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THE CANDIDATES

by Brenna Dawkins & Tom Cramer

Kamala Harris

As Attorney General of California, Kamala shot her way into the Senate and has quickly established herself as an outspoken leader and someone who is ready to buck against the establishment set up to prop up rich, conservative, old, white men.

Medicare for All, increasing pay for regular people, legalization of recreational marijuana, sanctuary cities, the DREAM Act, lowering taxes on the lower and middle classes while raising taxes on the rich are some of her platforms. Already a favorite among many Democrats, she has also announced her bid for Presidency in 2020.

She enjoys great popularity among fellow Democrats but Republicans have already set out to demonize and there have been many attempts to delegitimize her by railing against her time as a lawyer and her doing the job required of her. It is a transparent effort on their part and is met with spirit from Kamala and her supporters. LA Daily Journal recognized her as one of California's top 100 lawyers!

She also took special interest in hate crimes and created the Hate

Crimes Unit that oversees crimes against the LGBT community as well as being for same sex marriage.

Kamala is very obviously for human rights and advancing our nation in a positive way. She handled the attempted drama forced on her by Republican's like a professional and carries herself in a way that should make anyone proud. She is a capable and very intelligent woman and Republican's find that just TERRIFYING!

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Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

by Brenna Dawkins

I'll admit for me the AOC ride has been a bumpy one. I wasn't really sure who she was. While I was glad for the fact that we Dems had elected another woman and a minority into Congress was short lived when I saw her thwart Pelosi. I am an avid Pelosi backer and Republican's are TERRIFIED of strong, intelligent, and independent women! You know this by how they vindictively went after Hillary, Warren, and Pelosi! When they started treating AOC the same way I took notice and watched her.

Her coming around back to Pelosi with a green light made me sigh with relief but I was cautious now. New blood is great but we need someone like Pelosi who

Trump is obviously nervous about to take charge. The new blood can lend energy and vigor to our base and bring in the desperately needed millennials. But they don't know the ropes. They don't know how the game is played and might make a fatal error that we just can't afford right now. Pelosi is strong and doesn't let Trump get away with his shenanigans. How can a newcomer like AOC hope to contend with such a conman like Trump?

I, like everyone else rolled their eyes at Republican's gasping at her dancing back in the day as if they were auditioning for the overly strict adults in Footloose. I like how she handled herself there and kept watching. What REALLY turned my head though and made me applaud and finally back her was when she was asking about if she was a bad guy who wanted to get ahead in the highest branches of government, what would stop her? The response was quite scary. You could see them actually out and out saying basically nothing would be done to stop someone from taking over the government for their own personal, selfish wants and that made them uncomfortable saying so out loud! She handled herself quite masterfully! I know there were some complaints that she was too this or too that and should have done it differently, but those who claim that just ARE NOT PAYING ATTENTION!

She is the youngest woman to ever have served on Congress at age 29. Just some of her platforms are Medicare for All, federal jobs guarantee, family leave, 70% tax on those with income of access of 10 million, and her now "infamous" New Green Deal. A Boston University graduate with a degree in international relations and economics, and she graduated *cum laude* in in 2011. She has since advocated for those of Flint,

Michigan, and the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. She is the answer many millennials have been looking for and she is determined to expand the electorate to include many who feel disenfranchised.

There will be some major shaking up in Congress as a whole. Congress has forgotten that it is there to support the American people's best interests and not their own selfish ones. It may be this new batch of younger people who haven't forgotten where they came from could be just what we're looking for!

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Stop Trump and the Republican Extreme Right-Wing Fascist-Fueled Agenda

by Tom Cramer, Tom Wallace Lyons & Barbara Cramer

We need the Senate and DAPAC has a plan to get back the Senate. We win the presidency by a large margin with an aggressive campaign for the four Senate seats we need for control. The candidates must attract new voters who have not turned out in recent elections. The two targeted factions are Hispanics and Millennials. DAPAC has already been organizing on social media those two factions of voters. The point of focus has been on AOC, Alexandra Ocascio Cortez. She has been attracting millions of new people in those factions. She was a waitress last year who focused, did the right things and worked hard to meet and convince voters in her Congressional District. She is not going to win the nomination but with her as number two on the ticket we have a good chance at a Democratic wave election that will bring us the Senate, certainly the presidency and get back the Supreme Court.

