

# House Republican Leadership Is Pushing An Extreme Agenda Of Cuts To Social Security And Medicare, A National Abortion Ban, And Potentially Ending Aid To Ukraine In Their War Against Russia.

**Summary:** Republican members of Congress vying for leadership positions in the 118th Congress will push extreme Trump-style proposals if they gain control of Congress.

- Kevin McCarthy supports radical Trump-style proposals such as banning abortion after just 15 weeks of pregnancy and using Social Security and Medicare as bargaining chips during a possible Debt Ceiling fight.
- Steve Scalise supports radical policies like cutting Social Security and Medicare and has sponsored bills to declare embryos and fetuses legally human from the moment of conception.
- Elise Stefanik has supported President Trump's most radical ideas, including defending his praise for Vladimir Putin and refusing to commit to continuing aid to Ukraine if Republicans take control of Congress.
- Jim Banks is leading the charge towards Social Security and Medicare cuts under a Republican congress as Chair of the Republican Study Committee which proposed the cuts to both programs' benefits.

## Kevin McCarthy Supports Radical Trump-Style Proposals Like Banning Abortion After Just 15 Weeks of Pregnancy And Potentially Using Social Security And Medicare As Bargaining Chips Around A Potential Debt Ceiling Fight

### Rep. Kevin McCarthy Indicated That Republicans Would Consider Using Policies Like Social Security And Medicare As Political Bargaining Chips.

**October 2022: Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) Refused To Rule Out Using Social Security And Medicare Cuts As Bargaining Chips Around Raising The Debt Ceiling, If Republicans Won Control Of The House In 2022.** "House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) said that if Republicans win control of the House the GOP will use raising the debt limit as leverage to force spending cuts — which could include cuts to Medicare and Social Security — and limit additional funding to Ukraine... The debt limit — the country's borrowing cap — will need to be lifted next year to protect the country's credit score and to prevent the United States from

defaulting on its debt. But McCarthy suggested that his party would be willing to hold the debt limit up for policy changes.” [Washington Post, [10/18/2022](#)]

- **This Comes After Another Republican Suggested Making Social Security And Medicare Annual Discretionary Programs Approved By Congress Rather Than Bedrock Entitlements.** “McCarthy is not the first Republican to say he is open to changes in the entitlement programs. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) has suggested that Social Security and Medicare be eliminated as federal entitlement programs, and that they should instead become programs approved by Congress on an annual basis as discretionary spending.” [Washington Post, [10/18/2022](#)]

### **Rep. Kevin McCarthy Supports Lindsey Graham’s Sweeping Bill Banning Abortion After 15 Weeks Nationwide.**

**Immediately After The Supreme Court Overturned Roe V. Wade, Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) Said He Would Support Legislation Codifying A 15-Week Ban On Abortion, Saying Republicans’ Work On The Issue Is “Far From Done.”** “In a press conference later in the day, House Minority Leader Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., seemed to suggest that Republicans would put forward anti-abortion legislation should they win back the majority, pledging that the GOP’s anti-abortion work is ‘far from done.’ ... McCarthy specifically told CNN that he would back a 15-week nationwide abortion ban: ‘I’d support that.’” [NY1, [6/24/2022](#)]

### **During The Trump Administration, Rep. Kevin McCarthy Voted With President Trump Over 97% Of The Time.**

**Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) Voted In Line With Trump’s Positions 97.3% Of The Time.** [FiveThirtyEight, [1/13/21](#)]

- **McCarthy Praised Trump At A 2022 Fundraiser, Calling Him A “Secret Weapon” And Suggesting He Could Become President Again.** “House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy heaped praised on former President Donald Trump at a Dallas fundraiser on Monday evening, calling him Republicans’ “secret weapon” and suggesting he could become president again, according to sources in the room.” [CNN, [5/10/22](#)]

### **Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) Has Defended Trump’s False Claim That The 2020 Election Was Stolen Because Trump’s Support Is “Essential For His Ambitions To Become Speaker After The 2022 Elections”**

