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The continual unification of as many organizations as possible, starting at the local level and branching out to both the state of North Carolina and then the entire nation.

Spotlight

Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett



**By
DonnaMarie Woodson**



I respect Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett because she says what she means and means what she says. I also love her work around questions- “Would it be out of order to call her a “bleach blonde?” It doesn’t matter what the answer is; she got away with saying it.

Lately, Congresswoman Crockett has been disparaged by the



MAGA crowd for her comment referring to Governor Abbott as Governor “Hot Wheels,” which I find rich because of how quickly they forget the ugly, disrespectful mocking of a disabled reporter by Trump.

Fortunately, many social media users shared a clip of Trump mocking Mr. Kovalski, who has a congenital joint condition, during one of Trump’s rallies in November 2015.



Referring to Mr. Kovalski, Trump remarked,

"you gotta see this guy."

Upon making an impression of his condition.

More importantly, Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett made headlines and history on January 29, 2025, at her Swearing-In ceremony for the 119th Congress at the Grand Hall in Dallas, Texas!

2025 is the Congresswoman’s second term representing Texas’s 30th Congressional District in the House of Representatives. Congresswoman Crockett, the sole Black freshman and youngest Black lawmaker in Texas during the 87th Legislative Session, navigated what has been marked as the most conservative session in Texas history.

The Official Ceremonial Swearing-In of the U.S. Congresswoman



was conducted by Judge Audrey Moorehead, the first Black woman to serve as the judge of Dallas County Criminal Court #3. She is also Congresswoman Crockett's Soror of their shared and mine Sorority Delta Sigma Theta Incorporated.



The Congresswoman understands and recognizes the inequity in our country. She's dedicated her career as a public defender, civil rights attorney, State Representative, and United States Congresswoman to serve justice and ensure equality for all.

Congresswoman Crockett filed more bills than any other freshman, assembled a broad coalition to pass landmark criminal justice reforms in the House, and brought more accessibility and accountability to her office than before.

At this moment in our country's history, the Congresswoman has demonstrated the heart, spirit, and drive to take on the day's unique challenges.

Before her swearing-in, the local Dallas newspaper, the *Dallas Weekly*, asked Congresswoman Crockett what she had to say about other representatives still supporting President Trump after his dramatic week in office.

“Find your backbone... There are Republicans who tell me privately that they disagree with this stuff, but they would never dare cross him. They are afraid of him. It is time out for politics because we may not survive if we don't stand up for what's right.”

Her resume speaks volumes about her experience and accomplishments:

- **Founding member of the Texas Progressive Caucus and the Texas Caucus on Climate, Energy, and the Environment.**
- **As a State Representative, she fought for economic opportunity as a Business & Industry Committee member and advocated for reform on the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.**
- **One of the lead architects of the 2021 Texas House Quorum Break, which brought attention to the draconian and restrictive voting measures being proposed in the legislature.**

Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett of the Texas 30th Congressional District was born on March 29th, 1981 and earned her B.A. in Business Administration from Rhodes College and her J.D. from the University of Houston.

She is licensed to practice law in Texas, Arkansas, and Federal Courts. Crockett is the past Bowie County Democratic Party Chair, held various leadership positions within the legal community, and is a former Dallas County Metrocare Services board member.

We need more Jasmine Crocketts in Congress. At the tender age of 44, she is a force to be reckoned with!





Let's take to heart the words of Congresswoman Crockett as she rallies audiences in a shared sentiment of not giving up and continuing as democracy participants in these trying times.

“As y'all encourage me, encourage yourselves. Renew your faith, renew your energy; it's not a sprint; it's a marathon. We are a strong people, and we will eventually prevail so long as we never give up.”

Happy Belated Birthday, Congresswoman Crockett!! 

Please keep telling the Truth and wearing those Republicans out!!!

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Editorial

What is the Future of the Democratic Party?

By
Tarik Kiley
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Currently, the Republican Party has the presidency and controls both chambers of Congress. They have a blueprint for their success called Project 2025. On the other side, the Democratic Party is in the minority, and their blueprint seems to be based on calling out President Trump's poor character. But demonizing the other side only goes so far.

Yes, President Donald Trump has poor character, and yes is a multiple felon, but where are the policies that the Democratic Party can stand together on? What are the issues that will bring the Democratic Party back into the majority? Let's face it. The Democrats are holding onto a thread as the party of diversity while the nation gets drunk on the elixir of racism once again.

For example, what can the Democrats do about the economy if elected?

