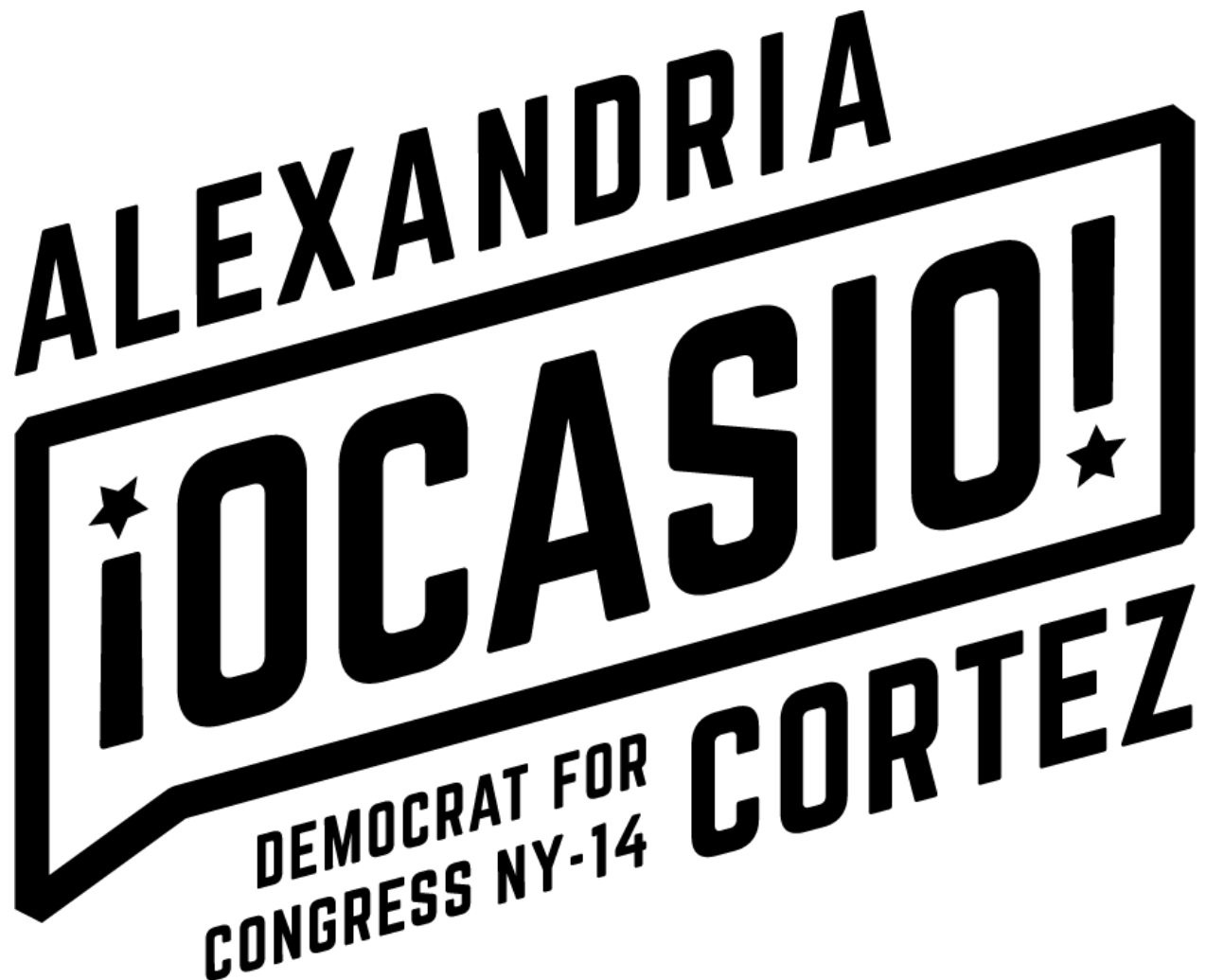


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Subject: Why am I considered extreme?

People lie about me a lot.



Here's a question I get a lot: "Why are you considered to be extreme?"

I am considered "extreme" because:

– I believe in Medicare for All, **aka guaranteed healthcare in the United States.**

– I authored the **Green New Deal**, and believe tackling the climate crisis will take a much more massive and serious mobilization than what we're doing now.

– Although I am a Democrat, **I operate independently from either party's establishment.** So I am willing to challenge my own party's leadership and, when necessary, break from the party line.

– I do not believe in late stage capitalism or that prioritizing the extreme pursuit of profit at any and all human/environmental costs will save us. **I believe in cooperative economics and cooperative democracy, aka democratic socialism.**

– My campaign is funded by grassroots, small-dollar donations and I accept \$0 in corporate money (the average donation to keep me in office is around \$16).

– I believe that ICE, an agency that was just formed in 2003 during the Patriot Act era, is **a rogue agency that should not exist.**

– I am the youngest woman in U.S. history to be elected to Congress. I was a waitress. I am Latina. I come from a low income background and am one of just a few working class people who got elected to Congress. **That makes a lot of classist, ageist, misogynist, and racist people mad.**

People like to lie about and caricature me a lot, which makes folks believe all sorts of things that aren't true!

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