



My Drift

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Tulsi Gabbard

Biography

Tulsi Gabbard has served in the U.S. House of Representatives on behalf of Hawaii's 2nd congressional district since 2012. Having been deployed to Iraq (2004-2005) and Kuwait (2008-2009) as part of the Hawaii Army National Guard, Gabbard is the first female combat veteran and the first Hindu to be elected to Congress.



Gabbard was the Democratic National Committee's vice chair from 2013 to 2016, but she left her post due to friction with the committee as well as her desire to endorse Senator Bernie Sanders' 2016 presidential bid. Known for her vehement stance against U.S. military interventionism and a champion of veterans' rights, Gabbard announced her candidacy for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination in February 2019, before dropping out of the race in March 2020 and endorsing former Vice President Joe Biden.

Early Life and Education

Tulsi was born on April 12, 1981 (age now is 39), in American Samoa, on the main island of Tutuila. Tulsi was born to Carol and Mike Gabbard as the fourth of five children. Her mother who was born in Indiana and grew up in Michigan, was raised a Methodist and later found her way to Hinduism. Her father grew up in the Deep South, the son of an Air Force Sergeant. Mike went to Catholic seminary as a young man and remains a lector in the Catholic church, while

also practicing yoga meditation. Some of Tulsi's earliest memories are of the bright colors, beautiful sounds, and fragrant aromas of both Christian and Hindu celebrations. Tulsi has a multi-racial background with a mix of Southeast Asian (25.6%) French and German (24.6%), and Polynesian descent—as well as a mixture of 9 other ethnicities. Tulsi's interfaith, interracial family is a reflection of much of America, which has taught her to accept and embody diverse perspectives and identities.



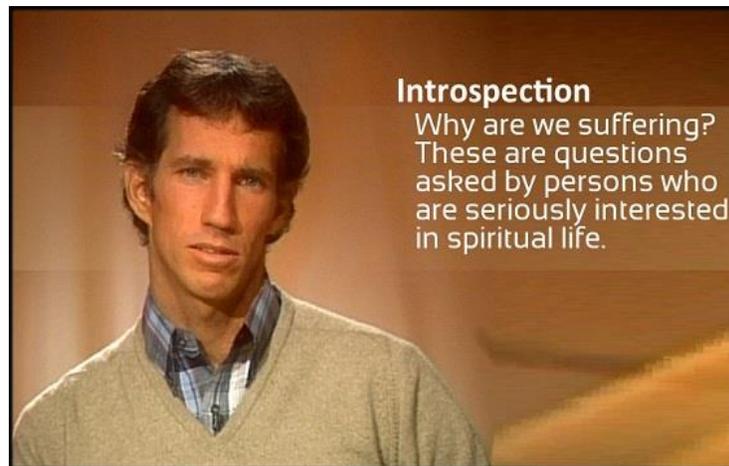
The Gabbard Family

(Clockwise from top left: Mike, Jai, Bhakti, Carol, Vrindavan, Aryan, and Tulsi – Due to Carol's Hindu faith, their children all have Hindu first names)



Tulsi at age 3 on the left and a cute young Tulsi above

Tulsi was raised in part according to the teachings of the Science of Identity Foundation (SIF) religious community and its spiritual leader, Chris Butler. SIF was established in 1977 by Chris Butler for the purpose of sharing the science of yoga (as taught in the Bhagavad-Gita) and practices individuals can apply in their own lives to optimize their physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. The SIF is based in Hawaii and has been called “an obscure offshoot of the Hare Krishna sect” by many people familiar with it. Tulsi has said Butler’s work still guides her. In 2015, Gabbard called Butler her guru dev (roughly, “spiritual teacher”). Gabbard’s current husband Abraham Williams (married 2015) and ex-husband Eduardo Tamayo (married 2002; divorced 2006) are part of the SIF community.



