

House Administration Committee Republicans Have Shown Interest In Investigating The January 6 Committee While Many Of Those Same Members Voted Against Certifying The 2020 Election And Opposed Investigations Into The Attack

SUMMARY: Republicans on the House Administration Committee have [signaled that they are interested in investigating the work done by the January 6th Committee](#) and are scheduled to vote on their oversight plan on February 28. The majority of those same members downplayed the severity of the insurrection, voted against certifying the 2020 election even after the violence, opposed investigations into the riot, and one even empathized with election deniers on the anniversary of the attack:

- **House Administration Committee Chair Bryan Steil** voted against forming a commission to investigate the events of January 6th, saying "[it wasn't necessary](#)" and asking then-President-elect Biden to condemn "[efforts to impeach President Trump](#)."
- **Rep. Barry Loudermilk**—who will chair the House Administration Subcommittee on Oversight—voted against certifying the 2020 election, voted against forming a commission to investigate the events of January 6th, and "[led a tour of the capitol complex on Jan. 5, 2021](#)," that the January 6 committee sought information about.
- **Rep. Morgan Griffith** voted against certifying the 2020 election, voted against forming a commission to investigate the events of January 6th, and stated he "[never really had a sense of fear](#)" during the attacks on the capitol on January 6th.
- **Rep. Greg Murphy** voted against certifying the 2020 election and voted against forming a commission to investigate the events of January 6th; later Murphy said, despite his vote, he [does not take responsibility for any of the violence](#) that occurred on January 6th and that House Democrats "fixated on exploiting the tragic events of January 6th for political gain."
- **Rep. Stephanie Bice** voted against certifying the 2020 election and said she empathized "[with those whose frustrations with the electoral process remain unresolved](#)" a year after the events of January 6th.
- A year after the events of January 6th, **Rep. Mike Carey** said, House Democrats were using the events of January 6, 2021, "[as a political weapon to divide the nation](#)."

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“When Republicans once again hold the gavel and I am Chairman of the House Administration Committee, one of our first priorities is going to be launching a full investigation into Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the Select Committee's circus. Not only has the Select Committee broken over 200 years of precedent and their own House rules, wasted millions in taxpayer dollars, and overstepped way outside of their legislative authority -- we believe there have been violations of citizens' due process and privacy rights.” [House Administration Committee, [6/9/22](#)]

In February 2023, House Administration Committee Chair Bryan Steil Said There Will Be A “Role” For The Committee “To Dig Back Into The Work Of” The January 6th Committee, But He Could Not Say “What That Process Will Look Like.” “For now, Republicans are holding back on pledges to dig back into the work of the select committee itself. Steil said there would be a ‘role’ for the Administration Committee but that he hadn’t ‘reached any conclusions as to exactly what that process will look like.” [Politico, [2/22/23](#)]

The House Administration Committee “Holds Power Over Congressional And Electoral Operations.” “The Administration Committee, which holds power over congressional and electoral operations, is used to taking a backseat to more headline-grabbing panels of the House like Judiciary or Oversight. Members often half-joke that the committee is chiefly focused on the House gym, office assignments or mice infestations.” [Politico, [2/22/23](#)]

On February 28, 2023, “The Committee On House Administration Will Hold A Business Meeting To Adopt The Oversight And Authorization Plan For The 118th Congress.” “On Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. ET, the Committee on House Administration will hold a business meeting to adopt the oversight and authorization plan for the 118th Congress and consider other potential business items before the Committee.” [Committee on House Administration, accessed [2/27/23](#)]

...However, The Majority Of House Administration Committee Republicans Downplayed The Severity Of The Insurrection, Voted Against Certifying The 2020 Election Even After The Violence, Opposed Investigations Into The Riot, And One Even Empathized With Election Deniers Following The Attack.

Committee Chair And Rep. Bryan Steil Voted Against Forming A Committee To Investigate The Events Of January 6th, Saying “It Wasn’t Necessary” And Asking President Biden To Condemn “Efforts To Impeach President Trump.”

