**BIOGRAPHIES**

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Description automatically generated with medium confidence**SPEAKER KEVIN MCCARTHY**

Congressman Kevin McCarthy proudly serves California’s 20th District and is currently the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.  Kevin was first elected to Congress in 2006 and is a native of Bakersfield and a fourth-generation Kern County resident.  The grandson of a cattle rancher and the son of a firefighter, Kevin grew up in a working-class family and is committed to preserving and promoting the American dream for hardworking Americans.

In Washington, Kevin fights every day for the constituents of California’s 20th District, which includes parts of Kern, Fresno, Tulare, and Kings counties, and for the future of America with the simple promise: to have the courage to lead with the wisdom to listen.

At the age of 21, Kevin started his own small business, Kevin O’s Deli, from the ground up.  As he worked hard, hired employees, and enjoyed success in his community, he soon learned—as all small business owners do—that the margins are thin, the hours are long, and that often Sacramento and Washington are obstacles, not aids, to success.  The redundant and frivolous rules along with tedious paperwork and overburdening taxes compelled Kevin to enter public service.

After being elected to the California State Assembly in 2002 and serving as Assembly Republican Leader, Kevin was elected to Congress in 2006 and was appointed Chief Deputy Whip before being elected as House Majority Whip in 2010.  In 2014, he was elected Majority Leader in the House.  In 2018, Kevin was elected House Republican Leader, which he served before being elected Speaker of the House in January 2023.  He will continue to fight for a strong, fiscally responsible, and free America where every person has the ability to achieve the American dream.  Through the “Commitment to America” that he spearheaded, he and his House Republican colleagues will work to cut out-of-control government spending, create good-paying jobs, promote American energy independence with American jobs, and fight for individual liberty, an efficient and effective government, and a vibrant civil society.

When Kevin is not in Washington working for the constituents of California’s 20th District and for the future of America, he is home in Bakersfield with his wife Judy.

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Description automatically generated with medium confidence]()**SENATOR LINDSEY GRAHAM**

Lindsey Graham has earned a reputation as a conservative problem-solver and one of the strongest proponents of a robust national defense.

A frequent visitor to American troops stationed overseas for on-the-ground assessments, Graham has consistently pushed for outcomes in the War on Terror which protect our long-term national security interests. One leading conservative recently wrote that when it comes to defending America, "[Lindsey] Graham has been right about more things on foreign policy for longer than just about anyone…if anyone has bragging rights on foreign policy, it is Graham."

Graham is also a leader in cutting spending, reforming entitlements, and getting government out of the way so businesses can create jobs. One national conservative organization called him a Taxpayer Hero who puts "the interests of the taxpayer ahead of politics by consistently voting to cut wasteful spending, reduce the tax burden, and make government more accountable to taxpayers."

Graham was elected to the United States Senate in 2002 and was re-elected in 2008, 2014, and 2020. He became the first person in South Carolina history to garner over one million votes in the 2008 general election.

Graham currently serves as the Ranking Member on the Senate Committee on the Budget. Graham also serves as a member of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, Senate Committee on the Judiciary, and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Prior to serving in the Senate, Graham was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994 as the first Republican from the Third Congressional District of South Carolina since 1877.

Before being elected to Congress, Graham compiled a distinguished record in the United States Air Force as he logged six-and-a-half years of service on active duty as an Air Force lawyer. From 1984-1988, he was assigned overseas and served at Rhein-Main Air Force Base in Germany. Upon leaving active duty Air Force in 1989, Graham joined the South Carolina Air National Guard where he served until 1995. During the first Gulf War in the early 90's, Graham was called to active duty and served state-side at McEntire Air National Guard Base as Staff Judge Advocate where he prepared members for deployment to the Gulf region.

In 1995, Graham joined the U.S. Air Force Reserves. During American military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, Graham put his experience in military law to use pulling numerous short-term Reserve duties in both countries over congressional breaks and holidays.

Graham retired from the Air Force Reserves in June 2015 having served his country in uniform for 33 years. He retired at the rank of Colonel.