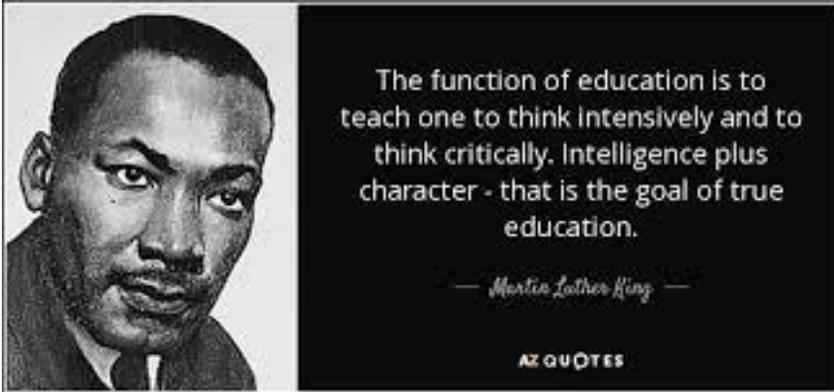
Currently, the cost of living is rising, which is genuinely frustrating. Inflation is a problem, and even when worker productivity has been increasing because of information technology tools, workers haven't seen the benefits in terms of a significant increase in wages.

President Trump's ideas seem alluring in this vein because, as a wealthy person, people simply take for granted that he knows how to manage money. People believe that he will raise their standard of living over time and ultimately increase their quality of life. The rich guy is considered capable of making everyone else comparably rich, even if that is false.

The middle class is not what it used to be. Inflation has increased, but salaries have not. The cost of housing is rising as well. Working Americans want to share in the nation's prosperity and genuinely believe President Trump will deliver that prosperity.

What are the Democrats going to do about preparing the next generation of Americans to be political leaders?

Many of the politicians in Washington, DC, are out of touch with the needs of the next generation. They have done nothing to decrease school shootings, address the bullying and abuse that leads to them, or equip American students with the tools they need to be competitive workers and entrepreneurs in a 21st-century economy.



In fact, books are being banned—and these are books that teach valuable critical thinking skills—because they deal with racial and

LGBTQ issues. Additionally, students cannot even write in cursive anymore because it's not being taught.

Of course, kids with great parents will still do well because their parents will invest in their future. But, the struggling kids, who are struggling because of neglect and lack of investment, will suffer.

Also, a bad example of incompetency is being set for the next generation. Classified war plans have been “accidentally” leaked. President Trump wants to rename the Gulf of Mexico as the “Gulf of America.” He is destroying our global alliances and turning our neighbors, Canada and Mexico, against us.

We're delusional to think that the next generation will respect their elders or see politics as a worthy profession if our representatives continue to be incompetent. Right now, domination is the prevalent narrative, which leads to the needed conversation about empathy with the next generation.

Will the Democrats return empathy to the American spirit?

Empathy is the building block of human cooperation. Democrats need to not only point out President Trump's lack of empathy but



also work vigilantly towards building a more empathic society and world. They will face backlash from President Trump, but supporting

international aid, human rights and equality among ethnic groups can work to foster the peace that the average American hopes for.

Also, having an empathic nature requires you to stand up against bullies. President Trump is a bully. But the Democrats need to stand up for those being bullied in a tangible way. This means using the courts and rallying constituencies to oppose mass deportations, racism, and police cruelty.

Democrats also have to face the fact that many Americans will follow President Trump. Many will goose-step behind him and drink the toxin of racism quite willingly. This is why Democrats need to be more vocal on this issue. Democrats need to keep talking about empathy and never give up on talking about empathy.

The perception of elitism can hurt the Democratic Party's discussion on empathy. This means it is crucial for Democrats to listen and not to name-call or bully anyone who disagrees with them. Cruelty and bullying are two things the Democrats should not participate in.

That doesn't mean that bullies shouldn't be vehemently opposed. Just don't become a bully yourself. It is similar to the book, "Animal Farm," by George Orwell. In "Animal Farm," the farm animals rebel against a cruel farmer to establish a more just society for all farm animals. But, over time, the pigs replace the farmer(s) as the ruling class and instill many of the same cruel practices that the farmer(s) engaged in.

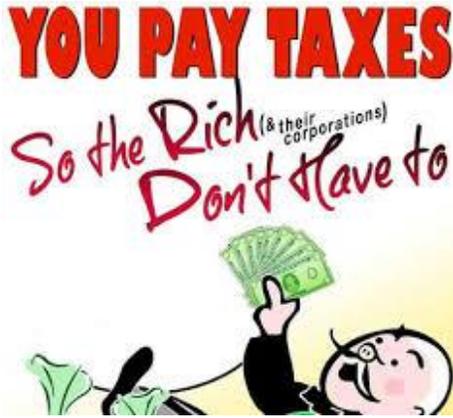


“ All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others. ”

George Orwell (Animal Farm)

The lesson is that the thirst for power can destroy empathy, justice, and equality.

Will the wealthy be encouraged to pay their fair share of taxes?



It is not enough to point the finger at the wealthy. Instead, a demonstrable case needs to be made that the entire country, including the wealthy, could benefit from the rich paying their fair share of taxes. Until the wealthy see this point, they will be reluctant to chip in. They probably feel like they earned their money and have a right to keep it.

Wealthy people need to see how taxes leading to the building of infrastructure benefit businesses and how socialized medicine can make their workers more healthy and productive due to ease of access.