Rep. Bryan Steil Voted Against Forming A Commission To Investigate The Events Of January 6th. [House of Representatives Clerk, [5/19/21](#)]

- **Steil Stated He Cast His Vote Against The Committee “Because It Wasn’t Necessary,” And The Vote Was “A Means To Distract From Critical Issues.”** “Rep. Bryan Steil said he voted against a commission to investigate the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol because it wasn’t necessary. [...] ‘Speaker (Nancy) Pelosi’s proposal is duplicative and is a means to distract from critical issues such as rising prices, workforce needs and violence in the Middle East,’ Steil said.” [Gazette Xtra, [5/20/21](#)]

On January 8, 2021, Two Days After The January 6th Insurrection At The Capitol, Steil Asked Then-President-Elect Biden To Condemn “Efforts To Impeach President Trump.” “Joe Biden must condemn this reckless move. I oppose Pelosi's efforts to impeach President Trump. Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer have already tried and failed to remove President Trump through impeachment. Enough already!” [Office of Representative Steil, [1/8/21](#)]

Rep. Barry Loudermilk, Who Will Chair The House Administration Subcommittee On Oversight, Voted Against Certifying The 2020 Election, Voted Against Forming A Committee To Investigate The Events Of January 6th, And “Led A Tour Of The Capitol Complex On Jan. 5, 2021” That The January 6 Committee Sought Information About.

In the 118th Congress, Rep. Barry Loudermilk Is The Chairman Of The House Administration Subcommittee On Oversight. [Committee on House Administration, accessed [2/27/23](#)]

Rep. Loudermilk Voted Against Certifying The Results Of The 2020 Election. [The New York Times, [1/7/21](#)]

Rep. Loudermilk Voted Against Forming A Commission To Investigate The Events Of January 6th. [House of Representatives Clerk, [5/19/21](#)]

Loudermilk “Led A Tour Of The Capitol Complex On Jan. 5, 2021” Where “Participants Took Photos Of Stairwells And Other Elements Of The Capitol Complex Not Typically Of Interest To Visitors.” “The House Republican who led a tour of the Capitol complex on Jan. 5, 2021, that further fueled Democratic worries of pre-riot ‘reconnaissance’ could end up leading the GOP’s investigation of the Jan. 6 select committee. Rep. Barry Loudermilk found himself in the select panel’s crosshairs over his Jan. 5 tour, where participants took photos of stairwells and other elements of the Capitol complex not typically of interest to visitors.” [Politico, [7/21/22](#)]

Loudermilk Told Reporters The Committee To Investigate January 6th Did Not Ask Him To Testify, “Despite The Fact That They Have Written Multiple Letters Requesting That He Answer Questions About His Role In Leading A Tour Of The Capitol Complex On Jan. 5.” “Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-GA) claimed Wednesday that members of the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection ‘haven’t asked’ him to testify, despite the fact that they have written multiple letters requesting that he answer questions about his role in leading a tour of the Capitol complex on Jan. 5.” [Daily Beast, [6/16/22](#)]

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In July 2022, Loudermilk Said He Was “Interested In Chairing The House Administration Committee” And “Using It To Dig Into The Jan. 6 Panel,” But He Denied That Being A Target Of The Jan. 6 Committee Created A Conflict Of Interest For Him. “Loudermilk told POLITICO that he is interested in chairing the House Administration Committee in a future GOP majority, using it to dig into the Jan. 6 panel and Capitol security. [...] Loudermilk denied that being a target of the Jan. 6 committee created a conflict of interest for him as a possible future Administration chair, saying ‘there’s no conflict of interest because I did nothing wrong, and they know it.’” [Politico, [7/21/22](#)]

Rep. Morgan Griffith Voted Against Certifying The 2020 Election, Voted Against Forming A Committee To Investigate The Events Of January 6th, And Said He “Never Really Had A Sense Of Fear” During The Attacks On The Capitol On January 6th.

