

# Matt Gaetz, Denizen of the Deep State



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*When plunder becomes a way of life for a group of men in a society, over the course of time they create for themselves a legal system that authorizes it and a moral code that glorifies it. –Frédéric Bastiat*

*It is the duty of every patriot to protect his country from its government. –Thomas Paine*

*If ever a time should come, when vain and aspiring men shall possess highest seats in government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin. –Samuel Adams*

*Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the Government's purposes are beneficent. Men born to freedom are naturally alert to repel invasion of their liberty by evil-minded rulers. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in the insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding. –Louis D. Brandeis*

Matthew Louis Gaetz II is an attorney and since 2017, the Congressional Republican Representative of Florida's first congressional district. Prior to his House seat, he was a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 2010 to 2016.

Don Gaetz, Matt's father, served in the Florida State Senate

from 2006 to 2016 and was the President of the Florida Senate from 2012 to 2014. Late in 2023, Don Gaetz decided he would [again run for Florida Senate](#), and has expressed an eagerness for a “spirited campaign.” In 2004, Don sold Vitas Hospice Services, later accused of Medicaid fraud by the DOJ, for close to [half a billion](#).

In 2023, Matt was well known for being the holdout with Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO) in the 15<sup>th</sup> vote for Speaker Kevin McCarthy. However, he and Boebert did not cast a vote for anyone else which actually lowered the vote McCarthy needed by two and gave him the win.

Gaetz filed the motion to oust Kevin McCarthy for not keeping his promises.

The Congressman has now endorsed Kevin McCarthy as a replacement for Rona McDaniel as Chair of the RNC. McCarthy only voted with the Constitution 50% of the time.

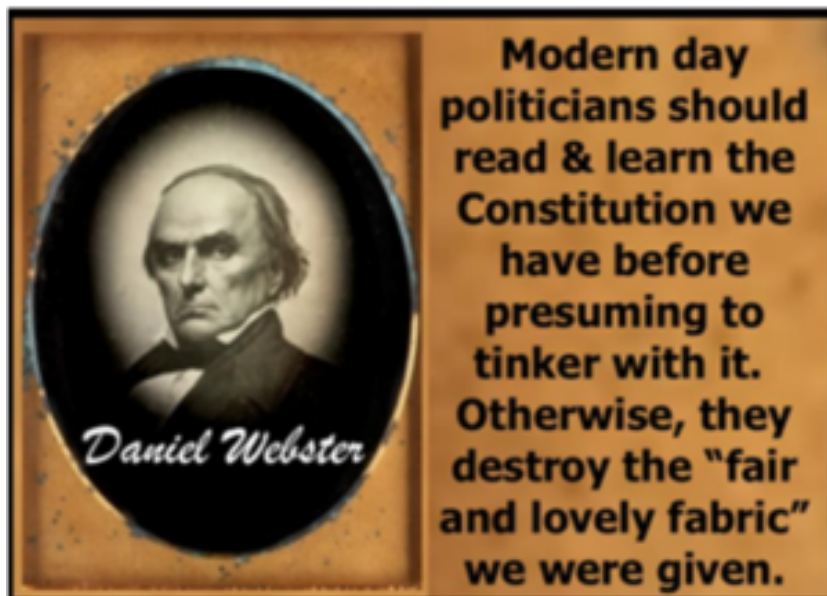
While addressing rumors about his son [potentially running for governor](#) in 2026, Don clarified, “Matt’s not pursuing any run for governor. He’s pushing forward tackling budget and spending problems in Washington and fighting for term limits.”

Really? Term Limits? That’s a lie.

Matt Gaetz is [promoting a Constitutional Convention](#) via Mark Meckler’s Convention of States (CoS), which is [heavily funded by the Koch organizations](#). He claims the only way to get congressional [term limits](#) and a [balanced budget amendment](#), is with another Article V convention.

Term limits and a balanced budget are the catch-all lies for the uninformed electorate.

Both would have dangerous unintended consequences.



Meckler's Article V convention will not be limited as he claims. Globalist Council on Foreign Relations member, Robert George sits on the board of CoS. He has already [rewritten the Second Amendment](#) in our [unalienable](#) Bill of Rights.

## Personal Life

From [Business Insider](#) comes a tell-all story about Matt from a former high school classmate, Erin Scot, when both attended a wedding rehearsal dinner of one of their friends. Scot tells of Matt showing an inappropriate cell photo of a woman he was bedding at the time. In 2021, the House Committee on Ethics [investigated numerous accusations against Gaetz](#), including allegations of sexual misconduct, drug use, and involving the congressman showing colleagues "inappropriate" images on the House floor.

In August of 2021, 39 year old Matt Gaetz married [Ginger Luckey](#), eloping with her to southern California for a private ceremony on Catalina Island. He married while being investigated by the Justice Department as part of a probe into an alleged sex trafficking ring and in an ongoing probe into an alleged sexual relationship with a 17-year-old minor, which he denied.

