

HAKEEM JEFFRIES RESEARCH BOOK

New York's 8th Congressional District



“... Under The Law, The Police Can Lie, And They Do It Often.”

(Hakeem Jeffries, [Conversation With The Union County Fatherhood Initiative Coalition](#), 6/27/20) Minute 10:32 – 10:38

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TOP HITS

CUTTING PRISON POPULATIONS

- Jeffries has repeatedly called for ending mass incarceration, defunding the prison industrial complex, and supported #cut50, a movement to reduce the prison population in half over 10 years. ([Twitter](#), 6/29/20; CNN's "[The Van Jones Show](#)," 6/3/18; CNN's "[New Day](#)," 4/29/15; [Press Release](#), 7/5/18; [Roll Call](#), 9/13/16; [Twitter](#), 9/13/16)
- In May 2020 during the pandemic, Jeffries declared that the Justice Department should "release all medically vulnerable inmates." In some cases, inmates who were released as a result of the pandemic went on to commit more crimes. ([Twitter](#), 5/23/20; [WJLA](#), 7/10/20)

NO FRIEND TO THE POLICE

- In 2010 as a state assemblymember, Jeffries was the main sponsor for legislation that prohibited police officers from electronically recording key identifying information of someone who was stopped, questioned, and/or frisked. Ahead of Gov. Paterson signing the bill into law, the New York City police commissioner highlighted cases where the stop-and-frisk database provided "a breakthrough for detectives" and argued that the legislation would result in more crime. (A11177, [New York State Assembly](#), Signed Into Law 7/16/10; [The New York Times](#), 7/16/10)
 - The examples that the New York City police commissioner provided included 170 cases from all five boroughs for at least 17 murders, 8 sex crimes, 36 robberies, and 67 burglaries. ([The New York Times](#), 7/16/10)
 - NOTE: According to [The New York Times](#), in many of the cases, it was hard to determine how helpful the data was in solving crimes, and sometimes the data played hardly any role at all. ([The New York Times](#), 7/16/10)
- In March 2021, Jeffries voted against a motion that condemned calls to "defund," "dismantle," or "abolish" the police. (H.R. 1280, [Roll Call Vote #59](#): Failed 208-219; R 208-0; D 0-219; 3/3/21, Jeffries Voted Nay; [Congressional Record](#), 3/3/21, p. H1069; [Twitter](#), 3/4/21)
- In 2010 as a state assemblymember, Jeffries helped lead efforts to end prison-gerrymandering in New York, a practice that counted inmates as residents of the towns they were incarcerated rather than where they came from. The legislation was supported by groups like Citizen Action of New York, The NYCLU, Demos, and the Brennan Center for Justice – all groups that now either want to defund the police or end cash bail. ([Spectrum News](#), 1/19/23; [Press Release](#), 1/28/10; [Press Release](#), 8/4/10; [Twitter](#), 6/1/20; [Twitter](#), 9/8/21; [Demos](#), 6/15/20; [Brennan Center For Justice](#), Accessed 8/1/23)
- In May 2017, Jeffries voted against the Thin Blue Line Act, which sought to add the murder of local and state police officers as an aggravating factor for a jury to consider when deciding on the death penalty for a defendant. (H.R. 115, [Roll Call Vote #265](#), Passed 271-143; R: 223-4, D: 48-139, 5/18/17, Jeffries Voted Nay; [CO Summary](#), Accessed 8/12/21)
- In September 2021, Jeffries voted for restricting the Department of Defense from transferring certain military equipment to federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies. (H.R. 4350, [Roll Call Vote #281](#): Failed 198-231; R 2-209, D 196-22, 9/23/21, Jeffries Voted Yea; [CO Summary](#), Accessed 9/23/21)
- In September 2017, Jeffries voted against legislation to prohibit criminals with outstanding warrants from receiving Social Security benefits. (H.R. 2792, [Roll Call Vote #543](#): Passed 244-171; R: 223-3, D: 21-168, 9/28/17, Jeffries Voted Nay; [CO Summary](#), Accessed 8/13/21)

PROGRESSIVE BEHIND THE SCENES

- In November 2022, Jeffries sat down with several members of the "Squad" like Reps. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Cori Bush (D-MO), and Ilhan Omar (D-MN).

Jayapal called Jeffries a progressive caucus member in good standing because he “met all the tests” on issues like Medicare For All. ([Axios](#), 11/30/22)

- The Democratic Socialists of America have taken credit for Jeffries’ support of Medicare For All, arguing that their meeting with him in February 2019 and various organizing efforts contributed to his stance. ([Politics NY](#), 9/23/20; [Democratic Socialists For Medicare For All](#), 9/9/19)
- Since Jeffries began his congressional tenure in 2013, he has consistently signed on as a cosponsor to Medicare for All legislation. ([HR 1976](#), Introduced 3/17/21; [HR 1384](#), Introduced 2/27/19; [HR 676](#), Introduced 1/24/17; [HR 676](#), Introduced 2/3/15; [HR 676](#), Introduced 2/13/13)
- As House Minority Leader, Jeffries defended Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) when she was removed from the Foreign Affairs Committee. At the same time, Jeffries has noted that she “has used antisemitic tropes.” ([Washington Examiner](#), 2/2/23; [The Hill](#), 2/2/23)
- Jeffries has personally contributed to the Working Families Party, and in turn, they endorsed his 2012 candidacy for Congress and provided that campaign with volunteers to assist in turning out the vote. ([New York State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 3/8/23; [The Brooklyn Ink](#), 8/2/12; [Observer](#), 3/21/12)
 - The Working Families Party supports “The Squad,” which includes members like AOC, who was backed by the Democratic Socialists of America and has been described as their “foremost Socialist superstar.” ([Working Families Party](#), 3/24/22; [The New York Times](#), 12/9/19; Democratic Socialists Of America’s [Democratic Left Blog](#), 3/19/21)
 - Today, the Working Families Party advocates for defunding the police, supports candidates who want to end cash bail, and sides against Israel. ([Twitter](#), 5/31/20; [Twitter](#), 9/14/22; [Fox News](#), 5/20/21; [Twitter](#), 5/13/21)
- While he has declined to co-sponsor the Green New Deal or show up to pro-Green New Deal events, Jeffries met with progressive groups like the NYC Democratic Socialists of America and Indivisible Brooklyn where he said he was “100% in agreement” with the overall “aims of the Green New Deal.” ([Gotham Gazette](#), Accessed 3/17/23; [The Intercept](#), 12/7/22; [Medium](#), 3/21/19)
- Jeffries was one of Mother Jones’ “Occupy’ candidates” in 2012, spoke to demonstrators in the beginning stages of the Occupy Wall Street movement, and has called the movement “a very fruitful movement.” While the movement failed to see any of its goals come to fruition, the Occupy Wall Street movement is considered a blueprint for decentralized activism. ([Mother Jones](#), 3/12/12; [Observer](#), 9/17/12; [Remarks At A Rally In Support Of The Demonstrators At Zuccotti Park](#), New York, NY, 10/25/11; [History.com](#), Accessed 3/20/23)

PERSONAL RECORD

- Jeffries’ uncle is Leonard Jeffries Jr., a former university administrator, professor, and pan-Africanist who found himself the target of criticism when he gave a speech in 1991 that “claimed Jews played a role in financing the slave trade and that they destroyed the image of African-Americans through control of Hollywood.” ([The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/28/13)
 - Dr. Jeffries’ two-hour speech “included nasty anti-Semitic swipes” at Diane Ravitch, Harvard sociologist Nathan Glazer, former New York City Mayor Edward Koch, and historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., who is not Jewish but Dr. Jeffries perceived him to be. ([Commentary Magazine](#), March 1992)
 - VIDEO: Dr. Jeffries: “You don’t feel so bad if you got to go up against someone who is really down-and-out devilish and doggish. But if you get the smiling people like Diane Ravitch ... look at her track record. This is the ultimate, supreme, sophisticated, debonair racist—pure and simple.” ([Remarks During The Empire State Black Arts And Cultural Festival](#), 7/20/91) Minute 7:04 – 7:59
 - VIDEO: Dr. Jeffries said Ravitch was doing “the work of the devilish folks” and lamented that the new standard “is not a Bible Belt Texas family but a sophisticated Texas Jew. And that standard is not good enough either—because many people, such as the Ravitches, who happen

to be Jewish, have blinded us on the attack coming from the Jewish community—systematic, unrelenting.” ([Remarks During The Empire State Black Arts And Cultural Festival](#), 7/20/91)

- For the most part, Dr. Jeffries singled out Jews and invoked “the African Holy Ghost” as “his source of strength in resisting ‘devilish’ Jewish efforts to annihilate him.” ([Commentary Magazine](#), March 1992)
- When Jeffries was a student at SUNY Binghamton, the Black Student Union invited Leonard Jeffries for Black History Month to speak, which was opposed by the Jewish Student Union. The Black Student Union’s executive board – which included Jeffries – defended their decision to invite Leonard Jeffries on campus. The Black Student Union invited Jeffries to speak one year after his controversial 1991 speech in Albany. (Binghamton University’s [Pipe Dream](#), 2/7/92; Binghamton University’s [Pipe Dream](#), 2/14/92; [Press & Sun Bulletin](#), 2/13/92)
 - Reading from a prepared statement, Jeffries, political correspondent for the Black Student Union, said in defense of his uncle: “We have no intention of cancelling a presentation that contains factual information, proven through scholarly documents and texts ...” (Binghamton University’s [Pipe Dream](#), 2/14/92)
 - Jeffries: “The proper way to debate scholarship is with scholarship – not with high-tech lynchings, media assassinations, character desecrations and venomous attacks ...” (Binghamton University’s [Pipe Dream](#), 2/14/92)
 - In a separate opinion article, the Executive Board of the Black Student Union, which included Jeffries, called Dr. Jeffries a “treasured historian and pioneer of multiculturalism ...” (Binghamton University’s [Pipe Dream](#), 2/23/92)
- In 1986, Jeffries visited Egypt on a trip led by his uncle. Jeffries and his brother spent 15 days going to Cairo, Aswan, and Luxor “getting an understanding of the Nile Valley culture and its relationship to people of the African continent.” Jeffries said the trip was “very meaningful” and “it was the first and only time that I visited the continent of Africa.” ([The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/28/13)

TOP VIDEO

- VIDEO: During a June 2020 conversation with a local fatherhood coalition, Jeffries explained how he prepared his son for if he was arrested while protesting. During the conversation, Jeffries recalled instructing his son not to sign any documentation, “because under the law, the police can lie, and they do it often.” ([Conversation With The Union County Fatherhood Initiative Coalition](#), 6/27/20) Minute 10:16 – 10:48
- VIDEO: In April 2015, Jeffries said there were young people in America “who are under-educated and over-policed, and that’s resulting in the unnecessary entanglement in the criminal justice system ...” (CNN’s [New Day](#), 4/29/15) Minute 3:15 – 3:51
- VIDEO: Jeffries in March 2021: “But nobody can deny if you’re paying attention, even a little bit, that there are too many bad apples and those bad apples are rarely, if ever, held accountable.” ([Virtual Remarks Before John Jay College On Criminal Justice Reform](#), 3/1/21) Minute 31:38 – 32:03
- VIDEO: During a May 2015 House Judiciary Committee hearing, Jeffries referenced the “blue wall of silence,” explaining that “when an officer crosses the line, the ethic is not to cooperate or participate or speak on what a bad apple officer has done.” ([House Judiciary Committee Hearing On Police Reform](#), 5/19/15) Minute 2:49 – 3:31
- VIDEO: In June 2015, Jeffries said amid the death of Eric Gardner and the unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, “No one can look at the events of the last year and conclude that we don’t have an issue with the excessive use of police force.” ([Remarks At The American Constitution Society For Law And Policy](#), 6/12/15) Minute 15:23 – 16:25
 - VIDEO: Jeffries further made the point, “... when a police officer crosses the line, far too often, the criminal justice system fails to hold them accountable.” ([Remarks At The American Constitution Society For Law And Policy](#), 6/12/15) Minute 17:45 – 18:30

- VIDEO: In May 2015, Jeffries described police violence a “crisis,” saying, “It is clear that we’ve got a problem with the use of excessive force that has to be dealt with ...” (CSPAN’s [“Washington Journal,”](#) 5/14/15) Minute 0:30 – 0:57
- VIDEO: In March 2021, Jeffries said mass incarceration was “a stain on our democracy and we must dismantle this system ...” ([Virtual Remarks Before John Jay College On Criminal Justice Reform](#), 3/1/21) Minute 4:36 – 5:51
- VIDEO: Jeffries in June 2018: “... We incarcerate more people than any other country in the world. It’s a stain on our democracy.” (CNN’s [“The Van Jones Show,”](#) 6/3/18) Minute 2:03 – 2:20
- VIDEO: In January 2012, Jeffries said he was “proud to have been part of the effort, on the Assembly side, to sponsor the bill that ultimately became law that shut down the NYPD’s Stop-And-Frisk database.” ([Remarks During The Guarini Lecture On “Marching Toward A More Perfect Union: The Dismantling Of The Prison Industrial Complex In New York.”](#) 1/26/12) Minute 29:55 – 32:06
- VIDEO: In December 2014, Jeffries called the police response in Ferguson, MO was “an aggressive military-like response on American soil, and that was unfortunate.” ([Interview With CSPAN’s The Washington Journal](#), 12/4/14) Minute 23:52 – 24:31
- VIDEO: In April 2018, Jeffries said we had to continue to aggressively chip away at the “mass incarceration epidemic” until “we can unravel the whole system” and “finally break the back of the prison industrial complex.” ([Twitter](#), 4/30/18) Minute 0:00 – 1:19
- VIDEO: Jeffries at an October 2011 rally in support of the Occupy Wall Street movement: “Some, I guess, have asked the question, ‘are we trying to take over the world?’ I say why not, Brooklyn is the center of the universe!” ([Remarks At A Rally In Support Of The Demonstrators At Zuccotti Park](#), 10/25/11) Minute 0:10 – 0:17
- VIDEO: Jeffries: “What’s the motivation? Take your pick, because we’re going to take back America and it starts today.” ([Remarks At A Rally In Support Of The Demonstrators At Zuccotti Park](#), 10/25/11) Minute 2:47 – 2:53

TIMELINE

August 4, 1970 – Born Hakeem Sekou Jeffries At Brooklyn Hospital And Raised In Crown Heights, NY. (Biography, [Rep. Hakeem Jeffries](#), Archived 2/13/13; “Hakeem Jeffries Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 1/5/23)

Graduated From Midwood High School In Brooklyn, NY. (Biography, [Rep. Hakeem Jeffries](#), Archived 2/13/13)

1992 – Graduated From The State University Of New York (SUNY) At Binghamton, Majoring In Political Science. (“Congressman Hakeem Jeffries ’92 To Speak At Class Of 2020 Commencement,” [BingUNews](#), 9/30/21; “Hakeem Jeffries Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 1/5/23)

- **While At Binghamton, Jeffries Was Active In The Black Student Union And President Of Kappa Alpha Psi.** (“Congressman Hakeem Jeffries ’92 To Speak At Class Of 2020 Commencement,” [BingUNews](#), 9/30/21)

1994 – Graduated With A Master’s Degree In Public Policy From What Was Then Known As The Georgetown Public Policy Institute. (“Congressman Hakeem Jeffries ’92 To Speak At Class Of 2020 Commencement,” [BingUNews](#), 9/30/21; “McCourt Alum Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) Elected To Serve As House Democratic Leader,” [McCourt School Of Public Policy](#), 12/6/22)

1997 – Graduated Magna Cum Laude From New York University School Of Law. (“Hakeem Jeffries ’97 Elected To Lead House Democrats,” [NYU Law](#), 11/30/22)

- **While At NYU Law, Jeffries Was A Scholar In The Root-Tilden-Kern Program, Served On The NYU Law Review, And Was Active In The Black Allied Law Students Association.** (“Hakeem Jeffries ’97 Elected To Lead House Democrats,” [NYU Law](#), 11/30/22)

1997-1998 – Clerked For The Honorable Harold Baer Jr. Of The US District Court For The Southern District Of New York. (Biography, [Rep. Hakeem Jeffries](#), Archived 2/13/13; “Hakeem Jeffries Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 1/5/23)

1997-2004 – Practiced Law At Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. (Biography, [Rep. Hakeem Jeffries](#), Archived 2/13/13; “Hakeem Jeffries Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 1/5/23)

2000 – Ran For New York State Assembly’s 57th District But Lost To Assemblyman Roger Green. (“Hakeem Jeffries Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 1/5/23)

2004-2005 – Served As Corporate Counsel At Viacom. (“Hakeem Jeffries Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 1/5/23)

2006 – Served As Assistant General Counsel At CBS Broadcasting. (“Hakeem Jeffries Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 1/5/23)

Served As Of Counsel At Godosky & Gentile, A Law Firm In New York City. (Biography, [Rep. Hakeem Jeffries](#), Archived 2/13/13)

November 7, 2006 – Elected To The New York State Assembly, Representing The 57th District After Assemblyman Roger Green Retired. (“Hakeem Jeffries Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 1/5/23)

2008 – Re-Elected To The New York State Assembly, Representing The 57th District. (“Hakeem Jeffries Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 1/5/23)

2010 – Re-Elected To The New York State Assembly, Representing The 57th District. (“Hakeem Jeffries Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 1/5/23)

November 2012 – Elected To The US House Of Representatives, Representing New York’s 8th District. (“Hakeem Jeffries Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 1/5/23)

2015-2017 – Served As Whip For The Congressional Black Caucus. (“Hakeem Jeffries Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 1/5/23)

2018 – Elected As Chairman Of The House Democratic Caucus. (“Hakeem Jeffries Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 1/5/23)

2020 – Served As One Of Seven Managers Of Trump’s First Senate Impeachment Trial, Appointed By Nancy Pelosi. (“Hakeem Jeffries Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 1/5/23; Catie Edmondson, “Hakeem Jeffries: Impeachment Manager Is Democrats’ Messaging Guru,” [The New York Times](#), 1/15/20)

Fall 2022 – Adjunct Professor Of Law For The Class “Lawyers And Leaders: Professional Responsibility In Government” At NYU Law. (“Lawyers And Leaders: Professional Responsibility In Government,” [NYU Law](#), Fall 2022)

November 30, 2022 – House Democrats Elected Jeffries As Their Party Leader, Replacing Nancy Pelosi, Who Stepped Down. (“Hakeem Jeffries Fast Facts,” [CNN](#), 1/5/23)

January 3, 2023-Present – Served As House Minority Leader Of The House Democratic Caucus. (Deirdre Walsh, “Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Elected As Leader Of The House Democrats,” [National Public Radio](#), 11/30/22; Nicholas Fandos, “Hakeem Jeffries Takes Over As Leader Of House Democrats,” [The New York Times](#), 1/3/23)

PERSONAL RECORD

UNCLE LEONARD JEFFRIES

Leonard Jeffries Jr. Was A University Administrator, Professor, And Pan-Africanist.

“Leonard Jeffries, Jr., university administrator, professor, and Pan-Africanist was born January 19, 1937 in Newark, New Jersey to Leola Smith Jeffries of Lynchburg, Virginia, an office secretary, and Leonard Jeffries of Akron, Ohio, a tailor at Irvington Cleaners & Dryers. Reared in Newark’s Roseville section, Jeffries attended Mount Sinai Baptist Church and McKinley Junior High School. He graduated from Barringer High in 1955, whose alumni included Amiri Baraka (’51), Donald Payne (’52) and August Meier (’40).” (“Leonard Jeffries (1937-),” [Black Past](#), 4/1/21)

Dr. Jeffries Graduated From Lafayette College In Easton, PA, Studied Law At NYU, And Obtained A Masters And PhD From Columbia University. “Jeffries was a government honors graduate of Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania. Awarded a Rotary International fellowship to attend Switzerland’s University of Lausanne (1959-61), Jeffries studied law at NYU, and obtained a Columbia University M.A. (1963). A Rockefeller Foundation and Whitney Opportunity Fellow, Jeffries in 1972 earned a Columbia University Ph.D. in political science under the direction of Elliott Skinner, Immanuel Wallerstein, and L. Gray Cowan.” (“Leonard Jeffries (1937-),” [Black Past](#), 4/1/21)

During His Career, Dr. Jeffries Took Over 100 Trips To Africa And The Caribbean As Professor And United Nations Consultant. “James H. Robinson inspired the French-speaking Jeffries to work for Operation Crossroads Africa from 1962 to 1969. This experience shaped his academic arc. During his career he has taken over 100 trips to Africa and the Caribbean as professor and United Nations consultant, including its agencies, UNDP, UNESCO, and UNAIDS, along with U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).” (“Leonard Jeffries (1937-),” [Black Past](#), 4/1/21)

In 1971, Dr. Jeffries Led Protests Against The Police Following The Death Of John Henry Smith, An African American IBM Research Chemist. Jeffries Vowed To Be “A Thorn’ In The Side Of The Powerful And Called The Court Exoneration Of Smith’s Murderers ‘A Judicial Sham, A Whitewash, A Gross Insult To The Nonwhite Community.’” “While a City College of New York instructor in 1969, Jeffries and John Henrik Clarke established the African Heritage Studies Association (AHSA). From 1969 to 1973, Jeffries was chair of Black Studies at San Jose State College in San Jose, California, where he promoted the idea that unlike traditional academic disciplines, Black Studies was ‘intimately related to the community.’ Thus, in 1971 Jeffries led protests against the police following their killing of John Henry Smith, an African American IBM research chemist. He vowed to be ‘a thorn’ in the side of the powerful and called the court exoneration of Smith’s murderers ‘a judicial sham, a whitewash, a gross insult to the nonwhite community.’” (“Leonard Jeffries (1937-),” [Black Past](#), 4/1/21)

Leonard Jeffries Is Uncle To Hakeem Jeffries. “In 1978, Dr. Jeffries demanded the resignation of CCNY Dean Theodore Gross who publicly criticized the school’s open-admission policy, calling his words ‘spurious, vicious, almost pathological.’ Founding director of the National Council for Black Studies (1975), Jeffries also co-founded, with Asa G. Hilliard, Jacob Carruthers, Yosef Ben-Jochannan, and Maulana Karenga, the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations (1984). Rosalind, his wife of over 56-years, taught Anthropology classes and maintained the couple’s extensive African art collection. Jeffries is uncle to U.S. House Democratic Caucus chair Hakeem Sekou Jeffries and Hasan Kwame Jeffries, an Ohio State University history professor. Dr. Leonard Jeffries retired from CCNY in 2012.” (“Leonard Jeffries (1937-),” [Black Past](#), 4/1/21)

While Dr. Jeffries Was A Professor At CUNY's City College, He Gave A Speech That Targeted The Jewish Community

In The 1980's And 1990's, Dr. Jeffries Was A Leader In The Emerging Field Of Black Studies And Was Chairman Of That Department At The CUNY's City College. “In the 1980s and '90s, Prof. Jeffries was a leader in the emerging field of black studies and was chairman of that department at the CUNY's City College. He found himself the target of criticism when he gave a speech that, among other things, claimed that Jews played a role in financing the slave trade and that they destroyed the image of African-Americans through control of Hollywood.” (Andrew Grossman, “Controversial Professor Links Two Rising Politicians,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/28/13)

Dr. Jeffries “Found Himself The Target Of Criticism When He Gave A Speech That, Among Other Things, Claimed That Jews Played A Role In Financing The Slave Trade And That They Destroyed The Image Of African-Americans Through Control Of Hollywood.” “He found himself the target of criticism when he gave a speech that, among other things, claimed that Jews played a role in financing the slave trade and that they destroyed the image of African-Americans through control of Hollywood.” (Andrew Grossman, “Controversial Professor Links Two Rising Politicians,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/28/13)

VIDEO: In His Speech, Dr. Jeffries Claimed That In Movies, “African Peoples Were Completely Denigrated,” And That It Was A Result Of A Conspiracy “Planned And Plotted And Programmed Out Of Hollywood, Where People Called Greenberg And Weisberg And Trigliani ...” JEFFRIES: “The legal system was designed to support the system of white supremacy in this nation. The economic system was the heart of this system of white supremacy in this nation. And the cultural system went along with that—movies, all the rest of it. For years—and I grew up as a youngster just like you did, going to movies where the African peoples were completely denigrated. That was a conspiracy, planned and plotted and programmed out of Hollywood, where people called Greenberg and Weisberg and Trigliani and whatnot—it's not being anti-Semitic to mention who developed Hollywood. Their names are there—MGM: Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer, Adolph Zukor, Fox. Russian Jewry had a particular control over the movies, and their financial partners, the Mafia, put together a system of destruction of Black people. Talk about self-image and self-esteem? This was an important part of the cultural development of any youth. We went to the movies every Saturday and saw the Native Americans being wiped out and Africans being denigrated: Sambo images, Beulah, Stepin Fetchit. That's what they put out there. It was by design. It was calculated.” (Professor Leonard Jeffries Jr., [Remarks During The Empire State Black Arts And Cultural Festival](#), Albany, NY 7/20/91) Minute 5:38 – 7:03

- **VIDEO: Dr. Jeffries: “Russian Jewry Had A Particular Control Over The Movies, And Their Financial Partners, The Mafia, Put Together A System Of Destruction For Black People.”** JEFFRIES: “Russian Jewry had a particular control over the movies, and their financial partners, the Mafia, put together a system of destruction for Black people. Talk about self-image and self-esteem? This was an important part of the cultural development of any youth. We went to the movies every Saturday and saw the Native Americans being wiped out and Africans being denigrated: Sambo images, Beulah, Stepin Fetchit. That's what they put out there. It was by design. It was calculated.” (Professor Leonard Jeffries Jr., [Remarks During The Empire State Black Arts And Cultural Festival](#), Albany, NY 7/20/91) Minute 6:24 – 7:03

In His Speech, Dr. Jeffries Claimed That Rich Jewish People Helped Finance The Slave Trade. JEFFRIES: “Most of you don't realize that when The New York Times put in the paper that Jeffries and rich Jews were involved in the enslavement process, they put that in there to paint me as an anti-Semitic. An anti-Semitic does not stay at City College for twenty years as chairman of a department and have friends (even those who do not like him) and his enemies respect him at City College. And the head Jew at City College, Dr. Bernard Somer, saw me after the article in the Times, said: ‘Len, everybody knows rich Jews helped financed the slave trade.’ If everybody know it, then let's put it in the classroom. Miss Ravitch says that Black people sold Black people into slavery. She doesn't hesitate to say that. Schlesinger says Black people sold Black people into slavery. Let's talk about who

financed, planned, operated, maintained the slave system. Let's talk about every slave ship being blessed by a Protestant minister or Catholic priest. Let's talk about the Catholic Church initiating this. Let's talk about the Danes, the Dutch, the Portuguese, the French, the Scots, the Swedes, The Brandenburg Germans that were involved in the slavery for hundreds of years Jews and Gentiles, Arabs and Christians. Let's deal with the whole ball of wax. Let's not just say that Africans sold Africans into slavery.” (Professor Leonard Jeffries Jr., [Remarks During The Empire State Black Arts And Cultural Festival](#), Albany, NY 7/20/91)

