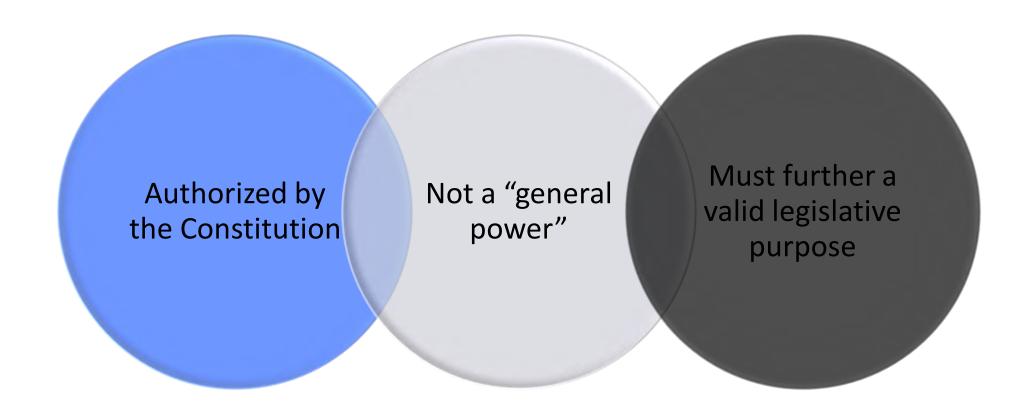


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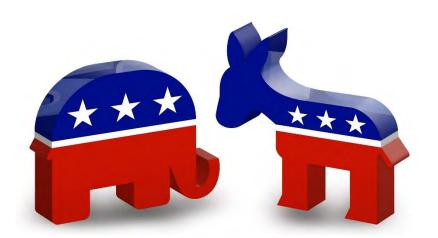
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## **Congressional Investigations Powers**



## **Purposes of Congressional Investigations**

- Expose actual criminal or civil wrongdoing
- Hold a company, government agency, or other entity responsible for its actions
- Advance a policy preference
- Advance legislation
- Bolster a Member's or party's political agenda or position
- Influence Executive Branch agencies, including regulatory agencies



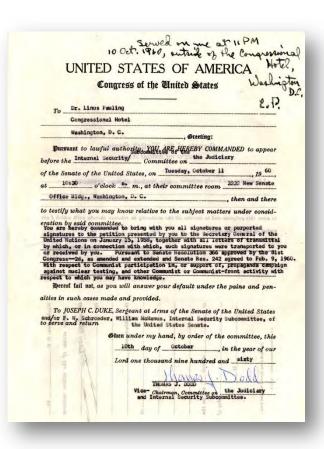
## **Congressional Investigatory Tools**

- Requests for information
- Interviews and depositions
- Hearings
- Subpoenas
  - Generally no pre-enforcement review
- Referral to Executive Branch for criminal prosecution
  - Congress may refer, but Executive Branch may proceed regardless of Congress's views.
  - Prosecute false statements to Congress, obstruction, destruction of evidence, etc.



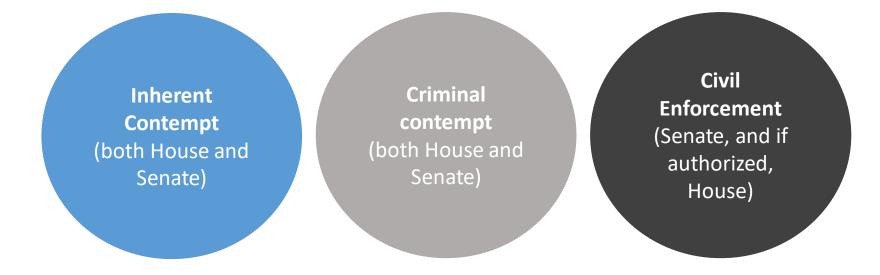
## **Subpoena Power**

- Document requests usually begin with a letter and are followed by a subpoena, if necessary.
- Every standing committee has the authority to issue subpoenas.
   This is authorized under both House and Senate rules, but the specific procedures vary by committee.
- House rules give more authority to committee chairs.
- Subpoenas can be friendly.
- Recipient can't move to quash a subpoena.



