

House Freedom Caucus Holding Leadership Election

Known Members of the House Freedom Caucus*

Justin Amash (R-MI)	Mick Mulvaney (R-SC)
Rod Blum (R-IA)	Gary Palmer (R-AL)
David Brat (R-VA)	Stevan Pearce (R-NM)
Jim Bridenstine (R-OK)	Scott Perry (R-PA)
Mo Brooks (R-AL)	Bill Posey (R-FL)
Ken Buck (R-CO)	Keith Rothfus (R-PA)
Curt Clawson (R-FL)	Matthew Salmon (R-AZ)
Ron Desantis (R-FL)	Mark Sanford (R-SC)
Scott Jesjarlais (R-TN)	David Schweikert (R-AZ)
Jeff Duncan (R-SC)	Marlin Stutzman (R-IN)
John Fleming (R-LA)	Randy Weber (R-TX)
Trent Franks (R-AZ)	Ted Yoho (R-FL)
Scott Garrett (R-NJ)	
Paul Gosar (R-AZ)	
Morgan Griffith (R-VA)	
Andy Harris (R-MD)	
Jody Hice (R-GA)	
Tim Huelskamp (R-KS)	
Jim Jordan (R-OH)	
Raul Labrador (R-ID)	
Barry Loudermilk (R-GA)	
Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)	
Mark Meadows (R-NC)	
Alex Mooney (R-WV)	

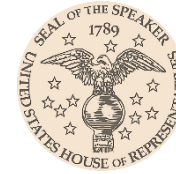
Incumbent



Chairman Jim Jordan
(R-OH)

- Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) was unanimously elected Chairman of the House Freedom Caucus in February 2015, soon after the group's creation
- The House Freedom Caucus will be holding another leadership election on November 16
- Rep. Jordan is expected to easily win reelection as chairman and has no known challengers

Goals



Influence House GOP Leadership

The House Freedom Caucus includes many members that voted against Speaker John Boehner's (R-OH) reelection to leadership. Following his resignation, the caucus endorsed Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) for Speaker.



Reform the Structure of the House

One of the caucus' primary goals is to overhaul House GOP rules in order to decentralize power. As part of this initiative, Speaker Ryan has convened a task force to reform the influential Steering Committee, which appoints members to House committees.



Reform Legislative Tactics

Members of the House Freedom Caucus tend to support more confrontational strategies on issues such as the federal budget and the debt ceiling. However, the caucus also seeks to end the practice of frantic, last-minute votes on deals struck by House GOP leadership. Overall, the caucus aims to advance a conservative agenda with minimal compromise.

*As of October 20, 2015. The caucus does not make a list of its membership publicly available; list above compiled by Pew Research.

Sources: Drew DeSilver, "What Is The House Freedom Caucus, and Who's In It?" Pew Research Center, October 20, 2015; Lauren French, "House Freedom Caucus to Elect Next Chairman Monday," Politico, November 13, 2015; Emma Dumain, "Task Force Charged With Steering Committee Review," Roll Call, November 5, 2015.