A native South Carolinian, Graham grew up in a blue collar family in the small town of Central where his parents ran a restaurant and pool hall. The first member of his family to go to college, Graham earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of South Carolina. He lives in Seneca and is a member of Corinth Baptist Church.

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Description automatically generated with medium confidence**SENATOR RICK SCOTT**

U.S. Senator Rick Scott was sworn in to the Senate in January 2019

Rick Scott was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2018 and is currently serving his first term representing the state of Florida. Prior to his election to the U.S. Senate, Rick Scott served two terms as the 45th Governor of Florida, working every day to turn around Florida’s economy and secure the state’s future as the best place for families and businesses to succeed. Rick Scott grew up in public housing in the Midwest as his adoptive father, a World War II veteran and truck driver, and his mother, a store clerk, struggled to financially support their family. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Ann, Rick Scott joined the Navy, where he served active duty as a radar man aboard the USS Glover. He used the G.I. Bill to attend the University of Missouri, Kansas City, and eventually opened his first business – a donut shop. Rick Scott went on to run the world’s largest healthcare company and continues to fight every day so families across the state can have the same opportunities he had to live the American dream.

Rick Scott knows firsthand that a good paying job is one of the most important things for a family, and following Florida’s economic collapse ten years ago, he made the decision to run for governor as a businessman with no political experience. During his term as Governor, he successfully championed more than $10 billion in tax cuts and cut thousands of burdensome regulations that led Florida businesses to create nearly 1.7 million new jobs. Under his leadership, the unemployment rate dropped from 11 percent to 3.3 percent, Florida paid down $10 billion in state debt, and record investments were made in what matters most to Floridians – education, the environment, and public safety.

Rick Scott and his wife, Ann, have been married for 50 years and have two daughters, Allison and Jordan, six grandsons, Auguste, Quinton, Sebastian, Eli, Louie and Jude, and one granddaughter, Zelda Ann.

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Description automatically generated with medium confidence**SENATOR MITCH MCCONNELL**

MCCONNELL, Addison Mitchell (Mitch), a Senator from Kentucky; born in Tuscumbia, Colbert County, Ala., February 20, 1942; attended Louisville, Ky. public schools; graduated, University of Louisville 1964; graduated, University of Kentucky Law School, Lexington 1967; admitted to the Kentucky bar in 1967; legislative assistant to Senator Marlow Cook 1968-1970; Deputy Assistant United States Attorney for Legislative Affairs 1974-1975; Acting Assistant Attorney General 1975; elected judge-executive of Jefferson County, Ky., 1978-1985; elected as a Republican to the United States Senate in 1984; reelected in 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008, 2014, and again in 2020 for the term ending January 3, 2027; Republican party whip (2003-2007); minority leader (2007-2015; 2021-); majority leader (2015-2021); chair, Select Committee on Ethics (One Hundred Fourth Congress), National Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee (One Hundred Fifth through One Hundred Sixth Congresses), Committee on Rules and Administration (One Hundred Sixth Congress, One Hundred Seventh Congress [January 20, 2001-June 6, 2001]).

**SENATOR JIM RISCH**

Jim Risch, currently serving a third term as Idaho's 28th Senator, holds a longstanding commitment to public service and a passion for good government. Known for "pragmatic decision-making," Risch is what his peers call a "no-nonsense, get-the-job-done leader" with more than four decades of experience in elected office. He has been recognized by the National Journal as the “Most Conservative” Senator in the United States Senate.

Risch brings his pragmatic, results-focused approach to governance to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where he serves as ranking member for the 117th Congress. As the lead Republican on the committee, Risch is focused on protecting the security and interests of the American people, in addition to continuing to advance U.S. prosperity and leadership in the world. He is confronting many issues that hit home across Idaho, like advancing the interests of Idaho citizens and businesses in international trade and investment, promoting Idaho exports, guarding Idaho interests in the Columbia River Treaty talks, supporting human rights, and confronting the problem of sex trafficking.

During the 115th Congress, Risch served as chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship where he successfully passed several initiatives to improve cybersecurity resources for small businesses, cut red tape and reduce regulations, and improve small business access to capital. He remains committed to working for Idaho’s small businesses as a senior member of the committee during the 117th Congress.

