Mondaire Jones Was Rated One Of The Most Partisan And Extreme, Far-Left Members Of Congress During His One-Term In Office. Worse, He Never Got Anything Accomplished. The Only Law He Ever Passed Was Renaming A Local Post Office

Jones Is A Self-Described Progressive And Was Previously Cited As The "One Of The Most Progressive Members" Of Congress

VIDEO: Jones, In 2020: "We Have To Ensure That We Elect Someone With Whom We Can Work, As This Is The Most Progressive Congress In United States History, Especially On Issues Like A Green New Deal." (Ed Markey For Senate, "Mondaire Jones: Democracy Is On Its Last Breath," YouTube, Posted 10/16/20)

VIDEO: In 2020, Jones Touted Himself As The "Most Progressive" Candidate In His Primary And Claims Progressive Values Resonated Despite It Being The Suburbs.

"INTERVIEWER (00:13): So you were probably the most progressive in the field in a district that is pretty suburban and a little bit more affluent than your typical New York district. What do you attribute the fact of your victory to? JONES (00:30): Yeah, I was definitely the most progressive candidate in my crowded eight way race. And I attribute my victory to having a message that is progressive in nature and resonates with the people of this district. And we couldn't have won without the support of people. I mean, we were the only people powered campaign of the eight, again, in a crowded democratic primary. And so I'm really grateful to the folks in this district who, as you noted, are suburbanites, right? This is not Brooklyn or Queens or Manhattan. This is Westchester and Rockland Counties. This is the 19th most affluent congressional district in the us. And yet what we have shown is that a progressive message, and more importantly, progressive values resonate with people all across this country and throughout frankly, states like this, which is a very diverse state in terms of the New York City dynamic versus being the affluent suburban community that we are in Westchester/ Rockland." (UPolitics, "Democratic Congressional Candidate Mondaire Jones On How To Make Biden More Progressive," YouTube, 7/15/20)

In 2023, The Liberal Publication *The Nation* Lauded Jones As "One Of The Most **Progressive Members Of The 117th Congress.**" (John Nichols, "Mondaire Jones Is Back–Precisely When Democrats Need Him," <u>The Nation</u>, 7/7/23)



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Jones, In 2022: "New Yorkers Deserve A Progressive Champion." "Rep. Mondaire Jones emerged Wednesday as the main contender to thwart former House impeachment lawyer Dan Goldman in the Democratic race to represent Lower Manhattan and brownstone Brooklyn in Congress. Whether the topic was guns, infectious diseases or Donald Trump, Jones took aim squarely at Goldman during the hour-long PIX11 debate, the last showdown among the top candidates in the 10th Congressional District before the Aug. 23 primary. 'New Yorkers deserve a progressive champion,' Jones said at one point." (Zach Williams And Carl Campanile, "Rep. Mondaire Jones Leads Attacks Against Dan Goldman In Last NY-10 Primary Debate," New York Post, 8/17/22) **In 2019, Jones Described "Himself As A Progressive Democrat."** "Mondaire Jones offers an ambitious legislative agenda and a resume of accomplishments as part of his plans to win a congressional seat representing Rockland and ousting longtime Rep. Nita Lowey in 2020. Jones, 32, an East Ramapo school district graduate from Spring Valley who worked for President Obama's Justice Department and the Westchester County Law Department, describes himself as a progressive Democrat, according to his campaign website. He filed for Congress on July 5. He said that while he respects Lowey's accomplishment over three decades in Congress, a more active voice is needed representing Rockland and parts of northern Westchester County. He said too many residents of the 17th Congressional District are struggling. 'Residents of both counties pay the highest property taxes in the nation, yet wages have remained stagnant for decades and Donald Trump's cap on the State and Local Tax deduction added to our burdens,' he said in a news release. 'Crippled by student debt and low earnings, young adults live with their parents because they cannot afford to pay rent or buy a home. Healthcare costs continue to rise as insurance companies place profits over people.'" (steve Lieberman, "Mondaire Jones, Lawyer And Progressive Democrat, Eyes Ousting Nita Lowey," *Journal News*, 7/25/19)

• Jones "Said He Would Champion Cancellation Of Student Debt, Medicare For All, A \$15 Minimum Wage, Universal Child Care, And A Green New Deal, Pressed By Congress Members Like Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Who Represents Parts Of The Bronx And Queens." "He said he would champion cancellation of student debt, Medicare for all, a \$15 minimum wage, universal child care, and a Green New Deal, pressed by Congress members like Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who represents parts of the Bronx and Queens. Jones also was critical of Lowey, who chairs the powerful House Appropriations Committee. He disparaged her support of spending \$1.4 billion for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, which enforces immigration laws. He said Lowey voted for the Defense of Marriage Act, which he said legalized discrimination against LGBTQ Americans, and President Bill Clinton's crime bill that he said accelerated mass incarceration and ravaged low-income communities and communities of color. He also cited her votes to what he called gut welfare, support the Iraq war and oppose the Iran nuclear deal." (Steve Lieberman, "Mondaire Jones, Lawyer And Progressive Democrat, Eyes Ousting Nita Lowey," *Journal News*, 7/25/19)

