



Public Affairs Council

Deep Dive Congressional Tri- Caucus

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Historical Context and Evolution



- **1971 - Congressional Black Caucus (CBC)**
- **1976 - Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC)**
- **1994 - Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC)**

Structure and Function of the Tri-Caucus



- Predominantly Democratic.
- House-focused. All Caucuses are organization authorized by the House Administration Committee. Senators usually contribute with staff instead of dues.
- Collaboration enhances their ability to influence legislation.
- Factors determining direction of each caucus: leadership, taskforce assignments, and member demographics.

CBC Leadership



REP. STEVEN HORSFORD
Chair
D-NV-04



REP. YVETTE D. CLARKE
1st Vice Chair
D-NY-09



REP. TROY CARTER
2nd Vice Chair
D-LA-02



REP. LUCY MCBATH
Secretary
D-GA-07



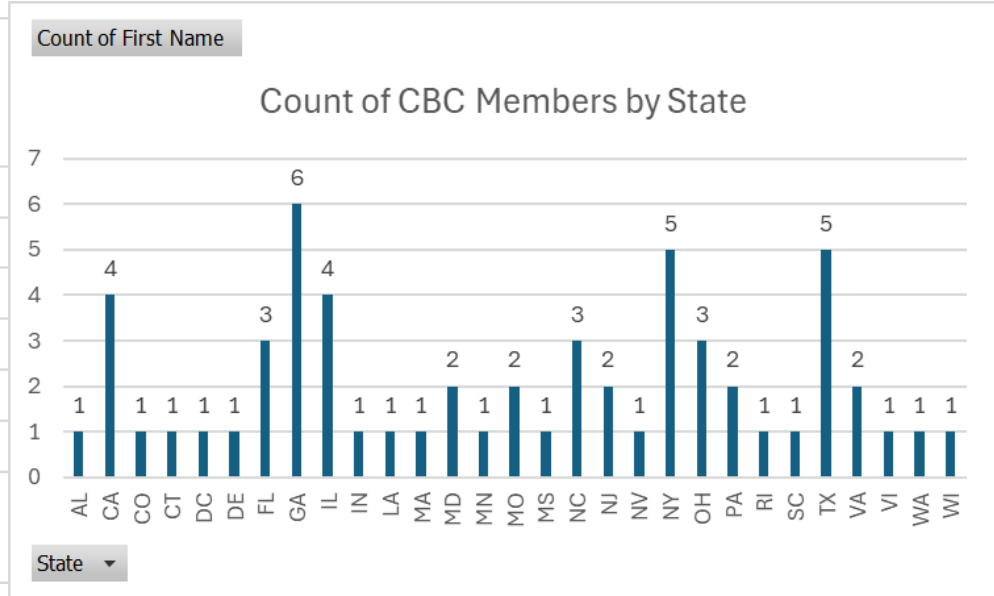
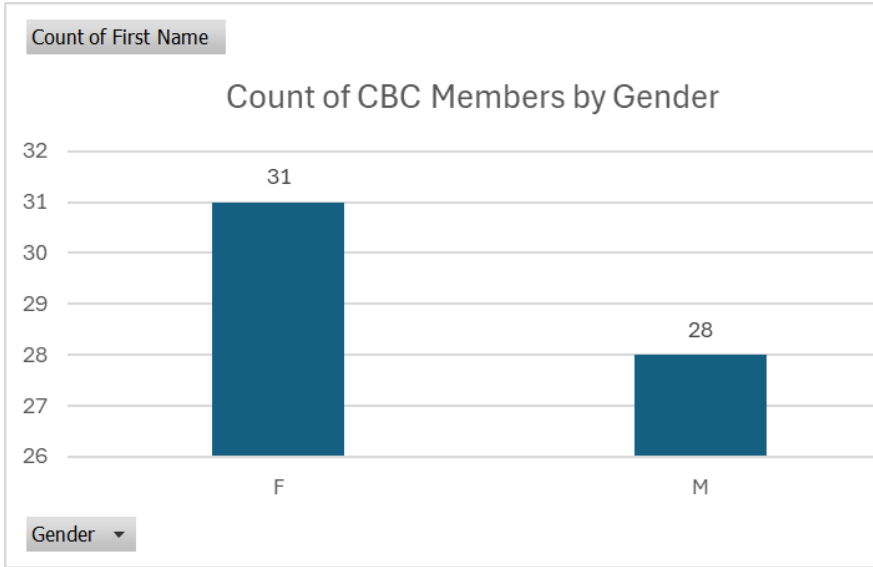
REP. MARILYN STRICKLAND
Whip
D-WA-10

