

## Fracking Heiress Kat Abughazaleh's "Working Class" Cosplay

***Throughout her campaign, Kat Abughazaleh has represented herself as “a working class person.” This could not be further from the truth. Abughazaleh comes from a wealthy Texas family that still has substantial holdings in the fossil fuel industry.***

**Abughazaleh has repeatedly referred to herself as “working class” and “poor”**

- In a December 29, 2025 livestream, Abughazaleh referred to herself “as a working class person.” Abughazaleh continued that “not being rich and running for office is really, really difficult.” (00:11:30)
- In a February 22, 2026 livestream, Abughazaleh grouped herself among “working class folks” that are running for office. (00:33:45)
- In a January 5, 2026 livestream, Abughazaleh referred to herself as “poor” and discussed a time a friend saw her bank account balance and offered to buy her lunch. (01:55:00)
- During a September 21, 2025 livestream, Abughazaleh received a comment from a viewer stating “I want to see poor/working people run.” In response, Abughazaleh suggests she herself is a poor person: “I completely agree. I have learned how hard it is to run for office if you are not rich. I have triple digits in my bank account now.” (01:02:40)
- In the December 29, 2025 livestream, Abughazaleh also claimed running for office is difficult, “if you are working for a wage – I’ve never made six figures in my life.” (00:12:45)
- In her June 2025 CNN appearance, Abughazaleh called herself “a 25-year-old with less than \$10,000 in her bank account.”
- In an April 2025 Reddit AMA, Abughazaleh discussed the difficulties of running for office “if you, like me, aren’t worth a small fortune.”
- Describing how her partner is financing her lifestyle during an October 14, 2025 livestream, Abughazaleh says, “I have been leaning on my partner for a lot of it, but we’re not rich [...] **We rent. We’re not rich.**” (01:33:30). She continues, claiming that her partner does not make that much money as CEO of the Onion: “I will tell you, comedy paper CEO – we’re not living in the lap of luxury here.” (01:35:30)

**In reality, Abughazaleh is from a wealthy and influential Texas family**

Abughazaleh is from a wealthy Texas family. Her father, Aladin Abughazaleh founded Lamp Technologies, a financial data firm, in 1989. In 1997, the company was valued at \$6.7M in a

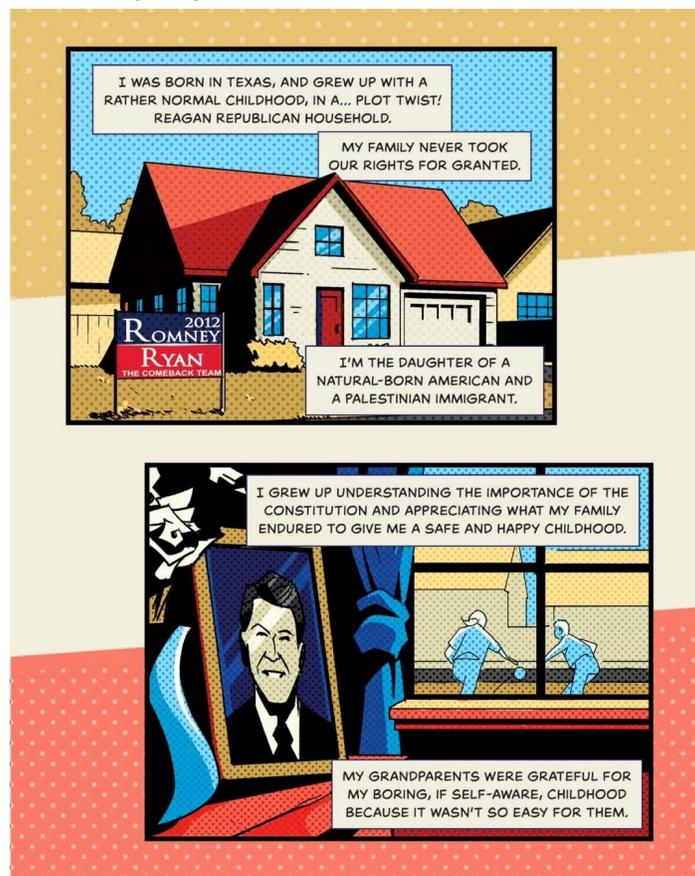
partial sale. In 2008, Aladdin Abughazaleh [sold Lamp Technologies to BNY Mellon](#) for an undisclosed amount.

