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Women of Color Voters Are Claiming Their Power



Aimee Allison

Founder & President, [She the People](#)

Available from Atlanta, GA

Aimee Allison is a thought leader, public speaker, writer, and expert on women of color in politics. She is the founder of She the People, a national network connecting women of color to transform our democracy. By bringing together the most promising women of color candidates, strategists, and movement leaders, Ms. Allison is one of the primary architects for the electoral successes in 2018 that made it the “year of women of color in politics.” In April 2019, she convened the

first presidential forum focused on women of color in politics to show that social justice can become the law of the land and to highlight the strength of women of color as a voting bloc. Author of *Army of None*, she has written for *The New York Times*, *The Hill*, *Teen Vogue*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Huffington Post* and *ESSENCE*. In 2018, SF Weekly named her among the top five San Francisco Bay Area leaders “paving a path to social change.”

Television

- 06/16/19 - [AM Joy](#)
- 05/06/19 - [MSNBC](#)
- 04/24/19 - [Rachel Maddow](#)
- 11/13/18 - Vox’s “[Consider It](#)”

Op-ed/LTE/Commentary



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- 06/12/19 - [Medium's vertical for women of color, Zora](#)
- 03/08/19 - [New York Times](#)
- 01/04/19 - [Huffington Post](#)
- 11/16/18 - [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

Campaigns, Elections, and Strategy Experts



Sayu Bhojwani

Founder & President, [New American Leaders](#)
Available from Atlanta, GA

Bhojwani is the Founder and President of New American Leaders, which works across the country to build the power and potential of first- and second-generation Americans. She served as New York City's first Commissioner of Immigrant Affairs and is the founder of South Asian Youth Action, a community-based organization in Queens. Sayu earned a PhD in Politics and Education from Columbia

University, where her research focused on immigrant political participation. Her [TED talk](#) focuses on the importance of immigrants to American democracy, and her work to build a more inclusive democracy has been featured in [The Wall Street Journal](#) and [The New York Times](#). Her book, [People Like Us: Knocking at Democracy's Door](#), was published by The New Press in October 2018. An immigrant of Indian descent, she grew up in Belize and now lives in New York City with her husband and child.

TV/Video

- 08/24/19 - [CNN](#)
- 08/28/18 - [NowThis](#)

Op-ed/Commentary

- 07/16/19 - [CNN](#)
- 06/04/19 - [ABC.com](#)
- 03/13/19 - [The Hill](#)



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Bee Nguyen

Georgia State Representative and National Policy Advisor for [New American Leaders](#)

Available from Atlanta, GA

As the daughter of former refugees from Vietnam, Bee cherishes the community's most diverse voices. She has spent the last decade working with teen girls in under resourced public high schools in Georgia through Athena's Warehouse, the nonprofit she created.

She currently serves as a state representative in the Georgia General Assembly, where she made history as the first Vietnamese American to be elected to Georgia's House of Representatives. In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Selma March, she biked from Selma to Montgomery using the same route as civil rights protesters.



Lizet Ocampo

Political Director, [People for the American Way](#)

Available from Atlanta, GA

Ocampo leads PFAW's work on federal, state and local elections across the country, including **PFAW's Latinos Vote!** program, which works to expose and counter anti-immigrant, anti-Latino rhetoric from Republican and far-right candidates, leaders, and elected officials. She also leads PFAW's **NextUp Victory Fund**, which helps young progressive candidates win races for state and local offices across the country.

Ocampo provides expert political commentary and policy analysis in both English and Spanish language. She has been cited as an expert in national publications ranging from Fox News Latino to The Hill to Latina Magazine, and has appeared on national broadcasts including Univision, Telemundo, and CNN en Espanol. In 2016, Ocampo was featured in the Election Night coverage of Democracy Now!

Radio:

- 06/01/17 - [Bill Press Show](#)

Television/Video:



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- 09/13/19 - [MSNBC Live](#) (English)
- 09/11/19 - [Univision](#)
- 08/03/17 - [NTN24](#) (Spanish)
- 11/03/16 - [El Tiempo Latino / Washington Post](#) (Spanish)



Diallo Brooks

Senior Director of Outreach and Public Engagement, [People for the American Way](#)

Available from Washington, DC

Diallo Brooks, People For's senior director of outreach and partner engagement, brings 20 years of experience as a leader in the fight for social justice and civil rights while working with national and state leaders to advance progressive policies that support and enhance everyone's ability to live the American dream. In his

current position, Brooks serves as a national spokesperson on issues including civil rights, voting rights, and civic engagement. He works to engage progressive partners and allies around People For's social justice mission and works with the People For Foundation programs to ensure civic engagement leads to a broader and more inclusive democracy. Brooks also coordinates People For's fight against the corporate-right agenda of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), including work to protect public education, protect voting right and expose right-wing attempts to criminalize communities of color.