On the other hand, we have a good chance of losing the presidency and the Senate. The average poll ratings for Trump on Real Clear

Politics, which averages all the polls, is now two points higher than Obama was at the same time in his presidency. Further, if the economy is good, Trump would probably be favored. Listen, I want to win. I am tired of Trump and his elevating the wants of right wing extremist fascist voters. We need to take out all the stops.

There are many good presidential candidates out there who are running aggressive campaigns. The primary schedule favors Sen. Kamala Harris because most of the early primaries are in southern states with a minority of Democratic voters whom are mainly black women. She has a distinct advantage. Also she is from the biggest state in the country, California, one of the most liberal with by far the most convention delegates. We have endorsed her in the past because she is a liberal who has worked hard for liberal values throughout her career.

Finally, women's rights to choose are dangerously close to being lost because of the legislature in Georgia passing the heartbeat law. If the fetus exhibits a heartbeat it cannot be aborted. In addition, several other states are currently working on similar legislation. We have five strongly pro-life, anti choice Catholic men on the Supreme Court. When this case reaches the Supreme Court, how do you think they will rule?

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The Importance of Fighting for the Supreme Court

by Tom Wallace Lyons and Tom Cramer

Trump and the Republicans have imposed their will by dominating the Supreme Court for 48 years and could dominate it for another 48 years. We have people who were born in the last 55 years who have not experienced anything but a conservative unjust court. Corporations and

the rich people that control them now have more rights than real people.

They gave the presidency to Bush in the Bush versus Gore decision. After Robert Kennedy was assassinated, Richard Nixon became president thru lies and criminal manipulation. He resigned in disgrace to avoid impeachment and conviction for his crimes against the people of the United States. However, during his time in office he appointed members of the Supreme Court and spread his unjust policies for a generation afterward. Because of lifetime appointments to the Supreme Court a biased conservative court can enforce a minority mandate long after it has been viewed as unjust by the public.

For example, in 2004 Democrat John Kerry lost the presidential election in Ohio due to numerous election irregularities. The Supreme Court refused to allow Kerry's legal team access to the voting machine software to inspect it. So Bush was reelected and was able to keep the Supreme Court dominated by right-wing conservatives with his appointees.

Another example is that for almost a year the conservative Senate held up and refused to hold hearings on President Barack Obama's appointee to the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court is strongly pro-corporate and favors the rich and powerfull over the middle and lower class, the vast majority of the people of the United States..

The right to chose for women is likely to be eroded or demolished with the new heartbeat laws being legislated in several states. No abortion if a heartbeat is heard. With high-tech instruments it can be heard in as little as four weeks, in most cases long before a woman would ordinarily know she is pregnant. Rich Republican woman will get their abortions from elite physicians giving them DNCs but poor and middle class women relying on average physicians will be denied.

The conservative corruption of the Supreme Court takes away protections from the very people our forefathers designed the Court to protect. **We must fight to protect the ordinary people from the power and influence of rich and powerful!**

You can stop it by helping our campaign to get back the Senate and the Supreme Court.

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Trump Political Hack Powell LIES: Wages Actually FELL According to Labor Department

by Tom Cramer

Real wages actually fell last year according to Labor Department initial statistics, so Trump's chairman of the Federal Reserve adjusted the data.

However, when asked by liberal Sen. Sherrod Brown whether the typical worker was better off, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said

the worker was better off. He goes on to say wages were up and gas prices did go up considerably, but workers are better off.

Powell lied using his own data, average hourly earnings which are much higher than median data used by the labor department. This is because high paid workers bring up the average. Also, he used his preferred measure of inflation, the PCE Index, instead of the consumer price index used by the Labor Department.

This is an instance where one decides on a conclusion in advance and finds data to support it. He is lying and picking data to support his lies.

The data crunchers at the Labor Department are low-paid lifetime civil service workers but experts in the field, not Trump political hacks installed to support Trump and make him look good. We need to change Trump or we will end up with our economy and government falling due to political hacks misrepresenting the truth to support their leader.

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