

At least 17 Democratic lawmakers arrested outside Supreme Court during abortion rights protests

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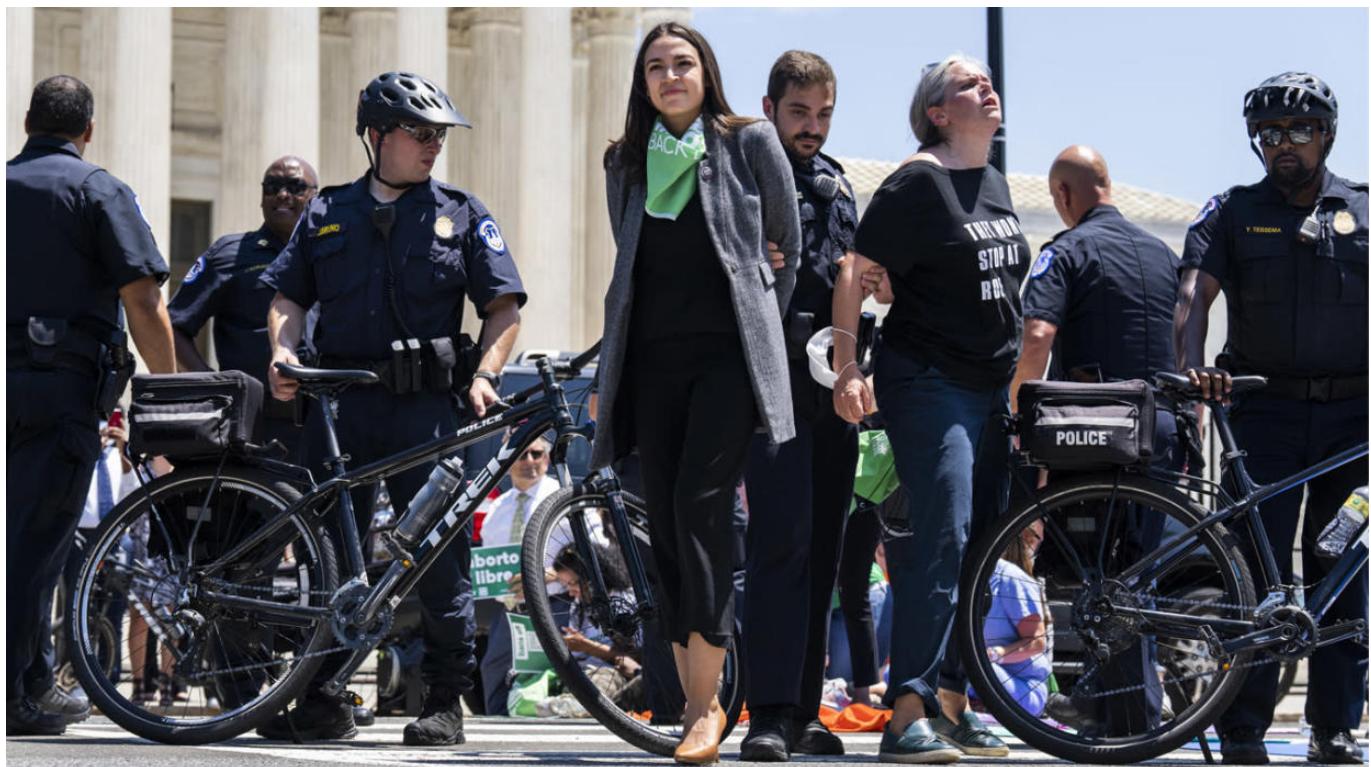


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Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., and Katherine Clark, D-Mass., were among those arrested for blocking traffic. Clark serves as the assistant speaker, the No. 4 position in Democratic leadership.

"The extremist Republican Party is determined to take us back in time and take away our rights. I refuse to stand on the sidelines as their rampage continues," Clark said in a statement following her arrest. "I am furious and heartbroken, and I will proudly fight for our right to abortion and all of our Constitutional rights. They can arrest me, but we won't allow them to arrest freedom."



Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., center, is escorted from a sit-in outside the Supreme Court on Tuesday to protest the decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. (Tom Williams/CQ-Roll Call, Inc via Getty Images)

The Capitol Police said they had arrested 35 people, including 17 members of Congress, for ["Crowding, Obstructing or Incommoding."](#) Law enforcement officials said they had "already given our standard three warnings. Some of the demonstrators are refusing to get out of the street, so we are starting to make arrests."

While the Democratically controlled House [passed legislation last week](#) that would protect the right to an abortion, it is set to die in the Senate. The June 24 decision by the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade has resulted in [millions of Americans](#)

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Squad, [tweeted a video](#) of the second-term congresswoman being escorted away by police, adding that she was “arrested protesting on the steps of the Supreme Court for abortion rights.” Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., [another member, tweeted a video](#) of the arrests.

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Today I was arrested while participating in a civil disobedience action with my fellow Members of Congress outside the Supreme Court.

I will continue to do everything in my power to raise the alarm about the assault on our reproductive rights! 

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Reps. Barbara Lee of California, Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, Cori Bush of Missouri, Jan Schakowsky of Illinois, Jackie Speier of California, Carolyn Maloney of New York, Veronica Escobar of Texas, Sara Jacobs of California, Alma Adams of North Carolina,

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She has a moral responsibility to push back against unjust laws, [200 comments](#)...

her official Twitter account. "Today, I am standing up for reproductive freedom and bodily autonomy in solidarity with the millions who have had their rights stripped away by inhumane policies."

