

U.S. Rep. Gallagher: Climate agreement with CCP is “waste of carbon”

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This morning, Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) joined Bill Hemmer and Dana Perino on America's Newsroom to discuss President Biden's virtual summit with General Secretary Xi Jinping. Watch the full interview [here](#), or read highlights of the conversation below.

On Biden's meeting with Xi Jinping:

"The whole thing was absolutely absurd. It was as if President Biden got into a time machine and tried to go back to 2010 to the Obama administration's failed cooperative approach to China. The entire 3.5 hour conversation seemed designed to find common ground, where quite frankly, very little exists because General Secretary Xi Jinping is not interested in cooperating. And for Biden to abandon aggressive competition in favor of cooperation is not only profoundly naive, it's also dangerous because it will do nothing to stop their military expansion, their destruction of the environment, or their ongoing genocide."

On the U.S.-China agreement signed at COP26:

"The more important summit happened last week in Scotland at COP26, where we signed on to a heavily lopsided agreement and in the process, John Kerry, threw the Uyghurs under the bus because they believe that somehow Xi and China are interested in combating climate change. They aren't. It's quite literally a waste of carbon to negotiate with them."

On Biden's failure to press Xi on COVID-19 origins:

"We are engaged in multiple efforts here on the Hill to force the administration to, if nothing else, declassify intelligence related to the origin of the pandemic and to provide us with all the documentation on US government taxpayer funded grants that went to gain of function research in cooperation with the Wuhan Institute of Virology. But thus far, we have gotten very little to no cooperation from the NIH, from USAID, and from the intelligence community. That's quite frankly unacceptable. We need to do better. This pandemic has completely upended our lives and we need to get to the bottom of it. If for no other reason, than that is our best chance to prevent a future pandemic from similarly disrupting our entire lives."