**New York Times: Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) Has Defended Trump’s False Claim That The 2020 Election Was Stolen Because Trump’s Support Is “Essential For His Ambitions To Become Speaker After The 2022 Elections.”** “Mr. McCarthy continues to defend his support for Mr. Trump’s bogus assertions that the election was stolen from him. Friends say that he knows better and is as exasperated by Mr. Trump’s behavior as other top Republicans, but that he has made the calculation that the former president’s support is essential for his ambitions to become speaker after the 2022 elections, when Republicans have a decent chance to win back the House.” [New York Times, [10/13/22](#)]

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## **Though Rep. Kevin McCarthy Privately Said President Trump Was To Blame For Inciting The Violent Events On Jan. 6, But He Publicly Downplayed The Attack And Voted Against Creating A Committee To Investigate.**

**Rep. Kevin McCarthy Initially Said Trump Was Responsible For Inciting The Events On Jan. 6 And Wanted Him To Resign.** "In the days after the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol building, the two top Republicans in Congress, Representative Kevin McCarthy and Senator Mitch McConnell, told associates they believed President Trump was responsible for inciting the deadly riot and vowed to drive him from politics. Mr. McCarthy went so far as to say he would push Mr. Trump to resign immediately: 'I've had it with this guy,' he told a group of Republican leaders, according to an audio recording of the conversation obtained by The New York Times." [New York Times, [4/21/2021](#)]

**May 2021: McCarthy Opposed The Creation Of The House Commission To Investigate The Events On Jan. 6.** "Democratic and Republican negotiators agreed last week to create a high-level, expert commission with subpoena power to conduct an examination of the Jan. 6 Capitol invasion, one of the lowest moments in U.S. history. But House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) on Tuesday threw his negotiators under the bus, condemning the compromise and vowing to oppose the bill creating the commission when it comes to a House vote Wednesday. This is cowardice, distilled." [Editorial, Washington Post, [5/18/2021](#)]

**Steve Scalise Supports Radical Policies Like Cutting Social Security And Medicare And Has Sponsored Bills To Declare Embryos And Fetuses Legally Human From The Moment of Conception.**

## **Rep. Steve Scalise Is An Executive Member Of The Committee Proposing Huge Cuts To Social Security And Medicare In 2023.**

**Rep. Scalise Is An Executive Of The Republican Study Committee, A Group Of Republicans Proposing A "Blueprint to Save America" That Includes Significant Spending Cuts.**

Here is the full list of leaders of the Republican Study Committee for the 117th Congress:

### **Executive Committee**

Steve Scalise

Mike Johnson

Jim Banks

Jeff Duncan – appointed

Brad Wenstrup – appointed

[Republican Study Committee Roster, Accessed [11/14/2022](#)]

**The Republican Study Committee’s 2023 Budget Plan Would “Cut Social Security And Medicare Benefits That Tens Of Millions Of Americans Have Already Paid Into.”** “President Biden and Congressional Democrats are committed to protecting and strengthening Social Security and Medicare. Congressional Republicans have a very different vision. They have promised to strip Medicare of the right to negotiate drug prices and remove the \$2,000 cap on out-of-pocket pharmacy expenses. Florida’s Republican Senator and Chair of the National Republican Senatorial Committee Rick Scott has championed a plan to put Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security on the chopping block every five years. Further, Congressional Republicans have repeatedly pledged to hold the American economy hostage by refusing to raise the debt limit unless they can cut Social Security and Medicare benefits that tens of millions of Americans have already paid into.” [White House Press Release, [11/1/2022](#)]

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**October 2022: Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA) Described The RSC’s Proposed Cuts To Social Security And Medicare As A Way “To Shore Up Social Security And Medicare.”** In an interview with Fox News Sunday, Scalise described proposals put forward by the Republican

Study Committee to cut Social Security and Medicare as proposals “to shore up Social Security and Medicare.” [Rep. Steve Scalise, Fox News Sunday, [10/16/22](#)]

