

Tony Gonzales (TX-23) Research Report

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Tony Gonzales

Republican Candidate in
Texas's 23rd Congressional District

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Key Findings

Gonzales Is Bad For Texans' Health Care

Gonzales Supported “Eliminating” The ACA. *A Texas newspaper reported on Gonzales’s entry into the race for TX-35, before his switch to TX-23, and noted that he wanted to “replace the Affordable Care Act.” Gonzales has declined to explain what this means in any detail. Gonzales later submitted a questionnaire saying he supporting “eliminating” the ACA and moving toward “a free market system.”*

Gonzales Supported A Plan That Would Result In Devastating Cuts To Social Security And Medicare.

Gonzales has expressed his support for a radical and destructive budget cut known as the “Penny Plan” which would lead to cuts of over \$200 billion to Medicare and \$1 trillion to Social Security. These radical cuts would threaten the health and livelihood of over 125,000 Texans living in the 23rd District who receive Medicare benefits.

Gonzales Used Strawman Attacks On Socialism, Prominent Democrats, and Presidential Candidates To Deflect From Discussions Of Health Care Policy. *Instead of addressing his position on healthcare, Gonzales instead incessantly attacked Nancy Pelosi, Gina Ortiz Jones, and others who he branded as “Socialist” Democrats. Gonzales also deflected by attacking Medicare for All proposals as well as Democratic candidates for President.*

Gonzales Ran An Incompetent Campaign That Ran Afoul Of The Law

Gonzales Stumbled Through The Contentious TX-23 GOP Primary, And Hugged Trump In Order To Get Across The Finish Line. *In the initial primary election in March 2020, Gonzales failed to win even 30% of the vote, sending it to a runoff. Gonzales and his opponent Raul Reyes exchanged bitter words including accusations of socialism or being blatant liars. In the midst of this mudslinging and Reyes obtaining the endorsement of Ted Cruz, Gonzales was desperate for a Trump endorsement, and tried to portray himself as a Trump purist. He eventually received at the pleading of Gonzales’ allies in Washington, like Kevin McCarthy.*

Gonzales Received Campaign Contributions Mostly From Himself And Family. *Gonzales boasted of raising over \$100,000 in Q3 of 2019. However, Gonzales and his family collectively contributed over half of all campaign receipts in Q3. This includes a \$65,000 loan from Gonzales to his own campaign and even a \$400 contribution from his teenage daughter, Christina. As of Q4 2019, the total amount of contributions from Gonzales’s family was \$32,421, over 12% of individual contributions.*

Gonzales Received Contributions From A College Professor That Resulted In FEC Action. *David Butler, a professor at the University of Southern Mississippi where Gonzales worked on his Ph.D, contributed to the Gonzales Campaign via a Corporation. The FEC sent a letter noting that the contributions were disallowed and the Gonzales campaign returned the funds. Butler also exceeded allowable maximums for the campaign’s primary and general election funds through an affiliated LLC, which has not been addressed by the FEC as of Q4 2019 filings.*

Gonzales Violated Defense Department Regulation Multiple Times In The Early Months Of His Campaign. *Gonzales began organizing his campaign prior to his discharge from the Navy, violating Department of Defense Regulations in the process. Gonzales also received contributions from fellow servicemembers prior to the discharge date, a further violation of DoD Regulations.*

Thematics

Gonzales Is Bad For Texans' Health Care

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Gonzales supported eliminating the Affordable Care Act.*
- ✓ *Gonzales supported a plan that would result in devastating cuts to Social Security and Medicare.*
- ✓ *Gonzales repeatedly attacked socialism, which he associated with Nancy Pelosi and Gina Ortiz Jones, as a distraction from his positions on health care.*
- ✓ *Gonzales avoided discussing his own health care stances and instead focused on attacking national Democrats and Medicare for All.*

Gonzales Was Bad For Texans' Health Care

Gonzales Supported Eliminating The Affordable Care Act

Gonzales Supported “Eliminating” The Affordable Care Act, Saying He Wanted To “Move Back Towards A Free Market System.” Q: “How would you promote healthcare coverage that is adequate, affordable and accessible for all?” GONZALES: “By eliminating Obama Care (ACA) we need to move back towards a free market system that allows health care companies to properly compete against each other for free enterprise and competitive rates. The exponential rise in healthcare costs for citizens is unacceptable and we need to return back to free enterprise. Pre existing conditions will be covered to ensure that citizens are covered and not left between the cracks.” [iVoterGuide – Candidate Profile: Tony Gonzales, accessed [8/24/20](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Allow Insurers To Deny Or Charge More If An Individual Has A Pre-Existing Condition

The Affordable Care Act Prevented Insurers From Denying Coverage Or Charging More If An Individual Had A Pre-Existing Condition. “In the old days, insurance companies had ways to avoid selling policies to people who were likely to cost more than insurers wanted to spend. They might deny them coverage outright, or exclude coverage for a known condition, or charge so much that insurance became unaffordable. The Affordable Care Act boxes out the old insurance practices with a package of legal moves. First, it says point-blank that carriers ‘may not impose any preexisting condition exclusion.’ It backs that up with another section that says they ‘may not establish rules for eligibility’ based on health status, medical condition, claims experience or medical history.” [Politifact, [10/17/18](#)]

312,700 Non-Elderly Persons In Texas’ 23rd Congressional District Had Pre-Existing Conditions. [Center for American Progress, [10/2/19](#)]

2017: Repeal Could Have Denied Coverage To As Many As 133 Million Americans. “This analysis updates that earlier study. It confirms that a large fraction of non-elderly Americans have pre-existing health conditions: at least 23 percent of Americans (61 million people) using a narrow definition based on eligibility criteria for pre-ACA state high-risk pools, or as many as 51 percent (133 million people) using a broader definition closer to the underwriting criteria used by insurers prior to the ACA. Any of these 133 million Americans could have been denied coverage, or offered coverage only at an exorbitant price, had they needed individual market health insurance before 2014.” [HHS.gov, Issue Brief, [1/5/17](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Create An “Age Tax”

The Affordable Care Act Established A 3:1 Limit On Age Rating Of Health Insurance Premiums. “The Affordable Care Act (ACA) established a 3:1 limit on age rating of health insurance premiums, meaning that insurance companies cannot charge older adults more than three times the amount younger adults are charged for the same coverage. This limit is a critical consumer protection that ensures older adults—specifically those ages 50 to 64 who are not yet eligible for Medicare—have access to affordable health insurance coverage.” [AARP, [1/2017](#)]

If The Affordable Care Act Were Fully Repealed, The Health Care Market Would Return To “Insurance Companies Routinely Charged Older People Much Higher Amounts Than Younger People For The Same Coverage.” “Prior to enactment of the ACA, many older adults ages 50–64 who were not old enough to be eligible for Medicare but who did not have coverage through an employer had difficulty obtaining health insurance coverage on their own in the individual market. If coverage was available, older adults were often charged much higher premiums due to their age or a preexisting condition, making it unaffordable and out of reach. [...] Consequently, insurance companies routinely charged older people much higher amounts than younger people for the same coverage in the individual health insurance market.” [AARP, [1/2017](#)]

Brookings: ‘Nearly Every ACA Replacement Plan Involves Widening The Age Rating Bands... Proposals Suggest Changing The Current 3:1 Ratio To 5:1 Or 6:1 Or Eliminating It Altogether.’ “Loosen age rating restrictions in the individual market. Nearly every ACA replacement plan involves widening the age rating bands that currently restrict insurers from setting premiums for the oldest adults in the individual market (64 year olds) that are more than three times the premium they charge a 21-year old for the same coverage. Proposals suggest changing the current 3:1 ratio to 5:1 or 6:1 or eliminating it altogether.” [Brookings, [12/13/16](#)]

Senate’s Better Care Reconciliation Act Included A 5:1 Age Rating Limit. “This summary describes key provisions of H.R. 1628, the Better Care Reconciliation Act of 2017, an amendment in the nature of a substitute proposed in the Senate on June 22, 2017 and revised most recently on July 20, 2017, as a plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and make fundamental changes to Medicaid financing through the Fiscal Year 2017 budget reconciliation process. [...] Modify age rating limit to permit variation of 5:1, unless states adopt different ratios, effective 2019.” [KFF, [7/20/17](#)]

House-Passed American Health Care Act Included A 5:1 Age Rating Limit. “This summary describes key provisions of H.R. 1628, the American Health Care Act, as approved by the House of Representatives on May 4, 2017, as a plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA) through the Fiscal Year 2017 budget reconciliation process. [...] Modify age rating limit to permit variation of 5:1, unless states adopt different ratios, effective 2018.” [AARP, [5/2017](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Raise Out-Of-Pocket Costs, Decrease Benefits, And Eliminate Financial Assistance That Allows Millions To Afford Premiums

USA Today: “Repealing Health Care Law Would Mean Higher Costs.” “Republicans may not agree with President Obama’s State of the Union call to drop the idea of repealing the Affordable Care Act, but health experts say the law has taken such hold that it may be impossible to get rid of it. The consequences of repeal, health care officials and industry analysts say, go beyond the fact that 9 million people would suddenly lose their insurance or that anyone with a pre-existing condition would either lose insurance or pay much higher premiums. All consumers would take a huge financial hit, because health care costs would continue to rise, and insurers would probably recoup their losses by charging higher premiums.” [USA Today, [2/01/14](#)]

NPR: Before The Affordable Care Act, Insurance Companies Sold Policies That Excluded Pregnancy And Mental Health Care; 9 Percent Of Policies Didn’t Cover Prescription Drugs. “That’s because if insurance companies don’t have a list of medical services they have to include in their policies, they can sell stripped-down policies and then charge extra for specific types of coverage. This isn’t theoretical. Before the Affordable Care Act went into effect, insurance companies routinely found ways to avoid paying for expensive health care. Beyond

refusing to cover people with existing medical conditions, they sold policies that excluded coverage for some medical care, including prenatal care, childbirth and mental health care. According to the Century Foundation, 9 percent of policies didn't even cover prescription drugs." [NPR, [3/23/17](#)]

Before The Affordable Care Act, 39 Percent Of Plans Did Not Cover Mental Health Care, And Those That Did Often Offered Limited Coverage. "A survey by HealthPocket Inc. shows that before Obamacare, only 61 percent of health plans included coverage for mental health care, and that coverage was often limited." [NPR, [3/23/17](#)]

Before The Affordable Care Act, Only 6 Percent Of Individual Market Insurance Plans Offered Maternity Coverage, And Maternity Riders Often Had Expensive Premiums And High Deductibles. "A 2012 study by the National Women's Law Center found that, before Obamacare, only about 6 percent of policies available on the individual insurance market included maternity coverage. One plan offered a maternity rider that cost more than \$1,600 a month on top of the regular premium. Many of those policies had maternity-specific deductibles as high as \$10,000, or did not actually kick in for two years. Even insurance provided by employers had limits for maternity care. A study by Truven found that in 2010, women who had insurance through their employers still paid about \$12,000 to \$16,000 for childbirth." [NPR, [3/23/17](#)]

2013: Repeal Could Lose Financial Help For Getting Coverage For Almost 11 Million Americans. "About 15 million people currently purchase health insurance on their own, using the individual market. And about 70 percent of them -- about 10.8 million people -- will qualify for the financial help buying coverage under the health-care law, according to a new study out Thursday from Families USA. Their analysis suggests that many Americans receiving cancellation notices would receive assistance through the health overhaul, either by qualifying for subsidies to purchase a private plan or through Medicaid, the public program that serves low-income Americans." [Washington Post, [11/21/13](#)]

Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would Increase Insurance Premiums; According To The Washington Post, "Many Would Find They Could No Longer Afford Coverage." "The ACA, also known as Obamacare, provides subsidies to help subscribers afford the cost of individual policies. The law also required all Americans, with a few exceptions, to have insurance. Without the subsidies or the requirement that all Americans have coverage, experts say the healthiest customers would cease buying insurance if they do not have policies through their employers or through the government. As a result, insurers would be forced to increase premiums to cover the cost of treating those sicker patients who remain. Many would find they could no longer afford coverage." [Washington Post, [12/7/16](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Raise Drug Costs For Seniors

CMS: Affordable Care Act Has Helped 7.3 Million Seniors Save \$8.9 Billion In Prescription Drug Costs. "ObamaCare has saved seniors and people with disabilities nearly \$9 billion in prescription drug costs, according to data touted Tuesday by the Obama administration. According to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, 7.3 million people who reached the 'doughnut hole' in their Medicare prescription drug coverage have saved \$8.9 billion on their prescription drugs since the law was enacted in 2010. That's an average savings of \$1,209 per person." [The Hill, [11/26/13](#)]

Repeal Would Re-Open Medicare Prescription-Drug Doughnut Hole. "There's a Medicare prescription-drug coverage abyss that is playfully referred to as the 'doughnut hole,' though there is nothing sweet or amusing about it. But thanks to the Affordable Care Act, which had a rocky launch last week, Medicare beneficiaries will see that gap shrink again in 2013 and each year until 2020." [Wall Street Journal, [10/06/13](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Take Away Coverage From Millions

2020: 1,958,000 Texans Would Lose Coverage Under The Health Care Repeal Lawsuit. [Center for American Progress, [6/24/20](#)]

2020: 23 Million Americans Would Lose Coverage Under The Health Care Repeal Lawsuit. [Center for American Progress, [6/24/20](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would End Local Investment In Community Health Centers

HHS: Community Health Centers Expanded to Create 35,000 New Jobs and Add 4 Million New Patients Since 2009. “Today, approximately 1,200 health centers operate more than 9,000 service delivery sites that provide care to over 21 million patients in every State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Basin. Since the beginning of 2009, health centers have added 4 million patients and more than 35,000 new full-time positions.” [HHS.gov, [11/07/13](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Deny Mental Health Coverage

The Affordable Care Act Prevents Insurance Companies From Denying Coverage To Those With Mental Health Issues. “Under the law, insurers must now pay for many things that used to be optional, like prescription drugs, having a baby, and mental health care, among other services. [...] Obama’s signature health care legislation addresses this problem in explicit terms. Under the law, which takes effect Jan. 1, mental health and substance abuse services are classified among the 10 ‘Essential Health Benefits.’ Health insurance marketplaces cannot apply yearly or lifetime dollar limits on coverage of these benefits. The marketplaces also cannot deny anyone coverage or charge more for pre-existing conditions. [...] Under the ACA, health plans are required to cover preventative services, including behavioral assessments for children, at no additional cost. Coverage will also include behavioral health treatment, such as psychotherapy, and substance abuse treatment – both for inpatient and outpatient care.” [San Francisco Chronicle, [11/22/13](#)]

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Repealing The ACA Would Deny Preventive Health Coverage

105 Million Americans Have Received Free Preventive Care Because Of The Affordable Care Act. “About 71 million Americans with private health insurance plans received at least one free preventive health service -- such as a mammogram or flu shot -- in 2011 and 2012 because of the Affordable Care Act, the Obama administration said Monday. In addition, about 34 million people in traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans also received at least one free preventive health service -- such as an annual wellness visit -- due to the health care law, according to a report released Monday by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In total, about 105 million Americans have been helped by the preventive services coverage improvements in the Affordable Care Act, said the HHS, which is marking the third anniversary of passage of the law.” [US News & World Report, [3/18/13](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Benefit Insurance Companies

Affordable Care Act Requires Insurance Companies To Spend 80 Percent Of Premium Revenue On Patient Care. “There’s a little known part of the health care reform law that requires insurance companies to spend 80 percent of their premiums on health care or reimburse the customer [...] No more than 20 percent of premiums can be spent on salaries, bonuses, and advertising.” [CBS News, [7/31/12](#)]

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Repeal Would Allow Insurance Companies To Annual And Lifetime Limits On Coverage. “Under the Affordable Care Act, insurance companies will no longer be allowed to set limits on the dollar amount of health benefits that they will cover in a single year or over the course of a person’s lifetime. This means that you won’t run out of coverage if you develop a health problem that is costly to treat.” [Families USA, [9/23/10](#)]

Repeal Would Let Insurance Companies Cancel Plans When You Get Sick. “One troubling health insurance industry practice that has gained attention recently is known as ‘rescission.’ A rescission occurs when an insurer retroactively cancels an enrollee’s policy (usually when the enrollee needs expensive care), blaming it on an error that the enrollee made [...] Under the Affordable Care Act, an insurance company will be able to rescind your health plan only if you (or someone you’ve authorized to represent you on a health insurance application, including your employer) commits fraud—that is, knowingly and willfully misrepresents or omits a piece of information that is relevant to your health plan.” [Families USA, [April 2011](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Cause Young Adults To Lose Coverage

Affordable Care Act Allowed Young Adults To Remain On Their Parent’s Health Insurance Until Age 26. “Young adults will be allowed to remain on their parent’s health insurance up to age 26.” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [7/17/12](#)]

Repeal Could Lose Coverage For Millions Of Young Adults Now Covered On Parents’ Plans. “More than 3.1 million young Americans now have health insurance, thanks in part to a provision in the health care reform law that allows parents to add dependents up to age 26 to their insurance plans. That number is up from last June, when 2.5 million young adults ages 19 through 25 who would otherwise have been uninsured gained health care coverage, according to the Department of Health and Human Services.” [CNN, [6/19/12](#)]

Repeal Could Lose Healthcare Subsidies For 80 Percent Of Uninsured Young Adults. “According to a report from the Commonwealth Fund, more than 80 percent of uninsured young people under 30 will be eligible for subsidies or for Medicaid, which the Affordable Care Act expands.” [ABC News, [9/16/13](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Harm Women’s Health

Repeal Could Allow Insurance Companies To Charge More Based On Gender. “First, the Affordable Care Act eliminates the discrimination that women have faced when buying insurance. For years, insurance companies may have charged women up to ten times more for their insurance than they charged men. Women often were denied coverage because of a ‘pre-existing’ condition. [...] Under Obamacare, insurance companies can no longer use gender as a factor when setting premiums.” [Washington Post, [9/30/13](#)]

NPR: The Affordable Care Act “Prohibited Insurers From Charging Women Higher Rates Than Men For The Same Services.” “Before Obamacare, women were also generally charged higher rates for health insurance than men on the individual market. According to the law center’s analysis, 60 percent of best-selling individual plans in 2009 charged a 40-year-old nonsmoking woman more than a 40-year-old man who smoked, even in plans that didn’t include any type of maternity coverage. That inequity disappeared under the health law, which prohibited insurers from charging women higher rates than men for the same services.” [NPR, [11/29/16](#)]

Repeal Could Deny Coverage For Preventative Care To 47 Million Women. “Beginning Wednesday, all new health insurance plans will be required to provide eight preventive health benefits to women for free. The benefits include contraceptives, breast-feeding supplies and screenings for gestational diabetes, sexually transmitted infections and domestic violence, as well as routine check-ups for breast and pelvic exams, Pap tests and prenatal

care...A new report released Monday by the Department of Health and Human Services estimates 47 million women are in health plans that must offer the new benefits.” [CNN, [7/31/12](#)]

Repeal Could Deny Coverage For Contraception To Women. “One aspect of the preventative health care coverage- and among the most discussed provisions of the new health care law- is the requirement that health insurance plans cover contraceptive services. After a widely publicized effort by religious leaders and Republican lawmakers to repeal this measure, the Obama administration announced a compromise that shifts the costs of contraceptive coverage from employers to insurance companies.” [Huffington Post, [4/03/12](#)]

Gonzales Supported Replacing The Affordable Care Act, Even Though It Would Result In Millions Losing Health Care And Increased Costs For Texans

Gonzales Supported Replacing The Affordable Care Act. “Gonzales will try to define himself in the District 35 race as an independent thinker unattached to partisan dogma and talking points. He emphasizes his desire to bring high-skilled, high-paying jobs to the district, bolster public education and replace the Affordable Care Act. At this point, he's short on policy details.” [San Antonio Express News, [7/31/19](#)]

The American Health Care Act, The Republican Attempt To Replace The ACA, Attempted To Repeal The Individual Mandate And Would Have Increased The Uninsured Rate By 14 Million People

The American Health Care Act Included Provisions Repealing The Individual Mandate. “This section repeals the penalties for individuals who are not covered by a health plan that provides at least minimum essential coverage (commonly referred to as the individual mandate).” [Congress.gov, H.R. 1628, 115th Congress, introduced [3/20/17](#)]

The Congressional Budget Office Estimated That The American Healthcare Act Would Have Increased Number Of Uninsured People In The United States By 23 Million People By 2026. “CBO and JCT estimate that, in 2018, 14 million more people would be uninsured under H.R. 1628 than under current law. The increase in the number of uninsured people relative to the number projected under current law would reach 19 million in 2020 and 23 million in 2026. In 2026, an estimated 51 million people under age 65 would be uninsured, compared with 28 million who would lack insurance that year under current law.” [Congressional Budget Office, [5/24/17](#)]

Repealing The Individual Mandate Resulted In Millions Losing Health Care And Increased Costs For Texans

Analysis Found Repealing The Individual Mandate Would Increase Premiums By Almost \$2,000 Per Family In 2019, And Cause 13 Million People Nationally To Become Uninsured. “Senate Republicans' proposed tax reform bill would increase Obamacare prices by an average of almost \$2,000 per family in 2019, according to an analysis released Thursday. And the tax bill would lead to 1.8 million more people lacking health insurance in California than currently, another 1 million people becoming uninsured in Texas, and more than 800,000 newly uninsured in New York and Florida each, the report said. Cumulatively, 13 million more people nationally would become uninsured.” [CNBC, [11/16/16](#)]

HEADLINE: Republican Tax Plan Will Make Health Insurance More Expensive. [Newsweek, [12/18/17](#)]

CAP: The Republican Tax Bill Increased Health Care Costs For Texans. “After passage of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act, in Texas, the average tax cut for the bottom 80 percent of families was \$688 and the average increase in health care premiums from repeal of the individual mandate was \$1,730.” [Center for American Progress, [6/19/18](#)]

CAP Projected The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Lead To 29,800 Fewer People With Health Care Coverage In Texas's 7th Congressional District By 2025 Because Of The Repeal Of The Individual Mandate. [Center for American Progress, [12/5/17](#)]

Repealing The Individual Mandate Increased Costs For Older Americans

AARP Estimated That Due To The Elimination Of The Individual Mandate, Premiums Would Rise Up To \$1,500 In 2019 For Americans Aged 50 To 64. “The CBO projects that would lead to 13 million more people without insurance by 2027. With fewer individuals in the health insurance pool, premiums in the individual marketplace would jump 10 percent in most years, according to the CBO. Those ages 50 to 64 would be especially hard hit, with premiums rising up to \$1,500 in 2019 alone, according to an AARP Public Policy Institute analysis.” [AARP, Press Release, [12/20/17](#)]

Repealing The Individual Mandate Resulted In A Court Challenge Of The Affordable Care Act, Possibly Leaving Even More Uninsured

A Republican Coalition Filed A Lawsuit Arguing That Congress’ Effective Elimination Of The Individual Mandate Rendered The ACA’s Mandate Unconstitutional. “The case against the ACA was brought by 20 Republican state attorneys general and governors, as well as two individuals. It revolves around Congress effectively eliminating the individual mandate penalty by reducing it to \$0 as part of the 2017 tax cut bill. The mandate requires nearly all Americans to get health insurance or pay a penalty. The Republican coalition, led by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, is arguing that the change rendered the mandate itself unconstitutional. The states say that the voiding of the penalty, which takes effect next year, removes the legal underpinning the Supreme Court relied upon when it upheld the law in 2012 under Congress’ tax power.” [CNN, [12/14/18](#)]

A Federal Judge Found The ACA’s Individual Mandate Unconstitutional, Holding That As A Result The Entire Law Should Be Struck Down. “A federal judge in Texas said on Friday that the Affordable Care Act’s individual coverage mandate is unconstitutional and that the rest of the law therefore cannot stand. Legal experts say the ruling won’t immediately affect Americans’ health coverage, and a group of states led by California is already vowing to appeal. But the invalidation of the landmark health care law popularly known as Obamacare throws into doubt the future of health coverage for millions of Americans on the Obamacare exchanges and in Medicaid expansion. The ruling and expected appeal sets up another cliffhanger in which the fate of the law, which Republicans have unsuccessfully tried to repeal for years, will likely once again ultimately lie with the Supreme Court.” [CNN, [12/14/18](#)]

June 2018: The Trump Administration Announced That It Would Not Defend The ACA In The Lawsuit. “The Trump administration said Thursday night that it will not defend the Affordable Care Act against the latest legal challenge to its constitutionality — a dramatic break from the executive branch’s tradition of arguing to uphold existing statutes and a land mine for health insurance changes the ACA brought about. In a brief filed in a Texas federal court and an accompanying letter to the House and Senate leaders of both parties, the Justice Department agrees in large part with the 20 Republican-led states that brought the suit. They contend that the ACA provision requiring most Americans to carry health insurance soon will no longer be constitutional and that, as a result, consumer insurance protections under the law will not be valid, either.” [Washington Post, [6/7/18](#)]

Urban Institute: If The Lawsuit Succeeded, Nearly 20 Million Americans Would Lose Coverage. “If the lawsuit ultimately succeeds, it would have devastating consequences for nearly every American who has health coverage, whether through their employer, the individual market, Medicare, or Medicaid. The Urban Institute estimates that overturning the ACA would result in almost 20 million more Americans being uninsured and would lower federal health care spending by \$135 billion in 2019 alone.” [Center for American Progress, [7/9/19](#)]

Gonzales Was Endorsed By Former Congressman Pete Sessions, Who Voted For The American Health Care Act

September 2019: Former Congressman Pete Sessions Endorsed Gonzales. [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [9/17/19](#)]

May 2017: Sessions Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill. In May 2017, Sessions voted for “Passage of the bill that would make extensive changes to the 2010 health care overhaul law, by effectively repealing the individual and employer mandates as well as most of the taxes that finance the current system. It would, in 2020, convert Medicaid into a capped entitlement that would provide fixed federal payments to states and end additional federal funding for the 2010 law's joint federal-state Medicaid expansion. It would prohibit federal funding to any entity, such as Planned Parenthood, that performs abortions and receives more than \$350 million a year in Medicaid funds. As amended, it would give states the option of receiving federal Medicaid funding as a block grant with greater state flexibility in how the funds are used, and would require states to establish their own essential health benefits standards. It would allow states to receive waivers to exempt insurers from having to provide certain minimum benefits, would provide \$8 billion over five years for individuals with pre-existing conditions whose insurance premiums increased because the state was granted a waiver to raise premiums based on an individual's health status, and would create a \$15 billion federal risk sharing program to cover some of the costs of high medical claims.” The bill was passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, [Vote #256](#), 5/4/17; CQ, [5/4/17](#)]

2010: Pete Sessions Also Voted Against The Original Passage Of The Affordable Care Act

Sessions Voted Against The Affordable Care Act. In March 2010, Sessions voted against “Spratt, D-S.C., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would overhaul the nation’s health insurance system and require most individuals to buy health insurance by 2014. It would create a system of national private insurance plans supervised by the Office of Personnel Management and create state-run marketplaces for purchasing health insurance. Those who do not obtain coverage would be subject to an excise tax. Excluded from the mandate would be those exempt from filing income tax and others with a hardship waiver, religious objection or those who cannot afford coverage. Employers with more than 50 workers would have to provide coverage or pay a fine if any employee gets a subsidized plan on the exchange. Certain small businesses would get tax credits for providing coverage, and those with low incomes, excluding illegal immigrants, could get subsidies.” The motion was agreed to, thus clearing the bill for the president, by a vote of 219-212. [HR 3590, [Vote #165](#), 3/21/10; CQ, 3/21/10]

Gonzales Supported Devastating Cuts To Medicare And Social Security

Gonzales Supported Devastating Budget Cuts To Medicare Of Over \$200 Billion, Threatening The Lives Of Thousands Of Texans In The 23rd District

Gonzales Supported The Penny Plan. “I would support the Penny Plan, which requires a 1% across the board cut every year until the budget is balanced. I would also support a balanced budget amendment and a ‘no budget, no pay’ legislation for members of Congress.” [iVoterGuide – Candidate Profile: Tony Gonzales, accessed [8/24/20](#)]

The Penny Plan Would Cut Over \$200 Billion Out Of Medicare And Over \$1 Trillion Out Of Social Security. “The math works like this: For six years, the federal government would reduce spending by 1 percent each year. In the seventh year, funding would be capped at 18 percent of gross domestic product, which measures the size of the overall economy. By the eighth year, the plan would balance the budget and save \$7.5 trillion over 10 years. If Congress and the president couldn’t reach an agreement about what to cut, the plan would trigger automatic across-the-board spending cuts. [...] The bottom line, according to the report: Mack’s plan would lead to about \$2.89 trillion in defense cuts and \$2.89 trillion in non-defense programs between 2013-22. The cuts would include about \$211 billion for Medicare and about \$1.124 [trillion] for Social Security. [...] Nelson said during the debate that Connie Mack’s Penny Plan would cut more than \$200 billion in Medicare, \$1 trillion in Social Security and \$3 trillion in defense. Nelson relied on a study from the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service. It found that Mack’s plan, if implemented across all programs, would cut \$211 billion in Medicare, \$1.124 trillion in Social Security and \$2.89 trillion in defense. During the

debate Nelson didn't mention the timeframe for those cuts: 2013-2022, as mentioned in the study. [...] Nelson's claim requires some explanation about the plan and its timeline, but his numbers are correct. We rate this claim Mostly True." [Politifact, [10/24/12](#)]

Over 125,000 Texans Would Be Put At Risk By These Reckless Cuts

2019: 125,180 Texans In The 23rd District Were Eligible For Medicare Benefits. [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, [7/1/19](#)]

Gonzales Cried Socialism To Avoid Taking A Stance On Health Care

Gonzales Repeatedly Attacked "Socialism" And Avoided Discussing Health Care Specifics

Gonzales Incessantly Attacked Socialism And Repeatedly Associated It With House Democrats

Gonzales: "Radical Socialists In Washington Want To DESTROY The Core Values Of Our Democracy."
 "The American Dream is the very foundation of our country and our greatest asset as a nation, but radical socialists in Washington want to DESTROY the core values of our democracy. In Congress, I'll fight to protect the American Dream and advocate for all who are working for a better life. Are you with me? #TeamTony! #TX23 #TonyForCongress" [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/7/20](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/7/20](#)]

Gonzales Posted A Picture Of Nancy Pelosi, Bernie Sanders, And Elizabeth Warren To Illustrate His Position Against Their "Radical Agenda." My whole life has been committed to public service and protecting the American Dream has never been more important. I cannot sit by and watch as socialism takes over the country we all know and love. It's easy to see how much is at stake here. Help us fight back AGAINST liberal Democrats and show them that we won't back down from fighting their radical agenda. DONATE today! [↓](#) [↓](#) #TeamTony #TX23 <https://secure.anedot.com/tony-gonzales-.../lets-keep-it-going>." [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [9/27/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [9/27/19](#)]

Gonzales Claimed That “Far-Left Radical Politicians” Threatened The American Dream. “Far-left radical politicians in Washington continue to push their socialist policies, threatening the American Dream in the process. Enough is enough! It's time to send Washington a clear message — we will NOT stand for socialism in America! If you're ready to fight back, LIKE, SHARE and join #TeamTony today. #TX23.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [10/23/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [10/23/19](#)]

When Gonzales Did Talk About Health Care, He Railed Against Medicare For All Instead Of Discussing His Health Plans

Gonzales Again Accused Socialists Of Plotting To Take Away 149,000,000 Americans’ Private Health Insurance But Neglected To Discuss His Health Care Position. “I wonder why socialists wouldn’t be more forthright about taking away health care from 149,000,000 Americans with private insurance... 🙄🙄 #TX23.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Twitter, [10/27/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Twitter, [10/27/19](#)]

Gonzales Attacked Gina Ortiz Jones For Being “On The Record Supporting Single-Payer Healthcare” But Didn’t Go On The Record To Support Any Healthcare Plan. “Socialist Democrats have lost their minds... They want MORE taxes?! Gina Ortiz Jones is on record supporting single-payer healthcare and Elizabeth Warren has a plan outlining \$25 TRILLION (yes, trillion) in tax hikes over the next 10 years. Seriously?!” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Twitter, [11/4/19](#)]



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Gonzales Ran An Incompetent Campaign That Ran Afoul Of The Law

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Gonzales stumbled through the TX-23 GOP Primary and ran a race to the bottom that he only barely escaped.*
 - ✓ *March 2020: Gonzales failed to secure even 30% of the vote in the TX-23 GOP, forcing the race to a runoff.*
- ✓ *June 2020: Gonzales was sued by a former campaign consultant who alleged over \$11,000 in unpaid services.*
 - ✓ *The consultant was represented by former Congressman, and Gonzales endorser, Quico Canseco.*
- ✓ *Gonzales' campaign engaged in a mudslinging Republican civil war to in his bid to win the primary runoff.*
 - ✓ *June 2020: Ted Cruz endorsed Gonzales opponent Raul Reyes and injected over \$100,000 into the race in the form of ads.*
 - ✓ *Reyes accused Gonzales of being "in bed with Socialists."*
- ✓ *Gonzales attempted to portray himself as a Trump purist in order to secure the nomination.*
 - ✓ *Gonzales aggressively advertised Trump's endorsement, a robocall that he recorded for Gonzales, and a tele-town hall that Trump was a guest of.*
- ✓ *Gonzales managed to secure the GOP nomination only by the barest of margins and after a recount effort initiated by his opponent.*
 - ✓ *The runoff left Gonzales' campaign cash strapped and ill prepared for the general election.*
- ✓ *Gonzales filed his candidacy in May 2019, months before his formal discharge from the Navy in August 2019, seemingly in violation of DoD regulations.*
 - ✓ *Gonzales received campaign contributions from members of the military before his formal discharge from the Navy, in further violation of DoD regulations.*
- ✓ *As of Q3 2019, the Gonzales campaign had not raised more than \$100,000 with Gonzales's personal and family contributions deducted.*
 - ✓ *In August 2019, Gonzales loaned his own campaign \$65,000.*
 - ✓ *Gonzales and his family accounted for over half of total campaign receipts.*
 - ✓ *In September 2019, Gonzales claimed that his campaign had raised over \$100,000.*

- ✓ *As of Q4 2019, the total amount of contributions from Gonzales's family was \$32,421, over 12% of individual contributions.*
- ✓ *A faculty member at the University of Southern Mississippi, where Gonzales studied, attempted to skirt legal contribution limits by doubling and tripling the maximum limits in donations to Gonzales through an LLC and associated corporation.*
 - ✓ *The FEC requested that the Gonzales campaign return contributions from the corporation in question.*
 - ✓ *The Gonzales campaign returned the contributions from Butler but no action has been taken by the FEC or the Gonzales campaign regarding Butler's LLC as of January 2020.*
- ✓ *Gonzales's family members were paid \$23,165.50 to staff the campaign.*

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March 2020: Gonzales Failed To Secure His Party's Nomination, Forcing The GOP Primary To A Runoff

March 2020: Gonzales Failed To Avoid A Runoff For The Republican Nomination In TX-23 And Did Not Even Managed To Obtain 30% Of The Vote. “On the GOP side, Tony Gonzales emerged victorious with 28 percent. He will be joined in the runoff by Raul Reyes who received 23 percent support. NRCC Chairman Tom Emmer reacted, saying, ‘Congratulations to Tony Gonzales and Raul Reyes on advancing to the Republican primary runoff. Texas voters rejected Washington, DC resident Gina Jones once, and will do so again in November.’ Turnout for this joint primary surpassed both 2016 and 2018. This bump is due to 25 percent-higher Democratic voter turnout compared to 2016. Republican turnout, meanwhile, dropped 18 percent from 2016 levels — which tracks since there was a competitive open primary at the top of the ticket.” [The Texan, [3/4/20](#)]

June 2020: Gonzales Was Sued By A Former Campaign Consultant Who Alleged That He Was Not Paid For His Work

June 2020: Phil Ricks, A Onetime Staffer To Rep. Henry Bonilla, Sued Gonzales For Over \$11,000 In Unpaid Campaign Consulting Services. “Saying he was stiffed on payments for campaign work, a political consultant who once worked for U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, has sued Tony Gonzales, one of two GOP hopefuls vying to represent Texas' hotly contested 23rd Congressional District. In a suit filed in Bexar County District Court, Phil Ricks — a former staffer for Bonilla, a Republican who represented the district from 1993 to 2007 — said Gonzales declined to make good on \$11,500 owed for his work.” [San Antonio Current, [6/15/20](#)]

The Consultant Was Represented By Former Rep. Quico Canseco, Who Had Earlier Endorsed Gonzales

June 2020: Consultant Phil Ricks Hired Former Rep. Quico Canseco To Represent Him In His Suit Against Gonzales. “Perhaps reflecting the small world of South Texas politics, the attorney representing Ricks in the lawsuit is Quico Canseco, who also represented the 23rd District as a Republican from 2011-2013. Canseco said he reluctantly took the case because Ricks is an old friend. ‘He was hired by Mr. Gonzales at the beginning, and then Mr. Gonzales refused to pay him,’ Canseco said. ‘What's fair is fair. I mean, we've got to pay our bills. We all do.’” [San Antonio Current, [6/15/20](#)]

August 2019: Former TX-23 Congressman Quico Canseco Endorsed Gonzales For Congress. “TX-23 is a seat Republicans must retain. We need a candidate who understands the issues facing this vast and diverse district and has the wherewithal to raise enough money to win both the primary and general elections. Tony Gonzales is that person! I ask you to join me in supporting Tony Gonzales as the GOP candidate. Too much is at stake!” – Quico Canseco, Former GOP Representative (TX-23).” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Twitter, [8/7/19](#)]

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Gonzales On Reyes: “You Know Reyes Is Lying When His Lips Are Moving”

Gonzales On Reyes: “You Know Reyes Is Lying When His Lips Are Moving.” “For his part, Gonzales has said of his opponent, ‘You know Reyes is lying when his lips are moving.’ The two candidates could never agree on when and where to debate. They argued over whether Reyes got booted off the stage at a recent luncheon. Gonzales’s mother accused Reyes’s campaign of spying on her son.” [San Antonio Express-News, [7/4/20](#)]

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Republican in name only. The war of words seems to have amped up since then. Gonzales recently circulated a mailer saying Reyes had been fired from a job at Southwest Texas Junior College over ethical lapses — a claim Reyes denies. In recent social media posts, Reyes has accused Gonzales of embracing the progressive League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and ‘their open borders agenda.’” [San Antonio Current, [7/2/20](#)]

Gonzales Attempted To Portray Himself As A Trump Purist In Order To Secure The Nomination

July 2020: Gonzales Secured A Much-Coveted Trump Endorsement. “Tony Gonzales (@TonyGonzales4TX) will be a GREAT Congressman for Texas! A Navy veteran, he is Strong on the Economy, Life and the Second Amendment. We need him to defeat the Radical Left in November. Tony has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #TX23” [Donald J. Trump via Twitter, [7/3/20](#)]



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Gonzales Released A Trump Robo-Call Where The President Says Gonzales Is “Working For Me”

Trump Recorded A Robo-Call Supporting Gonzales, Saying: “Tony Will Work For You In Congress, And By Working For You, He’s Working For Me.” In a robo-call supporting Tony Gonzales, Donald Trump said: “Tony will work for you in Congress, and by working for you, he’s working for me.” [Tony Gonzales via Twitter, [7/13/20](#)]

Gonzales Had Been Seeking Trump’s Endorsement Since September 2019

September 2019: Gonzales Was Already Working Toward Obtaining A Trump Endorsement. “In any case, though, Gonzales returned to the argument that he will need as wide of a Republican coalition as possible to keep the district red. ‘Look, I’m working to a point where I get President Trump’s endorsement,” Gonzales said, according to audio obtained by The Texas Tribune. ‘What is that gonna do for me? You either love President

Trump or you do not. It's one of those things, but at the end of the day, I look at it and I go, I need everybody pulling the wagon. That's the only way we're gonna win.' Gonzales also invoked Trump at the November forum, railing against Democrats for coming together to "shut everything down with this ridiculous impeachment scheme" and arguing Republicans need to be just as united to fight back. Gonzales said he was 'on a call with Trump' about six weeks before in which the president said the 'best way to help me is to win back the majority.'" [Texas Tribune, [1/9/20](#)]

Gonzales Said That He Was On A Call With Trump Where He Discussed Retaking The House Majority.