Gaetz appeared to have found an ally in Florida's Seminole County tax collector, Joel Greenberg, donating \$1,000 to one of his campaigns, and promoting him for higher office in an interview. "If Joel were to run from Seminole Co, I think he'd become the next congressman from the 7th district," Gaetz

told a Florida radio station in 2017.

But the Congressman had come under the microscope after [his close friend Joel Greenberg](#) was [arrested twice](#) in early 2021. Gaetz was [investigated for three distinct crimes](#): sex trafficking the 17-year-old; violating the Mann Act, which prohibits taking women across state lines for prostitution; and obstructing justice.

According to various news reports, Greenberg told investigators that he saw Gaetz and others have sex with the same 17-year-old he pleaded guilty to sex trafficking.

This news was aired weeks after Gaetz's former close friend, Joel Greenberg, who sources said agreed to cooperate in the federal probe into Gaetz, was [sentenced to 11 years in prison](#) after pleading guilty to crimes including sex trafficking of a minor and introducing her to other "adult men" who also had sex with her when she was underage. Greenberg agreed to provide "substantial assistance" to prosecutors as part of their ongoing investigation.

No charges were filed against Gaetz since proving he had sex with and knew the minor was underage could not easily be proven. Gaetz' attorneys confirmed the DOJ decision.

In a statement to ABC News, Greenberg's attorney called the decision not to charge Gaetz "troubling."

Tucker Carlson [interviewed Gaetz](#) after Fox News found out Congressman Gaetz was under federal investigation for playing some role in sex trafficking. After the interview, Carlson [spoke to the audience and said](#), "That was one of the weirdest interviews I've ever conducted."

Matt's wife, Ginger Luckey, works as a food industry Analyst and Sales Operations & Enablement for Apeel, which is a company funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. James Rogers, CEO and Founder of Apeel Sciences is a [World Economic](#)

[Forum Young Global Leader 2020](#). The company is approaching the global food waste crisis by utilizing a plant-derived solution to prevent waste – a “sustainable” approach to the world’s growing food demands.

[Apeel Sciences](#) develops products for USDA Organic Certified and conventional produce categories. Their mission is to “build a barrier that could be applied to fruits and vegetables using edible materials that could slow down the rate of spoilage.” The ingredients in Apeel have not been publicly shared and the Apeel label is not on all fruits and vegetables with the coating.

Having purchased California avocados with this coating, once they felt soft enough to be ripe, when you cut into



them, the center is still hard, but the fruit inside the peel is mushy and often rotten.

### **Gaetz’ Mugshot**

Back in 2008, Matt Gaetz was [arrested for a DUI](#) when being stopped for doing 48 in a 35-mph zone. He was 26 years old at the time, and the charges were dropped. Some say Gaetz has had up to seven DUIs, but the record only shows one. Gaetz didn’t like the fact that he had a mugshot from the first go around.

He promoted efforts to remove mugshots from private websites, and [Congressman Greg Steube](#) saw to it in 2018 that mugshots will no longer be available for private websites or pasted across billboards.

Far too many lawmakers [rack up speeding tickets](#). Matthew Gaetz, R-Fort Walton Beach, 32, has been cited for 16 tickets from 1999, to 2014, including one for driving 60 mph in a 35-mph zone on Christmas 2011 in Jackson County.

## **Gaetz and LGBTQ**

Congressman Gaetz will tell you he's anti-LGBTQ because he claims he's against "drag queen library hour" with children. However, while in the Florida legislature, Matt succeeded in promoting and passing adoption for LGBTQ individuals.

The Republican Party of Florida is allegedly against any grooming of children in their schools. Yet in 2018, Congressman Gaetz was telling Florida's Okaloosa Stemm Academy Speech and Debate Class (sixth through eighth graders) why we have to be tolerant of people who don't fit into societal norms.

[Here](#) is the full Facebook video. I've transcribed the first minute of Gaetz' talk:

"Two men and a woman, maybe it's two women and a man. I don't believe you deconstruct that fundamental institution, but I also think, that in society, we have to be tolerant of people who don't fit societal norms. So, I broke with many in my own party, and I authored legislation, to strike from state statutes, the ban from gay adoption.

"It is my view that if two loving people were going to create a home that would be safe for someone and would take them out of foster care or would take them out of an environment where they were less safe, then I didn't think government should stand between a child and a forever home, even if that forever home was with a gay couple. So again, I think this is a generational issue. I think younger people are less judgmental on those questions and so I'm proud to advance rights in an area that's very pragmatic putting people in a forever home. But I have not signed up for the deconstruction

of the family, the traditional family as an institution in America.”

Last August, 2023, Gaetz promoted his [National Prayer in School Act](#) saying that the bill will protect the right to pray in schools and stop “[degenerate LGBT](#)” propaganda.