Risch also represents Idaho’s interests on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, giving Idaho a voice in legislation that dramatically shapes the West, and he serves on the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Select Committee on Ethics.

During his service as Idaho's 31st governor, Risch lowered property taxes by 20 percent providing much-needed tax relief to Idaho taxpayers, while setting aside $100 million in a rainy day fund for schools. He also designed a plan to manage Idaho's roadless areas and supervised the adoption of a rule that effectively prohibits the construction of traditional mercury-releasing pulverized coal power plants. Both measures earned Risch bipartisan acclaim for his pragmatic approach to natural resource issues and land management.

As governor, Risch also accomplished a number of initiatives to create a streamlined and effective government. He transformed Idaho's executive office by opening regional offices throughout the state, enhancing communication and responsiveness to Idahoans. Risch also succeeded in a major reorganization of Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare that allowed for more efficient administration and cost savings.

As a twice-elected lieutenant governor, Risch earned a reputation as an advocate for smart economic development. He continues to work with businesses—new and old alike—to ensure continued prosperity for the people and places of Idaho.

Senator Risch began his career in public service at the age of 27, when he was elected to two terms as Ada County prosecuting attorney. Following his tenure as president of the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association, he served 11 elected terms in the Idaho State Senate. His time as senator was highlighted by his quick election to the leadership positions of majority leader and Senate president pro tempore, serving in the top two positions of Senate leadership for 19 of his 22 years.

Senator Risch earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from the University of Idaho, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Idaho, College of Law. He served on Law Review and the College of Law Advisory Committee at the University of Idaho and has taught criminal law at Boise State University. He was a small business owner, a rancher/farmer, and a senior partner in the Risch Goss Insinger Gustavel Law firm at the time of his election to the U.S. Senate.

Senator Risch and his wife Vicki have been married for more than 50 years. Their commitment to Idaho and their work together earned them the distinction of being selected as Idaho's Healthy Marriage Ambassadors in 2007. They have three married sons and nine grandchildren. They live on a ranch outside of Boise and maintain an apartment in Washington, D.C.

**LINSEY DAVIS, ABC**

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Description automatically generated with medium confidenceChristian, Wife, Mom, 2-time Emmy® Award winning ABC News Correspondent, ABC News Live Prime Anchor, World News Tonight weekend anchor and best-selling author.

Linsey Davis is currently an anchor for ABC News Live Prime, which is ABC News Live’s first-ever streaming evening newscast, and weekend “World News Tonight” on Sundays. She is a correspondent filing reports for “World News Tonight,” “Good Morning America,” “20/20” and “Nightline.”

Throughout the 2020 presidential election cycle, Davis was at the forefront of ABC News’ coverage, beginning with all eight nights of the Democratic and Republican National Conventions to co-anchoring major political events such as two presidential debates, the vice presidential debate, presidential election coverage and Inauguration Day. She showcased her tough, but fair moderating skills at ABC News’ Democratic presidential debates in September, 2019 and February, 2020, holding candidates accountable on racial inequality and other key issues.

Davis has conducted powerful exclusive interviews with Shelley Lynn Thornton also known as Baby Roe, the daughter of Jane Roe; Kevin Strickland, a wrongfully convicted Missouri man who was released from prison after 43 years; Myon Burrell, a Minneapolis inmate who said he was wrongfully convicted for murder; and Nick Cannon to discuss his journey towards atonement, education and self-improvement after making anti-Semitic comments and espousing conspiracy theories.

Additionally, Davis has interviewed major influential figures, politicians and health officials including Hillary Clinton, Mike Pence, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Nikole Hannah-Jones, Anita Hill, Bill Gates, Dionne Warwick, Huma Abedin, Dave Grohl, Billy Porter, and nearly two dozen senators from both sides of the aisle and dozens of House representatives.

In June, 2020, as the racial divide in America and the protests against police brutality were growing, Davis led the first roundtable discussion with Black female mayors of Atlanta, Georgia, Washington, D.C., Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Tacoma, Washington. Davis also anchored the documentary “Homegrown Hate: The War Among Us,” which shed a spotlight on the issue of domestic terrorism and hate-inspired violence in the United States.

