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Chuck Grassley is laser focused on the big issues



Grassley is having some trouble



Lindsey Graham asks about caravans



it's like Hannity wrote these questions



oh, well if Trump-loving Republican AGs say there's no problem with threats of violence school board members, then I'm sure it's fine



Merrick Garland can barely believe that Tom Cotton is asking him about conspiracy theories surrounding gain-of-function research at a lab in China



Tom Cotton is trying very hard to craft a perfect 20-second soundbite for Laura Ingraham



Yikes. Tom Cotton worked himself into a lather.



Tom Cotton leaves the hearing room in a huff



This Garland hearing follows the pattern of most high-profile congressional hearings in recent years

-- Democrats ask questions about policies and issues

-- Republicans push conspiracy theories and try to own libs in hopes of getting booked on Hannity

Merrick Garland displays an impressive degree of patience with John Kennedy's loaded questions



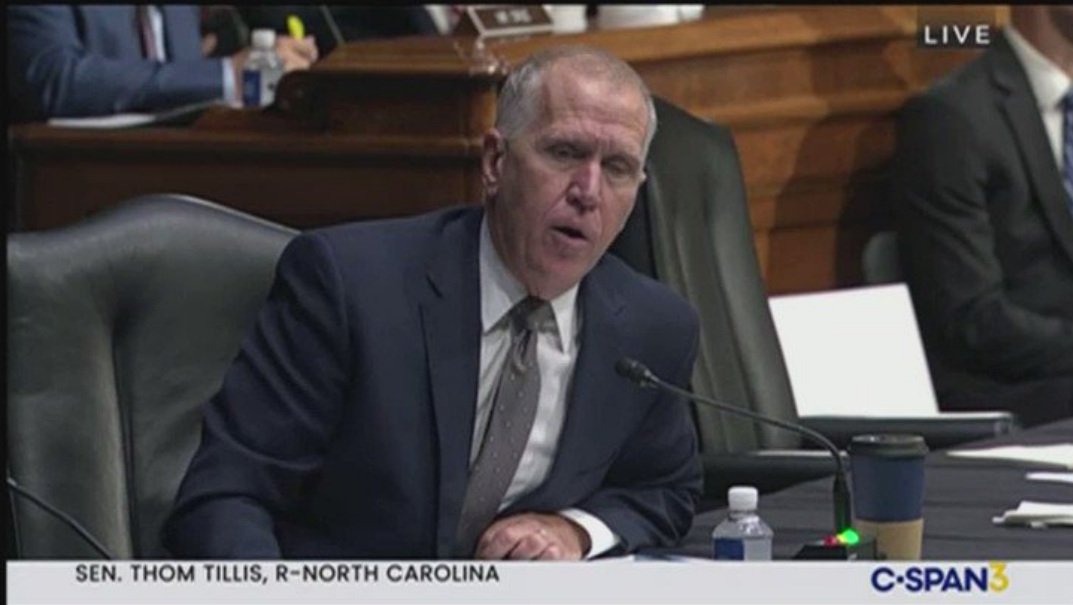
This is numerous transitions between questioners have gone today

-- Republican ends by yelling at Garland

-- Democrats takes over and tries to take things down a notch or 12



Merrick Garland was just at the border but Republicans are already urging him to go back lol



Cotton's blatant efforts to get Fox News's attention has already succeeded <https://t.co/bSKMTnGPBI>

Fox News anchor Harris Faulkner after airing Tom Cotton's entire peacocking, grandstanding Merrick Garland performance:

"It was riveting!" pic.twitter.com/dlcrF55Cha

— Justin Baragona (@justinbaragona) [October 27, 2021](#)

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Marsha Blackburn comes for [@Susan_Hennessey](#)



here's a perfect illustration of how Republicans and Fox News work together to use these hearings to craft short soundbites for TV



and another one. a soundbite shorn of context to give the impression that Sasse owned Garland. It's propaganda



Do any of these Republicans making a big fuss today over DOJ's efforts to protect school board members from violence realize that many school board members are also parents?

Hawley concludes his questioning by calling for Garland to resign



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Ted Cruz defends Nazi salutes at school board meetings



Ted Cruz is really going after Garland and apparently suddenly very concerned about conflicts of interest



After hours of Republicans arguing that concerns about threats against school board members are overblown, Cory Booker brings receipts showing that there have been many such incidents, including physical violence



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