The Two-Hour Speech “Included Nasty Anti-Semitic Swipes” At Diane Ravitch, Sociologist Nathan Glazer Of Harvard, Former New York City Mayor Edward Koch, And Historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. Of The City University Of New York, Who Jeffries Perceived To Be Jewish. “For exactly two weeks before the riots broke out, Jeffries was featured in banner headlines in New York newspapers, not as an advocate of educational reform, but as a racist demagogue. The media uproar was occasioned by a speech, delivered on July 20, 1991 at the Empire State Black Arts and Cultural Festival in Albany, in which Jeffries blamed Jewish conspiracies for everything from the slave trade to the negative depiction of blacks in Hollywood movies to setbacks he himself had suffered in his efforts to impose an Afrocentrist social-studies curriculum on New York state’s grade-school students. The two-hour speech included nasty anti-Semitic swipes at Diane Ravitch, formerly of Teachers College and now an Assistant Secretary of Education, the sociologist Nathan Glazer of Harvard, former New York City Mayor Edward Koch, and even the historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. of the City University of New York, whom Jeffries seems to take for a Jew.” (Philip Gourevitch, “The Jeffries Affair,” [Commentary Magazine](#), March 1992)

- **VIDEO: Jeffries: “You Don’t Feel So Bad If You Got To Go Up Against Someone Who Is Really Down-And-Out Devilish And Doggish. But If You Get The Smiling People Like Diane Ravitch ... Look At Her Track Record. This Is The Ultimate, Supreme, Sophisticated, Debonair Racist—Pure And Simple.”** JEFFRIES: “So we have to see that there is a war against the African. Now, I knew it before, but I didn’t know how devilish it was gonna get or could be. They’re nice white people. You don’t feel so bad if you got to go up against someone who is really down-and-out devilish and doggish. But if you get the smiling people like Diane Ravitch— ‘I’m trying to do the right thing’—deedeede—’ and I have don’t the right thing all these years.’ Read Diane Ravitch’s record; look at her track record. This is the ultimate, supreme, sophisticated, debonair racist—pure and simple. And when they say ‘Hey, you and the others called her Miss Daisey’—they did fit right. And Asa said: ‘We’re gonna let Miss Daisy drive her own damn car from now on.’” (Professor Leonard Jeffries Jr., [Remarks During The Empire State Black Arts And Cultural Festival](#), Albany, NY 7/20/91) Minute 7:04 – 7:59
- **VIDEO: Jeffries: “And That African Holy Ghost Started Working And That Committee With Only A Few Blacks, Which Was Supposed To Be Not Only Sanitized But It Was Supposed To Be Dominated And Led By Rich White Men With Property And Power—Arthur Schlesinger ... And Then The Melting Pot Man—What Was His Name—Glazer. Nathan Glazer. Dr. Nathan Glazer. Melting Pot Glazer.”** “But see, they don’t know—and don’t you all tell them—the power of the African Holy Ghost. See, once that African Holy Ghost starts moving around, whatever their calculations was are thrown off. And that African Holy Ghost started working and that committee with only a few Blacks, which was supposed to be not only sanitized but it was supposed to be dominated and led by rich white men with property and power—Arthur Schlesinger, distinguished professor at City University, and had been at Harvard. And then the melting pot man—what was his name—Glazer. Nathan Glazer. Dr. Nathan Glazer. Melting pot Glazer. And then Dr. Kenneth Jackson. Now these three were supposed to dominate the other twenty. But see, they underestimated the African Holy Ghost. And once Dr. Ellen Tedla felt that Holy Ghost—because she’s from Ethiopia—now you know the Holy Ghost has been roaming around Ethiopia for a long time. Ethiopia’s the oldest Christian nation; that Holy Ghost is there. And Lalibela built the new Jerusalem in the 12th Century—12 stone churches—not from the ground up: wonders of the world. Lalibela in Ethiopia. From the Ground

down: to protect them from the Muslim invasions. Holy Ghost in Ethiopia.” (Professor Leonard Jeffries Jr., [Remarks During The Empire State Black Arts And Cultural Festival](#), Albany, NY 7/20/91) Minute 8:49 –

- **VIDEO: Jeffries Said Ravitch Was Doing “The Work Of The Devilish Folks” And Lamented That The New Standard “Is Not A Bible Belt Texas Family But A Sophisticated Texas Jew. And That Standard Is Not Good Enough Either—Because Many People, Such As The Ravitches, Who Happen To Be Jewish, Have Blinded Us On The Attack Coming From The Jewish Community—Systematic, Unrelenting.”** “History the weapon—and then they have some of our pictures. But you know, ‘Battle for the Schools,’ what this reveals is that what we’re—and then they have—look, Diane Ravitch. They just gave her a little picture in the corner: Miss Daisy. Adjunct professor at City College—I mean at Columbia. Not a professor. Miss Daisy has not passed muster to be a professor. Dr. Gordon and I have passed muster to be a professor. Miss Daisy was there as an adjunct because she brought in a grant. She’s hooked up with the grants—with the Heritage Foundation and these other conservative foundations—because she’s doing the work of the devilish folks. In fact, she is the new standard. The old standard was a Bible Belt Texas rural family. That’s the standard for the textbooks that went into the schools for generations. Now the new standard is not a Bible Belt Texas family but a sophisticated Texas Jew. And that standard is not good enough either—because many people, such as the Ravitches, who happen to be Jewish, have blinded us on the attack coming from the Jewish community—systematic, unrelenting. And until we can look at it and deal with it there’s no efforts we can make that are going to be successful. Not anti-Semitic to raise the issue—but if you do not deal with it, you’re fooling yourself.” (Professor Leonard Jeffries Jr., [Remarks During The Empire State Black Arts And Cultural Festival](#), Albany, NY 7/20/91)

For The Most Part, Jeffries Singled Out Jews And Invoked “The African Holy Ghost” As “His Source Of Strength In Resisting ‘Devilish’ Jewish Efforts To Annihilate Him.” “For the most part, however, Jeffries picked on the Jews, and invoked something called ‘The African Holy Ghost’ as his source of strength in resisting ‘devilish’ Jewish efforts to annihilate him. His charge that Jews had masterminded the slave trade from headquarters like the synagogue of Amsterdam was only one piece of his wide-ranging, two-hour rant.” (Philip Gourevitch, “The Jeffries Affair,” [Commentary Magazine](#), March 1992)

Jeffries Has Not Been Questioned Often About His Uncle, But When He Is, He Rejects His Uncle’s Politics Or Refers Back To A 2013 Interview

Publications Have Noted That There Are Limited Indications Of Jeffries Being Questioned About His Uncle, But When Asked, Jeffries Either Rejects His Uncle’s Incendiary Politics Or His Office Refers Questions Back To A 2013 Interview With *The Wall Street Journal*

The Jewish Voice Headline: “Why Hasn’t Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Repudiated The Jew Hating Rhetoric Espoused By Uncle Leonard Jeffries?” (“Why Hasn’t Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Repudiated The Jew Hating Rhetoric Espoused By Uncle Leonard Jeffries?” [The Jewish Voice](#), 1/9/23)

When Jeffries Was Elected As The Leader Of The Democratic House Conference, The Press Neglected To Mention That Jeffries’ Uncle Was “An Academic Notorious For His Anti-Semitic And Black Supremacist Teachings.” “Meanwhile, House Democrats on Wednesday elected New York Rep. Hakeem Jeffries as the leader of their conference, making Jeffries the first black American to head a major political party in Congress. Not mentioned in the press coverage is the fact that Jeffries’ uncle, Leonard Jeffries, is an academic notorious for his anti-Semitic and black supremacist teachings.” (Aaron Kliegman, “Amid Silence On Hakeem Jeffries’ Anti-Semitic Uncle, Jewish Leader Rips Left’s Double Standard,” [Just The News](#), 12/1/22)

- **Just The News’ Aaron Kliegman: “There’s No Indication That Hakeem Jeffries, Who’s Denounced The Rise In Anti-Semitic Attacks In The U.S., Shares His Uncle’s Views.”** “There’s no indication that Hakeem Jeffries, who’s denounced the rise in anti-Semitic attacks in the U.S., shares his uncle’s views. The congressman told the Wall Street Journal in 2013

that he's close with his uncle but doesn't support his ideas. Jeffries [sic] 'has consistently and forcefully spoken out against antisemitism throughout his career,' the congressman's office told Just the News. 'His on the record comments made to the Wall Street Journal speak for themselves.'" (Aaron Kliegman, "Amid Silence On Hakeem Jeffries' Anti-Semitic Uncle, Jewish Leader Rips Left's Double Standard," [Just The News](#), 12/1/22)

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- **Kliegman: "... There's Little Indication Of Jeffries Being Questioned About How His Uncle May Have Influenced Him ... There's Been Hardly Any Mention Of The Uncle As Jeffries Has Received Significant Media Coverage Recently ..."** "However, there's little indication of Jeffries being questioned about how his uncle may have influenced him. Indeed, there's been hardly any mention of the uncle as Jeffries has received significant media coverage recently, with noticeable silence from those loudly criticizing Trump's dinner, according to a Just the News review of recent press coverage." (Aaron Kliegman, "Amid Silence On Hakeem Jeffries' Anti-Semitic Uncle, Jewish Leader Rips Left's Double Standard," [Just The News](#), 12/1/22)

In April 2023, A Spokesperson Maintained That Jeffries "Has Consistently Been Clear That He Does Not Share The Controversial Views Espoused By His Uncle Over Thirty Years Ago." "Jeffries' office maintained his record in public service was one of 'bringing communities together' and said he did not share his uncle's views. 'Leader Jeffries has consistently been clear that he does not share the controversial views espoused by his uncle over thirty years ago,' spokesperson Christiana Stephenson told CNN in a statement Wednesday." (Andrew Kaczynski and Em Steck, "Hakeem Jeffries' 'Vague Recollection' Of Controversy Surrounding His Uncle Undermined By College Editorial Defending Him," [CNN](#), 4/12/23)

In November 2022, The *New York Post* Reported That Jeffries Disagreed With Many Of His Uncle's Theories. "Jeffries has also raised eyebrows as the nephew of Leonard Jeffries, the former chair of the Black Studies Department at City College who, in the 1990s, attacked whites as 'ice people' and Jews as financiers of the slave trade. The pol has said he disagrees with many of his uncle's theories. Jeffries' bad blood with the left reportedly stems from his 2018 victory over the progressive's choice of Rep. Barbara Lee of California to be Democratic caucus chair." (Jon Levine and Melissa Klein, "No Love From The Left For NYC Democrat Rep. Hakeem Jeffries," [New York Post](#), 11/26/22)

In May 2013, *Tablet Magazine* Noted That Leonard Jeffries' Nephews, Including Hakeem Jeffries, "Have Rejected The Incendiary Politics Of Racial Divisiveness For A More Progressive Approach ..." "In fact, for us at least, the news is good: Nasty outbursts such as the one delivered by Scarface this week are very frequently a sign that a community, an industry, an art form, are moving into a more mature stage. Evidence of this theory was on hand this week in another tale touching on black-Jewish relations. Writing in the Wall Street Journal, Andrew Grossman profiled Leonard Jeffries and his nephews, a story of one generation's bigotry giving way to another's inclusive approach. Jeffries, you may remember, is the former City University of New York professor who claimed that Jews were instrumental in financing the slave trade and later used their control of Hollywood to tarnish the image of African-Americans. His nephews (one biological, the other merely a young associate bearing the same last name), however, have rejected the incendiary politics of racial divisiveness for a more progressive approach: Hakeem Jeffries is now a promising congressman representing Brooklyn, and Shavar Jeffries is a law professor aspiring to succeed Cory Booker as the mayor of Newark. Reading the story, it's hard not to see the uncle's hateful claims as the death spasms of a particularly noxious ideology. Jeffries made his comments in the early 1990s, winning him no fans except a handful of like-minded zealots; a mere decade later, Barack Obama offered a radically different vision of race in America and rode it all the way to the highest office in the land. And it's the same vision that Hakeem and Shavar Jeffries now offer, a vision, with any luck, that

will permanently replace the old approach of those who value conspiracy and conflict above all else.” (Liel Leibovitz, “Requiem For A Racist Rapper,” [Tablet Magazine](#), 5/3/13)

In April 2013, *The Wall Street Journal* Reported That Jeffries Remained Close To His Uncle, But Disagreed With Many Of His Theories. “Both Hakeem, 42, and Shavar, 38, remain close to Dr. Jeffries, though they said they disagree with many of his theories. Rep. Jeffries, whose father is Dr. Jeffries's brother, said his focus always has been on solving urban problems, not on empowering one particular ethnic group.” (Andrew Grossman, “Controversial Professor Links Two Rising Politicians,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/28/13)

Jeffries Has Claimed His Parents Mostly Shielded Him And His Brother From Their Uncle’s Controversies

As A Congressman, Jeffries Has Seldom Been Asked About His Uncle, And Claimed His Parents Shielded Him And His Brother From Their Uncle When They Were Children

As A Freshman Congressman From Brooklyn, Jeffries Said He Was Rarely Asked About His Uncle During His 2012 Run, But It Came Up At A Fundraiser Once. He Said He Responded As He Normally Does, “Acknowledging His Deep Ties To Prof. Jeffries But Noting That He Has Carved His Own Path.” “Dr. Jeffries's legacy hasn't been a significant factor for either of the younger Jeffries, who don't employ the same ethnically focused rhetoric. Rep. Jeffries said he was rarely asked about his uncle during his 2012 run. Once, it came up at a fundraiser. He said he responded as he normally does, acknowledging his deep ties to Prof. Jeffries but noting that he has carved his own path. ‘I've worked closely with a variety of different races, cultures and ethnicities during my time in the legislature and professionally. I look forward to continuing to do that,’ Rep. Jeffries said in his first interview at length about his relationship with his uncle. ‘And thankfully, almost universally for better or for worse, I've been judged on my own merits and my own record.’” (Andrew Grossman, “Controversial Professor Links Two Rising Politicians,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/28/13)

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- **With Regard To Dr. Jeffries As A Campaign Fundraiser, Jeffries Has Typically Said, “That’s My Uncle He's Retired And He's Had His Views In His Field Of Endeavor, The University.”** “On how he responded when asked about Dr. Jeffries as a campaign fundraiser: I responded as I normally do: yes, that's my uncle he's retired and he's had his views in his field of endeavor, the university. I've worked closely with a variety of different races cultures and ethnicities during my time in the legislature and professionally. I look forward to continuing to do that. And thankfully, almost universally for better or for worse, I've been judged on my own merits and my own record.” (Andrew Grossman, “Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Talks About Family Ties, Politics,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/29/13)

In An April 2013 Interview With *The Wall Street Journal*, Jeffries Recounted That He Had A “Vague Recollection Of It Other Than Remembering That It Was A Very Stressful Time For My Father In Particular – Given The Level Of Controversy And Acrimony Surrounding Dr. Jeffries.” “U.S. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, a Democrat from Brooklyn, sat down with *The Wall Street Journal* at the Marriott in Downtown Brooklyn to talk about his family ties. Below are some excerpts from that interview. On his memories of the controversy that embroiled his uncle, Dr. Leonard Jeffries: I have a vague recollection of it other than remembering that it was a very stressful time for my father in particular--given the level of controversy and acrimony surrounding Dr. Jeffries. It had a great impact on my father at the time. My father's a strong person so he never really showed it

but that was his brother who was in the midst of the eye of the storm and that was what I remember.” (Andrew Grossman, “Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Talks About Family Ties, Politics,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/29/13)

Jeffries Noted That His Mother “Worked Very Hard To Shield My Brother And I From Much Of It, Preferring That We Focus On Our Studies At [State University Of New York At] Binghamton And At Morehouse [College].” “My mother worked very hard to shield my brother and I from much of it, preferring that we focus on our studies at [State University of New York at] Binghamton and at Morehouse [College]. ... I recall conversations between him and other family members from time to time usually when we would visit my grandmother in Montclair, New Jersey about issues that he was working on usually centering around the centrality of Egypt to world civilization. It was often esoteric until we visited Egypt and it was brought more to life. ... My mother made a very deliberate concerted effort to shield us from a lot of the controversy that took place. She didn't want us to be distracted from our studies. My grandmother on my mother's side always emphasized the importance of doing well in school and remaining focused.” (Andrew Grossman, “Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Talks About Family Ties, Politics,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/29/13)

AUDIO: In An Interview With David Axelrod’s “The Axe Files” Podcast, Jeffries Explained That His Father “Made A Deliberate Decision To Try To Shield Us ...” From Their Uncle’s Controversial Statements. THE AXE FILES’ DAVID AXELROD: “You are the most famous Jeffries, but the second-most famous Jeffries may have been your uncle, Leonard Jeffries, who was a professor of Black Studies at City College. And he actually treaded in these waters because he gave a speech in which he said that the public school curriculum should be updated to include the role that rich Jews played in financing the slave trade and how they and the Italian mafia control the movie industry to paint a brutal stereotype of Black people. That was an enormous controversy in New York. Growing up in New York, I’m aware of how something like this can become very volatile. And he was removed as chairman of the Black Studies department because of that. How did that impact on you?” JEFFRIES: “You know, it’s interesting, because as that controversy was playing itself out, I was in college, my brother had just started. And my father made a deliberate decision to try to shield us from that controversy. Because he was very concerned as to how it could just impact our wellbeing, our focus, because it was an intense situation. I've said that there are many statements that he has made that I disagree with and then obviously are very different than the course that I’ve followed, and I’ve sort of left it at that.” (“[The Axe Files With David Axelrod](#)” Podcast, 2/7/19) Minute 30:47 – 32:14

Jeffries Claimed That When He Was In College, There Was Limited Access To The Internet And Therefore, Did Not Recall The News Around His Controversial Uncle

Jeffries Claimed That When Dr. Jeffries Became Controversial, He Was In College And There Was No Internet Access, So He Could Not Recall Reporting On What Was Happening At The Time

For Years, Jeffries “Has Told A Similar Story: He Was Off At College And Shielded From Controversies Surrounding His Uncle ...” Saying He Only Had A “Vague Recollection.” “For years, Democratic Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries has told a similar story: he was off at college and shielded from controversies surrounding his uncle, Black studies professor Leonard Jeffries, who eventually lost his job over incendiary comments about Jewish people. Hakeem Jeffries has said he had only a ‘vague recollection’ of the controversy, saying he couldn’t even recall coverage of it in local press.” (Andrew Kaczynski and Em Steck, “Hakeem Jeffries’ ‘Vague Recollection’ Of Controversy Surrounding His Uncle Undermined By College Editorial Defending Him,” [CNN](#), 4/12/23)

Jeffries Claimed That When Dr. Jeffries’ Controversy Took Place, He Was In College And “There Was No Internet During That Era And I Can’t Even Recall A Daily Newspaper In The Binghamton, N.Y., Area But It Wasn't Covering The Things That The New York Post And Daily News Were At The Time.” “And so when a lot of the controversy took place and my brother and I were away at school. There was no Internet during that era and I

can't even recall a daily newspaper in the Binghamton, N.Y., area but it wasn't covering the things that the New York Post and Daily News were at the time. I haven't spent a lot of time looking back in large measure because I'm focused on representing the communities that I've been charged to represent in the Congress and before then I had a very active schedule and heavy set of responsibilities as a member of the New York state Legislature. I don't get to read the sports pages let alone take a journey through history.” (Andrew Grossman, “Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Talks About Family Ties, Politics,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/29/13)

As Of 2013, Jeffries Claimed He Had Not Looked At His Uncle’s Controversial Speeches.

“He missed most of the controversy that came later. He was away at college, first at the State University of New York at Binghamton and then at Georgetown University (where he was roommates with future Washington Mayor Adrian Fenty). Even today, Rep. Jeffries said, he hasn't looked at his uncle's controversial speeches.” (Andrew Grossman, “Controversial Professor Links Two Rising Politicians,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/28/13)

AS A CHILD, JEFFRIES TOOK A “VERY MEANINGFUL” FAMILY TRIP TO EGYPT, WHICH WAS LED BY HIS UNCLE

Jeffries Recalled Traveling To Egypt On A Family Trip Led By Dr. Jeffries, Which He Said Was “Very Meaningful”

Jeffries Recalled Conversations Between Him And Other Family Members About Issues Dr. Jeffries Was Working On, Covering The Centrality Of Egypt To World Civilization, Explaining, “It Was Often Esoteric Until We Visited Egypt And It Was Brought More To Life.” “I recall conversations between him and other family members from time to time usually when we would visit my grandmother in Montclair, New Jersey about issues that he was working on usually centering around the centrality of Egypt to world civilization. It was often esoteric until we visited Egypt and it was brought more to life.” (Andrew Grossman, “Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Talks About Family Ties, Politics,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/29/13)

- **Jeffries Visited Egypt In 1986 On A Trip Led By Dr. Jeffries. Jeffries Said The Trip Was “Very Meaningful” And “It Was The First And Only Time That I Visited The Continent Of Africa.”** “Growing up in the 1980s in Crown Heights, Hakeem didn't know much of his uncle's academic life but spoke to him at family gatherings, which often took place at his late grandmother's home in Montclair, N.J. The most significant experience the two had was in 1986, he said, when he and his brother, Hasan, joined a large group trip to Egypt led by Dr. Jeffries. ‘That, in some ways, was a very meaningful trip,’ Rep. Jeffries said. ‘It was the first and only time that I visited the continent of Africa.’” (Andrew Grossman, “Controversial Professor Links Two Rising Politicians,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/28/13)
- **Jeffries And His Brother Spent 15 Days In Egypt Going To Cairo, Aswan, Luxor, And “Getting An Understanding Of The Nile Valley Culture And Its Relationship To People Of The African Continent.”** “On the ‘most meaningful interaction’ he had with his uncle while growing up: The most meaningful interaction we had was when he took my brother and I and other members of my family to Egypt in the in the summer of 1986. ... There were more than a thousand people from all across the country that went on this trip that was led by Dr. Jeffries and Dr. John Henry Clark. We probably spent 15 days in Egypt, going to Cairo, Aswan, Luxor and getting an understanding of the Nile Valley culture and its relationship to people of the African continent. And that in some ways was a very meaningful trip it was the first and only time that I visited the continent of Africa and it was very educational from a historical standpoint as well as from a cultural standpoint.” (Andrew Grossman, “Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Talks About Family Ties, Politics,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/29/13)

LEONARD JEFFRIES’ SUPPORT FOR HIS NEPHEW

In November 2012, Hakeem And Leonard Jeffries Were Together; And In January 2013, Leonard Jeffries Attended A Ceremony Marking Hakeem’s Congressional Swearing In. “Hakeem, Shavar and Leonard Jeffries were together in November, Shavar said. He

and Leonard made plans to get together for dinner and catch up. In January, Leonard attended ceremonies in Washington, D.C., and Brooklyn marking Hakeem's congressional swearing in. 'I think he said, 'Congratulations,' Hakeem said. His uncle was among a large group of relatives, he said, who 'all seemed proud.'" (Andrew Grossman, "Controversial Professor Links Two Rising Politicians," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/28/13)

In June 2012 When Jeffries Won Against Councilman Charles Barron, His Uncle And Aunt Expressed Love For Him, Explaining That Jeffries "Got The Best Training Possible And He Was Heading Towards A Quarter Of A Million Dollars In Income, But Gave It Up To Come Back To The Community To Serve. He Was Trained That Way." "In a sleepy race that turned contentious in the final weeks, Assemblyman Hakeem Jeffries beat Councilman Charles Barron in a landslide. With 72% of the vote, Assemblyman Jeffries trounced Councilman Barron's 28%. The unofficial vote tally was 25,880 to 10,090. When Barron ran against retiring Congressman Ed Towns in a 2006 three way, he received 15,000 votes. ... Hakeem Jeffries' uncle, Dr. Leonard Jeffries and his wife Rosalind, expressed love for both candidates. 'We were blessed. We have two brothers who made sacrifices for our community. One who was a bellwether in raising issues and pointing out what needs to be done. Another younger one who got the best training possible and he was heading towards a quarter of a million dollars in income, but gave it up to come back to the community to serve. He was trained that way,' said Dr. Jeffries. 'We couldn't lose.'" (David Mark Greaves, "Jeffries Captures Decisive Win – Voters Choose Clarke, Velasquez, Rangel And Ming," *Our Time Press*, 6/30/12)

SHAVAR JEFFRIES

Shavar Jeffries Is Not Blood-Related To Dr. Jeffries, But Discovered A Shared Background And Last Name When Shavar Helped Provoke A Debate On Duke University Campus By Inviting Dr. Jeffries To Speak

"Shavar Jeffries, Who Grew Up In Newark, Was Raised By His Grandmother After His Mother Was Murdered And His Father Disappeared. He Didn't Know Anyone Else Named Jeffries." (Andrew Grossman, "Controversial Professor Links Two Rising Politicians," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/28/13)

In 1993, Shavar Jeffries Helped Provoke Debate On Duke University Campus By Inviting Dr. Jeffries To Speak. While They Didn't Agree On Much, They Discovered A Shared Background. "A decade later, as a freshman at Duke University in February 1993, he helped provoke debate on campus by inviting Dr. Jeffries to speak. Shavar Jeffries said he didn't agree with much of what Dr. Jeffries said then and doesn't now. Still, when the two started talking at Duke, they discovered a shared background, Shavar said. Their last names were the same. Both were from the same part of Newark." (Andrew Grossman, "Controversial Professor Links Two Rising Politicians," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/28/13)

- **"Their Last Names Were The Same. Both Were From The Same Part Of Newark."** (Andrew Grossman, "Controversial Professor Links Two Rising Politicians," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/28/13)

Dr. Jeffries Declared Shavar His Nephew, And Shavar Later Got To Know Hakeem Jeffries And His Brother Hasan. "Dr. Jeffries pronounced Shavar his nephew, and Shavar later became friends with Hakeem's brother, Hasan. He would get to know Hakeem when both were lawyers at large firms, Shavar at Gibbons P.C. and Hakeem at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. Hakeem, who has built a strong fundraising base, said he planned to raise money for Shavar's mayoral run in 2014." (Andrew Grossman, "Controversial Professor Links Two Rising Politicians," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 4/28/13)

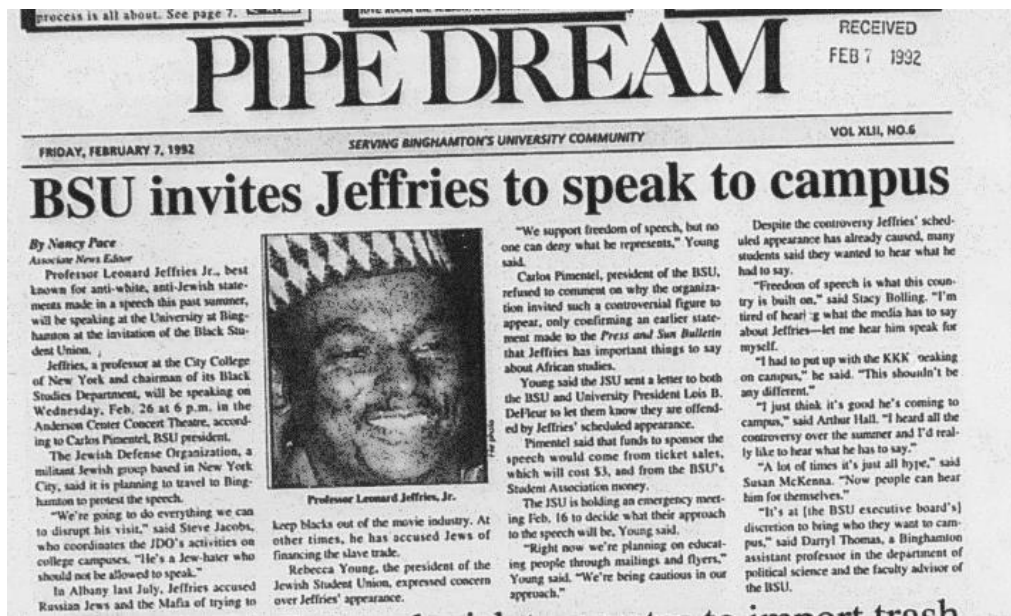
When Jeffries Was At Binghamton, The Black Student Union Invited His Uncle To Speak, Which Was Opposed By The Jewish Student Union

When Jeffries Was A Student At SUNY Binghamton, The Black Student Union Invited Leonard Jeffries To Campus To Speak, A Move That Sparked Outrage From The Jewish Student Union

“While Jeffries Was A College Student At Binghamton University In Upstate New York, The Black Student Union, In Which Jeffries Was An Executive Board Member, Invited His Uncle To Speak On Campus After His Inflammatory Comments Caused An Uproar.”