Chris Butler (aka Jagad Guru Siddhaswarupananda Paramahansa)

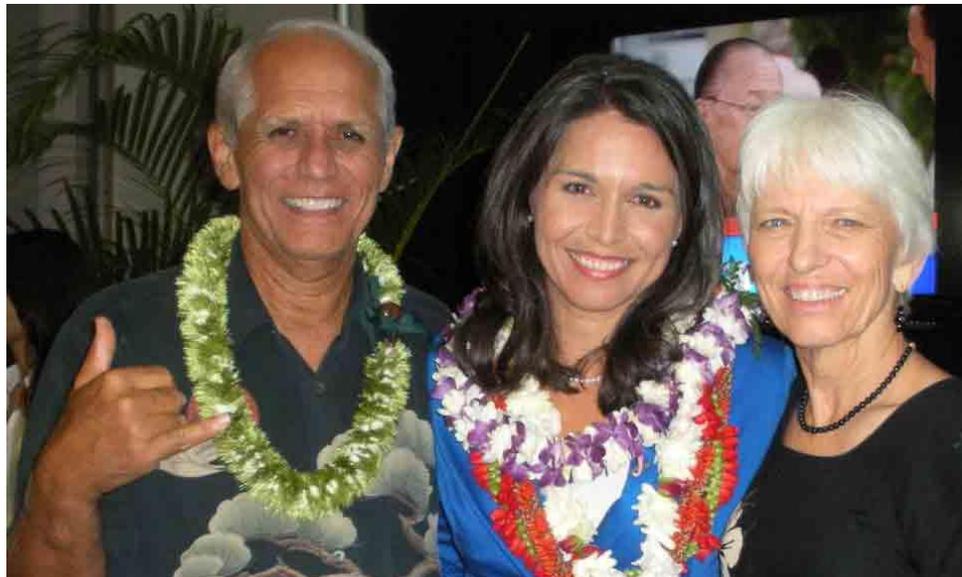


Tulsi Gabbard stated on her Facebook page that “Yoga has so many benefits, beyond simply improving our health. Through the yoga of the Bhagavad Gita, we can uncover and cultivate our spiritual love and bring about a more peaceful and harmonious society and world.”



Tulsi and Abraham Williams had a Hindu wedding in 2015

Tulsi embraced the Hindu faith as a teenager. Her first name comes from the Sanskrit word for holy basil, a plant sacred in Hinduism. She was homeschooled through high school except for two years at informal schools in the Philippines. Tulsi graduated from Hawaii Pacific University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in International Business.



Tulsi with Father Mike and Mother Carol

In 1998, Tulsi Gabbard began working for the Alliance for Traditional Marriage and Values, an anti-gay political action committee her father founded, to pass an amendment giving the Hawaii state legislature the power to "reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples". She spoke on the organization's behalf as late as 2004 and called those seeking marriage equality "a small number of homosexual extremists."



In 2002, while working as a self-employed martial arts instructor, Tulsi was the youngest legislator at age 21 ever elected to represent the 42nd House District of the Hawaii House of Representatives.

Military service

In April 2003, while serving in the Hawaii State Legislature, Gabbard enlisted in the Hawaii Army National Guard. In July 2004, she was deployed for a 12-month tour in Iraq, serving as a specialist with the Medical Company, 29th Support Battalion, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. In Iraq, Gabbard served at Logistical Support Area Anaconda, completing her tour in 2005.



In March 2007, she graduated from the Accelerated Officer Candidate School at the Alabama Military Academy. She was commissioned as a second lieutenant and assigned to the 29th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the Hawaii Army National Guard, this time to serve as an Army Military Police officer. She was deployed to Kuwait from 2008 to 2009.



Gabbard is a recipient of the Combat Medical Badge and the Meritorious Service Medal. On October 12, 2015, she was promoted from captain to major at a ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. She continues to serve as a major in the Hawaii Army National Guard.

