The GOP's House of Cards: Who Are These People?

Jeff Gates has created a fitting symbol of these times with a deck of poker cards, each featuring one participant in Trump's attempt to turn America into an authoritarian state. The portraits on the face cards come from Gates' series, "Faces of the Republican Party."

Donald Trump, his cronies, and sycophants have been gambling with our democracy for the last nine years. "Alternative facts," lies, and an insurrection to upend the 2020 presidential election threaten the very foundation of our country. Place your bets and play your hand. Strategy with a bit of luck will determine the outcome of this game.

- **Mark Meadows**, Donald Trump's White House Chief of Staff from 2020 to 2021 In His 2021 Book, Mark Meadows Said the 2020 Election Was Stolen. After Granted Immunity, He Conceded He Doesn't Believe Those Charges.
- **Mike Lindell,** Election Denier and MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell Was Ordered to Pay \$5m to Expert Who Proved His Election Data Showing Chinese Tampering Was Wrong
- **Stephen Lee**, What Would Possess Lutheran Minister Stephen Lee to Pressure Georgia Election Worker Ruby Freeman to Lie about Voter Fraud?
- **Stefan Passantino**, Trump Lawyer, Stefan Passantino, Told Cassidy Hutchison to Say "I Don't Recall" to January 6 Committee. She Got Another Lawyer.
- **Harrison Floyd** Was Indicted for Trying to Force Georgia Election Worker Ruby Freeman into Making a False Confession to Voter Fraud
- **Enrique Tarrio**, Chairman of the Proud Boys, Was Sentenced to 22 Years in Prison for Sedition for His Part in the January 6th Insurrection
- **John Eastman**, Architect of Trump Coup Attempt, Attorney John Eastman Promoted Plan for Vice President Pence to Reject Certified State Electors
- **Ronna McDaniel**, RNC Chair Ronna McDaniel Called the January 6 Committee's Real Goal a Partisan Ploy to Help Democrats' Election Prospects While Ruining People's Lives
- **Greg Abbott**, Texas Governor Greg Abbott Deployed Buoys and Concertina Wire in the Rio Grande to Stop Migrants from Entering the Country. ¡No Cruzar! (Don't Cross!)
- **Tim Scott**, In a Humiliating Display of Adoration, South Carolina Senator Tim Scott Told Donald Trump, "I Just Love You," after Trump's Win in New Hampshire
 - **J♥ Kevin McCarthy**, Ousted Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy Declared Trump "Bears Responsibility" for January 6, Then Kowtowed to the Former President
 - **Ginni Thomas**, Conspiracy Theorist and Wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, Ginni Thomas Texted Mark Meadows Calling the 2020 Election a "Heist"

- **Clarence Thomas** Accepted Undisclosed Gifts From Friends With Cases Before the Supreme Court, Undermining Trust in the Institution
- **Marjorie Taylor Greene**, Georgia Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene "The Democrats Are the Party of Pedophiles."
- **Cleta Mitchell**, GOP Lawyer Cleta Mitchell Is Trying to Suppress Student Voting. "They Put the Polling Place Next to the Dorm So They Just Have to Roll Out of Bed, Vote, and Go Back to Bed."
- **3. Mo Brooks**, Alabama Congressman, the Honorable Mo Brooks, Known to Ignore Inconvenient Facts
- **4. Jeffrey Clark**, Willing to Do Trump's Bidding as Attorney-General To "Stop the Steal," Jeffrey Clark
- **Peter Navarro**, Former Trump Advisor, Pleaded for Money on Street to Fund His Court Case for Defying January 6 Committee Subpoena. Found Guilty.
- **Sarah Sanders**, Trump's Former Press Secretary, Arkansas Governor Sarah Sanders Relaxed Child Labor Laws Placing Vulnerable Children at Risk
- **7. Ken Paxton**, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton Threatened to Prosecute Anyone Who Assisted in Giving a 31-Year-Old Woman with a Non-viable Pregnancy an Abortion
- **8. Kari Lake**, Arizona GOP Gubernatorial Candidate Kari Lake Demanded Jailing Democrat Opponent Katie Hobbs for Fictitious Election Crimes. Hobbs Won the Election.
- **Donald Trump, Jr.** Airs Grievances By Rambling Incessantly. The Apple Doesn't Fall Far from the Tree.
- **10♣** Tucker Carlson Privately Texted Disgust at Trump's Fraud Claims While Publicly Promoting Those Lies to Fox News Viewers
 - **J** Rudy Giuliani Admitted Defaming Georgia Poll Workers Ruby Freeman and Shay Moss, Calling Them "Ballot-Stuffing Criminal Conspirators"
 - **Sidney Powell**, Trump Lawyer Sidney Powell Told the Court "No Reasonable Person" Would Take Her Voter Fraud Claims as Fact
 - **Steve Bannon**, Former Trump Strategist Steve Bannon Helped Plan the January 6 Rally, Telling the President, "It's Time to Kill the Biden Administration in the Crib."
 - **Mitch McConnell**, Calling Himself "The Grim Reaper," Power and Winning Are Everything to Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell
 - **Rick Scott**, Florida Senator Rick Scott Proposed "Sunsetting" Medicare and Social Security. Yet He Was Implicated in Huge Medicare Fraud Case as CEO of Columbia/HCA.