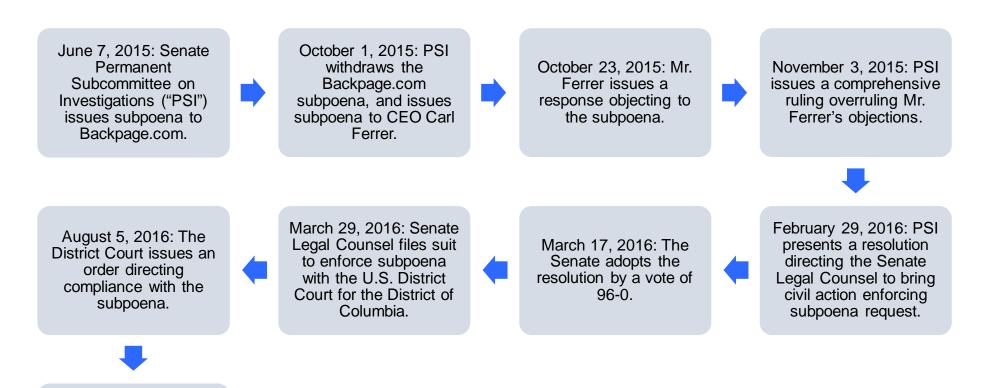
## **Congressional Contempt/Civil Enforcement**

There are three means through which Congress can enforce its subpoenas:





## Backpage.com Subpoena Timeline



November 30, 2016: Mr. Ferrer files certificate with District Court indicating he has complied with subpoena.

The entire process took approximately **17 months.** 

## Fast and Furious Subpoena Timeline

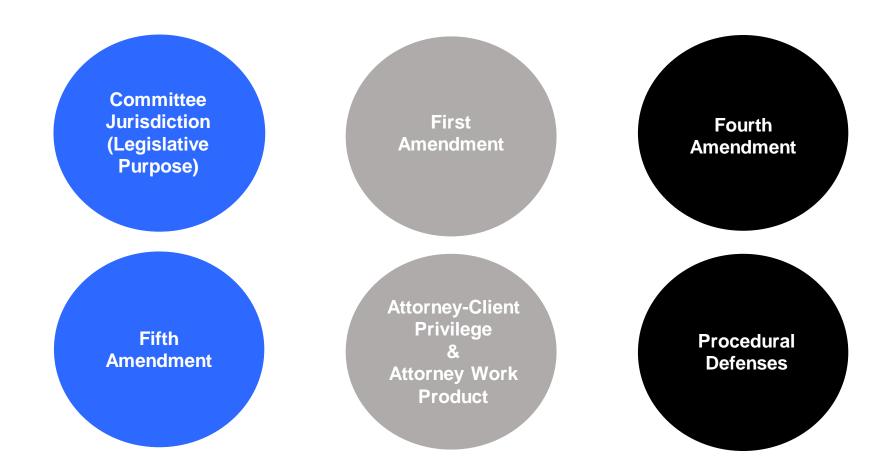


The entire process took approximately 4 ½ years.

## **More Recent Timelines**

Case	Suit Filed	Initial Production Order	Actual Production
Trump v. Mazars	April 2019	May 2019 (1 month)	Sept. 2022 (41 months)
Judiciary v. McGahn	August 2019	Nov. 2019 (3 months)	June 2021 (21 months)
Ways & Means v. Treasury	July 2019	Dec. 2021 (28 months)	Nov. 2022 (39 months)
Trump v. Thompson	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021 (1 month)	Jan. 2022 (3 months)
Ward v. Thompson	February 2022	Sept. 2022 (7 months)	Nov. 2022 (9 months)

