

Tulsi Gabbard

BACKGROUND (GENERAL/CAREER)

Personal Information:

Tulsi Gabbard

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NOTE: Tulsi Gabbard Is The First American Samoan Elected To Congress, First Elected Hindu, And A Veteran. “Gabbard's resume is a political operative's dream. She is the first American Samoan elected to Congress. She was the first elected Hindu (she took her oath of office Bhagavad Gita) and one of two female combat veterans to join Congress in 2013. Oh, and the then-31-year old was also the youngest woman in Congress at the time.” (Amber Phillips, “Rep. Tulsi Gabbard The Democrat That Republicans Love And The DNC Can't Control,” [The Washington Post](#), 10/15/16)

Education:

Bachelor of Science In Business Administration, Hawaii Pacific University

([The Associated Press](#) Accessed 11/21/16)

Work Experience:

2013 – Present: Congresswomen (D-HI)

2010 – 2012: Honolulu City Council

2009 – 2010: Deployed With Hawaii Army National Guard

2006 – 2009: Legislative Aide To Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI)

2004 – 2005: Deployed With Hawaii Army National Guard

2002 – 2004: Hawaii State Legislature

TOP QUESTIONS FOR TULSI GABBARD

Political Vulnerabilities

Opposition To Trump, Support For Sanders

Background: Gabbard is a liberal Democrat, a backer of Bernie Sanders in the Democrat primary, and former member of the DNC, prior to resigning to protest Debbie Wasserman Schultz. She had harsh criticism for Trump during the general election.

- **While you may not be asked to support President-elect Trump's political agenda on all issues, will you refrain from any criticism of his administration, and support his initiatives as they pertain to veterans affairs?**

Interview Over VA Hearing

Background: In 2014, Gabbard missed a Veterans Affairs hearing into the VA clinic care crisis to do an “extreme surfing” interview with Yahoo News, which she later sent out in a fundraiser.

- Are you prepared to apologize for the incident in which you were doing a media interview and surfing during a VA hearing and pledge not to allow something similar to occur as Secretary?

Policy Questions

General Department of Veterans Affairs Policy

- Given that many of the issues facing the VA appear to be management issues, why does your experience, having never run an agency or served as an executive, make you the right person to fix this struggling agency?
- With suicide rates for veterans far above the national average, what types of methods would you recommend to stem the tide of veterans' suicide?
- What are your thoughts on providing veterans struggling with wait times private insurance vouchers to purchase health care services from non-VA medical providers?
- What is your view on the benefits (including legal status and eventual citizenship) that illegal immigration that sign up to serve in our armed forces should receive?

TRUMP-PENCE REMARKS

Trump

According To West Hawaii Today, Gabbard Has Said That "Trump Suffers From Ignorance, Bigotry, And Arrogance." "Gabbard, who is also up for re-election, late Tuesday added "Trump suffers from ignorance, bigotry, and arrogance. This is a very bad combination. The Philippines has been one of the United States' most reliable allies, and many Filipinos, including those who live in Hawaii, have relatives who fought shoulder-to-shoulder with the United States to defeat imperial Japan. In fact, Filipino immigrants have historically been some of the most patriotic and hard-working who have ever set foot in the United States." (Graham Mildrum, "Community, Legislators Respond To Donald Trump Labeling Philippines "Terrorist Nation," [West Hawaii Today](#), 8/10/16)

When Donald Trump Called For Blocking Muslims From Entering The U.S., Gabbard Said Trump Was Trying To Exploit People's Fears. "Tulsi Gabbard, the first ever Hindu to be elected to the US House of Representatives, today slammed Republican frontrunner Donald Trump for his call for blocking all Muslims from entering the US, saying he is trying to exploit people's fears for his own political purpose. 'It's clear what Donald Trump is doing; he's trying to exploit people's fears for his own political purpose. I think it's important to look at where are these fears coming from, these unfunded generalised fears of all Muslims,' Congresswoman Gabbard told the CNN in an interview.'" ("Donald Trump Is Trying To Exploit People's Fears" Tulsi Gabbard," [NDTV](#), 12/9/16)

