is a longtime House veteran leading the PPP's spirited legal attack on Trump. Along with electing a new speaker, Raskin sees litigation as the only path toward stopping the President. But unlike the most progressive members of the PPP, Raskin is unwilling to employ unconstitutional methods to achieve party objectives.<sup>7</sup>
- Rep. Rashida Tlaib (PPP-MI)
  - Rep. Tlaib is a member of the left-wing "Squad" coalition, and has been a fierce critic of Presidents Trump and Biden. Having publicly opposed members of almost every party, including the NDP, Tlaib is unlikely to elect a speaker sharing her hardline views, which include impeaching and convicting all members of the Trump Administration—a move moderates have blasted as retributive.<sup>8</sup>
- Rep. Greg Casar (PPP-TX)
  - Rep. Casar is a young progressive leader focused on rooting out oligarchy in the government by electing a pro-worker speaker, impeaching President Trump, and indicting members of his administration. Having long vilified moderate Democrats for diluting progressive messaging, Casar is opposed to making ideological concessions during the coalition building process.<sup>9</sup>
- Rep. Jasmine Crockett

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<sup>7</sup> "The Rule of Law Is Going to Stand": Jamie Raskin Is Still Optimistic about Defeating Trump's Agenda."

<sup>8</sup> Maya Yang. "Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib Tells Fellow Democrats: Reject Biden in Primary."

<sup>9</sup> Jess Bidgood. "The Texas Millennial Trying to Rebrand the Democrats."

- Known for her feisty retorts on the House floor, Rep. Crockett is an emergent young progressive capitalizing on her communication skills to disseminate the PPP's populist message to the American youth. Unafraid to clash with AFP representatives, Crockett is committed to ousting President Trump by all means possible, including mobilizing the masses through protests.<sup>10</sup>
- The New Democratic Party (NDP):
  - Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (NDP-NY), NDP Leader
    - The former House Minority Leader, Rep. Jeffries has been heavily criticized for his "business as usual" response to President Trump's early executive orders. However, he is confident his decade-long record of bipartisanship will allow him to form a wide-ranging political coalition and win the speakership. As speaker, Jeffries intends to steer the country through its constitutional crisis by codifying laws to limit the executive's power.<sup>11</sup>
  - Rep. Nancy Pelosi (NDP-CA)
    - As Democratic leader, Speaker Emerita Rep. Pelosi proved to be a formidable obstacle to President Trump in his first term. Although she has since retired from the speakership, Pelosi intends to leverage the political power cultivated over nearly four decades in the House to elect a new speaker into power to foil Trump once and for all. Still well respected across Congress, Pelosi views her last few years in Congress as an

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<sup>10</sup> Jazmine Ulloa. "Jasmine Crockett Would like to Introduce Herself: DNC Insider."

<sup>11</sup> Mara Gay. "'I'm Getting More and More Furious': Chuck Schumer Is Changing Directions."

opportunity to cement her legacy as one of the seminal guardians of American democracy.<sup>12</sup>

- Rep. Steny Hoyer (NDP-MD)
  - Rep. Steny Hoyer is a former majority leader and longtime ally of Speaker Emerita Pelosi. A part of the more centrist liberal old-guard, Hoyer is deeply loyal to democratic institutions and willing to make allies on the right during these trying times of Trumpian aggression.<sup>13</sup>
- Rep. Seth Moulton (NDP-MA)
  - Rep. Moulton is a well-established, centrist, and bipartisan representative focused on recruiting more moderate members of the NTP and PPP to support an NDP speaker. Unafraid to criticize the progressive extremes of liberals, Moulton is at the forefront of his party's effort to present a more palatable, and less 'woke,' policy platform to the American public.<sup>14</sup>
- Rep. Ted Lieu (NDP-CA)
  - An unabashed and vocal critic of President Trump, Rep. Lieu is strongly committed to obstructing Trump's political agenda and impeaching him. Known for his charisma and outreach efforts to moderates and Republicans, Lieu is himself a dark horse candidate for the speakership. However, even if he does not run, Lieu will play an important role in corraling public and congressional support for the NDP ahead of the midterm elections.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> "A Year after Her Speakership, Nancy Pelosi's Influence Remains Strong."

<sup>13</sup> Annie Karni. "How Steny Hoyer, Pelosi's No. 2, Decided It Was Time to Step Aside."

<sup>14</sup> Tim Balk. "The Democrat Picking a Fight with His Party over Transgender Rights."

<sup>15</sup> Tal Kopan. "How Southern California Rep. Ted Lieu Became Trump's Top Twitter Critic."



