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## HATE GOES TO WASHINGTON



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### Meet the members of Congress who traffic in hate and extremism.

The [era of Donald Trump](#) unleashed an onslaught of [candidates in the 2018 midterm elections](#) who court hate and extremism. A number of candidates with open white supremacist, nativist, anti-LGBT or antigovernment ties won seats in the U.S. House and Senate last election.

#### MATT GAETZ

Florida | House

Won with 67.1%

Matt Gaetz was elected to his second term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He previously served in the Florida state House of Representatives. Gaetz invited Chuck Johnson, a white nationalist “Trump Troll,” to Trump’s State of the Union address in January 2018. Johnson is a Holocaust denier who developed WeSearchr, a payment platform for racist “alt-right” crowdfunding.



#### KEVIN CRAMER

North Dakota | Senate

Won with 55.4%

Kevin Cramer, endorsed by the anti-LGBT hate group Public Advocate of the United States, filled out the group’s survey and received a 100 percent rating. The survey included questions like, “Should public schools be prevented from brainwashing elementary school children with the Homosexual Agenda?”



#### MARSHA BLACKBURN

Tennessee | Senate

Won with 55.7%

Marsha Blackburn was elected to her first term in the U.S. Senate. Blackburn has received an award from the anti-Muslim hate group ACT for America. In 2017, she celebrated Trump’s inauguration with Iowa Rep. Steve King, who has well-documented sympathies with racist ideas.

