

*Parada walks on stage outside of Independence Hall in Philadelphia. It is a bright sunny day, and hundreds of people have flocked to see her speak. Her appearances are rare, and when they do happen, they bring crowds of a few hundred to a few thousand. Philadelphia is Parada's home city, making this location no surprise to the keen observer. However, this rally went completely unannounced, creating an even bigger media storm when she did take to the stage. With now thousands of people watching, they eagerly await what she says.*



Hello everyone! I'm so glad to be here again. I'm here to do something that doesn't happen all too often anymore. I'm here to support a socialist who's involvement in politics predates my own. None other than the great Speaker /u/JellyCow99! Speaker Jelly has been in the Atlantic Assembly for as long as I can remember. When I joined him, way back during the Third Assembly under then-Democrat Mika's Administration, he was instantly helpful to teach me how to be a good assemblywoman. Without him, I never would have been Governor nor would I have been Senator.

When I resigned from my Senatorial office, I personally thought that JellyCow was the best one to replace me. If I were to leave behind my duties in Congress, I wanted him to be the one to receive it. Of course, for reasons that we may never know, he was not appointed. However, come this primary season, I was an incredibly ardent supporter of JellyCow. I worked closely with his campaign in private, my impact even being seen to the invention of the hashtag, “Jumpin4Jelly!” He narrowly won, just by a single vote. And soon, with your help, he will win again and be sworn in after just a few weeks!

So, why would Jelly make a good senator? Aside from him helping in my own political career, what can he do for you, the proletariat of the Atlantic Commonwealth? These questions have very good answers. Many socialists are often criticized, with some merit, of focusing too much on economic justice. Do not get me wrong. This is a very important mission, one that should have the majority of the attention and effort put into it. However, we should not begin to ignore the other great issues of race, sexuality, and gender. These issues, commonly called “social issues”- which I personally contend to be a misnomer- are JellyCow’s bread and butter. While others such as /u/PGF3 focus on making our economy as equitable as it can be, /u/JellyCow99 is busy, hard at work making our society be equitable for all, not only regardless of class, but regardless of sexual orientation, regardless of race, and regardless of gender identity. These issues are especially important to me. As all of you no doubt know, I am a transgender individual. My safety, health, and life have all been threatened at times because of my gender identity. JellyCow has long fought for people like me, and that is incredibly important to me when deciding who to vote for. While others deny my existence, and some refuse to do anything to materially help me, Jelly has been there for people like me every step of the way, and that is important. He has seen success in passing his bills on this subject as well: [AB.131 Minor Public Services Act](#) and [AB.129 Compulsory Vaccination and Operation Act](#) have both served to make the Atlantic Commonwealth a safer and more equitable state. I believe that if he can get this done in the Atlantic Assembly, he can continue to get it done at the federal level in the Senate.

Jelly has an amazing record, there is no doubt. But this election is not only about JellyCow, it is also about the other candidates, and the balance of the Government as a whole. JellyCow is up against two other candidates, the neoliberal moral busybody of /u/ZanyDraco,

and the unhinged reactionary of /u/BirackObama. As a Republican he can only be trusted to be anything but progressive, and he will constantly work against our Socialist agenda - thus, working against the good of Atlantic, and the good of America. He argues that the government should be in charge of regulating our morality, dictating what is right and wrong through regulation. The Republicans of the Atlantic Commonwealth, however damaging they may be, have always been libertarian small-government Republicans. This neoliberalism reminds me less of the likes of Senator House and more like DexterAamo of Dixie. I believe that just like Dexter of Dixie, Draco doesn't represent what our state believes.

As for BirackObama, I have no idea where to even begin. This man is intensely reactionary, incredibly rightwing and often incoherent, not suited for any sort of high office whether it be representing AC-1, representing AC-Sen, or even being elected the local dog catcher of Burlington. He has sued my Executive Orders and did not successfully prosecute against a single one, abandoning every case. He should never have been elected to AC-1. It was a fluke that resulted from the collapse of the Bullmoose Party as a viable party, a power vacuum he conveniently fell into and filled up. He has made countless transphobic comments, and believes that my humanity is invalid because of my gender identity. In fact, he has gone so far as to accuse me of being mentally ill because of it. To this I respond, simply look at our records, what we have done and fought for, and who has been more successful. Perhaps then we will see if I am truly "mentally ill". Additionally, he is completely bought and sold by the corporations I have vowed to fight so vigorously against. [He has even gone so far as to stand on a pile of lobbying money while supporting de-regulating the tobacco industry.](#) I cannot fathom how he has managed to make it this far in politics. This lobbying money likely has something to do with it- just as Michael Bloomberg's Billions launched him to narrowly win the Mayorship of New York City in November of 2001, BirackObama is using the millions in special interests money to misinform and lie to the people of this Commonwealth. I have zero respect for him, and I am glad he is polling in last place.

These are all the comments I had prepared for today. Before I go home and continue to advance my studies, I will leave you all with this: Communism then, Communism now, Communism Forever, JellyCow for Senate! Thank you all, and I hope you all have a good afternoon here in this beautiful (Socialist!) city.