- Rep. Gerry Connolly (NDP-VA)
  - Rep. Connolly is a nine-term New Democrat in lockstep with the mainstream liberal agenda. Although ideologically at odds with the far right, Connolly is notably scornful of the calls for “generational change” by youthful, progressive members of the PPP. A leading member of the House Oversight Committee, Connolly has pushed for legislation to insulate executive branch agencies from presidential meddling.<sup>16</sup>
- Rep. Jim Clyburn (NDP-SC)
  - A longtime Democratic Whip and steadfast ally of Nancy Pelosi, Rep. Clyburn is yet another member of the moderate liberal old guard seeking to preserve democracy from President Trump’s power grabs by electing a new speaker. As a New Democrat from a solidly conservative state, Clyburn is no stranger to bipartisanship, and he is confident he can find common ground with conservatives and progressives to save the House from incapacitation.<sup>17</sup>
- Rep. Eric Swalwell (NDP-CA)
  - Rep. Swalwell, a former prosecutor, is a vocal critic of President Trump and his alleged illegal activities. After the Democrats’ loss in the 2024 election, he bashed liberals for their elitist and inaccessible rhetoric. He is now determined to fix the NDP’s public image ahead of the November midterms.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> Annie Karni. “AOC Loses Vote to Be Top Democrat on Oversight Panel.”

<sup>17</sup> Gregory Svirnovskiy. “Jim Clyburn Hopes Mike Johnson Will Attempt to Find “Common Ground.”

<sup>18</sup> Holly Otterbein and Megan Messerly. “More Democrats Fear the Party’s Image Isn’t Just Damaged – It’s Broken.”

- Rep. Jared Golden (NDP-ME)
  - Rep. Golden is a moderate former Democrat with a long history of breaking with his party over specific legislative issues. Golden's utmost priority is to elect a new speaker, and he is willing to switch parties as necessary in order to achieve that goal.
- The New Tea Party (NTP):
  - Rep. Chip Roy (NTP-TX), NTP Leader
    - Rep. Roy is a stubborn spending hawk who initiated the Republican Party's implosion by forming the NTP, citing his immense dissatisfaction with President Trump's exorbitant budgets and efforts to lift the debt ceiling. Although Roy is planning on bidding for the speakership with the ultimate goal of reining in Trump's interventionist policies, including steep tariffs and attacks on the legacy media, his ultraconservative principles make him unlikely to compromise with liberals.<sup>19</sup>
  - Rep. Don Bacon (NTP-NE)
    - In late 2025, Rep. Bacon, a prominent moderate conservative, publicly broke with President Trump due to his approach to the Russo-Ukrainian War and his authoritarian urges. Unlike Rep. Roy, Bacon is open to work with liberals to elect a moderate, anti-Trump speaker. As he emerges as the leader of the NTP's moderate wing, it remains to be seen whether Bacon will ultimately split with Rep. Roy and the fiscal hawks.<sup>20</sup>
  - Rep. David Valadao (NTP-CA)

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<sup>19</sup> Luke Broadwater. "Representative Chip Roy Leads G.O.P. Revolt against Debt Ceiling Deal."

<sup>20</sup> Aaron Blake. "GOP Moderates Find Voices on Trump."

- Rep. Valadao, hailing from a California swing district, is one of the only remaining conservatives in the House to vote to impeach President Trump after the January 6 attack. He wholeheartedly opposes Trump's authoritarian efforts and views the AFP's Plan Infiniti as an egregious threat to democracy. Accordingly, he is open to electing a moderate liberal speaker to obstruct and impeach the President.<sup>21</sup>
- Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (NTP-PA)
  - After the January 6 Capitol attack, Rep. Fitzpatrick introduced a House resolution to censure President Trump for inciting an insurrection. With Trump now in his second term and more controversial than ever, Fitzpatrick strongly supports the election of an anti-Trump speaker.<sup>22</sup>
- Rep. Thomas Massie (NTP-KY)
  - Rep. Massie is a libertarian leaning conservative who bitterly split with former speaker Mike Johnson, and later President Trump, because of their costly budget legislation. Although Massie is open to a coalition opposing Trump's fiscal agenda, he sees his ultraconservative social policy issues as irreconcilable with the ideology of the liberal parties.<sup>23</sup>
- Rep. Tim Burchett (NTP-TN)
  - Rep. Burchett is another spending hawk unafraid to oppose legislation he views as spendthrift. A member of the libertarian wing of the NTP, Burchett soured with Trump after the President's effort to push through

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<sup>21</sup> Bridget Bowman. "Two Republicans Who Voted to Impeach Trump after Jan. 6 Return to the House."

<sup>22</sup> "Fitzpatrick, Colleagues Introduce Concurrent Resolution to Condemn and Censure President Trump."