Sports and Hobbies



Swimming and Surfing



Surfing in Hawaii



Surfing on the East Coast



The Polar Plunge on 31 Jan 2019

Light snow covered the ground in Seabrook, N.H. on New Year's Eve as Rep. Tulsi Gabbard took off her shoes and plunged into the frigid Atlantic Ocean. As the Hawaii congresswoman emerged from the icy water moments later, her long-sleeved blue shirt was soaked, and she was handed a red and white striped towel which she draped over her shoulders. Gabbard, an avid surfer, mixed martial artist and military veteran, said she felt "good surprisingly."

The plunge into the waves on the shoreline of a state that will host the first-in-the-nation primary offered a glimpse at Gabbard's athletic prowess and the unique way she is connecting with voters. This particular plunge was Gabbard's attempt at bringing awareness to the opioid crisis that was and still is killing people across the United States.



Tulsi attends her first ever NBA game with actor Donnie Wahlberg as guests of the Boston Celtics. Here she meets Boston coach Brad Stevens.



Tulsi at an Alabama football game with her good friends, the Tagovailoa family, to watch Tua play. She first met Tua when he was just a boy.

Tulsi is an exercise/workout nut!



Tulsi does 30 Exercises (About 600 Reps Daily)

She even has a Fitness Video out featuring 25 Bench exercises. Just in case you want to follow along doing these exercises with Tulsi, here is the website:

<https://twitter.com/tulsigabbard/status/1173605168841203712?lang=en>

I mentioned earlier that Tulsi has been a self-employed martial arts instructor. She has studied and practices several martial arts including Taekwondo, Tai Chi, Jujitsu, Capoeira, and Filipino Stick Fighting.

Well, I have heard of all of these except Capoeira. What the heck is that?



Tulsi Practicing and Having Fun Performing Capoeira

Tulsi stated, “I started practicing martial arts as a kid and trained Capoeira for many years - an art that originated with slaves in Brazil as a form of resistance.”

I researched it and here is what I found out:

Capoeira developed in Brazil, derived from traditions brought across the Atlantic Ocean by enslaved Africans and fueled by the burning desire for freedom. It soon became widely practiced on the plantations as a means of breaking the bonds of slavery, both physically and mentally. During this time, the art was considered a social infirmity and officially prohibited by the Brazilian Penal Code. The identification of “the outlaw” with capoeira was so widespread that the word became a synonym for “bum,” “bandit,” and “thief.” However, that did not stop the capoeiristas from practicing. They moved to marginal places and camouflaged the martial art as a form of dance.



Tulsi Sparring with Weili Zhang in Boston gym

Tulsi is a big MMA fan. As a United States Congresswoman, Tulsi went out of her way to help Weili Zhang, a Chinese citizen and the UFC Women's Strawweight Champion, resolve Visa issues so Zhang could return to America for a fight. With Gabbard's help Zhang had no problem getting through US Customs. The two women became friends and Tulsi even helped Weili train for the fight.

Tulsi was at the fight and was in the champ's corner after Weili Zhang won the UFC championship fight.

Tulsi stated recently on Twitter, “Sports has always played an important role in breaking down barriers and bringing people together. MMA fans and fighters around the world are doing just that!”



Some advice for Tulsi Gabbard foes: Don't mess with Tulsi – She could beat the crap out of you if she wanted to!

In addition to that strenuous daily workout, Tulsi practices Yoga religiously every day.

Tulsi doing Yoga



Can you read what it says on Tulsi's shirt? It says, iamhaloa.org – I went to this website and here is part of what it says:

Story

I am Hāloa is a feature length documentary film about Hawaiian identity and culture, as understood through the story of Hāloa, the first Hawaiian person in the Hawaiian Creation Story known as the Kumulipo, and the traditional Hawaiian staple food commonly known as poi. This film tells the story of three Kamehameha high school seniors who are embarking on a journey of self-discovery as they travel throughout the Hawaiian Islands to gain a better

