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## Outspoken and Divisive: Marjorie Taylor Greene's Media Identity in Modern Politics

Marjorie Taylor Green is a US Congresswoman, elected to Represent Georgia's 14th District in 2020. She rose to prominence due to her outspokenness about her controversial and highly conservative beliefs. Marjorie Taylor Greene is a fascinating female politician because she is at the forefront of conservative legislation that aims to take the rights away from women, along with the fact that she openly supports fellow politicians who have been charged with acts of violence against women. Majorie Taylor Greene has somehow found the support of people who often despise women for being loud and outspoken, by being loud and outspoken. She stays relevant because she validates the beliefs of the far right while angering her fellow women on the left. Marjorie Taylor Greene's rise to fame in American politics is due to her provocative media presence, where her outspoken nature and embrace of conspiracy theories both amplify her influence and fuel polarization, solidifying her identity as a divisive figure within American politics. In this paper, I will analyze Marjorie Taylor Greene's media coverage on the right-wing media outlet Fox News to explore right-wing opinions on a woman who the left despises.

Marjorie Taylor Greene is known for her far-right politics and her promotion of conspiracy theories. Early in her career, she openly embraced QAnon, a baseless and

far-right conspiracy theory alleging a deep-state plot against former President Trump. Although Greene has since distanced herself from QAnon to some extent, she continues to espouse a variety of unfounded claims, including that the 2020 election was stolen, the COVID-19 pandemic was a hoax, that forest fires were started by Jewish space lasers, and that the 9/11 attacks were an inside job. Her endorsement of these theories has drawn widespread criticism, even from within her own party, and has also endeared her to the far-right electorate that values anti-establishment rhetoric and skepticism of government institutions.

Everyone but her most avid supporters see Marjorie Taylor Greene as a right-wing extremist. While researching this paper, I found an opinion piece on Fox News by Liz Peek entitled “Marjorie Taylor Greene is an idiot. She is trying to wreck the GOP.” I was stunned to find this article because I had assumed that Marjorie Taylor Greene was celebrated on the right for her outspokenness. When I read Peek’s work, I was less surprised. This article is about how Marjorie Taylor Greene was not focused enough on the GOP’s mission to get Donald Trump reelected. Marjorie Taylor Greene is referred to as an “idiot” on her side of the aisle in an article celebrating Donald Trump, a man who shares many of the same beliefs and traits as Greene. The difference is that Trump is a man. While members of the republican party are celebrating Trump for his anti-establishment outlook and outspokenness, they are turning around and calling Greene an “idiot” for it.

In the Article, “Boebert shares how the fight between her and Marjorie Taylor Greene went down: 'Don't be ugly'” by Lindsey Kornick, Kornick speaks on an altercation that happened between Marjorie Taylor Greene and fellow republican

congresswoman Lauren Boebert. Boebert is seen very similarly on the opposite side of the aisle as Greene is, however, this article makes it clear that even Greene's fellow conservative congresswomen refuse to take her seriously. Boebert is quoted saying, "I've been aligned with Marjorie and accused of believing a lot of the things she believes in... I don't believe in [Jewish] space lasers," poking fun at the conspiracy that Greene promoted during deadly California wildfires. Greene seems to get into fights with other congresswomen regularly, also having a famous exchange with democratic congresswoman, Alexandria Ocosio-Cortez, in March 2024. Bradford Betz wrote about this fight in a way that astonished me. When I had seen clips and articles from Fox News about AOC, they typically rake her through the mud as much as possible, whether it be about her appearance, her policy, or her actions. However, this isn't the case in this article about her fight with Greene. In this article, Fox News states no opinion. Betz writes completely unbiasedly about Greene and AOC. This surprised me because, on a famously right-wing site, known for strong bias in favor of the republican party, they reported an incident between these two women completely non-biasedly. They were simply sharing the news. The only article on Fox News that I could find about this fight just shared objectively what happened in the chamber, using direct quotes from both parties involved. This completely contradicts the article about Greene's fight with Boebert, where Kornick takes the side of Boebert and amplifies Boebert's mocking of Greene.

While reading these Fox News articles about Marjorie Taylor Greene, I realized that most people on the right, view her the same as people see her on the left. I think that it's very interesting that the same things that Republicans hate Majorie Taylor

Greene for are the same traits that they worship Donald Trump for. This just goes to show that these Republicans don't dislike Greene for her conspiracy theories or her outspokenness, they dislike her because she is a woman with those traits.

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