

Addenda #5 – April 2025

Re: A Clear and Present Danger, Threat #1 – Progressive Democrat Marxism

### Summary

Update to Addenda #2 – January 2025

Re: Identity Politics – Why new generations will only embrace identity politics more

In Addenda #2, I gave my opinion that although “identity politics” did arise from a radicalized baby boomer generation, I do not believe it won’t die off as that generation does. Opinions and attitudes may eventually “shift to something more moderate”, but this process may take another two generations to achieve and only if political leadership changes as well.

The points I made to back up this belief were as follows:

1. Baby boomers who attended college during the 1960’s and 70’s, were “radicalized” by left-wing professors and outside agitators turning them “anti-establishment”.
2. Those baby boomers became teachers that in turn radicalized new generations of college students and shaped the far-left policies on today’s college campuses that discourage free thinking and encourage submission and intolerance to opposition views.
3. Those baby boomers also became the politicians, lawyers, judges and law enforcement officials who developed, implemented and enforce “criminal justice reform” policies.
4. Those baby boomers became the politicians who shaped the thinking of their constituents by progressive policies and “giveaways” that created a society of generational entitlement and enslavement.
5. The students that were taught by radicalized left-wing baby boomer professors and grew up under progressive policies created by baby boomer politicians, implemented and enforced by baby boomer lawyers, judges and law enforcement, have themselves become a new generations of creators and enforcers of progressive policies.

David Miles Hogg is a member of ‘Generation Z’, born in 2000. Hogg was a senior at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida when Nikolas Cruz opened fire with a semi-automatic rifle on February 14, 2018. Seventeen students and staff were killed and another seventeen were wounded. Hogg emerged from the event as a leader of the 2018 gun violence protests, co-founding the student led gun control advocacy group, *March for Our Lives*.

Hogg was admitted into Harvard University in 2019 to study, “ the history of conservative political movements.” In 2023, Hogg co-founded *Leaders We Deserve*, a grassroots political organization dedicated to, “electing young progressives to Congress and State Legislatures across the country to help defeat the “far-right” [or Republican] agenda and advance a progressive vision for the future.” Hoggs’s platform includes the legalization of all drugs, supporting a tax rate of 100% for income above \$1 billion, Universal Healthcare, Free College for All and taking immediate action to address “the climate crisis.” Not coincidentally, Hogg’s political positions mirror those of self-proclaimed democratic socialist Senator and former Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders.

While pursuing his degree at Harvard University in 2021, Hogg posted on Twitter, “Abolish ICE”, and “Defund the police not USPS.” In 2022 (still studying at Harvard) Hogg posted on Twitter, “We have enough straight white men in power. It’d be nice to see some people who actually look like our country and not privilege.” No *white privilege* allowed, got it.

Ok, by now you have some idea of who David Hoog is as a political activist. He is exactly the kind of person I was pointing to when I made my argument about radical ideology and identity politics being passed onto future generations and not dying along with the baby boomer generation. His organization *Leaders We Deserve* specifically targets sitting Democrat politicians who are not “progressive” (radical thinking) enough for his liking and seeks to replace them with a new generation of Gen Z and millennial politicians, dedicated to advancing his “progressive vision” of the future. But wait, it gets even more interesting...

*Gun Control Advocate David Hogg '23 Elected DNC Vice Chair*

The Harvard Crimson, February 3, 2025

*March for Our Lives co-founder David M. Hogg '23 was elected vice chair of the Democratic National Committee on Saturday after campaigning to win back young voters who drifted to the Republican party in November.*

*Hogg, 24... is the youngest person, and the first member of Generation Z, to hold the position.*

*“We need to build a Democratic Party that is authentic, relatable, earns people’s trust, and wins again — and that stops apologizing for being who we are,” Hogg wrote on X after the Saturday election.*

There you have it... a new generation of political activists, indoctrinated at Harvard University (ranked as one of the most Progressive universities in America), sharing the same views as self-proclaimed democratic socialist Senator Bernie Sanders, dedicated to electing young progressives to “advance a progressive vision for the future” has become vice chair of the Democratic National Committee. But wait... there’s more...

After being elected Vice Chair of the DNC, Hogg stated during an interview with NBC News *America Decides*, “Democracy is what put us through school shooter drills and schools shootings. It's what's put us through the climate crisis and so much more.”