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July-August 2020: Gonzales Managed To Secure The Republican Nomination Only After Depleting His Meager War Chest And A Contested Recount

July 2020: Gonzales Led Reyes By Only Seven Votes On Runoff Night

July 2020: After Voting Was Over In The TX-23 GOP Runoff, Gonzales Had A Scant Lead Of Only Seven Votes. "Just a handful of votes separated Tony Gonzales and Raul Reyes in the Republican primary runoff for Congressional District 23 after Tuesday night. The seat currently is held by outgoing U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-Helotes, who chose not to seek reelection. The congressional district, which spans much of the Texas-Mexico border and includes part of El Paso County, is considered one of the most competitive in the country. Reyes led Gonzales, who is supported by President Donald Trump, by narrow margins in El Paso County in the contest for a place on the November ballot, with all of the county's precincts reporting. But the district spans more than one county, which means a candidate must win in the district as a whole, not only in El Paso. Districtwide, with all 335 precincts reporting, only seven votes separated the two. Gonzales led with 12,346 to Reyes' 12,339." [El Paso Times, [7/14/20](#)]

August 2020: Reyes Demanded A Recount, But Gonzales Managed To Barely Hang On To His Razor-Thin Margin After Reyes Abandoned The Recount

August 2020: Reyes Sought A Recount. “Raul Reyes announced Friday night that he will seek a recount in the razor-thin Republican primary runoff to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-Helotes, in his national battleground district. Reyes' announcement came after the Texas GOP certified the results of his July 14 runoff against Tony Gonzales. The campaigns said the final margin was Gonzales by 45 votes, though the party had not confirmed that as of late Friday night. ‘We worked too hard, for too long, not to ensure every legal vote was counted properly,’ Reyes said in a statement.” [Texas Tribune, [7/31/20](#)]

The Gonzales Campaign Called The Recount “Hopeless And Foolish.” “Gonzales’ campaign called Reyes' plans for a recount “hopeless and selfish,” noting Gonzales has maintained his small lead since the runoff. Reyes came out of election night down seven votes and did not concede, wanting to see the counting of final mail-in, provisional and military-overseas ballots. As those came in over the past few weeks, Gonzales repeatedly claimed victory and increasingly urged the party to unify for November. But Reyes held firm against conceding and began fundraising for a potential recount while waiting for the state party canvass. The 23rd District is one of Democrats' best pickup opportunities nationwide, and their nominee, Gina Ortiz Jones, won her primary outright in March. Jones is running again after nearly unseating Hurd in 2018.” [Texas Tribune, [7/31/20](#)]

Reyes Conceded The Race, With Gonzales Only Winning With A Margin Of 39 Votes. “The recount of the Republican primary runoff for the national battleground seat of retiring U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-Helotes, has reached an end, and Tony Gonzales remains the winner. Raul Reyes, who finished 45 votes behind Gonzales in the July 14 runoff, announced Friday evening that he was abandoning the recount. ‘Without a sizable shift in the vote margin after a recount in the most populous parts of the district I have decided to end the recount,’ Reyes said in a news release, thanking his supporters for their ‘blood, sweat and tears.’ Reyes' campaign said seven of the largest counties in the district had been recounted, and while he narrowed his deficit to 39 votes, it was ‘not enough to justify continuing with the counting of ballots.’ A Texas GOP spokesperson confirmed that was the current recount margin but said it had not yet received an official withdrawal request from Reyes.” [Texas Tribune, [8/21/20](#)]

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The Runoff Fight Forced Gonzales To Spend Heavily And Left Him Ill Prepared For The General Election. “The Cruz endorsement also sent staffers at the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee into spasms of giddiness, not only because Reyes looks like an easier candidate for Democratic nominee Gina Ortiz Jones to beat, but also because Cruz is forcing Gonzales to deplete resources he otherwise could have saved for the general election.” [San Antonio Express-News, [7/4/20](#)]

6/23/20: At The End Of Q2 2020, Gonzales’ Campaign Only Had \$24,365.25 Cash On Hand. [FEC, [7/14/20](#)]

Gonzales Appeared To Have Violated A DoD Directive Prohibiting Political Activity And Candidacy

The Hatch Act Prohibited Civilian Employees Of The Federal Government From Engaging In Political Activity, But Servicemembers Were Covered By A Similar Policy

The Hatch Act Prohibited All Federal Civilian Executive Branch Employees From Engaging In Political Activity. “Except for the President and Vice President, all federal civilian executive branch employees are covered by the Hatch Act, including employees of the U.S. Postal Service.” [U.S. Office of Special Counsel, accessed [1/27/20](#)]

While Not Covered By The Hatch Act, Active Duty Servicemembers Were Covered By DoD Directive 1344.10, Which Prohibited Servicemembers Running For Public Office. “4.2.2. A regular member, or a retired regular or Reserve Component member on active duty under a call or order to active duty for more than 270 days, may not be a nominee or candidate for the offices described in subparagraph 4.2.1., except when the Secretary concerned grants permission.” [Department of Defense, Directive 1344.10, [2/19/08](#)]

DoD Directive 1344.10 Also Prohibited Receipt Or Solicitation Of Campaign Contributions From Any Other Member Of The Armed Forces. “4.1.2. A member of the Armed Forces on active duty shall not: [...] 4.1.2.16. Make a campaign contribution to or receive or solicit (on one’s own behalf) a campaign contribution from, any other member of the Armed Forces on active duty. Any contributions not prohibited by this subparagraph remain subject to the gift provisions of sections 2635.301-2635.304 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (Reference (f)).” [Department of Defense, Directive 1344.10, [2/19/08](#)]

Gonzales Organized His Campaign Committee, Tony Gonzales For Congress, Before He Was Discharged From The Navy

May 2019: Gonzales Began To Engage in Political Activity

5/3/19: Gonzales Created his Campaign Facebook Page And Updated His Profile With A Campaign Logo And Banner. [Tony Gonzales For Congress on Facebook, [5/3/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales For Congress on Facebook, [5/3/19](#)]

5/16/19: Gonzales Uploaded His Photograph To His Campaign Facebook Page, Visually Tying Him To The Campaign. [Tony Gonzales For Congress on Facebook, [5/16/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales For Congress on Facebook, [5/16/19](#)]

5/15/19: Gonzales Filed The Statement Of Organization For Tony Gonzales For Congress With the Federal Election Commission. [Federal Election Commission, Filing # FEC-1330894, [5/15/19](#)]

August 7th 2019: Gonzales Was Officially Discharged From The Navy

8/7/19: Gonzales Was Officially Discharged From Active Duty And Transferred To The Fleet Reserve. [United States Navy Personnel Command, DD Form 4/1, 8/7/19]

The San Antonio-Express News Reported Gonzales's Last Day In Uniform As 7/31/19. "Today will be Tony Gonzales' last day in uniform. Thursday will be his first day as a politician. Gonzales, a San Antonian who has served 20 years in the Navy — including stints in Iraq and Afghanistan — is getting set to launch his first political campaign. Say this for him: He didn't give himself an easy mission. For his first political swimming lesson, he's jumping right into the deep end of the pool." [San Antonio Express-News, [7/31/19](#)]

Gonzales Received \$3,055.50 In Contributions From Members Of The Armed Forces Before His Formal Discharge Date

8/1/19: Tony Gonzales For Congress Received \$2,305.50 From Angel Gonzales, Tony Gonzales's Wife, And An Employee Of The Department Of Defense. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/27/20](#)]

8/1/19: Tony Gonzales For Congress Received \$500 From Michael Hettinger, An Employee Of The U.S. Navy. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/27/20](#)]

8/3/19: Tony Gonzales For Congress Received \$250 Puni Alefaio, An Employee Of The U.S. Navy. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/27/20](#)]

Gonzales Used His Own Money And His Family To Inflate Campaign Contribution Numbers

August 2019: Gonzales Loaned His Campaign \$65,000 And Then Bragged To The Media About His Fundraising Successes

Gonzales' Contributions Accounted For Over 40% Of Total Campaign Receipts

As Of The Third Quarter Of 2019, Gonzales' Total Campaign Receipts, Including His Self-Fundraising, Was \$151,791.65. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

8/31/19: Gonzales Loaned His Campaign \$65,000. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/3/20](#)]

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[Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/3/20](#)]

9/30/19: Gonzales Contributed \$1,982.15 To His Campaign. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/3/20](#)]

Gonzales Told Media That His Campaign Had Raised Over \$100,000 In His First Month

September 2019: Gonzales Told Politico That His Campaign Had Raised \$100,000, Neglecting To Mention His Personal Contributions. "Republican Tony Gonzales, who is running in TX-23, said he raised \$100,000 in his first month as a candidate." [Politico, [9/4/19](#)]

2019: Gonzales' Family Contributed More Than \$32,421 To His Campaign, Over 12% Of Individual Contributions

Campaign Contributions - Gonzales's Family				
Name	Relationship To Gonzales	Gross Contributions	Amount Refunded	Net Contribution
Christina Gonzales	Daughter	\$700	\$300	\$400
Angel Gonzales	Wife	\$10,311	\$2,305.50	\$8,500.50
Rachel Pena	Mother	\$7,900	\$700	\$7,200
Anthony Rubalcava	Half-Brother	\$2,110	\$900	\$1,200

Fidencio Rubalcava	Half-Brother	\$1,000	\$900	\$100
Simona Rubalcava	Sister In-Law	\$10,400	\$4,800	\$5,600
Total		\$32,421	\$9,950.50	\$23,00.50

[Federal Election Commission, accessed 2/11/20]

Gonzales Was Related To Christina Gonzales, Angel Gonzales, Christina Gonzales, Rachel Pena, Anthony Rubalcava, Fidencio Rubalcava, And Simona Rubalcava

Gonzales Had A Daughter Named Christina Gonzales. “Tony is married to Angel Gonzales and has five wonderful children: Christina, Jesus, Emmanuel, Daniel, and Gabriel.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress, accessed [2/14/20](#)]

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[Angel Gonzales on Facebook, [12/13/19](#)]



[Angel Gonzales on Facebook, [8/1/19](#)]

Gonzales's Mother Was Rachel Pena. “Alumnus of 79 Rachel Pena son running for Congress.” [Abby Cantu on Facebook, [1/13/20](#)]

Pena Wrote That Gonzales, And Anthony And Fidencio Rubalcava Were Her “Three Handsome Sons.” [Rachel Pena on Facebook, [7/17/18](#)]

Abby Cantu shared a post.
August 7, 2019

Alumnus Of 79 Rachel Pena son running for Congress. Congratulations and thank you for your service Tony Gonzalez and you donation on that box of sausage for the stolen tools.

Lettie Sanchez ▶ Thomas A Edison Class of 79
August 7, 2019

Son of Rachel Pena **Congratulations**

Tony Gonzales
August 7, 2019



Tony Gonzales Receives Second Major Endorsement

San Antonio, TX – “Our team is growing daily as we continue to get support,” stated Tony Gonzales. “We are humbled by this endorsement, but we will continue to work as hard as ever!”

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[Rachel Pena on Facebook, [7/17/18](#)]

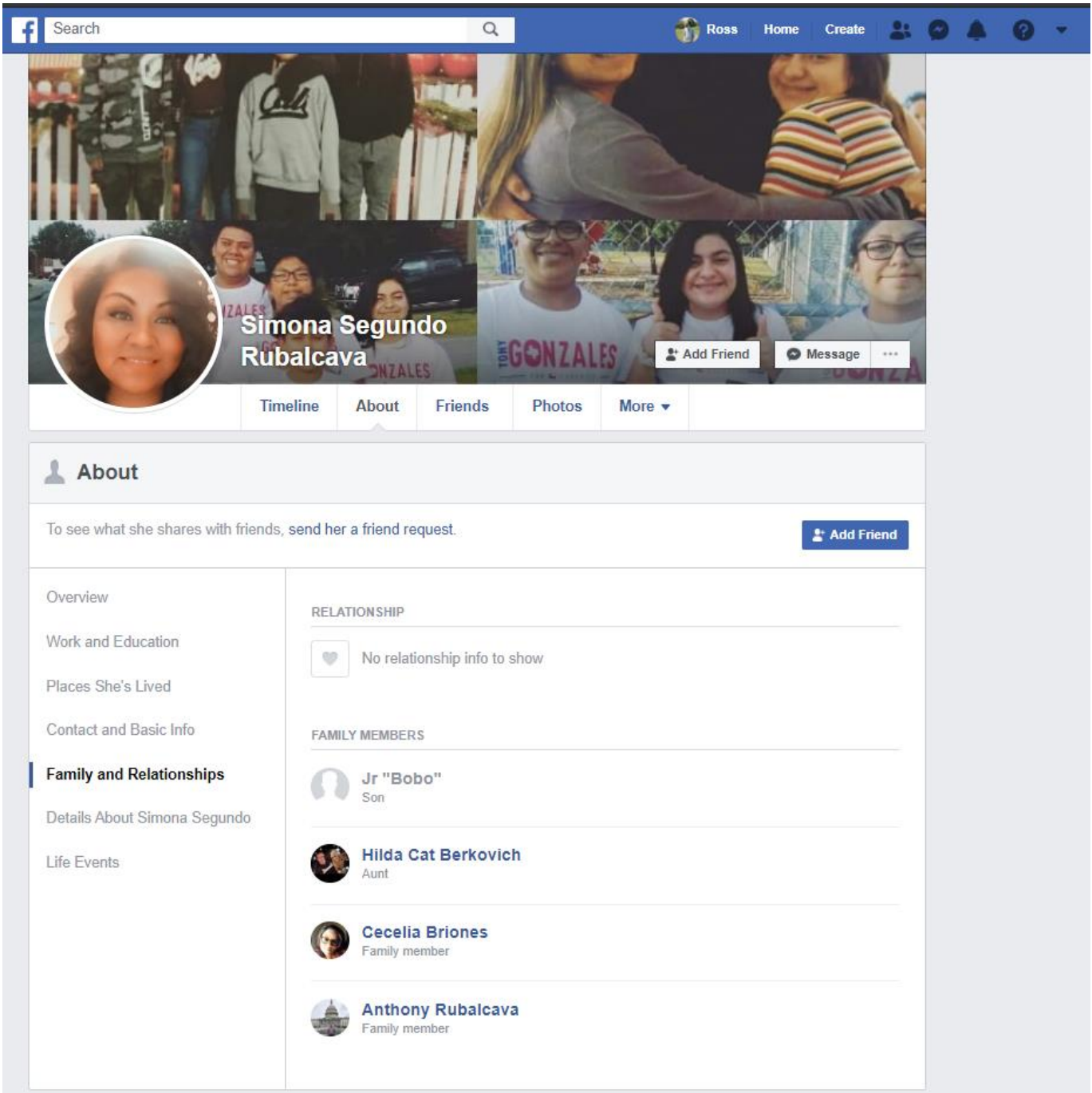
Anthony Rubalcava Was Gonzales’s Half-Brother. [Anthony Rubalcava on Facebook, [5/29/19](#)]

Rachel Pena Wrote That Gonzales, And Anthony And Fidencio Rubalcava Were Her “Three Handsome Sons.” [Rachel Pena on Facebook, [7/17/18](#)]



[Anthony Rubalcava on Facebook, [5/29/19](#)]

Simona Rubalcava Was The Wife Of Anthony Rubalcava And The Sister-In-Law Of Tony Gonzales. [Simona Rubalcava on Facebook, accessed [1/13/20](#)]

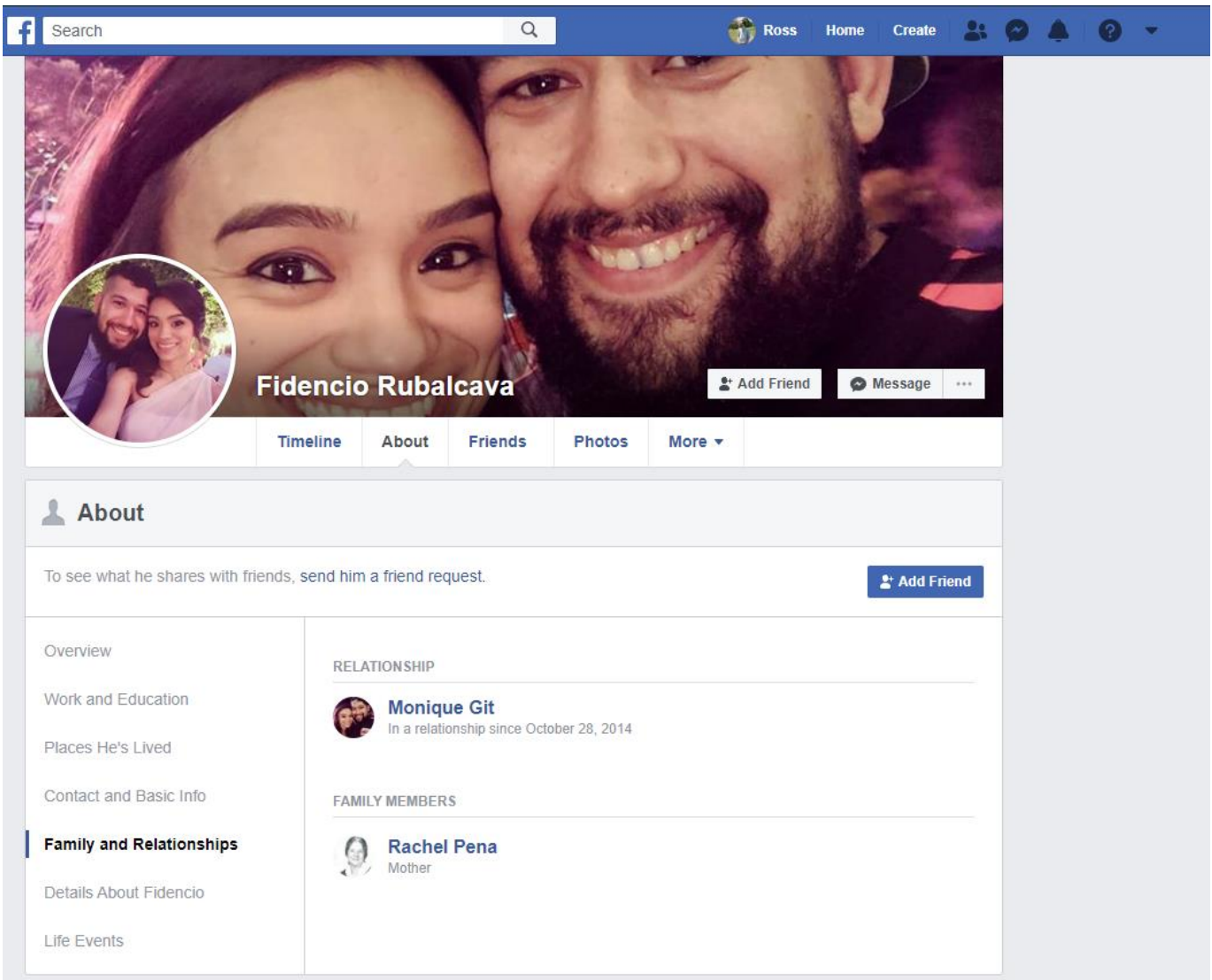


[Simona Rubalcava on Facebook, accessed [1/13/20](#)]

Fidencio Rubalcava Was The Half-Brother Of Tony Gonzales. [Anthony Rubalcava on Facebook, [5/29/19](#)]

Rachel Pena Wrote That Gonzales, And Anthony And Fidencio Rubalcava Were Her “Three Handsome Sons.” [Rachel Pena on Facebook, [7/17/18](#)]

Fidencio Rubalcava Listed Rachel Pena As His Mother On Facebook. [Fidencio Rubalcava on Facebook, accessed [1/13/20](#)]



[Fidencio Rubalcava on Facebook, accessed [1/13/20](#)]

Gonzales' Teenage Daughter, Christina, Contributed \$700 To The Campaign, \$300 Of Which Was Later Refunded

9/5/19: Christina Gonzales Contributed \$400 To The Gonzales Campaign's Primary Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

Q4 2019: \$300 Was Refunded To Christina Gonzales. [Federal Election Commission, accessed 1/6/20]

12/11/19: Christina Gonzales Contributed \$300 To The Gonzales Campaign's Primary Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed 2/11/20]

Gonzales' Wife, Angel Gonzales, Contributed \$10,311 To The Campaign, Including The Legal Maximum For Both The Primary And General Election Funds

8/1/19: Angel Gonzales Contributed \$982.37 To The Gonzales Campaign's Runoff Fund In The Form Of An In Kind Donation Of Campaign T-Shirts. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

Q4 2019: \$982.37 Was Refunded To Angel Gonzales. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

8/1/19: Angel Gonzales Contributed \$44.99 To The Gonzales Campaign's Runoff Fund In The Form Of An In Kind Donation Of Campaign Phone Line Activation Fees. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

Q4 2019: \$44.99 Was Refunded To Angel Gonzales. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

8/1/19: Angel Gonzales Contributed \$259.80 To The Gonzales Campaign's Runoff Fund In The Form Of An In Kind Donation Of Campaign Business Cards. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

Q4 2019: \$259.80 Was Refunded To Angel Gonzales. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

8/1/19: Angel Gonzales Contributed \$1,018.34 To The Gonzales Campaign's Runoff Fund In The Form Of An In Kind Donation Of Campaign Placards And Yard Signs. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

Q4 2019: \$1,018.34 Was Refunded To Angel Gonzales. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

9/5/19: Angel Gonzales Contributed \$2,800, The Legal Maximum, To Tony Gonzales For Congress's Primary Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

9/5/19: Angel Gonzales Contributed \$2,800, The Legal Maximum, To Tony Gonzales For Congress's General Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

12/31/19: Angel Gonzales Contributed \$2,405.50 To Tony Gonzales For Congress's General Runoff Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed 2/11/20]

Gonzales' Mother, Rachel Pena, Contributed \$7,900 To The Gonzales Campaign, \$700 Of Which Was Later Refunded

9/1/19: Rachel Pena Contributed \$2,800, The Legal Maximum, To The Gonzales Campaign's Primary Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

9/1/19: Rachel Pena Contributed \$2,700, The Legal Maximum, To The Gonzales Campaign's General Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

9/30/19: Rachel Pena Contributed \$700 To The Gonzales Campaign's Runoff Election Fund In The Form Of An In-Kind Contribution Of Social Media Management. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

Q4 2019: Rachel Pena Was Refunded \$700. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

9/30/19: Rachel Pena Contributed \$100 To The Gonzales Campaign's General Election Fund, Bringing Her To-Date Contributions To The Legal Maximum Of \$2,800. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

12/11/19: Rachel Pena Contributed \$700 To The Gonzales Campaign's General Runoff Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed 2/11/20]

12/17/19: Rachel Pena Contributed \$900 To The Gonzales Campaign's General Runoff Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed 2/11/20]

Gonzales's Half-Brother Anthony Rubalcava Contributed \$1,210 To The Gonzales Campaign, \$900 Of Which Was Refunded

8/1/19: Anthony Rubalcava Contributed \$1,000 To The Gonzales Campaign's Primary Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/19](#)]

Q4 2019: Anthony Rubalcava Was Refunded \$900. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/19](#)]

8/16/19: Anthony Rubalcava Contributed \$50 To The Gonzales Campaign's Primary Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/19](#)]

9/29/19: Anthony Rubalcava Contributed \$160 To The Gonzales Campaign's Primary Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/19](#)]

12/17/19: Anthony Rubalcava Contributed \$900 To The Gonzales Campaign's Primary Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [2/11/19](#)]

Gonzales's Half-Brother, Fidencio Rubalcava, Contributed \$1,000 To The Gonzales Campaign, \$900 Of Which Was Refunded

9/2/19: Fidencio Rubalcava Contributed \$1000 To The Gonzales Campaign's Primary Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/19](#)]

Q4 2019: Fidencio Rubalcava Was Refunded \$900. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/19](#)]

Gonzales's Sister In-Law, Simona Rubalcava, Contributed \$5,600 To The Gonzales Campaign, \$4,800 Of Which Was Refunded By

8/10/19: Simona Rubalcava Contributed \$1000 To The Gonzales Campaign's Primary Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

Q4 2019: Simona Rubalcava Was Refunded \$900. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

8/18/19: Simona Rubalcava Contributed \$500 To The Gonzales Campaign's Primary Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

Q4 2019: Simona Rubalcava Was Refunded \$400. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

8/24/19: Simona Rubalcava Contributed \$100 To The Gonzales Campaign's Primary Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

8/31/19: Simona Rubalcava Contributed \$1000 To The Gonzales Campaign's Primary Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

Q4 2019: Simona Rubalcava Was Refunded \$900. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

9/8/19: Simona Rubalcava Contributed \$1000 To The Gonzales Campaign's General Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

Q4 2019: Simona Rubalcava Was Refunded \$900. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

9/14/19: Simona Rubalcava Contributed \$200 To The Gonzales Campaign's Primary Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

Q4 2019: Simona Rubalcava Was Refunded \$100. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

9/21/19: Simona Rubalcava Contributed \$1000 To The Gonzales Campaign's General Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

Q4 2019: Simona Rubalcava Was Refunded \$900. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

9/29/19: Simona Rubalcava Contributed \$800 To The Gonzales Campaign's General Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

Q4 2019: Simona Rubalcava Was Refunded \$700. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

12/17/19: Simona Rubalcava Contributed \$2,300 To The Gonzales Campaign's Primary Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [2/11/20](#)]

12/17/19: Simona Rubalcava Contributed \$2,500 To The Gonzales Campaign's Runoff Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [2/11/20](#)]

September 2019: Gonzales Claimed That His Campaign Raised \$100,000 In Its First Month And That The Numbers Showed "Broad And Deep" Support

Gonzales Claimed That His Campaign Raised \$100,000 In Its First Month. "Thank you to all who have helped us so far! #Thankful #TX23." [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [9/3/19](#)]

Gonzales Surpasses \$100,000 Raised in First Month *Strong Early Fundraising Shows Broad and Deep Support*

SAN ANTONIO, TX — The Tony Gonzales for Congress campaign today announced they have surpassed \$100,000 raised in their first month since announcing on August 3, with about a month left in the third quarter of the year.

"Angel and I are humbled by the outpouring of support we have received from so many friends and supporters across Texas and the United States," said Gonzales. "In addition to exceeding our first month fundraising goal, Team Tony has hit the ground running knocking on doors and taking our conservative message focused on God, family, community, and country to the people of District 23. The positive response both in fundraising and in grassroots support is only the beginning, and we will continue to work harder than anyone to win this race."

Learn more about Tony Gonzales and his campaign by visiting www.TonyGonzalesForCongress.com.

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[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [9/3/19](#)]



Gonzales's Family Members Were Paid \$23,165.50 To Staff The Campaign

Gonzales's Mother, Rachel Pena, Was Paid \$7,700 By The Gonzales Campaign For Work As A Scheduler

As Of Q4 2019, Rachel Pena Had Been Paid \$7,700 For Administrative And Scheduling Services By The Gonzales Campaign. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [2/11/20](#)]

Gonzales's Wife, Angel Gonzales, Was Paid \$8,305.50 For Treasury Management And For In-Kind Services

As Of January 2020, Angel Gonzales Had Been Paid \$8,305.50 For Administrative And Scheduling Services By The Gonzales Campaign. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/15/20](#)]

Gonzales’s Sister-In-Law, Simona Rubalcava, Was Paid \$7,000 By The Gonzales Campaign For Work As A Volunteer Coordinator

As Of Q4 2019, Simona Rubalcava Had Been Paid \$7,000 By The Gonzales Campaign For Work As Volunteer Coordinator. [Federal Election Commission, accessed 2/11/20]

Gonzales’s Half-Brother, Fidencio Rubalcava, Was Paid \$1,000 By The Gonzales Campaign For Audiovisual And Photography Work

As of January 2020, Fidencio Rubalcava Had Been Paid \$1,000 By The Gonzales Campaign For Audiovisual And Photography Work. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/15/20](#)]

Gonzales’s Half-Brother, Anthony Rubalcava, Was Paid \$1,160 By The Gonzales Campaign For Event And Canvassing Work

As of January 2020, Anthony Rubalcava Had Been Paid \$1,160 By The Gonzales Campaign For Event And Canvassing Work. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/15/20](#)]

A Professor At A University Gonzales Attended Exceeded Legal Contribution Limits To Gonzales’s Campaign Through An LLC

Campaign Contributions – David Butler					
Date	Name Or Entity	Campaign Fund	Gross Contribution	Amount Refunded	Net Contribution
7/31/19	David Butler	Primary	\$2,800	\$0	\$2,800
7/31/19	David Butler	Runoff	\$2,800	\$0	\$2,800
7/31/19	Butler Rentals, LLC	Primary	\$2,800	\$0	\$2,800
7/31/19	Daedalus Corporation	Primary	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0
9/30/19	Butler Rentals, LLC	General	\$2,800	\$0	\$2,800
9/30/19	David Butler	General	\$2,800	\$0	\$2,800
9/30/19	Daedalus Corporation	General	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0
Total			\$19,600	\$5,600	\$14,000

[Federal Election Commission, accessed 2/11/20]

David Butler Was A Professor At The University Of Southern Mississippi, Where Gonzales Studied

David Butler Worked As A Professor At The University Of Southern Mississippi And Middle Tennessee State University

David Butler Was A Professor At The At The University Of Southern Mississippi. [Academia.edu, accessed [1/2/20](#)]

David Butler Also Worked For Middle Tennessee State University In Murfreesboro, TN. [Middle Tennessee State University, accessed [1/2/20](#)]

Gonzales Was A Student At The University Of Southern Mississippi And Followed David Butler On An Academic Platform

c. 2016: Gonzales Was Enrolled At The University Of Southern Mississippi As A Ph.D Student. “Gonzales, a doctoral student at The University of Southern Mississippi and a cryptologic technician, senior chief petty officer for the United States Navy, is one of only 15 servicemen from across the United States selected to participate from the Navy.” [US Fed News, 8/9/16]

2019: Butler Contributed Above The Legal Maximum To The Gonzales Campaign’s Runoff And General Election Categories Through An LLC With His Address

7/31/19: Butler Contributed \$2,800 In His Own Name, The Legal Maximum, To The Gonzales Campaign’s General Runoff Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission [1/2/20](#)]

7/31/19: Butler Rentals LLC, With The Same Murfreesboro, TN Address As Butler, Contributed \$2,800 To The Gonzales Campaign’s Runoff Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission [1/2/20](#)]

David Butler And Butler Rentals Both Had The Address Of 1222 Melvin Dr, Murfreesboro, TN 72138. [Federal Election Commission [1/2/20](#)]

9/30/19: Butler Contributed \$2,800 In His Own Name, The Legal Maximum, To The Gonzales Campaign’s General Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission [1/2/20](#)]

9/30/19: Butler Rentals LLC, With The Same Murfreesboro, TN Address As Butler, Contributed \$2,800 To The Gonzales Campaign’s General Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission [1/2/20](#)]

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) B. Butler Rentals LLC			Date of Receipt
Mailing Address 1222 Melvin Dr			<input type="text" value="09"/> / <input type="text" value="30"/> / <input type="text" value="2019"/>
City Murfreesboro	State TN	Zip Code 37128	Transaction ID : SA11Al.4393
FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee. <input type="text" value="C"/>			Amount of Each Receipt this Period <input type="text" value="2800.00"/>
Name of Employer		Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/> Memo Item Contribution
Receipt For: 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▼		Election Cycle-to-Date <input type="text" value="5600.00"/>	

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) C. Butler, David, , ,			Date of Receipt
Mailing Address 1222 Melvin Dr			<input type="text" value="09"/> / <input type="text" value="30"/> / <input type="text" value="2019"/>
City Murfreesboro	State TN	Zip Code 37128	Transaction ID : SA11Al.4393.0
FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee. <input type="text" value="C"/>			Amount of Each Receipt this Period <input type="text" value="2800.00"/>
Name of Employer MTSU		Occupation Professor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Memo Item Contribution
Receipt For: 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▼		Election Cycle-to-Date <input type="text" value="8400.00"/>	

[Federal Election Commission [1/2/20](#)]

A Company With The Same Address As Butler, Daedalus Corporation, Contributed To Gonzales’s Campaign Which Resulted In An FEC Complaint

7/31/19: Daedalus Corporation, Which Had The Same Address As Butler, Contributed \$2,800, The Legal Limit To The Gonzales Campaign’s Primary Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, [1/2/20](#)]

David Butler And The Daedalus Corporation Both Had The Address Of 1222 Melvin Dr, Murfreesboro, TN 72138. [Federal Election Commission [1/2/20](#)]

Q4 2019: The Daedalus Corporation Was Refunded In Full. [Federal Election Commission, [1/2/20](#)]

9/30/19: Daedalus Corporation, Which Had The Same Address As Butler, Contributed \$2,800, The Legal Limit To The Gonzales Campaign’s General Election Fund. [Federal Election Commission, [1/2/20](#)]

Q4 2019: The Daedalus Corporation Was Refunded In Full. [Federal Election Commission, [1/2/20](#)]

December 2019: The FEC Sent The Gonzales Campaign A Letter Noting That Contributions From Daedalus Corporation Were Likely Impermissible

December 2019: The FEC Sent The Gonzales Campaign Noting That Contributions From The Daedalus Corporation Were Likely Impermissible. “Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to be from a corporation(s) and/or labor organization(s) (see attached). 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a)) and 11 CFR § 103.3(b) prohibit the receipt of contributions from corporations and labor organizations unless made from separate segregated funds established by the corporations and labor organizations.” [Federal Election Commission, [12/9/19](#)]

**Apparent Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions
Tony Gonzales for Congress (C00706614)**

Contributions from Possible Prohibited Entities

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Daedalus Corporation	7/31/19	\$2,800.00	P2020
Daedalus Corporation	9/30/19	\$2,800.00	G2020

[Federal Election Commission, [12/9/19](#)]

In A Response Letter To The FEC, The Gonzales Campaign Noted That Contributions From The Daedalus Corporation Had Been Refunded. “The Tony Gonzales for Congress committee (FED ID# C00706614) is in receipt of your Request for Additional Information dated December 9, 2019, regarding the committee's Amended October Quarterly Report (07/01/2019 - 09/30/2019). The committee has reviewed the receipts from Daedalus Corporation, reported on Schedule A, page 9 of the report. As of this date, and as noted in the memo entries on Schedule A, page 10 of the Amended October Quarterly Report, the contributions received from Daedalus Corporation have been refunded.” [Federal Election Commission, [12/11/19](#)]

Key Visuals

Video

Audio

Gonzales Attempted To Distance Himself From Will Hurd At A Candidate Meet And Greet. [Tony Gonzales, Del Rio Meet and Greet, 12/6/19]

NOTE: Audio is available on Vantage.

