Can We Trust Someone to Speak Truthfully Who Rarely Does?

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With the public impeachment hearings underway, we must ask about the credibility and partisanship of Ohio Representative Jim Jordan. Jordan was just moved to the House Intelligence Committee so he can continue to play the role of chief attack dog against the Democrats who are conducting the hearing. And on Wednesday he didn’t let President Trump and the Republicans down, reaffirming his persistent assault against patriotic, nonpartisan witnesses and making additional untruthful statements about the facts and process.

It should be noted that another person came forward last week regarding Jim Jordan’s knowledge of events at Ohio State University. This time a referee says he complained to Jim Jordan about sexual misconduct by Ohio State athletics department doctor. When he reported the incident to OSU's wrestling coaches – U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan
of Ohio, then the team's assistant coach, and Russ Hellickson, the team's former head coach -- they failed to take any action, according to a lawsuit filed Thursday.

Once again, Jordan denied the accusation. Are we surprised? Hardly. This is the same Jim Jordan who absurdly claims he has never heard President Donald Trump lie. Moreover, in recent television interviews Jordan consistently has been exposed for his denying the truth that in a prior investigation no wrongdoing was discovered about Hunter Biden’s involvement in Ukraine.

As a professor of communication for over 40 years, I have studied how one’s own words can adversely impact their credibility. Hence, we should remain wary about anything Jordan says, whether about himself or others. He doesn’t seem like a fair and impartial individual who is open minded. Can we trust someone to speak truthfully who rarely does?

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