

Mike Gallagher

U.S. Congressman (R-WI, 2017-2024), Head Of Defense at Palantir Technologies & Marine Veteran

Few have had as immense an impact on American politics and policy by the age of 40 as Dr. Mike Gallagher. Elected to the United States House of Representatives as the representative for Wisconsin's 8th congressional district, Dr. Gallagher was the youngest man in Congress and later became the youngest committee chairman in the modern Congress. Having dedicated his career to public service, Dr. Gallagher was previously a Marine Corps counterintelligence/human intelligence officer and is regarded among the most authoritative voices on the U.S.'s role in military, economic, and technological competition on the global stage, as well as how shifts in relations with our allies and adversaries impact our businesses and society. Today, he is a Distinguished Fellow at the Hudson Institute and senior strategic advisor for TitledownTech, where he is focused on driving tech innovation and growth across the Midwest and thereby advancing America's national security interests.

Exclusively represented by Leading Authorities speakers bureau, Dr. Gallagher masterfully relates hot-button issues in politics, foreign policy, strategic intelligence, and cybersecurity to what's going on in our organizations and industries. Covering topics ranging from the current political outlook to great power competition to the intersection of tech innovation and national security, he dissects complex issues and presents them in a clear and engaging manner. Dr. Gallagher brings nuance (and humor) to any discussion, and audience members will gain a deeper understanding of how national security and geopolitical challenges affect their organizations and industries, and how they can get ahead of the curve.

As a Republican congressman, Dr. Gallagher was front and center in passing some of the most significant pieces of legislation of the last decade. He was named the founding Chairman of the Select Committee on China, served as Chairman of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission, and Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation. Prior to being elected to Congress, Dr. Gallagher served seven years on active as a military intelligence officer. He was twice deployed to Iraq as a commander of intelligence teams and worked for General David Petraeus' Central Command Assessment Team in the Middle East. He also spent three years working in the US intelligence community, including tours in the National Counterterrorism Center and the Drug Enforcement Agency. He subsequently served as the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's lead Republican staffer for the Middle East, North Africa, and Counterterrorism and as the national security advisor for Governor Scott Walker's presidential campaign. Now he serves as Head of Defense for Palantir Technologies, helping organizations protect their big data.

The Wall Street Journal described Dr. Gallagher as "a rare Member these days who wants to do something other than promote his social media brand," while *Time* called him a "fast-rising star in his party, for both is political acumen and foreign policy chops." In recognition of his influence and willingness to work across the aisle to get things done, Dr. Gallagher has received the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award (the highest award bestowed upon an individual outside of the Department of the Navy), as well as the Panetta Institute's Jefferson-Lincoln Award, and several other honors.