

MAGA holds Israel hostage to rich tax cheats

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After shutting down the House for [three weeks](#) because they couldn't pick a speaker, Republicans settled on Mike Johnson (R-LA), a [key player](#) in their efforts to overthrow the 2020 election. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) said Johnson's selection [shows](#) "where the power in the Republican Party truly lies," dubbing him "MAGA Mike."

Johnson is the [least experienced Speaker](#) in 140 years. He blames school shootings on abortion, supports a national abortion ban, and rejects the separation of Church and State. He believes if women are compelled to bring more "able-bodied workers" into the workplace, Republicans wouldn't need to cut Social Security and Medicare.

Johnson's inexperience and extremism were evident with his first act, rejecting President Biden's [proposal](#) for aid to Israel and Ukraine, American allies at war. Biden's proposal also included \$14 billion to stop fentanyl from entering the country and strengthen border enforcement.

Johnson eliminated everything but Israeli aid. Worse, he [conditioned](#) that on cutting IRS funding that makes rich tax cheats pay their fair share. Johnson falsely claimed his IRS cuts would improve our "[fiscal stability](#)." In fact, the [Congressional Budget Office](#) [says](#) they will cost \$26 billion in revenue over 10 years, increasing the deficit by \$12.5 billion. If the rich don't pay that, you will!

It's not the first bald-faced lie Republicans told about the IRS enforcement funding in Biden's Inflation Reduction Act. Sen. Charles Grassley (R-IA) [warned](#) of IRS "strike forces" brandishing "AK-15's" (sic) "already loaded ready to shoot some small businessperson." So much for Republicans supporting law enforcement!

Rather than working to avoid a government shutdown on [November 17](#), Johnson wasted time on a bill that won't pass the Senate. Why is he refusing to do the people's urgent business? The not-ready-for-prime-time Johnson explained it with some accidental truth-telling in his first [fundraising email](#): "I refuse to put people over politics." Way to say the quiet part out loud, Mike!

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