Television

- 03/14/18 [Fox 5 DC](#) (0:56)
- 01/31/17 [C-Span](#)

Op-ed

- Huffington Post - [Protest Isn't Unpatriotic — Attacking The First Amendment Rights Of Black Athletes Is](#)
- Huffington Post - [Trump Administration Guts Federal Agencies' Ability To Protect Civil Rights](#)

Culture Shift and Representation



Anjleen Kaur Gumer

Executive Director, [National Sikh Campaign](#)

Available from Scottsdale/Phoenix, AZ

Anjleen is the Executive Director of the National Sikh Campaign, an organization working to educate the public around Sikh values and the religion's founder, Guru Nanak, in an effort to close the huge understanding gap around Sikhs that currently exists in the United States.

Anjleen can speak on the core values that Sikhism was founded on hundreds of years ago, including gender equity and a respect for nature, and why those values are important to uplift in today's

America. She can also speak on the education campaign the National Sikh Campaign is running, which includes a [newly launched website](#), a documentary set to air on PBS in 2020, and a digital ads campaign.

Economic and Trade Issues



Maurice BP-Weeks

Co-Executive Director, [Action Center on Race and the Economy](#)

Available from Detroit, MI

Maurice is the Co-Executive Director of ACRE. He works with community organizations and labor unions on campaigns to go on offense against Wall Street to beat back their destruction of communities of color. He was previously the Campaign Director of the ReFund America Project and worked as the Wall Street Accountability and Housing Justice campaigner at the Center for Popular Democracy before that. Maurice serves on the Advisory Council of Black Organizing for Leadership and Dignity (BOLD). He graduated from Swarthmore College.

TV/Video

- 06/13/19 - [Hill.TV](#)

Op-ed/Commentary



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- 06/26/19 - [The Guardian](#)
- 04/24/18 - [The American Prospect](#)
- 12/09/16 - [The Nation](#)



Lori Wallach

Director, Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch
Available from D.C.

[Wallach](#) is a 25-year veteran of congressional trade battles. In a recent episode of the [Why Is This Happening podcast with Chris Hayes](#), Wallach explains the improvements, critiques, and progressive way forward on NAFTA 2.0. Lori was quoted earlier this year in a [Politifact](#) fact-check of President Trump's claim that Mexico will fund the border wall. She also recently penned a piece in [The Nation](#) analyzing NAFTA 2.0 and how it would affect the country.

Video

- 9/6/19 -- CBS package distributed to local affiliates
- 8/16/18 - [NowThis](#)

Black LGBTQ+ Issues



David J. Johns

Executive Director, [National Black Justice Coalition](#)
Available from New York City

David is a recognized thought leader in the racial justice and LGBTQIA+ rights spaces. He previously served as the first executive director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans under President Barack Obama, after working as a senior education policy advisor to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions under U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (D-Iowa). He has also served under the leadership of the late U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA), and acted as a Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Fellow in the office of Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY).

Video

- 06/17/19 - [The Griot](#)
- 06/07/19 - [Talk Stoop](#)
- 12/01/18 - [NowThis](#)



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- 04/30/19 - [BET](#)
- 04/26/19 - [Essence](#)
- 12/01/18 - [The Root](#)



Policing, Incarceration, and a New Vision for Public Safety

The People's Coalition for Safety and Freedom is a brand new, diverse network of organizations led by Black and Brown organizers, researchers and justice activists, and people impacted by incarceration who are working towards a new vision of public safety and freedom.

They are working to hold presidential candidates, Congress, and public officials responsible for the '94 crime bill (and subsequent policies) and demand they acknowledge the harm these policies caused and commit to looking to impacted folks for solutions through a democratic process.

Available spokespeople include:

- *Mustafa Jamale, Policy Manager at [Black Alliance for Just Immigration](#)*
- *Saye Joseph, Policy and Advocacy Manager; and D'atra Jackson, National Co-Director for [Black Youth Project 100](#)*
- *Tracey Corder, Director of [Federal Action and Racial Justice at the Center for Popular Democracy](#)*
- *Nailah Summers, Communications Director at [Dream Defenders](#)*
- *Will Heaton, Vice President of Government Affairs and Policy at [Just Leadership USA](#)*
- *Marbre Stahly-Butts, Executive Director at [Law for Black Lives](#)*
- *Anand Subramanian, Managing Director at [PolicyLink](#)*



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Healthcare Policy



Jim Mangia

President and CEO, [St. John's Well Child and Family Center](#)

Available from Los Angeles

St. John's Well Child and Family Center is an independent community health center, serving patients of all ages through a network of Federally Qualified Health Centers and school-based clinics that span the breadth of Central and South Los Angeles and Compton. SJWCFC's mission is to eliminate health disparities and foster community well-being by providing and promoting the highest quality care in South Los Angeles. They serve the largest population of undocumented folks in the continental United States, and continue to expand their entirely trans-led, pioneering Transgender Health Program.

Jim can speak on the importance of protecting and expanding healthcare for all in order to fuel social, racial, and economic justice, including specific policies that would improve care for transgender folks, undocumented people, and homeless folks.