(Andrew Kaczynski and Em Steck, “Hakeem Jeffries’ ‘Vague Recollection’ Of Controversy Surrounding His Uncle Undermined By College Editorial Defending Him,” [CNN](#), 4/12/23)

In February 1992, It Was Announced That Dr. Jeffries Was Invited By The Binghamton University’s Black Student Union To Speak On Campus Later That Month. “Professor Leonard Jeffries Jr., best known for anti-white, anti-Jewish statements made in a speech this past summer, will be speaking at the University at Binghamton at the invitation of the Black Student Union. Jeffries, a professor at the City College of New York and chairman of its Black Studies Department, will be speaking on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. in the Anderson Center Concert Theatre, according to Carlos Pimentel, BSU president.” (Nancy Pace, “BSU Invites Jeffries To Speak To Campus,” Binghamton University’s [Pipe Dream](#), 2/7/92)



(Nancy Pace, “BSU Invites Jeffries To Speak To Campus,” Binghamton University’s [Pipe Dream](#), 2/7/92)

The Jewish Student Union Requested That Dr. Jeffries’ Speech Be Canceled, But The Black Student Union Held A Press Conference To Let The University Know That It Would Not Be Canceling The Event. “The Black Student Union said at a press conference Wednesday that it will not cancel Professor Leonard Jeffries Jr.’s speech Feb. 26, despite a request from the Jewish Student Union. The BSU held the press conference to let the university and media know where it stands amidst the furor surrounding its choice of Jeffries as a keynote speaker for its celebration of Black History Month.” (“BSU Defends Visit By Jeffries,” Binghamton University’s [Pipe Dream](#), 2/14/92)

The BSU’s Six-Member Executive Board, Which Included Hakeem Jeffries, Conducted The Press Conference “To Defend Their Sponsorship Of The Speech And Rebut Charges [Dr.] Jeffries Is Anti-Semitic.” “The proper way to debate scholarship is with scholarship – not with high-tech lynchings, media assassinations, character desecrations and venomous attacks’ the Black Student Union said in a prepared statement Wednesday. The union’s six member executive board, including Jeffries’ nephew, Hakeem Jeffries, conducted a press conference to defend their

sponsorship of the speech and rebut charges Jeffries is anti-Semitic.” (George Basler, “Professor’s Planned SUNY-Binghamton Visit Divides Student Groups,” [Press & Sun Bulletin](#), 2/13/92)

- **Hakeem Jeffries, Political Correspondent For The Black Student Union At The Time: “We Have No Intention Of Cancelling A Presentation That Contains Factual Information, Proven Through Scholarly Documents And Texts ...”** “We have no intention of cancelling a presentation that contains factual information, proven through scholarly documents and texts,” said Binghamton student Hakeem Jeffries, Leonard Jeffries’ nephew and political correspondent for the BSU, who read from a prepared statement. “The proper way to debate scholarship is with scholarship – not with high-tech lynchings, media assassinations, character desecrations and venomous attacks,” he said.” (“BSU Defends Visit By Jeffries,” Binghamton University’s [Pipe Dream](#), 2/14/92)
- **Hakeem Jeffries: “The Proper Way To Debate Scholarship Is With Scholarship – Not With High-Tech Lynchings, Media Assassinations, Character Desecrations And Venomous Attacks ...”** “The proper way to debate scholarship is with scholarship – not with high-tech lynchings, media assassinations, character desecrations and venomous attacks,” he said.” (“BSU Defends Visit By Jeffries,” Binghamton University’s [Pipe Dream](#), 2/14/92)
- **In A February 21, 1993 Column Featured In Binghamton University’s Black Student Union’s Publication, Vanguard, Jeffries Defended His Uncle’s Past Remarks, Saying, “His Reward Has Been A Media Lynching Complete With Character Assassinations And Inflammatory Erroneous Accusations.”** “Dr. Leonard Jeffries and Minister Louis Farrakhan have come under intense fire. Where do you think their interests lie? Dr. Jeffries has challenged the existing white supremacist educational system and the longstanding distortion of history. His reward has been a media lynching complete with character assassinations and inflammatory erroneous accusations.” (Hakeem Jeffries, Op-Ed, “The Black Conservative Phenomenon,” Binghamton University Black Student Union’s [Vanguard](#), 2/21/93)

-White Media-

Perhaps the most frightening aspect of the rise of Black conservatives is that of their popular acceptance by the predominately white media. Clarence Thomas, Colin Powell, and Shelby Steele are hailed as our leaders and pointed to as examples for us to follow. I find it suspect when the white power structure and their propaganda emissaries, the media, tell us who our leaders should be. Do you think that a ruling elite would promote individuals who would seek to dismantle their vice-like grip on power? Of course not.

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Clarence Thomas was appointed by George Bush to the highest court in the nation. Colin Powell was appointed by George Bush to lead the military establishment “policemen of the Wall Street Bankers”, in the words of Cesar Augusto Sandino. Where do you think their interests lie?

(Hakeem Jeffries, Op-Ed, “The Black Conservative Phenomenon,” Binghamton University Black Student Union’s [Vanguard](#), 2/21/93)

Hakeem Jeffries Noted That He Saw Support From Some White Students That Leonard Jeffries Had A Right To Freedom Of Speech, And That They Wanted To Hear What He

Had To Say And Decide For Themselves. “Prof. Jeffries, chairman of the Black Studies Department at City College of New York, made national headlines for a speech last July when it was reported that he charged that Jews bankrolled the slave trade. Jeffries also reportedly accused Russian Jews in Hollywood and the Italian mafia of conspiring to denigrate blacks in the movies. When asked by the local media if the BSU’s decision to have Jeffries speak has created any racial tensions or conflict on campus, Kassandra Pantoja, the BSU’s public relations representative, denied knowledge of any confrontations caused by the group’s decisions. Hakeem Jeffries concurred, adding that they have seen support from some white members of the campus who have defended Jeffries’ right to freedom of speech. People want to hear what Jeffries has to say and decide for themselves, he said.” (“BSU Defends Visit By Jeffries,” Binghamton University’s [Pipe Dream](#), 2/14/92)



(“BSU Defends Visit By Jeffries,” Binghamton University’s [Pipe Dream](#), 2/14/92)

The Black Student Union Called The Jewish Student Union’s Comparison Between Leonard Jeffries And The KKK “An Outrage” And Called Him A “Treasured Historian And Pioneer Of Multiculturalism”

On February 23, 1992, The Executive Board Of The Black Student Union Penned An Opinion Article Expressing Their Shock At The JSU’s Request To Cancel Dr. Jeffries’ Speech, Calling Him A “Treasured Historian And Pioneer Of Multiculturalism ...” “The Executive Board of the Black Student Union at the University of Binghamton is astonished and alarmed by the Jewish Student Union’s request that we cancel the lecture to be delivered by the treasured historian and pioneer of multiculturalism, Dr. Leonard Jeffries. We are disheartened by the realization that our countless efforts towards improving and cultivating the relationship between the BSU and the JSU were, apparently, in vain.” (The Black Student Union, “KKK-Jeffries Comparison Is An Outrage,” Binghamton University’s [Pipe Dream](#), 2/23/92)

The Executive Board Of The Black Student Union Wrote That They Were “Deeply Outraged By The Comparison Of The Distinguished Jeffries To The Ku Klux Klan.” “We are also deeply outraged by the comparison of the distinguished Jeffries to the Ku Klux Klan. This equation was made by representatives of the JSU Executive Board in the Inter-Cultural Awareness meeting held on Feb. 3, 1992. If this comparison is true, then we simply request the JSU to name the hundreds of African-Americans and Jewish persons that Jeffries allegedly brutally murdered. Please

find the Emmet Tills and Michael Donalds whose bodies were mutilated and slaughtered by Jeffries. There is no greater insult to our community than this which the JSU has made.” (The Black Student Union, “KKK-Jeffries Comparison Is An Outrage,” Binghamton University’s [Pipe Dream](#), 2/23/92)

The Executive Board Of The Black Student Union Wrote That They Were “Appalled At The Arrogant Suggestion From The JSU That We Find A More ‘Appropriate’ Speaker To Celebrate Black History Month. Who Are They To Tell The Black Community Who We Should Honor And Who We Should Not?” “We are appalled at the arrogant suggestion from the JSU that we find a more ‘appropriate’ speaker to celebrate Black History Month. Who are they to tell the Black community who we should honor and who we should not? The JSU has voluntarily chosen to remain unaware and unconcerned with issues regarding the Black community. How can they then assume that they have the authority to judge who is, or is not, ‘appropriate’ to be the keynote speaker for Black History Month?” (The Black Student Union, “KKK-Jeffries Comparison Is An Outrage,” Binghamton University’s [Pipe Dream](#), 2/23/92)

The Executive Board Of The Black Student Union Expressed That It Had “No Intention Of Cancelling An Event Geared Towards The Education Of Our Community. We Are Proud To Have Such A Well-Versed Intellectual As Dr. Jeffries Join Us In Our Celebration Of Black History Month.” “It should be plainly understood that the BSU has no intention of cancelling an event geared towards the education of our community. We are proud to have such a well-versed intellectual as Dr. Jeffries join us in our celebration of Black History Month. We continue to invite you to broaden your knowledge of people of color and your perspective of multiculturalism.” (The Black Student Union, “KKK-Jeffries Comparison Is An Outrage,” Binghamton University’s [Pipe Dream](#), 2/23/92)



(The Black Student Union, “KKK-Jeffries Comparison Is An Outrage,” Binghamton University’s [Pipe Dream](#), 2/23/92)

PERSONAL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Federal Contributions

Date	Contributor	Employer	Amount	Recipient
6/30/18	Hakeem Jeffries	Jeffries For Congress	\$1,000	Katie Hill For Congress
6/30/18	Hakeem Jeffries	Jeffries For Congress	\$1,000	Susan Wild For Congress
6/30/18	Hakeem Jeffries	Jeffries For Congress	\$1,000	Wexton For Congress
6/30/18	Hakeem Jeffries	U.S. House Of Representatives	\$1,000	Andy Kim For Congress
3/31/14	Hakeem Jeffries	U.S. House Of Representatives	\$500.00	Rangel For Congress
3/29/06	Hakeem Jeffries	CBS	\$250.00	Mfume For US Senate
3/11/06	Hakeem Jeffries	VIACOM	\$325.00	Committee To Re-Elect Ed Towns
2/23/04	Hakeem Jeffries	VIACOM	\$250.00	Committee To Re-Elect Ed Towns

([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 8/1/23)

Contribution To Katie Hill's Congressional Campaign

In October 2019, Congresswoman Katie Hill Resigned After Allegations Emerged That She Had An Improper Relationship With A Congressional Staffer, In Addition To A Campaign Staffer. “Hill, 32, resigned in October after allegations emerged that she had an improper relationship with a congressional staffer. Hill denied the relationship, but admitted to a separate relationship with a member of her campaign staff.” (Tara Law, “Rep. Lauren Underwood Says Katie Hill Scandal Is What Happens When 'Real Women' Are Elected,” [Time](#), 11/15/19)

Hill Resigned While Facing A House Ethics Investigation Into Allegations That She Had A Sexual Relationship With A Member Of Her Congressional Staff, A Violation Of House Rules. “Representative Katie Hill, Democrat of California, said on Sunday that she would resign after less than 10 months in office as she faced a House ethics investigation into allegations that she had a sexual relationship with a member of her congressional staff, a violation of House rules.” (Emily Cochrane, “Katie Hill Will Resign From Congress Amid Ethics Investigation,” [The New York Times](#), 10/30/19)

State Contributions

Date	Contributor	Amount	Recipient
5/24/19	Hakeem Jeffries	\$150.00	New Kings Democrats - ID# 1501
8/30/16	Rep. Hakeem Jeffries	\$1,000.00	Tremaine Wright For Assembly - ID# 19655
11/3/15	Hakeem Jeffries	\$1,000.00	McMahon For District Attorney - ID# 14770
9/14/12	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$1,000.00	Committee To Elect Walter T. Mosley - ID# 21053
9/10/12	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$500.00	Carolyn Mclaughlin For Assembly - ID# 17894
8/16/12	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$500.00	Gibson For Assembly - ID# 11314
8/15/12	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$2,500.00	Committee To Elect Walter T. Mosley - ID# 21053
8/7/12	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$500.00	Friends Of Nily - ID# 2678
7/11/12	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$1,000.00	Letitia James 2013 - ID# 21396
1/23/12	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$1,500.00	NYS Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee - ID# 5816

10/28/11	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$1,000.00	NYS Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee - ID# 5816
10/24/11	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$250.00	Levin 2013 - ID# 7592
10/7/11	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$1,500.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
7/25/11	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$1,000.00	NYS Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee - ID# 5816
2/17/11	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$250.00	Letitia James '09 - ID# 16410
11/16/10	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$1,000.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
11/1/10	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$500.00	NYS Democratic Senate Campaign Committee (NYS DSCC) - ID# 160
9/13/10	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$500.00	Friends Of Kevin Parker - ID# 8843
9/13/10	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$350.00	Gustavo Rivera For State Senate - ID# 5031
9/12/10	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$500.00	Committee To Elect Jeffrion Aubry - ID# 8907
9/12/10	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$250.00	Friends Of Rodneyse Bichotte - ID# 17079
9/10/10	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$1,000.00	Friends Of Adriano Espaillat - ID# 13441
5/5/10	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$89.71	People For Jeffries - ID# 9913
10/11/09	Hakeem Jeffries	\$25.00	New Yorkers For Thompson - ID# 8514
8/11/08	Hon. Hakeem Jeffries	\$1,000.00	Friends Of Kevin Parker - ID# 8843
6/27/06	Hakeem Jeffries	-\$25.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
6/22/06	Hakeem Jeffries	\$25.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
5/24/06	Hakeem Jeffries	\$25.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
5/17/06	Hakeem Jeffries	\$200.00	Friends Of Karim Camara - ID# 11081
5/9/06	Hakeem Jeffries	\$125.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
4/21/06	Hakeem Jeffries	\$0.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
3/20/06	Hakeem Jeffries	\$0.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
2/20/06	Hakeem Jeffries	\$0.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
1/20/06	Hakeem Jeffries	\$0.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
12/19/05	Hakeem Jeffries	\$25.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
12/15/05	Hakeem Jeffries	\$200.00	People For Bing - ID# 6121
11/19/05	Hakeem Jeffries	\$25.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
11/17/05	Hakeem S Jeffries	\$60.00	Friends Of Senator Montgomery - ID# 11349
10/27/05	Hakeem Jeffries	\$25.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
9/21/05	Hakeem Jeffries	\$25.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
8/19/05	Hakeem Jeffries	\$25.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
7/22/05	Hakeem Jeffries	\$25.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
6/21/05	Hakeem Jeffries	\$25.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
6/16/05	Hakeem S Jeffries	\$200.00	Friends Of Kevin Parker - ID# 8843

5/20/05	Hakeem Jeffries	\$25.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
4/20/05	Hakeem Jeffries	\$25.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
4/18/05	Hakeem Jeffries	\$125.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
3/22/05	Hakeem Jeffries	\$25.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
2/21/05	Hakeem Jeffries	\$25.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
1/20/05	Hakeem Jeffries	\$25.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
11/5/04	Hakeem S Jeffries	\$75.00	The Towns Committee - ID# 17486
7/1/04	Hakeem Jeffries	\$100.00	Committee To Elect Clinton - ID# 21285
4/27/04	Hakeem Jeffries	\$100.00	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
11/18/03	Hakeem Jeffries	\$100.00	Friends Of Kevin Parker 2004 - ID# 3303
3/26/03	Hakeem Jeffries	\$50.00	Friends Of Kevin Parker 2004 - ID# 3303
4/30/02	Hakeem S Jeffries	\$50.00	Friends Of Mccall/Mehiel - ID# 15708
4/24/02	Hakeem Jeffries	\$200.00	The New Democrat Network - ID# 9946
4/5/02	Hakeem S Jeffries	\$100.00	Friends Of Jose Peralta - ID# 21653
1/8/02	Hakeem S Jeffries	\$100.00	People For Bing - ID# 6121
1/8/02	Hakeem S Jeffries	\$250.00	Charlie King 2002 - ID# 11352
5/3/01	Hakeem Jeffries	\$150.00	Spitzer 2002 - ID# 18193
6/3/00	Friends Of Hakeem Jeffries	\$400.00	Friends Of Independence 2000 - ID# 1204
TOTAL:		\$21,774.71	

([New York State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 8/1/23)

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

LIMITING STOP-AND-FRISK DATA IN NEW YORK CITY

In 2010, Jeffries Was The Main Sponsor For Legislation That Prohibited Police Officers From Electronically Recording The Name, Address, Or Social Security Number Of Someone Who Was Stopped, Questioned, And/Or Frisked In New York City

On May 24, 2010, Jeffries, Among Others, Introduced A11177, Which Prohibited The Electronic Recording Of Certain Identifying Information Of A Person Subjected To Temporary Questioning Or Search In A Public Place By Police Officers. (A11177, [New York State Assembly](#), Signed Into Law 7/16/10)

A11177 Summary:

BILL NO A11177A

SAME AS SAME AS [S07945-A](#)

SPONSOR Jeffries (MS)

COSPNSR Aubry, Millman, Christensen, Peoples-Stokes, Benjamin, Gibson, Crespo, Robinson, Rivera N, Perry, Camara, Rosenthal, Jaffee

MLTSPNSR Farrell, Glick, Gottfried, Lifton, Ortiz, Reilly, Towns

Amd S140.50, CP L

Prohibits the electronic recording of certain information identifying information of a person subjected to temporary questioning or search in a public place by police officers.

(A11177, [New York State Assembly](#), Signed Into Law 7/16/10)

The Legislation Detailed In Cities With A Population Of One Million Or More, Information That Established The Personal Identity Of Someone Who Was Stopped, Questioned, And/Or Frisked, Like A Name, Address, Or Social Security Number, Would Not Be Electronically Recorded If That Person Was Released Without Further Legal Action.

“Section 1. Section 140.50 of the criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows: 4. In cities with a population of one million or more, information that establishes the personal identity of an individual who has been stopped, questioned and/or frisked by a police officer or peace officer, such as the name, address or social security number of such person, shall not be recorded in a computerized or electronic database if that individual is released without further legal action; provided, however, that this subdivision shall not prohibit police officers or peace officers from including in a computerized or electronic database generic characteristics of an individual, such as race and gender, who has been stopped, questioned and/or frisked by a police officer or peace officer. § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.” (A11177, [New York State Assembly](#), Signed Into Law 7/16/10)

- **The Legislation Allowed Police Or Peace Officers To Electronically Record Generic Characteristics Of An Individual, Like Race And Gender.** “Section 1. Section 140.50 of the criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows: 4. In cities with a population of one million or more, information that establishes the personal identity of an individual who has been stopped, questioned and/or frisked by a police officer or peace officer, such as the name, address or social security number of such person, shall not be recorded in a computerized or electronic database if that individual is released without further legal action; provided, however, that this subdivision shall not prohibit police officers or peace officers from

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The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

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12 stopped, questioned and/or frisked by a police officer or peace officer.
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(A11177, [New York State Assembly](#), Signed Into Law 7/16/10)

On June 23, 2010, A11177 Passed The State Senate. (A11177, [New York State Assembly](#), Signed Into Law 7/16/10)

On June 29, 2010, A11177 Passed The State Assembly. (A11177, [New York State Assembly](#), Signed Into Law 7/16/10)

A11177 Actions:

BILL NO	A11177A
05/24/2010	referred to codes
06/03/2010	reported referred to rules
06/14/2010	reported
06/14/2010	rules report cal.113
06/14/2010	ordered to third reading rules cal.113
06/17/2010	amended on third reading (t) 11177a
06/29/2010	substituted by s7945a
	S07945 AMEND=A ADAMS
05/25/2010	REFERRED TO CODES
06/08/2010	1ST REPORT CAL.861
06/09/2010	2ND REPORT CAL.
06/10/2010	ADVANCED TO THIRD READING
06/18/2010	AMENDED ON THIRD READING (T) 7945A
06/23/2010	PASSED SENATE
06/23/2010	DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY
06/23/2010	referred to codes
06/29/2010	substituted for a11177a
06/29/2010	ordered to third reading rules cal.113
06/29/2010	passed assembly
06/29/2010	returned to senate
07/06/2010	DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR
07/16/2010	SIGNED CHAP.176

(A11177, [New York State Assembly](#), Signed Into Law 7/16/10)

In July 2010, Then-Gov. Paterson Signed Into Law Jeffries' Bill That No Longer Allowed New York City Police To Store The Information Of Those Stopped, Which The Police Commissioner Argued Would Result In More Crime Victims

***The New York Times* Headline: “Paterson Signs Bill Limiting Stop-And-Frisk Data”** (Al Baker and Colin Moynihan, “Paterson Signs Bill Limiting Stop-And-Frisk Data,” [The New York Times](#), 7/16/10)

On July 16, 2010, Then-Gov. David Paterson Signed Into Law A Bill That No Longer Allowed New York City Police To Electronically Store The Names And Addresses Of People Stopped In The Street To Be Questioned But Found To Have Done Nothing Wrong. “Police officials in New York City can no longer electronically store the names and addresses of people stopped in the street to be questioned but found to have done nothing wrong, under a bill Gov. David A. Paterson signed into law on Friday. At a signing ceremony in his Manhattan offices, Mr. Paterson ended a debate over the so-called stop-and-frisk database that had been raging for months and will fundamentally alter one of the Police Department’s chief crime-fighting strategies.” (Al Baker and Colin Moynihan, “Paterson Signs Bill Limiting Stop-And-Frisk Data,” [The New York Times](#), 7/16/10)

- **Paterson Signing The Bill Into Law Would “Fundamentally Alter One Of The Police Department’s Chief Crime-Fighting Strategies.”** “At a signing ceremony in his Manhattan offices, Mr. Paterson ended a debate over the so-called stop-and-frisk database that had been raging for months and will fundamentally alter one of the Police Department’s chief crime-fighting strategies.” (Al Baker and Colin Moynihan, “Paterson Signs Bill Limiting Stop-And-Frisk Data,” [The New York Times](#), 7/16/10)
- **The Law Applied Only To The New York City Police Department, Not Agencies Around The State.** “The new law applies only to the New York City Police Department, not agencies around the state. Under the law, the database would still include a record of the stop and catalog its points of data – including where and when the stop took place, the age and race of the person stopped and the reason that prompted the officer to make it.” (Al Baker and Colin Moynihan, “Paterson Signs Bill Limiting Stop-And-Frisk Data,” [The New York Times](#), 7/16/10)

Then Mayor Michael Bloomberg And Then-Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly Argued That The Database Was “Invaluable Because Detectives Could Quickly Cull It For Clues They Needed To Solve Cases And Make Arrests.” “Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly have argued that the database, originally created to comply with a law passed by the City Council in 2001, was invaluable because detectives could quickly cull it for clues they needed to solve cases and make arrests. Stripping the database of the names and addresses of those stopped would result in more crime victims, Mr. Kelly said, who met twice with the governor this month in hopes of persuading him to veto the bill. But in the end, Mr. Paterson said, ‘my conscience will not let me veto this bill.’” (Al Baker and Colin Moynihan, “Paterson Signs Bill Limiting Stop-And-Frisk Data,” [The New York Times](#), 7/16/10)

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Paterson Was Joined By Jeffries, Who Said “That ‘Reasonable Efforts’ To Attain Public Safety Must Be ‘Tempered By The Privacy Rights Of Law Abiding People.’” “Mr. Paterson was joined by the sponsors of the bill – Assemblyman Hakeem Jeffries and Senator Eric L. Adams – who voiced their support for the governor’s decision and said the issue boiled down to finding a balance between law and order and civil liberties. ‘This is a tremendous victory for all fair-minded New Yorkers,’ Assemblyman Jeffries, a Brooklyn Democrat, said. He said he believed that ‘reasonable efforts’ to attain public safety must be ‘tempered by the privacy rights of law abiding people.’” (Al Baker and Colin Moynihan, “Paterson Signs Bill Limiting Stop-And-Frisk Data,” [The New York Times](#), 7/16/10)

VIDEO: During A January 26, 2012 Lecture At NYU Law, Jeffries Said He Was “Proud To Have Been Part Of The Effort, On The Assembly Side, To Sponsor The Bill That Ultimately Became Law That Shut Down The NYPD’s Stop-And-Frisk Database.”