Images

Gonzales And Marco Rubio



[Tony Gonzales on Facebook, [2/8/2018](#)]

Gonzales And House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [10/9/19](#)]

Gonzales And El Paso Mayor Dee Margo



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [11/15/19](#)]

Personal & Professional History

Biography

This section provides background information on Gonzales's personal life, including education, personal finances, criminal and civil record, and other areas. Searches were conducted with various local media in Bexar County, media outlets including the Texas Tribune, the Dallas Morning News, the San Antonio Express News, as well as a number of other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

Birth Date

Ernest Anthony Gonzales II Was Born On October 10, 1980 in The State of Alabama. [State of Florida, Department of Health, Marriage License, Issued 10/3/16]

Education

Gonzales Claimed That He Dropped Out Of High School But Stated That He Received A Diploma On A Job Application

July 2019: Gonzales Said That He Dropped Out Of High School And Received A High School Diploma In The Navy. "He grew up in the working-class midtown neighborhood of Five Points. On the verge of graduating from Edison High School, he dropped out. 'I was just really on a spiral and then God kind of pulled me out and guided me into the Navy,' Gonzales said. 'I get my high-school diploma while I'm in the Navy, I get my associates degree, my bachelor's degree, my master's degree and now I'm finishing up my Ph.D.'" [San Antonio Express-News, [7/31/19](#)]

March 2015: Gonzales Claimed That He Graduated From Edison High School In San Antonio, TX On A Job Application. [Pensacola State College Human Resources, filed 3/4/15]

Photocopies of post-secondary transcripts are required for executive, faculty, and professional/managerial positions. Transcripts may also be required for some career service positions (please see job description for details). Official transcripts may be required later in the process; official transcripts will not be returned. Transcripts must document the appropriate degree awarded as required in the minimum qualifications.

School	Name and Location	Graduated	Dates Attended	Type of Degree Earned
High School	THOMAS EDISON HIGH SCHOOL SAN ANTONIO, TX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		H.S.
Junior/Community College	CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY HONOLULU, HI	Year Graduated 2005	07 OCT 2002 TO 14 FEB 2005	A.A. LIBERAL ARTS
College and/or University	EXCELSIOR COLLEGE ALBANY, NY	Year Graduated 2009	25 FEB 2005 TO 17 JUL 2009	B.S. LIBERAL ARTS
Graduate/Post-Graduate School	AMERICAN PUBLIC UNIVERSITY CHARLES TOWN, WV	Year Graduated 2014	05 MAY 2012 TO 05 NOV 2014	M.A. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CONFLICT RESOLUTION

CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSESURES (Please include last renewal date)

U.S. NAVY INSTRUCTOR - HOLD THE 9502 NEC

U.S. NAVY APLD/AT TRAINING SPECIALIST - AT5

[Pensacola State College Human Resources, filed 3/4/15]

2002-2005: Gonzales Was Enrolled A Chaminade University Of Honolulu

2002-2005: Gonzales Was Enrolled In Chaminade University of Honolulu. [Pensacola State College Human Resources, filed 3/4/15]

2005: Gonzales Earned An Associate Of Arts Degree In Liberal Arts. [Pensacola State College Human Resources, filed 3/4/15]

2005-2009: Gonzales Was Enrolled At Excelsior College Of Albany, NY

2005-2009: Gonzales Was Enrolled At Excelsior College In Albany, NY. [Pensacola State College Human Resources, filed 3/4/15]

2009: Gonzales Earned A Bachelor Of Science Degree In Liberal Arts. [Pensacola State College Human Resources, filed 3/4/15]

2012-2014: Gonzales Was Enrolled At American Public University Of Charles Town, WV

2012-2014: Gonzales Was Enrolled At American Public University Of Charles Town, WV. [Pensacola State College Human Resources, filed 3/4/15]

2014: Gonzales Earner A Master Of Arts Degree In International Relations And Conflict Resolution. [Pensacola State College Human Resources, filed 3/4/15]

AMERICAN PUBLIC UNIVERSITY SYSTEM American Public University American Military University 1-877-468-6268 111 West Congress Street Charles Town, West Virginia 25414			Pensacola State College MAR 04 2015 Human Resources
Ernest Gonzales 7001 interbay blvd 146 tampa FL 33616	Student Name: Ernest Gonzales Social Security: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] StudentID: 4345509 DocumentID: 5435519		
American Military University			
<u>Admission Date</u> 05/20/2012	<u>Program</u> Masters in International Relations and Conflict Resolution (MA) Concentration in International and Transnational Security Issues	<u>Conferred</u> 11/15/2014	
Transfer Credit Applied Toward Program			
	<u>Source</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>	
	Excelsior College	3.00	
	University of Oklahoma	3.00	
	Total Transfer Credit Hours	6.00	
	Total Institutional Credit Hours (above)	0.00	
	Total Prior Learning Assessment Credit Hours (above)	0.00	
	Total Transfer Credit Accepted But Not Program Applicable	0.00	

[Pensacola State College Human Resources, filed 3/4/15]

2014-2020: Gonzales Was Enrolled At The University Of Southern Mississippi In Hattiesburg, MS

2014: Gonzales Claimed That He Enrolled At The University Of Southern Mississippi As A Ph.D. Candidate In International Politics And Security Studies. [Tony Gonzales On Facebook, [8/14/15](#)]



[Tony Gonzales On Facebook, [8/14/15](#)]

c. 2016: Gonzales Was Enrolled At The University Of Southern Mississippi As A Doctoral Student.

“Gonzales, a doctoral student at The University of Southern Mississippi and a cryptologic technician, senior chief petty officer for the United States Navy, is one of only 15 servicemen from across the United States selected to participate from the Navy.” [US Fed News, 8/9/16]

2019: Gonzales Claimed That He Was “Finishing His Ph.D.” ““We have a good story. I’m a young Hispanic in a 70-percent Hispanic district. I joined the Navy at 18 without a high school diploma and now I’m finishing my Ph.d. For us, the American Dream is alive and well and real,’ he said. Gonzales, who was a Navy cryptologist until this summer, also did a stint as a staff member for Florida GOP Sen. Marco Rubio.” [San Antonio-Express News, 9/27/19]

2015-2017: Gonzales Was Enrolled At Georgetown University In Washington, DC

c. 2015: Gonzales Was Enrolled At Georgetown University As A Graduate Student In Legislative Studies.

[Tony Gonzales on Facebook, [1/6/17](#)]



[Tony Gonzales on Facebook, [1/6/17](#)]

c. 2015: Gonzales Left Georgetown University, Without A Clear Indicator Of Receiving A Degree. [Tony Gonzales on Facebook, [1/6/17](#)]



[Tony Gonzales on Facebook, [1/6/17](#)]

Spanish Language

Gonzales Claimed To Speak Spanish Fluently

November 2019: Gonzales Claimed That He Was A Fluent Spanish Speaker. “Gonzales responded by saying he and Hurd are ‘different people’ — noting, for example, that he has five kids and speaks fluent Spanish — and emphasizing that the ‘key is for me to be my own man.’” [Texas Tribune, [1/9/20](#)]

On A 2015 Resume, Gonzales Claimed To Be Effectively Bi-Lingual And A Spanish Speaker. [Pensacola State College Human Resources, 3/4/15]

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Strong leadership skills
- Excellent organizational and interpersonal skills
- High level of self-discipline and direction
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Exceptional ability to promote team work and unity
- Bi-lingual (Spanish)
- Proficient in all Microsoft Office Productivity Software

[Pensacola State College Human Resources, 3/4/15]

Career

The following provides a brief overview of Gonzales’s professional career:

Professional

- **1999-2019: United States Navy, Final Rank: Master Chief Petty Officer**
- **2015-16: Pensacola State College, Adjunct Faculty Member**
- **2017-20: University of Maryland Global Campus, Assistant Adjunct Professor**
- **2017-18: Office of Senator Marco Rubio, Washington, DC, Legislative Fellow**
- **2018-19: San Antonio Head Start Policy Council, Community Representative**
- **2018-19: Foundation For The Defense Of Democracies, National Security Fellow**

1999-2019: U.S. Navy

Timeline Of Service

5/20/99: Gonzales Enlisted In The United States Naval Reserve As A Seaman Recruit, The Lowest Rank In The Navy. [United States Navy Personnel Command, DD Form 214, 5/20/99]

11/12/00-5/3/01: Gonzales Was A Naval Technical Training Student. [United States Navy Personnel Command, FORM NAVPERS 107.0/605, 8/7/19]

5/6/01-5/18/01: Gonzales Was Assigned To The Pacific Fleet Aviation Specialized Operational Training Group. [United States Navy Personnel Command, FORM NAVPERS 107.0/605, 8/7/19]

5/23/01-11/1/05: Gonzales Was Assigned To Navy Information Operations Detachment Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. [United States Navy Personnel Command, FORM NAVPERS 107.0/605, 8/7/19]

11/8/05-2/15/06: Gonzales Was Stationed At Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas. [United States Navy Personnel Command, FORM NAVPERS 107.0/605, 8/7/19]

3/17/06-8/21/09: Gonzales Was Stationed At Navy Information Operations Command In San Antonio, Texas. [United States Navy Personnel Command, FORM NAVPERS 107.0/605, 8/7/19]

9/24/09-unk: Gonzales Was Stationed At the Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center In San Diego, California. [United States Navy Personnel Command, FORM NAVPERS 107.0/605, 8/7/19]

8/11/10-11/1/13: Gonzales Was Stationed Aboard USS Michael Murphy. [United States Navy Personnel Command, FORM NAVPERS 107.0/605, 8/7/19]

11/3/13-12/13/13: Gonzales Was Stationed At The Navy Senior Enlisted Academy. [United States Navy Personnel Command, FORM NAVPERS 107.0/605, 8/7/19]

12/30/13-10/31/16: Gonzales Was Stationed At The Center For Information Warfare Training In Pensacola, Florida. [United States Navy Personnel Command, FORM NAVPERS 107.0/605, 8/7/19]

11/4/16-2/12/18: Gonzales Was Stationed At The Navy Office Of Legislative Affairs In Washington, DC. [United States Navy Personnel Command, FORM NAVPERS 107.0/605, 8/7/19]

2/27/18-7/31/19: Gonzales Was Stationed At Navy Information Operations Command In San Antonio, Texas. [United States Navy Personnel Command, FORM NAVPERS 107.0/605, 8/7/19]

8/7/19: Gonzales Was Discharged From Active Duty And Transferred To The Fleet Reserve. [United States Navy Personnel Command, DD Form 4/1, 5/20/99]

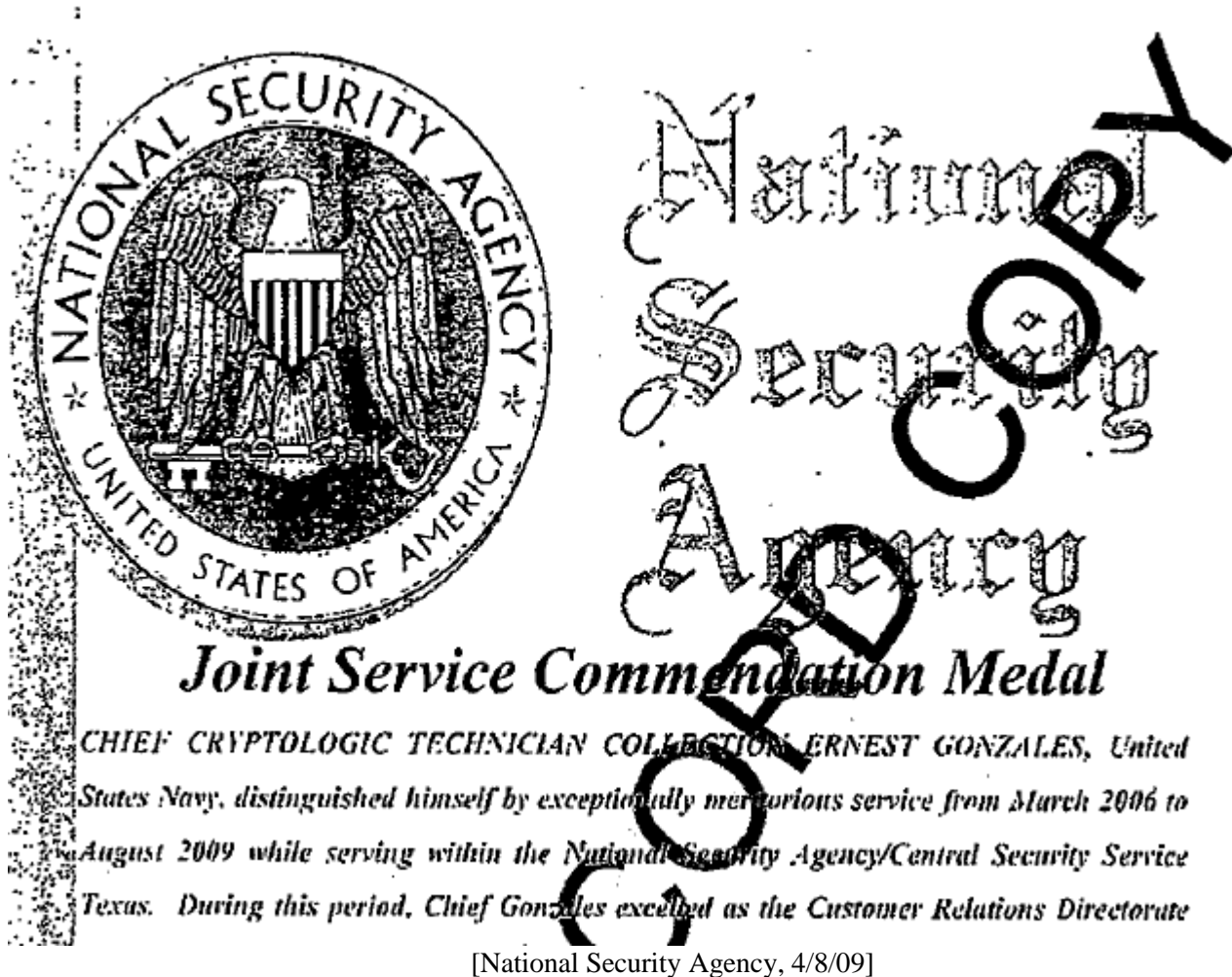
Gonzales Retired From Active Duty As A Master Chief Petty Officer, The Highest Non-Commissioned Rank In The Navy. [United States Navy Personnel Command, DD 214, 8/7/19]

Duties

2015: Gonzales Described His Role In The Navy As Primarily One Of Training And Curriculum Management. “Duties: ‘To Deliver full spectrum, cyber, information, and intelligence training to achieve superiority. Responsible for the day-to-day operations of 23 cryptologic courses. Instruct courses and manage curriculum.’ [Pensacola State College Human Resources Department, filed 3/4/15]

Citations And Commendations

8/4/09: Gonzales Was Awarded The Joint Service Commendation Medal By The National Security Agency.
[National Security Agency, DOD Form 2413 May 1999, 4/8/09]



Joint Service Commendation Medal

CHIEF CRYPTOLOGIC TECHNICIAN COLLECTION ERNEST GONZALES, United States Navy, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service from March 2006 to August 2009 while serving within the National Security Agency/Central Security Service Texas. During this period, Chief Gonzales excelled as the Customer Relations Directorate

[National Security Agency, 4/8/09]

Gonzales Was Awarded The Medal For His Role As Customer Relations Directorate Leader At The National Security Agency/Central Security Service Facility In Texas. “Chief Cryptologic Technician Collection Ernest Gonzales, United States Navy, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service from March 2006 to August 2009 while serving within the National Security Agency/Central Security Service Texas. During this period, Chief Gonzales excelled as the Customer Relations Directorate Senior Enlisted Leader for 19 multiservice and civilian personnel.” [National Security Agency, 4/8/09]

11/1/13: Gonzales Was Awarded The Navy And Marine Corps Achievement Medal. [United States Department of the Navy, form NAVSO 1650/12 (7-99), 11/1/13]

Gonzales Was Awarded The Medal For His Management Of Personnel Onboard USS Michael Murphy. “Professional achievement as operations technicians leading Chief Petty Officer onboard USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112), from August 2010 to November 2013. Senior Chief Gonzales acted as detachment command Master Chief for 150 Sailors and operations Department LCPO for 65 Sailors. He skillfully crafted the personnel qualification, financial specialist and education service officer programs, and as command fitness leader he 98 percent pass rate for six cycles is unprecedented.” [United States Department of the Navy, form NAVSO 1650/12 (7-99), 11/1/13]

10/12/16: Gonzales Was Awarded The Navy And Marine Corps Commendation Medal. [United States Department of the Navy, form NAVSO 1650/11 (7-99), 10/12/16]

Gonzales Was Awarded The Medal For His Management Of Information Warfare Curriculum At The Center For Information Warfare Training In Pensacola, FL. “Senior Chief Gonzales Expertly Managed 23 advanced ‘A’ and ‘C’ school courses spanning 16 training sites. He led 164 instructors in providing exceptional training to more than 9,000 students.” [United States Department of the Navy, form NAVSO 1650/11 (7-99), 10/12/16]

U.S. Navy Office Of Legislative Affairs

2016: Gonzales Was Selected To Participate In The LEGIS Fellowship Program In 2017 And He Was The Only Enlisted Officer Selected For The Program That Year. “Ernest "Tony" Gonzales has always shown a keen interest in government, and this fall he'll have the opportunity to be in the middle of it all, serving as a 2017 Navy Legislative Fellow for the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs in Washington D.C. [...] Primarily opened to mid-ranked naval officers, 2016 marks the first year the LEGIS Fellows program was made available to senior enlisted members like Gonzales, currently ranked as an E-8. He is the only senior enlisted member selected for the fellowship.” [US Fed News, 8/9/16]

Gonzales Was One Of 15 Navy Service Members Selected For The Fellowship. “Gonzales, a doctoral student at The University of Southern Mississippi and a cryptologic technician, senior chief petty officer for the United States Navy, is one of only 15 servicemen from across the United States selected to participate from the Navy.” [US Fed News, 8/9/16]

The Fellowship Was In The U.S. Navy's Office Of Legislative Affairs. “A highly competitive and limited program, the Navy Legislative Fellows (LEGIS Fellows) provides an annual opportunity for naval officers to broaden their experience and knowledge in the operations and organization of Congress while enhancing the Navy's ability to fulfill its role in the national policy development process.” [US Fed News, 8/9/16]

Fellows Served On The Staff Of Members Of Congress Or Senators On Their Respective Armed Services Committees. “Even though the program will be a total shift from his Navy training, Gonzales is looking forward to participating in the program. During the 14-month fellowship, which begins Nov. 1, Gonzales and other LEGIS fellows will complete a variety of projects, including drafting legislation and organizing committee hearings. Fellows will also serve on the staff of a senator or congressman who sits on one of the various Armed Services committees in Congress.” [US Fed News, 8/9/16]

2015 -2016: Pensacola State College

March 2015: Gonzales Became An Employee Of Pensacola State College. [Pensacola State College Human Resources Department, filed 3/4/15]

2016: Gonzales Was Teaching At Pensacola State College As An Adjunct Faculty Member. “Gonzales is pursuing a doctoral degree in international development (IDV) at Southern Miss while teaching U.S. Government at Pensacola State College as an adjunct faculty member in Pensacola, Fla., where he is stationed.” [US Fed News, 8/9/16]

2017-2020: University of Maryland Global Campus (Formerly University of Maryland University College)

February 2017: Gonzales Started A Job As An Assistant Adjunct Professor At University Of Maryland University College. [Tony Gonzales on Facebook, [2/7/17](#)]



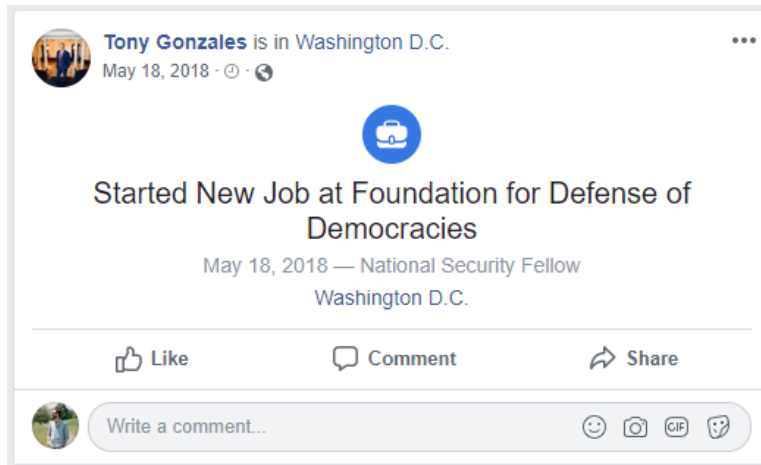
[Tony Gonzales on Facebook, [2/7/17](#)]

2017-2018: Office Of Senator Marco Rubio

Gonzales Worked In The Office Of Senator Marco Rubio As A Legislative Fellow. [Legistorm, accessed [12/1/8/19](#)]

2018-2019: Foundation For The Defense Of Democracies

May 2018: Gonzales Joined A Think Tank, Foundation For Defense Of Democracies, As A National Security Fellow. [Tony Gonzales on Facebook, [4/18/18](#)]



[Tony Gonzales on Facebook, [4/18/18](#)]

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TONY GONZALES

U.S. Navy



BIOGRAPHY

Tony Gonzales is a U.S. Navy Master Chief Petty Officer and previous Department of Defense Fellow for Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL). A career Cryptologist, Tony has deployed multiple times in support of combat operations to Iraq and Afghanistan, and in support of regional security operations throughout Asia. He is also an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) where he teaches Counter-terrorism, U.S. Government, and Political Science courses. Tony holds a Graduate Certificate in Legislative Studies from Georgetown University, Master's Degree in International Relations from American Public University and is a Ph.D. candidate in International Development with an emphasis on Security Studies and International Politics at the University of Southern Mississippi. (This bio is current to when the participant joined FDD's National Security Network.)

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[Foundation For Defense Of Democracies, accessed [1/10/20](#)]

May 2019: Gonzales Left His Job As A National Security Fellow With The Foundation For Defense Of Democracies. [Tony Gonzales on Facebook, accessed [1/8/20](#)]



[Tony Gonzales on Facebook, accessed [1/8/20](#)]

Gonzales's Colleague At The Foundation For Defense Of Democracies Was A Prominent Never Trumper

January 2020: Reuel Gerecht, A Member Of Foundation For Defense Of Democracies Stated They Didn't Expect Donald Trump To Have The "Intestinal Fortitude" To Strike On Qassim Suleimani. "Years before President Trump ordered the killing of Maj. Gen. Qassim Suleimani, Reuel Marc Gerecht, a former C.I.A. officer and prominent neoconservative commentator, had recommended taking out the notorious Iranian general. [...] "He surprised me," said Mr. Gerecht, a fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, a hawkish Washington think tank that consults closely with the Trump administration on Iran policy. "I didn't expect him to have the intestinal fortitude to do that." [New York Times, [1/6/20](#)]

Gerecht Was A Prominent Never Trumper Who Declared That Donald Trump Was Unfit To Lead The United States. "But it was an unusual admission from Mr. Gerecht, who has regularly criticized the president, dating to the 2016 campaign, when he was among the dozens of Republican foreign policy insiders who added their names to a letter denouncing Mr. Trump as unfit to lead the nation and collectively came to be known as Never Trumpers." [New York Times, [1/6/20](#)]

Gerecht Stated That Donald Trump Was A "Disappointment On Foreign Policy Issues" Despite Ordering The Attack On Suleimani. "I don't think it changes the larger analysis," Mr. Gerecht cautioned, arguing that Mr. Trump remained a major disappointment on foreign policy issues like his criticism of NATO allies and his lack of support for Western democratic values throughout the Middle East. But, Mr. Gerecht added, "on Iran, which is the most important one in the Middle East, he is getting that one more or less right." [New York Times, [1/6/20](#)]

2018-2019: San Antonio Head Start Policy Council

October 2018: Gonzales Joined The San Antonio Head Policy Start Council

October 2018: Gonzales Submitted An Application To Become A Community Representative On The San Antonio Head Start Council. "Good Morning Mr. Gonzales, Thank you for submitting an application for the Community Representative position on the City of San Antonio Head Start Policy Council. We would like to formally invite you to attend the 2018-2019 Head Start Policy Council New member Orientation next Tuesday, November 6th, from 8:00am-12:00pm at the McNay Museum, 6000 N New Braunfels Ave, San Antonio, TX 78209. There are two Community Representative positions we are seeking to fill for a one year term beginning on December 11, 2018, with monthly meetings thereafter." [Fatima S. El Khoury, San Antonio Department of Human Services, 10/31/18]

November 2018: Gonzales Became A Member Of The Head Start Policy Council. "Hi Tony, Thank you for attending out orientation yesterday. We are so excited to have someone with your background and expertise helping to lead our program." [Fatima S. El Khoury, San Antonio Department of Human Services, 11/7/18]

November 2019: Gonzales Left The San Antonio Head Start Policy Council. [Tony Gonzales on Facebook, accessed [1/8/20](#)]



[Tony Gonzales on Facebook, accessed [1/8/20](#)]

2020 Campaign

Gonzales Switched From Running In TX-35 To Instead Run For TX-23 Almost Immediately After Will Hurd Announced His Retirement

May 2019: Gonzales Filed To Run In TX-35

May 2019: Gonzales Filed His Statement Of Organization To Run In TX-35. [Federal Election Commission, [5/15/19](#)]

August 2019: Gonzales Publicly Announced The Start Of His Campaign

8/1/19: Gonzales Publicly Announced The Start Of His Campaign. “As a Navy Master Chief, I have faithfully served my country for 20 years defending the Constitution of the United States of America. I know what it means to serve others and further our American values. That’s why I’m running for Congress. Washington is broken — politicians putting their own personal agendas BEFORE those who elected them to office in the first place. As a result, our district has been left behind. Well, it’s time for that to change. It’s time to put people OVER politics. I don’t care if you lean left, right, or center — I will work every day to earn your vote. I’ll put our families FIRST. Are you with me? LIKE and SHARE to help spread the word and join #TeamTony today: [TonyGonzalesForCongress.com](#).” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [8/1/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [8/1/19](#)]

Gonzales Switched Districts To Run In TX-35 Immediately After Will Hurd Announced His Retirement

Gonzales Announced That He Was Considering Switching Districts. “I want to thank Congressman Will Hurd for his service to our nation — first in the CIA, then in Congress for three terms. His retirement is a surprise to many of us. I wish my friend well. Tonight I’ve been inundated with calls asking me to strongly consider running to succeed him in the 23rd congressional district. When I came home to San Antonio, my goal was to serve my community, Texas, and my country. Nothing has changed. Over the next few days, we will prayerfully consider this opportunity.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [8/1/19](#)]

Two Days Later, Gonzales Announced His Switch To TX-23. “After prayerful consideration, Angel and I have decided to put our full faith and effort into TX-23. I have dedicated my whole life to serving my God, family, faith, and community. Republicans must hold this seat, and I believe I’m the most qualified candidate to do that. I look forward to a spirited primary and general election campaign. I hope you will consider joining #TeamTony today! #TX23 >> TonyGonzalesForCongress.com.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [8/3/19](#)]


Tony Gonzales

August 3, 2019 · 🌐



"Tony Gonzales is as Texas as it gets. He served 20 years for his country in the United States Navy and came home to continue his public service. I've encouraged him to run for TX-23 because his values match those of the people across south and west Texas. I wholeheartedly endorse his candidacy. I encourage everyone to join me in rallying behind his candidacy."

