

Two Years After The January 6th Attack On The US Capitol, Anti-Conservationists Are Still Leading Anti-Government Movement To Stall Congress

SUMMARY: On the 2nd anniversary of the January 6 attack on the US Capitol, Accountable.US finds renewed relevance in its [Ground Zero report](#) showing the overlap between the anti-government extremism that fueled the insurrection on January 6, 2021 and the violent opposition to public lands conservation.

- **Lauren Boebert:** Boebert has become “[a face](#)” of the group hardliners opposing Rep. Kevin McCarthy’s bid for speakership, bringing the US House to a standstill.
 - Boebert has close ties to anti-public lands militias like the Three Percenters and the Oath Keepers.
 - Boebert was allegedly in contact with January 6 perpetrators before the attack.
 - Boebert has defended the January 6 perpetrators.
 - Boebert has deep ties to the oil industry and anti-conservation groups like American Stewards of Liberty.
- **Paul Gosar:** Gosar is “[one of the leaders](#)” of the Never-McCarthy movement.
 - Gosar urged Trump supporters to “join” him on January 6, 2021 to “fight for trump” because he believed the election was “stolen.”
 - Gosar allegedly offered a “blanket pardon” to the rioters, who he describes as “peaceful protesters.”
 - Gosar took steps to “dispose” of public lands in favor of private property rights.
- **Matt Rosendale:** Rosendale has opposed McCarthy’s speakership bid “[from the beginning](#).”
 - Rosendale said he has “long been on the record as an advocate for the transfer of federal public lands to the state.”
 - Rosendale was a speaker for the Oath Keepers, the militia whose members were charged with seditious conspiracy for their role in the January 6 attack on the US Capitol

Reps. Boebert, Gosar, and Rosendale— The Leading Public Lands Opponents In Congress, Are Spearheading The “Never Kevin” Movement To Oppose Kevin McCarthy As Speaker And Stall Congress

Rep. Lauren Boebert, A Militia-Tied Member, Is A Leader Of The Never-McCarthy Movement That Has Stalled Congress

Lauren Boebert: "...A Face Of The House Hard-Liners Against McCarthy"

Rep. Lauren Boebert Has Become “A Face Of The House Hard-Liners Against McCarthy.”

“Shortly after House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy lost a vote for speaker for the sixth time in two days, Sean Hannity took a deep breath on Wednesday night and asked Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.) how much longer the 20 Republicans would continue to block McCarthy’s bid. In doing so, the Fox News host reflected on his guest’s words from earlier in the day on the House floor, when Boebert, who has become a face of the House hard-liners against McCarthy, said former president Donald Trump needed to tell the California Republican that ‘it’s time to withdraw.’” [Washington Post, [01/05/23](#)]

Boebert Has Close Ties To The Anti-Public Lands Militias That Were Involved In The January 6th Attack On The Capitol

The 3% United Patriots Of Colorado Were Asked By The Campaign “To Run A Small Perimeter Security Detail” For Boebert. “According to a screenshot provided by a source, a member of the III% United Patriots militia posted a call on for volunteers to attend Boebert’s appearance in Pueblo today. The request noted that the campaign invited the militia directly. ‘Monday at 1pm, Lauren Boebert is gonna be in Pueblo. Some of us have been asked to run a small perimeter security detail for her. The event that raises more concern for her and myself is the flag waving that starts at 5:30pm Monday. There is a couple of events that are happening before that, one of which isn’t open to the public. I wasn’t going to go unless they invited us, which they did.’” [Colorado Times Recorder, [07/27/20](#)]

- **Three Percenters Are An Anti-Government Militia With Ties To The Oath Keepers.** “The Justice Department also identifies the Three Percenters (or III%ers) as a domestic, anti-government militia with loose ties to the Oath Keepers.” [Salt Lake Tribune, [10/13/21](#)]