Abughazaleh's [paternal grandfather](#), Taher Abughazaleh, was a [longtime business associate of the Kuwaiti royal family](#) and partnered with the Kuwaiti royals on a \$20 million deal ([\\$90 million in 2026 dollars](#)) to purchase the Downtown Baltimore Hilton hotel in 1979. The deal left 11 members of the Abughazaleh family with ownership stakes in the mega-hotel and Taher Abughazaleh as [President of the hotel's ownership group](#). The deal was brokered by J. Walter Jones, a Republican fundraiser who had [served prison time for illegally steering donations to the Nixon campaign](#). Kat Abughazaleh's grandfather had previously partnered with Jones, the disgraced Nixon fundraiser, to [sell manufactured housing to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Dubai](#).

Meanwhile, Abughazaleh's [grandmother](#) was Taffy Goldsmith, a [prominent Republican Party activist](#) in Texas.

### **Abughazaleh's mail depicts her childhood home as a small middle class house – but really Abughazaleh grew up in mansions**

A recent mailer from Abughazaleh depicts her childhood home in 2012 as a small one-story home with a one-car attached garage:



Not exactly... In 2012 (the year depicted in the mailer), Abughazaleh lived at this home: [7215 Lakewood Blvd, Dallas, TX 75214](#), valued by Zillow at **\$3,279,200** today. According to Dallas County tax records, Abughazaleh's parents [owned this home from 2008 to 2013](#) – and [claimed](#) it as their primary residence in each of those years.



In 2018, Abughazaleh's parents purchased [3 Duncannon Ct. in Dallas](#), according to [Dallas County tax records](#). The property currently has an estimated value of **\$1,922,300** according to Zillow. The Abughazaleh's owned this home until 2021 and [claimed it as their primary residence](#) in each of those years.



In a [since-deleted tweet](#), recovered through the Internet Archive, Kat Abughazaleh boasted “My mom designed our whole house and I just wanted to show appreciation.”



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@katie\_abu

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10:45 AM - 27 Nov 2019

Abughazaleh's post featured several pictures of the posh home.



**Abughazaleh says she opposes fossil fuels – but her family still has major natural gas interests in Texas**

Last week, Track Oil PACs [endorsed](#) Abughazaleh, saying she “rejects ... the fossil fuel industry.” That seemingly does not include rejecting Abughazaleh’s own mother, who has interests in **15 Texas natural gas wells**.

According to Denton County, TX tax records, Susan Goldsmith Abughazaleh owns [three mineral rights](#) claims on natural gas wells:

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TOTAL DUE  
\$0.00



**Basic Information**

OWNER	TYPE	OWNERSHIP %	LOCATION	LEGAL
<b>ABUGHAZALEH SUSAN GOLDSMITH</b> 12210 PARK BEND DR DALLAS, TX 75230	Mineral	100.000000		HADDOCK E. L. 1-7 9 11 12 14-16 (177600); OPR: BKV BARNETT LLC. (0.000906390 - R)

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<b>ABUGHAZALEH SUSAN GOLDSMITH</b> 12210 PARK BEND DR DALLAS, TX 75230	Mineral	100.000000		HADDOCK E L GU (AW) 18H (828430); OPR: BKV BARNETT LLC. (0.000508588 - R)

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Each of these claims are part of the E.L. Haddock Survey, part of the Barnett Shale – “[the Birthplace of Fracking.](#)” Each of these is operated by natural gas company [BKV Barnett, LLC](#), which uses [fracking techniques to extract gas from the Barnett Shale](#). In total, Abughazaleh’s mother has stakes in 15 wells: EL Haddock 1-7, 9, 11-12, 14-16, 18H, and 19H.