JEFFRIES: “And as it relates to the Stop-And-Frisk activity of the NYPD, where according to their own statistics, each year, hundreds of thousands of otherwise innocent, law-abiding individuals are stopped, questioned, frisked, embarrassed, humiliated, and illegally searched in the view of many of us. The overwhelming majority of whom are Black and Latino, and perhaps more importantly, that according to the NYPD’s own statistics, almost 90 percent of those who were stopped, questioned, and frisked, did nothing wrong. No gun, no drugs, no weapon, no contraband, no arrest, nothing wrong at all. And then it was brought to our attention that not only were the police engaging in this aggressive stop-and-frisk activity, but on top of that, they were recording the names, addresses, perhaps even Social Security numbers, other personal information of the innocent, law-abiding folks who were let go and putting it into a massive electronic database that could subject these people, there were more than a million names here in New York City in that database, to permanent criminal surveillance and the possibility of permanent criminal suspicion. And so, I was proud to have been part of the effort, on the Assembly side, to sponsor the bill that ultimately became law that shut down the NYPD’s Stop-And-Frisk database.” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Remarks During The Guarini Lecture On “Marching Toward A More Perfect Union: The Dismantling Of The Prison Industrial Complex In New York.”](#) New York, NY, 1/26/12) Minute 29:55 – 32:06

Ahead Of Paterson Signing Jeffries’ Legislation Into Law, Commissioner Kelly Highlighted Cases Where The Stop-And-Frisk Database Provided “A Breakthrough For Detectives”

***The New York Times* Headline: “Police Cite Help From Stop-And-Frisk Data In 170 Cases”** (Ray Rivera and Al Baker, “Police Cite Help From Stop-And-Frisk Data In 170 Cases,” [The New York Times](#), 7/16/10)

Ahead Of Paterson Signing The Legislation Into Law, Commissioner Kelly Presented Several Cases That Showed How The Stop-And-Frisk Database Provided “A Breakthrough For Detectives” In Solving Crimes. “This spring, while investigating the separate beatings of two Mexican men in Staten Island, detectives from the Hate Crime Task Force used electronic records of routine street stops that had been made to zero in on an informant who had been stopped and questioned in the area. The man told investigators the street name of a girl who he said took part in both crimes. Another search of the data gave investigators more information about her, enough to track her down, obtain a confession, and identify a man she identified as her accomplice. The case was among the examples that Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly presented to Gov. David A. Paterson this week to try to show how a controversial police database provided ‘a breakthrough for detectives’ in solving crimes.” (Ray Rivera and Al Baker, “Police Cite Help From Stop-And-Frisk Data In 170 Cases,” [The New York Times](#), 7/16/10)

- **The Examples That Kelly Provided Included 170 Cases From All Five Boroughs For At Least 17 Murders, 8 Sex Crimes, 36 Robberies, And 67 Burglaries. An Arrest Resulted In Most Of The Cases.** “The examples Mr. Kelly provided included 170 cases from all five boroughs, mostly from the last 18 months, for at least 17 murders, 8 sex crimes, 36 robberies and 67 burglaries. An arrest resulted in most, but not all of the cases, the documents show.” (Ray Rivera and Al Baker, “Police Cite Help From Stop-And-Frisk Data In 170 Cases,” [The New York Times](#), 7/16/10)

The 170 Cases Showed Instances Where The Stop-And-Frisk Data “Clearly Did Assist Investigators In Tracking Down Perpetrators,” And In Many Cases, The Data Provided “Shortcuts That Speeded Investigations Along ...” “A look at these 170 cases shows instances where the stop-and-frisk data clearly did assist investigators in tracking down perpetrators. In many cases, the data provided shortcuts that speeded investigations along, such as providing hangouts of a known suspect or the names and addresses of potential witnesses known to frequent a location where a crime occurred.” (Ray Rivera and Al Baker, “Police Cite Help From Stop-And-Frisk Data In 170 Cases,” [The New York Times](#), 7/16/10)

NOTE: In Many Of The Cases, It Was Hard To Determine How Helpful The Data Was In Solving Crimes, And Sometimes The Data Played Hardly Any Role At All. “But in many of

the cases, it was hard to determine how helpful the data was in solving crimes, because the information provided to the governor was, in his words, ‘at best inconclusive.’ And the cases cited by Mr. Kelly constituted only a tiny fraction of the hundreds of thousands of crimes committed during that period. Police officials noted that they had rushed to put the cases together in an effort to persuade the governor. In many of the cases, however, the summaries provide strong evidence that the stop-and-frisk data played a less than essential role and sometimes hardly any role at all.” (Ray Rivera and Al Baker, “Police Cite Help From Stop-And-Frisk Data In 170 Cases,” [The New York Times](#), 7/16/10)

Stop-And-Frisk Was Ruled Unconstitutional In 2013, But It Did Not Bar The Practice That Continues In New York City

Stop-And-Frisk, As Practiced By The NYPD During The Mayor Michael Bloomberg Administration, Was Ruled Unconstitutional By A Federal Judge In 2013. However, The Ruling Did Not Bar Its Use. “Stop-and-frisk, as practiced by the NYPD during the administration of former Mayor Michael Bloomberg, was ruled unconstitutional by a federal judge in 2013, who found that the way the department deployed the tactic was racially biased. That ruling didn’t bar its use, but required the department to create and follow guidelines for stops. The former mayor is the founder and majority owner of Bloomberg News parent Bloomberg LP.” (Fola Akinnibi, “NYPD Tactics Raise Concern Of Return To ‘Stop And Frisk,’” [Bloomberg](#), 2/14/23)

Since The Court Ruling In 2013, The Number Of Stops In The City Dropped Substantially, But 2022 Figures Represented A Reversal Of That Trend. “The number of stops in the city has dropped substantially since the court ruling, from a high of 685,000 pedestrian stops in 2011. But the 2022 figures represent a reversal of that trend. ‘The numbers are really astonishing,’ Dunn said. ‘We’re talking about 675,000 vehicle stops, almost the same number of stops as the highest point of pedestrian stop and frisk.’” (Fola Akinnibi, “NYPD Tactics Raise Concern Of Return To ‘Stop And Frisk,’” [Bloomberg](#), 2/14/23)

PRISON GERRYMANDERING

As An Assemblyman, Jeffries Helped Lead Efforts To End So-Called Prison Gerrymandering, Which Was The Practice Of Counting Inmates As Residents Of The Towns Where They Were Incarcerated Rather Than Where They Came From. “In Albany as a state Assemblyman, Jeffries helped lead efforts to end so-called prison gerrymandering — the practice of counting inmates as residents of the towns where they are incarcerated instead of where they came from, depriving their communities of origin political clout in the process. ‘The prior system was unfair, unjust and undemocratic,’ Jeffries told Spectrum News’s Capital Tonight program in 2011. He also sponsored legislation taking aim at the NYPD’s controversial stop-and-frisk program, banning the preservation of a database of personal information from those stopped but not charged with a crime. ‘He worked on the issue of stop and frisk before it was popular to do so,’ said Queens Rep. Grace Meng, who previously served alongside Jeffries in the state Assembly.” (Kevin Frey, “Path To Power: Hakeem Jeffries’ Push To Reform The Criminal Justice System,” [Spectrum News](#), 1/19/23)

- **Jeffries Claimed That “Until The Bill Passed That Prohibited Prison-Based Gerrymandering, Right-Wing Politicians Effectively Maintained A Pipeline Of Minorities From New York And Poor Urban Areas Upstate That Sustained Prisons And Inflated The Influence Of Prison Districts ...”** “Jeffries questioned the idea of prisons as economic-development tools, comparing them a ‘field of dreams’ (similar to a reference he used Sunday for Atlantic Yards). He said until the bill passed that prohibited prison-based gerrymandering, right-wing politicians effectively maintained a pipeline of minorities from New York and poor urban areas upstate that sustained prisons and inflated the influence of prison districts, even as New York City had to pay the costs of rehabilitating ex-convicts.” (Dan Rosenblum, “Hakeem Jeffries Gives The Prison-Gerrymander Presentation At His Old Law School,” [Politico](#), 1/24/12)

In January 2010, Jeffries Teamed Up With Sen. Eric Schneiderman, Rev. Al Sharpton, And A Coalition That Included Progressive Groups Like Demos, Common Cause, And The Brennan Center For Justice To Announce A Plan To End Prison-Gerrymandering

On January 28, 2010, Rev. Al Sharpton, Sen. Eric Schneiderman, And Jeffries Joined Forces With A Statewide Coalition To Announce An Organizing Campaign Plan To End Prison-Gerrymandering In New York Before The 2010 Census.

“The Rev. Al Sharpton, Senator Eric T. Schneiderman and Assemblyman Hakeem Jeffries joined forces with a statewide coalition today to announce a new organizing campaign plan to end prison-based gerrymandering in New York State before the 2010 Census. The coalition’s goal is to organize across the state to pass Senator Schneiderman’s bill that would require New York State to count incarcerated persons in their home communities--rather than in the districts where they are incarcerated--for purposes of drawing legislative district lines. If passed, it would be the first law in the nation to count prisoners in their home communities for districting purposes.” (The New York State Senate, “Coalition Announces New Statewide Campaign To End Prison-Based Gerrymandering Before 2010 Census,” [Press Release](#), 1/28/10)

- **Jeffries: “This Bill Is Necessary To Break The Back Of The Prison Industrial Complex ...”** “Assemblyman Jeffries is the bill's lead sponsor in the Assembly. ‘This bill is necessary to break the back of the prison industrial complex where certain communities benefit from the criminalization of young people who disproportionately come from low-income neighborhoods across the state. Prison-based gerrymandering is unfair, unethical and unconstitutional, and we will not rest until the process is changed,’ said Assm. Jeffries.” (The New York State Senate, “Coalition Announces New Statewide Campaign To End Prison-Based Gerrymandering Before 2010 Census,” [Press Release](#), 1/28/10)

The Coalition Was Represented By, Among Others, Demos, Common Cause, And The Brennan Center For Justice.

“The new coalition was represented by Citizen Action of New York, The Public Policy and Education Fund, The Prison Policy Initiative, New York Civil Liberties Union, Demos, Common Cause, the Brennan Center for Justice, Fortune Society, Bronx Defenders, Praxis Project, Correctional Association of New York, Community Service Society, New York City AIDS Housing Network (NYCAHN), Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, Center for Law & Social Justice, Nu Leadership Policy Group, Prison Families of New York and Exponents. The announcement was followed by a statewide organizing meeting that included more than 50 community-based organizations focused on passing this legislation.” (The New York State Senate, “Coalition Announces New Statewide Campaign To End Prison-Based Gerrymandering Before 2010 Census,” [Press Release](#), 1/28/10)

Both The State Assembly And Senate Passed The Legislation, Which Placed It On The Governor’s Desk For Signature

On July 1, 2010, The New York State Assembly Passed Legislation That Made Technical Corrections Related To Reporting Requirements Of The Department Of Correctional Services.

(A11597, [Floor Vote](#): Passed 91-52, 7/1/10, Jeffries Was Excused With Reason)

- **NOTE:** *Jeffries’ vote is listed as “ER,” meaning “Excused with Reason.”*

A11597 Floor Votes:

DATE: 07/01/2010 Assembly Vote

YEA/NAY: 91/52

Abbate	Y	Carrozza	Y	Gabryszak	NO	Kolb	NO	Murray	NO	Saladino	NO
Alessi	Y	Castelli	NO	Galef	Y	Koon	NO	Nolan	Y	Sayward	NO
Alfano	NO	Castro	Y	Gantt	Y	Lancman	Y	Oaks	NO	Scarborough	Y
Amedore	NO	Christensen	NO	Gianaris	Y	Latimer	Y	O'Donnell	Y	Schimel	Y
Arroyo	Y	Clark	Y	Gibson	Y	Lavine	Y	O'Mara	NO	Schimminger	NO
Aubry	Y	Colton	Y	Giglio	NO	Lentol	Y	Ortiz	Y	Schroeder	NO
Bacalles	NO	Conte	NO	Glick	Y	Lifton	Y	Parment	NO	Scozzafava	NO
Ball	NO	Cook	ER	Gordon	Y	Lopez PD	NO	Paulin	Y	Skartados	NO
Barclay	NO	Corwin	NO	Gottfried	Y	Lopez VJ	Y	Peoples	NO	Spano	Y
Barra	NO	Crespo	Y	Gunther	NO	Lupardo	Y	Perry	Y	Stirpe	Y
Barron	Y	Crouch	ER	Hawley	NO	Magee	ER	Pheffer	Y	Sweeney	Y
Benedetto	Y	Cusick	Y	Hayes	NO	Magnarelli	Y	Powell	Y	Tedisco	NO
Benjamin	Y	Cymbrowitz	Y	Heastie	Y	Maisel	Y	Pretlow	Y	Thiele	Y
Bing	Y	DelMonte	NO	Hevesi	Y	Markey	ER	Quinn	NO	Titone	Y
Boyland	Y	DenDekker	Y	Hikind	Y	Mayersohn	Y	Rabbitt	NO	Titus	Y
Boyle	NO	Destito	NO	Hooper	Y	McDonough	NO	Raia	NO	Tobacco	NO
Brennan	Y	Dinowitz	Y	Hoyt	Y	McEneny	Y	Ramos	Y	Towns	Y
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Butler	NO	Espallat	Y	Jeffries	ER	Miller MG	Y	Rivera N	Y	Weprin	Y
Cahill	Y	Farrell	Y	John	Y	Millman	Y	Rivera PM	Y	Wright	Y
Calhoun	NO	Fields	NO	Jordan	NO	Molinaro	NO	Robinson	Y	Zebrowski	Y
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(A11597, [Floor Vote](#): Passed 91-52, 7/1/10, Jeffries Was Excused With Reason)

On August 3, 2010, The New York State Senate Passed Legislation To Count People In Prison In Their Home Communities Rather Than The Districts Where They Are Incarcerated. The Passage Put The Legislation On The Governor's Desk. “In a victory for fundamental fairness and equal representation, Eric Schneiderman and the Senate Majority passed an historic bill Tuesday to count people in prison in their home communities for the purposes of redrawing district lines, rather than the districts where they are incarcerated. Passed as part of the revenue bill, the measure now awaits the Governor's signature. Because New York draws legislative districts around prisons and counts the people confined there – who can't vote – as residents of the prison, New York in effect uses the non-voting prison population to award greater legislative representation to districts that contain prisons at the expense of the communities that most incarcerated people call home. In one Assembly district in New York, 7 percent of its 'residents' are in prison.” (The New York State Senate, “Senate Passes Bill To End Prison Gerrymandering In New York,” [Press Release](#), 8/4/10)

- **Jeffries: “We Will No Longer Tolerate The Injustice Of Artificially Enhancing The Political Power Of A Handful Of Communities On The Backs Of Incarcerated Individuals.”** “‘Inmate-based gerrymandering is an unfair practice that undermines the integrity of our democracy. The passage of this reform promotes the principle of equitable representation throughout New York and result in a fairer process of redistricting. We will no longer tolerate the injustice of artificially enhancing the political power of a handful of communities on the backs of incarcerated individuals,’ said Assemblymember Hakeem Jeffries, the sponsor of the bill in the Assembly. ‘The passage of this bill is a vital step toward ending the misuse of census numbers to bolster Republican districts with non residents. The present arrangement violates voter rights, civil rights and prisoner rights,’ Rev. Al Sharpton.” (The New York State Senate, “Senate Passes Bill To End Prison Gerrymandering In New York,” [Press Release](#), 8/4/10)

The Legislation Was Passed, “Along With A Provision Postponing The Deadline For Prisons To Report Inmates' Home Addresses From July 1 To September 1. It Was

Introduced As An Amendment To The New York State Revenue Budget Bill In August 2010 -- Four Months After The 2010 Census Count Had Begun In April.” “In 2010, several non-profit groups including The Brennan Center, The Prison Policy Initiative, and Demos rallied against the way prisoners were being counted, calling it ‘prison-based gerrymandering.’ They strongly advocated for a bill (S6725A) sponsored by then-State Senator Eric Schneiderman, a Manhattan Democrat (who went on to become New York Attorney General, a position he resigned from in 2018 amid a domestic abuse scandal). The bill required incarcerated people to be counted based on their home residence and not based on the address of the prison where they are incarcerated. This legislation was passed, along with a provision postponing the deadline for prisons to report inmates’ home addresses from July 1 to September 1. It was introduced as an amendment to the New York State revenue budget bill in August 2010 -- four months after the 2010 Census count had begun in April.” (Ashad Hajela, “2010 Change To How New York Prisoners Are Counted Is Part Of Upcoming Census And Redistricting Puzzle,” [Gotham Gazette](#), 4/16/19)

Jeffries’ Legislation Was Supported By Groups That Are Anti-Police

The Groups That Worked With Jeffries To Pass The Legislation Were Citizen Action Of New York, The New York Civil Liberties Union, Demos, And The Brennan Center For Justice, Among Others. “Earlier this year, a broad-based coalition working with Senator Schneiderman and Assemblymember Jeffries organized to pass this legislation. The coalition is represented by Citizen Action of New York, The Public Policy and Education Fund, The Prison Policy Initiative, New York Civil Liberties Union, Demos, Common Cause, the Brennan Center for Justice, Fortune Society, Bronx Defenders, Praxis Project, Correctional Association of New York, Community Service Society, New York City AIDS Housing Network (NYCAHN), Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, Center for Law & Social Justice, Nu Leadership Policy Group, Prison Families of New York and Exponents.” (The New York State Senate, “Senate Passes Bill To End Prison Gerrymandering In New York,” [Press Release](#), 8/4/10)

For His Prison Gerrymandering Legislation, Jeffries Had The Support Of Citizen Action Of New York, Which Called For Defunding The Police In 2020 And 2021

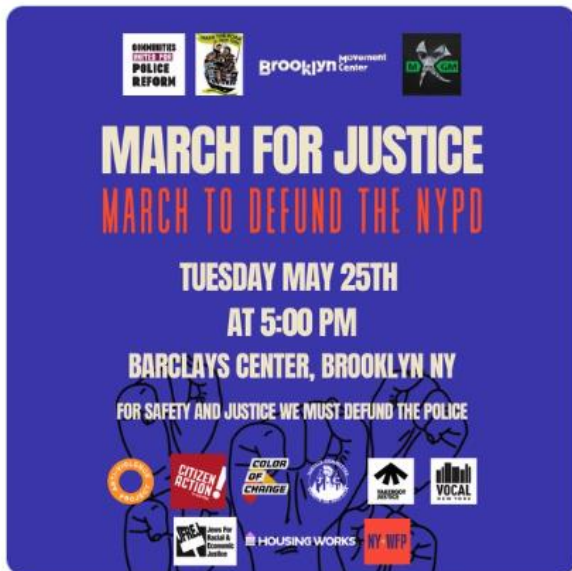
In August 2010, The Executive Director Of Citizen Action Of New York Praised The Passage Of The Prison Gerrymandering Legislation. “For decades incarcerated individuals have been used by politicians as pawns, giving more representation to some and less to others,’ said Karen Scharff, Executive Director of Citizen Action of New York, the convener of the Coalition to End Prison-based Gerrymandering. “The State Senate and Assembly took courageous action today that will mean fairer representation for every New Yorker. Now it is up to Governor Paterson to sign this into law and end the undemocratic, unconstitutional and racist practice of prison-based gerrymandering.” (The New York State Senate, “Senate Passes Bill To End Prison Gerrymandering In New York,” [Press Release](#), 8/4/10)

In 2020 And 2021, Citizen Action Of New York Repeatedly Called For Defunding The Police:

Citizen Action of NY @citizenactionny · May 24, 2021 ...
TOMORROW @ 5pm at the Barclays Center, Brooklyn: March for Justice |
March to #DefundTheNYPD

For safety & justice, we must **DEFUND** the police.

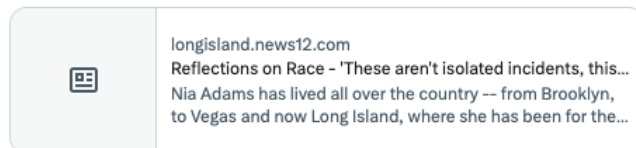
(Our earlier tweet suggesting that we must "defend" was a VERY regrettable typo!)



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Citizen Action of NY @citizenactionny ...

"Ultimately, we need to defund the police. We invest entirely too much money into policing and not enough into the programs help alleviate crime, or what people deem as crime." — Nia Adams, community organizer @LIProgress



(Citizen Action Of NY, [Twitter](#), 5/24/21; Citizen Action Of NY, [Twitter](#), 7/4/20)

Citizen Action of NY @citizenactionny ...

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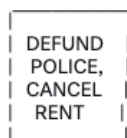


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Gov. Cuomo & Mayor de Blasio's Curfew Doesn't Protect the People
They should use their power instead to reduce the presence of police in our communities.

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(Citizen Action Of NY, [Twitter](#), 6/1/20; Citizen Action Of NY, [Twitter](#), 6/1/20)

For His Prison Gerrymandering Legislation, Jeffries Had The Support Of Citizen Action Of New York, Which Called For Defunding The Police In 2020 And 2021

In August 2010, The Executive Director Of The New York Civil Liberties Union Praised The Passage Of The Prison Gerrymandering Legislation. "We applaud the State Legislature for including in the budget the important provision that will restore the principle of one person, one vote that is fundamental to our democracy," said New York Civil Liberties Union Executive Director

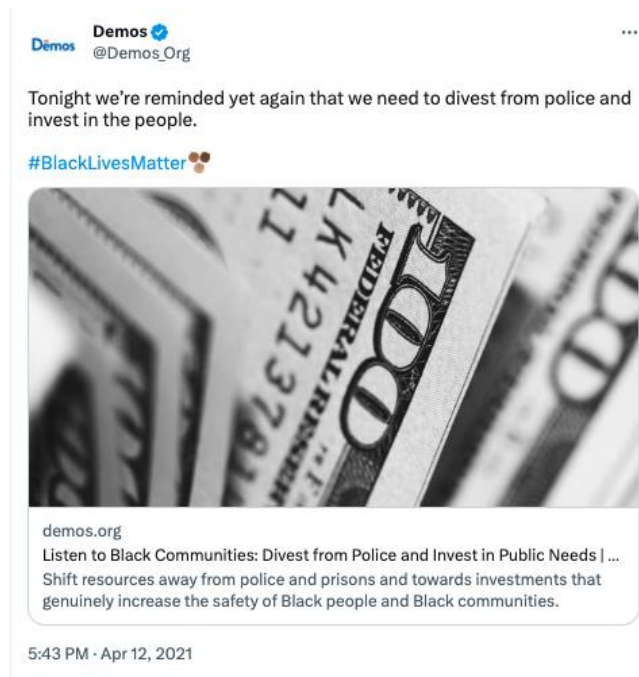
Donna Lieberman. “The strength of your vote shouldn’t depend on if your legislative district contains a prison or not, and the passage of this provision brings fairness to voting in New York.” (The New York State Senate, “Senate Passes Bill To End Prison Gerrymandering In New York,” [Press Release](#), 8/4/10)

The New York Civil Liberties Union Has Repeatedly Called To Defund The Police:



In June 2020, Demos Followed The Black Lives Matter Movement And Called For Dismantling And Defunding Police, Prisons, And Immigration Enforcement. “Following the lead of the Movement for Black Lives, we join the demands for radical transformation of our country, because anything less is unacceptable. First, we must immediately end the war on Black communities by dismantling and defunding state infrastructures of racial violence: police, prisons, immigration enforcement.” (“Uprising,” [Demos](#), 6/15/20)

On April 12, 2021, Demos Advocated For Divesting From Police. “Tonight we’re reminded yet again that we need to divest from police and invest in the people. #BlackLivesMatter” (Demos, [Twitter](#), 4/12/21)



(Demos, [Twitter](#), 4/12/21)

For His Prison Gerrymandering Legislation, Jeffries Had The Support Of The Brennan Center For Justice, Which Supports Abolishing Cash Bail And Eliminating Some Imprisonment

In August 2010, The Executive Director Of The Brennan Center For Justice Praised The Passage Of The Prison Gerrymandering Legislation. “For too long New York legislative districts have been constructed on the backs of ‘ghost voters,’ packing in prisoners who counted towards the district size but who were not permitted to vote. At the same time, the home communities - to which the vast majority of incarcerated people return - were severely under-represented in our government. Today the legislature assured that all communities in New York have equal representation and an equal voice in our government. We urge Governor Paterson to sign this landmark legislation into law,” said Erika Wood of the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law.” (The New York State Senate, “Senate Passes Bill To End Prison Gerrymandering In New York,” [Press Release](#), 8/4/10)

The Brennan Center For Justice Believes That In Order “To Chip Away At Mass Incarceration, We Need To Reform Our Sentencing Laws So That We’re Only Putting Behind Bars People Who Need To Be There.” “Mass incarceration is the civil rights crisis of our time. The United States has less than 5 percent of the world’s population and nearly one-quarter of its prisoners, and the criminal justice system profoundly discriminates against people of color at every juncture. To start to chip away at mass incarceration, we need to reform our sentencing laws so that we’re only putting behind bars people who need to be there.” (“Cutting Jail & Prison Populations,” [Brennan Center For Justice](#), Accessed 8/1/23)

The Brennan Center For Justice Advocates For Ending The Use Of Cash Bail. “But almost half a million people are in city or county jails without having been convicted of any crime. That’s why we also need to end our use of cash bail — which criminalizes poverty and often leaves people behind bars simply because they’re unable to pay — and require that decisions to detain defendants before trial not be grounded on wealth.” (“Cutting Jail & Prison Populations,” [Brennan Center For Justice](#), Accessed 8/1/23)

Solutions

Abolish State Cash Bail

The decision regarding whether a defendant should be jailed while awaiting trial is often based on a defendant’s wealth, not on public safety. This is unjust and does not improve public safety.

Eliminate State Imprisonment for Lower-Level Crimes

Incarceration is expensive and counterproductive. Specifically, today’s sentencing laws should change to provide default sentences that are more proportional to the specific crime committed and in line with social science research, instead of based on conjecture.

Make State Sentences Proportional to Crimes

State prison sentences are also excessively long — and there is little or no relationship between the length of incarceration and recidivism.

Cut State Imprisonment by 40 Percent

Combined, eliminating sentences for low-level offenses and reducing sentences for other crimes would net a 40 percent reduction in incarceration. It would save more than \$180 million over the next decade — equal to the salaries of 270,000 police officers, or 360,000 probation officers.

(“Cutting Jail & Prison Populations,” [Brennan Center For Justice](#), Accessed 8/1/23)

TAX CREDITS FOR EMPLOYERS HIRING PROBATIONERS OR PAROLEES

In June 2011, Jeffries Introduced Legislation To Provide Employers With A Tax Credit If They Hired Someone Who Was On Probation Or Parole

On June 10, 2011, Jeffries Introduced A08284, Which Aimed To Amend The Tax Law And Provide Employers With A Tax Credit If They Hired Someone Who Was On Probation Or Parole. (A08284, [New York State Assembly](#), Introduced 6/10/11)

A08284 Summary:

BILL NO A08284

SAME AS SAME AS [S05710](#)

SPONSOR Jeffries

COSPNSR Aubry, Corwin

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Add S187-s, Tax L

Creates a tax credit for employment of persons on probation or parole.

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(A08284, [New York State Assembly](#), Introduced 6/10/11)

On June 10, 2011, A08284 Was Referred To The Ways And Means Committee. On January 4, 2012, The Legislation Was Once Again Referred To Ways And Means. The Legislation Ultimately “Died” In Committee. (A08284, [New York State Assembly](#), Introduced 6/10/11)

A08284 Actions:

BILL NO A08284

06/10/2011 referred to ways and means

01/04/2012 referred to ways and means

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(A08284, [New York State Assembly](#), Introduced 6/10/11)

NEW YORK STATE DREAM ACT

In April 2011, Jeffries Co-Sponsored A06829, Which Aimed To Establish The New York Dream Act, Providing Non-Residents With Access To State-, City-, Town-, And/Or Village-Funded Financial Aid Programs. “Purpose: To provide access to state, city, town and/or village-funded financial aid programs, including, but not limited to grants, loans and scholarships.”