Two Sources That Helped Organize January 6th Claim To Have Spoken With Rep Lauren Boebert’s Team Prior To The Insurrection. “The two sources, both of whom have been granted anonymity due to the ongoing investigation, describe participating in “dozens” of planning briefings ahead of that day when Trump supporters broke into the Capitol as his election loss to President Joe Biden was being certified. [...] Along with Greene, the conspiratorial pro-Trump Republican from Georgia who took office earlier this year, the pair both say the members who participated in these conversations or had top staffers join in included Rep. Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.), Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.), Rep. Mo Brooks (R-Ala.), Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-N.C.), Rep. Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.), and Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-Texas). “We would talk to Boebert’s team, Cawthorn’s team, Gosar’s team like back to back to back to back,” says the organizer.” [Rolling Stone, [10/24/21](#)]

According To Rolling Stone, Both Organizers Were In Contact With Lauren Boebert On January 6th. “Rolling Stone has separately obtained documentary evidence that both sources were in contact with Gosar and Boebert on Jan. 6. We are not describing the nature of that evidence to preserve their anonymity.” [Rolling Stone, [10/24/21](#)]

Lauren Boebert Defended Insurrectionists After January 6th.

Lauren Boebert Appeared To Defend January 6th Rioters, Saying “You Can’t Petition Your Government, You’re An Insurrectionists If You Do That.” “At a Republican party meeting in Montrose last night, Congresswoman Lauren Boebert appeared to defend those who stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, saying, “We already see in Washington, D.C., you can’t petition your government, you’re an insurrectionist if you do that.”” [*Colorado Times Recorder*, [03/16/21](#)]

Rep. Paul Gosar: “One Of The Leaders Of The Insurrection Against McCarthy”

Paul Gosar Is A Leader Of The Never-McCarthy Movement And Was The First Person To Nominate A Republican Alternative. “Gosar is one of the most controversial members of Congress. He's defended white nationalists and spoken to them and was censured after posting an anime video depicting the killing of Democratic Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and President Biden. He's also one of the leaders of this insurrection against McCarthy and was the first to rise to nominate an alternative. Gosar went viral Tuesday when he was spotted having a conversation with Ocasio-Cortez on the House floor about whether Democrats would help McCarthy get elected. Ocasio-Cortez said she told the faction: ‘Absolutely not.’” [NPR, [01/05/23](#)]

Paul Gosar Urged Trump Supporters To “Join” Him On January 6th To “Fight For Trump” Because He Believed The Election Was “Stolen.”

Gosar Tweeted: “Patriots: The Time Is Now. Hold The Line. Join Me In DC January 6th. #Fightfortrump.” Gosar Tweeted: “Patriots: The time is now. HOLD THE LINE. Join me in DC January 6th. #FIGHTFORTHTRUMP” [Twitter, [01/02/21](#)]

Gosar Tweeted, “We Haven’t Come This Far And Fought This Hard To Have The Election Stolen From Us.” Gosar Tweeted, “We haven’t come this far and fought this hard to have the election stolen from us.” [Twitter, [11/04/21](#)]

Paul Gosar Is An Outspoken Defender Of The January 6 Rioters, Who He Calls “Peaceful Protestors,” And Reportedly Offered Them A “Blanket Pardon”

Gosar Referred To The Rioters As “Peaceful Protestors,” And Claimed That Ashli Babbitt Was “Executed.” “[Gosar] has also been outspoken in his defense of US Capitol rioters, calling them ‘peaceful protestors’ who were being harassed by the Justice Department. One of Trump's most ardent supporters, Gosar also said that Ashli Babbitt, a protestor who was shot by Capitol Police on January 6 and later died from her wounds, was ‘executed.’” [Business Insider, [10/24/21](#)]

Gosar Allegedly Offered A “Blanket Pardon” To Rioters For Another Investigation Ahead Of January 6th. “GOP congressman Paul Gosar encouraged pro-Trump rally organizers to plan protests in Washington DC on January 6 by telling them they would get a ‘blanket pardon’ for another, unrelated investigation, according to two of the protest's planners.” [Business Insider, [10/24/21](#)]