## **Congressional Investigations Defenses – Private Parties**



## First Amendment Challenges

- The First Amendment protects petitioning, lobbying, association, and speech on matters of public concern
- Courts have recognized a qualified privilege: where the party opposing production can show a chilling effect from
  disclosure to the public or to parties with opposing political advocacy efforts, the proponent of discovery must satisfy
  "exacting scrutiny": show a substantial relation between the disclosure requirement and a sufficiently important
  governmental interest
- Some courts have denied disclosure, see, e.g., Perry v. Schwarzenegger
- Other challenges:
  - RNC v. Pelosi
  - Backpage
  - Ward v. Thompson

### **Constitutional Defenses**

- Fourth Amendment. Reasonableness varies depending upon the "nature, purposes, and scope of the inquiry."
  - Overly broad demands for documents that lack congruence and proportionality to the scope of the investigation may violate protection against search and seizure, but some cases challenge this argument.
- Fifth Amendment. Individuals can invoke right against self-incrimination. Corporations cannot.
  - Generally applies only to testimony, although in certain circumstances the privilege applies to the act of producing documents (when the documents amount to "Testimonial Communications").
  - Congress can compel testimony by granting transactional immunity or use and derivative use immunity.
  - Choose your words carefully, so as not to waive the privilege.
    - In 2013, Lois Lerner invoked the privilege before the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, but also stated that she had done nothing wrong.
    - Chairman Darrell Issa claimed her statement waived the privilege, and Congress referred the matter to the U.S.
       Attorney for the District of Columbia for criminal contempt charges when Lerner refused to testify.

## Trump v. Mazars: Legislative Purpose

- <u>Standard for showing valid "legislative purpose"</u>: The Court announced what it called a "balanced approach" to govern future interbranch disputes, one that it viewed as protecting Congress's ability to investigate the President while also mitigating the risk of improper congressional inquiry.
- The Court held that a congressional subpoena must address a "valid legislative purpose" and must be "related to, and in furtherance of, a legitimate task of the Congress."
- Motivating this newly heightened standard appears to <u>be dissatisfaction with the existing legislative-purpose analysis</u>,
   <u>which the Court described as "limitless,"</u> thus permitting Congress to "exert an imperious control" over the President.
- Congress must now, in effect, show its work and adequately describe the nexus between the records sought and the legislation the committee is considering.
- Thus, courts are to engage in a <u>more rigorous examination</u> of a committee's legislative purpose than the analyses lower courts have traditionally used.

## Trump v. Mazars: Separation of Powers

- The Court set forth <u>four factors</u> to account for the separation of powers concerns raised by interbranch disputes in this context:
- **First,** whether "other sources" could reasonably provide Congress the information it needs;
- **Second,** subpoenas may be "no broader than reasonably necessary" to support Congress's legislative objective;
- **Third,** Congress must explain why the President's information will advance its consideration of the possible legislation, and courts should be attentive to the nature of the evidence offered to establish that a subpoena advances a valid legislative purpose;
- Fourth, courts "should be careful to assess the burdens imposed on the President by a subpoena."

# Attorney-Client Communication Privilege & Attorney Work Product

- Mazars and Common Law Privileges/Protections
  - Congress has traditionally taken the position that it is not bound to recognize common law privileges and may
    determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether to accept a witness's request to invoke such privileges against a
    congressional subpoena, but this position has not been tested in litigation.
- In *Mazars*, the Court stated that recipients of congressional subpoenas retain *both* "common law and constitutional privileges with respect to certain materials, such as attorney-client communications and governmental communications protected by executive privilege."
- While the Court's treatment of common law privileges in *Mazars* is arguably dicta, both the **Executive Branch and private litigants can be expected to take the position** that Congress is obligated to observe common law privileges in the same way that courts and grand juries must observe them
  - The D.C. Circuit has repeated this dictum in Trump v. Thompson, 20 F.4th 10 (D.C. Cir. 2021), cert. denied, 142 S. Ct. 1350 (2022).

### **Procedural Defenses**

#### Standing Issues

- In Judiciary v. McGahn, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, sitting en banc, found that the House Judiciary Committee had standing to seek enforcement in federal court of its subpoena to former White House Counsel Don McGahn.
- The court held that McGahn's failure to comply with the committee's subpoena deprived the committee of information to which it was legally entitled, and that doing so created a concrete injury, thus satisfying the first prong of the test for standing.