— Henry Bonilla, Former GOP Congressman (TX-23)

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Republicans must hold this seat, and I believe I'm the most qualified candidate to do that. I look forward to a spirited primary and general election campaign. I hope you will consider joining #TeamTony today! #TX23

>> [TonyGonzalesForCongress.com](https://www.tonygonzalesforcongress.com)

[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [8/3/19](#)]

September 2019: Gonzales Went To Washington, DC To Meet With Establishment Republican Figures

Gonzales Traveled To Washington, DC To Meet With Members Of Congress, PACs And Think Tanks

September 2019: The RNC Capitol Hill Club Hosted A Private Event For Gonzales Where A Member Of Congress Wrote A Check For Him "On The Spot." "Former Texas Rep. Henry Bonilla was among those at an event for Gonzales on Thursday evening at the Capitol Hill Club, a Republican Party gathering spot adjacent to the U.S. Capitol. 'When you watch someone new to politics, you're never sure how they're going to perform. But after seeing him, a lot of us are more motivated than ever. One House member wrote him a check on the spot. They're not going to do that if he's not impressive,' Bonilla said." [San Antonio-Express News, 9/27/19]

Gonzales Stated That He Wanted To Make The Case To DC Republicans That He Was The Only One Who Could Hold TX-23. "Tony Gonzales says he is fighting to change the perception that Rep. Will Hurd might have been the only Republican able to hold a San Antonio-area congressional district for the GOP in 2020, a challenge that Hurd ducked by announcing last month he's leaving Congress after this term. Gonzales, 38, who retired from the Navy this summer, is making the case in Washington in meetings with members of Congress, PACs and think tanks." [San Antonio-Express News, 9/27/19]

Gonzales Claimed He Had More Than 40 Meetings In DC Within Two Days, Which He Called "Speed Dating On Drugs." "By early afternoon Friday, Gonzales said he had chalked up 40 meetings in two days — 'like speed-dating on drugs' — and still had more influential people to see before flying home to San Antonio." [San Antonio-Express News, 9/27/19]

Gonzales Claimed That He Was Successful In Convincing The GOP Establishment That He Could Take Up Will Hurd's Seat Successfully. "Gonzales or whoever carries the GOP banner has the task of persuading the National Republican Senatorial Committee and others to invest in an unknown commodity. 'I believe we've taken the narrative that only Will Hurd can hold this seat to Tony can hold it, too,' said Gonzales, the father of five children ranging from 19 years old to two months." [San Antonio-Express News, 9/27/19]

Gonzales Stated That The Fact He Was Hispanic Was A “Good Story” To Tell People In DC

Gonzales Said That He Had A “Good Story” As A Young Hispanic To Tell In His DC Meetings. “By early afternoon Friday, Gonzales said he had chalked up 40 meetings in two days — ‘like speed-dating on drugs’ — and still had more influential people to see before flying home to San Antonio. ‘We have a good story. I’m a young Hispanic in a 70-percent Hispanic district. I joined the Navy at 18 without a high school diploma and now I’m finishing my Ph.d. For us, the American Dream is alive and well and real,’ he said. Gonzales, who was a Navy cryptologist until this summer, also did a stint as a staff member for Florida GOP Sen. Marco Rubio.” [San Antonio-Express News, 9/27/19]

Despite Aggressively Courting The DC Establishment, Gonzales Claimed That He Would Not Spend Much Time In Washington While A Member Of Congress

December 2019: Gonzales Claimed That Once In Office, He Would Spend As Little Time As Possible In Washington, DC. “I will spend as little time in Washington as possible. The more you are there the more you will change. I will take the last flight, and the first in. why are so many leaving? The job is tough. I served this country, I will always serve this country.” [Tony Gonzales, Del Rio Meet and Greet, 12/6/19]

Gonzales Appeared To Have Violated A DoD Directive Prohibiting Political Activity And Candidacy

The Hatch Act Prohibited Civilian Employees Of The Federal Government From Engaging In Political Activity, But Servicemembers Were Covered By A Similar Policy

The Hatch Act Prohibited All Federal Civilian Executive Branch Employees From Engaging In Political Activity. “Except for the President and Vice President, all federal civilian executive branch employees are covered by the Hatch Act, including employees of the U.S. Postal Service.” [U.S. Office of Special Counsel, accessed [1/27/20](#)]

While Not Covered By The Hatch Act, Active Duty Servicemembers Were Covered By DoD Directive 1344.10, Which Prohibited Servicemembers Running For Public Office. “4.2.2. A regular member, or a retired regular or Reserve Component member on active duty under a call or order to active duty for more than 270 days, may not be a nominee or candidate for the offices described in subparagraph 4.2.1., except when the Secretary concerned grants permission.” [Department of Defense, Directive 1344.10, [2/19/08](#)]

DoD Directive 1344.10 Also Prohibited Solicitation Of Campaign Contributions From Any Other Member Of The Armed Forces. “4.1.2. A member of the Armed Forces on active duty shall not: [...] 4.1.2.16. Make a campaign contribution to or receive or solicit (on one’s own behalf) a campaign contribution from, any other member of the Armed Forces on active duty. Any contributions not prohibited by this subparagraph remain subject to the gift provisions of sections 2635.301-2635.304 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (Reference (f)).” [Department of Defense, Directive 1344.10, [2/19/08](#)]

Gonzales Organized His Campaign Committee, Tony Gonzales For Congress, Before He Was Discharged From The Navy

May 2019: Gonzales Began To Engage In Political Activity

5/3/19: Gonzales Created his Campaign Facebook Page And Updated His Profile With A Campaign Logo And Banner. [Tony Gonzales For Congress on Facebook, [5/3/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales For Congress on Facebook, [5/3/19](#)]

5/16/19: Gonzales Uploaded His Photograph To His Campaign Facebook Page, Visually Tying Him To The Campaign. [Tony Gonzales For Congress on Facebook, [5/16/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales For Congress on Facebook, [5/16/19](#)]

5/15/19: Gonzales Filed The Statement Of Organization For Tony Gonzales For Congress With the Federal Election Commission. [Federal Election Commission, Filing # FEC-1330894, [5/15/19](#)]

August 7th 2019: Gonzales Was Officially Discharged From The Navy

8/7/19: Gonzales Was Officially Discharged From Active Duty And Transferred To The Fleet Reserve. [United States Navy Personnel Command, DD Form 4/1, 5/20/99]

The San Antonio-Express News Reported Gonzales's Last Day In Uniform As 7/31/19. “Today will be Tony Gonzales’ last day in uniform. Thursday will be his first day as a politician. Gonzales, a San Antonian who has served 20 years in the Navy — including stints in Iraq and Afghanistan — is getting set to launch his first political campaign. Say this for him: He didn’t give himself an easy mission. For his first political swimming lesson, he’s jumping right into the deep end of the pool.” [San Antonio Express-News, [7/31/19](#)]

Gonzales Received \$3,055.50 In Contributions From Members Of The Armed Forces Before His Formal Discharge Date

8/1/19: Tony Gonzales For Congress Received \$2,305.50 From Angel Gonzales, Tony Gonzales's Wife, And An Employee Of The Department Of Defense. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/27/20](#)]

8/1/19: Tony Gonzales For Congress Received \$500 From Michael Hettinger, An Employee Of The U.S. Navy. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/27/20](#)]

8/3/19: Tony Gonzales For Congress Received \$250 Puni Alefaio, An Employee Of The U.S. Navy. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/27/20](#)]

October 2019: Gonzales's Mother Filed A Complaint With The San Antonio Police Concerning An Alleged Reyes Staffer Surveilling The Gonzales Family Home

Rachel Pena, Gonzales's Mother, Was Contacted By A San Antonio Police Officer On Gonzales's Behalf

Officer Alison Tamez Of The San Antonio Police Department Contacted Rachel Pena While She Was At The Gonzales Home. “Reporting Officer: TAMEZ, ALISON [...] Badge #: 2019 [...] RP1 = Pena, Rachel. Narrative Information: ‘I contacted RP1 at the listed location on behalf of her son, O1. O1 is currently running for congress.’” [San Antonio Police Department, Offense Case #SAPD19229317, 10/24/19]

Rachel Pena Alleged That Janet Knutson Worked For Raul Reyes And Posted Negative Things Online

Rachel Pena Reported Problems With Janet Knutson, Or “O2” Accusing Gonzales Of Violating The Hatch Act And Being A RINO. “O1 is currently running for Congress and has problems with O2 posting negative things on social media. [...] RP1 stated O2 has posted such things as O1 violating the Hatch Act and modifying his photo, calling him a “Rhino” which is a derogatory term for a Republican.” [San Antonio Police Department, Offense Case #SAPD19229317, 10/24/19]

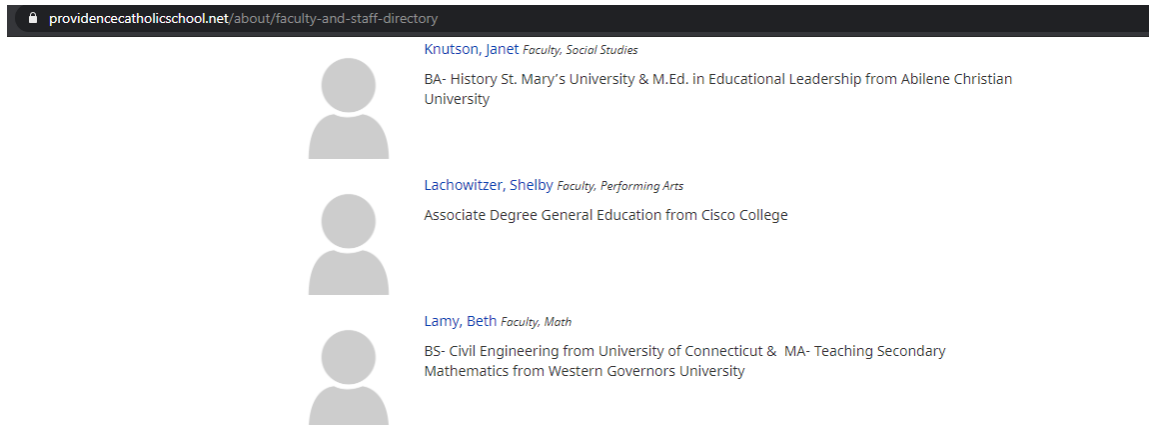
Officer Tamez Reported That “O2” Worked For Raul Reyes. “O2 works for the Raul Reyes campaign, O1’s competitor.” [San Antonio Police Department, Offense Case #SAPD19229317, 10/24/19]

October 2019: Janet Knutson Posted Supportive Comments On A Facebook Post By The Reyes Campaign. “Amazing Opportunity for CD23 to elect this TRUMP Constitutional Conservative Warrior to Congress! Vote RAUL REYES JR for a secure and prosperous Texas!!! #CD23 #TX23 #RaulReyesForCongress #MAGA.” [Raul for Congress on Facebook, [10/21/2019](#)]

As Of January 2020, Knutson Was Not Paid By The Reyes Campaign. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/14/20](#)]

Officer Tamez Reported That “O2” Was A Teacher At Providence High School. “RP1 stated they do not know O2 other than her posting on social media, but found out she is a teacher at Providence High School.” [San Antonio Police Department, Offense Case #SAPD19229317, 10/24/19]

As Of January 2020, Janet Knutson Was An Employee Of Providence High School In San Antonio, TX. [Providence High School, accessed [1/14/20](#)]



[Providence High School, accessed [1/14/20](#)]

October 2019: Rachel Pena Alleged That Knutson, Or “O2” Surveilled The Gonzales Home In San Antonio

Angel Gonzales, Tony Gonzales’s Wife, Stated That She Observed Knutson Taking Pictures Of Tony Gonzales And Rachel Pena’s Cars. “Today, RP1’s daughter in law, W1, was leaving the location and saw O2 parked in the listed vehicle in front of their home. RP1 called W1 in my presence and W1 stated she recognized O2 from her social media and saw her taking pictures of the cars belonging to O1 and RP1 that were parked on the street in front of their home.” [San Antonio Police Department, Offense Case #SAPD19229317, 10/24/19]

Angel Gonzales Reported That She Confronted Knutson And Told Her To Leave. “W1 pulled up next to O2. W1 asked O2 [what] was she doing at that location, and O2 replied that she lived at the location. W1 confronted O2 that she did not live there and informed her she knew who she was and where she worked. W1 told O2 she had no business being at the location and that she needed to leave.” [San Antonio Police Department, Offense Case #SAPD19229317, 10/24/19]

Knutson Left The Scene Without Incident. “O2 left the location without further incident.” [San Antonio Police Department, Offense Case #SAPD19229317, 10/24/19]

Rachel Pena Stated That She Found The Incident “Alarming.” “RP1 stated that they are moving to a new home within the next few days, but wanted to report the incident as they found it alarming.” [San Antonio Police Department, Offense Case #SAPD19229317, 10/24/19]

The Incident Was Reported To The San Antonio Regional Intelligence Unit (SARIC)

Officer Tamez Was Advised To Write A Report By The San Antonio Regional Intelligence Unit (SARIC) And Forward SARIC A Copy To Keep On File. “I contacted SARIC and was advised to write the report as such and email them a copy of the report to have on file.” [San Antonio Police Department, Offense Case #SAPD19229317, 10/24/19]

SARIC Supported Special And Cross-Jurisdiction Investigations In Southwest Texas As Part Of The Southwest Texas Fusion Center. “The Southwest Texas Fusion Center (SWTFC) was recognized by the State

of Texas and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as a Level 2 Major Urban Area Fusion Center in November 2011 [...] SWTFC components include: [...] Regional Intelligence Unit – Staffed by investigators and officers supporting SAPD special investigations and multi-jurisdiction/multi-agency investigations.” [City of San Antonio, accessed [1/14/20](#)]

SWTFC Components



[City of San Antonio, accessed [1/14/20](#)]

March 2020: Gonzales Failed To Secure His Party’s Nomination, Forcing The GOP Primary To A Runoff

March 2020: Gonzales Failed To Avoid A Runoff For The Republican Nomination In TX-23 And Did Not Even Managed To Obtain 30% Of The Vote. “On the GOP side, Tony Gonzales emerged victorious with 28 percent. He will be joined in the runoff by Raul Reyes who received 23 percent support. NRCC Chairman Tom Emmer reacted, saying, ‘Congratulations to Tony Gonzales and Raul Reyes on advancing to the Republican primary runoff. Texas voters rejected Washington, DC resident Gina Jones once, and will do so again in November.’ Turnout for this joint primary surpassed both 2016 and 2018. This bump is due to 25 percent-higher Democratic voter turnout compared to 2016. Republican turnout, meanwhile, dropped 18 percent from 2016 levels — which tracks since there was a competitive open primary at the top of the ticket.” [The Texan, [3/4/20](#)]

June 2020: Gonzales Was Sued By A Former Campaign Consultant Who Alleged That He Was Not Paid For His Work

June 2020: Phil Ricks, A Onetime Staffer To Rep. Henry Bonilla, Sued Gonzales For Over \$11,000 In Unpaid Campaign Consulting Services. “Saying he was stiffed on payments for campaign work, a political consultant who once worked for U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, has sued Tony Gonzales, one of two GOP hopefuls vying to represent Texas’ hotly contested 23rd Congressional District. In a suit filed in Bexar County District Court, Phil Ricks — a former staffer for Bonilla, a Republican who represented the district from 1993 to 2007 — said Gonzales declined to make good on \$11,500 owed for his work.” [San Antonio Current, [6/15/20](#)]

The Consultant Was Represented By Former Rep. Quico Canseco, Who Had Earlier Endorsed Gonzales

June 2020: Consultant Phil Ricks Hired Former Rep. Quico Canseco To Represent Him In His Suit Against Gonzales. “Perhaps reflecting the small world of South Texas politics, the attorney representing Ricks in the lawsuit is Quico Canseco, who also represented the 23rd District as a Republican from 2011-2013. Canseco said he

reluctantly took the case because Ricks is an old friend. ‘He was hired by Mr. Gonzales at the beginning, and then Mr. Gonzales refused to pay him,’ Canseco said. ‘What’s fair is fair. I mean, we’ve got to pay our bills. We all do.’” [San Antonio Current, [6/15/20](#)]

August 2019: Former TX-23 Congressman Quico Canseco Endorsed Gonzales For Congress. “‘TX-23 is a seat Republicans must retain. We need a candidate who understands the issues facing this vast and diverse district and has the wherewithal to raise enough money to win both the primary and general elections. Tony Gonzales is that person! I ask you to join me in supporting Tony Gonzales as the GOP candidate. Too much is at stake!’ – Quico Canseco, Former GOP Representative (TX-23).” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Twitter, [8/7/19](#)]

Gonzales’s Engaged In A Mudslinging Republican Civil War In His Bid To Win The Republican Primary Runoff Against Raul Reyes

June 2020: Ted Cruz Endorsed Raul Reyes And Bought \$100,000 Worth Of Ads

June 2020: Ted Cruz Endorsed Raul Reyes And Bought \$100,000 Worth Of Ads. “U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, is jumping into the Republican primary runoff for Texas’ most competitive congressional seat this fall, going against the candidate favored by retiring U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-Helotes, and national GOP leaders. Saying the district deserves strong conservative representation,’ Cruz is endorsing Raul Reyes over Tony Gonzales for Hurd’s seat — and launching a six-figure TV ad buy backing Reyes, according to details first shared with The Texas Tribune. Cruz’s TV spot for Reyes is being paid for by the senator’s leadership political action committee, the Jobs, Freedom and Security PAC. The 30-second commercial features Cruz speaking to the camera, saying Texas needs to elect ‘conservative warriors to defeat [Democratic House Speaker] Nancy Pelosi’s agenda and show some of our Republicans what a backbone is.’” [Texas Tribune, [6/30/20](#)]

Gonzales Accused Cruz And Reyes Of Working To Keep Nancy Pelosi As Speaker Of The House

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Reyes Shot Back And Accused Gonzales Of Being “In Bed With Socialists”

Reyes Shot Back And Accused Gonzales Of Being “In Bed With Socialists.” “Reyes, a retired Air Force officer, has described Gonzales — a former Defense Department legislative fellow in the office of U.S. Sen. Marco, Rubio, R-Florida — as someone “in bed with socialists,” because Gonzales’s foundation donated \$600 last year to the League of United Latin American Citizens’ scholarship fund.” [San Antonio Express-News, [7/4/20](#)]

Gonzales On Reyes: “You Know Reyes Is Lying When His Lips Are Moving”

Gonzales On Reyes: “You Know Reyes Is Lying When His Lips Are Moving.” “For his part, Gonzales has said of his opponent, ‘You know Reyes is lying when his lips are moving.’ The two candidates could never agree on when and where to debate. They argued over whether Reyes got booted off the stage at a recent luncheon. Gonzales’s mother accused Reyes’s campaign of spying on her son.” [San Antonio Express-News, [7/4/20](#)]

Gonzales Attempted To Portray Himself As A Trump Purist In Order To Secure The Nomination

July 2020: Gonzales Secured A Much-Coveted Trump Endorsement. “Tony Gonzales (@TonyGonzales4TX) will be a GREAT Congressman for Texas! A Navy veteran, he is Strong on the Economy, Life and the Second

Amendment. We need him to defeat the Radical Left in November. Tony has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #TX23” [Donald J. Trump via Twitter, [7/3/20](#)]



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Gonzales Released A Trump Robo-Call Where The President Says Gonzales Is “Working For Me”

Trump Recorded A Robo-Call Supporting Gonzales, Saying: “Tony Will Work For You In Congress, And By Working For You, He’s Working For Me.” In a robo-call supporting Tony Gonzales, Donald Trump said: “Tony will work for you in Congress, and by working for you, he’s working for me.” [Tony Gonzales via Twitter, [7/13/20](#)]

Gonzales Had Been Seeking Trump’s Endorsement Since September 2019

September 2019: Gonzales Was Already Working Toward Obtaining A Trump Endorsement. “In any case, though, Gonzales returned to the argument that he will need as wide of a Republican coalition as possible to keep the district red. ‘Look, I’m working to a point where I get President Trump’s endorsement,” Gonzales said, according to audio obtained by The Texas Tribune. ‘What is that gonna do for me? You either love President Trump or you do not. It’s one of those things, but at the end of the day, I look at it and I go, I need everybody pulling the wagon. That’s the only way we’re gonna win.’ Gonzales also invoked Trump at the November forum, railing against Democrats for coming together to “shut everything down with this ridiculous impeachment scheme” and arguing Republicans need to be just as united to fight back. Gonzales said he was ‘on a call with Trump’ about six weeks before in which the president said the ‘best way to help me is to win back the majority.’” [Texas Tribune, [1/9/20](#)]

Gonzales Said That He Was On A Call With Trump Where He Discussed Retaking The House Majority.

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Trump Was Hesitant To Endorse Gonzales In The Midst Of Republican Infighting But Called His Endorsement Of Gonzales “Complete And Total.” “Trump Was Hesitant To Endorse Gonzales In The Midst Of Republican Infighting. One thing Cruz couldn’t achieve with his endorsement, however, was blocking President Donald Trump from backing Gonzales. According to the New York Times, McCarthy lobbied for Trump to endorse Gonzales, but Trump hesitated after Cruz called the president and urged him not to oppose Reyes, an ardent supporter of Trump’s long-promised border wall. On Friday, however, Trump tweeted out his ‘complete and total’ endorsement of Gonzales, calling him ‘Strong on the Economy, Life and the Second Amendment.’ These dueling high-powered endorsements will only intensify the divisiveness of what has been a remarkably vitriolic GOP match-up.” [San Antonio Express-News, [7/4/20](#)]

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July-August 2020: Gonzales Managed To Secure The Republican Nomination Only After Depleting His Meager War Chest And A Contested Recount

July 2020: Gonzales Led Reyes By Only Seven Votes On Runoff Night

July 2020: After Voting Was Over In The TX-23 GOP Runoff, Gonzales Had A Scant Lead Of Only Seven Votes. “Just a handful of votes separated Tony Gonzales and Raul Reyes in the Republican primary runoff for Congressional District 23 after Tuesday night. The seat currently is held by outgoing U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-Helotes, who chose not to seek reelection. The congressional district, which spans much of the Texas-Mexico border and includes part of El Paso County, is considered one of the most competitive in the country. Reyes led Gonzales, who is supported by President Donald Trump, by narrow margins in El Paso County in the contest for a place on the November ballot, with all of the county’s precincts reporting. But the district spans more than one county, which means a candidate must win in the district as a whole, not only in El Paso. Districtwide, with all 335 precincts reporting, only seven votes separated the two. Gonzales led with 12,346 to Reyes’ 12,339.” [El Paso Times, [7/14/20](#)]

August 2020: Reyes Demanded A Recount, But Gonzales Managed To Barely Hang On To His Razor-Thin Margin After Reyes Abandoned The Recount

August 2020: Reyes Sought A Recount. “Raul Reyes announced Friday night that he will seek a recount in the razor-thin Republican primary runoff to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-Helotes, in his national battleground district. Reyes’ announcement came after the Texas GOP certified the results of his July 14 runoff against Tony Gonzales. The campaigns said the final margin was Gonzales by 45 votes, though the party had not confirmed that as of late Friday night. ‘We worked too hard, for too long, not to ensure every legal vote was counted properly,’ Reyes said in a statement.” [Texas Tribune, [7/31/20](#)]

The Gonzales Campaign Called The Recount “Hopeless And Foolish.” “Gonzales’ campaign called Reyes’ plans for a recount “hopeless and selfish,” noting Gonzales has maintained his small lead since the runoff. Reyes came out of election night down seven votes and did not concede, wanting to see the counting of final mail-in, provisional and military-overseas ballots. As those came in over the past few weeks, Gonzales repeatedly claimed

victory and increasingly urged the party to unify for November. But Reyes held firm against conceding and began fundraising for a potential recount while waiting for the state party canvass. The 23rd District is one of Democrats' best pickup opportunities nationwide, and their nominee, Gina Ortiz Jones, won her primary outright in March. Jones is running again after nearly unseating Hurd in 2018." [Texas Tribune, [7/31/20](#)]

Reyes Conceded The Race, With Gonzales Only Winning With A Margin Of 39 Votes. "The recount of the Republican primary runoff for the national battleground seat of retiring U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-Helotes, has reached an end, and Tony Gonzales remains the winner. Raul Reyes, who finished 45 votes behind Gonzales in the July 14 runoff, announced Friday evening that he was abandoning the recount. 'Without a sizable shift in the vote margin after a recount in the most populous parts of the district I have decided to end the recount,' Reyes said in a news release, thanking his supporters for their 'blood, sweat and tears.' Reyes' campaign said seven of the largest counties in the district had been recounted, and while he narrowed his deficit to 39 votes, it was 'not enough to justify continuing with the counting of ballots.' A Texas GOP spokesperson confirmed that was the current recount margin but said it had not yet received an official withdrawal request from Reyes." [Texas Tribune, [8/21/20](#)]

The Runoff Fight Forced Gonzales To Spend Heavily And Left Him Ill Prepared For The General Election

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6/23/20: At The End Of Q2 2020, Gonzales' Campaign Only Had \$24,365.25 Cash On Hand. [FEC, [7/14/20](#)]

San Antonio Head Start Policy Council

October 2018: Gonzales Submitted An Application To Become A Community Representative On The San Antonio Head Start Council

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November 2018: Gonzales Became A Member Of The Head Start Policy Council. "Hi Tony, Thank you for attending out orientation yesterday. We are so excited to have someone with your background and expertise helping to lead our program." [Fatima S. El Khoury, San Antonio Department of Human Services, 11/7/18]

Gonzales Quickly Worked To Arrange A Tour Of Head Start Facilities In San Antonio

A Month After Joining The Head Start Policy Council, Gonzales Asked About Touring Head Start Facilities. "Good Morning Fatima, Hope you had a relaxing weekend. I'd Like to visit all site in an effort to get a better pulse for policy recommendations. What is the process for visiting early head start facilities? All the best, Tony." [Tony Gonzales email, San Antonio Department of Human Services, 12/17/18]

April 2019: San Antonio Department Of Human Services (SADHS) Scheduled A Tour For Gonzales

SADHS Scheduled a Tour For Gonzales To Visit Stafford And Cardenas Early Education Centers, Part Of Edgewood Independent School District (ISD). “Hello Mr. Gonzlaes, I have received a confirmation from Edgewood ISD about your request to visit. You Are more than welcome to visit Stafford and Cardenas. Morning visits are best so that you don’t run into lunch and naps, but we can accommodate any time during the instructional day. [...] Thanks. Andrea.” [Andrea Martinez email, San Antonio Department of Human Services, 4/4/19]

Gonzales Followed Up His To Jose Cardenas Early Childhood Education Center With A Request To Visit A Second Site. “Hi Audrey and Andrea, Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to visit Jose Cardenas. Principal Barrios did an amazing job today with the campus tour and introducing me to teachers and parents. I’d like to visit Stafford tomorrow morning (10ish) to finish the EISD site visits. Thank you for all you do.” [Tony Gonzales email, San Antonio Department of Human Services, 4/9/19]



[Tony Gonzales email, San Antonio Department of Human Services, 4/9/19]

Gonzales Visited A Second School In The Edgewood ISD, The Stafford Early Childhood Education Center To Stage A Photo Op. “Head Start Team, Thank you arranging the Stafford Center visit. I had a fantastic time at their inaugural Spelling ‘B’ event and enjoyed hearing about their ideas for a new outdoor garden and obstacle course.” [Tony Gonzales email, San Antonio Department of Human Services, 4/11/19]



[Tony Gonzales email, San Antonio Department of Human Services, 4/11/19]

Tony Gonzales Foundation

Gonzales Established The Tony Gonzales Foundation In March 2019, A Mere Two Months Before Filing His Bid For Congress

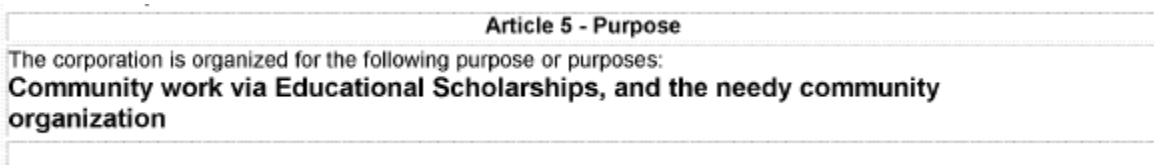
March 2019: Gonzales Established The Tony Gonzales Foundation As A 501 (c) (3)

March 2019: Gonzales Registered The Tony Gonzales Foundation As A 501 (c) (3). [Texas Secretary of State, Filing #803265791, 3/16/19]

According To The Certificate Of Formation Filed With The Texas Secretary Of State’s Office, The Purpose Of The Foundation Was “Community Work Via Educational Scholarships.” “The corporation is organized for the following purposes: Community work via Educational Scholarships, and the needy community organization.” [Texas Secretary of State, Filing #803265791, 3/16/19]



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The IRS Prohibits Corporations Registered As 501 (c) (3) From Engaging In Political Activity. “Under the Internal Revenue Code, all section 501(c)(3) organizations are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office. Contributions to political campaign funds or public statements of position (verbal or written) made on behalf of the organization in favor of or in opposition to any candidate for public office clearly violate the prohibition against political campaign activity. Violating this prohibition may result in denial or revocation of tax-exempt status and the imposition of certain excise taxes.” [Internal Revenue Service, accessed [1/14/20](#)]

May 2019: Tony Gonzales Submitted A Statement Of Organization For His Campaign To The FEC

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[Tony Gonzales on Facebook, [3/22/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress, accessed [1/14/20](#)]

As of January 2020, Tony Gonzales's Personal Facebook Cover Photo Is Still His Foundation Logo. [Tony Gonzales for Congress, accessed [1/14/20](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress, accessed [1/14/20](#)]

Gonzales Used His Foundation To Promote His Brand Around The San Antonio Area

Gonzales Attempted To Gain Publicity With A Helicopter Easter Egg Stunt

Gonzales Announced That The An Easter Event Would Kick Off The Tony Gonzales Foundation “In Style” With A Helicopter Easter Egg Drop. “Kicking off the Tony Gonzales Foundation in style. Bring the kids to an Easter event to remember! PM/text if you’d like to volunteer or help. #ManyHandsMakeLightWork.” [Tony Gonzales on Facebook, [3/16/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales on Facebook, 3/16/19]

The Tony Gonzales Foundation Spent At Least \$2,700 To Charter A Helicopter For The Event

4/2/19: A Permit Was Issued To Alamo Helicopter To Fly A Helicopter For An Egg Drop On The Date Of And At The Address Of The Tony Gonzales Foundation’s Event. “We are in receipt of your request for a helicopter landing permit for an operation occurring on Saturday, April 6, 2019. This permit is valid for the off-airport landing and departure of an Alamo Helicopter Robinson R44 Raven 2 helicopter (1) that will be providing an egg drop at Woodlawn Park, 1103 Cincinnati Ave, San Antonio, TX 78201 from approximately 1330 to 1430 hours. [...] You are hereby authorized to perform the necessary operation as requested and agreed upon. [...] Sincerely, Ryan Rocha, AEE IAP, Chief of Operations.” [San Antonio International Airport – Airport Operations, 4/2/19]



April 2, 2019

Jose Corona
Alamo Helicopter
8535 Mission Rd #104, San Antonio, TX 78214
PH. 210-921-2359
Alamoheli@gmail.com

Mr. Jose Corona:

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[San Antonio International Airport – Airport Operations, 4/2/19]

Alamo Helicopter Was A Private Helicopter Chartering Service Operating Out Of San Antonio, TX. “We can provide door to door air taxi service to and from any location in the Continental United States. Have a destination in mind? We can pick you up and quickly transport you there in our Robinson R44 Raven II helicopters, seats up to three passengers. Our pilots and staff are experienced and professional. All customer routes will remain confidential.” [Alamo Helicopter Tours, accessed [1/17/20](#)]

As Of January 2020, Alamo Helicopter Charged \$900 Per Hour For Custom Events With A Robinson R44 Helicopter, With A Three Hour Minimum. “Charter rates are \$900.00 per flight hour in the Robinson R44. Charter rates for the EC120 are \$1,100 per flight hour. Aircraft stand by time is \$100.00 per hour. There is a 3 hour minimum on (all day) custom charters.” [Alamo Helicopter Tours, accessed [1/17/20](#)]

Gonzales Advertised His Helicopter Event To His Colleagues On The Head Start Policy Council

Gonzales Emailed Members Of The Head Start Policy Council, And San Antonio City Employees, About The Easter Event. “Good morning Audrey and Fatima, I recently founded a nonprofit focused on inner city community engagement. We are kicking off the foundation this Saturday with a fun free event. I’d love to extend an invite out to the Head Start Family. Pre-registration in online via eventbrite. It’s not everyday you get to see 10,000 eggs dropped out of a helicopter. 25 lucky golden eggs in the batch which can be exchanged for prizes such as Spurs tickets, bikes, Easter baskets, and more. Walmart, AT&T, and other will have booths at the event giving away free stuff. All the best, Tony.” [Tony Gonzales email, San Antonio Department of Human Services, 4/4/19]

A SADHS Employee Responded To Gonzales And Stated That They Were Working On Distributing Information On The Event To Families In The Area. “Hello Tony - so sorry for the delay. We are acquiring permission from our Director’s Office to send out this information to families. Hope to have an answer to you soon and send out today. Audrey.” [Audrey Jackson email, San Antonio Department of Human Services, 4/5/19]

Gonzales Continued To Plug His Event And Claimed To Have Over 800 RSVPs. “You’ll are the best. We’re dropping 12,000 eggs and giving away 100 golden eggs prizes now. Rain or shine it’s going to be a great event. God Bless, Tony.” [Tony Gonzales email, San Antonio Department of Human Services, 4/5/19]



1st Annual TONY GONZALES FOUNDATION

Helicopter Easter Egg Drop

April 6th, 2019 1pm - 3pm
Woodlawn Park - Softball Field
1103 Cincinnati Ave, San Antonio TX 78201

10,000 eggs! **DJ/Music** **Free Admission!** **Easter Bunny**

Schedule

2 Years and Under: 1pm - Grass next to Softball Field
3 years - 5 years: 2pm - Softball Field Side A.
6 years and above: 2pm - Softball Field Side B.

Baskets
Bicycles **Prizes** **Candy-filled eggs!**

Golden Eggs win prizes!
Preregister online at EventBrite.com or register at event at 12:30
Open to 1,000 children up to 12 years of age

Sponsors:   **Dr. Butler**
Christ the King Church

[Tony Gonzales email, San Antonio Department of Human Services, 4/4/19]

April 2019: The Tony Gonzales Foundation Held A Fundraiser. “Come out and support the Tony Gonzales Foundation while enjoying some delicious tacos!” [Tony Gonzales on Facebook, [4/18/19](#)]



TONY GONZALES FOUNDATION
Fiesta Fundraiser

Come and support the Tony Gonzales Foundation during Fiesta 2019!
Thursday, April 25th - Saturday, April 27th

Serving Chicken and Beef Fajita Tacos with homemade Pico de Gallo, Guacamole and Ice-cold beverages!

Corner of Broadway St. and Newell Ave.
Across from famous 'Pig Stand' restaurant.

Proceeds will support the Tony Gonzales Foundation.

Tony Gonzales
April 18, 2019 · 🌐

Come out and support the Tony Gonzales Foundation while enjoying some delicious tacos!

51 likes · 2 Comments · 8 Shares

Like · Comment · Share

Joey Schneider Tacos soooooooo good!!!
Like · Reply · 38w · 1

Michael Ponce Wish i lived near you guys
Like · Reply · 38w

Write a comment... 📷 📺 📹

[Tony Gonzales on Facebook, [4/18/19](#)]

Criminal Record

As Of December 2019, Gonzales Was Not Associated With Any Criminal Or Traffic Violations. [Nexis Criminal Records search, accessed, 12/13/19]

Note: As of the writing of this book, the DCCC research department is not yet in receipt of records from the Department of Defense or Department of the Navy that might otherwise shed light on Gonzales's potential military criminal record.

Judgments Or Liens

As Of December 2019, Gonzales Is Not Associated With Any Bankruptcies, Judgments, Or Liens. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens search, accessed 12/13/19]

Bankruptcy Filings

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NOTE: Further research necessary into whether Gonzales or their associated entities had bankruptcies, judgments or liens.

Voter Registration & History

According to The Texas Secretary of State and the Longitudinal Voter File, Gonzales’s voting history is depicted below:

Gonzales Voting History								
	General	Primary	Muni Primary	Muni Runoff	Municipal	Pres Primary	Special	Special Primary
2019							X	
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2016	X	X						
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[Longitudinal Voter File, accessed 2/11/20; Gonzales profile, Texas Secretary of State, accessed 1/3/20]

Personal Finance

In 2019, Gonzales had an estimated net worth of between **-\$624,997 and -\$185,000**.

According to Gonzales’s federal personal financial disclosures, his annual unearned income was between **\$19,002 and \$110,000**. Gonzales’s assets totaled between **\$1,001 and \$110,000**. Gonzales had between **\$310,000 and \$645,000 in liabilities**.

NOTE: For detailed descriptions of Gonzales’s personal financial disclosures by year, see Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures.