understanding of their culture and to re-establish a link to the first Hawaiian, Hāloa. For 90 days they will commit to cultivating, harvesting and eating kalo (taro) for three meals a day. During these 90 days the girls will travel from O‘ahu to Kaua‘i, Maui, Moloka‘i, Moku o Keawe, Kaho‘olawe, and Lāna‘i to learn from some of the most inspirational leaders in Hawai‘i about the past, the present and the future role that Hāloa could play in guiding the people of Hawai‘i. I am Hāloa will explore the inherent values and conflicts that come with incorporating Hāloa into modern lifestyles and also the amazingly delicious new ways that this ancient, sacred food is revolutionizing cuisine in Hawai‘i. These three young ladies will work with some of the top chefs in Hawai‘i like Lee Anne Wong, Ed Kenney, Mark Noguchi and Andrew Le, to see how Hāloa is being incorporated into the menus of the most delicious restaurants in Hawaii.

Tulsi is supporting the Haloa effort.

Tulsi Gabbard’s 2020 Presidential Run



Tulsi on the Issues:

Serving the American People at Home

Tulsi: “Are you tired of seeing your hard-earned tax dollars spent on wars that have nothing to do with you and that do not make you safer or more prosperous? Would you prefer to see your tax dollars at work in your community, improving schools, roads, bridges, and services?”

My view: Fully agree with Tulsi. In addition to the above, get rid of most Foreign Aid. Why is the U.S. giving millions of dollars to countries that hate our guts?

Civil Liberties & Protection

Tulsi: “Do you believe that you have a right to privacy?”

“Are you worried that our constitutional freedoms are slowly being chipped away?”

“I’m concerned that our civil liberties are under attack. Our right to privacy, guaranteed by the 4th Amendment, is threatened by overreaching intelligence agencies and big tech monopolies that falsely invoke national security interests to take away our civil liberties.”

My view: I mostly agree. I strongly believe in our Constitution and don’t want it changed. There are a lot of Democrats (and a few Republicans) that say the Constitution is outdated and it should be changed to reflect their views.

Foreign Policy

Perhaps best known for being a strong anti-interventionist, Tulsi emphasized the need for the United States to pull out of Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan and stop being involved in continuous "regime change wars."

My view: I agree. The Muslims in the Mideast of been at war with each other since the beginning of time. Nothing the U.S. is doing by remaining in these countries is going to stop that. The U.S. should have been out of these countries long ago.

Criminal Justice

Gabbard called for decriminalizing marijuana and reducing mass incarceration and co-sponsored a variety of legislation to combat these issues. As part of efforts to tackle criminal justice, she said the country would need to address the systemic racism that disproportionately imprisons African American men.

My view: I agree with decriminalizing marijuana and agree that some laws need to be changed so that the real bad guys and gals go to jail. The non-violent marijuana user should not be in jail. However, if a disproportionate number of African American men are committing crimes, then there will be a disproportionate number of blacks in prison.

Healthcare

Aligned with fellow presidential candidate Sanders' "Medicare for All" plan, Tulsi is a proponent of “Universal healthcare” and for lowering drug costs.

My view: I’m all for lowering drug costs. I need to look into how much “Medicare for All” would raise my taxes. Most retired people living on fixed incomes don’t have a lot of money.

Climate Change

Although Gabbard expressed her support for the Green New Deal, she also pointed out that some of its policy proposals needed further clarification. In 2015, Gabbard introduced a bill that would ban fracking, end fossil fuel subsidies and require the United States to obtain 100% of its electricity through clean energy sources by 2035.

My view: The climate has been changing since the day God created the heavens and the earth. I do believe there is much that people and countries can do to clear the air.

Immigration

While Gabbard supported immigration reform and President Barack Obama's DACA program, she ran into controversy after she voted with Republicans on a bill that would require "extreme vetting" on Syrian and Iraqi refugees who want to enter the United States.

My view: I think that there should be "extreme vetting" for all Mideastern Muslims who want to enter the United States.

Tulsi Gabbard Controversies

Headline: Tulsi Gabbard is the 2020 field's lightning rod

She had more "Social Interactions on Facebook and Twitter" than any other candidate.