#### Cause of Action Issues

- House can sue: Miers, Fast and Furious, McGahn(D.D.C)
- House can't sue: McGahn (D.C. Cir.) (vacated)

## Impact of COVID-19 Protocols on Investigations Power

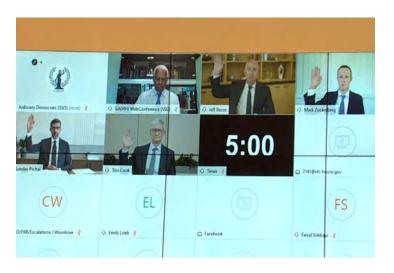
### Investigations

- Remain primarily document-oriented
- Fewer depositions and transcribed interviews

### Hearings

- Will switch back to live in House
- Virtual are more difficult to engage in questioning





## Lay of the Land in the 118th Congress (Senate)

#### **Homeland Security** & Gov. Affairs



Rand Paul (R-KY)



**Gary Peters** (D-MI)

#### Health, Education, **Labor & Pensions**



Bill Cassidy (R-LA)



Bernie Sanders (I-VT)

#### **Armed Services**



Roger Wicker (R-MS)



Jack Reed (D-RI)

**Commerce. Science** & Transportation



Ted Cruz (R-TX)



Maria Cantwell (D-WA)

#### **Judiciary**



Charles Grassley (R-IA)



Dick Durbin (D-IL)

#### **Finance**



Mike Crapo (R-ID)



Ron Wyden (D-OR)

#### **Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs**



Tim Scott (R-SC)



Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

Aging



Mike Braun (R-IN)



**Bob Casey** (D-PA)

#### **Agriculture**



John Boozman (R-AR)



Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)



Susan Collins (R-ME)



Patty Murray (D-WA)

### **Budget**



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#### **Foreign Affairs**



James Risch (R-ID)



Bob Menendez (D-NJ)

## Lay of the Land in the 118th Congress (House)

#### **Education & Labor**



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Norton (D-DC), Rick Larsen (D-WA)

Eleanor Holmes



Sam Graves (R-MO)

#### **Appropriations**



Rosa DeLaura Kay Granger (D-CT)



(R-TX)

#### **Energy & Commerce**



Frank Pallone (D-NJ)



Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)

**Financial Services** 





#### **Oversight & Accountability**



Jamie Raskin (D-MD)



Virginia Foxx

(R-NC)

James Comer (R-KY)

#### **Homeland Security**



Bennie Thompson (D-MS)



Mark Green (R-Tenn.)

#### **Judiciary**



Jerrold Nadler (D-NY)



Jim Jordan (R-OH)

#### **Ways & Means**



Richard Neal (D-MA)



Jason Smith (R-MO)

#### Science, Space & Technology



Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)



Frank Lucas (R-OK)

## **Lessons Learned from the January 6th Select Committee**

#### Good

- Early use of subpoenas to set tone
- Consistent use of videotaped interviews and depositions
- Pursuit of enforcement actions
- Media-friendly hearings

#### Bad

- Procedural irregularities
- Too many "lines in the water"
- Witnesses' ability to run out the clock
- Lots of repetition

- House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis
  - Pandemic Response
    - Biden Administration's pandemic response
    - Origins of COVID-19
    - Democratic governors' policies related to nursing homes
  - Use of CARES Act Funds
    - Whether CARES Act funds are used as Congress intended
  - Wasteful PPP fraud and the Biden administration's failure to prosecute fraud and prioritize repayment of the loans

- House Speaker McCarthy's Investigatory Priorities
  - Open Borders and Immigration
  - Big Tech and Free Speech
  - China
  - Security
  - COVID-19 Origins
  - Hunter Biden
  - Afghanistan Withdrawal
  - Washington Spending
  - Politicization of the DOJ/FBI
  - Education and Woke Ideology
  - Energy Production and American Industry
  - IRS Politicization and Abuse
  - Separation of Powers