"I introduced legislation yesterday and today to protect reproductive freedom," [wrote Bush on Twitter](#). "Today my colleagues and I put our bodies on the line — because we will leave no stone unturned in our fight for justice. Bans off our bodies."

Last month, Rep. Judy Chu, D-Calif., [was arrested outside the Supreme Court](#) for protesting. In July 2021, Rep. Joyce Beatty, D-Ohio, chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus, [was arrested](#) at the Hart Senate Office Building for protesting in favor of voting rights legislation.

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Protesting is not an issue. When a law is broken, it is no longer a protest. An arrest - for anything - should make it unlawful for her to hold political office, she should be forced to resign and no longer be eligible to run for office again. And not just her.... ALL of them.

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Clearly you were not part of the civil rights or Vietnam protests. John Lewis was arrested numerous times prior to serving in Congress. Civil disobedience is a tactic that dates back to the time when Gandhi organized protests against British rule in India.

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T THOMASYMMOT 25.9K Points • 2 minutes ago

most of the civil rights demonstrators were those that were starry-eyed dreamers, that felt that certain laws needed to be changed in southern democrat lead states (remember democrat George Wallace or the term dixie-crat?) but the ones that instigated those 1960's protests were communists and or le...[See more](#)

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And when the street is blocked and emergency vehicles can't get to a problem, who gets sued?

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They broke a federal law about protesting outside the supreme Court and the Justices homes, but no one got arrested outside their homes.

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Sandy Cortez will do anything for attention....

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None of this does anything that matters except to add an arrest to their resume. Laws regarding abortion have been decided. This is a ridiculous grab at attention and nothing more.

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Just like the rest of us, she should lose her job for this. But there is no accountability. And why is she instigating those that follow her vs leading by example and showing those that follow her how to work through the system for change? I have yet to see her state she is bringing a bill to

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That is what elections are for - to retain or terminate a Representative, Senator or President - same for state and local elections.

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Seems like she is inciting illegal protesting...maybe we need a July 19th Congressional Committee!

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These are the people we have elected to make and uphold our laws. Good Job people.
(Sarcasm) How are we suppose to teach our children to obey the laws when our supposed "law makers' are breaking it. There are ways to protest legally.

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GH **GARY HALLAS** 2.3K Points • 1 hour ago

The country is loaded with bad districts and then we get these kind of people that run for office in these bad districts and the next thing you know, they are in DC as a representative and a representative of a bad district. Can't prevent this, but if the media didn't warm up to them, they would b...[See more](#)

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J **JOHN** 66.4K Points • 1 hour ago

That's called civil disobedience, and is a time honored tradition. Expect to be seeing more of it, and don't think for a second you can trivialize it away as 'lawlessness'.

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How about a protest about inflation and lower job wages?

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The3y proudly support Joe Biden's declaration, "Inflation is an asset". They couldn't care less how much they run up the deficitit will never be paid.

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She likes that. The policies she supports guarantee those outcomes.

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I realize that not one liberal or democrat has EVER READ the US Constitution - other than to try and find a way to circumvent it - but the SOVEREIGN STATES never granted the FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY the power or authority to be involved with abortion - the SOVEREIGN STATES make their own laws and regula...[See more](#)

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B BILL 48K Points • 53 minutes ago

YES THAT IS CORRECT AND BEN FRANKLIN ONCE WAS ASKED BY THE MEDIA AT THAT IME ,WHAT TYPE OF GOVERNMENT THAT AMERICA NOW HAD --HE REPLIED,--- A REPUBLIC --IF YOU CAN KEEP IT --OF COURSE MANY THINK AND ESPOUSE WE ARE A DEMOCRACY , BUT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE A REPUBLIC WITH DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND ...[See more](#)

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I'll bet this isn't the first time that Sandy Cortez has been in handcuffs....

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MARK 4 hours ago 35 minutes ago

Sure it is.... to them... it was fine when the "innocent protests" during the Floyd timeframe were blocking traffic, flipping cars, looting businesses and burning buildings. AOC and her squad said they had a "right" to react that way... and yet Jan 6 was an "insurrection", but don't you dare call t... [See more](#)

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So-called "mostly peaceful" protesting is NOT fine.

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What do you do with lawmakers that break the law? They could have done this without disrupting traffic, but I guess that would be too peaceful, huh?

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usually they are re-elected...thats the sad part.

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IA INSURANCE AGENCY 3.5K Points • 1 hour ago

When a Republican breaks the law, it's an insurrection. When a Democrat breaks the law, it's ignored.

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Photo op. AOC wasn't handcuffed, just pretending to be. For the full experience these folks should be jailed without bail for 18 months like the January 6 protesters.

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I also find it curious, as someone who works outside in DC everyday and knowing exactly how unbearably hot it is and here she is dressed in a jacket not looking like she's even

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Since they have been arrested they cannot serve their terms. Remove them from office. This is not what they were elected for.

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Arrest, PROSECUTE and CONVICT !!

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RL **RICH & LESLIE** 390 Points • 1 hour ago

And throw away the keys.

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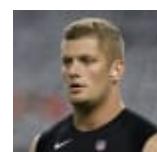
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