Gonzales’s Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Summary

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Year	Earned Income	Asset Value		Unearned Income		Transactions		Liabilities	
		MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
2019	\$138,838.05	\$1,001	\$15,000	\$19,002	\$110,000	n/a	n/a	\$310,000	\$645,000

[Financial Disclosure Report, Clerk of The House Of Representatives, Filing ID #10029567, filed 09/30/19]

Relationships

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Sen. Ted Cruz endorsed Gonzales' primary and runoff opponent, Raul Reyes, and reportedly urged President Trump to not take sides in the race.*
- ✓ *Gonzales received endorsements and support from House GOP leadership.*
- ✓ *Gonzales called the election of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez the result of the American people's desire for "fresh ideas."*
- ✓ *Gonzales accepted the endorsement of Will Hurd.*
- ✓ *Gonzales accepted the endorsement of Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller.*
 - ✓ *Miller responded to the removal of Confederate flags from a Veterans Day parade by alluding to lynching.*
 - ✓ *Miller suggesting using nuclear weapons to attack the "Muslim world."*
 - ✓ *Miller called Hillary Clinton the C-word.*
- ✓ *Gonzales was endorsed by, and received a contribution from, former Texas Representative Henry Bonilla.*
- ✓ *Gonzales met with El Paso Mayor Dee Margo.*
 - ✓ *Dee Margo was called a RINO and "full of crap" by Donald Trump.*

Ted Cruz Endorsed Gonzales' Primary And Runoff Opponent – Raul Reyes

Ted Cruz Endorsed Gonzales' GOP Opponent, Raul Reyes, Saying The District Deserved "Strong Conservative Representation"

HEADLINE: Bucking Party Leaders, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz Intervenes In Republican Runoff For Will Hurd's Seat. [Texas Tribune, [6/30/20](#)]

Cruz Endorsed Raul Reyes In The TX-23 Runoff Election. "U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, is jumping into the Republican primary runoff for Texas' most competitive congressional seat this fall, going against the candidate favored by retiring U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-Helotes, and national GOP leaders. Saying the district 'deserves strong conservative representation,' Cruz is endorsing Raul Reyes over Tony Gonzales for Hurd's seat — and launching a six-figure TV ad buy backing Reyes, according to details first shared with The Texas Tribune. Cruz's TV spot for Reyes is being paid for by the senator's leadership political action committee, the Jobs, Freedom and Security PAC. The 30-second commercial features Cruz speaking to the camera, saying Texas needs to elect 'conservative warriors to defeat [Democratic House Speaker] Nancy Pelosi's agenda and show some of our Republicans what a backbone is.' 'That's why I'm supporting retired Col. Raul Reyes for Congress,' Cruz says. 'President Trump needs more congressmen like Col. Reyes, leaders who won't surrender our border, our sovereignty, our way of life.'" [Texas Tribune, [6/30/20](#)]

Cruz Reportedly Urged President Trump Not To Take Sides In The GOP Primary Runoff Election

Cruz Reportedly Called President Trump And Urged Him Not To Take Sides Against Raul Reyes. “House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, for example, had lobbied the president to endorse Tony Gonzales for an open South Texas seat over a more hard-line candidate they feared would have little chance in the general election. But Mr. Trump grew uneasy after a call from Senator Ted Cruz of Texas, who urged him not to take sides against Raul Reyes, a build-the-wall border hawk. Mr. Cruz endorsed Mr. Reyes on Tuesday, and it is now unclear what the president will do.” [New York Times, [7/28/20](#)]

House GOP Leadership Endorsed Gonzales

Kevin McCarthy And Steve Scalise Endorsed Gonzales

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy And Minority Whip Steve Scalise Endorsed Gonzales. “The intervention by Cruz, who has been known to buck his party, puts him opposite a cast of powerful Republicans. In addition to Hurd, Gonzales has also been endorsed by the top two Republicans in the House, Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy and Minority Whip Steve Scalise. Also, Gonzales has been publicly praised by Tom Emmer, the chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee.” [Texas Tribune, [6/30/20](#)]

Gonzales Was Added To The NRCC’s “Young Guns” Program, The Highest Tier Of Their Candidate Support Program

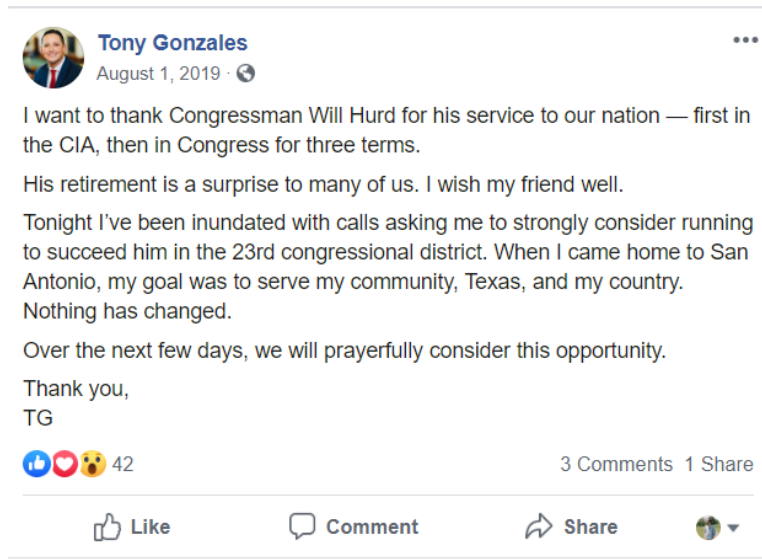
The NRCC Added Gonzales To Its List Of “Young Guns” – The Highest Tier Of Their Support Program. “House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy announced Tony Gonzales has been promoted to ‘Young Gun,’ the third and highest tier of the Young Guns program.” [NRCC – Press Release, [8/24/20](#)]

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Will Hurd

After Hurd Announced His Retirement, Gonzales Thanked Him For “His Service To The Nation”

August 2019: Gonzales Thanked Will Hurd For “His Service To The Nation.” “I want to thank Congressman Will Hurd for his service to our nation — first in the CIA, then in Congress for three terms. His retirement is a surprise to many of us. I wish my friend well. Tonight I’ve been inundated with calls asking me to strongly consider running to succeed him in the 23rd congressional district. When I came home to San Antonio, my goal was to serve my community, Texas, and my country. Nothing has changed. Over the next few days, we will prayerfully consider this opportunity. Thank you, TG.” [Tony Gonzales For Congress on Facebook, [8/1/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales For Congress on Facebook, [8/1/19](#)]

Hurd Described Gonzales A “Good Candidate” And Said That The Republican Party Should “Look Like America”

Hurd Called Gonzales “A Good Candidate” And Emphasized That The Republican Party Should “Look Like America.” “Hurd insisted that a Republican besides him can keep the seat. When pressed for a name, Hurd said ‘there's a good candidate in the race’ pointing to Tony Gonzales, a cryptologist who is among several Republicans running for the seat. Hurd said that running in a ‘50-50 district’ he's learned there's more that unites people than divides them. He emphasized the importance of earning people's trust. ‘If the Republican party doesn't start looking like America, there will not be a Republican party in America,’ he said.” [El Paso Times, 9/28/19]

November 2019: Will Hurd Endorsed Gonzales

November 2019: Will Hurd Endorsed Gonzales And Said He “Embodied The American Dream.” “Retiring U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-Helotes, is endorsing a candidate to succeed him in his battleground district. Hurd gave his support Wednesday to Navy veteran Tony Gonzales in the crowded GOP field, saying Gonzales “embodies the American Dream’ and calling him essential to keeping the 23rd District red. ‘I care deeply about the hard-working men and women of the 23rd District and want to make sure their next Representative has their values and will fight for them in Congress,’ Hurd said in statement. ‘This is why I am pleased to endorse 20-year Navy Veteran, loyal husband and proud father of five children, Tony Gonzales, to be my successor in Congress.’” [Longview News-Journal, 11/13/19]

Hurd Saw His Endorsement As A Way To Help Make The GOP More Diverse. “In backing Gonzales, who is Mexican American, Hurd nodded to one of his political priorities now that he is not running for reelection: helping create a more diverse Texas GOP. ‘If the Republican Party does not look like Texas and resonate with all Texans, there won't be a Republican Party in Texas,’ said Hurd, the only black Republican in the House.” [Longview News-Journal, 11/13/19]

Hurd Wanted To “Prevent The Creep Of Socialism.” “‘We need conservatives like Tony to take our message to all parts of the district to prevent the creep of socialism that we've seen in other parts of the Country. ... To keep the 23rd District red, we need Tony Gonzales.’” [Longview News-Journal, 11/13/19]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [11/13/19](#)]

Will Hurd Only Voted With Trump A Little Over Half Of The Time

Will Hurd Only Voted With Trump 60% Of The Time During The 116th Congress. [FiveThirtyEight Trump Score, accessed [1/17/20](#)]

Gonzales Attempted To Portray Himself As More Conservative Than Will Hurd

Gonzales Portrayed Himself As More Conservative Than Will Hurd. “Gonzales is also presenting himself as more conservative than Hurd, who has said he is concerned by revelations of President Donald Trump's entreaties to Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden. [San Antonio Express-News, 9/27/19]

December 2019: Gonzales Called Himself “His Own Man” And Defended His Decision To Accept Hurd’s Endorsement, While Declining To Criticize Him

Gonzales Declined To Criticize Hurd

At A November 2019 Candidate Forum, Gonzales Declined To Reply To A Question Asking What He Did Not Like About Will Hurd. “At a forum here in late November for the Republicans running to replace U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-Helotes, an audience member made a pointed request, asking the candidates to list three things they do not like about the retiring congressman. While most of the eight candidates in attendance took turns airing their disagreements with Hurd, some more harshly than others, Tony Gonzales took a pass. “He is a three-term

congressman,' Gonzales said of Hurd. 'That man can take care of himself.' Of course, Gonzales has something his primary rivals do not: Hurd's endorsement. But while the congressman has earned acclaim for his ability to keep the battleground 23rd District in GOP hands, his moderate profile and disagreements with President Donald Trump may be looming just as large over the primary to succeed him." [Texas Tribune, [1/9/19](#)]

When Questioned About the Endorsement Gonzales Claimed That He Was “My Own Man” But Said That In Parts Of TX-23, “The Less You Can Say” Will Hurd’s Name, The Better

Gonzales Stated That He And Hurd Were “Different People” But Conceded That For Part The District, Hurd Was Unpopular. “Gonzales encountered sharp questions about the Hurd endorsement at a meet-and-greet last month in the county seat, Del Rio. Gonzales responded by saying he and Hurd are ‘different people’ — noting, for example, that he has five kids and speaks fluent Spanish — and emphasizing that the ‘key is for me to be my own man.’ Pressed on the political impact of Hurd's endorsement, Gonzales acknowledged there are parts of the district where people ‘sing [Hurd's] praises’ and others, particularly west of San Antonio, where “the less you can say Will Hurd's name,’ the better. [Texas Tribune, [1/9/19](#)]

Gonzales Claimed That He Was Seeking Trump’s Endorsement

November 2019: Gonzales Stated That He Was “Working To The Point” Of Getting Trump’s Endorsement. “Look, I’m working to a point where I get President Trump’s endorsement,’ Gonzales said, according to audio obtained by The Texas Tribune.’ What is that gonna do for me?” [Texas Tribune, [1/9/19](#)]

Gonzales Said That “You Either Love President Trump Or You Do Not.” ““You either love President Trump or you do not. It’s one of those things, but at the end of the day, I look at it and I go, I need everybody pulling the wagon. That’s the only way we’re gonna win.”” [Texas Tribune, [1/9/19](#)]

January 2020: Gonzales Attended An MLK Day Parade With Will Hurd

January 2020: Gonzales Attended An MLK Day Parade With Will Hurd. ““Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’ Martin Luther King, Jr.”” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/20/20](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/20/20](#)]

Marco Rubio

2017-2018: Gonzales Was A Legislative Fellow In The Office Of Senator Marco Rubio

2016: Gonzales Was Selected As A LEGIS Fellow By The Navy

August 2016: Gonzales Was Selected As A LEGIS Fellow In The Navy Office Of Legislative Affairs In Washington, DC. "Ernest "Tony" Gonzales has always shown a keen interest in government, and this fall he'll have the opportunity to be in the middle of it all, serving as a 2017 Navy Legislative Fellow for the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs in Washington D.C." [US Fed News, 8/9/16]

LEGIS Fellows Had The Opportunity To Work In A Congressional Office. "During the 14-month fellowship, which begins Nov. 1, Gonzales and other LEGIS fellows will complete a variety of projects, including drafting legislation and organizing committee hearings. Fellows will also serve on the staff of a senator or congressman who sits on one of the various Armed Services committees in Congress." [US Fed News, 8/9/16]

Gonzales Was Selected For Placement In A Congressional Office

December 2016: Gonzales Was Selected To Work As A Congressional Advisor Within The LEGIS Program.

“Senior Chief Petty Officer Tony Gonzales, an information warfare Sailor and San Antonio native, received his latest assignment to serve as a Congressional advisor for one year, Dec. 7. Gonzales was selected for the Department of Defense Legislative (LEGIS) Fellows program while serving as the training manager for the cryptologic technician (collection) rating, now Navy Occupational Specialty B540, at the Center for Information Warfare Training (CIWT). The Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs manages the Navy's program, which allows Sailors to broaden their experience and knowledge in the operations and organization of Congress while enhancing the Navy's ability to fulfill its role in the national policy development process.” [US Official News, 12/13/16]

Gonzales Worked As A Legislative Fellow In The Office Of Senator Marco Rubio. [Legistorm, accessed [1/23/20](#)]



[Tony Gonzales on Facebook, [2/8/18](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Twitter, [1/2/20](#)]

September 2019: Tony Gonzales For Congress Received \$1,000 From The Reclaim America PAC, Aligned With Marco Rubio

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The Reclaim America PAC Was Aligned With Marco Rubio. “Sen. Marco Rubio used his Reclaim America PAC to support a slate of candidates, from Bob Corker and Carlos Curbelo to Luther Strange, while continuing to spend large sums on consultants and other expenses, according to a new FEC filing. [...] Donors include an array of PACS, including Amazon, Google, Bacardi, Comcast, Goldman Sachs, as well as individuals such as Jose Fanjul, Belinda Keiser and Cesar Conda, Rubio's former chief of staff who has returned to lobbying.” [Tampa Bay Times, [2/1/18](#)]

Kevin McCarthy

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October 2019: Gonzales Met With Kevin McCarthy, Michael Cloud (TX-27), Jodey Arrington (TX-19), Congressman Michael McCaul (TX-10) And Chip Roy (TX-21). “Today, I joined Jodey Arrington, Michael Cloud, Kevin McCarthy, Michael McCaul for Texas and Chip Roy to discuss the issues that matter most to San Antonio. As your next Congressman, I’ll fight for our #TX23 families.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [10/9/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [10/9/19](#)]

Chip Roy

Gonzales Called Chip Roy A “Conservative Warrior” And Endorsed Him In His Reelection Bid

October 2019: Tony Gonzales Called Chip Roy A “Conservative Warrior” Who Was Needed In Congress. “Rep. Chip Roy is exactly the type of Conservative warrior needed in Congress. It’s going to be a pleasure watching him defeat Wendy Davis.” [Tony Gonzales For Congress on Facebook, [10/11/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales For Congress on Facebook, [10/11/19](#)]

December 2019: Gonzales' Campaign Expressed Support For Congressman Chip Roy And Posted Photos From A Roy Campaign Event. "#TeamTony supporting U.S. Representative Chip Roy for District 21! Over 200 people showing up to #KeepitRed!" [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [12/2/19](#)]



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[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [12/2/19](#)]

December 2019: Gonzales Promoted An Article Chip Roy Wrote For The National Review Attacking Impeachment

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[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [12/13/19](#)]

ROY OP-ED: Roy Said That Democrats Had Failed To Provide Compelling Evidence In The Impeachment Proceedings And Stated That The 2020 Election Should Decide Trump’s Fate. “Therefore, while I will continue to examine any evidence offered in the apparent final days of this partisan impeachment exercise, House Democrats have utterly failed to provide compelling evidence of a high crime and misdemeanor meriting the impeachment of a president. Once this process is completed in the U.S. House, we should immediately turn our attention to solving any one of the significant issues that Americans care most about. Reducing health-care prices, securing the border, balancing the budget, passing free trade, or providing a clear mission for our military — these are the things I hear Texans talking about every day. Let’s do our job now. Whether you agree with this analysis or not, one thing is clearly true: Americans will have the opportunity to make their choice in just over ten months. We should let them do it.” [National Review, Rep. Chip Roy, [12/11/19](#)]

Endorsements

Former TX-23 Rep. Henry Bonilla

August 2019: Henry Bonilla Endorsed Gonzales

August 2019: Henry Bonilla Endorsed Gonzales. “I’m honored to have the full support of former GOP Congressman Henry Bonilla in my campaign for Congress in #TX23. Republicans must hold this seat, and I believe I’m the most qualified candidate to do that. I look forward to a spirited primary and general election campaign. I hope you will consider joining #TeamTony today! Visit my website to learn more about my campaign >> TonyGonzalesForCongress.com.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [8/8/19](#)]



“ Tony Gonzales is as Texas as it gets... I’ve encouraged him to run for TX-23 because his values match those of the people across south and west Texas. I wholeheartedly endorse his candidacy. ”

HENRY BONILLA,
Former GOP
Congressman, TX-23

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[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [8/8/19](#)]

September 2019: Former Rep. Henry Bonilla Attended An Event For Gonzales At The Capitol Hill Club In Washington DC. “Former Texas Rep. Henry Bonilla was among those at an event for Gonzales on Thursday evening at the Capitol Hill Club, a Republican Party gathering spot adjacent to the U.S. Capitol. “When you watch someone new to politics, you’re never sure how they’re going to perform. But after seeing him, a lot of us are more motivated than ever. One House member wrote him a check on the spot. They’re not going to do that if he’s not impressive,” Bonilla said.” [San Antonio Express-News, 9/27/19]

August 2019: Bonilla Contributed \$2,800 To Gonzales’s Campaign

8/14/19: Bonilla Contributed \$2,800 To Gonzales’s Campaign. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/27/19](#)]

George P. Bush, Texas Land Commissioner

December 2019: Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush Endorsed Tony Gonzales In The Race For TX-23. “I’m pleased to endorse Tony Gonzales for Congress. Tony honorably served our nation for 20 years in the US Navy. His experience makes him the best candidate to serve Texans in the 23rd district. We absolutely must win this race and Tony is the strongest Republican candidate to do that. I look forward to helping him win.” [George P. Bush On Facebook, [12/12/19](#)]



[George P. Bush On Facebook, [12/12/19](#)]

February 2019: George P. Bush Was Endorsed By Donald Trump. “Texas LC George P. Bush backed me when it wasn’t the politically correct thing to do, and I back him now.” [Donald Trump on Twitter, [2/27/18](#)]



[Donald Trump on Twitter, [2/27/18](#)]

Master Chief Petty Officer Of The Navy Joe R. Campa

October 2019: Gonzales Was Endorsed By Master Chief Petty Officer Of The Navy Joe R. Campa. “I’m proud to support Tony Gonzales for Congress in TX-23. Tony honorably served our country and he understands national security and military issues, as well as the needs of our veterans. As an OEF and OIF veteran, he will make an outstanding member of Congress.” - Eleventh Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [10/29/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [10/29/19](#)]

Former TX-23 Congressman Quico Canseco Endorsed Gonzales For Congress. “TX-23 is a seat Republicans must retain. We need a candidate who understands the issues facing this vast and diverse district and has the wherewithal to raise enough money to win both the primary and general elections. Tony Gonzales is that person! I ask you to join me in supporting Tony Gonzales as the GOP candidate. Too much is at stake!” – Quico Canseco, Former GOP Representative (TX-23).” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Twitter, [8/7/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Twitter, [8/7/19](#)]

June 2020: Canseco Represented A Former Gonzales Campaign Consultant

June 2020: Phil Ricks, A Onetime Staffer To Rep. Henry Bonilla, Sued Gonzales For Over \$11,000 In Unpaid Campaign Consulting Services. “Saying he was stiffed on payments for campaign work, a political consultant who once worked for U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, has sued Tony Gonzales, one of two GOP hopefuls vying to represent Texas’ hotly contested 23rd Congressional District. In a suit filed in Bexar County District Court, Phil Ricks — a former staffer for Bonilla, a Republican who represented the district from 1993 to 2007 — said Gonzales declined to make good on \$11,500 owed for his work.” [San Antonio Current, [6/15/20](#)]

The Consultant Was Represented By Former Rep. Quico Canseco, Who Had Earlier Endorsed Gonzales

June 2020: Consultant Phil Ricks Hired Former Rep. Quico Canseco To Represent Him In His Suit Against Gonzales. “Perhaps reflecting the small world of South Texas politics, the attorney representing Ricks in the lawsuit is Quico Canseco, who also represented the 23rd District as a Republican from 2011-2013. Canseco said he

reluctantly took the case because Ricks is an old friend. ‘He was hired by Mr. Gonzales at the beginning, and then Mr. Gonzales refused to pay him,’ Canseco said. ‘What’s fair is fair. I mean, we’ve got to pay our bills. We all do.’” [San Antonio Current, [6/15/20](#)]

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Representative Dan Crenshaw

October 2019: Rep. Dan Crenshaw Endorsed Gonzales

October 2019: Dan Crenshaw Endorsed Tony Gonzales In For The Republican Nomination In TX-23.

“Congress will only work if we have the right people serving. It is time for our generation to take the lead, and veterans like Tony Gonzales are exactly what we need. I am proud to endorse him for Congress in the 23rd district and look forward to helping him win this race.” — Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX).” [Tony Gonzales For Congress On Facebook, [10/10/19](#)]



The image is a composite of two parts. On the left is a red vertical banner with white and blue text. At the top, it says 'U.S. CONGRESSMAN' in white. Below that, 'DAN CRENSHAW' is written in large white letters on a blue rounded rectangle. Underneath, 'SUPPORTS' is written in white. At the bottom, 'TONY GONZALES' is written in large white letters with a Texas map icon, and 'FOR U.S. CONGRESS' is written in smaller white letters below it. On the right is a screenshot of a Facebook post from Tony Gonzales, dated October 10, 2019. The post text reads: "Congress will only work if we have the right people serving. It is time for our generation to take the lead, and veterans like Tony Gonzales are exactly what we need. I am proud to endorse him for Congress in the 23rd district and look forward to helping him win this race." — Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX). The post has 628 reactions, 42 comments, and 81 shares. Below the post is a comment from Paul Kattner: "I respect any of your post responses and enjoyed its questions! God Bless you! Now keep in mind and please discern this small chronicle about my family and myself. ... See More". Below the comment is a graphic with an eagle, the Statue of Liberty, and the text 'GOD BLESS AMERICA'. Another comment from Iou Briseno says 'Thank you Mr. Crenshaw'. At the bottom of the screenshot is a 'Write a comment...' input field.

[Tony Gonzales For Congress On Facebook, [10/10/19](#)]

Gonzales Called Dan Crenshaw “A Hero.” “Dan Crenshaw is a hero for his courageous military service and sacrifice for our country and I have admired him for many years. In Congress, I look forward to working with him to ensure we provide outstanding care for our veterans and offer conservative leadership for our country. I am honored to have his support in this campaign. #TeamTony #TX23.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [10/12/19](#)]

Gonzales Promoted Material From Crenshaw's Social Media

Gonzales Promoted Material From Crenshaw's Social Media. [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [10/14/19](#)]



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"We go to universities to be challenged, not coddled. Words are not violence. Try hard not to offend others, but try hard not to be offended either. Free speech - unfringed - makes our society stronger."

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Jeff Judson, Former President Of The Texas Public Policy Foundation

September 2019: Jeff Judson Endorsed Tony Gonzales

September 2019: Former President Of Conservative Think Tank Texas Public Policy Foundation, Jeff Judson, Endorsed Gonzales. “I am happy to endorse Tony Gonzales for Congress in Texas’ 23rd district. If we are going to keep that district in the Republican column, we need a candidate and congressman who can GROW the Republican base and bring the Hispanic vote where it belongs, in the pro-life, pro-family, pro-free enterprise Republican party. Tony impresses me as just the man for the job.” — Former President of Texas Public Policy Foundation, Jeff Judson.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [9/10/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [9/10/19](#)]

The Texas Public Policy Foundation Was A Conservative Think Tank Established In 1989. “TPPF was founded in 1989 by James Leninger, a wealthy San Antonio doctor and Republican donor who made a fortune selling hospital beds. Weary of the Democratic majority in the Texas Legislature at the time, he launched TPPF to produce research representing his conservative point of view.” [Houston Chronicle, [10/19/18](#)]

2016: Judson Challenged The Texas House Speaker In A Primary And His Supporter Was Part Of A Hate Group

2016: Judson Ran To Challenge The Texas House Speaker For His Seat. “For anyone who cares: This week, in its annual report on extremist organizations, the Alabama civil rights group labeled Conservative Republicans of Texas an “anti-LGBT” hate group, one of 48 throughout the country. Led by Republican donor Steven Hotze of Houston, CRT is endorsing Judson against Texas House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, in the GOP primary.” [San Antonio Express News, [2/19/16](#)]

In Response An Organization That Sponsored Judson Being Labeled As A Hate Group By The SPLC, Judson Said That “I Don’t Really Care.” “For anyone who cares: This week, in its annual report on extremist organizations, the Alabama civil rights group labeled Conservative Republicans of Texas an ‘anti-LGBT hate group, one of 48 throughout the country. Led by Republican donor Steven Hotze of Houston, CRT is endorsing Judson against Texas House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, in the GOP primary. I called Judson on Friday for his thoughts on the matter. ‘I don’t really care what the Southern Poverty Law Center says,’ Judson told me.’ None of my voters care.’ I asked Judson why he doesn’t care. ‘Adios,’ he said, and hung up the phone. (He might have muttered ‘mofo’ after disconnecting, but I can’t be certain.)” [San Antonio Express News, [2/19/16](#)]

Steven Hotze, Who Led The Hate Group, Gave A Speech Suggesting He Would Use A Sword To Attack LGBTQ People And Compared Them To Nazis. “Last year, at an anti-LGBT rally, Hotze unsheathed a sword on stage and pointed it at the audience, according to an article in The Texas Observer. For thousands of years, men fought with swords,’ he said, according to the article. ‘Can you imagine that piercing right through the enemy like this? That’s what the word of God does. I’ve decided, I’m not going to fight the homosexuals with sweet words. I’m going to fight them with God’s word.’ He then compared LGBT people to Nazis.” [San Antonio Express News, [2/19/16](#)]

Sid Miller, Texas Agriculture Commissioner

December 2019: Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller Endorsed Tony Gonzales

December 2019: Tony Gonzales Received The Endorsement Of Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller. “I’m proud to have the endorsement of Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller! Our farmers and ranchers are the foundation of our local and national economies. In Congress, I’ll be an unwavering voice for our agriculture community and support legislation that provides these folks with the tools needed to make a livable wage and feed our Texas families. #TeamTony #TX23.” [Tony Gonzales For Congress On Facebook, [12/13/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales For Congress On Facebook, [12/13/19](#)]

Miller Said That Gonzales “Wore My Ass Out” Asking For An Endorsement “Noting Gonzales' wide-ranging GOP endorsements, Miller said it is ‘really ... not all that wacky that I endorsed him,’ stressing the need for a candidate to keep the district in Republican hands. Plus, Miller added, Gonzales ‘wore my ass out,’ asking for the agriculture commissioner's endorsement an estimated 10 times while Miller did not hear from any of the other candidates.” [Texas Tribune, [1/9/20](#)]

Miller: Gonzales “Damn Sure Better Be” A Pro-Trump Conservative. “A few weeks after the forum, Gonzales landed an endorsement that perhaps most vividly illustrates the range of his intraparty support: Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller, arguably Trump's most vocal supporter in Texas. Miller is confident Gonzales would be a more conservative and pro-Trump representative than Hurd. ‘He damn sure better be, that's all I think,’ Miller quipped in an interview.” [Texas Tribune, [1/9/20](#)]

February 2018: Donald Trump Called Miller “Trump’s Man In Texas”

Donald Trump Tweeted That Sid Miller Had Been “With Him From The Beginning.” “Also, AC Sid Miller has been with me from the beginning, he is ‘Trump’s Man in Texas.’ Also support Comptroller Glenn Hegar, and Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick.” [Donald Trump on Twitter, [2/27/18](#)]

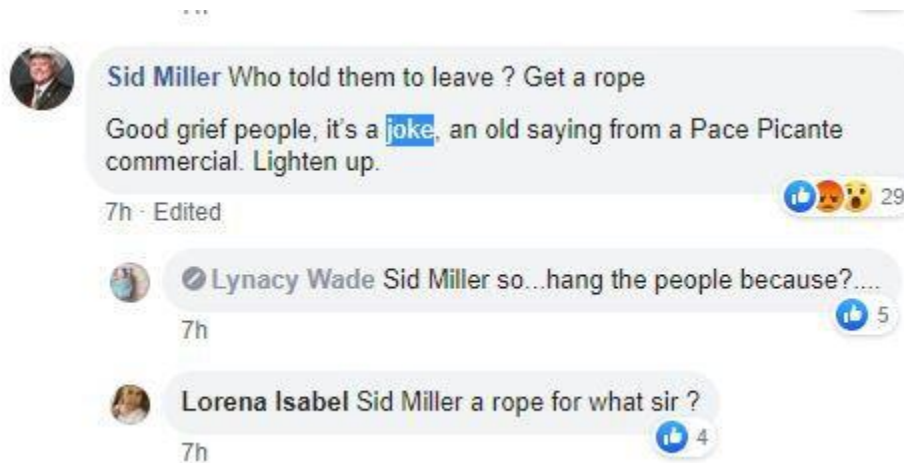


[Donald Trump on Twitter, [2/27/18](#)]

November 2019: Miller Responded To A Decision To Limit Pro-Confederate Marchers In A Veterans Day Parade By Saying “Get A Rope”

Sid Miller Disapproved Of Stephenville, TX Limiting The Presence Of The Sons Of Confederate Veterans (SCV) In The Town’s 2019 Veterans Day Parade. “Sid Miller didn’t like his hometown’s decision to limit a Confederate group’s presence in a Veterans Day parade. His response didn’t play too well, either. The Texas agriculture commissioner, who isn’t afraid to stir the pot with controversial remarks, responded to a notice on Facebook that the Sons of Confederate Veterans group couldn’t fly its flags at Stephenville’s annual parade honoring U.S. military veterans.” [Dallas Morning News, [11/9/19](#)]

Miller Wrote In Response To The Decision To “Get A Rope.” “‘Get a rope,’ he posted in the comments section.” [Dallas Morning News, [11/9/19](#)]



[Dallas Morning News, [11/9/19](#)]

Miller Claimed His Comment Was In Reference To A 1992 Salsa Commercial, Not Lynching. “The response was swift, as other commenters accused Miller of being tasteless or trivializing the act of lynching. ‘Sid Miller so ... hang the people because?’ one post read. ‘Sid Miller a rope for what sir’ read another. Miller later edited his remark to clarify things but still kept his original statement intact. ‘Good grief people, it’s a joke, an old saying from a Pace Picante commercial. Lighten up.’ Miller was referring to a salsa commercial from 1992, in which a group of Texans become outraged after one of their own brings a salsa from New York City to their cookout.” [Dallas Morning News, [11/9/19](#)]

November 2016: Sid Miller Called Hillary Clinton The C-Word

In The Days Before The 2016 Election, Miller Called Hillary Clinton The C-Word. “November 2016: Days before the presidential election, Miller tweeted a reference to a poll and called Clinton a c---. The tweet was deleted, and he claimed his account was hacked.” [Dallas Morning News, [10/10/18](#)]

August 2015: Sid Miller Advocating Using Nuclear Weapons To Attack “The Muslim World”

Miller Suggesting Attacking The “Muslim World” With Nuclear Weapons. “August 2015: Miller shared a Facebook photo with an exploding mushroom cloud and the caption: ‘Japan has been at peace with the U.S. since August 9, 1945. It’s time we made peace with the Muslim world.’ The post was later deleted after he received backlash.” [Dallas Morning News, [10/10/18](#)]

November 2015: Miller Compared Syrian Refugees To Rattlesnakes.

Miller Compared Syrian Refugees To Rattlesnakes. “November 2015: Miller posted a photo of a crowd of refugees along with a photo of a pile of rattlesnakes. ‘Can you tell me which of these rattlers won’t bite you?’ he wrote in the caption.” [Dallas Morning News, [10/10/18](#)]

Miller Said That Tearing Down Confederate Memorials Was Like Tearing Down Holocaust Sites

Miller Equated Taking Town Confederate Monuments With Removing Holocaust Sites. “As several Confederate memorials were being removed in Texas and across the country, Miller shared a Facebook post referring to how Nazi concentration camps have been preserved as a reminder of the Holocaust and to never tear down memorials.” [Dallas Morning News, [10/10/18](#)]

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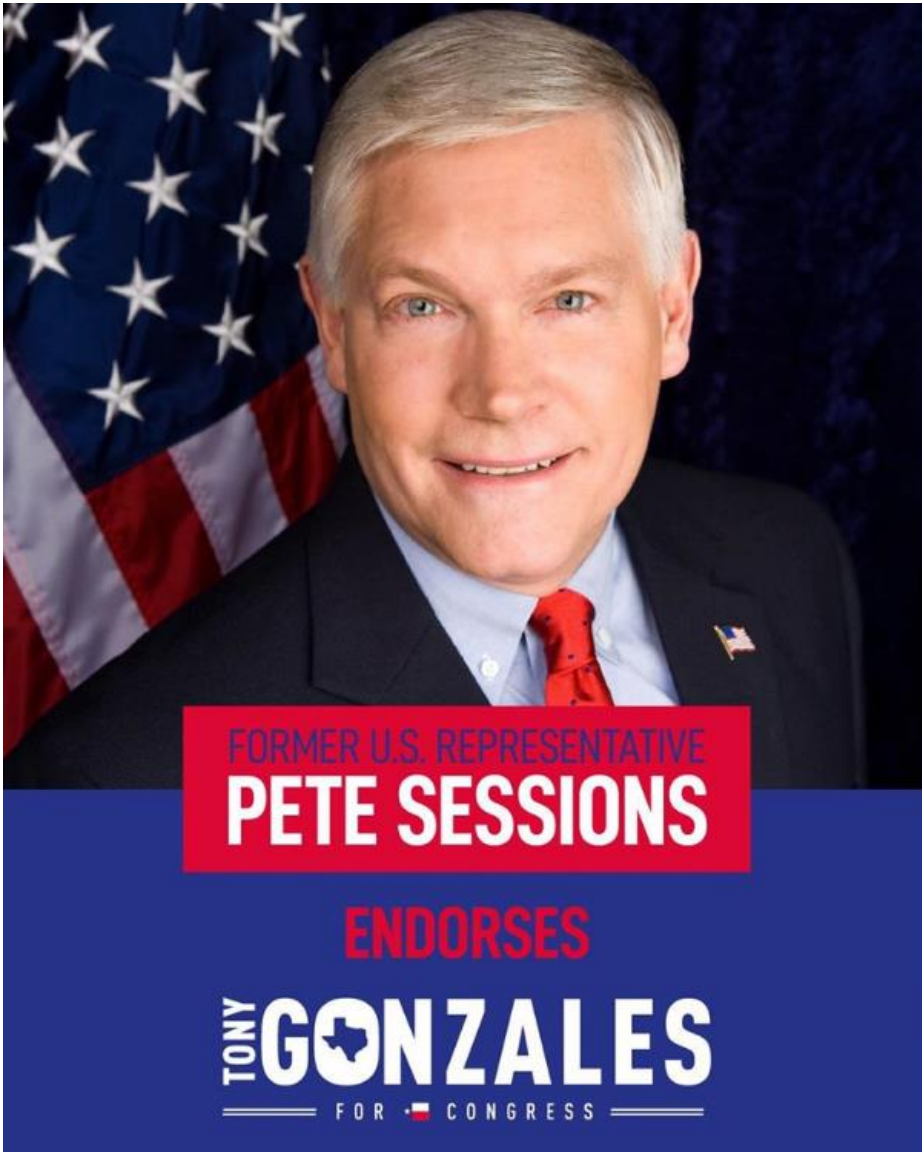
December 2019: The Republican National Hispanic Assembly (RNHA) Endorsed Gonzales For The Republican Nomination In TX-23

The RNHA Endorsed Gonzales, Praising His “Exemplary History Of Service” To The US. “The Republican National Hispanic Assembly is proud to endorse Tony Gonzales for Congress of Texas 23 Congressional District. Tony Gonzales is a faithful Catholic who attends St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church regularly with his wife and five children. He immigrated to the U.S from Mexico and is fluent in Spanish. [...] Tony Gonzales has a long and exemplary history of service to the United States of America. It is for this reason that we are asking that you join us in supporting Tony Gonzales for Congressman of Texas’ 23rd Congressional District.” [Republican National Hispanic Assembly, [12/31/2019](#)]

Pete Sessions

September 2019: Former Congressman Pete Sessions Endorsed Gonzales

September 2019: Former Congressman Pete Sessions Endorsed Gonzales, Calling Him A “Young, Hispanic, Veteran.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [9/17/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [9/17/19](#)]



May 2017: Sessions Voted To Repeal The Affordable Care Act

Sessions Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill. In May 2017, Sessions voted for “Passage of the bill that would make extensive changes to the 2010 health care overhaul law, by effectively repealing the individual and employer mandates as well as most of the taxes that finance the current system. It would, in 2020, convert Medicaid into a capped entitlement that would provide fixed federal payments to states and end additional federal funding for the 2010 law's joint federal-state Medicaid expansion. It would prohibit federal funding to any entity, such as Planned Parenthood, that performs abortions and receives more than \$350 million a year in Medicaid funds. As amended, it would give states the option of receiving federal Medicaid funding as a block grant with greater state flexibility in how the funds are used, and would require states to establish their own essential health benefits standards. It would allow states to receive waivers to exempt insurers from having to provide certain minimum benefits, would provide \$8 billion over five years for individuals with pre-existing conditions whose insurance premiums increased because the state was granted a waiver to raise premiums

based on an individual's health status, and would create a \$15 billion federal risk sharing program to cover some of the costs of high medical claims.” The bill was passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, [Vote #256](#), 5/4/17; CQ, [5/4/17](#)]

2010: Pete Sessions Also Voted Against The Original Passage Of The Affordable Care Act

Sessions Voted Against The Affordable Care Act. In March 2010, Sessions voted against “Spratt, D-S.C., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would overhaul the nation’s health insurance system and require most individuals to buy health insurance by 2014. It would create a system of national private insurance plans supervised by the Office of Personnel Management and create state-run marketplaces for purchasing health insurance. Those who do not obtain coverage would be subject to an excise tax. Excluded from the mandate would be those exempt from filing income tax and others with a hardship waiver, religious objection or those who cannot afford coverage. Employers with more than 50 workers would have to provide coverage or pay a fine if any employee gets a subsidized plan on the exchange. Certain small businesses would get tax credits for providing coverage, and those with low incomes, excluding illegal immigrants, could get subsidies.” The motion was agreed to, thus clearing the bill for the president, by a vote of 219-212. [HR 3590, [Vote #165](#), 3/21/10; CQ, 3/21/10]