When Asked How She, As A War Veteran, Reacts To Seeing Donald Trump's Success In The Republican Primaries, Gabbard Responded That A Commander-In-Chief Is Not Someone That Talks About Carpet-Bombing Entire Countries In The Middle East. "GLAMOUR: How have you a war veteran who looks first and foremost for a commander in chief with good judgment reacted to seeing Donald Trump a candidate who's advocated for a war crime pick up even more speed toward the Republican nomination? CTG As a soldier, I've served with the most brave people in an institution that's built on integrity, honor, and duty. This is why I'm working very hard to support Senator Sanders not only to get through the Democratic primary, but also to win the presidency. He is the only candidate on both sides who understands the cost of war, who has that foresight to keep our country safe, and who will make sure that our military power is not being when and where it shouldn't be. A commander in chief who has a military mind-set is not someone who's talking tough, chest puffed up, wearing the Air Force bomber jacket, talking about carpet-bombing entire countries in the Middle East." (Emily Mahaney, "Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard Talks Bernie Sanders, Donald Trump, And Why She's Voting Against Hillary Clinton," [Glamour](#), 3/11/16)

After Bernie Sanders Dropped Out Of The Democratic Primary, Gabbard Said She Would Vote For Hillary Clinton "Given The Remaining Choices." "Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii), one of Bernie Sanders's top supporters in the Democratic primary, says she'll vote for Hillary Clinton. 'Given the remaining choices, like Bernie Sanders, I will be casting my vote for Hillary Clinton,' Gabbard told the Honolulu Star-Advertiser in a story published Wednesday." (Jesse Byrnes, "Sanders Supporter Tulsi Gabbard Will Vote For Clinton," [The Hill](#) 8/4/16)

Pence

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GENERAL CONTROVERSY

In 2014, Gabbard Missed A Veterans Affairs Hearing Into The VA Clinic Care Crisis To Do An "Extreme Surfing" Interview With Yahoo News, Which She Later Sent Out In A Fundraiser.

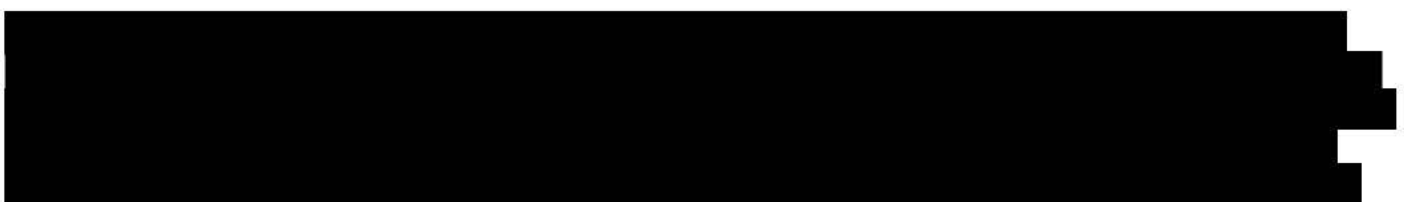
"Gabbard seems happy to soak up the spotlight from both sides, but it's gotten her in trouble at least once. During the 2014 August recess, she went 'extreme surfing' with Yahoo's Chris Moody and sent out the clip as a fundraiser. Meanwhile, the Honolulu Civil Beat noted that while Gabbard was out on the water, she missed a Veterans Affairs hearing into the VA clinic care crisis." (Amber Phillips, "Rep. Tulsi Gabbard The Democrat That Republicans Love And The DNC Can't Control," [The Washington Post](#) 10/15/16)



"Gabbard Is A Wildcard Who Has Given Democrats As Many Headaches In Her Nearly Three Years In Congress As She Has Blessings." "But if you thought this was an isolated incident, you haven't been paying attention to Tulsi Gabbard. In fact, this week's drama has plenty to do with the party's young, outspoken star's demonstrated willingness to speak out in ways her party would rather she not. Gabbard is a wildcard who has given Democrats as many headaches in her nearly three years in Congress as she has blessings." (Amber Phillips, "Rep. Tulsi Gabbard The Democrat That Republicans Love And The DNC Can't Control," [The Washington Post](#) 10/15/16)