Now, Hogg admits he is against Democracy, our form of government in which the people elect representatives to make decisions, policies, laws, etc. according to law. Nope, can’t have a Democracy any more... it doesn’t fit my “progressive vision for the future.”

In an effort to elect more progressive Democrat candidates, *Leaders We Deserve* announced that it will spend \$20 million to help elect younger leaders -- including primary challengers to House Democrats who are in safely Democratic seats. Hogg tried to change the narrative for his efforts from replacing existing Democrat politicians because of their age (which would be age discrimination, technically) saying “it's out with the ineffective and in with the effective. That is what we are doing here.” The effort to “primary” establishment politicians

and leaders drew the ire of those currently in power. This comes at a time when the latest Gallup poll showing that confidence in Democratic congressional leadership has hit an all-time low since the organization has surveyed voters on the issue going back to 2001. The one constant with complaints: Democrats are not doing enough to counter the policies of the Trump administration and stop the “GOP agenda”, which the majority of voters approved of in November by electing majority control in the House of Representatives, the Senate and the White House. Just 16% of Democrats polled call their own party “too extreme” which means the majority of Democrats polled see their own party as not extreme enough.

Nope, we can’t have Democracy, no way, no how. In an Op-Ed titled *Democrats need real change to take on Trump administration*, written by Elwood Watson, a professor of history, Black studies, and gender and sexuality studies at East Tennessee State University wrote, “Because of Trump’s success, there are some politicians and pundits who argue that Democrats should adopt “Republican-lite” policies and tack to the center to recapture Trump voters. Such a recommendation is ill-advised. Historical evidence shows that when Democrats intentionally move toward the political center, the party is defeated. It alienates its base, fails to inspire new voters, and unwittingly provides ammunition to Republicans.”

Professor Watson, a “Gen-X” progressive educator and self-described “expert on race, gender equality and social justice issues” does not want Democrats to become moderates or centrists; he wants them to move further to the left. Watson described Trumps 2024 presidential campaign win as follows. *Trump won because he spoke directly to the frustrations people were feeling. During the campaign, he ferociously railed against trade deals that stifled manufacturing in states like Pennsylvania and vowed to target the powerful establishment manipulating the system. His promises were deceptive and insincere and populated with many code-based references intended to conjure up grievances.*

Here's one more point in making my argument for the continuation of identity politics and progressive indoctrination of today’s youth. The description of his 2011 book *Performing American Masculinities: The 21st-Century Man in Popular Culture*, states, “This collection highlights the fluidity of masculinity in American popular culture at the turn of the new millennium and beyond by examining possibilities for male identity formation. Each chapter mines American popular culture - theatre, film, literature, music, advertising, internet content, television, photography, and current events - to pose questions about the process of gender creation and the contestation of masculinities as constantly changing political forms. Watson is just another in a new generation of educators who pushes progressive biased messaging to his students at East Tennessee State University.

In 2024, *Leaders We Deserve* helped fund the campaigns of “young, dynamic, diverse, exceptional progressive candidates.” They included;

> Sarah McBride (age 34), U.S. House of Representatives - *Sarah McBride would be the first trans woman elected to Congress*. Delaware state Senator McBride’s ringing endorsement was due to her gender.

> Averie Bishop (age 27), Texas House of Representatives - *Averie Bishop is the first Asian American to win Miss Texas, has 1 million TikTok followers, and would be the first Filipino American elected to the TX state house.* Ms. Bishop's qualifications for state Rep include being Asian American, winning Miss Texas, having a million Tik Tok followers, being the first Filipino American elected to the Texas legislature and "ensuring that Texas is a safe and welcoming home for all residents." In other words, welcoming illegal immigrants.

> Nate Douglas (age 24), Florida House of Representatives - *Nate Douglas is an environmental advocate, the current Orange County Soil and Water Conservation Supervisor, and a former educator.* An openly gay, black man, Douglas pledged to defeat his opponent who "played a critical role in advancing Ron DeSantis' agenda of banning abortion, marginalizing gay people, and attacking immigrants and other minorities."

> Luis Mata (age 28), Tennessee House of Representatives - *Luis Mata is a lifelong community advocate who is running for the state legislature to build a stronger Tennessee... If elected, he'd be the first and only Latino state legislator in Tennessee.* Mata's qualifications include being the first and only Latino state legislator and being a policy coordinator for the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition, a pro-illegal immigration advocacy group.