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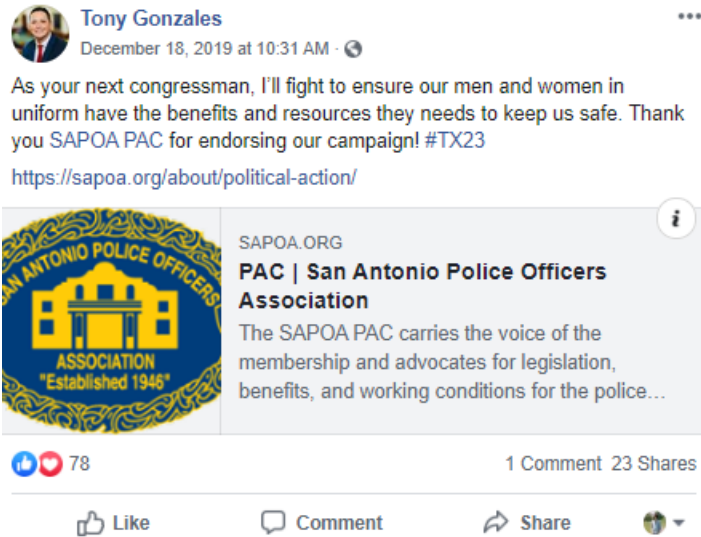
July 2019: Gonzales Spoke At An Event Hosted By The Texas Latino Conservatives PAC. “Last week, we hosted our first Plática and Politics event in San Antonio and one thing is certain: the excitement is real in old San Antone! Thank you so much to everyone in attendance and a special thank you to our speakers John Lujan III, Michael Berlanga, and Tony Gonzales!” [Texas Latino Conservatives PAC on Twitter, [7/21/19](#)]



[Texas Latino Conservatives PAC on Twitter, [7/21/19](#)]

San Antonio Police Officers Association PAC (SAPOA PAC)

December 2019: SAPOA PAC Endorsed Tony Gonzales For The TX-23 Republican Primary. “SAPOA is proud to announce our 2020 Primary Endorsements for County, State, and Federal Offices. These candidates respect and support San Antonio Police Officers and will work to ensure that they have the benefits and resources they need to keep us safe. SAPOA encourages everyone to register and then vote in the March 3, 2020 Primary Election. Congressional District 23 – Tony Gonzalez.” [San Antonio Police Officers Association, accessed [1/3/20](#)]



[Tony Gonzales For Congress On Facebook, [12/18/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales For Congress On Facebook, [12/21/19](#)]

Stephen Willeford

January 2020: Gonzales Was Endorsed By Stephen Willeford. "I am proud to endorse Navy veteran Tony Gonzales for Congress in District 23. Tony shares my values and he will represent us well. I am pleased to support him." — Stephen Willeford" [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/20/20](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/20/20](#)]

Stephen Willeford Intervened In The Sutherland Springs, TX Church Shooting And Was Hailed As The “Good Guy With A Gun.” “After the deadliest mass shooting in Texas history last November, Willeford has become known as the ‘good guy with a gun’ who confronted the gunman in the Sutherland Springs massacre. [...] On Nov. 5, Devin Patrick Kelley walked into the Sunday service at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs and opened fire, killing 26 congregants and wounding 20 others with a semi-automatic, military style rifle. Willeford’s daughter, Stephanie, told him she heard gunfire. He went to his gun locker and came sprinting

from his nearby house, shoeless and armed with an AR-15. Willeford, a National Rifle Association-certified instructor, had a brief shootout with Kelley just outside the church, wounding Kelley before he hopped in his SUV and drove off. Willeford flagged down Johnnie Langendorff, a stranger to him, and together they chased down the 26-year-old until he drove off the road. Kelley shot and killed himself with a handgun. [Houston Chronicle, [6/15/18](#)]

Young Republicans Of Bexar County

October 2019: The Young Republicans Of Bexar County Endorsed Gonzales. “The 2020 election will be won or lost by those in the trenches. I’m proud to be supported by this great group of young conservatives. #YRBC #TX23.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [10/30/19](#)]

 **Tony Gonzales**
October 30, 2019 · 🌐

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Young Republicans of Bexar County
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On behalf of Young Republicans of Bexar county, We are proud to announce the chapter's endorsement for Tony Gonzales for Congressional District 23.
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El Paso Mayor Dee Margo

November 2019: Gonzales Met With El Paso Mayor Dee Margo

November 2019: Gonzales Met With El Paso Mayor Dee Margo. [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [11/15/19](#)]



Tony Gonzales
November 15, 2019 · 🌐

Enjoying my time in El Paso! It's been a busy couple of days. #TX23
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Paty Borja-Velasquez Too bad that our mayor is a RINO. only interested in lining his pockets with our tax money. He hasn't improved a single thing in El Paso.
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[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [11/15/19](#)]

Donald Trump And Mayor Margo Had A History Of Conflict

Margo Accused Donald Trump Of Spreading Misinformation. “The mayor of the grieving city of El Paso told President Donald Trump in a private meeting that he’s presenting ‘misinformation’ about crime in his city, and pushed back when the president used a derogatory term to suggest he wasn’t a real Republican. [Frontline, [8/14/19](#)]

In Response, Trump Called Margo A RINO. ““He said, ‘You’re a RINO [Republican in name only],’ and I said, ‘No, sir. I am not a RINO,’” Mayor Dee Margo told FRONTLINE. “I said ... ‘I simply corrected the misinformation you were given by [the Texas] attorney general, and that’s all I did.’” [Frontline, [8/14/19](#)]

Margo Called The Portion Of The Border Barrier Erected Near El Paso A “Fence.” “The dispute between Margo and Trump goes back to February’s State of the Union address. In it, the president said that El Paso ‘used to have extremely high rates of violent crime,’ until a section of the barrier wall was completed a decade ago. Shortly after those comments Margo began publicly clarifying that violent crime in the city had been largely unaffected by what he calls ‘a fence.’ [Frontline, [8/14/19](#)]

Trump Said That Margo Was “Full Of Crap.” “In the FRONTLINE interview, Smith reminded Margo that the president had said he was “full of crap” about the impact of the barrier. The mayor replied, ‘I would hope he wouldn’t say that now, given our conversation.’” [Frontline, [8/14/19](#)]

Democrats

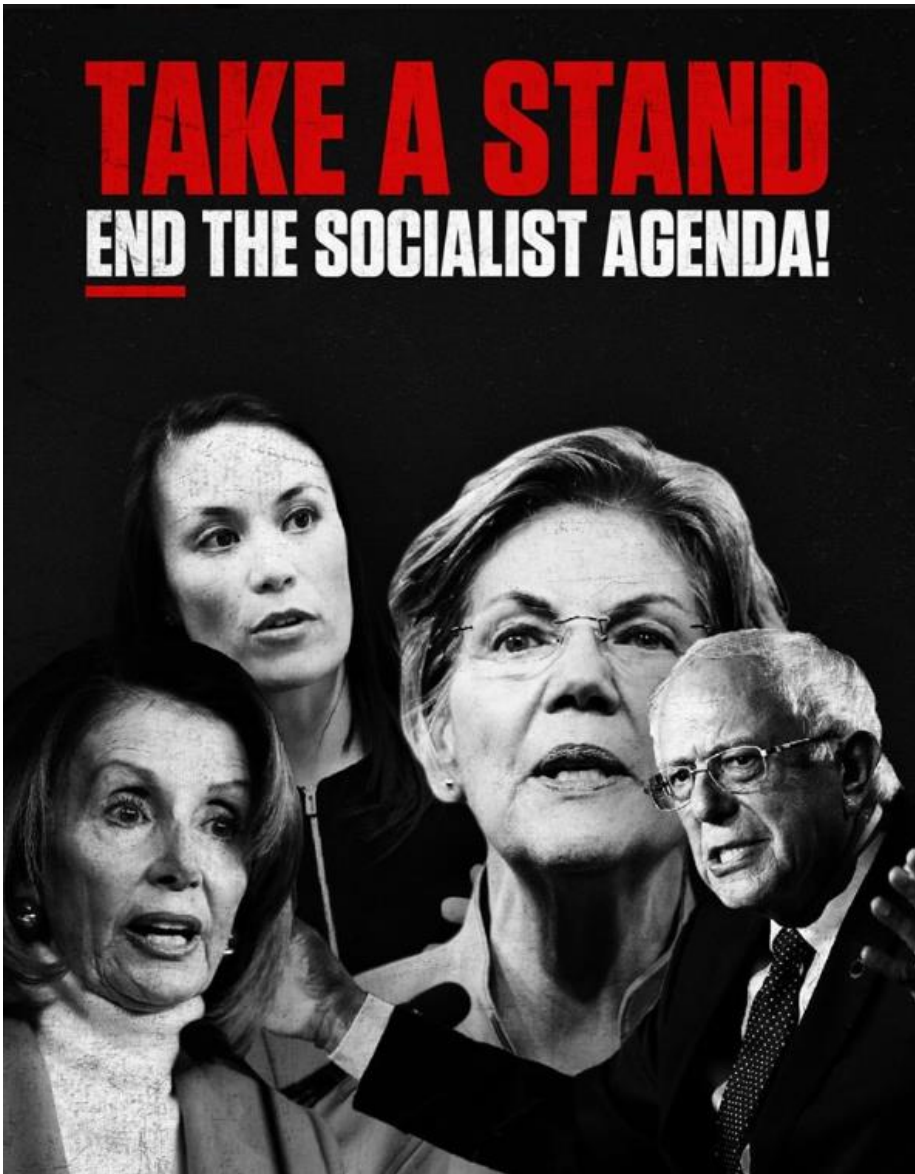
Gina Ortiz Jones

Gonzales Called Gina Ortiz Jones A “Lapdog” For Nancy Pelosi And Said That She Lived In Washington, DC

Gonzales Called Gina Ortiz Jones A “Lapdog” For Nancy Pelosi And Said That She Lived In Washington, DC. “GONZALES: ‘I want to talk a little bit about the race a little bit, you know Gina Jones is a lapdog for Nancy Pelosi.’ Q: ‘So, she’s branded as Gina Ortiz Jones’ GONZALES: ‘Right.’ Q: ‘And she is, I guess, based out of San Antonio.’ GONZALES: ‘Yes.’ Q: ‘But she lives in DC.’ GONZALES: ‘She lives in DC, just ask her.’” [San Angelo Live, 2/5/05]

Gonzales’s Campaign Posted Images That Associated Ortiz Jones With What It Called “Radical Far-Left Liberals” And Prominent Democrats

Gonzales Called On His Supporters To “End The Socialist Agenda” With An Image Of Ortiz Jones, Nancy Pelosi, Elizabeth Warren And Bernie Sanders. “Radical far-left liberals in Congress are attacking our conservative values and threatening our constitutional rights. Enough is enough! We CANNOT stand for socialism, open borders and higher taxes. The safety of our families and the future of #TX23 is on the line. Help send a clear message to Washington — socialist policies have NO place in Texas! LIKE, SHARE and DONATE today if you’re ready to join the fight! #TeamTony >> <https://secure.anedot.com/tony-gonzales-for-congress/donate>.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [10/29/19](#)]



 **Tony Gonzales** · October 29, 2019

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[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [10/29/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [11/12/19](#)]

Gonzales Directly Tied Ortiz Jones To Nancy Pelosi And Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez And Claimed That Ortiz Jones Supported Impeachment

Gonzales Accused Ortiz Jones Of Supporting A “President-Impeaching Agenda.” “Socialist Democrats in Washington will do whatever it takes to win so they can continue to push their president-impeaching agenda. Help us fight back by making a donation before our October deadline at midnight! #TX23 #TeamTony [↓](#) [↓](#)”

<https://secure.anedot.com/tony-gonzales-for-congress/dont-be-tricked.> [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, 10/31/19]



[Tony Gonzales For Congress On Facebook, [12/16/19](#)]

Gonzales Again Attempted To Tie Ortiz Jones With Pelosi And Pledged To Keep Socialism “Six Feet Under”

Gonzales Associated Ortiz Jones With Nancy Pelosi And Marxism, Which He Pledged To Return “To The Grave.” We thought the Cold War was over and Marxism was in its grave... BUT THEY’RE ALIVE!!!! Help me keep socialism 6 feet under this Halloween by joining my campaign. #TeamTony #TX23 #HappyHalloween 🦇🕸🎃.



Tony Gonzales
October 31, 2019

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Nancy Pelosi

February 2020: Gonzales Called Speaker Pelosi Ripping Up Trump’s State Of The Union Speech “Unbelievable”

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Gonzales Said That It Was “Really Scary” That Speaker Pelosi Was “A Moderate Person In The Party.” “Q: ‘So, can we even get along with Democrats anymore?’ GONZALES: ‘It’s getting tough. I look at Nancy Pelosi and what’s really scary is this is the moderate person in the party now. When you’re talking about that I mean, this party is taking a wide left turn. I often say this, this isn’t my grandfather’s Democratic Party. This is a socialist movement that’s very real.’” [San Angelo Live, 2/5/20]

Gonzales Attacked What He Described As Nancy Pelosi “And Her Socialist Cronies”

December 2019: Gonzales Attacked Speaker Pelosi’s So-Called “Socialist Cronies.” “My entire life has been committed to public service. I CANNOT sit by and watch as Nancy Pelosi and her socialist cronies in Washington destroy the country we all know and love. It’s time to put people BEFORE politics. As your next Congressman, you can count on me to be a strong voice for our shared values of faith, family, community, and country. We must act NOW to defend the American Dream and our conservative values from crumbling under extremist policies.

Together, we can keep #TX23 RED! Are you with me? LIKE and SHARE. #TeamTony [→](#)

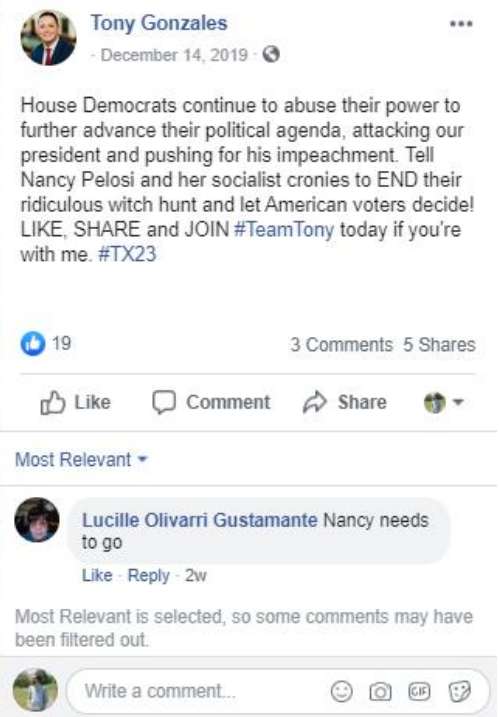
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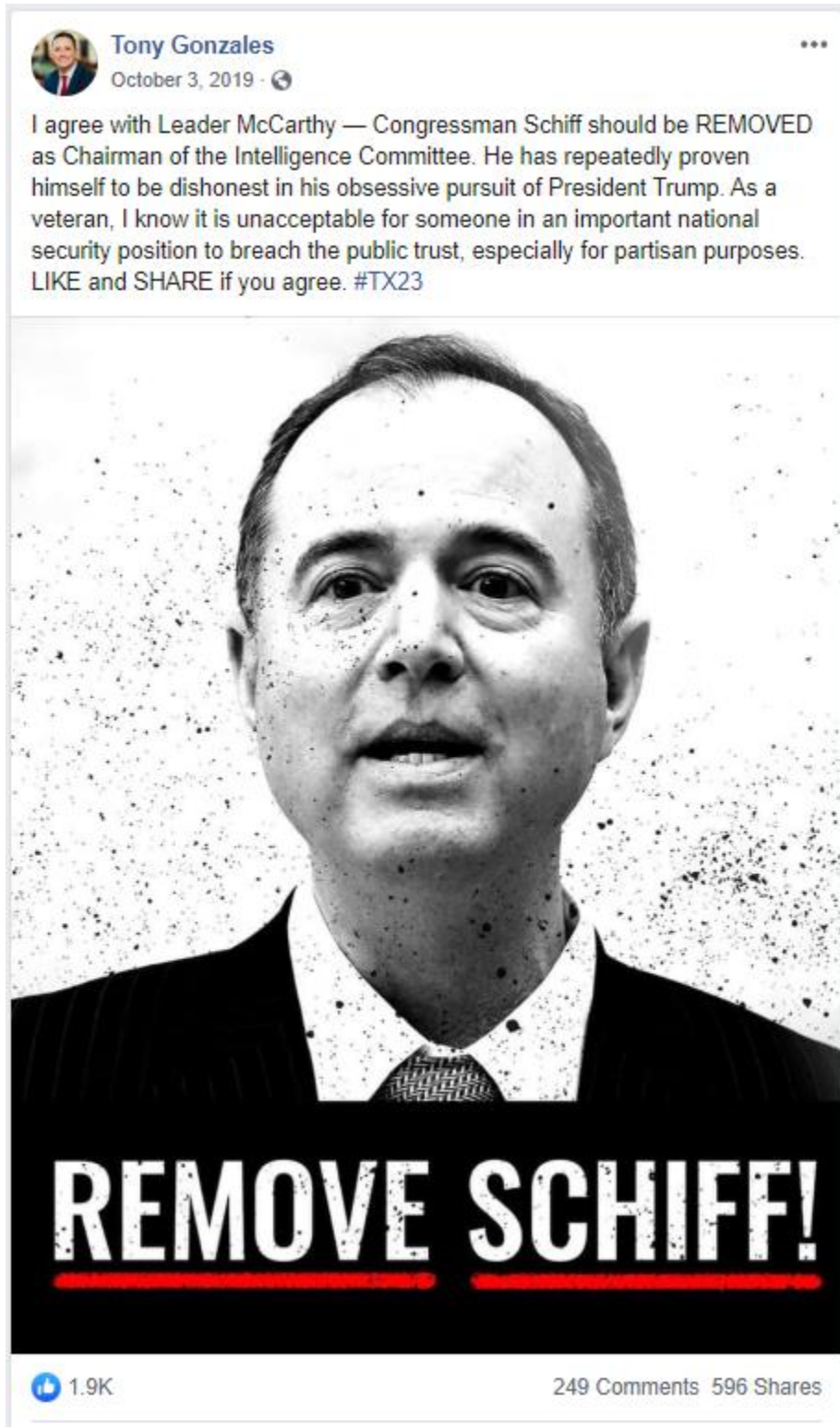
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Adam Schiff

October 2019: Gonzales Called On Adam Schiff To Be Removed As Chairman Of The House Intelligence Committee, Agreeing With The Position Of Minority Leader McCarthy. “I agree with Leader McCarthy —

Congressman Schiff should be REMOVED as Chairman of the Intelligence Committee. He has repeatedly proven himself to be dishonest in his obsessive pursuit of President Trump. As a veteran, I know it is unacceptable for someone in an important national security position to breach the public trust, especially for partisan purposes.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress, [10/3/19](#)]



A screenshot of a Facebook post by Tony Gonzales, dated October 3, 2019. The post features a black and white portrait of a man in a suit and tie, with the text "REMOVE SCHIFF!" overlaid in large, bold, white letters with a red underline. The post text reads: "I agree with Leader McCarthy — Congressman Schiff should be REMOVED as Chairman of the Intelligence Committee. He has repeatedly proven himself to be dishonest in his obsessive pursuit of President Trump. As a veteran, I know it is unacceptable for someone in an important national security position to breach the public trust, especially for partisan purposes. LIKE and SHARE if you agree. #TX23". The post has 1.9K likes, 249 comments, and 596 shares.

REMOVE SCHIFF!

1.9K 249 Comments 596 Shares

[Tony Gonzales for Congress, [10/3/19](#)]

December 2019: Gonzales Attacked Adam Schiff As Orchestrating A Witch Hunt Against Trump. “Adam Schiff has blatantly orchestrated a witch hunt against President Trump. Don’t the judiciary committee, Congress and the American people deserve to hear how he obtained this information and the extent of how he and his staff have helped drive this complete WASTE of taxpayer dollars? Schiff should testify! LIKE and SHARE if you agree. #TX23.” [Tony Gonzales For Congress On Facebook, [12/10/19](#)]

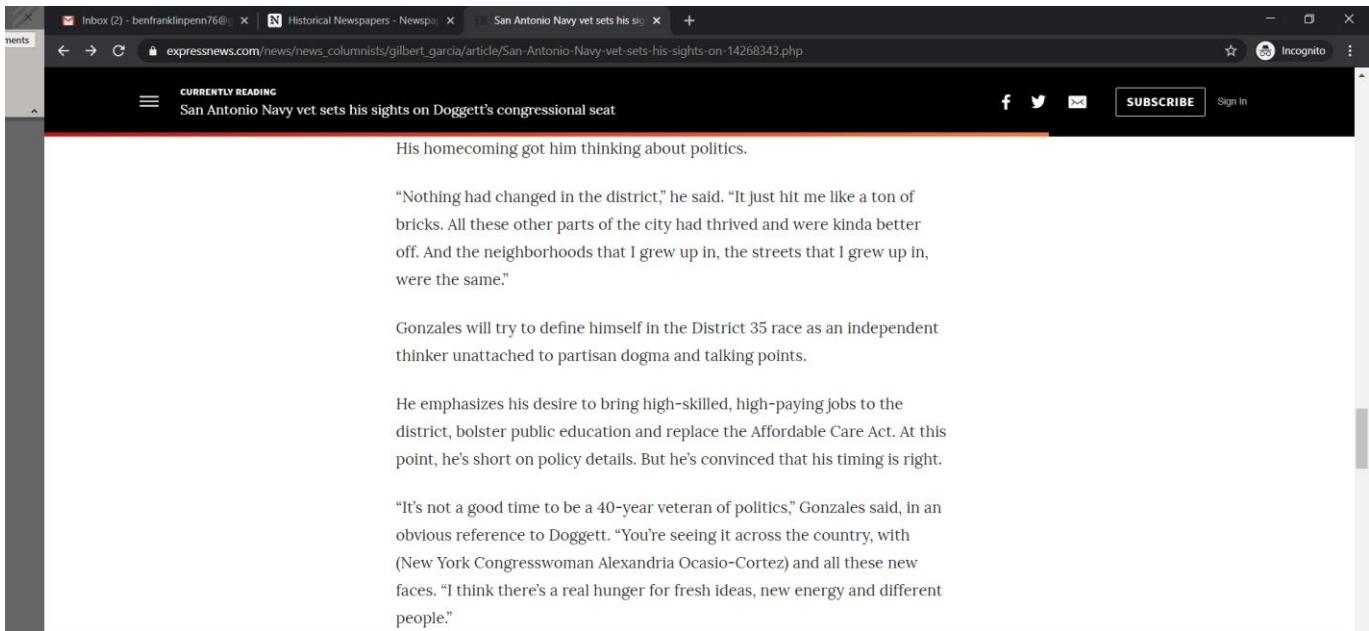


[Tony Gonzales For Congress On Facebook, [12/10/19](#)]

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

2019: Gonzales Said That The Election Of Alexandria Ocasio Cortez Was A Result Of A Desire For “Fresh Ideas”

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[San Antonio Express News, [7/31/19](#)]

Gonzales Attacked Ocasio-Cortez, Despite Little Connection To TX-23

January 2020: Gonzales Asked His Supporters To Help Send A Message To “Radical Socialist Democrats” Including Ocasio-Cortez . “I have committed my entire life to public service and defending the American Dream — I refuse to sit and watch as radical socialist policies threaten our way of life. Help me send a clear message to socialist Democrats in Washington: we will NOT stand for socialism in America! If you're ready to fight back, LIKE, SHARE and JOIN #TeamTony today! #TX23.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/9/20](#)]



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Tony Gonzales
December 6, 2019 · 🌐

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[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [12/6/19](#)]

Donald Trump

Significant Findings

- ✓ *After months of seeking Trump's endorsement, Trump endorsed Gonzales in the GOP primary.*
- ✓ *In a robo-call supporting Gonzales, Trump said: "He's working for me."*
- ✓ *Gonzales stated that he would support Trump "when he's right".*
- ✓ *In September 2019, Gonzales stated that he had not yet formed an opinion on impeachment proceedings. By December 2019, Gonzales had adopted Republican talking points and became a fierce critic of impeachment.*

Trump Endorsed Gonzales In The GOP Primary

President Trump Endorsed Gonzales Leading Up To The GOP Primary Runoff

July 2020: Trump Endorsed Tony Gonzales. "Tony Gonzales (@TonyGonzales4TX) will be a GREAT Congressman for Texas! A Navy veteran, he is Strong on the Economy, Life and the Second Amendment. We need him to defeat the Radical Left in November. Tony has my Complete and Total Endorsement! #TX23" [Donald J. Trump via Twitter, [7/3/20](#)]



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Gonzales Released A Trump Robo-Call Where The President Says Gonzales Is “Working For Me”

Trump Recorded A Robo-Call Supporting Gonzales, Saying: “Tony Will Work For You In Congress, And By Working For You, He’s Working For Me.” In a robo-call supporting Tony Gonzales, Donald Trump said: “Tony will work for you in Congress, and by working for you, he’s working for me.” [Tony Gonzales via Twitter, [7/13/20](#)]

Gonzales Was On The Record As Seeking Trump’s Endorsement

Gonzales Said That He Would Support Trump “When He’s Right”

August 2019: Gonzales Said That If Elected He Would Support Trump “When He’s Right.” “I’ve spent my entire career in the Navy. I’m a blue collar guy, I’m focused on getting the job done and I won’t back down from fighting for what I believe in. It’s my job, once elected to Congress, to support the President when he’s right and to provide counsel when we view certain issues differently. As your Congressman, you can count on me to stand with President Trump and be a strong voice for #TX23. Are you with me? LIKE, SHARE and join #TeamTony today!” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [8/27/19](#)]



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August 27, 2019 · 🌐

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[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [8/27/19](#)]

January 2020: Gonzales Said He Was Seeking Trump’s Endorsement

January 2020: Gonzales Stated That He Was “Working To The Point” Of Getting Trump’s Endorsement. “Look, I’m working to a point where I get President Trump’s endorsement,” Gonzales said, according to audio obtained by The Texas Tribune. ‘What is that gonna do for me?’” [Texas Tribune, [1/9/20](#)]

Gonzales Said That He Was On A Call With Trump Where He Discussed Retaking The House Majority. “Gonzales said he was ‘on a call with Trump’ about six weeks before in which the president said the ‘best way to help me is to win back the majority.’” [Texas Tribune, [1/9/20](#)]

Gonzales Quickly Adopted Republican Talking Points on Impeachment, Despite His Interest In “The Rule Of Law”

December 2016: Gonzales Talked About His Fascination With “The Rule Of Law”

Gonzales Recalled His Fascination With Politics And “The Rule Of Law” Growing Up. “As an adolescent, I was always fascinated with the rule of law,” said Gonzales. ‘I remember getting excited watching C-SPAN as a kid, so having the opportunity to have a direct impact on U.S. legislation is very exciting.’” [United States Navy, 12/12/16]

September 2019: Gonzales Had Not Yet Formed An Opinion On Impeachment

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December 2019: Gonzales Attacked Impeachment Proceedings And Characterized It As A “Hoax”

December 2019: Gonzales Opposed Impeachment And Called The Process “Taking The Power To Choose Our Leaders Away From American Voters.” “Nancy Pelosi and House Democrats have finally done it — they have voted to impeach President Trump, taking the power to choose our leaders away from American voters. Rather than focusing on issues that matter to our country, they’ve wasted our time and our tax dollars. Enough is enough! If you’re ready to take back Republican control of the House in 2020, JOIN #TeamTony and DONATE today! #TX23 <https://secure.winred.com/tony-gonzales/contribute>.” [Tony Gonzales For Congress on Facebook, 12/18/19]



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Tony Gonzales
- December 18, 2019

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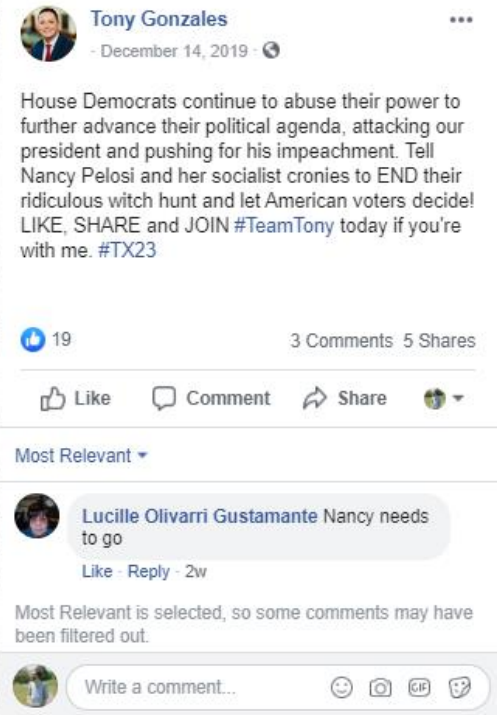
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Issues

Abortion & Women’s Health Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Gonzales described himself as “100% pro-life.”*
- ✓ *Gonzales called Roe v. Wade a “flawed decision” that resulted in the death of “60 million innocent babies.”*
- ✓ *Gonzales stated that he believed life begins at conception.*

Abortion

Gonzales Described Himself As “100% Pro-Life”

December 2019: Gonzales Described Himself As “100% Pro-Life.” “I’m proud to be 100% pro-life and believe that ALL life is sacred, starting at conception. Human rights are fundamental to the core of American principles and our laws MUST protect its citizens as such. In Congress, I’ll support the nuclear family and be an advocate for life and make sure those who cannot yet speak for themselves have a strong voice. LIKE and SHARE if you’re with me. #TeamTony #TX23.” [Tony Gonzales For Congress On Facebook, [12/9/19](#)]

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Gonzales Criticized Roe v. Wade As A “Flawed Decision” That Resulted In The “Death Of 60 Million Innocent Babies”

Gonzales Criticized Roe v. Wade As A “Flawed Decision” That Resulted In The “Death Of 60 Million Innocent Babies.” “For over 45 years, the Supreme Court’s flawed decision in Roe v. Wade has resulted in the death of over 60 million innocent babies. Tony strongly supports the nuclear family and prays for the day when unborn babies are protected.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress, accessed [1/21/20](#)]

Planned Parenthood

November 2019: Gonzales Attended An Event At A Church Whose Pastor Supported Defunding Planned Parenthood

November 2019: Gonzales Attended A Christians United For Israel (CUFI) Event At Prevailing Word Church in Lytle, TX

November 2019: Gonzales Attended A Christians United For Israel Event In Medina County, TX. “I stand with Israel! Electric Christians United For Israel (CUFI) event in #MedinaCounty. #TX23 US IL.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [11/10/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [11/10/19](#)]

Prevailing Word Church’s Senior Pastor, Dan Ytuarte Supported Defunding Planned Parenthood

Dan Ytuarte Was The Senior Pastor Of Prevailing Word Church. [Prevailing Word Church, accessed [1/21/20](#)]

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2015: Ytuarte Supported Defunding Planned Parenthood. [David Ytuarte on Twitter, [9/22/15](#); David Ytuarte on Twitter, [12/2/15](#)]



[David Ytuarte on Twitter, [9/22/15](#); David Ytuarte on Twitter, [12/2/15](#)]

Budget Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Gonzales supported radical federal budget cut initiative known as the “Penny Plan,” which would make huge and haphazard cuts to essential federal spending.*

Federal Budget

Gonzales A Radical Budget Cut Initiative Known As The “Penny Plan” Which Promised To Make Drastic Cuts To Critical Federal Spending

Gonzales Supported The Penny Plan. “I would support the Penny Plan, which requires a 1% across the board cut every year until the budget is balanced. I would also support a balanced budget amendment and a ‘no budget, no pay’ legislation for members of Congress.” [iVoterGuide – Candidate Profile: Tony Gonzales, accessed [8/24/20](#)]

The Penny Plan Would Cut Over \$200 Billion Out Of Medicare And Over \$1 Trillion Out Of Social Security. “The math works like this: For six years, the federal government would reduce spending by 1 percent each year. In the seventh year, funding would be capped at 18 percent of gross domestic product, which measures the size of the overall economy. By the eighth year, the plan would balance the budget and save \$7.5 trillion over 10 years. If Congress and the president couldn’t reach an agreement about what to cut, the plan would trigger automatic across-the-board spending cuts. [...] The bottom line, according to the report: Mack’s plan would lead to about \$2.89 trillion in defense cuts and \$2.89 trillion in non-defense programs between 2013-22. The cuts would include about \$211 billion for Medicare and about \$1.124 [trillion] for Social Security. [...] Nelson said during the debate that Connie Mack’s Penny Plan would cut more than \$200 billion in Medicare, \$1 trillion in Social Security and \$3 trillion in defense. Nelson relied on a study from the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service. It found that Mack’s plan, if implemented across all programs, would cut \$211 billion in Medicare, \$1.124 trillion in Social Security and \$2.89 trillion in defense. During the debate Nelson didn’t mention the timeframe for those cuts: 2013-2022, as mentioned in the study. [...] Nelson’s claim requires some explanation about the plan and its timeline, but his numbers are correct. We rate this claim Mostly True.” [Politifact, [10/24/12](#)]

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Crime & Public Safety Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Gonzales supported a bill introduced by Senator Cornyn that would have made an attack on local police forces a federal crime.*

Police

Gonzales Supported Senator Cornyn's "Back The Blue Bill" Which Would Have Made Attacks On Police A Federal Crime

Gonzales Supported A Bill Sponsored By Senator Cornyn That Would "Supports Law Enforcement."