API No.	District	Lease No.	Lease Name	Well No.	Field Name	Operator Name	County	On Schedule	API Depth
12130734	9	177598	HADDOCK, E. L.	1L	NEWARK, EAST (BARNETT SHALE)	BKV BARNETT, LLC	DENTON	Y	7770
12130734	9	177600	HADDOCK, E. L.	1U	BOONSVILLE (BEND CONGL., GAS)	BKV BARNETT, LLC	DENTON	Y	7770
12131002	9	185076	HADDOCK, E. L.	3	NEWARK, EAST (BARNETT SHALE)	BKV BARNETT, LLC	DENTON	Y	7767
12131003	9	184915	HADDOCK, E. L.	4	NEWARK, EAST (BARNETT SHALE)	BKV BARNETT, LLC	DENTON	Y	7761
12131004	9	185079	HADDOCK, E. L.	5	NEWARK, EAST (BARNETT SHALE)	BKV BARNETT, LLC	DENTON	Y	7811
12131006	9	184884	HADDOCK, E. L.	2	NEWARK, EAST (BARNETT SHALE)	BKV BARNETT, LLC	DENTON	Y	7746
12131700	9	195568	HADDOCK, E. L.	7	NEWARK, EAST (BARNETT SHALE)	BKV BARNETT, LLC	DENTON	Y	7855
12131701	9	195972	HADDOCK, E. L.	9	NEWARK, EAST (BARNETT SHALE)	BKV BARNETT, LLC	DENTON	Y	7855
12131702	9	195998	HADDOCK, E. L.	11	NEWARK, EAST (BARNETT SHALE)	BKV BARNETT, LLC	DENTON	Y	7855
12131703	9	194933	HADDOCK, E. L.	12	NEWARK, EAST (BARNETT SHALE)	BKV BARNETT, LLC	DENTON	Y	8050
12133078	9	235119	HADDOCK, E. L.	14	NEWARK, EAST (BARNETT SHALE)	BKV BARNETT, LLC	DENTON	Y	7486
12133396	9	244381	HADDOCK, E. L.	15	NEWARK, EAST (BARNETT SHALE)	BKV BARNETT, LLC	DENTON	Y	7607
12133397	9	245057	HADDOCK, E. L.	16	BOONSVILLE (BEND CONGL., GAS)	BKV BARNETT, LLC	DENTON	Y	5526
12134539	9	283943	HADDOCK, E. L. GU (AW)	18H	NEWARK, EAST (BARNETT SHALE)	BKV BARNETT, LLC	DENTON	Y	7464
12134542	9	284017	HADDOCK, E. L. GU (AW)	19H	NEWARK, EAST (BARNETT SHALE)	BKV BARNETT, LLC	DENTON	Y	7821

[\(Texas Railroad Commission Data\)](#)

**Kat Abughazaleh has relied on her fracking parents’ money – she’s acknowledged that her parents’ wealth allowed her to go to GW without loans**

Abughazaleh graduated from [George Washington University](#) in 2020 – when tuition was [\\$71,763 a year](#). Abughazaleh has [acknowledged](#) that she was able to graduate with no student debt at all because of help from her parents: “I’m very blessed between my parents and my own scholarship to not have student loans.”

**Abughazaleh says she’s never made more than six figures – but her ethics disclosures show she’s lying**

Discussing the difficulties of running for office in a December 29, 2025 livestream, Abughazaleh [says](#), “if you are working for a wage – I’ve never made six figures in my life.” (00:12:45)

This claim, at best, only technically true. On her [financial disclosure](#), Abughazaleh reported total 2021 income of \$99,091.00 from her influencer work.

Employer	2024 Earnings
Media Matters for America	\$40,776.00
TikTok Creator Program	\$5,224.00
YouTube Partners Program	\$1,229.00
Foundation for National Progress	\$24,075.00
Crooked Media	\$2,100.00
Good Influence	\$6,000.00
Zeteo News	\$1,950.00
People for the American Way	\$15,000.00
Patreon	\$2,737.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$99,091.00</b>

**Abughazaleh’s media CEO boyfriend is funding her lifestyle**

Abughazaleh has also repeatedly acknowledged that her [boyfriend](#), the CEO of The Onion, is funding her lifestyle while she runs for office.

- [Asked](#) by *Evanston Now’s* Matthew Eadie how she funded her lifestyle, Abughazaleh answered, “I have a partner that’s, you know, helped me out with some stuff.”
- In a [September livestream](#), Abughazaleh said, “I’ve essentially just depleted my savings. I’m relying a lot on my partner to help with some of the expenses, which I’m very lucky to have that support. But it’s still nothing crazy. It’s like being able to pay rent.”
- In another [September livestream](#), “I’ve been depleting my savings. I’ve been going into credit card debt. I’ve been relying on my partner to pick up some of my slack.”
- In another [September livestream](#) discussing her living expenses, Abughazaleh said, “My partner has been very nice and helpful.”

Despite her reliance on her CEO boyfriend, Abughazaleh insists: “I have been leaning on my partner for a lot of it, but [we’re not rich](#) [...] **We rent. We’re not rich.** [...] I will tell you, comedy paper CEO – [we’re not living in the lap of luxury here.](#)” (01:35:30)