CONTROVERSIAL POLICY STANCES/STATEMENTS



In 2016, Gabbard Supported And Helped Introduce Gun Control Legislation. “One day after 170 Democrats ended their sit-in on the House floor over a lack of movement on gun control, a bipartisan group of representatives that included Tulsi Gabbard sprang into legislative action. Gabbard, D-Hawaii, joined eight other House members Friday, including four Republicans, in the introduction of legislation aimed at restricting the sale of firearms to individuals placed on the No-Fly List and Selectee List, subsets of the broader Terrorism Screening Database.” (Max Dible, “Gabbard Among Bipartisan Group Introducing Gun Control Legislation,” [Hawaii Tribune Herald](#), 6/26/16)

“Gabbard Did Not Establish A Substantive Public-Policy Record During Her One Term In The State House -- Where At 21 She Was The Youngest In State History -- Or During Her Abbreviated, Two-Year Stint On The City Council.” (Derrick DePledge, “Gabbard In Spotlight With Bipartisan Group,” [Honolulu Star Advertiser](#), 7/18/13)

- **“Other Democrats, Speaking Privately, Marvel At The National Attention Gabbard Has Received Given Her Inexperience And Thin Policy Resume.”** (Derrick DePledge, “Gabbard In Spotlight With Bipartisan Group,” [Honolulu Star Advertiser](#), 7/18/13)

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

On November 6, 2012, Tulsi Gabbard Contributed \$2,000 To Hanabusa For Hawaii. (“Hanabusa For Hawaii,” [Federal Elections Committee](#), Accessed 11/20/16)

Full Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Tulsi Gabbard		Date of Receipt
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On November 6, 2012, Tulsi Gabbard Contributed \$2,000 To Friends Of Mazie Hirono. (“Friends Of Mazie Hirono,” [Federal Elections Committee](#), Accessed 11/20/16)

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BUSINESSES/ASSOCIATIONS

Tulsi Gabbard Stated That She Started Her Own Film Production Company Because She Was Interested In Film And Television. "In between tours of duty, she worked as a legislative aide to Democratic Sen. Daniel Akaka. Citing a long-term interest in film and television, last year she started her own film production company, Kanu Productions." ("Hawaii, 2nd House District Tulsi Gabbard (D)," [The Atlantic](#) 11/6/12)

On Her 2012 Financial Disclosure Statement, Tulsi Gabbard Reported Earning \$11,487 From Kanu Productions. [REDACTED]

SCHEDULE I— EARNED INCOME

List the source, type, and amount of earned income from any source (other than the filer's current employment by the U.S. Government) totalling \$200 or more during the preceding calendar year. For a spouse, list the source and amount of any honoraria; list only the source for other spouse earned income exceeding \$1,000. See examples below.
Exclude: Military pay (such as National Guard or Reserve pay), federal retirement programs, and benefits received under the Social Security Act.

Source	Type	Amount
Keene State	Approved Teaching Fee	\$6,000
State of Maryland	Legislative Pension	\$9,000
Civil War Roundtable (Oct. 2nd)	Spouse Speech	\$1,000
Ontario County Board of Education	Spouse Salary	NA
City & County of Honolulu	Salary	33,212. ⁸⁰
Kanu Productions	Earnings	11,487
World Congress of Religions - Speech	Earnings	5,000

On Her 2013 Financial Disclosure Statement, Tulsi Gabbard Reported Losing \$747 From Kanu Productions. [REDACTED]

SCHEDULE C – EARNED INCOME

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INCOME LIMITS and PROHIBITED INCOME: The 2013 limit on outside earned income for Members and employees compensated at or above the "senior staff" rate was \$26,955. In addition, certain types of income (notably honoraria, director's fees, and payments for professional services involving a fiduciary relationship) were totally prohibited.

Source (include date of receipt for honoraria)		Type	Amount
Examples:	Keene State	Approved Teaching Fee	\$6,000
	State of Maryland	Legislative Pension	\$18,000
	Civil War Roundtable (Oct. 2)	Spouse Speech	\$1,000
	Ontario County Board of Education	Spouse Salary	N/A
US House of Reps		Salary	148,745
Kanu Productions		earnings	Gross receipts * 1,119 net loss -747

Revolving Door

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Bankruptcy

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Liens

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