"GONZALES: I look at law enforcement, I served in a different uniform. I look at them as a group that keeps them safe. We owe them something back to that. The headlines they get are not glamorous. I call it keeping the wolves at bay. one of the endorsements I am most proud of is San Antonio police officers organization. It's not only the member doing the work, its their families. I don't just like using my words. Cornyn introduced legislation that supports law enforcement, and I would support that. I think the Obama Administration was really hurtful in a lot of ways in coming against law enforcement. You will get someone that will support law enforcement all the way." [Pearsall TX Meet and Greet, 12/13/19]

In 2017, Senator Cornyn first introduced the Back the Blue Act, Which Would Have Made Attacks On Police Officers A Federal Crime. "Background on the Back the Blue Act: 'Creates a new federal crime for killing, attempting to kill, or conspiring to kill a federal judge, federal law enforcement officer, or federally funded public safety officer. The offender would be subject to the death penalty and a mandatory minimum sentence of 30 years if death results; the offender would otherwise face a minimum sentence of 10 years.'" [Senator John Cornyn, [5/16/17](#)]

Education Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Gonzales supported school choice.*
- ✓ *Gonzales supported increased access to technical and trade schools, as well as updating the trade certification progress.*

School Choice

Gonzales Supported School Choice

December 2019: Gonzales Wrote In Support Of School Choice, Claiming He Would Support “All Forms Of Educational Opportunities.” “During my 20 years of military service, my five children attended several different types of schools. I’ve seen firsthand how education isn’t one size fits all. Education is the ultimate equalizer and we ALL benefit when our children are in an environment where they can thrive. In Congress, I’ll support all forms of educational opportunities, including charter schools, public schools, private schools, religious schools, and homeschooling — the “choice” should be left up to the parents. Do you agree? LIKE and SHARE. #TeamTony #TX23.” [Tony Gonzales For Congress On Facebook, [12/20/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales For Congress On Facebook, [12/20/19](#)]

Technical And Trade Schools

Gonzales Supported Improving Access To Trade Schools And Updating The Trade Certification Process

Gonzales Supported Expanding Access To Trade And Technical Schools. “I believe the family unit is at the heart of American society and must be supported with opportunities — NOT government handouts. Every

American should have the opportunity to earn a livable wage, and that starts with expanding access to education and trade certification. In Congress, I'll be a strong advocate for adult learners by promoting technical education and updating the trade certification process.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [12/11/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [12/11/19](#)]

Environmental Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Gonzales said that he was against “that climate change stuff.”*
- ✓ *Gonzales said that Democrats focusing on climate change “scares the heck out of me.”*

Climate Change

Gonzales Said That Democrats Focusing On Climate Change “Scares The Heck Out Of Me”

Gonzales Said That Democrats Focusing On Climate Change “Scares The Heck Out Of Me.” “Q: ‘When you get moved into the climate change debate, how’re you going to walk through that.’ GONZALES: ‘I left DC in March of 2018, I am so excited to come home. [...] I come home to San Antonio, and I was floored that the local leadership was just, it was chaos. Out of all the things that was wrong with that city, The number one issue they wanted to tackle was climate change. I’m thinking, man, if you had knocked out the top twenty and you’re trying to look at what’s the next thing we should do, maybe you start that conversation. But to go this is the one thing we’re going to champion? It’s beyond plausible. That’s what we are up against in Congress with the green new deal. This is the number one thing the socialist Democrats want to champion. And it scares the heck out of me.’” [Pearsall, TX Meet and Greet, 12/13/19]

Gonzales Said That He Was Against “That Climate Change Stuff.” “GONZALES: ‘The Green Day is destructive. We are not talking about destroying the wealthy 1%, we are talking about everyday Americans. [...] I’m a young Hispanic Republican, a veteran on top of that, you don’t see that. A lot of times the narrative is, minorities and young people are for this climate change stuff. Well, guss what, I’m young, I’m a minority, and I am completely against that.’” [Pearsall, TX Meet and Greet, 12/13/19]

Foreign Policy Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Gonzales praised Donald Trump's decision to move the US Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.*
 - ✓ *Gonzales falsely claimed that the move of the embassy did not provoke unrest.*
- ✓ *Gonzales praised Donald Trump's decision to strike at Iranian Military Leader Qasem Soleimani.*
- ✓ *Gonzales praised the strike that killed ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, and credited Trump for his role in the strike.*
- ✓ *Gonzales visited Israel while working for the Foundation for Defense of Democracies*
- ✓ *In 2019, Gonzales attended an AIPAC conference in San Antonio.*
- ✓ *In 2019, Gonzales attended a Christians United For Israel (CUFI) event.*

Israel

Gonzales Praised Trump For The Decision To Move The American Embassy In Israel To Jerusalem

Gonzales Praised Trump For What He Claimed Was An Orderly Move Of The Embassy To Jerusalem

Gonzales Praised Trump For The Decision To Move The US Embassy In Israel To Jerusalem. “GONZALES: The President has delivered time and time again...that I don't think anyone else could have delivered on. I'll give you an example. Moving the embassy to Jerusalem. Who could've done that?” [Sam Angelo Live, 2/5/20]

Gonzales Falsely Claimed That The Move Of The Embassy To Jerusalem Did Not Provoke Any Unrest

Gonzales Said That There Was No Unrest In Response To The Move Of The Embassy. “GONZALES: ‘Funny enough, I was an FDD, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, and we took a ten-day trip to Israel right around that time, it was October of 2018. And there we are in front of the new Embassy. There weren't any riots in the streets, there wasn't any chaos. Everybody that was there was like ‘we moved it from here to here.’ Business went on as usual.’” [Sam Angelo Live, 2/5/20]

There Was Considerable Unrest And Protests Along The Israeli-Gaza Border That Resulted In The Deaths Of Dozens Of Palestinians. “Deadly clashes erupted along the Israeli-Gaza border as Palestinians protested the opening of the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem. Dozens of Palestinians were reported killed Monday as tens of thousands protesters had gathered at the border fence. Large numbers of Palestinians had tried to cross into Israel, The New York Times reported. Palestinians hurled stones, set fire to tires and released flaming kites that set fire to land outside the Nahal Oz kibbutz, according to reports. [...] President Donald Trump announced in December his decision to move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem officially recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. The decision was a break from decades of U.S. policy regarding the Middle East and unleashed a new wave of protests from Palestinians who also regard Jerusalem as their capital.” [CNBC, [5/14/18](#)]

Gonzales Visited And Voiced His Support For Israel

Gonzales Visited Israel In His Capacity As A Fellow For The Foundation For Defense Of Democracies. “In 2018, Tony was selected as a National Security Fellow for the Foundation of Defense of Democracies (FDD), a non-profit, non-partisan Washington D.C. institute focused on foreign policy and national security. As part of the National Security Fellowship, he traveled to Israel focusing research on the current Middle East peace process.” [Military City USA Radio, [10/30/2018](#)]

Gonzales Visited Israel In 2018. “Last year, I visited Israel and spent some time discussing the Middle East peace process with national security experts.” [Tony Gonzales For Congress on Facebook, [8/29/19](#)]

2019: Gonzales Voiced His Support For Israel. “As the leader of the free world, the U.S. must advocate for the defense of human rights and the protection of sovereignty of our allies. I’m proud to stand with our friend and ally, Israel. Are you? #TBT #TX23.” [Tony Gonzales For Congress on Facebook, [8/29/19](#)]



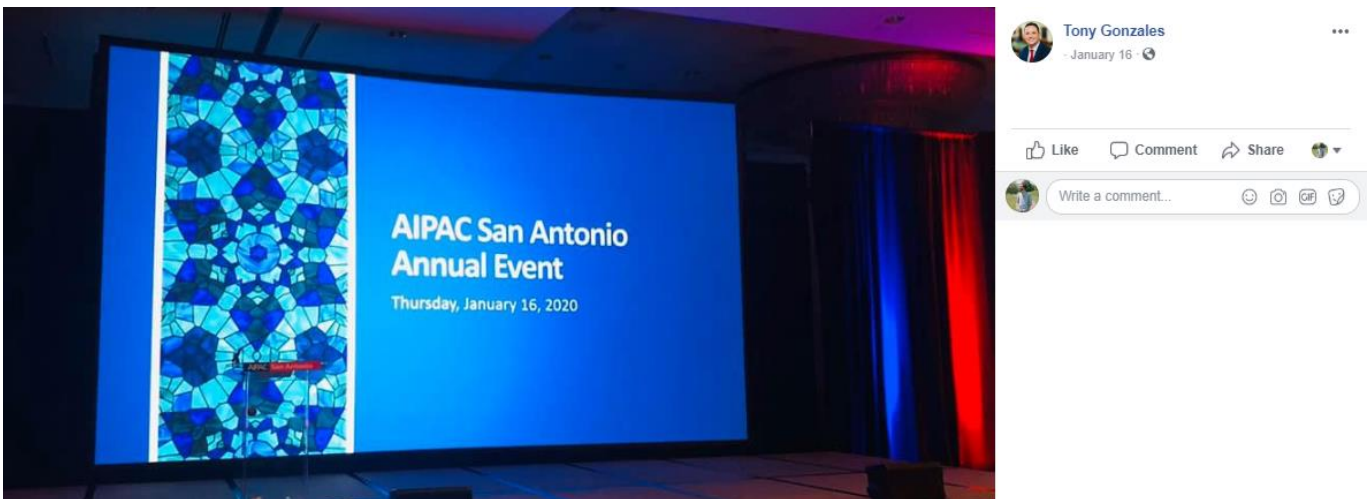
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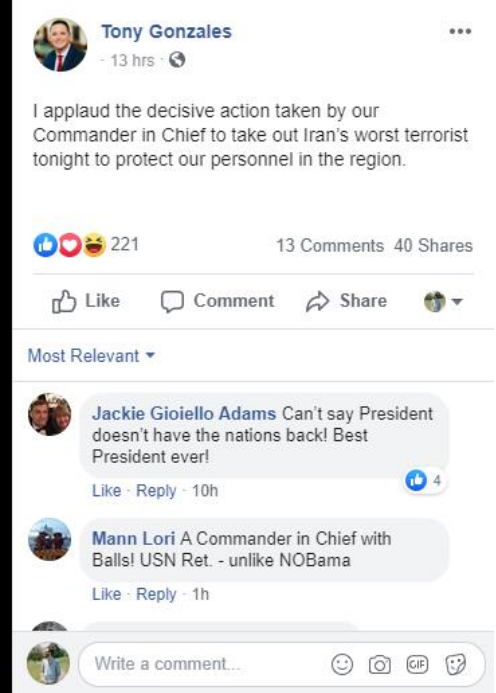
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Iran

January 2020: Gonzales Supported The Strike On Qasem Soleimani

Gonzales Praised The Decision To Strike Qasem Soleimani

Gonzales Praised The Trump Administration’s Decision To Strike Iranian Military Leader Qasem Soleimani. “I applaud the decisive action taken by our Commander in Chief to take out Iran’s worst terrorist tonight to protect our personnel in the region.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/2/2019](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/2/2020](#)]

Gonzales Called Air Force Veteran Gina Ortiz Jones A “National Security Novice” And Claimed She Did Not Respond To The Strike. “Donald J. Trump eliminates Iran’s top terrorist. Crickets from National Security novice Gina Ortiz Jones for Congress #TX23.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/3/2020](#)]



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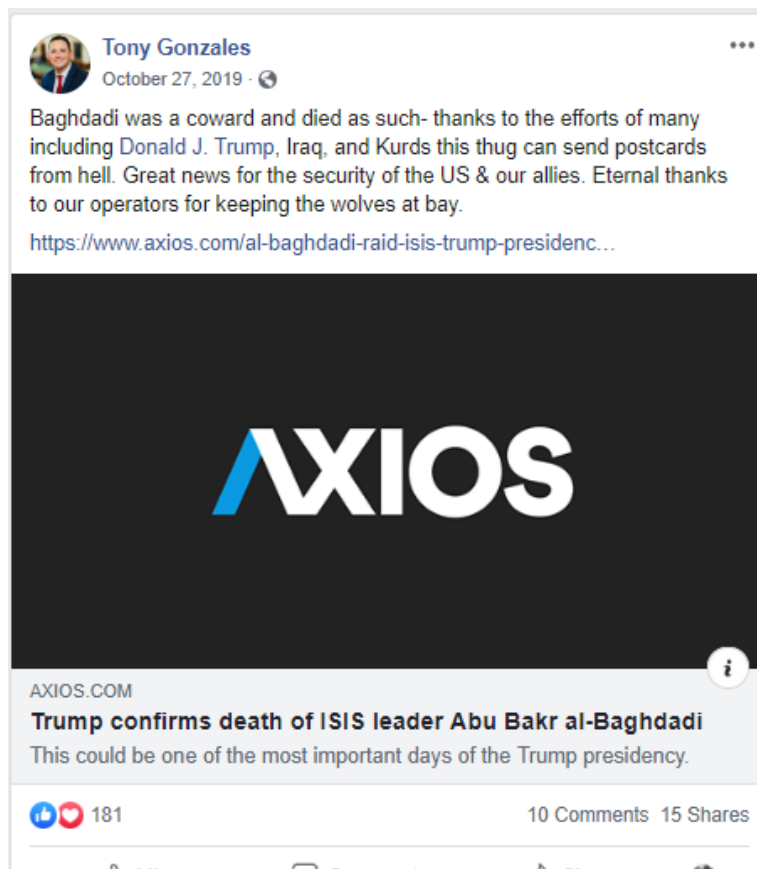
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Gonzales Supported Anti-Government Protests In Iran In The Aftermath Of The Downing Of Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752. “America stands with the Iranian people as they seek freedom from an oppressive regime.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/12/2020](#)]

ISIS

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[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [10/27/19](#)]

Gun Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Gonzales presented himself as a staunch defender of the 2nd Amendment.*
 - ✓ *Gonzales accused “extremists on the left” as working to remove the Constitutional right to bear arms.*
- ✓ *Gonzales called for military personnel and veterans to be able to carry guns on military bases.*

Gun Rights Rhetoric

Gonzales Stated That He Supported The Right To Keep And Bear Arms “Unequivocally”

Gonzales Stated That He Supported The Right To Keep And Bear Arms “Unequivocally.” “I unequivocally support the right to keep and bear arms. As your Congressman, I will always support our 2nd Amendment rights and advocate in any forum when they are infringed upon.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [12/4/19](#)]



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‘Extremists on the left are actively working to take away our constitutional right to keep and bear arms — what tactic will they resort to next?’ [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [12/16/19](#)]

Gonzales Said That He Supported “Lawful Gun Ownership” And Would Fight For The Second Amendment In Congress. “I proudly support our right to lawful gun ownership outlined by the Second Amendment. In Congress, I will fight to uphold the Constitution and protect our rights as Americans — and you can count on me to ALWAYS speak up when they are threatened.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [12/16/19](#)]



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [12/16/19](#)]

Guns On Military Bases

January 2020: Gonzales Responded To An Active Shooter Event At MacDill Air Force Base In Tampa, FL By Supporting More Guns On Base

January 2020, Gonzales Responded To An Active Shooter Event At MacDill Air Force Base In Tampa, FL

Gonzales Alerted His Social Media Followers To The Active Shooter Alert At MacDill Air Force Base.


“Ongoing active shooter alert on MacDill AFB in Tampa, FL. Stay safe everyone.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/10/20](#)]




[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/10/20](#)]

Gonzales Asked If Military Members Were “Truly Safe” On Bases, And Supported Military Personnel And Veterans Being Allowed To Carry Firearms On Base


Gonzales Asked If Military Members Were “Truly Safe” On Bases, And Supported Military Personnel And Veterans Being Allowed To Carry Firearms On Base. “Scary situation in Tampa this morning. Are military members truly safe on base anymore? I support affording trained active duty and veterans the opportunity to carry handguns aboard military installations.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/10/20](#)]

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[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/10/20](#)]

Gonzales Stated That “I Want To Allow Military Members To Carry On Board Military Installations.” “We have this terrible incident, we had a shooter in a place of worship. Thankfully, Jack Wilson was there to react. A hero, he saved lives. Thankfully, we had a governor to pass legislation that allowed that. I want to take it a step further. What can I do as a member of Congress? Well one thing that I want to do, I want to allow military members to carry on board military installations.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/2/20](#)]

Health Care Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Gonzales said he supported “eliminating” the Affordable Care Act.*
- ✓ *Gonzales stated that he was in favor of replacing the Affordable Care Act.*
- ✓ *Gonzales said that the Affordable Care Act was “shoved down our throats.”*
- ✓ *Gonzales said that “States’ Rights” important to him when it came to healthcare policy.*
- ✓ *Gonzales was endorsed by Pete Sessions, who voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act.*
- ✓ *Gonzales was a fierce critic of Medicare for All and decried it as a socialism.*

Affordable Care Act (ACA)

Gonzales Supported Eliminating The Affordable Care Act

Gonzales Supported “Eliminating” The Affordable Care Act, Saying He Wanted To “Move Back Towards A Free Market System.” Q: “How would you promote healthcare coverage that is adequate, affordable and accessible for all?” GONZALES: “By eliminating Obama Care (ACA) we need to move back towards a free market system that allows health care companies to properly compete against each other for free enterprise and competitive rates. The exponential rise in healthcare costs for citizens is unacceptable and we need to return back to free enterprise. Pre existing conditions will be covered to ensure that citizens are covered and not left between the cracks.” [iVoterGuide – Candidate Profile: Tony Gonzales, accessed [8/24/20](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Allow Insurers To Deny Or Charge More If An Individual Has A Pre-Existing Condition

The Affordable Care Act Prevented Insurers From Denying Coverage Or Charging More If An Individual Had A Pre-Existing Condition. “In the old days, insurance companies had ways to avoid selling policies to people who were likely to cost more than insurers wanted to spend. They might deny them coverage outright, or exclude coverage for a known condition, or charge so much that insurance became unaffordable. The Affordable Care Act boxes out the old insurance practices with a package of legal moves. First, it says point-blank that carriers ‘may not impose any preexisting condition exclusion.’ It backs that up with another section that says they ‘may not establish rules for eligibility’ based on health status, medical condition, claims experience or medical history.” [Politifact, [10/17/18](#)]

312,700 Non-Elderly Persons In Texas’ 23rd Congressional District Had Pre-Existing Conditions. [Center for American Progress, [10/2/19](#)]

2017: Repeal Could Have Denied Coverage To As Many As 133 Million Americans. “This analysis updates that earlier study. It confirms that a large fraction of non-elderly Americans have pre-existing health conditions: at least 23 percent of Americans (61 million people) using a narrow definition based on eligibility criteria for pre-ACA state high-risk pools, or as many as 51 percent (133 million people) using a broader definition closer to the underwriting criteria used by insurers prior to the ACA. Any of these 133 million Americans could have been

denied coverage, or offered coverage only at an exorbitant price, had they needed individual market health insurance before 2014.” [HHS.gov, Issue Brief, [1/5/17](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Create An “Age Tax”

The Affordable Care Act Established A 3:1 Limit On Age Rating Of Health Insurance Premiums. “The Affordable Care Act (ACA) established a 3:1 limit on age rating of health insurance premiums, meaning that insurance companies cannot charge older adults more than three times the amount younger adults are charged for the same coverage. This limit is a critical consumer protection that ensures older adults—specifically those ages 50 to 64 who are not yet eligible for Medicare—have access to affordable health insurance coverage.” [AARP, [1/2017](#)]

If The Affordable Care Act Were Fully Repealed, The Health Care Market Would Return To “Insurance Companies Routinely Charged Older People Much Higher Amounts Than Younger People For The Same Coverage.” “Prior to enactment of the ACA, many older adults ages 50–64 who were not old enough to be eligible for Medicare but who did not have coverage through an employer had difficulty obtaining health insurance coverage on their own in the individual market. If coverage was available, older adults were often charged much higher premiums due to their age or a preexisting condition, making it unaffordable and out of reach. [...] Consequently, insurance companies routinely charged older people much higher amounts than younger people for the same coverage in the individual health insurance market.” [AARP, [1/2017](#)]

Brookings: ‘Nearly Every ACA Replacement Plan Involves Widening The Age Rating Bands... Proposals Suggest Changing The Current 3:1 Ratio To 5:1 Or 6:1 Or Eliminating It Altogether.’ “Loosen age rating restrictions in the individual market. Nearly every ACA replacement plan involves widening the age rating bands that currently restrict insurers from setting premiums for the oldest adults in the individual market (64 year olds) that are more than three times the premium they charge a 21-year old for the same coverage. Proposals suggest changing the current 3:1 ratio to 5:1 or 6:1 or eliminating it altogether.” [Brookings, [12/13/16](#)]

Senate’s Better Care Reconciliation Act Included A 5:1 Age Rating Limit. “This summary describes key provisions of H.R. 1628, the Better Care Reconciliation Act of 2017, an amendment in the nature of a substitute proposed in the Senate on June 22, 2017 and revised most recently on July 20, 2017, as a plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and make fundamental changes to Medicaid financing through the Fiscal Year 2017 budget reconciliation process. [...] Modify age rating limit to permit variation of 5:1, unless states adopt different ratios, effective 2019.” [KFF, [7/20/17](#)]

House-Passed American Health Care Act Included A 5:1 Age Rating Limit. “This summary describes key provisions of H.R. 1628, the American Health Care Act, as approved by the House of Representatives on May 4, 2017, as a plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA) through the Fiscal Year 2017 budget reconciliation process. [...] Modify age rating limit to permit variation of 5:1, unless states adopt different ratios, effective 2018.” [AARP, [5/2017](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Raise Out-Of-Pocket Costs, Decrease Benefits, And Eliminate Financial Assistance That Allows Millions To Afford Premiums

USA Today: “Repealing Health Care Law Would Mean Higher Costs.” “Republicans may not agree with President Obama’s State of the Union call to drop the idea of repealing the Affordable Care Act, but health experts say the law has taken such hold that it may be impossible to get rid of it. The consequences of repeal, health care officials and industry analysts say, go beyond the fact that 9 million people would suddenly lose their insurance or that anyone with a pre-existing condition would either lose insurance or pay much higher premiums. All consumers would take a huge financial hit, because health care costs would continue to rise, and insurers would probably recoup their losses by charging higher premiums.” [USA Today, [2/01/14](#)]

NPR: Before The Affordable Care Act, Insurance Companies Sold Policies That Excluded Pregnancy And Mental Health Care; 9 Percent Of Policies Didn’t Cover Prescription Drugs. “That’s because if insurance

companies don't have a list of medical services they have to include in their policies, they can sell stripped-down policies and then charge extra for specific types of coverage. This isn't theoretical. Before the Affordable Care Act went into effect, insurance companies routinely found ways to avoid paying for expensive health care. Beyond refusing to cover people with existing medical conditions, they sold policies that excluded coverage for some medical care, including prenatal care, childbirth and mental health care. According to the Century Foundation, 9 percent of policies didn't even cover prescription drugs." [NPR, [3/23/17](#)]

Before The Affordable Care Act, 39 Percent Of Plans Did Not Cover Mental Health Care, And Those That Did Often Offered Limited Coverage. "A survey by HealthPocket Inc. shows that before Obamacare, only 61 percent of health plans included coverage for mental health care, and that coverage was often limited." [NPR, [3/23/17](#)]

Before The Affordable Care Act, Only 6 Percent Of Individual Market Insurance Plans Offered Maternity Coverage, And Maternity Riders Often Had Expensive Premiums And High Deductibles. "A 2012 study by the National Women's Law Center found that, before Obamacare, only about 6 percent of policies available on the individual insurance market included maternity coverage. One plan offered a maternity rider that cost more than \$1,600 a month on top of the regular premium. Many of those policies had maternity-specific deductibles as high as \$10,000, or did not actually kick in for two years. Even insurance provided by employers had limits for maternity care. A study by Truven found that in 2010, women who had insurance through their employers still paid about \$12,000 to \$16,000 for childbirth." [NPR, [3/23/17](#)]

2013: Repeal Could Lose Financial Help For Getting Coverage For Almost 11 Million Americans. "About 15 million people currently purchase health insurance on their own, using the individual market. And about 70 percent of them -- about 10.8 million people -- will qualify for the financial help buying coverage under the health-care law, according to a new study out Thursday from Families USA. Their analysis suggests that many Americans receiving cancellation notices would receive assistance through the health overhaul, either by qualifying for subsidies to purchase a private plan or through Medicaid, the public program that serves low-income Americans." [Washington Post, [11/21/13](#)]

Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would Increase Insurance Premiums; According To The Washington Post, "Many Would Find They Could No Longer Afford Coverage." "The ACA, also known as Obamacare, provides subsidies to help subscribers afford the cost of individual policies. The law also required all Americans, with a few exceptions, to have insurance. Without the subsidies or the requirement that all Americans have coverage, experts say the healthiest customers would cease buying insurance if they do not have policies through their employers or through the government. As a result, insurers would be forced to increase premiums to cover the cost of treating those sicker patients who remain. Many would find they could no longer afford coverage." [Washington Post, [12/7/16](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Raise Drug Costs For Seniors

CMS: Affordable Care Act Has Helped 7.3 Million Seniors Save \$8.9 Billion In Prescription Drug Costs. "ObamaCare has saved seniors and people with disabilities nearly \$9 billion in prescription drug costs, according to data touted Tuesday by the Obama administration. According to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, 7.3 million people who reached the 'doughnut hole' in their Medicare prescription drug coverage have saved \$8.9 billion on their prescription drugs since the law was enacted in 2010. That's an average savings of \$1,209 per person." [The Hill, [11/26/13](#)]

Repeal Would Re-Open Medicare Prescription-Drug Doughnut Hole. "There's a Medicare prescription-drug coverage abyss that is playfully referred to as the 'doughnut hole,' though there is nothing sweet or amusing about it. But thanks to the Affordable Care Act, which had a rocky launch last week, Medicare beneficiaries will see that gap shrink again in 2013 and each year until 2020." [Wall Street Journal, [10/06/13](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Take Away Coverage From Millions

2020: 1,958,000 Texans Would Lose Coverage Under The Health Care Repeal Lawsuit. [Center for American Progress, [6/24/20](#)]

2020: 23 Million Americans Would Lose Coverage Under The Health Care Repeal Lawsuit. [Center for American Progress, [6/24/20](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would End Local Investment In Community Health Centers

HHS: Community Health Centers Expanded to Create 35,000 New Jobs and Add 4 Million New Patients Since 2009. “Today, approximately 1,200 health centers operate more than 9,000 service delivery sites that provide care to over 21 million patients in every State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Basin. Since the beginning of 2009, health centers have added 4 million patients and more than 35,000 new full-time positions.” [HHS.gov, [11/07/13](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Deny Mental Health Coverage

The Affordable Care Act Prevents Insurance Companies From Denying Coverage To Those With Mental Health Issues. “Under the law, insurers must now pay for many things that used to be optional, like prescription drugs, having a baby, and mental health care, among other services. [...] Obama’s signature health care legislation addresses this problem in explicit terms. Under the law, which takes effect Jan. 1, mental health and substance abuse services are classified among the 10 ‘Essential Health Benefits.’ Health insurance marketplaces cannot apply yearly or lifetime dollar limits on coverage of these benefits. The marketplaces also cannot deny anyone coverage or charge more for pre-existing conditions. [...] Under the ACA, health plans are required to cover preventative services, including behavioral assessments for children, at no additional cost. Coverage will also include behavioral health treatment, such as psychotherapy, and substance abuse treatment – both for inpatient and outpatient care.” [San Francisco Chronicle, [11/22/13](#)]

Before The Affordable Care Act, 39 Percent Of Plans Did Not Cover Mental Health Care, And Those That Did Often Offered Limited Coverage. “A survey by HealthPocket Inc. shows that before Obamacare, only 61 percent of health plans included coverage for mental health care, and that coverage was often limited.” [NPR, [3/23/17](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Deny Preventive Health Coverage

105 Million Americans Have Received Free Preventive Care Because Of The Affordable Care Act. “About 71 million Americans with private health insurance plans received at least one free preventive health service -- such as a mammogram or flu shot -- in 2011 and 2012 because of the Affordable Care Act, the Obama administration said Monday. In addition, about 34 million people in traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans also received at least one free preventive health service -- such as an annual wellness visit -- due to the health care law, according to a report released Monday by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In total, about 105 million Americans have been helped by the preventive services coverage improvements in the Affordable Care Act, said the HHS, which is marking the third anniversary of passage of the law.” [US News & World Report, [3/18/13](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Benefit Insurance Companies

Affordable Care Act Requires Insurance Companies To Spend 80 Percent Of Premium Revenue On Patient Care. “There’s a little known part of the health care reform law that requires insurance companies to spend 80 percent of their premiums on health care or reimburse the customer [...] No more than 20 percent of premiums can be spent on salaries, bonuses, and advertising.” [CBS News, [7/31/12](#)]

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Repeal Would Allow Insurance Companies To Annual And Lifetime Limits On Coverage. “Under the Affordable Care Act, insurance companies will no longer be allowed to set limits on the dollar amount of health benefits that they will cover in a single year or over the course of a person’s lifetime. This means that you won’t run out of coverage if you develop a health problem that is costly to treat.” [Families USA, [9/23/10](#)]

Repeal Would Let Insurance Companies Cancel Plans When You Get Sick. “One troubling health insurance industry practice that has gained attention recently is known as ‘rescission.’ A rescission occurs when an insurer retroactively cancels an enrollee’s policy (usually when the enrollee needs expensive care), blaming it on an error that the enrollee made [...] Under the Affordable Care Act, an insurance company will be able to rescind your health plan only if you (or someone you’ve authorized to represent you on a health insurance application, including your employer) commits fraud—that is, knowingly and willfully misrepresents or omits a piece of information that is relevant to your health plan.” [Families USA, [April 2011](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Cause Young Adults To Lose Coverage

Affordable Care Act Allowed Young Adults To Remain On Their Parent’s Health Insurance Until Age 26. “Young adults will be allowed to remain on their parent’s health insurance up to age 26.” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [7/17/12](#)]

Repeal Could Lose Coverage For Millions Of Young Adults Now Covered On Parents’ Plans. “More than 3.1 million young Americans now have health insurance, thanks in part to a provision in the health care reform law that allows parents to add dependents up to age 26 to their insurance plans. That number is up from last June, when 2.5 million young adults ages 19 through 25 who would otherwise have been uninsured gained health care coverage, according to the Department of Health and Human Services.” [CNN, [6/19/12](#)]

Repeal Could Lose Healthcare Subsidies For 80 Percent Of Uninsured Young Adults. “According to a report from the Commonwealth Fund, more than 80 percent of uninsured young people under 30 will be eligible for subsidies or for Medicaid, which the Affordable Care Act expands.” [ABC News, [9/16/13](#)]

Repealing The ACA Would Harm Women’s Health

Repeal Could Allow Insurance Companies To Charge More Based On Gender. “First, the Affordable Care Act eliminates the discrimination that women have faced when buying insurance. For years, insurance companies may have charged women up to ten times more for their insurance than they charged men. Women often were denied coverage because of a ‘pre-existing’ condition. [...] Under Obamacare, insurance companies can no longer use gender as a factor when setting premiums.” [Washington Post, [9/30/13](#)]

NPR: The Affordable Care Act “Prohibited Insurers From Charging Women Higher Rates Than Men For The Same Services.” “Before Obamacare, women were also generally charged higher rates for health insurance than men on the individual market. According to the law center’s analysis, 60 percent of best-selling individual plans in 2009 charged a 40-year-old nonsmoking woman more than a 40-year-old man who smoked, even in plans that didn’t include any type of maternity coverage. That inequity disappeared under the health law, which prohibited insurers from charging women higher rates than men for the same services.” [NPR, [11/29/16](#)]

Repeal Could Deny Coverage For Preventative Care To 47 Million Women. “Beginning Wednesday, all new health insurance plans will be required to provide eight preventive health benefits to women for free. The benefits include contraceptives, breast-feeding supplies and screenings for gestational diabetes, sexually transmitted

infections and domestic violence, as well as routine check-ups for breast and pelvic exams, Pap tests and prenatal care...A new report released Monday by the Department of Health and Human Services estimates 47 million women are in health plans that must offer the new benefits.” [CNN, [7/31/12](#)]

Repeal Could Deny Coverage For Contraception To Women. “One aspect of the preventative health care coverage- and among the most discussed provisions of the new health care law- is the requirement that health insurance plans cover contraceptive services. After a widely publicized effort by religious leaders and Republican lawmakers to repeal this measure, the Obama administration announced a compromise that shifts the costs of contraceptive coverage from employers to insurance companies.” [Huffington Post, [4/03/12](#)]

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Gonzales Was Endorsed By Former Congressman Pete Sessions, Who Voted For The American Health Care Act

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2010: Pete Sessions Also Voted Against The Original Passage Of The Affordable Care Act

Sessions Voted Against The Affordable Care Act. In March 2010, Sessions voted against “Spratt, D-S.C., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would overhaul the nation’s health insurance system and require most individuals to buy health insurance by 2014. It would create a system of national private insurance plans supervised by the Office of Personnel Management and create state-run marketplaces for purchasing health insurance. Those who do not obtain coverage would be subject to an excise tax. Excluded from the mandate would be those exempt from filing income tax and others with a hardship waiver, religious objection or those who cannot afford coverage. Employers with more than 50 workers would have to provide coverage or pay a fine if any employee gets a subsidized plan on the exchange. Certain small businesses would get tax credits for providing coverage, and those with low incomes, excluding illegal immigrants, could get subsidies.” The motion was agreed to, thus clearing the bill for the president, by a vote of 219-212. [HR 3590, [Vote #165](#), 3/21/10; CQ, 3/21/10]

Medicare For All

Gonzales Stated That “States’ Rights Is Important To Me” In Opposing Medicare For All

Gonzales Believed That States Should Manage Health Care And Opposed Medicare For All. “GONZALES: Texas is different. Texas is different and Texas is special. One of those things is, people like their freedoms, we don’t like to pay income tax. We like money in our pockets to do what we want to do with it. We like to have freedoms, we like to make our own way, pave our own way. And I think it’s important that we have elected officials that support that. So one thing that is important to me is States’ Rights. You know the 10th Amendment is very important. A lot of times, the Federal Government just needs to get out of the way, and allow the states to operate. TREVINO: So, give me an example, a specific of that for our viewers. GONZALES: Sure, Medicare for All, you know, here you have this socialist movement that is very real that is pushing this Medicare for All down people’s throats.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/2/20](#)]

Gonzales Stated That Medicare For All, As Proposed By Elizabeth Warren, Would Take Healthcare Away From 149,000,000 People. “I wonder why socialists wouldn’t be more forthright about taking away health care from 149,000,000 Americans with private insurance... 🙄🙄 #TX23.” [Tony Gonzales on Twitter, [10/24/19](#)]



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Immigration & Border Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Gonzales said that DACA was “shoved down our throats.”*
- ✓ *Gonzales at first equivocated about building a border wall, only committing to supporting one “where it makes sense.”*
 - ✓ *Gonzales later supported building a wall without qualification.*
- ✓ *In February 2020, Gonzales said that there “absolutely” should be a wall on the southern border.*
 - ✓ *Gonzales stated that a wall was not enough on its own to ensure border security.*
- ✓ *Gonzales criticized the process of migrants fleeing violence and requesting asylum in the United States as an “immigration loophole,” despite the process being enshrined in US and international law.*
 - ✓ *Gonzales supported closing so-called “immigration loopholes” like legal status for those seeking asylum.*
- ✓ *Gonzales threatened to pull federal funding from sanctuary cities.*
- ✓ *Gonzales appeared to agree with the idea of using US Military forces to secure the southern border.*

Border Security And Border Wall

August 2019: Gonzales Supported Building A Border Wall “Where It Makes Sense”

August 2019: Gonzales Supported Building A Border Wall “Where It Makes Sense.” “There’s no doubt in my mind that comprehensive immigration reform starts with southern border security. Whether it’s a wall where it makes sense, utilizing technology to cover others, or increasing manpower along the border, we MUST adopt an ‘all-of-the-above’ approach to secure the border and keep our families safe. Washington has been talking about it for years, but Congress has not appropriated the funds necessary to make it a reality. As your Congressman, I will fight for increased border security and make our national security a top priority. Are you with me? LISTEN and SHARE. #TeamTony #TX23.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [8/16/19](#)]



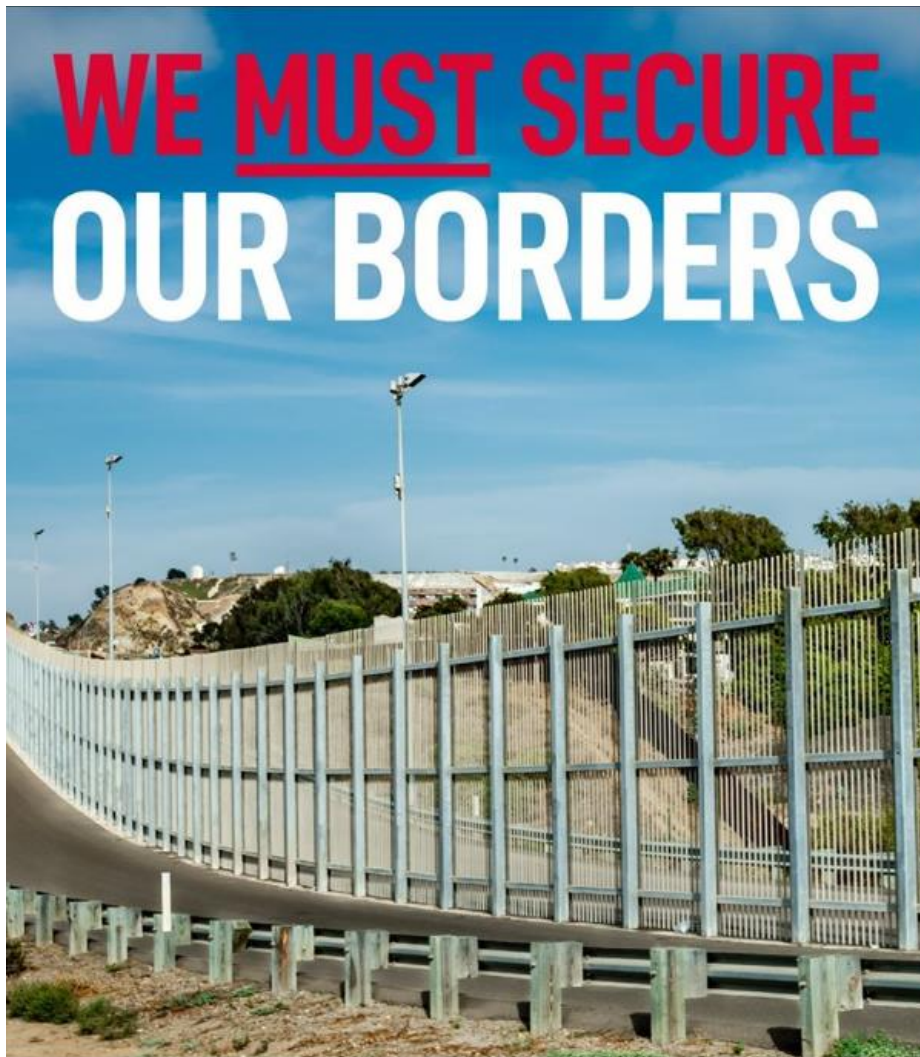
[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [8/16/19](#)]

December 2019: Gonzales Reiterated His Support For An “All Of The Above” Border Security Approach. “Our immigration system is broken, and there’s no doubt that reform starts with southern border security. We **MUST** adopt an ‘all-of-the-above’ approach to secure the border and keep our families safe. Washington has been talking about it for years, but Congress has failed to make it a reality.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [12/8/19](#)]

Gonzales Later Supported Building A Border Wall Without Qualification

January 2020: Gonzales Supported The Construction Of A Border Wall. “Our immigration system is broken — and reform starts with securing our borders. In Congress, I’ll support: → Constructing a wall → Utilizing technology to cover rural areas → Increasing manpower along the border → Modernizing our entry/exit process. In order to keep our families safe, we **MUST** adopt a comprehensive, strategic approach to border security. Are you

with me? LIKE, SHARE and JOIN #TeamTony! #TX23 #TonyForCongress.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [1/6/20](#)]



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February 2020: Gonzales Said That There “Absolutely” Should Be A Wall, But Just A Wall Was Not Enough To Ensure Border Security

Gonzales Said That There “Absolutely” Should Be A Wall. “GONZALES: My approach has been, do we need a wall? Absolutely.” [San Angelo Live, [2/5/20](#)]

Gonzales Said That Just A Wall Was Not Enough. “GONZALES: This is what I will tell you, security is at the heart of everybody’s concern, My approach has been, do we need a wall? Absolutely. But that’s not enough. One, we have to cut to the root of the problem. As a Congressman., there’s things that you can do.” [San Angelo Live, [2/5/20](#)]

Gonzales Called The Process Of Seeking Asylum An “Immigration Loophole” Which He Wanted To Close

Gonzales Supported Closing What He Called “Immigration Loopholes” Like Legal Status For Asylum Seekers. “Q: And the immigration loopholes are things such as coming across the border, declaring asylum... GONZALES: ‘Sure’ Q: ‘...and now you’re no longer an illegal immigrant, you’re classified as an asylum seeker and you can go to North Dakota and hang out for your court date in two years.’ GONZALES: Yeah, exactly. What’s happening, is essentially, everyone knows these loopholes. So, what they’re doing is really exploiting the process.” [San Angelo Live, 2/5/20]

Gonzales Said That Abuse Of The Asylum Process Was Crowding Out Legitimate Asylum Seekers.