## **Rep. Steve Scalise Has A Track Record Of Supporting Extreme Anti-Abortion Policies, Including Co-Sponsoring “Personhood” Bills That Would Recognize Fertilized Eggs, Embryos, And Fetuses As Humans From The Moment Of Conception.**

**September 2022: Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA) Dodged Reporters’ Questions About Whether He Would Support Sen. Lindsey Graham’s National Abortion Ban But Insists That The Republican Party Will “Stand Up For Life.”** “‘First we’d need to see what our majority looks like,’ House Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.) said in a news conference on Wednesday when asked if Republicans would put a 15-week abortion ban bill on the floor, adding: ‘We are a party that defends life. We stand up for life.’” [The Hill, [9/14/2022](#)]

**Rep. Steve Scalise Has Co-Sponsored “Personhood” Bills That Would Legally Recognize Fertilized Eggs, Embryos, And Fetuses As Humans From The Moment Of Conception.** (R-LA) “Scalise supported the overturning of Roe and has repeatedly voted for anti-abortion legislation. In recent years, he has co-sponsored federal ‘personhood’ bills that would have legally recognized fertilized eggs, embryos, and fetuses as human beings from the moment of conception.” [PBS NewsHour, [11/4/2022](#)]

## **During The Trump Administration, Steve Scalise Voted With President Trump Over 98% Of The Time.**

**Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA) Voted In Line With Trump’s Positions 98.2% Of The Time.** [FiveThirtyEight, [1/13/21](#)]

- **Scalise Praised Trump As A Kind And Brave Man In His 2020 RNC Speech.** “Donald Trump would call to check on me throughout the following weeks, just to see how I was doing. That’s the kind of person he is. That’s the side of Donald Trump that the media will never show you.” [New York Times, [8/24/20](#)]

## **Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA) Repeatedly Refused To Say The 2020 Election Was Not Stolen.**

**Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA) Repeatedly Refused To Say The 2020 Election Was Not Stolen In October 2021 Due To Mass Voter Fraud.** “The House’s second-ranking Republican, Rep. Steve Scalise, repeatedly refused to say on Sunday that the 2020 election wasn’t stolen, standing by Donald Trump’s lie that Democrat Joe Biden won the White House because of mass voter fraud.” [PBS, [10/10/21](#)]

## **Rep. Steve Scalise Privately Said Trump Should Be Held Responsible For Inciting The Violent Events On Jan. 6, But He Declined To Take Any Public Action To Hold Trump Responsible.**

**Rep. Steve Scalise Privately Acknowledged Trump’s Role In Inciting The Events On Jan. 6.** “Other Republican leaders in the House agreed with Mr. McCarthy that the president’s

behavior deserved swift punishment. Representative Steve Scalise of Louisiana, the second-ranking House Republican, said on one call that it was time for the G.O.P. to contemplate a 'post-Trump Republican House,' while Representative Tom Emmer of Minnesota, the head of the party's House campaign committee, suggested censuring Mr. Trump. Yet none of the men followed through on their tough talk in those private conversations." [New York Times, [4/21/2021](#)]

**May 2021: Scalise Urged Fellow Republicans To Oppose The Bill Establishing The House Jan. 6 Commission That Would Investigate The Events.** "House Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.) reversed course Tuesday and urged Republicans to vote against a bill establishing a commission to investigate the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol. The late-stage decision to guide members on how they should vote when the bill comes up Wednesday follows a statement from House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) saying he would not support the legislation." [The Guardian, [5/18/2021](#)]

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**Elise Stefanik Has Supported President Trump's Most Radical Ideas, Including Defending His Praise For Vladimir Putin And Refusing To Commit To Continuing Aid To Ukraine If Republicans Took Control Of Congress.**

### **Rep. Elise Stefanik Defended President Trump's Praise Of Vladimir Putin After His Invasion Of Ukraine And Wouldn't Commit To Keeping Aid Flowing To Ukraine If Republicans Took Control Of Congress.**