(A06829, [New York State Assembly](#), Introduced 4/4/11)

A06829 Summary:

BILL NO A06829D

SAME AS SAME AS [S04179-D](#)

SPONSOR Linares (MS)

COSPNR Wright, Rivera P, Meng, Aubry, Castro, Weprin, Jaffee, Jacobs, Jeffries, Brennan, Thiele, Barron, Roberts, Gibson, Camara, Rodriguez, Lavine, Lancman, Ortiz, Farrell, Kavanagh, O'Donnell, Scarborough, Robinson, Benedetto, Moya, Simotas, Rosenthal, Crespo, Boyland, Stevenson, Rivera N, Perry, Maisel, Schimel, Cahill, Rivera J, Ramos, Espinal, Clark, Goldfeder, Titus, Miller M, DenDekker, Arroyo, Kellner

MLTSPNSR Cook, Cymbrowitz, Dinowitz, Gottfried, Heastie, Hooper, Lifton, Lupardo, Miller J, Millman, Nolan, Paulin, Russell

Rpld S661 sub 3, sub 4 b-1 sub (i), sub 5 a & b, amd S5661, 355, 6206, 6305, 6451, 6452, 6455 & 695-e, Ed L

Establishes the New York dream act, providing certain people with access to state-, city-, town-, and/or village-funded financial aid programs.

A06829 Memo:

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY
MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION
submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)

BILL NUMBER: A6829D

SPONSOR: Linares (MS)

TITLE OF BILL: An act to amend the education law, in relation to the New York State dream act; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto

PURPOSE: To provide access to state, city, town and/or village-funded financial aid programs, including, but not limited to grants, loans and scholarships.

(A06829, [New York State Assembly](#), Introduced 4/4/11)

On April 4, 2011, A06829 Was Referred To Governmental Operations. (A06829, [New York State Assembly](#), Introduced 4/4/11)

A06829 Actions:

BILL NO A06829D

04/04/2011 referred to governmental operations
11/30/2011 amend and recommit to governmental operations
11/30/2011 print number 6829a
12/06/2011 amend and recommit to governmental operations
12/06/2011 print number 6829b
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05/04/2012 amend and recommit to governmental operations
05/04/2012 print number 6829c
05/21/2012 amend (t) and recommit to governmental operations
05/21/2012 print number 6829d

(A06829, [New York State Assembly](#), Introduced 4/4/11)

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (NY-08)

BRIDGE-BUILDING WITH PROGRESSIVES

In November 2022, Jeffries Sat Down With Leading House Progressives, Including Several Squad Members Like Pramila Jayapal (D-WA), Who Said Jeffries Was In Good Standing With The Progressive Caucus

Axios Headline: “Scoop: Jeffries’ Progressive Bridge-Building” (Andrew Solender, “Scoop: Jeffries’ Progressive Bridge-Building,” [Axios](#), 11/30/22)

In November 2022, Jeffries Sat Down With Leading House Progressives, Including Three Members Of The “Squad” As He Prepared To Lead The Democratic Caucus.

“Newly elected Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) has been sitting down with leading House progressives, including at least three members of the ‘Squad,’ as he prepares to lead the caucus into the post-Pelosi era, Axios has learned.” (Andrew Solender, “Scoop: Jeffries’ Progressive Bridge-Building,” [Axios](#), 11/30/22)

- **Progressive Caucus Chair Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) Said She Had A “Really Good Conversation” With Jeffries And Encouraged Him To “Sit Down With Some Of The Key Members In The Left Part Of The Caucus To Make Sure He Builds His Own Relationship[s].”** “Driving the news: Progressive Caucus Chair Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.) said she had a ‘really good conversation’ with Jeffries on Tuesday and has encouraged him to ‘sit down with some of the key members in the left part of the caucus to make sure he builds his own relationship[s].” (Andrew Solender, “Scoop: Jeffries’ Progressive Bridge-Building,” [Axios](#), 11/30/22)
 - **Jayapal Indicated Jeffries Was A Member In Good Standing With The Progressive Caucus Because He “Met All The Tests” On Issues Like Medicare For All.** “Remember: Jeffries is in the Progressive Caucus along with his incoming No. 2, Rep. Katherine Clark (D-Mass.). According to Jayapal, he is a member in good standing because he has ‘met all the tests’ on issues like Medicare for All.” (Andrew Solender, “Scoop: Jeffries’ Progressive Bridge-Building,” [Axios](#), 11/30/22)
- **Jeffries Met With Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) For The First Time In His Role As Democratic Leader And She Signaled More Meetings Were To Come.** “What we’re hearing: Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) told Axios she met with Jeffries this month and signaled more to come, calling it their ‘first meeting.’ Asked if Jeffries is someone she can work with, she replied: ‘I think that’s something we’ll learn.’” (Andrew Solender, “Scoop: Jeffries’ Progressive Bridge-Building,” [Axios](#), 11/30/22)
- **Rep. Cori Bush (D-MO) Said She Had “Multiple Meetings” With Jeffries, Saying, “I Just Appreciate Being Approached ... He Acknowledged That, You Know, ‘You’re A Part Of The Caucus Too.’”** “Rep. Cori Bush (D-Mo.), another Squad member, told Axios she’s had ‘multiple meetings’ with Jeffries. ‘I just appreciate being approached,’ Bush said. ‘He acknowledged that, you know, ‘You’re a part of the caucus, too.’” (Andrew Solender, “Scoop: Jeffries’ Progressive Bridge-Building,” [Axios](#), 11/30/22)
- **Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) Said She Had “A Couple” Of Meetings With Jeffries.** “Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) said she’s had ‘a couple’ of meetings with Jeffries, with another planned on Wednesday ‘just to strategize [about] ... how to tackle the work ahead of us in the minority.’” (Andrew Solender, “Scoop: Jeffries’ Progressive Bridge-Building,” [Axios](#), 11/30/22)

Working Families Party

Jeffries Has Personally Contributed To The Working Families Party

Between 2004 And 2011, Jeffries Personally Contributed, Either Through Himself, Or His Assembly Campaign, At Least \$3,175.00 To The Working Families Party. ([New York State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 3/8/23)

NOTE: Jeffries' last known contribution to the Working Families Party was in 2011.

Date	Contributor	Amount	Address	Recipient
10/7/11	Hakeem Jeffries For Assembly	\$1,500.00	35 Underhill Avenue Brooklyn NY 11238 United States	Working Families Party, Inc. - ID# 22031
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([New York State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 3/8/23)

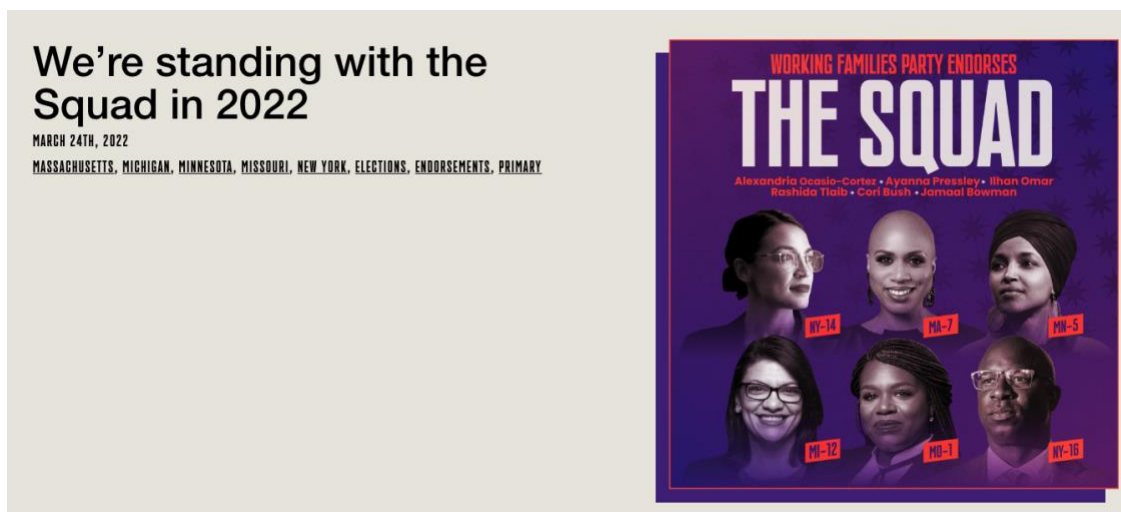
During His 2012 Campaign For Congress, The Working Families Party Endorsed Jeffries And Provided His Campaign With Volunteers

During His 2012 Run For Congress, The Working Families Party Endorsed Jeffries And Provided His Campaign With Volunteers To Assist In Turning Out The Vote. “Jeffries had also received the support of several unions including the Service Employees International Union – 1199, the Transport Workers Union, the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, and the Communication Workers of America. A notable endorsement that provided his campaign with volunteers to assist in turning out the vote came from the Working Families Party, a third party that has been an effective player in city and state elections. According to a campaign report filed with the Federal Election Commission, the Jeffries campaign paid \$57,000 to the Working Families Party to canvass voters on his behalf.” (Sandhya, “How Hakeem Jeffries Did It,” [The Brooklyn Ink](#), 8/2/12)

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In March 2012, Jeffries’ Congressional Campaign Received The Working Families Party Endorsement. “Assemblyman Hakeem Jeffries officially received the endorsement of the politically influential Working Families Party tonight in his primary campaign against the incumbent Congressman Ed Towns. Although it was expected Mr. Jeffries would receive the nod, the WFP doesn’t often back primary challenges against sitting Democratic Representatives and the endorsement is notable. ‘Now more than ever, we need progressive champions like Hakeem Jeffries who will stand up for working class, middle class and poor people,’ Dan Cantor, the executive director of the party, announced in a statement.” (Colin Campbell, “Hakeem Jeffries Officially Nabs Working Families Party Nod,” [Observer](#), 3/21/12)

The Working Families Party Supports “The Squad,” Which Includes Members Like Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Who Was Backed By The Democratic Socialists Of America



(“We’re Standing With The Squad In 2022,” [Working Families Party](#), 3/24/22)

The Working Families Party, An Influential, Labor-Backed Organization That Has Helped Push Democrats To The Left Has Aligned Itself With The Movement That Spawned Rep. Ocasio-Cortez. “The Working Families Party, an influential, labor-backed organization that has helped push Democrats to the left, is moving toward a new identity: It wants to align itself with the movement that spawned Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. The shift comes amid recent internal debate between the labor unions that helped found the W.F.P. in the late 1990s and the party’s more progressive faction — fissures that have caused key unions to withdraw their support for the party in New York. Rather than try to repair those relationships, party leaders are moving further to the left, seeking to strengthen its alliance with groups like the Democratic Socialists of America, an early backer of Ms. Ocasio-Cortez’s congressional campaign in 2018.” (Jeffrey C. Mays, “A Political Party Aligns Itself With Ocasio-Cortez,” [The New York Times](#), 12/9/19)

- **The Democratic Socialists Of America (DSA) Were An Early Backer Of Ocasio-Cortez During Her 2018 Campaign.** “Rather than try to repair those relationships, party leaders are moving further to the left, seeking to strengthen its alliance with groups like the Democratic Socialists of America, an early backer of Ms. Ocasio-Cortez’s congressional campaign in 2018.” (Jeffrey C. Mays, “A Political Party Aligns Itself With Ocasio-Cortez,” [The New York Times](#), 12/9/19)
- **The Democratic Socialists Of America Call Ocasio-Cortez Their “Foremost Socialist Superstar.”** “Bronx Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, best known as AOC, is DSA’s foremost socialist superstar. Her June 2018 primary win—a 29-year-old taqueria bartender defeating the third most powerful Democrat in the U.S. House of Representatives—inspired up to 10,000 people to join DSA. The Netflix documentary Knock Down the House details her life story leading up to that victory. Since then, her influence has only grown. Earnest, fun, relatable, and fierce, she became one of Congress’ best known members overnight, and used the attention to pull the national conversation leftward. In October 2019, her endorsement revived Bernie Sanders’ campaign following his heart attack.” (Don McIntosh, “Talking Socialism | Catching Up With AOC,” Democratic Socialists Of America’s [Democratic Left Blog](#), 3/19/21)

The Working Families Party Has Advocated For Defunding The Police And Supports Candidates Who Want To End Cash Bail

The Working Families Party Has Frequently Advocated For Defunding The Police:



(Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 5/31/20; Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 9/23/20)



(Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 7/30/20)

On September 14, 2022, The Working Families Party Endorsed Megan Green For St. Louis Board Of Alderman President, And Noted Her Support For Eliminating Cash Bail. “NEW: We're endorsing @MeganEllyia for St. Louis Board of Alderman President. Megan is running on a platform that includes addressing the housing affordability crisis and public transit, reducing homelessness, ending the war on drugs, & eliminating the predatory cash bail system.” (Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 9/14/22)



(Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 9/14/22)

On August 23, 2022, The Working Families Party Highlighted Florida Attorney General Candidate Aramis Ayala’s Efforts To Launch A Bail Fund And Refusing To Seek The Death Penalty. “BREAKING: @AramisAyalaFL has won her primary election for Attorney General in Florida. She has spent her career addressing the deep inequalities in our criminal legal system. She led efforts to launch a bail fund and gained notoriety for refusing to seek the death penalty.” (Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 8/23/22)



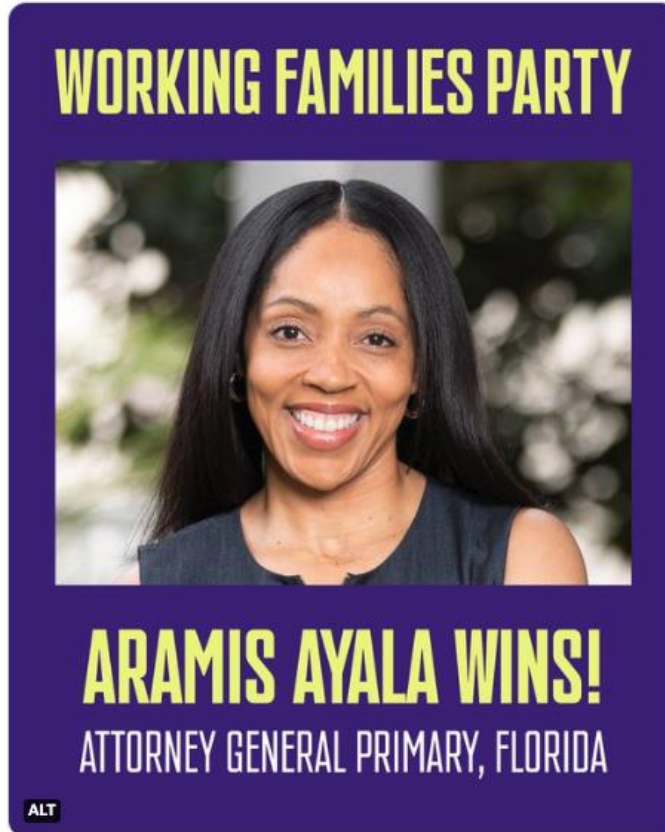
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(Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 8/23/22)

On July 13, 2019, The Working Families Party Highlighted A Clip Of Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) Supporting An End To Cash Bail. “.@ewarren on ending cash bail #NN19”
(Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 7/13/19)



(Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 7/13/19)

In May 2021, The Working Families Party And Others Condemned Israel In The Wake Of The Country’s Bombing Of Gaza And Demanded That The United States Condition Its Military Aid

In May 2021, Progressive Groups, Including The Working Families Party, Released A Statement Condemning Israel’s Bombing Of Gaza. “Major progressive groups aligned with Democrats are siding squarely with the Palestinians over Israel in the current conflict, denouncing Israeli actions in harsh terms and prodding President Biden to force the U.S. ally to stop its campaign against Hamas. On Friday, 140 progressive groups, including Justice Democrats, Sunrise Movement, MoveOn and the Working Families Party, released a joint statement condemning Israel's bombing of Gaza. ‘We are horrified by Israel’s use of disproportionate and deadly force against Palestinians in Gaza which have already resulted in the killings of dozens of Palestinians, including children,’ they said in the statement.” (Morgan Phillips, “Democrat-Leaning Progressive Groups Line Up With Palestine And Against Israel As Conflict Rages,” [Fox News](#), 5/20/21)

- **In A May 13, 2021 Tweet, The Working Families Party Demanded That The United States Should “Be Conditioning Its Military Aid To Israel ...”** “At this moment, the United States should be conditioning its military aid to Israel, instead of blocking and silencing de-escalation efforts by the international community as they have done repeatedly at the UN Security Council in the past two days. 2/” (Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 5/13/21)



(Working Families Party, [Twitter](#), 5/13/21)

According To *Jewish Currents Magazine*, The Working Families Party Was One Of The Four Organizations That Were Most Active In Defending Candidates Who Supported Palestinian Rights In 2022. “Progressives could have matched AIPAC’s relatively modest expenditure, but they did not. Of the four organizations that have been most active this year in defending candidates who support Palestinian rights—J Street, the Working Families Party (WFP), Justice Democrats, and the Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC)—only WFP backed Niou. It spent \$150,000. Niou lost by just over two percentage points. The race in New York 10 illustrates a problem that gets less attention than the financial largesse of groups that unconditionally back Israel: The lack of coordination among groups that don’t. The story of the 2022 midterms isn’t only that AIPAC and its allies swamped pro-Palestinian candidates with their spending. It’s that the progressive groups that might have shielded those candidates were too divided to do so. Unless those groups become more strategic, Congress will likely grow even more hostile to Palestinian rights in the years to come. And because candidates who support Palestinian rights tend to be the most stalwart defenders of economic, racial, and environmental justice, their absence will make the Democratic Party in Congress less progressive overall.” (Peter Beinart, “Progressive Groups Need A New Approach To Fighting AIPAC,” [Jewish Currents Magazine](#), 10/31/22)

Defending Anti-Semitic Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN)

In February 2023, Jeffries Defended Omar, Calling Her Removal From The Foreign Affairs Committee “Political Revenge” While Also Acknowledging That She “Has Used Antisemitic Tropes” In The Past

Washington Examiner headline: “Jeffries Defends ‘Imperfect’ Omar But Acknowledges Lawmaker’s ‘Antisemitic Tropes’” (Virginia Aabram, “Jeffries Defends ‘Imperfect’ Omar But Acknowledges Lawmaker’s ‘Antisemitic Tropes,’” [Washington Examiner](#), 2/2/23)

On February 2, 2023, Jeffries Lashed Out At GOP Leaders Over Their Decision To Remove Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) From The Foreign Affairs Committee. “House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) lashed out at GOP leaders on Thursday over their decision to boot Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) from the Foreign Affairs Committee, accusing the Republicans of adopting a double standard by ignoring antisemitism in their own ranks. Jeffries pointed to comments from several House Republicans that compared President Biden to Hitler, questioned the loyalty of an American-based Israeli lobbying group and joked about the recent attack on the husband of former Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.).” (Mike Ellis, “Democratic Leader Bashes GOP’s ‘Political Revenge’ Omar Vote,” [The Hill](#), 2/2/23)

Jeffries Argued That Removing Omar From The Foreign Affairs Committee Was “About Political Revenge,” Saying “Is Ilhan Omar Perfect? No, None Of Us Are.” “While stressing that it is his ‘heartfelt belief that Israel has a right to exist as a Jewish and democratic state,’ Jeffries continued that ‘what’s going to take place on the floor today is not a public policy debate. It’s not about accountability. It’s about political revenge.’ ‘She has indicated that she will learn from her mistakes and is working to build bridges. We believe in building bridges with a diverse community, including leaders right here in the United States Congress. Is Ilhan Omar perfect? No, none of us are,’ he added.” (Virginia Aabram, “Jeffries Defends ‘Imperfect’ Omar But Acknowledges Lawmaker’s ‘Antisemitic Tropes,’” [Washington Examiner](#), 2/2/23)

Jeffries Defended Omar, Calling Her Past Antisemitic Remarks “Mistakes” And Said The House Democratic Conference Has Dealt With Omar And Her Prior Comments. “Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) defended Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) while acknowledging her past antisemitic ‘mistakes’ as the House prepared to vote on removing her from the Foreign Affairs Committee on Thursday. Jeffries said the House Democratic conference dealt with Omar’s past antisemitic statements while calling out inflammatory tweets from Republicans at a press conference Thursday morning.” (Virginia Aabram, “Jeffries Defends ‘Imperfect’ Omar But Acknowledges Lawmaker’s ‘Antisemitic Tropes,’” [Washington Examiner](#), 2/2/23)

- **NOTE: Jeffries Admitted That Omar “Has Used Antisemitic Tropes.”** “Jeffries made no attempt to whitewash Omar’s comments, saying ‘she has used antisemitic tropes.’ ‘Rep. Omar certainly has made mistakes,’ he said. But he also emphasized how Democrats, including Omar, responded to the ‘Benjamins’ episode four years ago, contrasting it with the inaction from McCarthy and other GOP leaders to similarly offensive remarks from Republican members.” (Mike Ellis, “Democratic Leader Bashes GOP’s ‘Political Revenge’ Omar Vote,” [The Hill](#), 2/2/23)
- **“Rep. Omar Certainly Has Made Mistakes. She Has Used Antisemitic Tropes That Were Clearly And Unequivocally Condemned By House Democrats When It Took Place Four Years Ago,’ Jeffries Said.”** (Virginia Aabram, “Jeffries Defends ‘Imperfect’ Omar But Acknowledges Lawmaker’s ‘Antisemitic Tropes,’” [Washington Examiner](#), 2/2/23)

Omar’s Previous Comments Have Been Deemed Antisemitic By Members Of Both Parties. “Omar, a Somali refugee and one of just three Muslims in Congress, had come under fire several years ago for a series of comments deemed antisemitic by members of both parties, and Republicans wasted no time using their new majority to push a resolution kicking her off of the Foreign Affairs panel.” (Mike Ellis, “Democratic Leader Bashes GOP’s ‘Political Revenge’ Omar Vote,” [The Hill](#), 2/2/23)

In 2019, Jeffries Was Asked About Omar’s Antisemitic Comments, To Which He Replied, “We Want To Bring People Together. There Are Folks In This Town Who Want To Tear Folks Apart”

In 2019, Jeffries Was Among The Democratic Leaders Who Defended Omar As She Faced Scrutiny Over Their Antisemitic And Anti-Israel Statements. “Jeffries made history as the first Black lawmaker to lead a party in either chamber of Congress, with Jewish Democrats lauding his appointment amid the transition to a Republican majority in the House. ‘It’s a historic day,’ President and CEO of Democratic Majority for Israel Mark Mellman said in a statement, calling Jeffries ‘a strong and effective fighter for the Democratic agenda and a staunch supporter of the critical relationship between the United States and Israel.’ Yet in January 2019, Jeffries was among the Democratic leaders in the House who defended Reps. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) and Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) as they faced scrutiny over their antisemitic and anti-Israel statements.” (Bradley Martin, “With Congress Finally Sworn In, What’s In Store For US Jews And Israel?” [Israel Hayom](#), 1/10/23)

- **At A Press Conference Meant To Discuss A Voting Rights And Ethics Reform Bill, Jeffries Was Peppered With Questions From Reporters About Omar’s Antisemitic Comments.** “Representative Hakeem Jeffries, an unflappable Brooklynite tasked with keeping the fractious House Democratic caucus on message, wanted to spend Wednesday talking up the party’s all-in-one voting rights and ethics reform bill making its way to a vote this week. Instead Mr. Jeffries, a top lieutenant of Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s, stood uncomfortably in front of a specially printed ‘For the People’ placard, sideswiped by a single anti-Israel comment from a freshman representative from Minnesota, Ilhan Omar — and peppered by reporters’ questions about how Ms. Pelosi planned to punish the newcomer without provoking a civil war. ... On Wednesday, it fell on Mr. Jeffries to reset the conversation. ‘We are going to continue to proceed with a focus on our agenda,’ he told reporters. ‘Nothing good is accomplished by being distracted by issues that divide the nation. We want to bring people together. There are folks in this town who want to tear folks apart.’” (Glenn Thrush and Sheryl Gay Stolberg, “Ilhan Omar Controversy Caps A Month Of Stumbles For Democratic Leaders,” [The New York Times](#), 3/6/19)
- **In An Effort To Reset The Conversation, Jeffries Said “Nothing Good Is Accomplished By Being Distracted By Issues That Divide The Nation. We Want To Bring People Together. There Are Folks In This Town Who Want To Tear Folks Apart.”** “On Wednesday, it fell on Mr. Jeffries to reset the conversation. ‘We are going to continue to proceed with a focus on our agenda,’ he told reporters. ‘Nothing good is accomplished by being distracted by issues that divide the nation. We want to bring people together. There are folks in this town who want to tear folks apart.’” (Glenn Thrush and Sheryl Gay Stolberg, “Ilhan Omar Controversy Caps A Month Of Stumbles For Democratic Leaders,” [The New York Times](#), 3/6/19)

Jeffries’ Defense Of Louis Farrakhan

In A February 21, 1993 Column Featured In Binghamton University’s Black Student Union Publication, *Vanguard*, Jeffries Defended Minister Louis Farrakhan, Noting That He Has “Come Under Intense Fire.” “Dr. Leonard Jeffries and Minister Louis Farrakhan have come under intense fire. Where do you think their interests lie? Dr. Jeffries has challenged the existing white supremacist educational system and the longstanding distortion of history. His reward has been a media lynching complete with character assassinations and inflammatory erroneous accusations.” (Hakeem Jeffries, Op-Ed, “The Black Conservative Phenomenon,” Binghamton University Black Student Union’s [Vanguard](#), 2/21/93)

-White Media-

Perhaps the most frightening aspect of the rise of Black conservatives is that of their popular acceptance by the predominately white media. Clarence Thomas, Colin Powell, and Shelby Steele are hailed as our leaders and pointed to as examples for us to follow. I find it suspect when the white power structure and their propaganda emissaries, the media, tell us who our leaders should be. Do you think that a ruling elite would promote individuals who would seek to dismantle their vice-like grip on power? Of course not.

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Clarence Thomas was appointed by George Bush to the highest court in the nation. Colin Powell was appointed by George Bush to lead the military establishment "policemen of the Wall Street Bankers", in the words of Cesar Augusto Sandino. Where do you think their interests lie?

