

MEMORANDUM

To: Reporters and News Producers

From: Oversight Committee Democrats Press Office, (202) 226-5181

Date: June 28, 2012

Re: Speaker Boehner Then and Now

In 2007, when Congress voted to hold former White House counsel Harriet Miers in contempt, then-Minority Leader Boehner called the vote political and the allegations unfounded.

Now the shoe is on the other foot...

	BOEHNER THEN	NOW
Rushing to Judgment	Democrats negotiated with the Bush Administration for SIX months before the House voted to hold former White House counsel Harriet Miers in contempt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contempt citation against AG Holder is coming to the floor in FOUR legislative business days.
Theatrics	Back then, Boehner said, "they're not interested in the facts. They're interested in political theatrics."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holder has repeatedly asked to meet with Speaker Boehner personally to negotiate a resolution, but the Speaker has refused. DOJ has already turned over 7,600 pages of documents. Holder has provided more than 1,300 pages of internal deliberative documents about the letter to Senator Grassley. Oversight GOP denied ALL of the Democrats' witness requests. The Chairman refused 10 different requests from Democrats for a hearing with Ken Melson, the former director of the ATF – the agency responsible for Operation Fast and Furious.

<p>The Facts</p>	<p>Boehner called the Judiciary Committee's vote to hold Miers in contempt a "politically motivated investigation [that] failed to produce any results."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chairman Issa admitted yesterday that there is <u>NO EVIDENCE</u> that the Attorney General authorized, condoned, or knew about gunwalking.• There is <u>NO EVIDENCE</u> that the Attorney General lied to Congress or engaged in a cover-up.• There is <u>NO EVIDENCE</u> that the White House had anything to do with gunwalking operations.• The Committee has obtained <u>DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE</u> showing that former Attorney General Mukasey was personally briefed on botched interdiction efforts during the Bush Administration, and that he was told that they would be expanded during his tenure. Chairman Issa has refused to call Mukasey for a hearing.• Evidence shows that gunwalking was bottom-up strategy designed and initiated on the ground in Phoenix, AZ.
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