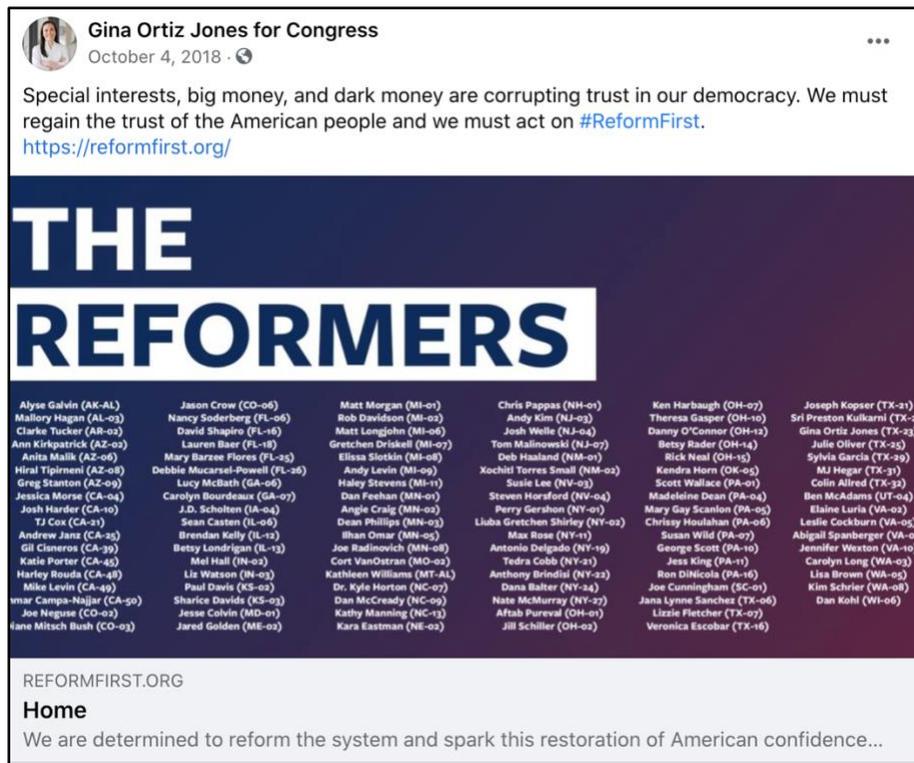


HIT: Despite campaigning against special interests in politics, Gina Jones was paid by a Massachusetts-based organization that helped her run for Congress. The group’s founder admitted it paid candidates like Jones a stipend to cover expenses like rent, grocery bills and expenses.

BACKUP:

In 2018, Jones campaigned against special interests in politics and is currently endorsed by End Citizens United:

- In 2018, Jones campaigned against special interests, big money, and dark money in politics, saying they “are corrupting trust in our democracy.”



(“Gina Ortiz Jones for Congress,” Facebook, 10/4/18)

- In June 2019, End Citizens United endorsed Jones for her 2020 campaign. “On Tuesday, national campaign finance reform group End Citizens United became the latest organization to endorse Democratic candidate Gina Ortiz Jones' second run for Congress. The endorsement brings Jones' total endorsements to nearly 30 since announcing on May 14 that she's again pursuing the seat held by Republican U.S. Rep. Will Hurd.” (Sanford Nowlin, “Gina Ortiz Jones Picks Up Early Endorsements for District 23 House Campaign,” *San Antonio Current*, 6/25/19)

Jones’ income from 2019 is the first she’s received outside of rent in nearly three years:

- On her 2020 financial disclosure, Jones disclosed earning \$34,000 from New Politics Leadership Academy in 2019, her first earned income from a paying job since at least 2016.

SCHEDULE C: EARNED INCOME			
Source	Type	Amount Current Year to Filing	Amount Preceding Year
New Politics Leadership Academy	Fellowship	N/A	\$34,000.00

(2020 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 5/15/20)

- Jones did not report any income outside of rent in 2016 or 2017.

Rental #1	\$250,001 - \$500,000	Rent	\$1,001 - \$2,500	None
LOCATION: WASHINGTON, DC, US				
Rental #2	\$100,001 - \$250,000	Rent	\$2,501 - \$5,000	\$2,501 - \$5,000
LOCATION: Fayetteville, NC, US				

SCHEDULE C: EARNED INCOME

None disclosed.

(2017 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 11/7/17)

- Jones did not report any income in 2017 or 2018 outside of rent.