Gosar Told January 6th Rioters How Much He Appreciated The Work They Had Been Doing Ahead Of January 6. “The two anonymous sources said Gosar told them: ‘I was just going over

the list of pardons and we just wanted to tell you guys how much we appreciate all the hard work you've been doing,' according to the outlet." [Business Insider, [10/24/21](#)]

- **Gosar Tweeted, "After 4 Years Of #Notmypresident We're Expected To Roll Over And Let Them Steal An Election? I Don't Think So."** "After 4 years of #NotMyPresident we're expected to roll over and let them steal an election? I don't think so." [Twitter, [11/07/20](#)]

Gosar Wants To Take Steps To Dispose Public Lands In Favor Of "Private Property Rights"

Paul Gosar Has Called For Inventorying Public Lands "For Disposal." "Rep. Gosar, who has a propensity for inflammatory proposals and rhetoric, recently called for the BLM to create an inventory of public lands that would be 'eligible for disposal' and criticized the recent review of the federal coal leasing program, calling it 'shameful.'" [Adventure Journal, [04/11/16](#)]

Rep. Gosar's Priorities For Land Use? Private Property Rights And Local Control. "Gosar, chairman of the Congressional Western Caucus, said House Republicans are largely united on land-use issues. He noted many Freedom Caucus members and GOP leaders like Ryan and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) belong to the Western Caucus, which has long pushed a libertarian approach to federal land management. 'We all are committed to protecting private property rights, strengthening local control, fostering economic growth, preserving multiple use of public land and increasing energy independence,' said Gosar." [E&E, [05/17/21](#)]

Matt Rosendale Has Opposed McCarthy "From The Beginning."

Matt Rosendale Has Been Against McCarthy's Speakership Bid "From The Beginning." "The second-term Montana lawmaker has been against the McCarthy speakership bid from the beginning. "We need a leader who can stand up to a Democrat-controlled Senate and President Biden, and unfortunately, that isn't Kevin McCarthy," he tweeted in November. Rosendale is being closely watched as a potential statewide office candidate in 2024 after coming up short in his Senate bid in 2018." [Politico, [01/03/23](#)]

Matt Rosendale Has Called For The Elimination Of Federal Public Lands And Has Ties To The Oath Keepers Militia

Rosendale In 2014: "I Have Long Been On The Record As An Advocate For The Transfer Of Federal Public Lands To The State." "In 2014, when asked to participate in a Q and A with the Billings Gazette on the topic, [Rosendale] stated, 'I have long been on the record as an advocate for the transfer of federal public lands to the state.'" [Outsideonline.com, [07/16/19](#)]

- **Rosendale Voted For A Public Lands Management Study Which Was Considered "A Backdoor Route To Starting Down The Road Of The Transfer Or Sell-off Of**

Public Land.” “[Rosendale] voted for SJ 15 in 2013 to study public land management. The study was a backdoor route to starting down the road of the transfer or sell-off of public land. Rosendale voted again in 2015 for HB 496, creating a new legislative task force to study the same issue even after overwhelming public outcry kept any reference of sell-off or transfer out of the final report for SJ 15.” [Mtvoters.org, Accessed [12/13/21](#)]

Matt Rosendale, In 2014, Spoke At An Oath Keepers Militia Event. Members Of That Group Were Later Charged With Seditious Conspiracy For Their Role In The January 6th Attack On The US Capitol. “In 2014, Rosendale spoke at a pro-Second Amendment Oath Keepers rally in Kalispell. At the time, he told NBC Montana his focus was on supporting the Second Amendment, and he was in no way connected to the Oath Keepers. The seditious conspiracy charges filed Thursday against Rhodes and 11 other Oath Keeper members are the most serious brought forth in the investigation by the Justice Department that has charged more than 700 people with federal crimes for their involvement in the riot.” [Daily Montanan, [01/14/22](#)]