Yet, Gaetz is responsible for the bill to allow LGBTQ+ to adopt in Florida.

### **Betraying Homeschoolers**

The following four-minute video exposes how Matt Gaetz betrayed homeschoolers.

In 2015, Florida legislator, Matt Gaetz abandoned orphans, betrayed homeschoolers and threw religious freedom under the bus.

A lower court had stricken the ban on gay adoptions. The amendment to the legislators was simply, *“Do you believe it’s right for homosexuals to be able to adopt children? Yes or No?”*

Rep. Gaetz added an amendment to the vote, *“Do you believe homeschoolers have the right to adopt children? Yes or No.”*

Legislators didn’t want to be thrown under the bus for voting against homeschoolers and the bill passed. Homeschoolers were never limited from adoption.

Gaetz used homeschoolers as bait and switch to promote the LGBT agenda. He chose to add the amendment to the homosexual amendment so that it would get passed, and it would deny the rights of the State of Florida to challenge the lower court ruling of whether or not homosexuals have the right to adopt children at the State Supreme Court level.

### **Legalizing Cannabis**



Gaetz's interest in medical marijuana dates back nearly a decade, when he was a member of the Florida House of Representatives. Well before he would gain national attention for his support of Donald Trump, Gaetz carved out an unusual reputation as a Republican who wanted to liberalize marijuana laws.

In 2018, Gaetz, Dr. Jason Pirozzolo and Halsey Beshears were united in their love of politics, travel and beautiful women. Their other mutual interest was Florida's \$1.2 billion [medical marijuana industry](#).

In 2014, Gaetz co-sponsored the first state effort to legalize medical marijuana. Don Gaetz, who was then serving as president of the Florida Senate said he was "being pummeled" by his son about supporting it. However, other reports have suggested it was Don Gaetz who wanted cannabis legalized.

The day Gaetz's measure was up for a final debate and vote in Florida's House of Representatives, both Pirozzolo and Beshears were on the floor. Beshears was a fellow member of the legislature who joined in the support and Pirozzolo, an Orlando hand doctor and pilot was there serving as the "physician of the day for lawmakers."

In 2016, Gaetz sponsored another measure in the Florida Legislature to expand on it, allowing near-death patients to use non-smokable marijuana of all strengths and doses.

By the time Gaetz was in Congress in 2018, he introduced legislation that would increase the number of entities who could do research on cannabis. The legislation matched what Pirozzolo's group was promoting to expand research.

Five months later, these men met in the Bahamas.

In 2022, Gaetz filed an amendment that would promote research into the therapeutic potential of psilocybin mushrooms and [MDMA](#) as alternatives to opioids for military service members



through an annual defense bill. He was seeking to attach the amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). It would build upon another cannabis-focused amendment that was already approved by the House Armed Services Committee.

Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA) called for a DoD-led study into [the efficacy of cannabis as an opioid alternative](#). Matt wanted to broaden that language to cover psilocybin and MDMA. (See [Marijuana Moments](#))

[Forbes reported](#) how legalization of cannabis was moving through the states, but only two of the five states with legalization bills, passed the initiatives.

In January of 2018, I wrote an [article](#) about the health consequences of pot smokers in response to the Colorado legalization of marijuana. The effects are overwhelmingly dangerous. Today's pot is far stronger than it was 20 years ago. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration over 20 years found that the level of [THC or tetrahydrocannabinol](#), marijuana's main psychoactive ingredient in the marijuana samples they seized, rose from about 4 percent in 1995 to about 12 percent in 2014.

The legalization of pot will lead to young people freely using it.

The downside is that society ends up paying for the results.

## **Climate Change**

When Matt Gaetz was first elected to Congress, he turned heads in early 2017 by promoting the abolition of the Environmental Protection Agency. He now sits on the [Climate Solutions Caucus](#). He actually drafted a resolution which he hopes will be the Republican answer to Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's "[Green New Deal](#)."

Gaetz tells his constituents and fellow Republicans that

“earth is warming, and we should be focused on solutions.”

“I don’t think there’s a scientific debate left to be had on if it is happening,” Gaetz said.

“I also think history is going to judge very harshly climate change deniers, and I don’t want to be one of them.”

Interestingly enough, when Republicans sought to expel Gaetz late last year, [AOC came to his defense](#).

[Pensacola News Journal](#) reported, “Gaetz said federal government must fund more university research into global warming while also boosting the budgets of NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to study the issue. He added federal facilities should adopt solar energy.

“Other ideas Gaetz will put forward in his “[Green Real Deal](#)” include eliminating regulations that he said block more hydroelectric dams from being built, calling for carbon sequestration by pumping carbon dioxide underground into dried up oil wells and protecting U.S. innovation in green technology from intellectual property theft by other countries like China.”

[Co2 is a plant food](#). We need it to live! [Co2 is not causing climate change](#).

## **Conclusion**

Conservative? Or Denizen of the Deep State?

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