**Stefanik Defended Trump's Praise Of Vladimir Putin After The Russian Invasion Of Ukraine.** "But these days, Ms. Stefanik is a loud and unapologetic Trump acolyte, even defending his praise of President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia. ("I think that President Trump was saying that Vladimir Putin assessed the weakness of Joe Biden, and unfortunately took advantage of it," she said, noting that Mr. Putin was a war criminal.)" [New York Times, [3/27/22](#)]

- **Elise Stefanik Wouldn't Commit To Keeping Ukraine Aid Flowing If Republicans Took Control Of Congress In 2022.** "The House's No. 2 and 3 Republican leaders — Minority Whip Steve Scalise and conference chair Elise Stefanik — wouldn't commit to their conference keeping the aid flowing should Republicans take control of the House in

January, even though they both cast votes in favor of Ukraine aid in the past.” [Defense News, [09/16/22](#)]

- **During The Trump Administration, Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY) Voted In Line With Trump’s Positions 77.7% Of The Time.** [FiveThirtyEight, [1/13/21](#)]

## **Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY) Repeatedly Supported Claims That The 2020 Election Was Illegitimate To Bolster Her Role In House Leadership**

**Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY) Appeared On Steve Bannon’s Podcast To Make Various Claims About Voter Fraud In The 2020 Election, Including Accusations Of No Signature Verification Process Taking Place.** “Stefanik (N.Y.) appeared Thursday morning on the podcast of former Trump campaign and White House aide Stephen K. Bannon, where she sought to make the case that she is a reliable supporter of Trump and devoted to his brand of nationalist populism, distancing herself from her ties to the old establishment wing of the party and her moderate voting record in Congress. [...] During her interview, Stefanik echoed many of the GOP talking points about alleged election fraud, claiming that “in many cases, there was no signature verification process.” She also said she heard from voters in her district “who did not receive their mail-in ballot when they applied for one and I even heard from voters who received the wrong mail-in ballots.” [Washington Post, [5/06/21](#)]

**During Stefanik’s Steve Bannon Interview, She Emphasized Her Support For The Arizona Election Audit, Which Was Financed By Conspiracy Theorists.** “Appearing on Bannon’s show less than a week before Republicans are expected to vote Cheney out, Stefanik sought to cement her place in leadership by giving credence to unfounded theories about election fraud, including in Arizona.” [Washington Post, [5/06/21](#)]

- **HEADLINE: Arizona Mirror: “Election Conspiracy Theorist Groups Paid \$5.7 Million For The Arizona ‘Audit’”** [Arizona Mirror, [7/28/21](#)]

**Stefanik Claimed 140,000 Illegitimate Votes Were Cast In A Single County In Georgia In The 2020 Election.** “In the Capitol on Wednesday, I asked Elise Stefanik — the congresswoman virtually certain to succeed Cheney as GOP Conference chair — about her statement on January 6 that 140,000 illegitimate ballots were cast in a single Georgia county in 2020 [...] In a written statement, Stefanik said that in Georgia “more than 140,000 votes came from underage, deceased, and otherwise unauthorized voters — in Fulton County alone.” [National Review, [5/13/21](#)]

## **Rep. Elise Stefanik Downplayed The Jan. 6 Attack On The Capitol And Opposed Creating A Committee To Investigate The Violent Events – She Also Voted Against Certifying The 2020 Presidential Election.**

**Rep. Elise Stefanik Dismissed The House Jan. 6 Committee’s Investigation As A “Political Witch Hunt.”** “Today, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik joined ‘Breitbart News Saturday’ to discuss Speaker Pelosi’s sham, unconstitutional January 6th Committee and its upcoming political witch hunt hearing this week. Lame duck Speaker Pelosi and House Democrats continue to fail to address the countless crises facing the American people as a result of their Far-Left agenda.” [Rep. Stefanik Press Release, [6/4/2022](#)]

