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Another Young Leftist Defeats Another Democratic Incumbent

Another stalwart in the [Democratic Party's Old White Guard](#) went down in flames on Tuesday.

This time, the smoking wreckage at the crash site, the 7th District in Massachusetts, contained the charred political corpse of Michael Capuano, who took over the district from then-Representative Edward Markey in 2013.

The victorious newcomer to national politics who shot him down was [Ayanna Pressley](#) (shown), who will become the first black woman to represent a Bay State congressional district. A Republican is not running.



Pressley's victory mirrors that of socialist Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the former bartender who will represent New York's 14th District, having defeated another old white guy, Joe Crowley.

Early Concession

Pressley's victory might surprise some observers. But anyone who's been watching the Democratic Party's march to the hard left — in plain view yesterday [during the outrageous Democratic performance](#) at the [first confirmation hearing](#) for U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh — won't be surprised.

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First, it was Bernie Sanders, the wealthy, [open apologist](#) for communist murderers [who owns three homes](#). Aside from somehow securing a sinecure in the U.S. Senate, he nearly upended Hillary Clinton's ill-fated run as the party nominee for president in 2016.

But then Ocasio-Cortez crushed Crowley, who had a \$3 million campaign warchest. The former mixologist, who's [more than a little shaky](#) when it comes to basic economics, [beat Crowley liked a rented mule](#) while appealing to race, securing nearly 60 percent of the vote.

Now, we have Pressley, who in addition to [advocating the usual menu of leftist nostrums](#), wants "Medicare for all" and to "end ICE enforcement and deportation activities." She too rolled up nearly 60 percent of the vote, the leftist [Boston Globe reported](#):

Pressley's victory over Capuano, a 66-year-old down-the-line liberal first elected to Congress in 1998, represents a generational, gender, and racial shift in Boston politics, and an upending of the wait-your-turn ethos that has pervaded the Democratic Party locally and statewide. With about 99 percent of precincts reporting, she had captured 59 percent of the vote to Capuano's 41 percent.

Such was the beating that Capuano threw in the towel after just 13 percent of the vote was counted, the [New York Times reported](#).



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Capuano conceded politely. “I’m sorry it didn’t work out, but this is life, and this is OK,” Capuano said. “America is going to be OK. Ayanna Pressley is going to be a good congresswoman and Massachusetts will be well-served.”

Florida Goes Left, Too

Whether America will be OK is open to question, given the Democratic Party’s lurch left to openly socialist candidates.

In Florida, [another socialist will be](#) the party’s standard-bearer for U.S. Senate.

As the *Miami Herald* reported, nominee Andrew Gillum, who will face Trump conservative Ron DeSantis, “scored his party’s nomination with the help of Democratic-Socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders.”

Voters will choose between a candidate in DeSantis who wants to build Trump’s border wall and believes “people should have a right to pursue the healthcare that they want,” and one in Gillum who wants to abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement and create a Medicare-for-All system.

That’s right. Yet another Democrat thinks healthcare will be “free” if the government runs it, and wants to abolish the federal agency partly responsible for border security.

Old Whites Losing Grip on Party

As *The New American* has reported in following the story of Ocasio-Cortez, [younger Hispanic Democrats are pushing out](#) the old white folks who are, in many cases, two paces from the front door to assisted living.

In California, for instance, [Democrats did not endorse incumbent](#) Senator Dianne Feinstein, [who was born](#) during the first Roosevelt administration — FDR’s, not TR’s. Although she won the state’s open primary, the Democrats went for radical open-borders leftist Kevin De León, another one who would abolish ICE and sponsored a law to stop the state from helping federal immigration authorities.

Also under fire is former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, [born when Frank Sinatra was a rising superstar](#). Says Representative Loretta Sanchez, a much younger Hispanic leftist, “I think it’s time for that generational change.”

Weird Candidates

The oddball candidate has also met with success in the party. Democrats are apparently hot for transgenders — men or women who believe that they are members of the opposite sex.

In Vermont, [Democratic voters chose](#) a “transgender woman” to be the party’s nominee for governor, which is perhaps not surprising from a state that sends the likes of Sanders to the U.S. Senate.

Another man who thinks he’s a woman [landed in Virginia’s House of Delegates last year](#).

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