

District Analysis

The New York 11th congressional district is located in Brooklyn, New York, and includes the suburbs of Flatbush, Crown Heights, Brownsville, and Park Slope. This district's population is 2,465,326, including 59% being black, 21% being non-Hispanic white, 12% being Hispanic and 4% being Asian. The median household income is around \$34,082 (CQ). This district's geographic variance is very different from the nation because the majority of people living in the United States are non-Hispanic whites and in this district that group is a minority. This difference in population structure will affect how and what the people in that district deem important to them compared to the people in the nation. Also, the nation's median household income is \$50,233, which is significantly more than the population living in this district. The majority of the people living in this district are white collar workers, but there is also a presence of blue collar and service jobs within the community. Only one fourth of the populations residing in this district have a bachelor's degree, and around 11% have had some kind of graduate education. New York's 11th district and the nation are neck and neck when it comes to the percentage of people who have completed a bachelor's degree. The United States census states that 25.9% of people over the age of 25 have a bachelor's degree (Percent). Culture is a very big part of this district, because there is an abundance of it present. The political characteristic of the constituency in this district has consistently been siding with the Democratic Party, since 1953. This district is very different from the nation in this respect because the nation has for the past 8 years voted conservatively. Overall, this district has some similarities and some differences compared to the nation's standings on each issue.

One major economic issue that is especially important to New York's 11th district is the developing and supporting the growth of small business, and importantly women entrepreneurs within the suburbs of this district. For example, this district does not have the means to support their "women's need for information and technical assistance to develop successful business plans and production processes" (Small). Many men and women are facing issues trying to develop and begin small business. Some key issues that many people in this district are keeping a close eye on are education and affordable housing. Specifically, on K-12 education ensuring that schools are held accountable and are fully funded. On higher education reducing tuition prices and making it more affordable is a major concern since many in this district find it difficult to finish higher education because it is not affordable. This district is very worried about maintaining and increasing affordable housing. Many people in this district use almost 50% of their income to pay for rent in their low-income housing. There are many issues that are very important to this district, and that need to be looked at.

This district will be easy to represent because this district is very ideologically liberal, like many districts in the state of New York. Also, this district is very community oriented and is made up of a lot of middle class citizens who need the assurance of stability in their life. I believe that representing this district will be easy because I will be voting and suggesting legislation that is going to be helping areas of our country that have been overlooked and are falling behind. As well helping the citizens not only in the 11th district but in the United States who consider themselves middle class citizens that need support from their representative government.

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