Rental #1 [RP]	\$250,001 - \$500,000	Rent	\$5,001 - \$15,000	\$5,001 - \$15,000
LOCATION: WASHINGTON, DC, US				
Rental #2 [RP]	\$100,001 - \$250,000	Rent	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000
LOCATION: Fayetteville, NC, US				
Rental #3 [RP]	\$50,001 - \$100,000	Rent	\$5,001 - \$15,000	\$5,001 - \$15,000
LOCATION: Norfolk, VA, US				

SCHEDULE C: EARNED INCOME

None disclosed.

(2018 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 5/15/18)

Massachusetts-based New Politics pays “Fellows” to conduct non-existent research in exchange for financial assistance:

Editor’s Note: The fellows page is no longer the same/accessible on New Politics Leadership Academy’s website. This [Press release](#) lists the fellows and their “research” projects.

- New Politics Leadership academy is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization based in Boston, Massachusetts.

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(“New Politics Leadership Academy,” [990](#), Accessed 8/4/20)

- **Senior Fellows of New Politics Leadership Academy consist of former candidates who do research and reflect on their election, while recruiting and training other veterans to run for office.** “The inaugural cohort of Senior Fellows will be composed primarily of servant leaders who recently ran and led campaigns across the country, talented military and national service veterans who chose to enter the political arena in pursuit of continuing their service and transforming our politics. They will have the opportunity to reflect on lessons learned during their campaigns, and share their learnings with the growing servant leader community. Senior Fellows will be thought leaders who inspire and enable the continued growth of our mission; they will publish, speak, advocate, and conduct policy research. They will help recruit more servant leaders to participate in the political process, and mentor servant leaders considering politics as a candidate or staffer. They will continue to serve as the voice and the face of the new generation of political leaders who are committed to putting country over party.” ([New Politics Leadership Academy](#), “Meet our 2019 Fellows,” Accessed: 1/8/2020)

Editor’s Note: Of the six candidates that New Politics paid in 2019, four ran for office in 2020 – including [Amy McGrath](#), [Gina Ortiz Jones](#), [Roger Dean ‘RD’ Huffstetler](#), and [Dan Feehan](#).

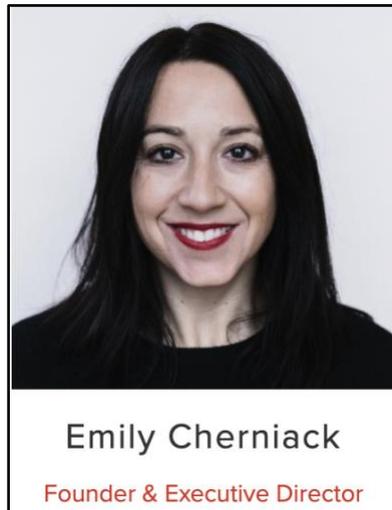
Editor’s Note: All six “senior fellows” were Democrats, despite the organization claiming to be [bipartisan](#).

- **Each of the “Fellows” are given research assignments for their fellowship.** “As a New Politics Leadership Academy Fellow, Dan will examine the nature of today's political engagement with rural voters, drawing on his recent campaign experiences in Minnesota. From this, he will demonstrate the methods of communication, meeting, and organizing that ultimately are able to influence voters in an otherwise polarizing political environment.” ([New Politics Leadership Academy](#), “Meet our 2019 Fellows,” Accessed: 1/8/2020)
- **Jones’ research project was on “which domestic policies can potentially pose future national and economic security risks” in Texas.** “Ortiz Jones, a former Air Force intelligence officer, raised more than \$6.2 million in her failed run against GOP Rep. Will Hurd in Texas’ 23rd District. Neither McGrath nor Ortiz Jones’ spokespersons responded to requests for comment.

The New Politics Leadership Academy noted on its website that Jones would research ‘which domestic policies can potentially pose future national and economic security risks’ in Texas.” (Bridger Bowman, “They raised millions and lost. Now what?,” [Roll Call](#), 1/16/19)

Emily Cherniack, New Politics Leadership Founder and Director, has said that candidates should be paid to run for office:

- Emily Cherniack is the Founder and Director of New Politics Leadership Academy.



(New Politics Leadership Academy, “[Team](#),” Accessed: 1/21/2020)

- In 2019, Emily Cherniack highlighted that not earning a salary for two years prevents people from running for Congress. “To legally use campaign funds to pay for childcare for candidates is a great step in right direction. It still doesn’t solve for candidates who can’t afford to not earn a salary for 2 years by running but one step at a time...”