> Allie Phillips (age 28), Tennessee House of Representatives - *Allie Phillips is a mom and Tennessee native who is running for office to make much-needed change in her community and her state...* Mrs. Phillips campaign page states she was "denied the right to basic healthcare" (meaning an abortion) and "because my LGBT neighbors deserve to love and be loved without consequence."

> Ashwin Ramaswami (age 24), Georgia State Senate - *Ashwin Ramaswami would be the first Indian American elected to the Georgia legislature. Which is a huge deal.* Apparently the "huge deal" would be his representation for the 4.7% of Indian Americans in District 48.

> Oscar De Los Santos (age 30), Arizona House of Representatives - *Oscar De Los Santos is an internationally recognized leader and the incumbent in Arizona's 11th legislative district.* His campaign website shows De Los Santos supports healthcare for all, climate justice, criminal justice reform and "immigrant" rights. De Los Santos is endorsed by *Living United for Change in Arizona* (LUCHA), a pro "immigrants rights" group, *Equality Arizona*, a pro LGBTQ+ advocacy group and the Working Families Party a grassroots political organization dedicated to "advancing progressive policies" and candidates.

> Anna Thomas (age 28), Pennsylvania House of Representatives - *Born and raised in Bethlehem Township, Anna Thomas has committed her life to giving back to the state of Pennsylvania.* Ms. Thomas claims to be "a devout Christian, but her campaign priorities include protecting abortion and "family planning freedom". She also supports "fair [higher minimum] wages" and feels that "wealthy individuals and highly profitable corporations must pay their fair share." Ms. Thomas also works with community groups "focused on climate change."

And there you have it. A dozen candidates, all Millennials or Gen Zer's, all with progressive platforms, promoted for the 2024 election cycle. One white man, one white woman, one trans-woman, one gay man and eight minority candidates: black, Hispanic or Indian. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The face of the future in politics.

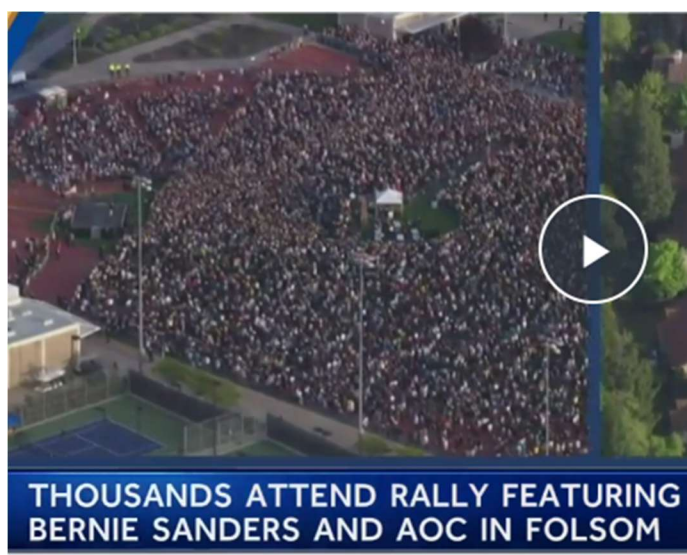
Millennial Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston University in 2011. While in college, Ocasio-Cortez interned for Senator Edward Kennedy, working on foreign affairs and immigration issues. During the 2016 presidential primary cycle, Ocasio-Cortez worked as an organizer for Bernie Sanders's presidential campaign. After Sanders dropped out of the race, she continued her education as an activist, traveling across the country and talking to people. During this listening tour, Ocasio-Cortez received a phone call from *Brand New Congress*, a progressive organization similar to *Leaders We Deserve*. Their mission was to help elect hundreds of new progressive congressional candidates.

Brand New Congress was formed by volunteers from Bernie Sanders failed presidential campaign and the organization required candidates to align with Sanders's presidential platform, regardless of party affiliation, in order to receive their support. During the 2018 election cycle, Brand New Congress endorsed 30 congressional candidates. Ten candidates won or advanced in their primary races. Only one candidate, Ocasio-Cortez, went on to win in the general election. In 2020, Brand New Congress endorsed 46 candidates for the House and Senate races. Eleven won or advanced in their primary races and four went on to win in the general election. Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib, Cori Bush and Jamaal Bowman. In 2021 BNC endorsed three candidates, with one winning the primary and general election; Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick. In 2022 BNC endorsed 37 candidates. Sixteen won or advanced in their primary races and ten won in the general election; five new progressive Democrats and five progressive Democrats who were re-elected.