In 2019, "Jones Calls Himself 'The One True Progressive In This Race,' But Nevertheless Concedes That The Now-Open Primary Will Be A Tough Battle." "When speaking about his competitors, Jones does not mince words. Referring to Carlucci, a former member of the Independent Democratic Conference—a group of state senators who caucused with Republicans—he calls him a 'Trump Democrat.' 'Nobody would've thought he would think he's sufficiently rehabilitated himself to be elevated to Congress,' Jones adds. 'It is his own hubris that allows him to believe he is somehow qualified to be a member of Congress.' As for Buchwald, Jones alleges that he is 'calling himself a progressive for the first time' in this campaign, despite his 'record suggesting otherwise.' Jones calls himself 'the one true progressive in this race,' but nevertheless concedes that the now-open primary will be a tough battle." (Andrew Solender, "Mondaire Jones Has Been Here the Whole Time, *The River*, 11/1/19)

Jones Supports The Left Wing Of The Democrat Party And Said He Was Aligned With Left Wing Figures Like Bernie Sanders And Elizabeth Warren

AUDIO: Jones, In June 2020: "I Think The Energy In This Party Is On The Left. And I Hope That People Who Are In Power In This Party Realize That And Bring Us Into The Fold." (Deconstructed Podcast, "The Rise Of The Left (With Mondaire Jones)," <u>The Intercept</u>, 6/25/20)

AUDIO: In June 2020, Jones Noted That He Was Aligned With Progressives Like Ed Markey, Bernie Sanders, And Elizabeth Warren Despite Their Age. "MH: You're right, it is a no-brainer. You're 33 years old; you're going to be one of the youngest members of Congress. How much is the divide in the Democratic Party today, more generational, even, than it is ideological? I mean, there's you and AOC and Ilhan Omar in your 30s, there's Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn in their 70s. MJ: I think it's mostly ideological. I look at someone like Ed Markey, right? MH: Yeah. MJ: One of the senior members of Congress in the Senate, the author of the Green New Deal, or at least the lead sponsor, I should say, in the Senate. And so, and, of course, Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, are, you know, are seasoned — are seasoned in our politics. And so I, I think that this is more about an ideological difference than it is about age. Now, don't get me wrong, disproportionately young people tend to be progressive. And we tend not to be as patient as other people are, as — as — as we face these existential intractable problems. You know, and other people who've been around for longer offer modest proposals. So, so I think that — I think that there is a link there, that maybe it's inextricable, but, but really, it is about a belief system, and I'm happy to be a champion for that belief system. As I said last night, it is the idea that government has never worked for everyone; it's only ever worked for a subset of the American people." (Deconstructed Podcast, "The Rise Of The Left (With Mondaire Jones)," The Intercept, 6/25/20)

AUDIO: Jones: "I've Been Endorsed By Three. [Laughs.] Elizabeth Warren, Julián Castro, And Bernie Sanders Have All Endorsed My Campaign." "MH: Did you have a candidate in the presidential race? Did you endorse anyone? MJ: I did not endorse anyone, but I've been endorsed by three. [Laughs.] Elizabeth Warren, Julián Castro, and Bernie Sanders have all endorsed my campaign." (Deconstructed Podcast, "The Rise Of The Left (With Mondaire Jones)," <u>The Intercept</u>, 6/25/20)

<u>In His One Term In Congress, Mondaire Jones Only Passed One Bill Into Law – H.R.</u> <u>6267 A Bill Changing The Name A Local Post Office</u>

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1. <u>H.R.6267</u> — 117th Congress (2021-2022)
To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Chestnut Street in Suffern, New York, as the "Sergeant Gerald T. 'Jerry' Donnellan Post Office".
Sponsor: Jones, Mondaire [RepD-NY-17] (Introduced 12/14/2021) Cosponsors: (26)
Committees: House - Oversight and Reform Senate - Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Latest Action: 12/27/2022 Became Public Law No: 117-294. (PDF) (All Actions)
Tracker: Introduced > Passed House > Passed Senate > To President Became Law

(Rep. Mondaire Jones, Sponsored Legislation, Library Of Congress, Accessed 8/20.24)