(Emily Cherniack, [Twitter](#), 10/30/2019)

- **In April 2019, Cherniack did an interview on The Great Battlefield podcast titled “Recruiting Servant Leaders for Political Office.”** (“Recruiting Servant Leaders for Political Office with Emily Cherniack of New Politics | Episode 28,” [SoundCloud](#), April 2019)
 - **The Great Battlefield “is a podcast about how the resistance is mobilizing” where founder Nathaniel Pearlman “interviews the progressive political entrepreneurs who are leading the battle against Trump.”** “About This Show: The Great Battlefield, hosted by Nathaniel G. Pearlman, is a podcast about how the resistance is mobilizing. Nathaniel interviews the progressive political entrepreneurs who are leading the battle against Trump.” (“The Great Battlefield,” [Sticher](#), Accessed 3/4/20)
 - **Nathaniel Pearlman was Hillary Clinton’s Chief Technology Officer in 2008 and is the founder of NGP Software, now NGP VAN, “which provides much of the Democratic Party’s technology for fundraising compliance and voter engagement.”** “Nathaniel Pearlman hosts The Great Battlefield Podcast where he talks to political entrepreneurs and other leaders in the world of progressive politics. He also founded Graphicacy, a company that helps organizations present their data in informative and persuasive ways; Timeplots which sells informative graphic products; Leverfund, a nonprofit fighting poverty in the DC area; and, NGP Software (now NGP VAN), which provides much of the Democratic Party’s technology for fundraising compliance and voter engagement. Pearlman served as the chief technology officer for Hillary Clinton’s 2008 presidential campaign. We chatted with him recently.” (“7 Questions W/ Progressive Politics Podcaster Nathaniel Pearlman,” [The Campaign Workshop](#), 10/16/19)
 - **To begin the interview, Pearlman says, “A great political battle is being fought right now between progressives and the ‘forces of reaction’ on the other side.”** (“Recruiting Servant Leaders for Political Office with Emily Cherniack of New Politics | Episode 28,” [SoundCloud](#), April 2019, 0:22)
 - **Cherniack claims she convinced Seth Moulton (D-MA) to run for office, calling him “our Beta test.”** “The kind of person you’re talking about is Seth Moulton... he was sort of our Beta test.” (“Recruiting Servant Leaders for Political Office with Emily Cherniack of New Politics | Episode 28,” [SoundCloud](#), April 2019, 9:11)
 - **Cherniack claims she convinced Dan McCready to run in 2018.** “PEARLMAN: ‘So tell me a little bit about the people that you’ve recruited subsequent to Seth Moulton.’ CHERNIACK: ‘One that, even though he lost his congressional race but is now kind of back in the mix, is Dan McCready. After the 2016 election, we were just like you have to do this. He felt a calling, and you know, he was one of the first calls that we had after the election. And so got him running for North Carolina 9 last cycle...’” (“Recruiting Servant Leaders for Political Office with Emily Cherniack of New Politics | Episode 28,” [SoundCloud](#), April 2019, 12:16)
 - **Cherniack goes into detail about how New Politics helps candidates with hiring, messaging, strategy, fundraising, and donor networking.** “PEARLMAN: ‘If somebody is recruited by you or connected to you, what do they obtaining [sic] from that relation?’ CHERNIACK: ‘So we really take

a holistic approach to candidate development, and so when we decide to invest in a candidate, we help incubate campaigns, so we help with advising on hiring, and consultants and vendors and infrastructure and systems, and how do you get set up, how do you think about messaging, strategy, we help with fundraising, and connecting them to champions, and networks of donors that we think people would align with. So we're really all in all encompassing.” (“Recruiting Servant Leaders for Political Office with Emily Cherniack of New Politics | Episode 28,” [SoundCloud](#), April 2019, 15:27)

- **Cherniack admits that New Politics’ fellowship program pays “candidates who are not wealthy” after they lose to help them “rethink and reflect” during their “transition time.”** “What’s equally as important is the ones who don’t win, and what we have piloted and started this year is a fellowship program. And so what we realized was, a lot of our candidates who are not wealthy, have spent a year and a half not working, and they’re exhausted. And we just thought if we could provide some transition time for them; four months, where they get a stipend, so they don’t have to like worry about paying their rent or their groceries or their mortgage, right, and also they get four months to rethink and reflect and work on and do research on things that they find would be valuable for them as political leadership development.” (“Recruiting Servant Leaders for Political Office with Emily Cherniack of New Politics | Episode 28,” [SoundCloud](#), April 2019, 35:12)