Davis has covered news stories around the globe, including the Las Vegas massacre, Harvey Weinstein allegations and subsequent MeToo Movement, Boston Marathon bombing, Nairobi Mall massacre and several of President Obama’s trips overseas. Her coverage ranges from the 2016 presidential election to social injustice and various natural disasters, including the earthquake in Haiti and multiple hurricanes.

Davis got the only interview with comedian Bill Cosby in the wake of dozens of sexual assault allegations. Leading up to the Iowa caucuses, she interviewed the spouses of seven of the presidential candidates as part of a series called “Running Mates.”

In 2009, Davis reported on the miracle on the Hudson and Michael Jackson’s death. That same year, she also made waves with her “Nightline” report “Single Black Female.” The story, which went viral, examined why African American women are the least likely of any race or gender to walk down the aisle.

Davis joined ABC News as a New York-based correspondent for ABC NewsOne, the network’s affiliate news service. Before joining the network in June 2007, Davis was anchor of the weekend evening newscasts at WTHR-TV in Indianapolis. She started out as a reporter in 2003 and, during her time there, reported from New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, from Torino for the 2006 Winter Olympics and from Athens for the 2004 Summer Olympics. From 2001-2003, she was a reporter at WJRT-TV, the ABC owned station in Flint, Michigan. Davis has received several honors for her reporting, including two Emmy® Awards and a regional Edward R. Murrow Award.

Davis’ five children’s books, “The Smallest Spot of a Dot” (January 2023), “How High is Heaven” (February 2022), “The World is Awake” (February 2019), “One Big Heart” (August 2019) and “Stay This Way Forever” (February 2021) have all become bestsellers.

Davis earned her undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of Virginia and a Master of Arts degree in communications from New York University.

**BRET BAIER, FOX**

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Description automatically generated with medium confidenceChief political anchor, anchor and executive editor of Special Report with Bret Baier

Bret Baier currently serves as FOX News Channel's (FNC) anchor and executive editor of Special Report with Bret Baier (weeknights at 6-7PM/ET) and chief political anchor of the network. He joined FNC in 1998 as the first reporter in the Atlanta bureau and is now based in Washington, DC.

Most recently, Baier moderated a one-hour policy debate between Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) for The Senate Project, a diverse new coalition between the Bipartisan Policy Center, the Orrin G. Hatch Foundation and the Edward M. Kennedy Institute. The debate took place at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute in Boston, Massachusetts and aired live on FOX Nation with an encore presentation on FNC. Earlier in 2022, Baier provided live breaking news coverage surrounding Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, interviewing Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba. He also spoke with former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Throughout his tenure at FNC, Baier has played a critical role in every major political event since joining the network. In 2021, he co-anchored a one-hour election special entitled, Democracy 2021: Virginia Showdown with The Story’s Martha MacCallum. The program presented special live coverage of the Virginia and New Jersey gubernatorial races as well as the New York City mayoral race. Previously, he co-anchored FNC’s Democracy 2020 election coverage alongside MacCallum, which garnered the highest ratings for election night coverage in cable news history, with 14.1 million total viewers. During the 2020 election season, Baier and MacCallum co-anchored coverage of the 2020 presidential debates with the first 2020 presidential debate being the most-watched in cable news history with nearly 18 million viewers, as well as the Democratic and Republican National Conventions. Baier and MacCallum also moderated a series of presidential election town halls with then-candidates Sen. Bernie Sanders, Julian Castro, Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, and former mayor Michael Bloomberg. The duo’s town hall with former Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders in April 2019 ranked as the highest-rated town hall featuring a 2020 presidential candidate, while their sit-down virtual special with President Donald Trump from the Lincoln Memorial in May 2020 drew in nearly 4 million viewers. In addition, Baier conducted an interview with 2020 Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Amy Klobuchar, the first Democrat to appear on the network for the 2020 election cycle. He also helped lead coverage of the 2018 election, which marked the highest-rated midterm election coverage in cable news history with total viewers, topping all of broadcast and cable news, according to Nielsen Media Research.