<sup>23</sup> Claudia Grisales and Elena Moore. "House Republicans Pass Budget Resolution, Clearing a Key Early Test for Trump Agenda."

exorbitant spending bills to fund his immigration agenda. However, as a staunch social conservative, Burchett might be at odds with the moderates in his party.<sup>24</sup>

- The America First Party (AFP):
  - Rep. Tom Emmer (AFP-MN), Speaker pro tempore
    - As a staunch loyalist of President Trump and member of the AFP leadership, Speaker pro tempore Emmer is in no hurry to elect a new speaker. He believes that electing a new speaker that opposes Trump will hinder the AFP's vision of Trump as the unitary executive. However, Emmer has hinted that he wants the AFP to elect a permanent pro-Trump speaker to codify the President's many executive actions into law.
  - Rep. Jim Jordan (AFP-OH), AFP Leader
    - As the AFP's House leader, Rep. Jordan is well aware of President Trump's deep unpopularity ahead of next month's midterms. He recently seconded the President's allegations of mass voter fraud in large cities, arguing that Trump is well within his rights to seize control of the Federal Election Commission. To prevent congressional oversight of Trump's potential election intervention, Johnson has directed the AFP to oppose any bid for a new speaker until after the election.
  - Rep. Andy Ogles (AFP-TN)
    - A newcomer to the House, Rep. Ogles quickly won the favor of President Trump after he introduced a constitutional amendment repealing presidential term limits in early 2025. Although that effort failed, Ogles

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<sup>24</sup> Richard Rubin, et al. "House Passes GOP Budget Plan as Holdouts Relent."

has pledged to radically intensify his efforts by reintroducing his amendment and suggesting the President suspend future elections.<sup>25</sup>

- Rep. Eli Crane (AFP-AZ)
  - Rep. Crane is a far-right member of the House Freedom Caucus known for his embrace of extreme conspiracy theories and unwavering loyalty to President Trump. Recently, Crane has escalated his claim that the attempted assassination of Trump was instigated by the former Democratic Party, calling for the FBI to thoroughly investigate and incriminate all members of the NDP and PPP who have opposed Trump in the past as credible suspects.<sup>26</sup>
- Rep. Marjory Taylor Greene (AFP-GA)
  - Once a Republican pariah, Rep. Greene sprung to legitimacy after she led the charge to oust former speaker Mike Johnson and split up the AFP. Greene has ruled out electing a new speaker before the November elections, and has pledged to support every last executive order the President makes. She is also quietly leading the AFP's push to abolish term limits and limit judicial and congressional oversight of the president.<sup>27</sup>
- Rep. Lisa McClain (AFP-MI)
  - The former House Republican Conference Chair, Rep. McClain is a loyal supporter of President Trump and his policy objectives. Although she opposes drastic changes to the government's separation of powers,

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<sup>25</sup> Neil Vidgor. "No, Trump Cannot Run for Re-Election Again in 2028."

<sup>26</sup> Annie Karni. "As Lawmaker Claims Trump's Shooting Was inside Job, G.O.P. Indulges Him."

<sup>27</sup> Molly Ball. "Marjorie Taylor Greene Is Leading the Charge to Oust Mike Johnson. Will Anyone Follow?"

McClain believes the House should support, not hinder, Trump's executive authority. Accordingly, she opposes the election of a new speaker before the midterms.<sup>28</sup>

- Rep. Steve Scalise (AFP-LA)
  - Although he is not a member of the AFP leadership, Rep. Scalise, the former Republican House majority leader, commands influence over much of the party's center-right membership. Though he opposes the drastic political proposals of his party's right wing, Scalise is has doubled down on the party's unwillingness to elect an anti-Trump speaker.<sup>29</sup>
- Rep. Harriet Hageman (NTP-WY)
  - The Trump-endorsed replacement of former Republican Whip Liz Cheney, Rep. Hageman is a loyal supporter of the President. A fierce opponent of the January 6 Committee that Cheney served on, Hageman has called for investigations into former Democrats who sought to prosecute President Trump during the Biden presidency. Like the rest of her party, Hageman opposes the election of an anti-Trump speaker.<sup>30</sup>
- Rep. Keith Self (NTP-TX)
  - Rep. Self is a Trump supporting legislator in his sophomore stint in the House. Determined to defeat liberals in culture war issues, he has made it clear his objective of obstructing the election of a speaker opposing the President's agenda.

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<sup>28</sup> Rachael Bade. "She's in House GOP Leadership. Here's How She Responds to Trump Tweets."

<sup>29</sup> Clare Foran. "Steve Scalise Is a Veteran of House GOP Leadership. Now He Hopes to Be Speaker."

<sup>30</sup> Trip Gabriel. "Lawyer Who Defeated Cheney Spent Career Fighting Environmental Rules."

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