(Hakeem Jeffries, Op-Ed, "The Black Conservative Phenomenon," Binghamton University Black Student Union's [Vanguard](#), 2/21/93)

ANTI-POLICE VOTES & STATEMENTS

VIDEO: On June 27, 2020, Jeffries Explained How He Prepared His Son For If He Was Arrested While Protesting. During The Conversation, Jeffries Recalled Instructing His Son Not To Sign Any Documents, Because "Under The Law, The Police Can Lie, And They Do It Often." JEFFRIES: "And then if you're in custody, just ask to make a phone call to your parents. Don't sign anything. Even if they represent to you that by signing something, it's all going to be okay. Because under the law, the police can lie, and they do it often. Just ask the Central Park Five who were asked to sign, or were presented with, false confessions for a crime they did not commit."

(Hakeem Jeffries, [Conversation With The Union County Fatherhood Initiative Coalition](#), 6/27/20) Minute 10:16 – 10:48

VIDEO: Jeffries In March 2021: "... Nobody Can Deny If You're Paying Attention, Even A Little Bit, That There Are Too Many Bad Apples And Those Bad Apples Are Rarely, If Ever, Held Accountable." JEFFRIES: "But nobody can deny if you're paying attention, even a little bit, that there are too many bad apples and those bad apples are rarely, if ever, held accountable. And so, it affects policing. And many of those bad apples approach their job with a warrior mentality, and so if you have that approach, you view Black and Latino individuals you're policing far too often as enemy combatants." (Hakeem Jeffries, [Virtual Remarks Before John Jay College On Criminal Justice Reform](#), 3/1/21) Minute 31:38 – 32:03

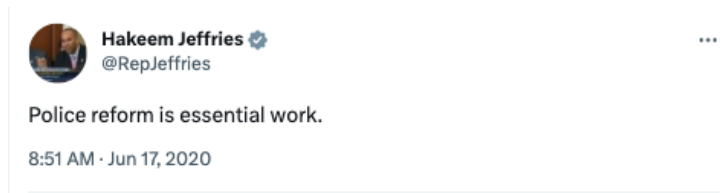
VIDEO: During A May 19, 2015 House Judiciary Committee Hearing, Jeffries Noted The Phrase The "Blue Wall Of Silence," Explaining That "When An Officer Crosses The Line, The Ethic Is Not To Cooperate Or Participate Or Speak On What A Bad Apple Officer Has Done." JEFFRIES: "Now, it was mentioned that there's a cooperation issue in the Black-on-Black violence context. I don't think I've heard the phrase mentioned, 'blue wall of silence' here, so if we're going to have a conversation about cooperation, when someone crosses the line, seems to me to make sense that we also have to deal with what may be another 'elephant in the room,' to use your term, Sheriff Clark, the 'blue wall of silence' that the overwhelming majority of officers are good officers, but what often occurs is that when an officer crosses the line, the ethic is not to cooperate or participate or speak on what a bad apple officer has done." (Hakeem Jeffries, [House Judiciary Committee Hearing On Police Reform](#), Washington, DC 5/19/15) Minute 2:49 – 3:31

VIDEO: During His Opening Remarks On June 12, 2015, Jeffries Expressed His Intentions To Share Some Thoughts On “Overly Aggressive Policing And Our Criminal Justice System ...” JEFFRIES: “Good morning, everyone. And first, let me thank Mark for his leadership, for his tremendous involvement with ACS, and for that very generous introduction. It’s an honor and a privilege to be here at this wonderful conference; this gathering of such brilliant and thoughtful and caring jurists, and attorneys, and law students, and professors, and people who are involved in the public square trying to make America the best that it can be. Now, it’s my understanding that I’m here to give opening remarks in advance of what will be a phenomenal panel moderated by Chris, and so my job, really, is just to set the table, I think, and then get out of the way. And so I say to you what the iconic Elizabeth Taylor said to each of her eight husbands: I won’t keep you long. But I did want to just share a few thoughts on phenomenon of overly aggressive policing and our criminal justice system and how we might move forward.” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Remarks At The American Constitution Society For Law And Policy](#), Washington, DC, 6/12/15) Minute 3:47 – 5:06

- **VIDEO: Jeffries: “No One Can Look At The Events Of The Last Year And Conclude That We Don’t Have An Issue With The Excessive Use Of Police Force.”** JEFFRIES: “Which brings me to my second point that I think we’ve got to address, which is the excessive use of force far too often directed at unarmed African American men. Now again, police officers, the overwhelming majority of them, I believe, are hardworking individuals who are there to protect and to serve. But no one can reasonably look at the events of the last year – which just represent what has been taking place in many communities across America for decades, but are being brought to life in a vivid fashion now because of the miracle of modern technology – no one can look at the events of the last year and conclude that we don’t have an issue with the excessive use of police force.” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Remarks At The American Constitution Society For Law And Policy](#), Washington, DC, 6/12/15) Minute 15:23 – 16:25
- **VIDEO: Jeffries: “There’s Something Deeper That Appears To Be Taking Place As To Why Some Police Officers Feel The Need To Use That Level Of Force, Particularly When The Subject Is Of A Certain Race And A Certain Gender.”** (Hakeem Jeffries, [Remarks At The American Constitution Society For Law And Policy](#), Washington, DC, 6/12/15) Minute 17:14 – 17:33
- **VIDEO: Jeffries: “... When A Police Officer Crosses The Line, Far Too Often, The Criminal Justice System Fails To Hold Them Accountable.”** JEFFRIES: “And the last thing that I would suggest we’ve got to deal with is the fact that when a police officer crosses the line, far too often, the criminal justice system fails to hold them accountable. And we’ve got some actors in the criminal justice system, perhaps because of the close relationship between the prosecutor and law enforcement who seem unable to fairly and comprehensively present a case before a Grand Jury that could allow justice to be done.” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Remarks At The American Constitution Society For Law And Policy](#), Washington, DC, 6/12/15) Minute 17:45 – 18:30

VIDEO: In A May 14, 2015 Interview On CSPAN, Jeffries Said There Was A “Rising Concern With The Crisis Of Police Violence,” And “It Is Clear That We’ve Got A Problem With The Use Of Excessive Force That Has To Be Dealt With ...” JEFFRIES: “There is just a rising concern with the crisis of police violence. Now, the overwhelming majority of police officers in New York City and beyond are hardworking individuals who are there to protect and serve. And we want to continue to support those police officers and what they do, their sacrifice and their service. But it is clear that we’ve got a problem with police use of excessive force that has to be dealt with if we want to bring to life the constitutional promise of equal protection under the law for everyone.” (Hakeem Jeffries, CSPAN’s [Washington Journal](#), Washington, DC 5/14/15) Minute 0:30 – 0:57

Jeffries At The Height Of The Pandemic In 2020: “Police Reform Is Essential Work.” “Police reform is essential work.” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 6/17/20)



(Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 6/17/20)

NOTE: *Jeffries’ comments came as Congress was considering police reform legislation.* (Emily Cochrane and Michael Crowley, “Republicans Signal Narrow Policing Overhaul As Trump Signs Limited Order,” [New York Times](#), 6/16/20)

Celebrating Anti-Police Elected Officials

Jeffries Has Praised New York State Sen. Jamaal Bailey, Who Sponsored The Bill To Repeal 50-A, Which Shielded Police Disciplinary Records From Public Scrutiny

On June 28, 2020, Jeffries Highlighted New York State Senator Jamaal Bailey As A “Rising Star” And Said He “Led The Charge On Historic Police Reform.” “NYS Senator @JamaalTBailey is a rising star. He just led the charge on historic police reform. Shout out to him for sharing this inspirational video with words of wisdom from his 5-year old daughter. ‘If you don’t win, then you still win.’ #SundaySermon” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 6/28/20)



(Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 6/28/20)

State Sen. Bailey Sponsored Full-Scale Repeal Legislation That Required Law Enforcement Agencies To Turn Over The Disciplinary Records Of Police Officers When They Were Requested Under The State’s Freedom Of Information Law (FOIL). “The legislation, sponsored by Bronx State Senator Jamaal Bailey and Manhattan Assemblymember Dan O’Donnell, is largely the full scale repeal that police reform advocates were demanding. It requires law enforcement agencies to turn over the disciplinary records of police officers when they are requested under the state’s Freedom of Information Law, and prevents any personal information like home addresses from being disclosed (something that the state’s FOIL law already prohibited, but which

O'Donnell described as ‘an extra layer of protection.’)” (Christopher Robbins, “New York State Legislature Votes To Repeal Law 50-A That Shields Police From Scrutiny,” [Gothamist](#), 6/9/20)

- **Agencies Like The NYPD Were Already Disclosing Disciplinary Information Voluntarily, Until Mayor Bill De Blasio’s Administration Stopped It, And Then Fought To Maintain Secrecy Of Those Records.** “Agencies like the NYPD were already disclosing some of this disciplinary information voluntarily, until the administration of Mayor Bill de Blasio abruptly stopped, and then fought in court to maintain the secrecy of those records. 50-A is why the public was not able to learn that Officer Daniel Pantaleo, who fatally choked Eric Garner in 2014, had an abysmal record of misconduct.” (Christopher Robbins, “New York State Legislature Votes To Repeal Law 50-A That Shields Police From Scrutiny,” [Gothamist](#), 6/9/20)

By June 9, 2020, Both Houses Of The State Legislature Had Passed Legislation To Repeal 50-A. Then-Governor Andrew Cuomo Expressed His Intent To Sign The Bill Into Law. “Both houses of the New York State Legislature have passed a bill to repeal New York Civil Rights Law section 50-A, which has shielded police disciplinary records from the public for 44 years. The bill is part of a package of modest police reforms that have stalled for years, but were imbued with a new sense of urgency over the past few weeks following the police killing of George Floyd and the massive protests against racist police violence that have roiled New York City. Governor Andrew Cuomo has said he would sign any bill the legislature passed on 50-A reform, and the bill is written to take effect ‘immediately.’” (Christopher Robbins, “New York State Legislature Votes To Repeal Law 50-A That Shields Police From Scrutiny,” [Gothamist](#), 6/9/20)

On June 12, 2020, Gov. Cuomo Signed The Repeal Of 50-A Into Law, A Measure That Allowed Law Enforcement To Shield Police Misconduct Records From The Public. “On Friday, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the repeal of 50-a into law, the bill that passed the legislature on Tuesday which up until now has allowed law enforcement to shield police misconduct records from the public. These disciplinary records will now be publicly disclosed, increasing systemic accountability through transparency and taking New York one step forward to addressing police violence in our communities.” (“In A Historic Victory, Governor Cuomo Signs Repeal Of 50-A Into Law,” [Innocence Project](#), 6/12/20)

Condemning Calls To Defund The Police

On March 3, 2021, Jeffries Voted Against A Motion To Recommit That Condemned Calls To “Defund,” “Disband,” “Dismantle,” Or “Abolish” The Police. “Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Madam Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit. The Clerk read as follows: Ms. Malliotakis moves to recommit the bill H.R. 1280 to the Committee on the Judiciary. The material previously referred to by Ms. Malliotakis is as follows: Add, at the end of the bill, the following (and conform the table of contents): SEC. 503. SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. It is the sense of the House of Representatives that the House-- (1) recognizes and appreciates the dedication and devotion demonstrated by the men and women of law enforcement who keep our communities and our nation safe; and (2) condemns calls to ‘defund’, ‘disband’, ‘dismantle’, or ‘abolish’ the police. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit. The question is on the motion to recommit. The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.” (H.R. 1280, [Roll Call Vote #59](#): Failed 208-219; R 208-0; D 0-219; 3/3/21, Jeffries Voted Nay; [Congressional Record](#), 3/3/21, p. H1069)

Thin Blue Line Act

On May 18, 2017, Jeffries Voted Against The Thin Blue Line Act, Which Sought To Add The Murder Of Local And State Police Officers As An Aggravating Factor For A Jury To Consider When Deciding On The Death Penalty For A Defendant. “Passage of the bill that would require courts and juries to consider if a defendant killed or attempted to kill a state law enforcement officer, local law enforcement officer or first responder as an aggravating factor when

determining whether to impose the death sentence on a defendant.” (H.R. 115, [Roll Call Vote #265](#), Passed 271-143; R: 223-4, D: 48-139, 5/18/17, Jeffries Voted Nay; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 8/12/21)

Probation Officer Protection Act

On May 19, 2017, Jeffries Voted Against The Probation Officer Protection Act Of 2017, Which Authorized Probation Officers To Arrest An Individual Without A Warrant If There Was Probable Cause That The Individual Assaulted Or Impeded The Officer.

“Passage of the bill that would authorize probation officers, during the course of their official duties, to arrest an individual without a warrant if there is probable cause that the individual has assaulted or impeded the officer. It would require the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to issue rules and regulations governing probation officers’ use of expanded arrest authority.” (H.R. 1039, [Roll Call Vote #268](#): Passed 229-177; R: 192-33, D: 37-144, 5/19/17, Jeffries Voted Nay; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 8/12/21)

Transferring Military Surplus Equipment To Law Enforcement

On September 23, 2021, Jeffries Voted For Restricting The Department Of Defense From Transferring Certain Military Equipment To Federal, State, Or Local Law Enforcement Agencies.

“Amendment no. 36 that would restrict the Defense Department from transferring certain surplus military equipment, including controlled firearms, ammunition, grenade launchers, explosives, certain vehicles, weaponized drones and long-range acoustic devices, to federal, state or local law enforcement agencies.” (H.R. 4350, [Roll Call Vote #281](#): Failed 198-231; R 2-209, D 196-22, 9/23/21, Jeffries Voted Yea; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 9/23/21)

VIDEO: In A March 5, 2023 Interview With CNN, Jeffries Said The Democratic Party Had A Vision Of “Banning Weapons Of War On Our Streets ...” CNN’s DANA BASH: “Do you think that part of this is the White House and some of those Senate Democrats you were talking about who are worried about tough re-election campaigns being worried about Democrats portrayed as soft on crime?” JEFFRIES: “No, I actually think we have a strong record on the issue. We passed gun safety legislation over the objections of the NRA for the first time in 30 years. That will save lives. We have to do more, we certainly have a vision for doing more. For banning weapons of war on our streets, for enacting universal criminal background check legislation, for investing in dealing with mental illness, as our gun safety legislation will do to the tune of \$500 million dollars, and so I think we can lean into this issue moving forward based on substance.” Aileen Graef and Paul LeBlanc, “Hakeem Jeffries Declines To Criticize Biden Over DC Crime Law,” [CNN](#), 3/5/23) Minute 5:05 – 5:49

VIDEO: During A December 4, 2014 Interview, Jeffries Called For Re-Evaluating The Military Surplus Program That Transfers Certain Military Equipment To Law Enforcement Agencies, Saying What Was Seen In Ferguson, MO Was “An Aggressive Military-Like Response On American Soil ...” JEFFRIES: “The other area where I think we can move forward is to reevaluate the militarization of local police departments. There was a vote in July of this year, an amendment put forward by Representative Alan Grayson to roll back this, sort of, military surplus program.” REPORTER: “Right.” JEFFRIES: “I voted against that amendment at the time, believing that military surplus equipment in a post-9/11 environment for New York City, which had experienced the horrors of 9/11, was a useful thing. But I think we’ve all got to reevaluate that program at this instance, because what we saw in Ferguson was an aggressive military-like response on American soil, and that was unfortunate.” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Interview With CSPAN’s The Washington Journal](#), Washington, DC, 12/4/14) Minute 23:52 – 24:31

MASS INCARCERATION/REDUCING PRISON POPULATIONS

On June 29, 2020, Jeffries Called For Ending Mass Incarceration And Defunding The Prison Industrial Complex. “End. Mass. Incarceration. Defund The Prison Industrial Complex.” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 6/29/20)



(Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 6/29/20)

VIDEO: During A March 1, 2021 Conversation At John Jay College, Jeffries Said Mass Incarceration Was “A Stain On Our Democracy And We Must Dismantle This System ...” JEFFRIES: “One of the ways in which that systemic racism has had such devastating impact is on the criminal justice system. The rise of mass incarceration really first took place when Nixon declared drug abuse public enemy number one in 1971. Extemporaneous documents show that was a war on the Black and Latino community by design. That’s what the documents from that era make clear. And at that time when Richard Nixon launched the failed the war on drugs, there were less than 300,000 people incarcerated in America. Today, 2.3 million – disproportionately Black and Latino. Many of those who have been incarcerated non-violent drug offenders. We incarcerate more people in America than any other country in the world, including China and Russia combined, on a per capita basis. It’s a stain on our Democracy and we must dismantle this system and anchor it in the principals of liberty and justice for all.” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Virtual Remarks Before John Jay College On Criminal Justice Reform](#), 3/1/21) Minute 4:36 – 5:51

- **VIDEO: During A June 3, 2018 Interview On CNN’s The Van Jones Show, Jeffries Called The Fact That The US Incarcerates More People Than Any Other Country “A Stain On Our Democracy.”** JEFFRIES: “When the war on drugs started in 1971 there were less than 350,000 people incarcerated in America. Today, there are approximately 2.2 million, disproportionately Black and Latino. So, we incarcerate more people than any other country in the world. It’s a stain on our democracy.” (CNN’s [“The Van Jones Show,”](#) 6/3/18) Minute 2:03 – 2:20
- **VIDEO: In A May 23, 2018 Interview On CNN, Jeffries Said There Was “An Over-Criminalization Problem In America,” And The Amount Of People In Prison As A Result Of The War On Drugs Was “A Stain On Our Democracy.”** JEFFRIES: “All of us are united behind the issue that we have an over-criminalization problem in America. We incarcerate more people in this country than any other nation in the world. And when the failed war on drugs began in the early 1970’s, there were less than 350,000 people incarcerated in America. Today, there are more than 2.2 million. That’s a stain on our democracy.” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 5/23/18) Minute 0:25 – 0:49
 - **Jeffries Shared The Video On Twitter And Captioned It: “We Will Systematically Dismantle America's Prison Industrial Complex. Today. Tomorrow. Until It's Gone Forever.”** “We will systematically dismantle America's Prison Industrial Complex. Today. Tomorrow. Until it's gone forever. #FIRSTSTEPAct” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 5/23/18)



(Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 5/23/18)

VIDEO: In June 2018, Jeffries Advocated For Sentencing Reform, Reducing Mandatory Minimums, And “Dramatically Increasing The Discretion Available To Judges ...” As To Not See Them Hand Down Harsh Sentences. CNN’s VAN JONES: “So, what do you say to those people who say, ‘listen that all sounds great. But all you’re talking about is helping the people who are already in prison maybe do a little bit better and get out. But we got to stop people from going in in the first place. We need to change the sentences.’ What do you say to those people? Because they were mad.” JEFFRIES: “Well, that’s absolutely correct in terms of criminal justice reform front end, sentencing reform is absolutely necessary, reducing mandatory minimums, dramatically increasing the discretion available to judges so we don’t see these out of control sentences. Prison reform has always been a part of that equation.” (CNN’s “[The Van Jones Show](#),” 6/3/18) Minute 3:55 – 4:26

VIDEO: During An April 30, 2018 Interview With Rev. Al Sharpton, Jeffries Advocated For Chipping Away At The “Mass Incarceration Epidemic” Until “We Can Unravel The Whole System” And “Finally Break The Back Of The Prison Industrial Complex.” REV. AL SHARPTON: “Now, there are those that say, ACLU and others, the bill doesn’t go far enough. But you’re saying you need to start somewhere, because, frankly, since the Obama administration, which had began moving concretely in these areas, we haven’t been able to get on home plate, less known to first base. So, is that your approach? I hear the critics, but we’ve got to start somewhere because people are being locked up or maintained in lockup while we’re having these kind of beltway debates or academic debates.” JEFFRIES: “Absolutely. The mass incarceration epidemic began with Nixon’s war on drugs in 1971 and has proceeded unabated largely for 45+ years. You’re not going to reverse it with just a wave of one legislative magic wand. We have to continue to chip at it aggressively until we can unravel the whole system. That’s why we think a first step in the right direction is helping those individuals who are currently incarcerated get access to the type of programming that will allow them to be job ready upon release, go back home, be productive citizens, and bring together a coalition to continue to do this work until we can finally break the back of the prison industrial complex.” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 4/30/18) Minute 0:00 – 1:19



(Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 4/30/18)

On August 18, 2016, Jeffries Celebrated The Justice Department’s Decision To End The Federal Use Of Private Prisons, Calling The Move A “Severe Blow” To The Prison Industrial Complex. “Justice Department deals severe blow to #PrisonIndustrialComplex and ends Federal use of private prisons ...” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 8/18/16)



(Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 8/18/16)

On May 25, 2016, Jeffries Commended A Judge’s Decision To Sentence A Federal Drug Possession Defendant To Probation Rather Than Prison. “Courageous decision by Judge Block to sentence federal drug possession defendant to probation not prison #NewJimCrow #CrimJusticeReformNow” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 5/25/16)



(Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 5/25/16)

VIDEO: In An August 11, 2015 Interview With NY1, Jeffries Described The Congressional Criminal Justice & Public Safety Caucus As A Vehicle To Educate His Colleagues “About The Need To Deal With Mass Incarceration And The Over-Criminalization Of America.” NY1’s ERROL LOUIS: “You’re the co-chair of something new, the Congressional Criminal Justice & Public Safety Caucus. A bipartisan group, there are some Republicans on it as well. I would think there are existing subcommittees within the justice committees and so forth, that would already tackle these issues. What are you going to be dealing with that is new?” JEFFRIES: “Great question, all of the members who founded this bipartisan criminal justice and public safety caucus – two Democrats, myself and Cedric Richmond, who is an African-American Democrat who represents New Orleans, and Raul Labrador, who is a Tea Party Libertarian from Idaho, and Jason Chaffetz who’s a Republican from Utah, politics makes for strange bedfellows – all agree the criminal justice system is broken. We also are all members of the Judiciary Committee. But this is an effort to make sure that as legislation begins to be introduced and moves forward, that we have a vehicle to educate all of our colleagues in the House of Representatives – Democrats, Republicans, progressives, and conservatives – about the need to deal with mass incarceration and the over-criminalization of America.” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Interview With NY1](#), New York, NY, 8/11/15) Minute 3:36 – 4:45

VIDEO: In An April 29, 2015 Interview On CNN, Jeffries Said There Were Young People In America “Who Are Under-Educated And Over-Policed ...” And Called For An End To Mass Incarceration. REPORTER: “So Congressman, how do we get America to pay attention and not just say ‘oh that’s a Black issue,’ ‘that’s just a Baltimore issue,’ ‘that’s just a Ferguson issue?’” JEFFRIES: “Well this is really an American issue. First of all, you’ve got young people in America who are under-educated and over-policed, and that’s resulting in unnecessary entanglement in the criminal justice system that leads to a loss of hope, a loss of opportunity and really dooming these individuals, these young people to life sentences of disadvantage and despair. All of America should care about that. One of the things we can do is end mass incarceration.” (CNN’s “[New Day](#),” 4/29/15) Minute 3:15 – 3:51

On February 20, 2014, Jeffries Shared A *New York Times* Story About New York State Agreeing To Reforms Intended To Curtail The Use Of Solitary Confinement. Jeffries Described The Move As “Another Step Toward Dismantling The Harshness Of The Prison Industrial Complex ...” “New York State takes another step toward dismantling the harshness of the prison industrial complex, thanks to @NYCLU <http://nyti.ms/1fzIDMj>” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 2/20/14)



(Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 2/20/14)

VIDEO: During A May 30, 2014 House Judiciary Committee Hearing, Jeffries Claimed That As A Result Of His Efforts In 2009 Reforming “Rockefeller Drug Laws” In New York State, Crime Decreased, And That Was The Case In Every Other State Where Its

Mandatory Minimum Laws Were Reformed. JEFFRIES: “Okay. Mr. Otis, are you familiar with the Rockefeller drug laws that were first put into place in New York State in the 1970’s?”

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW PROFESSOR WILLIAM OTIS: “Generally, but not in specifics.”

JEFFRIES: “Okay. And it’s widely understood, these were some of the most restrictive, punitive drug laws anywhere in this country, correct?” OTIS: “I would have to defer to you.” JEFFRIES: “Okay. Mr.

Stevenson, is that correct?” EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BRYAN

STEVENSON: “That is correct, sir.” JEFFRIES: “Okay, now, these are some of the toughest, most draconian mandatory minimums related to nonviolent drug offenders. In 2009, I was in the state legislature. I was pleased to be part of the effort to dramatically reform those Rockefeller drug laws.

This happened in 2009, are you familiar with that, Mr. Otis?” OTIS: “I am not.” JEFFRIES: “Okay,

well it occurred. Familiar with that, Mr. Levin?” RIGHT ON CRIME POLICY DIRECTOR MARC

LEVIN: “Yes I am.” JEFFRIES: “Okay. Now, again, based on this premise, I would assume, in New York State, that a dramatic crime wave as some argued would have occurred as a result of the reforms that took place would follow. Is that what took place in New York State, Mr. Otis? Or did the crime actually continue to decline subsequent to the repeal of the Rockefeller drug laws in New York, as has been the experience in every other state that has changed or reformed its mandatory minimums?”

(Hakeem Jeffries, [House Judiciary Committee Over-Criminalization Task Force Hearing](#), Washington, DC, 5/30/14) Minute 1:16:00 – 1:17:24


- **VIDEO: In Response To Jeffries’ Claim, Georgetown University Law Professor William Otis Noted That Hiring More Police And Better Police Training, Among Other Factors, Were Also A Reason For Why Crime Had Decreased In States That Have Experimented With Their Mandatory Minimum Laws.** GEORGETOWN

UNIVERSITY LAW PROFESSOR WILLIAM OTIS: “My answer to that is going to be a little bit long, but you have to forgive me, I am a law professor after all. The answer is, yes, in the states that have experimented in this way, crime has continued to decline, but that is because imprisonment and the use of imprisonment – while very significant, probably the most significant factor in the overall decrease in crime in this country in the last 20 years – is only one factor. Other factors are at work as well and those factors have continued to be in play. Other factors like hiring more police, better police training, better private security measures, better EMT care to reduce the murder rate, for example. So while it is true that crime has continued to decrease, the decrease has been at a lower rate in the states in which they’ve tried this, and the best example is California.”