Brand New Congress was dissolved in 2023, but during their six years in existence, they helped elect nine progressive Democrats to Congress, six of which are still in office, including Ocasio-Cortez, who is affiliated with the Working Families Party and the Democratic Socialists of America. In 2025, Ocasio-Cortez teamed up with her political mentor Bernie Sanders and is working on a new project. The 'Fighting Oligarchy' Tour, born out of the election of Donald Trump, is traveling across the country to recruit help to, "take on the Oligarchs and corporate interests who have so much power and influence in this country." The duo has been drawing large crowds as they criticize not only President Trump and his policies but also criticizing Democratic Party leaders as being "out of touch with Americans."

Sanders and Ocasio-Cortez have been focusing on the typical Progressive lines about Republicans cutting entitlements, wealth inequality, corporate welfare, tax breaks for the rich, billionaire oligarchs running the country, etc.





More and more of supporters are calling for a shakeup within the Democrat party and that shakeup includes removing long-time party leaders and replacing them with candidates having the same views as Sanders and Ocasio-Cortez. Candidates like the ones supported by Brand New Congress in past elections, and Leaders We Deserve today.

“We’re going to throw these bums out and fight for the nation we deserve”, proclaimed Ocasio-Cortez at a recent rally in Arizona. “We need a Democratic party that fights harder for us.”

Ocasio-Cortez and other hard line progressive Democrats criticized long time party leader Chuck Schumer for voting to advance the Republicans’ six-month funding bill that passed the Senate to avert a government shutdown six weeks ago. Many Democrats were willing to shut the government down rather than vote for the funding bill, which contained a \$13 billion decrease in nondefense spending, included spending for lawmakers pet projects in their own Congressional districts, known as ‘earmarks’ or ‘pork’, cuts that Democrats opposed. It is rumored that Ocasio-Cortez will run against Schumer in the 2026 primary for the New York Senate seat he has held since 1999.

House Rep. Jasmine Crockett has been in the news a lot since the Trump election. The 44-year old Millennial was elected as Representative for Texas’s 30<sup>th</sup> congressional district in November 2022. That district covers much of the city of Dallas as well as other parts of Dallas and Tarrant counties, which has a 40% black and 36% Hispanic population. Her district is the most Democratic district in Texas and voted 70+% for every Democrat presidential candidate for decades. Crockett, a black woman, was co-chair of the Harris-Walz campaign and is a member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus. Crockett voted ‘Nay’ on the 2023 *Crucial Communism Teaching Act*, which would have required civic education curriculum and oral history resources for high school students to promote understanding of certain political ideologies (e.g., communism and totalitarianism) that conflict with principles of U.S. democracy. Crockett was one of 34 House Democrats to

vote against the bill, along with fellow Millennial Progressive and “squad” members Cori Bush, Pramila Jayapal, Omar Ilhan, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ayanna Pressley and Rashida Tlaib.

In September 2020, she founded the Crockett Law Firm, fighting for (mostly) peaceful protesters in the wake of the Black Lives Matters protests. During a 2025 MSNBC interview, Crockett argued that President Donald Trump “is worse than a MS-13 gang member.” Crockett has also insisted that its not a crime to illegally cross the U.S. border. She also has called President Trump “an enemy of the United States” and said after Trumps March address to Congress, “"This is not America. This is a terrible nightmare. Somebody slap me and wake me the f--- up because I'm ready to get on with it"

Crockett is a rising star, and the new face of the Democrat party along with Ocasio-Cortez.

Brand New Congress – 116 endorsements, 9 Progressive Democrat representatives

Leaders We Deserve – 12 endorsements, 5 Progressive Democrat representatives

David Hogg – \$20 million dollar pledge to back Progressive Democrat candidates in 2026

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez – Progressive Democrat potential Senate candidate, potential presidential candidate...

Gen Z and Millennials – strong support for Progressive, Democrat candidates, increasing favorability of Socialism, strong opinions on wealth inequality and diversity, equity and inclusion.

*Young Americans support abstract and unworkable socialism*

The Frazier Institute, March 3, 2023

No, I don't think identity politics will die out any time soon. I think it will take generations for this to moderate, just like it took generations to get to where we are today.