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**Rep. Stefanik Is A Member Of The House Republican Study Committee.** Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY) is a member of the Republican Study Committee, according to their website. [Republican Study Committee, accessed [11/14/22](#)]

**The Republican Study Committee Stefanik Is A Member Of Is Proposing Major Cuts To Social Security And Medicare Programs For 2023.** "Nearly 75 percent of House Republicans are members of the RSC, whose budget would cut Social Security by 'raising the retirement age by three months per year through 2040, at that point the new age requirement to receive full Social Security benefits for people born after 1978 would be 70. After 2040, the group recommends linking the new retirement age to modern life expectancies.' The RSC budget would also increase the Medicare eligibility age and turn Medicare into a means-tested voucher program." [Center for American Progress, [10/21/2022](#)]

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**Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY) Served As Rep. Paul Ryan’s Debate Coach For His 2012 Vice Presidential Campaign As He Pushed His Budget To Privatize Social Security And Gut Medicare Through Congress.** “In the 2012 GOP presidential contest, Stefanik landed a job helping draw up the platform at the Republican National Convention that formally nominated Mitt Romney and went on to advise Ryan ahead of the vice-presidential debate.” [Washington Post, [5/5/2021](#)]

- **Rep. Paul Ryan’s 2012 Budget Proposed Cutting Federal Medicaid Funding By 34% Over Ten Years.** “The Medicaid block-grant proposal in the Ryan budget that the House of Representatives will vote on this week would cut federal Medicaid funding by 34 percent by 2022 (on top of repealing the health reform law’s Medicaid expansion) because the funding would no longer keep pace with health care costs or with expected Medicaid enrollment growth as the population ages and employer-based health insurance continues to erode. [Center On Budget And Policy Priorities, [3/27/2012](#)]
- **Ryan’s 2012 Budget Would Have Cut Federal Spending On Medicaid, CHIP, And Subsidies Provided Through The Affordable Care Act By More Than 75% By 2050.** “The magnitude of the plan’s Medicaid cuts would grow still larger in subsequent decades. The Congressional Budget Office estimated last week that by 2050, the Ryan plan would cut combined federal funding for Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the federal subsidies provided through the Affordable Care Act (to help low- and moderate-income people afford health insurance) by more than 75 percent, relative to current law. [Center On Budget And Policy Priorities, [3/27/2012](#)]
- **Ryan’s 2012 Budget Threatened Ability Of “Millions Of Low-Income Americans To Secure Health Coverage And Have Access To Needed Health-Care Services.”** “Cuts of this magnitude would have substantial effects on the ability of millions of low-income Americans to secure health coverage and have access to needed health-care services. Medicaid cannot readily withstand cuts of this depth without large effects on low-income people.” [Center On Budget And Policy Priorities, [3/27/2012](#)]

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**September 2022: Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY) Said She Will Support Sen. Lindsey Graham’s Bill To Ban Abortion After 15 Weeks Gestation.** “House and Senate Republicans have introduced a bill that, if passed, would ban most abortions after 15 weeks nationwide, and the bill has support from Congresswoman Elise M. Stefanik.” [Adirondack Daily Enterprise, [9/17/2022](#)]

## **Jim Banks Is Leading The Charge Towards Social Security And Medicare Cuts Under A Republican Congress.**

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**Rep. Jim Banks (R-IN) Supports A 15-Week National Ban On Abortion.** "Other high-profile GOP supporters of the 15-week ban include Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio, would be in line to chair the House Judiciary Committee; Rep. Jim Banks of Indiana, who chairs the conservative Republican Study Committee; and Rep. Mike Johnson of Louisiana, a member of GOP leadership." [CNN, [6/24/2022](#)]