(Hakeem Jeffries, [House Judiciary Committee Over-Criminalization Task Force Hearing](#), Washington, DC, 5/30/14) Minute 1:17:24 – 1:18:16

Jeffries Advocated During The COVID-19 Pandemic That The Justice Department Release “Medically Vulnerable” Inmates, Some Of Whom Were Released And Went On To Commit More Crime

On May 23, 2020, In The Wake Of The COVID-19 Pandemic, Jeffries Declared That The Justice Department Should “Release All Medically Vulnerable Inmates.” “We are in the midst of a deadly pandemic. The Department of Justice must release all medically vulnerable inmates. Not just politically connected Trump cronies. No prison sentence should be a death sentence. FULL

.” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 5/23/20)



(Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 5/23/20)

WJLA Headline: “Suspect In Deadly Shooting Of 11-Year-Old Had Been Released From Jail Due To COVID-19” (Courtney Pomeroy and Trevor Stafford-Walter, “Suspect In Deadly Shooting Of 11-Year-Old Had Been Released From Jail Due To COVID-19,” [WJLA](#), 7/10/20)

In July 2020, Christian Wingfield Was A Suspect In The Fourth Of July Shooting Of An 11-Year Old In Washington, D.C. Wingfield Was Ordered Released From Jail As A Result Of An Emergency Motion Due To The COVID-19 Pandemic. “After a second arrest was made Friday in the Fourth of July shooting of 11-year-old Davon McNeal, 7 On Your Side is learning about a series of factors that may have contributed to his death. The shooting happened right after a community ‘peace cookout’ in Southeast D.C. Davon’s grandfather, John Ayala, is the founder of DC Guardian Angels. His mother works as a violence interrupter in the city. According to court documents, a marked Metropolitan Police Department cruiser that had been stationed in the area on a 24-hour detail as a result of a June 29 shooting at the same location was called away on a priority call moments before the shooting. In fact, the shooting happened between 30 seconds and two minutes after the cruiser left. We have also learned that Christian Wingfield, the second suspect arrested in the shooting, was ordered released from the D.C. jail on May 22. That came after a May 14 emergency motion for his release because of the coronavirus pandemic.” (Courtney Pomeroy and Trevor Stafford-Walter, “Suspect In Deadly Shooting Of 11-Year-Old Had Been Released From Jail Due To COVID-19,” [WJLA](#), 7/10/20)

THE REVISED CRIMINAL CODE ACT

On February 9, 2023, Jeffries Voted Against H.J. Res. 26, Which Nullified The Revised Criminal Code Act Of 2022, Enacted By The Council Of The District Of Columbia (DC). “This joint resolution nullifies the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022, enacted by the council of the District of Columbia (DC). The act makes a variety of changes to DC criminal laws, including by providing statutory definitions for various elements of criminal offenses, modifying sentencing guidelines and penalties, and expanding the right to a jury trial for certain misdemeanor crimes.” (HJ Res 26: [Roll Call Vote 119](#): Passed 250-173, 2/9/23, Jeffries Voted Nay; [Congress.gov](#), Accessed 3/7/23)

In February 2023, The House Voted To Overturn A Rewrite Of The Criminal Code That Was Passed By The DC City Council In The Previous Year, Which Would Have Reduced The Maximum Penalties For Burglary, Carjacking, And Robbery

NBC Washington Headline: “House Votes To Overturn DC Criminal Code And Voting Laws” (Ashraf Khalil, “House Votes To Overturn DC Criminal Code And Voting Laws,” [NBC Washington](#), 2/9/23)

On February 9, 2023, The House Voted To Overturn A Sweeping Rewrite Of The Criminal Code Passed By The City Council In The Previous Year. “The Republican-led House has launched the first salvo in what could be a long-running feud with the District of Columbia over self-government in the nation's capital. In back-to-back votes, the House voted Thursday to overturn a sweeping rewrite of the criminal code passed by the City Council last year and a new law that would grant noncitizens the right to vote in local elections.” (Ashraf Khalil, “House Votes To Overturn DC Criminal Code And Voting Laws,” [NBC Washington](#), 2/9/23)

- **“The House Voted 250-173 To Overturn The Rewrite Of The Criminal Code, Which Among Other Things, Reduced The Maximum Penalties For Burglary, Carjacking And Robbery.”** “The House voted 250-173 to overturn the rewrite of the criminal code, which among other things, reduced the maximum penalties for burglary, carjacking and robbery. The voting rights bill also was overturned by a 260-173 vote.” (Ashraf Khalil, “House Votes To Overturn DC Criminal Code And Voting Laws,” [NBC Washington](#), 2/9/23)

The Rewrite Of DC’s Criminal Code Has Been Years In The Making And Was Approved Unanimously In 2022 By The 13-Member DC Council. “The sweeping rewrite of D.C's criminal code has been years in the making; it was approved unanimously last year by the 13-member D.C. Council and carries the support of major stakeholders, including D.C. Attorney General Brian Schwalb.” (Ashraf Khalil, “House Votes To Overturn DC Criminal Code And Voting Laws,” [NBC Washington](#), 2/9/23)

In March 2023, Biden Indicated That He Would Not Use His Veto Power To Block The Effort To Repeal The Rewrite Of The Criminal Code, Which Prompted The D.C. Council To Attempt To Withdraw The Legislation From Congressional Review

National Public Radio Headline: “President Biden Will Allow Congress To Overturn New D.C. Crime Law” (Susan Davis, Ximena Bustillo, and Claudia Grisales, “President Biden Will Allow Congress To Overturn New D.C. Crime Law,” [National Public Radio](#), 3/2/23)

On March 2, 2023, In A Private Meeting With Senate Democrats, President Biden Indicated That He Would Not Use His Veto Power To Block The Effort To Repeal D.C.’s New Crime Law. “In a private meeting on Thursday President Biden informed Senate Democrats that he will not use his veto power to block a GOP-led effort to repeal D.C.'s new crime law. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer confirmed the decision to reporters following the meeting. The president later confirmed his decision in a tweet stating: ‘I support D.C. Statehood and home-rule – but I don't support some of the changes D.C. Council put forward over the Mayor's objections – such as lowering penalties for carjackings. If the Senate votes to overturn what D.C. Council did – I'll sign it.’” (Susan Davis, Ximena Bustillo, and Claudia Grisales, “President Biden Will Allow Congress To Overturn New D.C. Crime Law,” [National Public Radio](#), 3/2/23)

If The Resolution Passes, It Would Overturn A Law Passed By The D.C. City Council To Revise The Capital’s Criminal Code. “The Senate is expected to vote as early as next week on a resolution that, if passed, would overturn a contentious law passed by the liberal Washington, D.C., city council to revise the capital's criminal code. The D.C. Council initially passed the law in November 2022, but it was vetoed by Democratic Mayor Muriel Bowser. The council then over-rode the veto earlier this year.” (Susan Davis, Ximena Bustillo, and Claudia Grisales, “President Biden Will Allow Congress To Overturn New D.C. Crime Law,” [National Public Radio](#), 3/2/23)

On March 6, 2023, DC Council Chairman Phil Mendelson Wrote A Letter To The Senate Attempting To Withdraw The City’s Criminal Reform Legislation From Congressional Review Once It Became Clear The Senate Intended To Nix The Legislation. “DC Council

Chairman Phil Mendelson on Monday wrote a letter to the Senate attempting to withdraw the district's criminal reform legislation from congressional review after it became clear the Senate intended to nix the legislation. 'This morning, I delivered a letter to the Senate withdrawing the criminal code reform commission legislation,' Mendelson said during a news conference on Monday. 'It's clear that Congress is intending to override that legislation and so my letter, just as I transmit bills for their review, withdraws from consideration the review.'" (Jeremy Diamond, Manu Raju, Lauren Fox, and Melanie Zanona, "DC Council Tries To Claw Back Controversial Criminal Justice Bill Headed For Failure In US Senate," [CNN](#), 3/6/23)

Jeffries Declined To Criticize Biden's Decision To Allow Congress To Potentially Nix Reforms To The Criminal Code

On March 5, 2023, Jeffries Declined To Criticize Biden's Decision To Allow Congress To Potentially Nix Reforms To The Criminal Code, "Even As Many In The Party Are Breaking With The White House." "House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries on Sunday declined to criticize President Joe Biden's decision to allow Congress to potentially nix reforms to the criminal code of Washington, DC, even as many in the party are breaking with the White House. A Senate vote to scrap the DC law is expected this week. It passed last month in the Republican-controlled House with the backing of 31 Democrats. Asked by CNN's Dana Bash on 'State of the Union' if Biden had pulled the rug out from under House Democrats with his announcement, Jeffries, who voted against the GOP bill, said, 'Not at all.'" (Aileen Graef and Paul LeBlanc, "Hakeem Jeffries Declines To Criticize Biden Over DC Crime Law," [CNN](#), 3/5/23)

VIDEO: When Asked If Biden Pulled "The Rug Out From Under You And Your Fellow House Democrats," Jeffries Replied, "Not At All," And Explained, "I Believe That Local Government Should Have Control Over Local Matters ... It's One Of The Reasons Why I Believe In DC Statehood. And In This Particular Case, I Voted To Affirm Local Rule."

CNN's DANA BASH: "173 House Democrats, including yourself, voted against that GOP bill. And in large part that was because you believed that the White House signaled that the president would oppose it. So, did President Biden pull the rug out from under you and your fellow House Democrats?" JEFFRIES: "Not at all. We have a House, we have a Senate, and then we have the White House. In terms of my particular reasons for voting the way that I did, one, I believe that local government should have control over local matters. And that's a principle that I've supported from the moment that I arrived in Washington, DC. It's one of the reasons why I believe in DC statehood. And in this particular case, I voted to affirm local rule." (Aileen Graef and Paul LeBlanc, "Hakeem Jeffries Declines To Criticize Biden Over DC Crime Law," [CNN](#), 3/5/23) Minute 1:47 – 2:31

THE GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT OF 2021

On March 3, 2021, Jeffries Voted For The George Floyd Justice In Policing Act Of 2021, Which Sought To Restrict Certain Policing Practices, Eliminate Qualified Immunity, And Require Body Cameras, Among Other Items. "Passage of the bill that would establish reporting and oversight requirements related to policing data and restrict the use of certain policing practices by federal law enforcement agencies and state and local agencies receiving certain federal policing grants. It would restrict a number of policing practices by federal law enforcement agencies and state and local agencies that receive federal funding, including to prohibit the use of 'no-knock warrants' to execute searches in drug cases; the use of deadly force, including chokeholds, except as a 'last resort' to prevent imminent injury to an officer or another person; and the use of deadly or 'less lethal' force before exhausting reasonable alternatives, including de-escalation tactics. It would prohibit racial profiling by law enforcement, authorize lawsuits regarding violations of the prohibition, and require agencies to implement racial profiling training and oversight procedures. ..." (H.R. 1280, [Roll Call Vote #60](#): Passed 220-212: R 1-210, D 219-2, 3/3/21, Jeffries Voted Yea; [CO Summary](#), Accessed 6/18/21)

- **On March 3, 2021, The George Floyd Justice In Policing Act Of 2021 Passed/Agreed To In The House; And On March 9, 2021, It Was Received In The Senate.** ([H.R. 1280](#), Introduced 2/24/21)

The George Floyd Justice In Policing Act Would Have Cost Hundreds Of Millions Each Year And Aimed To Eliminate Qualified Immunity For Law Enforcement, Which According To The International Association Of Chiefs Of Police, Would “Limit Their Ability And Willingness To Respond To Critical Incidents Without Hesitation”

According To The Congressional Budget Office, The George Floyd Justice In Policing Act Would Have Incurred Costs On “More Than 18,000 Law Enforcement Agencies” And Cost “Several Hundred Million Dollars Annually ...” “More than 18,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide would be affected by the bill’s requirements. All would incur costs for training and for data collection, management, and reporting. Using information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and law enforcement associations nationwide, CBO expects that more than 6,000 agencies would either need to upgrade or to invest in new technology to comply with the new reporting requirements. Also using information from the FBI and law enforcement experts, CBO estimates that the costs across all intergovernmental entities would total several hundred million dollars annually to collect, manage, and transmit data to DOJ. Those costs would be higher the first year after the bill was enacted, as agencies made significant investments in technology.” (Phillip L. Swagel, “Re: H.R. 1280, The George Floyd Justice In Policing Act Of 2021,” [Congressional Budget Office](#), 3/9/21)

- **The George Floyd Justice In Policing Act Would Have “Cost Local Departments Hundreds Of Millions Of Dollars In Training, Data Collection And Equipment Costs ...”** “A House Democrats’ bill to revamp policing and end racial profiling would cost local departments hundreds of millions of dollars in training, data collection and equipment costs, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.” (Jonathan Nicholson, “Democratic Policing Bill Would Cost Departments Hundreds Of Millions To Comply With, Says CBO,” [MarketWatch](#), 3/11/21)

The George Floyd Justice In Policing Act Would Have Made It Easier “For The Federal Government To Successfully Prosecute Police Misconduct Cases, Ends Racial And Religious Profiling And Eliminates Qualified Immunity For Law Enforcement.” “The Justice in Policing Act is the first-ever bold, comprehensive approach to hold police accountable, change the culture of law enforcement and build trust between law enforcement and our communities. This legislation makes it easier for the federal government to successfully prosecute police misconduct cases, ends racial and religious profiling and eliminates qualified immunity for law enforcement. The legislation bans the use of chokeholds and no-knock warrants—which took the lives of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Eric Garner—at the federal level and encourages states to do the same. This package will finally allow meaningful accountability in cases of police brutality.” (“Justice In Policing Act,” [House Committee On The Judiciary](#), Archived 7/1/20)

- **According To The International Association Of Chiefs Of Police, Qualified Immunity Protects Police Officers “From Civil Lawsuits So Long As Their Conduct Does Not Violate Clearly Established Law Or Constitutional Rights Of Which A Reasonable Officer Would Have Known.”** “What is qualified immunity? Qualified immunity provides police officers with protection from civil lawsuits so long as their conduct does not violate clearly established law or constitutional rights of which a reasonable officer would have known. Further, qualified immunity does not prevent individuals from recovering damages from police officers who knowingly violate an individual's constitutional rights.” (“IACP Statement On Qualified Immunity,” [International Association Of Chiefs Of Police](#), Accessed 3/9/23)
- **Ending Qualified Immunity Protections “Would Have A Profoundly Chilling Effect On Police Officers And Limit Their Ability And Willingness To Respond To Critical Incidents Without Hesitation.”** “Qualified immunity is an essential part of policing and American jurisprudence. It allows police officers to respond to incidents without pause, make split-second decisions, and rely on the current state of the law in making those decisions. This protection is essential because it ensures officers that good faith actions, based on their understanding of the law at the time of the action, will not later be found to be unconstitutional. The loss of this protection would have a profoundly chilling effect on police officers and limit their

ability and willingness to respond to critical incidents without hesitation.” (“IACP Statement On Qualified Immunity,” [International Association Of Chiefs Of Police](#), Accessed 3/9/23)

Law Enforcement Groups Have Warned That Ending Qualified Immunity Is “Anti-Police” And That Attacks On Qualified Immunity Have “Caused Instability Throughout The Law Enforcement Profession”

The Fraternal Order Of Police Charged That Ending Qualified Immunity Was Anti-Police. “Don’t believe those pushing an anti-police agenda. Believe the #FACTS! ❌ Qualified Immunity does NOT protect officers who ‘knowingly violate the law’ from criminal liability. Officers CAN face: ✅ Criminal Charges ✅ Internal Investigations ✅ Discipline ✅ Termination ...” (National Fraternal Order Of Police, [Twitter](#), 4/8/21)



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Fraternal Order Of Police Executive Director Jim Pasco Argued That Ending Qualified Immunity Would Result In Nobody Wanting To Become A Police Officer. “If qualified immunity or the ability to negotiate accountability protections for officers were taken away, there would be consequences, says Jim Pasco, executive director of the Fraternal Order of Police. Under the judicial doctrine, qualified immunity also extends to corrections officers, university deans, and other state and local officials. ‘If it looked to me like it was inevitable that we were going to lose a vote on qualified immunity, we’d throw everybody in it,’ Pasco said. ... Abolishing qualified immunity for police, Pasco argued, would cause ‘consequences unforeseen.’ Pasco added that no one would want the job ‘if they were liable for everything they ever did’—a point other police advocates made to *POLITICO*.” (Laura Barron-Lopez, “Democrats’ Coming Civil War Over Police Unions,” [Politico](#), 10/14/20)

Fraternal Order Of Police: “The Attacks On Qualified Immunity Have Caused Instability Throughout The Law Enforcement Profession.” “The attacks on qualified immunity have caused instability throughout the law enforcement profession. Securing the future of policing and making a true change can only happen by having the ability to attract the best and brightest young, forward-thinking recruits. The possibility to face complete financial ruin even when reasonably believed to have acted under the color of law will not draw the much-needed young people to pursue a career in law enforcement. Recruitment numbers were suffering before the national debate began on qualified immunity, and they are even worse now. Officers are leaving the profession in droves – with no end on the horizon.” (Rob Pride, “Police Recruitment Was Already Tough. Attacks On Qualified Immunity Make Matters Worse.” [Fraternal Order Of Police](#), 11/30/21)

In June 2021, Jeffries Accused Police Groups Of “Trying To Torpedo” The George Floyd Justice In Policing Act And Promised That If There Were “Only Cosmetic Changes To The Policing Landscape, Then I’d Have A Problem Supporting That Legislation”

The Grio Headline: “Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Says Police Organizations Are Trying To ‘Torpedo’ George Floyd Reform Bill” (April Ryan, “Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Says Police Organizations Are Trying To ‘Torpedo’ George Floyd Reform Bill,” [The Grio](#), 6/29/21)

In June 2021, Jeffries Said Negotiations To Pass The George Floyd Justice In Policing Act Were Being “Torpedoed” By Mainstream Policing Organizations. “Negotiations to pass the George Floyd Justice In Policing Act on Capitol Hill are being ‘torpedoed’ by mainstream policing organizations, says House Democratic Caucus Chair, U.S. Congressman Hakeem Jeffries of New York. The ongoing talks surrounding the details of the bill and qualified immunity have been sources of anxiety and anticipation across the country among stakeholders in Congress, civil rights and law enforcement.” (April Ryan, “Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Says Police Organizations Are Trying To ‘Torpedo’ George Floyd Reform Bill,” [The Grio](#), 6/29/21)

- **VIDEO: In A June 29, 2021 Interview With The Grio, Jeffries Said “The Police Groups Are Trying To Torpedo The Legislation ... And It’s Our Job To Make Sure That They Are Not.”** THE GRIO’S APRIL RYAN: “As a Black person and as a journalist, we’ve seen this crescendo moment – we’ve seen many of these crescendo moments. This was the transformational moment. Now, it sounds like it’s bust.” JEFFRIES: “The police groups are trying to torpedo the legislation. I don’t believe at the end of the day they will be successful.” RYAN: “So, with that said -” JEFFRIES: “And it’s our job to make sure that they are not.” (April Ryan, “Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Says Police Organizations Are Trying To ‘Torpedo’ George Floyd Reform Bill,” [The Grio](#), 6/29/21) Minute 0:00 – 0:38
- **VIDEO: Jeffries Noted That If There Were “Only Cosmetic Changes To The Policing Landscape [Of The George Floyd Policing In Justice Act], Then I’d Have A Problem Supporting That Legislation.”** RYAN: “In recent weeks, we talked to another New Yorker, Congressman Greg Meeks, and he said weeks ago, he believes we will get policing, but Democrats may not get everything they want. Do you believe that?” JEFFRIES: “Well, I think the key for me has always been, can we get to a bill that is going to decisively and determinatively impact the people that I represent in a positive way, and transform policing in America? Even if every single word, every single provision of the ultimate legislation is not what we may have initially envisioned. The question that is key for us is, is the totality of the bill that is ultimately agreed upon going to make a difference improving policing in communities of color, making it more constitutional and respectful, and ultimately lift up public safety. If we can answer that question in the affirmative, then I think it’s an agreement that we should proceed with. If there are only cosmetic changes to the policing landscape, then I’d have a problem supporting that legislation.” (April Ryan, “Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Says Police Organizations Are Trying To ‘Torpedo’ George Floyd Reform Bill,” [The Grio](#), 6/29/21) Minute 2:47 – 4:09
- **Jeffries: “The Issues Where It’s Been Hardest To Find Agreement Relate To Qualified Immunity Reform, As Well As The Effort To Try To Make Sure That When A Police Officer Crosses The Line, Violates The Law, They Can Be Held Criminally Accountable Through An Appropriate Standard.”** “The framework for the legislation was announced last week; however, sources on the Hill contend Republican Senator Tim Scott of South Carolina has extended the timeline for police reform negotiations as Scott previously said last week was the deadline. ‘The issues where it’s been hardest to find agreement relate to qualified immunity reform, as well as the effort to try to make sure that when a police officer crosses the line, violates the law, they can be held criminally accountable through an appropriate standard. Beyond intentionality, but that also includes extreme recklessness or depraved indifference to human life,’ Jeffries explained to the Grio.” (April Ryan, “Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Says Police Organizations Are Trying To ‘Torpedo’ George Floyd Reform Bill,” [The Grio](#), 6/29/21)

- **Jeffries: “There Are Complicating Factors In Connection With The Negotiations That Are Ongoing, In Part That Involve Some Of The Law Enforcement Organizations At The National Level Trying To Torpedo The Progress That Has Been Made.”** “There are complicating factors in connection with the negotiations that are ongoing, in part that involve some of the law enforcement organizations at the national level trying to torpedo the progress that has been made. And that’s quite unfortunate because we can’t have a situation where a genuine bipartisan effort to achieve police accountability,’ he [Jeffries] said.” (April Ryan, “Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Says Police Organizations Are Trying To ‘Torpedo’ George Floyd Reform Bill,” [The Griot](#), 6/29/21)
- **Jeffries: “... This Is An Obstacle And A Stumbling Block, But Not An Unsurprising One, Because We Always Knew That It Would Exist And I Still Believe That It Can Be Overcome As Part Of The Effort To Transform Policing In America.”** “It’s actually written by those police organizations that we’re trying to hold accountable — that makes zero sense. And so this is an obstacle and a stumbling block, but not an unsurprising one, because we always knew that it would exist and I still believe that it can be overcome as part of the effort to transform policing in America.” (April Ryan, “Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Says Police Organizations Are Trying To ‘Torpedo’ George Floyd Reform Bill,” [The Griot](#), 6/29/21)
- **Jeffries Accused Police Organizations Of Not Wanting To “See Any Reform To Qualified Immunity ... That’s Not Acceptable.”** “Although Jeffries hasn’t been at the negotiations in the same way that Congresswoman Karen Bass and Senator Cory Booker have been, he’s been engaging with the deal brokers and keeping his eye on the accountability measures of the bill. Jeffries is hoping for a resolution on the legislation to occur within the next six months, however, he contends it could happen sooner. ‘The police organizations don’t want to see any change in standard related to holding them criminally accountable. And they don’t want to see any reform to qualified immunity, which would lead to the ability for people to hold them civilly accountable for crossing the line and violating someone’s rights. That’s not acceptable,’ Jeffries added. ‘But I don’t expect that Representative Bass and Senator Booker will agree to anything that is simply cosmetic.’” (April Ryan, “Rep. Hakeem Jeffries Says Police Organizations Are Trying To ‘Torpedo’ George Floyd Reform Bill,” [The Griot](#), 6/29/21)

Excessive Use Of Force Prevention Act

Jeffries Has Consistently Introduced/Sponsored The Excessive Use Of Force Prevention Act

On February 25, 2021, Jeffries Introduced The Eric Garner Excessive Use Of Force Prevention Act Of 2021. ([HR 1347](#), Introduced 2/25/21)

On September 19, 2019, Jeffries Introduced The Eric Garner Excessive Use Of Force Prevention Act Of 2019. ([HR 4408](#), Introduced 9/19/19)

On November 6, 2018, Jeffries Introduced The Excessive Use Of Force Prevention Act Of 2018. ([HR 7118](#), Introduced 11/6/18)

On April 28, 2015, Jeffries Introduced The Excessive Use Of Force Prevention Act Of 2015. ([HR 2052](#), Introduced 4/28/15)

Censuring Rep. Maxine Waters For Encouraging Protestors

In April 2021, Jeffries Voted For Tabling A Motion To Censure Rep. Maxine Waters After She Called For Violence In The Event Derek Chauvin Was Found Not Guilty Of The Murder Of George Floyd

On April 20, 2021, Jeffries Voted To Table (Kill) A Motion To Censure Rep. Maxine Waters For Comments Related To The Trial Of Former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin, Who Was Convicted Of The Murder And Manslaughter Of George

Floyd. “Hoyer, D-Md., motion to table (kill) the privileged resolution that would censure Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., for comments related to the trial of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, who was convicted of the murder and manslaughter of George Floyd, and require Waters to present herself in the well of the House for the pronouncement of censure.” (H.Res. 331, [Roll Call Vote #122](#): Passed 216-210; R 0-210, D 216-0, 4/20/21, Jeffries Voted Yea; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 6/22/21)

- **Rep. Maxine Waters Told Protesters To “Get More Confrontational” To “Make Sure That They Know That We Mean Business” In The Event Of A Not Guilty Verdict For Derek Chauvin, The Officer Who Killed George Floyd.** “Democrats on Tuesday defeated an effort by Representative Kevin McCarthy, the top House Republican, to censure Representative Maxine Waters for suggesting that racial justice protesters should ‘get more confrontational’ if the Derek Chauvin jury did not return a guilty verdict. ... Asked on Saturday what protesters should do if no guilty verdict were reached in the Chauvin trial, Ms. Waters said: ‘We’ve got to stay on the street, and we’ve got to get more active. We’ve got to get more confrontational. We’ve got to make sure that they know that we mean business.’” (Catie Edmondson, “House Democrats Defeat G.O.P. Attempt To Censure Maxine Waters,” [The New York Times](#), 4/20/21)

ENTITLEMENTS FOR CRIMINALS

On September 28, 2017, Jeffries Voted Against A Bill To Prohibit Criminals With Outstanding Warrants From Receiving Social Security Benefits. “Passage of the bill that would prohibit, beginning in 2021, the payment of Social Security benefits to an individual who is the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant for committing a felony or for violating a condition of parole or probation.” (H.R. 2792, [Roll Call Vote #543](#): Passed 244-171; R: 223-3, D: 21-168, 9/28/17, Jeffries Voted Nay; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 8/13/21)

DRUGS & NARCOTICS

On June 15, 2018, Jeffries Voted Against A Bill That Would Have Created A New Category Of Controlled Substances, “Schedule A,” And Would Have Immediately Classified Certain Fentanyl Analogues As Schedule A Drugs. “Passage of the bill that would create a new category of controlled substances, ‘schedule A,’ for drugs or substances that have similar chemical structures or effects as controlled substances in schedules I through V. It would immediately classify certain fentanyl analogues as schedule A drugs. The bill would establish maximum penalties for the manufacture, distribution or dispensing of schedule A drugs, though possession of such substances alone would not constitute a basis for criminal or civil penalties.” (H.R. 2851, [Roll Call Vote #268](#): Passed 239-142; R: 197-12, D: 42-130, 6/15/18, Jeffries Voted Nay; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 8/13/21)

On September 7, 2017, Jeffries Voted Against An Amendment To Provide A \$30 Million Funding Increase To The International Narcotics Control & Law Enforcement Division. “Rothfus, R-Pa., amendment that would increase by \$30 million funding for the International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement and decrease funding for the Fulbright Program by the same amount.” (H.R. 3354, [Roll Call Vote #467](#): Failed 163-248; R: 163-62, D: 0-186, 9/7/17, Jeffries Voted Nay; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 8/13/21)