- **Tommy Tuberville**, Because of the Pentagon's Abortion Policy, Alabama Senator Tommy Tuberville Blocked Promotions for over 400 Senior Military Officers, Endangering Our National Security
- **Ron Johnson**, "This Didn't Seem like an Armed Insurrection to Me." Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson
- 5♦ Paul Gosar, Election-Denying Arizona Congressman Paul Gosar Complained There Weren't Enough White People Joining the Army
- 6♦ Andy Harris, Maryland Congressman Andy Harris Voted to Overturn the 2020 Election. Voted against Awarding Congressional Medals to Police for Actions on January 6.
- **7♦ Josh Hawley**, Missouri Senator Josh Hawley, Last Seen Running Away from Insurrectionists He Encouraged
- **Mike Lee**, Utah Senator Mike Lee Spread a Discredited Conspiracy Theory That a Man Shown in a Capitol Insurrection Video Was an FBI Informant
- **Matt Gaetz**, Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz Accused Insurrectionists of Being Antifa Disguised as Trump Supporters
- **Mike Johnson**, House Speaker Mike Johnson Wanted to Blur Faces of Rioters in January 6 Footage: "We Don't Want Them to Be Retaliated against and to Be Charged by the DOJ."
 - J Jim Jordan, Ohio Congressman Jim Jordan Stated, "I've Got Nothing to Hide." Yet He Refused to Cooperate with the January 6 Committee.
 - **Lindsey Graham**, South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham, Who Once Called Trump "A Race-Baiting, Xenophobic Bigot" Is Now His Most Devoted Supplicant
 - **Elise Stefanik**, Parroting Donald Trump, New York Congresswoman Elise Stefanik Called Jailed January 6 Insurgents "Hostages"
 - **Mike Pence**, Asked Why He Didn't Concede After Electoral Votes Were Counted, Mike Pence Said He Wanted to Respect the President. Trump Threw Him under the Bus Anyway.
 - **2. Hank Choate**, Michigan Dairy Farmer Hank Choate Was Charged with 8 Felony Counts for Claiming He Was a Duly Elected Trump Elector
 - **Sean Hannity** Pushed "The Big Lie" Even Though He Knew It Wasn't True. Text to Fox News' Steve Doocy: "You Don't Piss Off the Base."
 - **Marsha Burns**, Tennessee Senator Marsha Blackburn Asked Supreme Court Nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson to Define "Woman" as an Attack on Transgender Rights
 - **Maria Bartiromo**, Fox Business Host Maria Bartiromo Continued to Push Unproven and Dangerous Drugs for COVID in 2023

- **Jenna Ellis**, Senior Legal Advisor to Donald Trump's 2020 Campaign, Pleaded Guilty to a Felony of Abetting False Statements in Georgia Election
- **7. Alina Habba**, Trump Attorney Alina Habba Stated the Former President Is "The Most Ethical American I Know"
- 8. Michael Flynn, Former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn Said Trump Should Suspend Constitution and Hold New Election Under Military Control
- **9. Kenneth Chesebro**, Shocked When Indicted for Fabricating Fake Elector Scheme, Kenneth Chesebro Said, "This Is What Lawyers Do!"
- **Sam Alito**, In His Opinion to Overturn Roe v. Wade, Justice Sam Alito Made Assertions about Fetal Development and Abortion That Have Been Disputed
 - **Ron DeSantis**, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' "Don't Say Gay" Bill Is So Vague, Teachers Fear Lawsuits for Answering Basic Questions Like, "Why Does Jimmy Have Two Moms?"
 - **Lauren Boebert**, Colorado Congresswoman Lauren Boebert Live-Tweeted Nancy Pelosi's Location During the Insurrection
 - **Rupert Murdoch**, Fox Corporation Chair Rupert Murdoch's Money Bankrolls Lies, Hate, Misogyny, and Mistrust of American Institutions
 - JOKER Roger Stone, Trump Advisor Roger Stone Had No Interest in Waiting to Tally 2020 Votes before Contesting the Election. "Fuck the Voting, Let's Get Right to the Violence."
 - **JOKER Donald Trump**, Trump Blocked a Bipartisan Border Bill That Would Have Given the GOP Much of What It Wanted. He Bragged He Didn't Want to Give Biden Another Victory.