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Griffith Voted Against Forming A Commission To Investigate The Events Of January 6th. [House of Representatives Clerk, [5/19/21](#)]

A Year After The January 6, 2021, Insurrection At The Capitol, Griffith Said He “Never Really Had A Sense Of Fear” During The Attacks On The Capitol, And “President Trump Couldn’t Stop” The Events That Took Place. “9th District Republican Congressman Morgan Griffith remembers January 6, 2021, well. ‘I was on the floor when people started beating on the doors and that kind of thing. But I know a lot of people were worried and afraid. I never really had a sense of fear. The Capitol police came and got us and said, ‘We think it’s time for you all to leave,’ said Griffith. ‘You know there were a lot of people there that day. Some were intent on doing bad things. President Trump couldn’t stop that. I couldn’t stop that. Nobody could’ve stopped that,’ he said.” [WSET, [1/6/22](#)]

Rep. Greg Murphy Voted Against Certifying The 2020 Election And Voted Against Forming A Committee To Investigate The Events Of January 6th; Later Murphy Said, Despite His Vote, He Does Not Take Responsibility For Any Of The Violence On January 6th And That House Democrats “Fixated On Exploiting The Tragic Events Of January 6th For Political Gain.”

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WITN: “As One Of Several Lawmakers Who Were In The Process Of Contesting The Election When The Assault On The Capitol Began, Murphy Says He Does Not Take Responsibility For Any Of The Violence.” “As one of several lawmakers who were in the process of contesting the election when the assault on the Capitol began, Murphy says he does not take responsibility for any of the violence. ‘No, I don’t. These were violent thugs who overran the capitol building. We were doing in Congress what Congress is supposed to do, debate.” [WITN, [1/7/21](#)]

One Year After The Events Of January 6th, Murphy Said House Democrats “Have Been Fixated On Exploiting The Tragic Events Of January 6th For Political Gain” And That “Our Nation Is No Closer To Understanding Why The U.S. Capitol Was So Unprepared.” “‘I have been very clear that I believe the events of January 6th were shameful and never should have happened,’ said Rep. Murphy. ‘It was a terrible, yet avoidable, security failure that can never happen again. Those who came into the U.S. Capitol unlawfully should be held accountable. I will never discount that. Yet, regrettably, one year later, our nation is no closer to understanding why the U.S. Capitol was so unprepared. [...] Unfortunately, instead of supporting Capitol security upgrades and ensuring accountability for those who violated our rule of law, House Democrats, led by Speaker Nancy Pelosi, have been fixated on exploiting the tragic events of January 6th for political gain.’” [WITN, [1/6/22](#)]

Rep. Stephanie Bice Voted Against Certifying The 2020 Election, And A Year After The January 6th Insurrection At The Capitol, She Said She Empathized “With Those Whose Frustrations With The Electoral Process Remain Unresolved.”

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A Year After The January 6th Insurrection At The Capitol, Bice Said She Empathized “With Those Whose Frustrations With The Electoral Process Remain Unresolved,” Adding That “Certain States Acted In An Unconstitutional Manner By Implementing Changes To State Election Laws.” “A peaceful transfer of power is imperative, but I empathize with those whose frustrations with the electoral process remain unresolved. Executive and judicial branches in certain states acted in an unconstitutional manner by implementing changes to state election laws, which is clearly a role designated to state legislatures under the U.S. Constitution. As a former state legislator myself, I took my role in passing and enforcing election laws seriously and want to make sure citizens in other states have full confidence in their election systems, too.” [Bice.house.gov, [1/6/22](#)]

A Year After The Events Of January 6 Insurrection At The Capitol, Rep. Mike Carey Said House Democrats Were Using The Attack “As A Political Weapon To Divide The Nation.”

When Commenting On The January 6 Insurrection At The Capitol, Rep. Mike Carey Said “Nancy Pelosi And The Democrats Remain More Focused On Using This As A Political Weapon To Divide The Nation Than On Determining Why The Capitol Was Left Unprepared And Ensuring That Nothing Like This Ever Happens Again.” “Rep. Mike Carey (R, OH-15): ‘January 6 was a terrible day for our nation and the people who committed lawless acts on our Capitol deserve to face legal consequences. Unfortunately, after a year, Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats remain more focused on using this as a political weapon to divide the nation than on determining why the Capitol was left unprepared and ensuring that nothing like this ever happens again.’ (Note: Carey entered Congress in November 2021).” [Spectrum News 1, [1/6/22](#)]