While Democratic provocateur Tulsi Gabbard didn't get written about as much as top-tier candidates, data suggests she was the most provocative.

Hillary Clinton Controversy



Just in case you can't tell, that's Hillary Clinton on the right

During a podcast interview in October 2019, Clinton suggested that the Republicans were grooming a third-party candidate with the implication that it was Gabbard. Hillary also suggested that Tulsi Gabbard is the favorite of the Russians.

Outraged by Clinton's remarks, Gabbard hit back by tweeting that the former 2016 presidential candidate is "the queen of warmongers" and the "personification of the rot that has sickened the Democratic Party for so long."

In January 2020, Gabbard filed a defamation lawsuit against Clinton in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Seeking \$50 million in damages, Gabbard claimed that Clinton had "carelessly and recklessly impugned" her reputation and intentionally damaged her presidential campaign.

My view: Hillary is not a nice person! She has been involved in more than a dozen scandals. There have been many people that had run ins with Hillary that are now dead. Go online and Google "Hillary Clinton Scandals" and "The Clinton Dead Pool" or read my article titled "Hillary".

Advice for Tulsi: Be careful and watch your back.

Belonging to and following the teachings of the Science of Identity Foundation (SIF) religious community and its spiritual leader, Chris Butler.

Tulsi's response to this is discussed earlier in this article. She said, Butler was her "spiritual teacher".

Headline: Tulsi Gabbard under fire for past anti-gay remarks

In 1998, Tulsi Gabbard worked for the Alliance for Traditional Marriage and Values, an anti-gay political action committee founded by her father. During that period, she made several anti-gay comments.

In 2019, Rep. Tulsi Gabbard apologized for "wrong" and "hurtful" statements she made years ago touting her work for an anti-gay group, saying in a series of posts to Twitter that "my views have changed significantly since then."

Headline: THE TULSI GABBARD BASHAR AL-ASSAD CONTROVERSY EXPLAINED

Many members of Congress have stated that Tulsi Gabbard should not have traveled to Syria and met with President Bashar al-Assad. Some say he has butchered more than 400,000 of his own people.

While Gabbard did not travel in her official capacity as a representative of the American government, she is the first sitting US lawmaker to meet with Assad since the start of the conflict in Syria. She is also a member of the House committee on foreign relations.

Gabbard described her take as "one of a soldier, where I've seen the cost of war firsthand." "In Iraq, serving in a medical unit, every single day confronted with that high human cost of war," Gabbard said, referring to her deployment in a country ravaged by unrest since a 2003 U.S. invasion that toppled its government.



Tulsi answers questions on why she went to Syria

Tulsi stated that, "I will never apologize for doing all that I can to prevent more of my brothers and sisters from being sent into harm's way, to fight counter-productive regime-change wars that make our country less safe, that take more lives, and that cost taxpayers trillions more dollars," she added. "So, if that means meeting with a dictator, or meeting with an adversary, absolutely. I would do it. This is about the national security of our country."

Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard defends voting 'present' on impeachment as 'an active protest'

In the face of democrat criticism, Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard defended her decision to vote "present" during the House's formal impeachment vote against President Donald Trump, saying Thursday that her vote was an "active protest" against the "terrible fallout of this zero sum mindset" between the two political parties. "There's no winning here. Everyone is losing. Our country is losing," she said.



Kamala Harris (above right) rips into Tulsi Gabbard as being an Assad apologist and Fox News regular who criticizes her own party

'It's unfortunate that we have someone on this stage ... who during the Obama administration spent four years on Fox News criticizing President Obama,' Harris said. "What we need on this stage, in November, is someone who has the ability to win."

In response, Gabbard said: "What Senator Harris is doing is unfortunately continuing to traffic in lies and smears and innuendos because she cannot challenge the substance of the argument that I am making."