In 2019, Baier provided live coverage of the United States summit with North Korea, anchoring his nightly newscast Special Report from Hanoi, Vietnam. In 2018, he also contributed to FNC’s live coverage of the U.S. summit with North Korea that took place in Singapore, following which, he sat down with President Donald Trump on Air Force One for a wide-ranging interview, his first interview with the president in nearly 600 days. In October 2018, Baier presented an exclusive interview with Saudi Arabia’s Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir to discuss the death of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Earlier that year, he exclusively interviewed the President of Nicaragua Daniel Ortega on the country’s political and civil unrest. In April 2018, he presented an interview with former Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) director James Comey and later, contributed to the network’s live coverage of his testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee. In May 2017, Baier anchored live from Saudi Arabia to cover President Trump's first foreign trip and in April 2017, he held an exclusive interview with Jordan's King Abdullah II discussing the war on terrorism.

Previously, Baier co-anchored extensive coverage of President Donald J. Trump's inauguration alongside MacCallum, which delivered the highest-rated inauguration coverage in network history, according to Nielsen. In June 2016, Baier sat down for an exclusive interview with the Dalai Lama during the Tibetan leaders' visit with then-President Obama in Washington. In March 2016, Baier hosted FNC's only Democratic town hall with former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders, which was held in Detroit, the night before the Michigan primary. This marked Clinton's first appearance on FNC in two years and Sanders' first interview with Baier.

In August 2015, Baier, co-moderated the first GOP presidential debate of the 2016 election cycle. According to Nielsen, the debate delivered 24 million total viewers and 7.9 million in the key 25-54 demo, making it the highest-rated non-sports cable telecast of all time. Baier also co-moderated the network's second and third debates of the 2016 election cycle, held on January 28th in Des Moines, IA and March 3rd in Detroit, MI.

For the 2012 and 2016 political seasons, Baier served as co-anchor of FNC's America's Election Headquarters. On March 15th, 2016, FNC's coverage of the primary races in the seven select states averaged over 5 million viewers, which was the highest-rated primary night in cable news history, according to Nielsen. In addition, he provided expansive coverage of the 2012 campaign cycle, anchoring presidential and vice presidential debates, as well as the Republican and Democratic conventions. Baier also moderated FNC's five Republican presidential primary debates.

Baier has interviewed then-President Barack Obama, then-President George W. Bush and then-Vice President Dick Cheney. In 2014, he interviewed Hillary Clinton to discuss her book, "Hard Choices" and the 2016 presidential election. Additionally, he has anchored more than two dozen political specials on FNC, reported from Iraq 12 times and Afghanistan 13 times, traveled the world with various administrations and military officials and reported from 74 countries. He also hosted 13 Hours At Benghazi, a documentary featuring exclusive interviews with the American security operatives who fought on the ground during the attacks in Benghazi. Special Report with Bret Baier was acknowledged in 2012 by TIME Magazine's Joe Klein as the only "straight newscast" in cable news at 6PM/ET. He was awarded the 2017 Sol Taishoff Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism.

Prior to his anchor role, Baier was named chief White House correspondent in 2006 and covered the second term of the George W. Bush administration. Before that, he served as national security correspondent covering military and national security affairs, as well as defense, military policy and the intelligence community from the Pentagon.

As FNC's Southeastern correspondent from 1998 to 2001, he covered a range of stories, including the 2001 Timothy McVeigh execution and the 1999 Elian Gonzalez story. He has also provided a series of reports from Cuba and covered more than a dozen hurricanes.

Prior to joining FNC, Baier worked for WRAL-TV (CBS 5) in Raleigh, NC, WREX-TV (NBC 13) in Rockford, IL and WJWJ-TV (PBS 2) in Beaufort, SC. A graduate of DePauw University, he has a B.A. in political science and English. He is also the author of four New York Times Best-Sellers, "Three Days in January," "Special Heart: A Journey of Faith, Hope, Courage and Love," "Three Days in Moscow: Ronald Reagan and the Fall of the Soviet Empire," as well as "Three Days at the Brink: FDR’s Daring Gamble to Win World War II" which was released in October 2019. His most recent book, "To Rescue the Republic: Ulysses S. Grant, the Fragile Union, and the Crisis of 1876" was released in 2021.