**Banks Said The Republican Party Is "Having Lots Of Conversations" About "Legislative Vehicles" For Restricting Or Banning Abortion.** "Rep. Jim Banks (R-Ind.), the chair of the 158-member Republican Study Committee, told Axios, 'We're having lots of conversations.' 'When we get the majority back after the midterms, I expect there to be a larger discussion about where Republicans are unified, and those conversations are still ongoing,' he added. Banks said there are 'lots of legislative vehicles that are getting broad Republican support,' from a 15-week ban to a heartbeat bill to a total ban." [Axios, [6/24/2022](#)]

**Rep. Banks Said A Bill Requiring Doctors To Provide Care For "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors" Would Be "One Of The First Votes We'll Take In The Majority."** "There is no mystery about whether the House, under a GOP majority, will pass abortion restrictions. The question is how far they will go. The broad consensus among Republicans is that the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which would require doctors to provide care to infants born after botched abortions, will be a top priority. 'Leadership has already committed to be one of the first votes we'll take in the majority,' said Banks." [Axios, [6/24/2022](#)]

- **Physicians Say The "Born-Alive" Act Is A Political Tool That "Maligns And Vilifies Providers And Patients To Push A False Narrative About Abortion Later In Pregnancy."** "But reproductive rights and physician groups say the bill could criminalize doctors and is unnecessary — not only because a live birth after an abortion attempt is an extremely unlikely scenario but also because laws already exist to protect an infant in this instance anyway. 'The bill maligns and vilifies providers and patients to push a false narrative about abortion later in pregnancy,' Dr. Kristyn Brandi, a board member of Physicians for Reproductive Health, told Vox in an email last year." [Vox, [2/11/2020](#)]

**Immediately After The Supreme Court Overturned Roe V. Wade, Rep. Banks Called For Indiana State Lawmakers To "Convene A Special Session And Pass Pro-Life Legislation."** "Today is a joyful day and a turning point for the unborn in America. I will be celebrating tonight with my wife Amanda and our three daughters. I'd like to thank the thousands of pro-life advocates, conservative representatives, and voters, who have worked tirelessly for nearly 50 years to overturn the disastrous Roe decision. I am reiterating my call for Governor Holcomb and the Indiana legislatures to convene a special session and pass pro-life

legislation. I will be working hard in Congress to build on today's victory." [Rep. Jim Banks Press Release, [6/24/2022](#)]

## **Rep. Jim Banks Said Trump Played No Role In Inciting The Jan. 6 Attack On The Capitol And Opposed Creating A Committee To Investigate The Violent Events.**

**Rep. Jim Banks Said Trump Didn't Have Any Role In Inciting The Violent Attack On The Capitol On Jan. 6.** "When asked whether there was value into looking into whether former President Donald Trump played a role in inciting violence on Jan. 6, he argued Trump did no wrong. 'President Trump said go down to the Capitol and peacefully and patriotically make your voice heard,' Banks said. 'Emphasis on peacefully. I don't know how you can be any more clear than that.'" [Indy Star, [6/9/2022](#)]

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**Banks Called The House Jan. 6 Committee's Investigation A "Partisan Political Exercise."** "He [Banks] called the committee a 'partisan political exercise.' 'There's never been a committee like this [sic] that's been completely partisan, one sided without the voice of the minority to ask questions that reflect our point of view, our side of the aisle,' he said. 'So that's what's so disappointing about the exercise.'" [Indy Star, [6/9/2022](#)]

## **During The Trump Administration, Rep. Jim Banks Voted With President Trump Over 92% Of The Time.**

**Rep. Jim Banks (R-IN) Voted In Line With Trump's Positions 92.6% Of The Time.** [FiveThirtyEight, "Tracking Congress In The Age Of Trump, [1/13/21](#)]

- **In March 2021, Banks Wrote A Letter To House GOP Leader Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) Praising Trump For Expanding The Party's Support In The Working Class.** "Banks was among those who opposed certifying election results last November, and in the aftermath of the riot, he's continued to praise Trump. He penned a letter to McCarthy in March arguing that Trump gave the party the gift of a new coalition of working class Americans." [Indianapolis Star, [7/20/21](#)]

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