

Wannabe Squad Member

The New York Post Headline: “Tom Suozzi Once Asked To Be An Honorary Member Of AOC’s ‘Squad’” (Jon Levine, “Tom Suozzi Once Asked To Be An Honorary Member Of AOC’s ‘Squad,’” [The New York Post](#), 12/11/21)



In July 2019, Suozzi Asked To Be An Honorary Member Of The Squad. “I don’t agree with all the politics of the Squad,’ Suozzi said in July 2019 while defending the group from a Twitter tirade by then-President Trump. ‘But today I want to be an honorary member of the squad.” (Jon Levine, “Tom Suozzi Once Asked To Be An Honorary Member Of AOC’s ‘Squad,’” [The New York Post](#), 12/11/21)

- **VIDEO: During A July 16, 2019 Interview On MSNBC’s “Morning Joe,” Suozzi Was Criticizing Then-President Donald Trump’s Policies And Said While He Did Not Agree With All Of Their Politics, “I Want To Be An Honorary Member Of The Squad.”** SUOZZI: “This is the problem of what Donald Trump does. He completely shifts the focus away from important policy issues to this racial divide in our country. I don't agree with all the politics of the squad, I'm a Democrat. I don't agree with a lot of their politics. But today, I want to be an honorary member of the squad. Because I want to fight against this un-American, racist type of behavior. This is not what our country wants.” (MSNBC’s [“Morning Joe,”](#) 7/16/19) Minute 0:52 – 1:17
- **In Response To Suozzi’s Desire To Be An Honorary Member Of The Squad, Ocasio-Cortez Tweeted At Suozzi, “You’re In ...”** “You’re in, @RepTomSuozzi” (Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, [Twitter](#), 7/16/19)



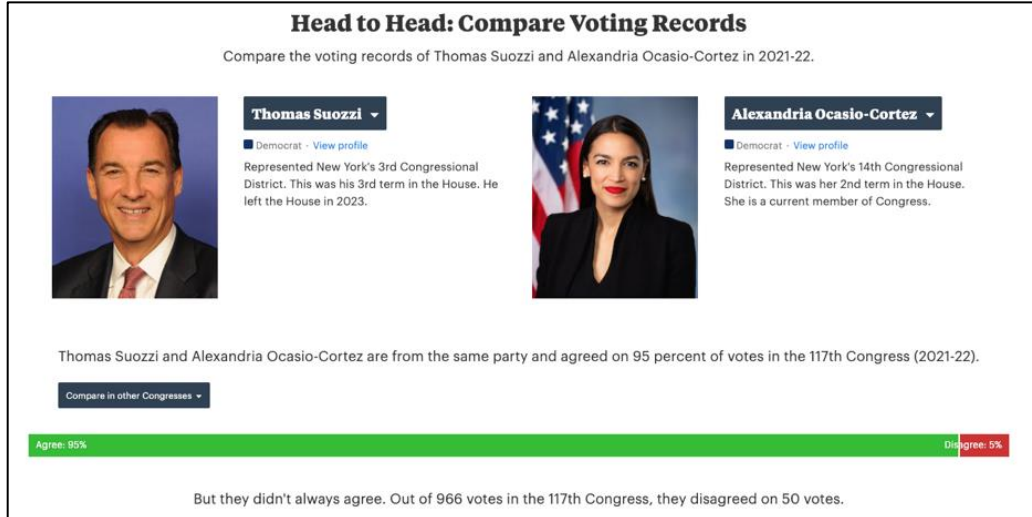
(Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, [Twitter](#), 7/16/19)

VIDEO: During A February 26, 2021 Interview With FOX 5 New York, Suozzi Recalled When Trump Made Comments About Going Back To One’s Own Country Of Origin And At The Time, Said, “You Know What, I’ll Be An Honorary Member Of The Squad Today.’ I Don’t Agree With Them On A Whole Host Of Things, But I Don’t Like That Type Of Treatment.” QUESTION: “So Congressman, I’m wondering, what’s your relationship with AOC? I heard you wanted to be an ‘honorary member’ of the squad. What’s that all about?” SUOZZI: “That was about two years ago when the president had said you should go back to your own country, which I just thought was so offensive. I’m a first-generation Italian American. My father was born in Italy. I can’t stand it when people attack people based upon their race, or their immigrant status, or

their language, or the color of their skin, it just drives me crazy. And when he said that I was on a show one morning, I was talking about something completely unrelated, and I was delayed getting on the show, and Joe Scarborough asked me about something, and I said, ‘you know what, I’ll be an honorary member of the squad today.’ I don’t agree with them on a whole host of things, but I don’t like that type of treatment.” ([FOX 5 New York](#), 2/26/21) Minute 4:57 – 5:39

- **Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Ilhan Omar (D-MN), Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), And Ayanna Pressley (D-MA) Are The Original Members Of “The Squad.”** “They are ‘the Squad.’ Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y.; Ilhan Omar, D-Minn.; Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass.; and Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., have collectively come to be known by that label since taking office in January. The four have found common cause on a number of issues, most recently by becoming the only Democrats to vote against the House version of a border funding bill that was backed by Speaker Nancy Pelosi.” (William Cumming, “The Squad’: These Are The Four Congresswomen Trump Told To ‘Go Back’ To Other Countries,” [USA Today](#), 7/15/19)
- **Reps. Ocasio-Cortez And Tlaib Are Members Of The Democratic Socialists Of America (DSA).** “In the 2018 midterm elections, two members of Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) were elected to the House of Representatives: Rashida Tlaib in Michigan’s 13th district, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, in New York’s 14th district. To mark the occasion of the most socialists entering the House for the first time in a single year, I wrote in these pages, ‘the 116th Congress will consist of two socialists and four hundred and thirty three representatives of other persuasions. It’s a start.’” (Maurice Isserman, “Congress Now Has More Socialists Than Ever Before In U.S. History,” [In These Times](#), 1/11/21)

In Congress, Suozzi Voted With Members Of The Squad Over 90 Percent Of The Time During The 117th Congress, Suozzi Voted With Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) 95 Percent Of The Time. ([ProPublica](#), Accessed 7/5/23)



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- **During The 116th Congress, Suozzi Voted With Ocasio-Cortez 92 Percent Of The Time.** ([ProPublica](#), Accessed 7/5/23)

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Compare the voting records of Thomas Suozzi and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in 2019-20.