“GONZALES: ‘So, what they’re doing is really exploiting the process. And honestly watering down that Asylum process. I guarantee you there’s people that legitimately are seeking asylum, but because you have everyone falling in that category, you’re losing some of the luster.’ [San Angelo Live, 2/5/20]

The Right Of Asylum Is Enshrined In The Universal Declaration of Human Rights. “Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.” [Universal Declaration of Human Rights, [Article 14](#)]

Gonzales Called For The End Of Sanctuary Cities

Gonzales Called For The End Of Sanctuary Cities And Threatened To Pull Federal Dollars From Those Cities. “GONZALES: ‘We have to end sanctuary cities. I mean it’s ridiculous. I live in San Antonio. It’s ridiculous.’ Q: ‘Has San Antonio declared itself a sanctuary city yet?’ GONZALES: ‘It had! You know years passed and there’s others across the state. I look at it from a federal standpoint. We are a nation of rule of law and if you can’t follow the rules, then why should you be getting federal assistance. I mean, those are things that Congress can do.’ [San Angelo Live, 2/5/20]

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Cross Border Crime And Cartels

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Gonzales Supported Rep. Chip Roy’s Initiative To Have Cartels Designated As Foreign Terrorist Organizations.” “Q: ‘What do you think about President Trump talking about designating the drug cartels as terrorists? I like it.’ [...] GONZALES: ‘I think Chip Roy is right in bringing some of that to Congress and bringing legislation that fights back against that.’” [Pearsall TX, Meet and Greet, 12/13/19]

November 2019: Chip Roy Released A Statement In Support Of Donald Trump Designating Mexican Drug Cartels As Foreign Terrorist Organizations. “The news that President Trump is poised to declare certain dangerous Mexican drug cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations is a huge development in taking on the absolute evil they perpetrate on Americans, our friends in Mexico, and migrants seeking a better life. [...] Enough. These organizations must be identified as the terrorist organizations they are, targeted, and destroyed.” [Rep. Chip Roy, [11/26/19](#)]

National Defense & Security Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Gonzales supported nearly \$3 Trillion in cuts to Defense spending through his advocacy for wide ranging budget cuts across the board.*

Defense Spending

Gonzales A Radical Budget Cut Initiative Known As The “Penny Plan” Which Promised To Make Severe Cuts To Defense Spending

Gonzales Supported The Penny Plan. “I would support the Penny Plan, which requires a 1% across the board cut every year until the budget is balanced. I would also support a balanced budget amendment and a ‘no budget, no pay’ legislation for members of Congress.” [iVoterGuide – Candidate Profile: Tony Gonzales, accessed [8/24/20](#)]

The Penny Plan Would Cut Nearly \$3 Trillion Out Of Defense Spending. “The math works like this: For six years, the federal government would reduce spending by 1 percent each year. In the seventh year, funding would be capped at 18 percent of gross domestic product, which measures the size of the overall economy. By the eighth year, the plan would balance the budget and save \$7.5 trillion over 10 years. If Congress and the president couldn’t reach an agreement about what to cut, the plan would trigger automatic across-the-board spending cuts. [...] The bottom line, according to the report: Mack’s plan would lead to about \$2.89 trillion in defense cuts and \$2.89 trillion in non-defense programs between 2013-22. The cuts would include about \$211 billion for Medicare and about \$1.124 [trillion] for Social Security. [...] Nelson said during the debate that Connie Mack’s Penny Plan would cut more than \$200 billion in Medicare, \$1 trillion in Social Security and \$3 trillion in defense. Nelson relied on a study from the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service. It found that Mack’s plan, if implemented across all programs, would cut \$211 billion in Medicare, \$1.124 trillion in Social Security and \$2.89 trillion in defense. During the debate Nelson didn’t mention the timeframe for those cuts: 2013-2022, as mentioned in the study. [...] Nelson’s claim requires some explanation about the plan and its timeline, but his numbers are correct. We rate this claim Mostly True.” [Politifact, [10/24/12](#)]

Infrastructure & Transportation Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ Gonzales said that he supported infrastructure improvements and that it was time to “prioritize Texas infrastructure.”
- ✓ Gonzales blamed House Democrats’ “obsession” with impeachment for blocking an infrastructure bill.

Funding

Gonzales Claimed That He Supported Infrastructure Investment And That “Congress Had A Role To Play” But Blamed House Democrats For Inaction

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Gonzales Placed Blame On House Democrats For Lack Infrastructure, Neglecting To Mention The Two Years of Total Republican Control Of Government. “Right now, there is bipartisan legislation in Congress to invest in our infrastructure, but the Democrats who control the House are so obsessed with impeaching President Trump, that they are doing NOTHING to get it passed. This is what is wrong with Washington — prioritizing party politics BEFORE helping people.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [10/7/19](#)]



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Labor & Working Families

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Gonzales stated that every American should have the “opportunity” to earn a living wage but did not comment on any minimum wage laws.*

Minimum Wage

Gonzales Wrote That Every American Should Have The “Opportunity” To Earn A Livable Wage

Gonzales Stated That Every American Should Have The “Opportunity” To Earn A Livable Wage. “I believe the family unit is at the heart of American society and must be supported with opportunities — NOT government handouts. Every American should have the opportunity to earn a livable wage, and that starts with expanding access to education and trade certification.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [12/11/19](#)]



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In Congress, I'll be a strong advocate for adult learners by promoting technical education and updating the trade certification process. Our federal government must do MORE to protect the American Dream! Do you agree? LIKE, SHARE and JOIN #TeamTony today! #TonyForCongress #TX23 TonyGonzalesForCongress.com

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Tax Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Gonzales supported expansion of the child tax credit.*
- ✓ *Gonzales repeatedly railed against Democrats and accused them of planning to raise taxes.*

Child Tax Credit

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The family unit is at the heart of American society — it must be supported with opportunities, NOT hand-outs. We must work to ensure ALL Texans have the ability to earn a living wage to provide for their families and set their children up for success. Do you agree? LIKE, SHARE, and JOIN #TeamTony today! #TX23

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Tax Cuts

Gonzales Made A Generic Pledge To Cut Taxes And Reduce Regulations

Gonzales Made A Generic Pledge To Cut Taxes And Reduce Regulations, Especially For Small Businesses. “The individual knows how to best spend their money, NOT government. That’s why I support CUTTING taxes along with unnecessary regulations which increases the cost of doing business for small business owners. In Congress, my focus will be on reducing regulations to support the dignity of work for blue-collar Americans who are fighting to better the lives of themselves and their families.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [10/30/19](#)]

Tax Hikes

Gonzales Repeatedly Railed Against Democrats And Accused Them Of Planning To Raise Taxes On The Middle Class.

Gonzales Attacked Gina Ortiz Jones And Claimed She Supported Tax Increases to Fund “Socialist Policies.” Socialist Democrats have lost their minds... They want MORE taxes?! Gina Ortiz Jones is on record supporting single-payer healthcare and Elizabeth Warren has a plan outlining \$25 TRILLION (yes, trillion) in tax hikes over the next 10 years. Seriously?! #TX23 deserves better. You work hard for your paycheck and deserve to keep MORE of that hard-earned money in your wallet. In Congress, I'll fight failed socialist policies and work to end their reckless tax and spend agenda. Are you with me?” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [11/4/19](#)]



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[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [11/1/19](#)]

State Income Tax

Gonzales Supported A Texas Initiative To Ban A Texas State Income Tax

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Trade & Outsourcing Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Gonzales supported the USMCA trade agreement and praised it as a potential “political victory” for Trump.*

United States-Canada-Mexico Agreement (USMCA)

Gonzales Supported The Passage Of The USMCA And Praised It As A Potential “Political Victory” For Trump

Gonzales Said That USMA Would Strengthen Texas’s Economy And Create Jobs. “Democrats in Congress are so obsessed with impeaching President Trump they are IGNORING important issues like trade. USMCA is a bipartisan trade deal that would create new jobs and strengthen Texas' economy.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [10/4/19](#)]

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[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [10/4/19](#)]

Veterans & Military Family Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Gonzales called on Navy officials to testify before Congress in response to a string of suicides on board a Navy ship.*
- ✓ *Gonzales also called for the Construction of more ships, which he said would ease the operational burden of sailors.*
- ✓ *Gonzales touted the passage of the 2017 VA Accountability Act, which he claimed to help develop. The bill was seen as a “massive failure.” In 2018, Republican Rep. Fitzpatrick introduced legislation to repeal the bill.*

Military Personnel

Gonzales Called On The Construction Of More Ships And Navy Officials To Testify In Response To Reports Of A String Of Suicides On USS George H.W. Bush

Gonzales Responded To A Report Detailing A Spate Of Suicides On A Navy Ship And Called On The Construction Of More Vessels To Ease The Burden Of Navy Personnel. “I’ve spent the past 20 years leading Sailors, this news saddens and angers me but doesn’t surprise me. Sailors often suffer in silence as their operational tempo pushes them to the brink. Part of me running for Congress includes support for building more damn ships to lighten the stress put on our men and women in uniform! Second is holding the Navy accountable for ensuring our country’s finest return home.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [9/23/19](#)]

Gonzales Called On Navy Officials To Testify Before Congress To Explain Their Efforts On Servicemember Suicide Prevention. “As a parent I’m outraged. The Navy needs to be brought before Congress to explain what they’re doing to prevent suicides across the fleet.” [Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [9/23/19](#)]

Veterans’ Administration

Gonzales Supported The 2017 VA Accountability And Whistleblower Protection Act, And Claimed To Have Helped Create The Bill During His Tenure As A Legislative Fellow

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 **Tony Gonzales** January 24 at 12:26 PM · 🌐

As a retired Master Chief, you can trust that I'll always have our veterans' backs — and my record speaks for itself. I worked directly with the Trump Administration to draft the legislation that became the VA Accountability Act — giving our government the authority to terminate VA bureaucrats who abuse their position and fail our veterans. 📺 WATCH 📺 now to learn more and JOIN #TeamTony today! #TonyForCongress #TX23



[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [11/19/19](#)]

 **Tony Gonzales** November 19, 2019 · 🌐

Well said, Vice President Pence. As a former DOD Legislative Fellow, I'm proud to have helped President Trump pass the VA Accountability Act during his first year in office. The best way to support the President is by winning back the House!



Vice President Mike Pence November 19, 2019 · 🌐 👍 Like Page

President Trump dedicated his entire Cabinet meeting today to our nation's veterans. From passing the most sweeping reforms of the VA in over 50 years to a 19-year low veteran unemployment rate, we will always fight to give the best of America, America's best! 🇺🇸

[Tony Gonzales for Congress on Facebook, [11/19/19](#)]

2017: The Trump VA Accountability Act Was Passed Into Law, Claiming To Cut Bureaucracy And Improve Veterans' Access To Healthcare

Trump Signed The 2017 Accountability Act And Praised It As Correcting A “National Disgrace” From The Obama Administration. “President Trump signed a law Friday that makes it easier for the Department of Veterans Affairs to fire employees for wrongdoing and adds protections for whistleblowers in the VA. Responding to an Obama-era scandal in which veterans died waiting for doctor’s appointments, Mr. Trump said the Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017 will ‘make sure that the scandal we suffered so /recently never, ever happens again.’” [Washington Times, [7/23/17](#)]

2018: The VA Accountability Act Was Seen As A “Massive Failure” By Government Employees

A Year After It Was Passed, The VA Accountability Act Was Described As A “Massive Failure.” “On June 23 last year, President Trump signed into law the Veterans Affairs Accountability Act, promising to help the VA get rid of unethical managers and help veterans get their health care faster. The act came into existence allegedly due to the wait list scandal in which managers manipulated the data to qualify for big bonuses. But one year after the bill became law, it has been a massive failure – as we predicted. Instead of making the VA more efficient, it’s created even more damage to this massive agency that takes care of nine million veterans every year.” [American Federation of Government Employees, [7/18/18](#)]

Republican Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick Sought To Repeal The VA Accountability Act. “The worst part is, despite the efforts of some lawmakers like Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-P) to repeal the bill, the administration is trying to implement this law governmentwide.” [American Federation of Government Employees, [7/18/18](#)]

HEADLINE: One Year Later, VA Accountability Act Is A Massive Failure. [American Federation of Government Employees, [7/18/18](#)]

The VA Accountability Act Reduced Accountability And Allowed VA Supervisors Fire Over 1,000 Veteran Employees. “Just last month, the department released its quarterly update on the Accountability Act, and the numbers were harrowing. So far, using the act, 2,558 workers at the VA have been fired. Not even 1 percent were supervisors. Instead, we’ve seen hundreds of housekeeping aides, nursing assistants, food service workers, and medical support assistants – most all of whom earn less than \$40,000 a year – lose their job. Nearly 40 percent of VA employees are veterans, and many of those veterans have service-connected disabilities; which means President Trump is gleefully telling crowds he’s responsible for more than 1,000 veterans being fired.” [J. David Cox Column, The Hill, [7/23/18](#)]

The VA Accountability Allowed Supervisors To “Run Amok” And Retaliate Against Whistleblowers. “The Accountability Act was billed as a way to remove bad managers and supervisors causing problems at the VA. But, it has actually had nearly the opposite effect. After implementation at the VA, the “accountability” law has allowed managers to run amok. They’re using the legislation to fire disabled veterans, silence and retaliate against whistleblowers, and divert attention from their failure to hold supervisors – who are the root cause of problems at the VA – accountable.” [J. David Cox Column, The Hill, [7/23/18](#)]

Seniors' Issues

Significant Findings

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Medicare

Gonzales Supported Devastating Budget Cuts To Medicare Of Over \$200 Billion, Threatening The Lives Of Thousands Of Texans In The 23rd District

Gonzales Supported The Penny Plan. “I would support the Penny Plan, which requires a 1% across the board cut every year until the budget is balanced. I would also support a balanced budget amendment and a ‘no budget, no pay’ legislation for members of Congress.” [iVoterGuide – Candidate Profile: Tony Gonzales, accessed [8/24/20](#)]

The Penny Plan Would Cut Over \$200 Billion Out Of Medicare And Over \$1 Trillion Out Of Social Security. “The math works like this: For six years, the federal government would reduce spending by 1 percent each year. In the seventh year, funding would be capped at 18 percent of gross domestic product, which measures the size of the overall economy. By the eighth year, the plan would balance the budget and save \$7.5 trillion over 10 years. If Congress and the president couldn’t reach an agreement about what to cut, the plan would trigger automatic across-the-board spending cuts. [...] The bottom line, according to the report: Mack’s plan would lead to about \$2.89 trillion in defense cuts and \$2.89 trillion in non-defense programs between 2013-22. The cuts would include about \$211 billion for Medicare and about \$1.124 [trillion] for Social Security. [...] Nelson said during the debate that Connie Mack’s Penny Plan would cut more than \$200 billion in Medicare, \$1 trillion in Social Security and \$3 trillion in defense. Nelson relied on a study from the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service. It found that Mack’s plan, if implemented across all programs, would cut \$211 billion in Medicare, \$1.124 trillion in Social Security and \$2.89 trillion in defense. During the debate Nelson didn’t mention the timeframe for those cuts: 2013-2022, as mentioned in the study. [...] Nelson’s claim requires some explanation about the plan and its timeline, but his numbers are correct. We rate this claim Mostly True.” [Politifact, [10/24/12](#)]

Over 125,000 Texans Would Be Put At Risk By These Reckless Cuts

2019: 125,180 Texans In The 23rd District Were Eligible For Medicare Benefits. [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, [7/1/19](#)]

Social Security

Gonzales Supported Wide Reaching Cuts To Social Security Of Over \$1 Trillion

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Gonzales’ Reckless Cutting Would Threaten To Eliminate Social Security Benefits For Nearly 100,000 Seniors In TX-23

December 2019: 97,651 Seniors In TX-23 Received Social Security Benefits. [Social Security Administration, [December 2019](#)]

Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures

2019 Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Gonzales Was In Debt

In 2019, Gonzales Had An Estimated Net Worth Of Between **-\$624,997 And -\$185,000.**

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Earned Income

2019: Gonzales Reported \$138,838.05 In Earned Income

2019 Tony Gonzales Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
Department of the Air Force	Spouse Salary	\$89,827
US Navy	Military Retirement Pay	\$32,520
US Navy Reserve	Spouse Reserve Pay	\$13,712.05
UMUC	Adjunct Faculty	\$2,779.00

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Assets & Unearned Income

2019: Gonzales Reported Between \$20,006 And \$125,000 In Assets In Assets And Between \$2,505 And \$5,800 In Income From Those Assets

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Tony Gonzales 2019 Assets & “Unearned” Income							
SP/DC/JT	Asset	Year-End Value		Type Of Income	Amount Of Income		Tx. > \$1,000
		Min	Max		Min	Max	
	Citibank	\$1,001	\$15,000	None	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Hawaii Electric Industries, Inc.	\$1,001	\$15,000	Sold stock	\$2,501	\$5,000	Yes
	L3 IRA	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	N/A
SP	USAA IRA	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	N/A
DC	USAA IRA - Child	\$1,001	\$15,000	Dividends	\$1	\$200	N/A
JT	USAA Savings Bank	\$15,001	\$50,000	Interest	\$1	\$200	N/A
	Total:	\$20,006	\$125,000	Total:	\$2,505	\$5,800	

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Transactions

2019: Gonzales Did Not Report Any Transactions

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Liabilities

2019: Gonzales Reported Between \$310,002 And \$615,000 In Liabilities

2019: Gonzales Reported Between \$310,002 And \$645,000 In Liabilities. [Financial Disclosure Report, Clerk of The House Of Representatives, Filing ID #10029567, filed 09/30/19]

2019 Tony Gonzales Liabilities				
Owner	Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount Of Liability
SP	US Bank	2016	Credit Card	\$10,000-\$15,000
SP	USAA	2014	Credit Card	\$10,000-\$15,000
JT	Navy Federal Credit Union	2015	Credit Card	\$10,000-\$15,000
	American Express	2013	Credit Card	\$15,001-\$50,000
	Navy Federal Credit Union	October 2013	Mortgage	\$250,001-\$500,000
	USAA	2019	Vehicle	\$15,001-\$50,000
Total				\$310,002 - \$645,000

[Financial Disclosure Report, Clerk of The House Of Representatives, Filing ID #10029567, filed 09/30/19]

Positions

2019: Gonzales Reported Holding Position Of President At His Foundation And As A Member Of The Head Start Policy Council

2019 Tony Gonzales Positions	
Position	Name Of Organization
President	Tony Gonzales Foundation
Policy Council Member	Head Start Policy Council

[Financial Disclosure Report, Clerk of The House Of Representatives, Filing ID #10029567, filed 09/30/19]

Appendix II – Campaign Finance

Items of Interest

- ✓ *As of the end of Q4 2019, Gonzales's campaign had raised \$385,364.17 and spent \$118,522.66.*
- ✓ *Gonzales filed his candidacy in May 2019, months before his formal discharge from the Navy in August 2019, in violation of DoD regulations.*
 - ✓ *Gonzales received campaign contributions from members of the military before his formal discharge from the Navy, in further violation of DoD regulations.*
- ✓ *As of Q3 2019, The Gonzales campaign had not raised more than \$100,000 with Gonzales's personal and family contributions deducted.*
 - ✓ *In August 2019, Gonzales loaned his own campaign \$65,000.*
 - ✓ *Gonzales and his family accounted for over half of total campaign receipts.*
 - ✓ *In September 2019, Gonzales claimed that his campaign had raised over \$100,000.*
 - ✓ *As of Q4 2019, the total amount of contributions from Gonzales's family was \$32,421, over 12% of individual contributions.*
- ✓ *Gonzales's family members were paid \$23,165.50 to staff the campaign.*
- ✓ *A faculty member at the University of Southern Mississippi, where Gonzales studied, attempted to skirt legal contribution limits by doubling and tripling the maximum limits in donations to Gonzales through an LLC and associated corporation.*
 - ✓ *The FEC requested that the Gonzales campaign return contributions from the corporation in question.*
 - ✓ *The Gonzales campaign returned the contributions from Butler but no action has been taken by the FEC or the Gonzales campaign regarding Butler's LLC as of January 2020.*
- ✓ *In Q4 2019, Gonzales received \$10,000 from Will Hurd's leadership PAC.*
- ✓ *Gonzales loaned his own campaign \$65,000.*
- ✓ *As of the end of Q4 2019, Gonzales received \$6,000 from other committees and PACs.*
- ✓ *In Q4, Gonzales received \$1,000 from a PAC associated with CoreCivic, Inc, a private prison company.*

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As Of Q4 Of 2019, Gonzales's Campaign Raised \$385,364.17 and spent \$118,522.66

Tony Gonzales 2020 Congress Campaign Committee Funds

Cycle	Total Receipts						Total Disbursements		
	Total	Indivs	Party Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Candidate Cntribtns	Loans	Total	Operating Expdts	Refunds
2020	\$385,364.17	\$269,382.02	\$0	\$49,000.00	\$1,982.15	\$65,000.00	\$118,522.66	\$103,017.16	\$15,005.50

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 2/11/20]

August 2019: Gonzales Loaned His Campaign \$65,000 And Then Bragged To The Media About His Fundraising Successes

Gonzales' Contributions Accounted For Over 40% Of Total Campaign Receipts

As Of The Third Quarter Of 2019, Gonzales' Total Campaign Receipts, Including His Self-Fundraising, Was \$151,791.65. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/6/20](#)]

8/31/19: Gonzales Loaned His Campaign \$65,000. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/3/20](#)]

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
TONY GONZALES FOR CONGRESS

A. Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
GONZALES, ERNEST, ANTHONY, , II

Mailing Address **1112 E EUCLID AVE**

City **SAN ANTONIO** State **TX** Zip Code **78212**

FEC ID number of contributing federal political committee. **C H0TX35015**

Name of Employer **US NAVY** Occupation **RETIRED**

Receipt For: 2020
 Primary General
 Other (specify) ▼

Election Cycle-to-Date **65000.00**

Date of Receipt **08 / 31 / 2019**

Transaction ID : **SA13A.4470**

Amount of Each Receipt this Period **65000.00**

Memo Item
LOAN FROM CANDIDATE TO CAMPAIGN

[Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/3/20](#)]

9/30/19: Gonzales Contributed \$1,982.15 To His Campaign. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/3/20](#)]

Gonzales Told Media That His Campaign Had Raised Over \$100,000 In His First Month

September 2019: Gonzales Told Politico That His Campaign Had Raised \$100,000, Neglecting To Mention His Personal Contributions. "Republican Tony Gonzales, who is running in TX-23, said he raised \$100,000 in his first month as a candidate." [Politico, [9/4/19](#)]

Gonzales Accepted Campaign Contributions From Active Duty Servicemembers While Active Duty Himself, In Violation Of DoD Directive

August 7th 2019: Gonzales Was Officially Discharged From The Navy

8/7/19: Gonzales Was Officially Discharged From Active Duty And Transferred To The Fleet Reserve. [United States Navy Personnel Command, DD Form 4/1, 8/7/19]

The San Antonio-Express News Reported Gonzales’s Last Day In Uniform As 7/31/19. “Today will be Tony Gonzales’ last day in uniform. Thursday will be his first day as a politician. Gonzales, a San Antonian who has served 20 years in the Navy — including stints in Iraq and Afghanistan — is getting set to launch his first political campaign. Say this for him: He didn’t give himself an easy mission. For his first political swimming lesson, he’s jumping right into the deep end of the pool.” [San Antonio Express-News, [7/31/19](#)]

DoD Regulation Prohibited Solicitation Or Receipt Of Campaign Contributions From Active Duty Servicemembers By Other Active Duty Servicemembers

DoD Directive 1344.10 Also Prohibited Receipt Or Solicitation Of Campaign Contributions From Any Other Member Of The Armed Forces. “4.1.2. A member of the Armed Forces on active duty shall not: [...] 4.1.2.16. Make a campaign contribution to or receive or solicit (on one’s own behalf) a campaign contribution from, any other member of the Armed Forces on active duty. Any contributions not prohibited by this subparagraph remain subject to the gift provisions of sections 2635.301-2635.304 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (Reference (f)).” [Department of Defense, Directive 1344.10, [2/19/08](#)]

Gonzales Received \$3,055.50 In Contributions From Members Of The Armed Forces Before His Formal Discharge Date

8/1/19: Tony Gonzales For Congress Received \$2,305.50 From Angel Gonzales, Tony Gonzales’s Wife, And An Employee Of The Department Of Defense. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/27/20](#)]

8/1/19: Tony Gonzales For Congress Received \$500 From Michael Hettinger, An Employee Of The U.S. Navy. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/27/20](#)]

8/3/19: Tony Gonzales For Congress Received \$250 Puni Alefaio, An Employee Of The U.S. Navy. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/27/20](#)]

2019: Gonzales’ Family Contributed More Than \$32,421 To His Campaign, Over 12% Of Individual Contributions

Campaign Contributions - Gonzales’s Family				
Name	Relationship To Gonzales	Gross Contributions	Amount Refunded	Net Contribution
Christina Gonzales	Daughter	\$700	\$300	\$400
Angel Gonzales	Wife	\$10,311	\$2,305.50	\$8,500.50
Rachel Pena	Mother	\$7,900	\$700	\$7,200
Anthony Rubalcava	Half-Brother	\$2,110	\$900	\$1,200
Fidencio Rubalcava	Half-Brother	\$1,000	\$900	\$100
Simona Rubalcava	Sister In-Law	\$10,400	\$4,800	\$5,600
Total		\$32,421	\$9,950.50	\$23,00.50

[Federal Election Commission, accessed 2/11/20]

Gonzales’s Family Members Were Paid \$23,165.50 To Staff The Campaign

Gonzales’s Mother, Rachel Pena, Was Paid \$7,700 By The Gonzales Campaign For Work As A Scheduler

As Of Q4 2019, Rachel Pena Had Been Paid \$7,700 For Administrative And Scheduling Services By The Gonzales Campaign. [Federal Election Commission, accessed 2/11/20]

Gonzales’s Wife, Angel Gonzales, Was Paid \$8,305.50 For Treasury Management And For In-Kind Services

As Of January 2020, Angel Gonzales Had Been Paid \$8,305.50 For Administrative And Scheduling Services By The Gonzales Campaign. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/15/20](#)]

Gonzales’s Sister-In-Law, Simona Rubalcava, Was Paid \$7,000 By The Gonzales Campaign For Work As A Volunteer Coordinator

As Of Q4 2019, Simona Rubalcava Had Been Paid \$7,000 By The Gonzales Campaign For Work As Volunteer Coordinator. [Federal Election Commission, accessed 2/11/20]

Gonzales’s Half-Brother, Fidencio Rubalcava, Was Paid \$1,000 By The Gonzales Campaign For Audiovisual And Photography Work

As of January 2020, Fidencio Rubalcava Had Been Paid \$1,000 By The Gonzales Campaign For Audiovisual And Photography Work. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/15/20](#)]

Gonzales’s Half-Brother, Anthony Rubalcava, Was Paid \$1,160 By The Gonzales Campaign For Event And Canvassing Work

As of January 2020, Anthony Rubalcava Had Been Paid \$1,160 By The Gonzales Campaign For Event And Canvassing Work. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [1/15/20](#)]

A Professor At A University Gonzales Attended Exceeded Legal Contribution Limits To Gonzales’s Campaign Through An LLC

Campaign Contributions – David Butler					
Date	Name Or Entity	Campaign Fund	Gross Contribution	Amount Refunded	Net Contribution
7/31/19	David Butler	Primary	\$2,800	\$0	\$2,800
7/31/19	David Butler	Runoff	\$2,800	\$0	\$2,800
7/31/19	Butler Rentals, LLC	Primary	\$2,800	\$0	\$2,800
7/31/19	Daedalus Corporation	Primary	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0
9/30/19	Butler Rentals, LLC	General	\$2,800	\$0	\$2,800
9/30/19	David Butler	General	\$2,800	\$0	\$2,800
9/30/19	Daedalus Corporation	General	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0
Total			\$19,600	\$5,600	\$14,000

[Federal Election Commission, accessed 2/11/20]

Tony Gonzales Did Not Have A Leadership PAC

Tony Gonzales Did Not Have A Leadership PAC In The 2020 Cycle. [FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 1/2/20]

As Of Q4 Of 2019, Gonzales’s Campaign Committee Received 84.61% Of His Contributions From Individual Contributors And 15.39% From PACs

Source Of Gonzales’s Congressional Campaign Committee Funds

Category	#	%
Itemized Individual Contributors	\$256,231.00	84.61%
Unitemized Individual Contributors	\$13,151.02	4.13%
Other Committee Contributions	\$49,000.00	15.39%

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 2/11/19]

Breakdown Of PAC Contribution Types

Tony Gonzales for Congress - PAC Contributions	
Row Labels	Sum of Aggregate
TONY GONZALES FOR CONGRESS	
Leadership	
Reclaim America PAC – Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)	\$1,000
Boots Political Action Committee - Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)	\$1,000
Building Renewal In America Now PAC – Brian Babin (R-TX)	\$1,000
Texas Republicans United PAC – Mike McCaul (R-TX)	\$2,500
Spirit of '76 PAC – Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX)	\$2,500
Having Unwavering Resolve & Determination – Will Hurd (R-TX)	\$10,000
Friends of Susan Brooks – Susan Brooks (R-IN)	\$1,000
Making America Prosperous PAC – Kevin Brady (R-TX)	\$5,000
Banking	
International Bank Of Commerce Committee For Improvement And Betterment Of The Country	\$2,000
Construction	
The Continuum Fund, Zachry Holdings, Inc.	\$1,000
Fluor PAC	\$2,500
Associated General Contractors of America	\$2,500
Defense	
Chenga Corporation PAC	\$2,000
Energy	
Nustar Energy L.P. (Nustar PAC)	\$500
Private Prisons	
CoreCivic, Inc. PAC	\$1,000
Public Sector Unions	
FAA Managers Association Inc. PAC	\$2,500
Grand Total	\$46,000

[FEC, accessed 2/11/20]

Top Overall Industries

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Top Overall Sectors

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Top Campaign Committee Contributors

Gonzales Campaign Finance - Campaign Committee Contributions						
Committee	Year	Quarter	Contributor	State	Date	Contribution Amount
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q3	Ernest Anthony Gonzales II	TX	8/31/19	\$65,000 (loan)
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q4	Having Unwavering Resolve And Determination	TX	12/31/19	\$5,000
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019		Having Unwavering Resolve And Determination	TX	12/31/19	\$5,000
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q3	Douglas Smith	TX	9/7/19	\$2,800
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q3	John Rhodes, Jr.	TX	8/12/19	\$2,800
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q3	John Rhodes, Jr.	TX	8/12/19	\$2,800
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q3	Rachel Pena	TX	9/1/19	\$2,800
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q3	Angel Gonzales	TX	9/5/19	\$2,800
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q3	Angel Gonzales	TX	9/5/19	\$2,800
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q3	Daniela Glover	TN	9/17/19	\$2,800
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q3	David Butler	TN	9/30/19	\$2,800
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q3	David Butler	TN	7/31/19	\$2,800
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q3	David Butler	TN	7/31/19	\$2,800
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q3	Butler Rentals, LLC	TN	7/31/19	\$2,800
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q3	Butler Rentals, LLC	TN	9/30/19	\$2,800
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q3	Henry Bonilla	TX	8/14/19	\$2,800
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q3	Douglas Aldeen	TX	9/9/19	\$2,800
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q3	Daedalus Corporation	TN	7/31/19	\$2,800
Tony Gonzales For Congress	2019	Q3	Daedalus Corporation	TN	9/30/19	\$2,800

[FEC, accessed 2/11/20]

Appendix III – Paid Media Summary

NOTE: As of January 2020 there was not yet any paid media for Tony Gonzales during the 2020 cycle. This section will be updated once paid media content emerges.