America has to face the fact that we live in a time of cultural upheaval. The old school racism, White Nationalism, and White Supremacy has reared its ugly head once again. We must consider what type of culture we want in the USA and stand by those convictions.

Do we want hatred and exclusivity, or do we want inclusivity and equality? It's not enough to learn those words in school; but people with power need to act on the idea of equality if that is what we truly want.

Can the Democrats get people to pay attention and turn out the vote in the upcoming midterm elections?

The midterm elections are the next battleground. People often don't pay attention to these elections because they don't occur during a presidential election year. But, having a strategy for the midterms is essential to gaining the political power Democrats seem to be losing.

The article you are reading is incomplete because the USA is at a crossroads. Again, the American people need to decide as a collective what type of culture we want for ourselves and the next generation.

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Announcements



Democrats of North Mecklenburg

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, April 3rd at 6:30 pm

**North Regional Rec Center, 18121 Old Statesville
Road, Cornelius (south of Bailey Road)**

Zoom Link <https://demsofnorthmeck.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=765fdf3806a10a2c360de71c2&id=18025bf0bd&e=e90d0cd318>

Indivisible Charlotte & Lake Norman-Hands Off!

Saturday, April 5th

- **In Cornelius: 11:30 am-1 pm**
Starting at the Cornelius Veterans Memorial
21445 Catawba Avenue

- **In Charlotte: 11 am-1 pm, Charlotte
Mecklenburg County Social Services**
301 Billingsley Rd, Charlotte
 - **Register [here](#) for the Charlotte event.**

**(Bring non-perishable food donations (no glass jars, please) to the
event to support our neighbors!)**

Announcements



League of Women Voters

Monday, April 7th, 6-7:30pm

**The Public School Funding Crisis: What's at Stake for
Charlotte-Mecklenburg?**

**Join in person or online for a community
conversation and call to action.**

Registration is required. Register here.

**In-person location: Caldwell Presbyterian
Church, 1609 East Fifth Street, Charlotte**

Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County

Monthly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 9th

6:30 pm Reception, 7:00 pm Program

Hope Community Hall

Caldwell Presbyterian Church

1609 E 5th St, Charlotte, NC 28204

Announcements



Mecklenburg County Democratic Party

Annual County Convention

Saturday, April 26th, 10am

- **Register here. (Registration is required for delegates, proxies, and guests.)**

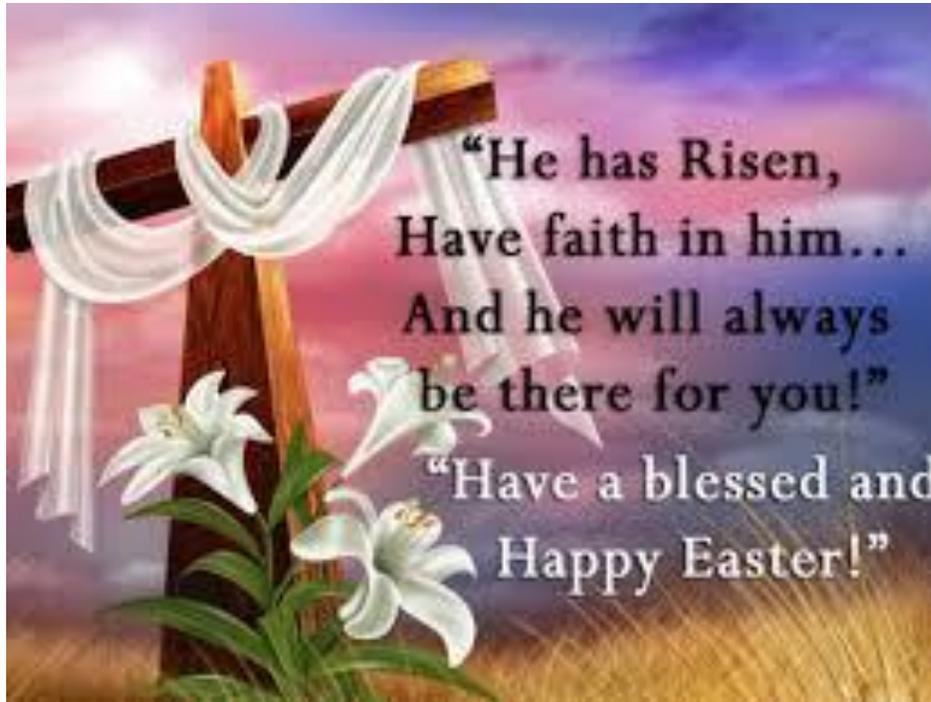
- **In-person location: Little Rock AME Zion Church, 401 N. McDowell Street, Charlotte**

- **Zoom option: This option only allows for viewing and voting. Registration to attend virtually must be completed by midnight on April 25th, 2025.**



Please submit your group events to donnaMarie93@gmail.com by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the Announcements.

Happenings!



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