

JON OSSOFF



Atlanta
Augusta
Columbus



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

33 (2/16/87)

RELIGION

Jewish

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Married

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S., Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service;
M.S., London School of Economics



KEY HEALTH LINK

Ossoff's wife, Alisha Kramer, works as an OB/GYN.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE

Never held elected office, former staffer for Representative Hank Johnson

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

CEO, Insight TWI

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Ossoff's race was one of two Senate races in Georgia in 2020, the other being a special election to determine who will serve the rest of the term in the seat former Senator Johnny Isakson, who resigned in 2019. Neither Ossoff nor incumbent Republican David Perdue were able to clear the required 50% threshold during the November 2020 election to avoid a runoff. Ossoff defeated Perdue during the runoff election on January 5, 2021.

POLITICAL BIOGRAPHY

Ossoff began his career as a national security staffer for Representative Hank Johnson of Georgia. After leaving Johnson's staff to pursue a Master's degree at the London School of Economics, Ossoff became managing partner and CEO of Insight TWI, working to investigate and expose corruption around the world. Ossoff first ran for office in a 2017 special election in Georgia's 6th congressional district. His campaign broke the fundraising record at the time, raising \$23 million as a House candidate. Unable to clear 50% in the district's "jungle primary," Ossoff was ultimately defeated by Republican Karen Handel in the runoff election. After announcing his candidacy for Georgia's 2020 U.S. Senate election, Ossoff won the Democratic primary to take on incumbent Republican David Perdue.

INCUMBENT REPLACED

David Perdue (R), defeated in reelection bid

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In an August 2020 interview, Ossoff stated that he would have given an “F” if he was grading the federal government’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier in the summer, Ossoff quarantined himself while waiting for results of a COVID test after his wife had tested positive. His results ultimately came back negative.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Ossoff supports the ACA and achieving universal coverage by offering a public option.



MARIJUANA

Ossoff supports the legalization of marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Ossoff has stated that, in the Senate, he will work to expand access to mental health resources. He has also stated his support for access to these resources being included in a public health insurance option.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Ossoff supports allowing Medicare to negotiate for lower drug costs, as well as allowing Americans to purchase lower-cost drugs through Canada.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

During his 2017 special election campaign, Ossoff said that he is “committed to improving the process for Veterans to receive health care.” He added that, while “Veterans can wait four to six months to receive a response to their health care issues from Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals. [he] would like to restructure VA health care to reduce the response time to 12 hours.”



WOMEN’S HEALTH

Ossoff is pro-choice. He has stated that he believes “women, not the government, should control the private, personal, and complex decisions about their health.” He has also stated that he will only vote for federal judges that pledge to uphold Roe v. Wade. Ossoff’s wife, Alisha Kramer, works as an OB/GYN.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Ossoff intends to work to increase federal funding to build more health clinics and hire more health care workers. His public option plan would “include higher reimbursement rates for rural hospitals because they are vital assets in our communities.”

DID YOU KNOW?

Ossoff’s first campaign in 2017 displayed some of the issues millennial and Gen-Z candidates will face when seeking elected office, including criticisms for having dressed as Star Wars character Han Solo while a student at Georgetown University.