 House Select Committee on Strategic Competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party

- Onshoring
- Data privacy
- COVID virus
- Supply chain risks and vulnerabilities
- Intellectual property theft
- Chinese police "service stations"
- Boosting US competition with China in the tech space
- China's influence in American universities
- China's purchase of agricultural land in the US
- China's control of critical minerals
- Theft of US technology
- China's relationship with Taiwan
- Deceptive trade practices
- Malign influence, coercion, and lobbying efforts at the state, local and federal level to advance their agenda
- Spread of CCP propaganda and its covert threat inside the U.S.
- TikTok's threat to national security



Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) will chair the Select Committee on China.

- House Committee on Oversight & Accountability
  - Hunter Biden and President Biden
  - Corporate policies related to ESG
  - "Woke capitalism"
  - Prescription drug pricing and pharmacy benefit managers
  - Federal contracts under the Biden Administration
  - Big Tech
  - University tuition rates
  - Chinese involvement in American research and business
  - Election integrity
  - COVID fraud
    - Wasteful PPP fraud and the Biden administration's failure to prosecute fraud and prioritize repayment of the loans

# GOP to probe 'cancer' of climate-friendly investing after midterms

Republican lawmakers plan to conduct oversight of Wall Street's efforts to promote sustainability, calling them 'woke capitalism'

#### House Financial Services Committee

- Investments in China
- Financial firm business practices related to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) and ESG
- Agency actions related to ESG
  - E.g. SEC's proposed climate-related disclosure rule for public companies
- FTX and cryptocurrency industry more generally
- PayPal's debanking efforts

#### House Armed Services Committee

Use of military resources to publicly criticize American citizens

#### House Committee on Appropriations

Audit of defense spending and foreign aid; including but not limited to Ukraine aid

#### House Committee on Rules

Election Integrity

### House Judiciary Committee

- Big Tech and allegations of politicization
- Various issues related to President Biden and son Hunter Biden
- "Anti-parent directives" involving the Biden administration's supposed "targeting of concerned parents" at school board meetings
- Appointment of special counsel
- DOJ civil rights priorities
- FTC's antitrust investigations and alleged use of unpaid consultants
- Content moderation policies at social media companies
  - Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act
- Immigration enforcement
- Impeachment of DHS Secretary Mayorkas
- FBI's use of geo-fencing in data collection
- Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government
  - Expansive jurisdiction, with an eye towards the politicization of the DOJ
  - Mandate includes reporting on executive branch investigative authority, information collection and use, improper/illegal/unconstitutional action against citizens, and issues related to the violation of the civil liberties of citizens of the United States
  - Chair of the full Judiciary Committee may issue subpoenas for the Select Subcommittee
  - Authorized to receive information available to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence



House Republicans vow to investigate Biden and his family's business dealings

#### House Energy & Commerce Committee

- Drug pricing policies/controls
- Greentech industry, federal funding by the Dept. of Energy
- Big Tech and China's role in the technology sector
- Internet privacy and data breaches
- Hospital billing transparency
- Innovation among drug makers
- Role of fentanyl in the opioid crisis
- NEPA infrastructure permitting delays
- Environmental NGOs' collusion with Russia and China
- Electric vehicle component grants

### • House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

- Department of Transportation's implementation of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- NEPA infrastructure permitting delays
- Federal Highway Administration's "fix-it first" guidance
  - FHWA issued memo to state agencies suggesting states prioritize
     maintenance of infrastructure projects rather than proceed with new projects



#### House Education & Workforce Committee

- Workplace safety regulations
- Labor Department rules regarding overtime and independent contractors
- EEOC access to employers' pay data
- Student loan forgiveness
  - Cost of public service loan forgiveness programs
  - Legal authority of White House and Education Department to forgive student loans
- Federal government's involvement in promoting Critical Race Theory and other woke educational doctrines.