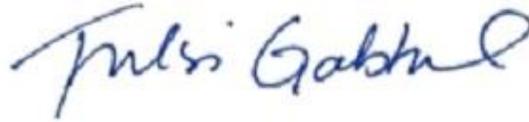
This is not the first time Gabbard and Harris have sparred during a presidential debate. During the debate in Detroit over the summer, Gabbard went after Harris' prosecutorial record, zeroing in on the issue of marijuana legalization.

Gabbard has become a regular on Fox News, often appearing on "Tucker Carlson Tonight," and has garnered support from pro-Trump, right-wing internet celebrities — particularly after her recent spat with Clinton.



Some Tulsi Fun Facts and Information

Tulsi Gabbard's Signature



Graphoanalysis

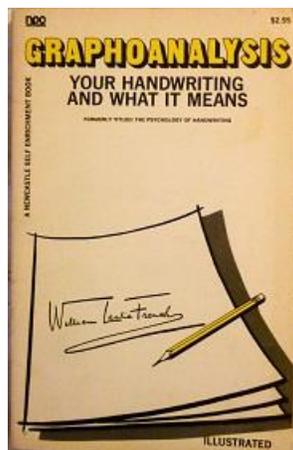
"Find out the Character of the person as revealed by his or her handwriting"

I have been a certified Graphoanalyst since completing the General Course from the International Graphoanalysis Society in 1971. It has been a fun hobby through the years but now days nobody writes anything in cursive. I looked for a sample of Tulsi's handwriting but all I could find is her signature. So, what personality traits does her handwriting (signature) show?

Personality Traits	What Tulsi's Signature Handwriting Shows
Emotional Makeup How you react to Emotional Experiences? How long do Emotional Experiences affect you?	In Tulsi's BIO, it says she has an introverted personality. The handwriting of an introvert slants to the left. Extroverts slants to the right. Tulsi's writing is almost straight up and down (very slight slant to the right). What this means is that under most circumstances, she will show poise and act objectively. She appears calm, cool and collected. Tulsi's writing appears to be moderately heavy. What this means is emotional experiences will affect Tulsi for a while but will fade away in time.
Thinking Processes How a person thinks	The pointed "v" shape in both Tulsi and Gabbard indicate that her primary thinking process is analytical. This means she likes to analyze and evaluate ideas and facts to determine their value. There are also writing strokes that show exploratory and creative thinking.
How High are Your Goals?	Tulsi sets her goals extremely high as indicated by "T" crossing at the very top of the t-stem.

<p>Will Power and Determination</p>	<p>Tulsi's will power and determination are both strong. She has the ability to direct herself toward a specific goal and to finish whatever tasks necessary to achieve that goal. The strong down stroke on the "T" and "G" along with the heavy t-bar show these traits.</p>
<p>Your Imagination The ability to picture or form mental images of things which are not actually present.</p>	<p>The required handwriting strokes are not present in Tulsi's signature. Your imagination is measured by the size of lower loops in your writing.</p>
<p>Achievement Traits</p>	<p>Desire for Responsibility – Large beginning letters. Good Intuition – Line break(s) within words Large degree of Enthusiasm – Long t-stems</p>
<p>Integrity Traits</p>	<p>Loyalty – Nice round i-dots Pride – Tall "t" and "d" stems Broad-minded – Wide middle letters like the "a" in Gabbard.</p>
<p>Social Traits</p>	<p>Optimistic – Writing and strokes slant up like the beginning t-crossing. Poise – Writing is near straight up and down</p>
<p>Fears, Resistance, and Escape Traits These are the negative traits</p>	<p>Sensitive to criticism – Large "d" loop</p>

(That's the best I can do with this limited amount of writing)



inquiring minds want to know - what are Tulsi Gabbard's Body Measurements?



Body Measurements

Body Shape	Slim
Height	5' 6"
Weight	132 pounds
Breast	34 Inches
Waist	26 Inches
Hips	35 Inches
Bra Size	33B
Shoe Size	8 (US)
Eye Color	Dark Brown
Hair Color	Dark Brown

Yes, Tulsi is attractive and smart!

Prediction: Tulsi runs for Governor of Hawaii in 2022.

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