FIRST STEP ACT

On December 20, 2018, Jeffries Voted For The First Step Act Of 2018, Which Allowed Judges More Flexibility When Handing Down Sentences Below The Mandatory Minimum For Nonviolent Drug Offenders. “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the bill that would seek to reduce numbers of federally incarcerated individuals through changes in sentencing laws. The bill would seek to do so, in part, by allowing judges more flexibility when handing down sentences below the mandatory minimum for nonviolent drug offenders. It would also establish programs to provide support for prisoners returning to society in an attempt to reduce rates of recidivation.” (S. 756, [Roll Call Vote #448](#): Passed 358-36; R: 182-36; D: 176-0, 12/20/18, Kaptur Voted Yea; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 8/13/21)

- **Jeffries Co-Sponsored The First Step Act.** “The First Step Act, which is co-sponsored by Democrat Hakeem Jeffries and Republican Doug Collins, passed the House overwhelmingly last month. It would make it illegal to shackle pregnant prisoners, release more infirmed or elderly prisoners, place inmates in facilities closer to their families, and increase the number of days inmates can spend in halfway houses or home confinement.” (Justin George, “Van Jones Answers His Critics,” [The Marshall Project](#), 6/18/18)

The First Step Act Released Violent Criminals And Sex Offenders

While Lawmakers Promised The Legislation Would Largely Affect Prisoners Sentenced For Minor Drug-Related Offenses, Hundreds Of Violent Criminals And Sex Offenders Were Released As A Result Of The First Step Act

Fox News Headline: “Violent Criminals And Sex Offenders Released Early Due To ‘First Steps Act’ Legislation” (Gregg Re, “Violent Criminals And Sex Offenders Released Early Due To ‘First Steps Act’ Legislation,” [Fox News](#), 7/22/19)

On July 22, 2019, Fox News Reported More Than A Hundred Violent Criminals And Sex Offenders Were Released Under The First Step Act, Which Seemingly Contradicted Promises From The White House And Lawmakers That The Legislation Would Largely Affect Prisoners Sentenced For Minor Drug-Related Offenses. “More than a hundred violent criminals and sex offenders have been released under the First Step Act, President Trump’s signature bipartisan criminal justice reform package, according to data from an administration official provided to Fox News on Monday. The data, first obtained exclusively by ‘Tucker Carlson Tonight,’ seemingly contradicted promises from lawmakers and the White House that the legislation would largely affect only prisoners sentenced for minor drug-related offenses. Of 2,243 inmates released under the First Step Act, only 960 were incarcerated for drug-related offenses. On the other hand, 496 were in prison for weapons/explosives-related crimes, 239 for sex offenses, 178 for fraud/bribery/extortion, 118 for burglary/larceny and 106 for robbery, according to the data. Another 59 were imprisoned over homicide/aggravated assault, 46 for immigration-related offenses, nine for counterfeiting/embezzlement and two for national security reasons.” (Gregg Re, “Violent Criminals And Sex Offenders Released Early Due To ‘First Steps Act’ Legislation,” [Fox News](#), 7/22/19)

- **Of The 2,243 Inmates Released Under The First Step Act, 496 Were In Prison For Weapons/Explosives-Related Crimes, 239 For Sex Offenses, 59 For Homicide/Aggravated Assault.** “Of 2,243 inmates released under the First Step Act, only 960 were incarcerated for drug-related offenses. On the other hand, 496 were in prison for weapons/explosives-related crimes, 239 for sex offenses, 178 for fraud/bribery/extortion, 118 for burglary/larceny and 106 for robbery, according to the data. Another 59 were imprisoned over homicide/aggravated assault, 46 for immigration-related offenses, nine for counterfeiting/embezzlement and two for national security reasons.” (Gregg Re, “Violent Criminals And Sex Offenders Released Early Due To ‘First Steps Act’ Legislation,” [Fox News](#), 7/22/19)

VIDEO: In March 2021, Jeffries Said That As A Result Of The First Step Act, “Thousands Of People” Were Released From Prison. JEFFRIES: “One of the things that I think we need to do is to reverse engineer the damage that was done by the 1994 crime bill. Now, we took a step in that direction with respect to the First Step Act. But it was a first step. And it was concentrated at the federal level. And thousands of people, 90 percent of whom are Black men, have been released as a result of the First Step Act.” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Virtual Remarks Before John Jay College On Criminal Justice Reform](#), 3/1/21) Minute 34:23 – 34:50

#Cut50, A Group That Wants To Slash The Prison Population In Half, Supported The First Step Act

The Jeffries-Sponsored First Step Act Had The Support Of #Cut50, An Organization Advocating For Slashing The Nation's Incarcerated Population In Half

The First Step Act Had The Backing Of Left-Leaning Groups Like The Van Jones-Led #Cut50. “President Donald Trump on Friday embraced a bipartisan prison reform proposal, but a sharp divide among Democrats on the issue threatens to undermine the deal. ... Jeffries and lead Republican co-sponsor Rep. Doug Collins (R-Ga.) have been working to build support this week before an expected vote. The legislation has the backing of Kushner, left-leaning groups including the National Urban League and the Jones-led #cut50, and influential conservative donors like the Koch brothers.” (Heather Caygle and Elana Schor, “Trump Pushes For Prison Reform Bill That Divides Democrats,” [Politico](#), 5/18/18)

- **CNN Commentator And Host Van Jones Founded #Cut50, An Organization Advocating For Slashing The Nation's Incarcerated Population In Half.** “CNN commentator and host Van Jones has been involved with civil rights causes for years, including through #cut50, the organization he founded to advocate for slashing the nation's incarcerated population in half. But recently, he's found himself under attack — being called a sellout and a sucker — for supporting a bill that would improve some conditions for the nation's 185,000 federal prisoners. The First Step Act, which is co-sponsored by Democrat Hakeem Jeffries and Republican Doug Collins, passed the House overwhelmingly last month. It would make it illegal to shackle pregnant prisoners, release more infirmed or elderly prisoners, place inmates in facilities closer to their families, and increase the number of days inmates can spend in halfway houses or home confinement.” (Justin George, “Van Jones Answers His Critics,” [The Marshall Project](#), 6/18/18)

During A June 2018 Interview With The Marshall Project, When Asked How #Cut50 Got Involved In Supporting The First Step Act, Jones Credited Jeffries For Being A “Hero Of The Justice Community.” QUESTION: “How did #cut50 get involved in supporting the First Step Act?” VAN JONES: “Hakeem Jeffries is a hero of the justice community. I've been a huge fan and follower of his for a long time. I agree with him that we need a stable bipartisan consensus to undo mass incarceration. In order to get there, we have to break this logjam that existed under President Barack Obama and in Congress. When we had Obama in the White House and Eric Holder and Loretta Lynch in the Department of Justice, we had a pretty robust bill that I fought tooth and nail to try to get passed. It had sentencing reform, prison reform, and every other kind of reform in there. In the fall of 2016, a bunch of people said, ‘Well, let's not pass this right now. The Democrats are going to have an epic victory. We'll have Hillary Clinton, more Democrats, and we can get an even better bill.’ You see what happened. The lesson I learned from that was take the reform you can get when you can get it and keep going. We improved the bill to the point where 80 grassroots groups could support it. And 70 percent of the Democratic caucus could support it. And 100 percent of the Democratic leadership, including Nancy Pelosi, could support it. The improvement process was something that might have even gone better had more people stuck it out the way we did.” (Justin George, “Van Jones Answers His Critics,” [The Marshall Project](#), 6/18/18)

Jeffries Has Stood Alongside #Cut50 At Rallies And Supported Them In Their Endeavor To Reduce Prison Populations

On July 10, 2018, Jeffries And #Cut50 Were Among The Speakers At The US Capitol East Lawn To Rally For Justice Reform. “On Tuesday, July 10, FAMM will bring lawmakers, advocates, and family members from all over the nation to the United States Capitol to demand justice reform in 2018. There are a number of federal bills in the U.S. House and Senate with the potential to impact parole, sentencing, and prison reforms. Attendees and families affected by incarceration hope to express to Congress the need and urgency for effective reform. ... Speakers include affected families, former prisoners, advocates from FAMM, #cut50, Prison Fellowship, the American Conservative Union, and more. Congressional speakers include Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY),

Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Rep. Robert Scott (D-VA), and Rep. Doug Collins (R-GA).” (FAMM, “FAMM, Lawmakers, And Families To Rally For Justice Reform At The U.S. Capitol,” [Press Release](#), 7/5/18)

In September 2016, #Cut50 Hosted A Private Virtual Reality Experience Where Members Of Congress Put On Headsets To See What Jail Was Like. Jeffries Was Among The Members To Try Out The Virtual Reality. “Virtual jail ... Members of Congress are putting on headsets to see what jail is like. The criminal justice initiative #cut50 is hosting a private virtual reality experience to highlight its efforts to reduce America’s incarcerated population by 50 percent over the next 10 years. Individual screenings for members kick off with Democratic Reps. Cedric L. Richmond and Hakeem Jeffries at 10 a.m. and 10:20 a.m., respectively.” (Alex Gangitano, “Word On The Hill: Pence Here,” [Roll Call](#), 9/13/16)

- **Jeffries Tweeted That The Exercise Can Show People What The Realities Of Prison Were Like, “And Why We Need To Reduce Our Incarceration Rate.”** “Virtual reality can show us the realities of prison -- and why we need to reduce our incarceration rate. #cut50.” (Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 9/13/16)



(Hakeem Jeffries, [Twitter](#), 9/13/16)

OCCUPY WALL STREET

In 2011, Activists Occupied Part Of New York City’s Financial District Protesting Income Inequality And Corporate Corruption In What Is Now Known As The Occupy Wall Street Movement

On September 17, 2011, Hundreds Of Activists Organized In Zuccotti Park In Lower Manhattan For The Occupy Wall Street Movement, A Weeks-Long Sit-In In New York City’s Financial District Protesting Income Inequality And Corporate Corruption. “On September 17, 2011, hundreds of activists gather around Zuccotti Park in lower Manhattan for the first day of the Occupy Wall Street Movement—a weeks-long sit-in in New York City’s Financial District protesting income inequality and corporate corruption. While the movement failed to see any of its goals or policy proposals come to fruition, years later, Occupy Wall Street is still considered a blueprint for decentralized activism.” (This Day In History, [History.com](#), Accessed 3/20/23)

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arrested some 200 people. Later efforts to re-occupy the park were met with police resistance.” (This Day In History, History.com, Accessed 3/20/23)

Jeffries Was One Of Mother Jones’ “Occupy’ Candidates,” Spoke To Demonstrators In The Beginning Stages, Has Called Occupy Wall Street “A Very Fruitful Movement”

In September 2012 On The One-Year Anniversary Of The Occupy Wall Street Movement, Jeffries Thought The Movement “Was A Very Fruitful Movement As It Relates To Shining A Spotlight On Income Inequality And Economic Injustice ...” “In the meantime, before he heads down to D.C., Mr. Jeffries still has plenty keeping him busy here in New York. This morning he rang the opening bell at NASDAQ. Today is the first anniversary of the Occupy Wall Street protests and protesters announced plans to disrupt the markets this morning. Mr. Jeffries wasn’t worried about protests disrupting today’s opening bell. ‘I think the Occupy Wall Street movement was a very fruitful movement as it relates to shining a spotlight on income inequality and economic injustice,’ he said. ‘The one year anniversary will appropriately mark a movement that did contribute to an important public policy dialogue in America, but I’m otherwise unconcerned that it will be disruptive in a way that would cast the movement in a negative light.’ Indeed, though the financial district was filled with protesters, police and arrests this morning, the markets opened without a hitch.” (Hunter Walker, “Hakeem Jeffries Takes A Victory Lap,” Observer, 9/17/12)

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In March 2012, Jeffries Was Described As An “Occupy’ Candidate” Who Made The Occupy Wall Street Movement Part Of His Congressional Campaign. “Unlike the tea party, the Occupy movement hasn’t involved itself much in elections. But that hasn’t stopped a slew of progressives and political outsiders from capitalizing on the movement’s energy. Here’s a rundown of 10 electable House and Senate hopefuls who, one way or another, have made Occupy part of their campaigns: Hakeem Jeffries (New York): ‘Income inequality is worse now that it has been since prior to the Great Depression,’ the state assemblyman said during a passionate speech at an Occupy rally in Brooklyn this fall. In January, Jeffries announced that he’d run for Congress in New York’s Tenth Congressional District against 15-term incumbent Ed Towns, who’d angered labor unions when he cast the deciding vote in 2005 for the Central American Free Trade Agreement. Since then, Jeffries has picked up endorsements in the Brooklyn district from prominent unions such as the Communications Workers of America. Prospects: Fair. Jeffries’ success could hinge on stopping the Tenth District from being redrawn to exclude his state assembly district, where he’s popular.” (Josh Harkinson, “10 ‘Occupy’ Candidates Running For Congress,” Mother Jones, 3/12/12)

Brooklyn Reporter Headline: “Brooklynites Rally In Support Of Occupy Wall Street Movement” (Helen Klein, “Brooklynites Rally In Support Of Occupy Wall Street Movement,” Brooklyn Reporter, 10/26/11)

VIDEO: During An October 25, 2011 Rally, Jeffries Expressed His Solidarity With The Demonstrators Of The Occupy Wall Street Movement. JEFFRIES: “Thank you, Vito, for your leadership and convening all of us here together. Some, I guess, have asked the question, ‘are we trying to take over the world?’ I say why not, Brooklyn is the center of the universe! The interesting thing about anyone questioning the motivations as to why we would gather here, with Marty Markowitz and union leaders and my colleagues in government to express solidarity with what’s going on on the other side of the bridge, what’s the motivation. I say, take your pick.” (Hakeem Jeffries, Remarks At A Rally In Support Of The Demonstrators At Zuccotti Park, New York, NY, 10/25/11) Minute 0:00 – 0:40

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According To A Brooklyn Reporter Write-Up Of The Rally, Jeffries Agreed With Borough President Marty Markowitz In That If Someone Earns More, They Have A Responsibility To Share A Little More. “Borough President Marty Markowitz underlined three disturbing realities — the disparity in the country between the rich and everyone else which, he said, is growing, and almost greater than any other nation in the world, as well as the fact that U.S.-based companies have shipped jobs overseas that could help fuel the country’s economy. Finally, Markowitz said, there is the trend in Washington of less government, which, he stressed, has the most severe impact on you and me and all the other working stiffs. I’m not one who believes in soaking the rich, but I say, if you earn more, you have a responsibility to share a little more. Assemblymember Hakeem Jeffries agreed. Income inequality is worse now than it has been since prior to the Great Depression, he pointed out, asking the crowd, Are we trying to take over the world? I say, why not?” (Helen Klein, “Brooklynites Rally In Support Of Occupy Wall Street Movement,” [Brooklyn Reporter](#), 10/26/11)

MEDICARE FOR ALL

Jeffries Has Consistently Signed On As A Cosponsor To Medicare For All Legislation

On March 17, 2021, Jeffries Cosponsored HR 1976, The Medicare For All Act Of 2021. ([HR 1976](#), Introduced 3/17/21)

On September 6, 2019, Jeffries Cosponsored HR 1384, The Medicare For All Act Of 2019. ([HR 1384](#), Introduced 2/27/19)

On January 24, 2017, Jeffries Cosponsored HR 676, The Expanded & Improved Medicare For All Act. ([HR 676](#), Introduced 1/24/17)

On February 3, 2015, Jeffries Cosponsored HR 676, The Expanded & Improved Medicare For All Act. ([HR 676](#), Introduced 2/3/15)

On November 17, 2014, Jeffries Cosponsored HR 676, The Expanded & Improved Medicare For All Act. ([HR 676](#), Introduced 2/13/13)

In 2020, An Aide For Jeffries Slammed An Internal Report From The Democratic Socialists Of America Claiming They Pressured Jeffries Into Co-Sponsoring The Medicare For All Act, And Said That Jeffries Had Always Supported Medicare For All Legislation

In September 2020, An Aide Of Jeffries Argued Against An Internal Report From The Democratic Socialists Of America (DSA) That Claimed They Pressured Jeffries Into Co-Sponsoring The Medicare For All Act. “An aide to U. S. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-Central Brooklyn, Queens) yesterday took off the gloves against the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) for claiming in an internal report that they pressured Jeffries into co-sponsoring the Medicare for All Act (HR 1384). In an internal DSA strategy document called NYC-DSA Tasks and Perspectives for 2020 that KCP acquired, the well-organized leftist [sic] non-profit political arm of the Democratic Party claims that Jeffries, the 4th-ranking Democrat in Congress and likely successor to Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), only signed onto the measure after considerable resistance because of pressure from the DSA Healthcare [sic] Working Group (HCWG).” (Stephen Witt, “Jeffries Aide Slams DSA For ‘Discovering’ Progressive Politics,” [Politics NY](#), 9/23/20)

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- **“The Healthcare Working Group Also Worked With Numerous Community Organizations, Many Of Which Had Ties To Jeffries, Which We Believe Had An Amplifying Effect. Jeffries Finally Buckled Under The Pressure, And Sponsored The Bill,’ According To The Report.”** “The HCWG utilized five main tactics, according to the report, to pressure Jeffries, and through the NYC-DSA efforts this resulted in contact with thousands of Brooklyn residents over a roughly 5-month period, an estimated +1000 calls to his office, over 800 petition signatures, and a large town hall held in coalition with nearly all of the coalition partners. ‘The Healthcare Working Group also worked with numerous community organizations, many of which had ties to Jeffries, which we believe had an amplifying effect. Jeffries finally buckled under the pressure, and sponsored the bill,’ according to the report.” (Stephen Witt, “Jeffries Aide Slams DSA For ‘Discovering’ Progressive Politics,” [Politics NY](#), 9/23/20)

Jeffries’ Spokesperson Retorted That Jeffries Co-Sponsored Legislation In Every Single One Of The Four Terms (At The Time) He Had Been In Congress. “But Jeffries’ Spokesperson Michael Hardaway dismissed the NYC-DSA report as taking credit for something they don’t deserve, and that the congressman has long been on the progressive cutting edge. ‘Rep. Jeffries has co-sponsored Medicare for All legislation for years, including every single one of the four terms he has been in Congress. He first supported Medicare for All legislation in 2014 during his freshman term, when Congressman Jeffries signed onto the bill carried by former Rep. John Conyers (D-MI), long before any so-called lobbying effort by some in gentrifying parts of Brooklyn. Those are the facts. That said, Rep. Jeffries looks forward to continued engagement with all of his constituents, including those he regularly meets with on a street corner near you.’ said Hardaway.” (Stephen Witt, “Jeffries Aide Slams DSA For ‘Discovering’ Progressive Politics,” [Politics NY](#), 9/23/20)

In 2019, The Democratic Socialists Of America Credited Jeffries' Support For A Medicare For All Bill To Their "Growing Power Of DSA's Field Organizing"

In September 2019, The Democratic Socialists Of America Announced That Jeffries Had Expressed Support For Medicare For All. The DSA Took Credit, Arguing That Jeffries' Support "Speaks To The Growing Power Of DSA's Field Organizing ..." "On Wednesday, September 4th, House Democratic Caucus chairman Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (NY-8) announced his support for Medicare for All. Not only does this historic announcement bring the total number of cosponsors in the House of Representatives up to 119 (including the majority of the Democratic caucus), but as one of the highest-ranking Democratic lawmakers in Congress, Rep. Jeffries's support will give this legislation an especially large boost. Since Jeffries is Democratic Party leadership, the early success of this local pressure campaign speaks to the growing power of DSA's field organizing in the region and to the particular approach we are taking in the NYC Healthcare Working Group." ("Chapter Spotlight: NYC DSA Pushes Rep. Hakeem Jeffries To Cosponsor Medicare For All," [Democratic Socialists For Medicare For All](#), 9/9/19)

The New York DSA Met With Jeffries In February 2019, Collected Signatures, Called His Legislative Office, And Attended Town Halls Seeking Jeffries' Support For Medicare For All. "Since NYC DSA members first met with him in February of this year, Rep. Jeffries has continually expressed his unwillingness to take a clear position on Medicare for All. In the months that followed that initial meeting NYC DSA members collected hundreds of constituent signatures on our petition seeking his support, made thousands of phone calls to his legislative office, raised the issue with him at town halls, co-hosted a people's assembly in his district attended by nearly 200 community members, and with a growing group of coalition partners organized their neighbors and coworkers into a powerful constituency demanding healthcare justice." ("Chapter Spotlight: NYC DSA Pushes Rep. Hakeem Jeffries To Cosponsor Medicare For All," [Democratic Socialists For Medicare For All](#), 9/9/19)

The DSA Noted That While Jeffries Co-Sponsored A Medicare For All Bill, He Also Co-Sponsored A Public Option Bill, Which Preserves A Role For Private Insurance. The NY DSA Vowed To "Keep The Pressure On In The Coming Months ..." "Rep. Jeffries' public endorsement of this legislation is the result of all these efforts and of this growing national movement. And yet, while his co-sponsorship of the bill is a major victory, it is not unequivocal. Rep. Jeffries also chose to cosponsor a public option bill, Medicare X, which would preserve a role for private insurance corporations alongside a very limited public insurance program. Given the connections we are making and the power we are building in his district, NYC DSA and our coalition partners plan to keep the pressure on in the coming months, and to make the most of this important endorsement toward the full realization of Medicare for All." ("Chapter Spotlight: NYC DSA Pushes Rep. Hakeem Jeffries To Cosponsor Medicare For All," [Democratic Socialists For Medicare For All](#), 9/9/19)

GREEN NEW DEAL

While Jeffries Has Declined To Show Up To Pro-Green New Deal Events Or Sign Onto Legislation, He Has Said In A Meeting With Progressive Groups That He Agrees With The Overall "Aims Of The Green New Deal"

Nearly All Of The New York Congressional Representatives Have Signed On As Co-Sponsors To The Green New Deal Resolution, But Jeffries "Remains A Glaring Omission ..." "Nearly all of the congressional representatives from New York City signed on as co-sponsors to Rep. Ocasio-Cortez' resolution. However, there remains a glaring omission in Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY). Rep. Jeffries represents a solidly blue district in Brooklyn and Southwest Queens which has already witnessed the devastating effects of climate change firsthand with Hurricane Sandy wreaking havoc along the Brooklyn-Queens waterfront. In fact, his 8th congressional district received more aid for Hurricane Sandy relief than any other district in the city." (Ari R. Lieberman, Op-Ed, "Why Is Rep. Hakeem Jeffries MIA On The Green New Deal?" [Gotham Gazette](#), Accessed 3/17/23)

In 2019, After Progressive Lawmakers Introduced The First Draft Of The Green New Deal, Climate Organizers In Jeffries’ District Put An Event Together With Jeffries In Mind. But Jeffries Sent His District Director In His Place. “In the fall of 2019, several months after progressive lawmakers introduced the first ever piece of legislation for the Green New Deal, climate organizers in New York City held a forum on climate change in the congressional district represented by Democratic Rep. Hakeem Jeffries. One hundred people attended, mostly Jeffries’s constituents, said two of the organizers. New York Communities for Change and the Sunrise Movement had put the event together with Jeffries in mind. Since arriving in the House seven years earlier, Jeffries had risen quickly to be the Democratic caucus chair. The organizers hoped he would engage with constituents who supported the Green New Deal. ‘He refused to come,’ said NYCC policy director Alicé Nascimento. ‘We ended up having literally an empty chair at the center of the room to signal the fact that he was not there.’ Jeffries sent his district director in his place. ‘It’s very clearly stiff-arming,’ said Pete Sikora, who directs the climate and inequality campaigns at NYCC.” (Akela Lacy, “Hakeem Jeffries Was A Literal No-Show On The Green New Deal,” [The Intercept](#), 12/7/22)

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- **Gotham Gazette Headline: “Why Is Rep. Hakeem Jeffries MIA On The Green New Deal?”** (Ari R. Lieberman, Op-Ed, “Why Is Rep. Hakeem Jeffries MIA On The Green New Deal?” [Gotham Gazette](#), Accessed 3/17/23)

In March 2019, Leaders Of Indivisible Nation BK, Sunrise NYC, Indivisible Brooklyn, NYC-DSA, Food And Water Watch, 350 Brooklyn, And 350 Families Met With Jeffries Asking Him To Cosponsor The Green New Deal Resolution. “Leaders of Indivisible Nation BK, Sunrise NYC, Indivisible Brooklyn, NYC-DSA, Food and Water Watch, 350 Brooklyn and 350 Families met with Rep. Hakeem Jeffries on Monday to ask him to lead on climate justice and cosponsor the Green New Deal resolution. Indivisible Nation BK, Sunrise NYC, Indivisible Brooklyn and 350BK co-authored the following statement: As his constituents and as organizers, we showed up to ask Representative Jeffries to lead on climate by supporting the Green New Deal. In our meeting, Representative Jeffries acknowledged that ‘urgent, bold action [is] required’ and that we have ‘limited time’ to act. He also said he is ‘100% in agreement’ with the overall ‘aims of the Green New Deal.’ However, Representative Jeffries did not agree to sign on to the Green New Deal and instead indicated he would rather wait for the House Select Committee on Climate Change to introduce recommendations for legislation, which could take well over a year.” (Indivisible Nation BK, “Climate Activists To Hakeem Jeffries: Will You Support The Green New Deal?” [Medium](#), 3/21/19)

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CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

On May 25, 2017, Jeffries Voted In Favor Of H.R. 1761, Which Aimed To Make The Production Of Child Pornography A Crime Regardless Of Whether The Sexual Conduct With The Minor Was Initiated For The Purposes Of Producing Content. “Passage of the bill that would make the production of child pornography a crime regardless of whether the sexual conduct with the minor was initiated for the purposes of producing such content. The bill would establish new offenses that could be prosecuted as child pornography and subjected to the same

mandatory minimum prison sentences as current child pornography crimes, including live streaming a child engaged in sexually-explicit conduct, whether produced domestically or abroad.” (H.R. 1761, [Roll Call Vote #284](#); Passed 368-51; R: 231-2, D: 137-49, 5/25/17, Jeffries Voted Yea; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 8/12/21)

- **Jeffries Voted For An Amendment To H.R. 1761 That Sought To Limit To One Year A Term Of Imprisonment For Individuals Convicted Of Child Pornography Crimes Who Are 19 Years Old Or Younger And The Minor Involved Was 15 Years Old Or Older.** “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would limit, to one year, a term of imprisonment for individuals convicted of child pornography crimes who are 19 years old or younger and the minor involved is 15 years old or older, as long as the minor was not more than four years younger than the individual who committed the violation and the sexual conduct that occurred was consensual.” (H.R. 1761, [Roll Call Vote #283](#), Rejected 180-238; R: 2-231, D: 178-7, 5/25/17, Jeffries Voted Yea; [CQ Summary](#), Accessed 8/12/21)

FORMER SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI

VIDEO: In January 2023, Upon Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) Being Named Speaker, Jeffries Stated That Former Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) Would “Go Down In History As The Greatest Speaker Of All Time.” FREY: “But before handing it over to Republican Kevin McCarthy, Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries first had someone he wanted to honor.” JEFFRIES: “And without question in my mind, Speaker Emerita Pelosi will go down in history as the greatest Speaker of all time.” (NY1’s [“Leader Jeffries Discussion,”](#) 1/27/23) Minute 15:24 – 15:41