#### House Homeland Security Committee

- Immigration enforcement and impact of drug trafficking on communities across the country
  - DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas's oversight of border policies
  - Disinformation Governance Board
- TikTok negotiations with CFIUS and data mining by CCP

#### House Foreign Affairs Committee

- U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan
- U.S. competition with China, including monitoring high-tech exports
- Hunter Biden's business dealings with a Chinese energy firm in 2017
- Influence peddling and selling access to hostile foreign powers

### House Ways & Means Committee

- Oversight of IRS spending (\$80 billion funding increase from Inflation Reduction Act)
- Tax return leaks to ProPublica
- Destruction of 30 million paper information tax returns in 2021
- Handing over of private tax information without prosecution

House Republicans are threatening to investigate the Treasury Department, if they win back the majority, over the mid-October timing of 9 million letters the Internal Revenue Service sent out reminding Americans of their eligibility for certain tax credits.

### House Agriculture Committee

FTX and other Crypto-related issues

#### Senate Judiciary Committee

- Mail-in voting
- Bureau of Prisons oversight
- Big Tech
- Competition issues/merger reviews

#### • Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee

- Domestic terrorism
- Opioid crisis
- Cybersecurity
- Securing the supply chain
- COVID-19 oversight and pandemic response
- Treatment of immigrants

#### Senate Finance Committee

- Taxation of pharmaceutical companies
- Tax preparers
- Insurers, including Medicare Advantage organizations
- Drug pricing
- COVID-19 response

- Senate Committee on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs
  - Outbound investments
  - Rental pricing algorithms
  - Data breaches and oversight of financial regulators
  - Digital currencies
  - Zelle
- Senate Committee on Aging
  - Medicare Advantage consumer protection
  - Data collection and transparency in police interactions with people with disabilities (DIALED Act)
- Senate Committee on Agriculture
  - FTX
  - Digital Commodities Consumer Protection Act (DCCPA)



- Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP) Committee
  - Prescription drug costs
  - Worker protections
- Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
  - Data privacy
- Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs
  - China
  - Confronting Russian malign influence
  - Improving global health security
  - TikTok's threat to national security

## **Top Mistakes**

- Facts: failure to identify and verify
- Corporate message: unclear or undetailed
- **Internal communications:** understanding the risks and settling on a strategy
- Context: failure to adapt to type of investigation
- Care and concern: inadequate attention
- Legal: preserving privilege and assessing collateral consequences
- Knowing the rules: vary by committee
- Big picture: anticipating what might come next





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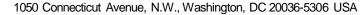
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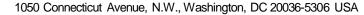
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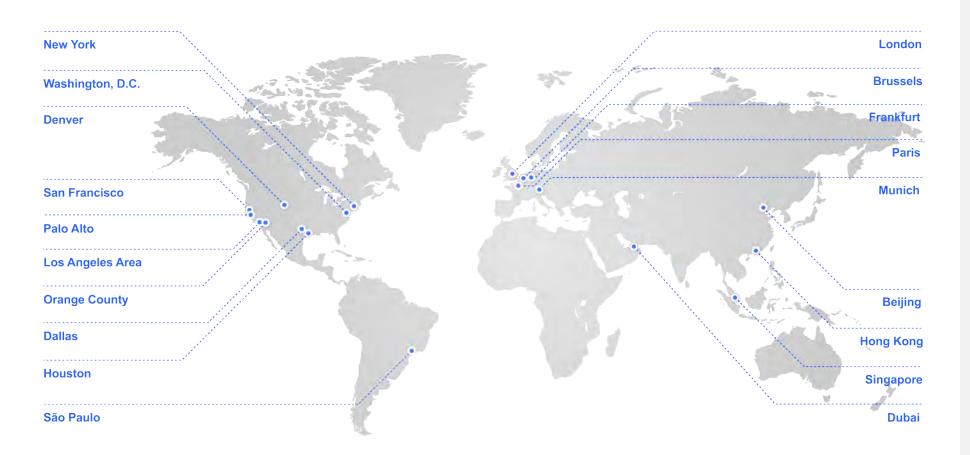
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