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Thomas Suozzi and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez are from the same party and agreed on 92 percent of votes in the 116th Congress (2019-20).

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Agree: 92% Disagree: 8%


But they didn't always agree. Out of 931 votes in the 116th Congress, they disagreed on 72 votes, including 6 major votes.

[\(ProPublica, Accessed 7/5/23\)](#)


During The 117th Congress, Suozzi Voted With Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) 95 Percent Of The Time. [\(ProPublica, Accessed 7/5/23\)](#)

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Agree: 95% Disagree: 5%


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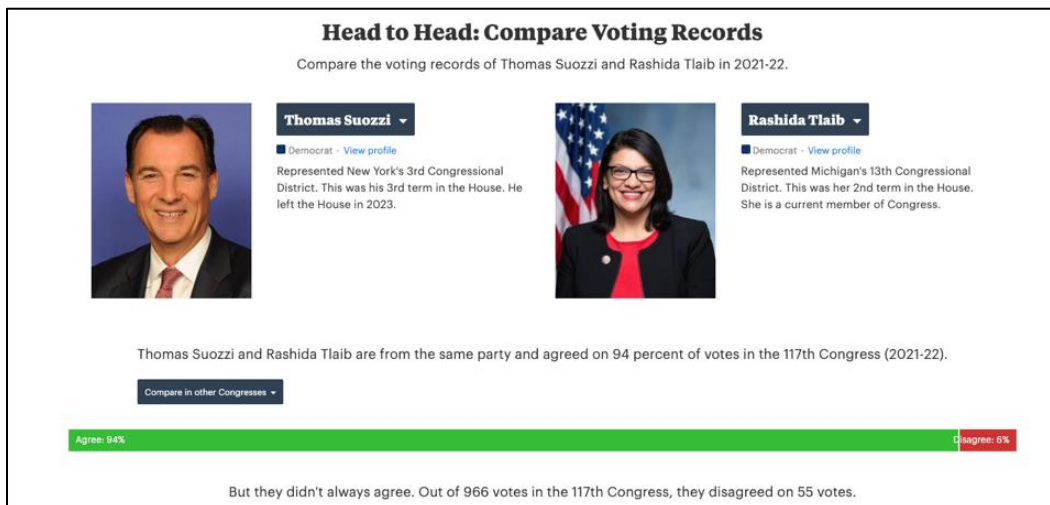


Agree: 93% Disagree: 7%

But they didn't always agree. Out of 897 votes in the 116th Congress, they disagreed on 66 votes, including 5 major votes.

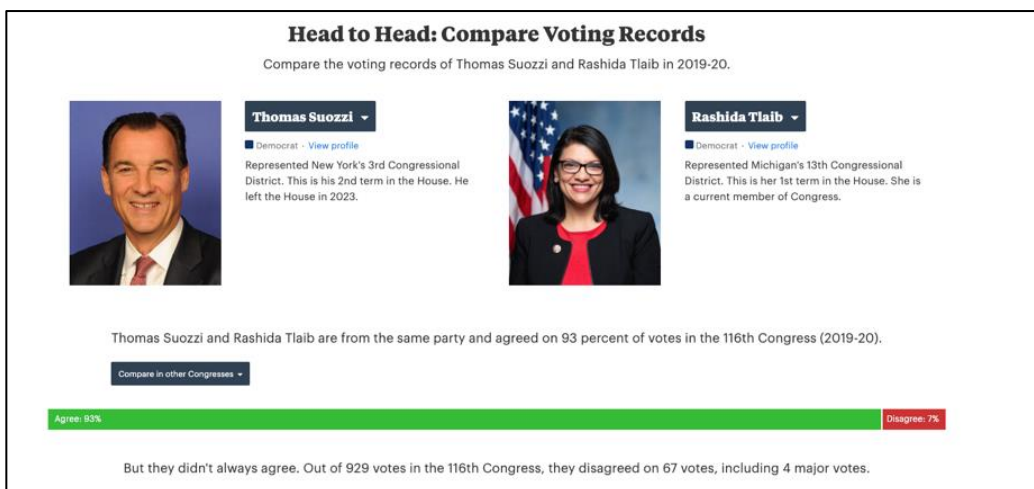
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During The 117th Congress, Suozzi Voted With Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) 94 Percent Of The Time. [\(ProPublica, Accessed 7/5/23\)](#)



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During The 117th Congress, Suozzi Voted With Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA) 96 Percent Of The Time. [\(ProPublica, Accessed 7/5/23\)](#)

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Agree: 96% Disagree: 4%


But they didn't always agree. Out of 970 votes in the 117th Congress, they disagreed on 41 votes.

([ProPublica](#), Accessed 7/5/23)


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Agree: 94% Disagree: 6%

But they didn't always agree. Out of 924 votes in the 116th Congress, they disagreed on 60 votes, including 4 major votes.

([ProPublica](#), Accessed 7/5/23)