CBC Task Forces



1. **Education:** Rep. Jahana Hayes, Rep. Jamaal Bowman
2. **Race & Justice:** Rep. Hank Johnson, Rep. Summer Lee
3. **Advocacy & Litigation:** Rep. Terri Sewell
4. **Foreign Affairs & Immigration:** Rep. Gregory Meeks, Rep. Yvette Clarke
5. **Health, Nutrition & Well Being:** Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman, Rep. Don Davis
6. **Environmental Justice, Clean Energy & Infrastructure:** Rep. Marc Veasey, Rep. Emilia Strong Sykes
7. **Future of Work:** Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester
8. **Housing & Economic Prosperity:** Rep. Joyce Beatty, Rep. Ritchie Torres, Rep. Jonathan Jackson
9. **Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys:** Chair: Rep. Frederica Wilson
10. **Constituent Outreach & Engagement:** Co-Leads: Rep. Cori Bush, Rep. Troy Carter
11. **Public Safety:**
 - LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP: Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee
 - MESSAGING WORKING GROUP: Rep. Andre Carson
 - OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT WORKING GROUP: Rep. Joyce Beatty

CBC Membership Demographics



CHC Leadership



Rep. Nanette Diaz Barragán
Chair



Rep. Adriano Espaillat
Deputy Chair



Rep. Gabe Vasquez
Vice Chair of Diversity and Inclusion



Rep. Tony Cárdenas
Vice Chair of Member Engagement



Rep. Sylvia Garcia
Whip



Rep. Darren Soto
Vice Chair of Policy



Rep. Norma Torres
Vice Chair of Communications



Rep. Andrea Salinas
Freshman Representative

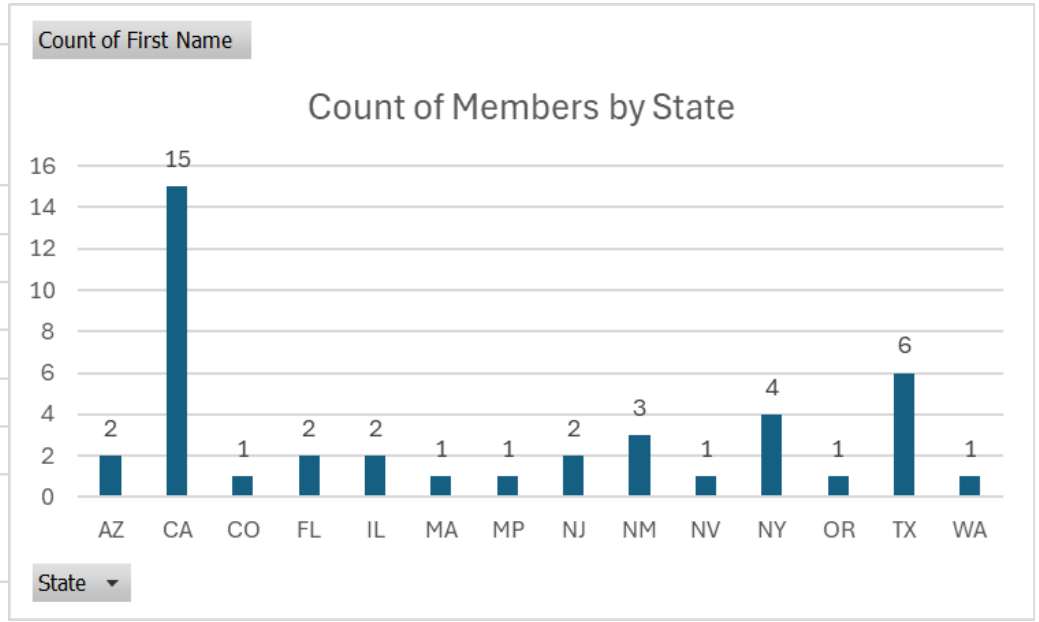
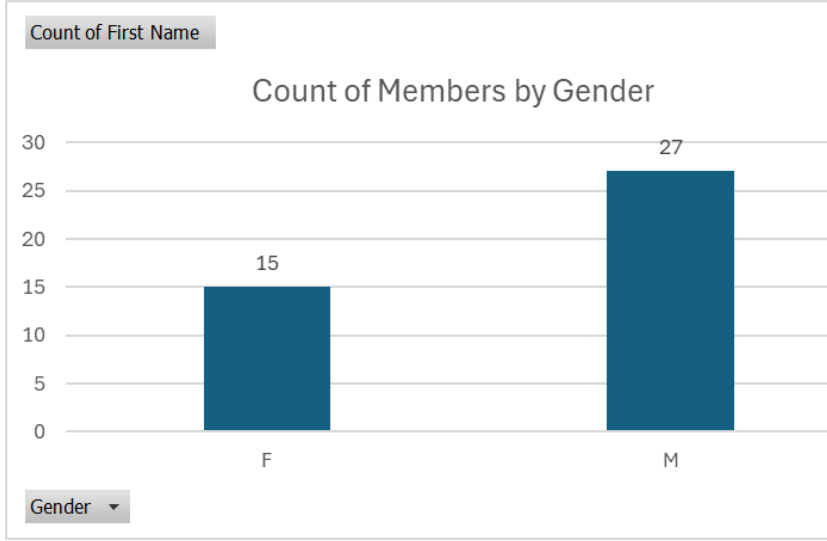
CHC Task Forces



1. Health
2. Economy
3. Border and Immigration
4. Climate Change
5. Racial Justice

***Traditional Caucuses. No assignments in the 118th Congress.**

CHC Membership Demographics



CAPAC Leadership



Rep. Judy Chu

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Rep. Grace Meng

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Rep. Mark Takano

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Rep. Ted Lieu

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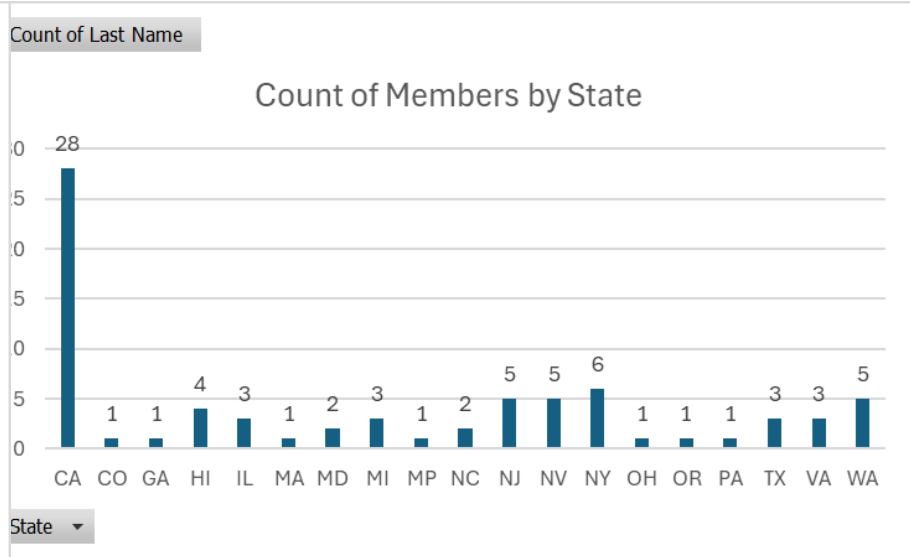
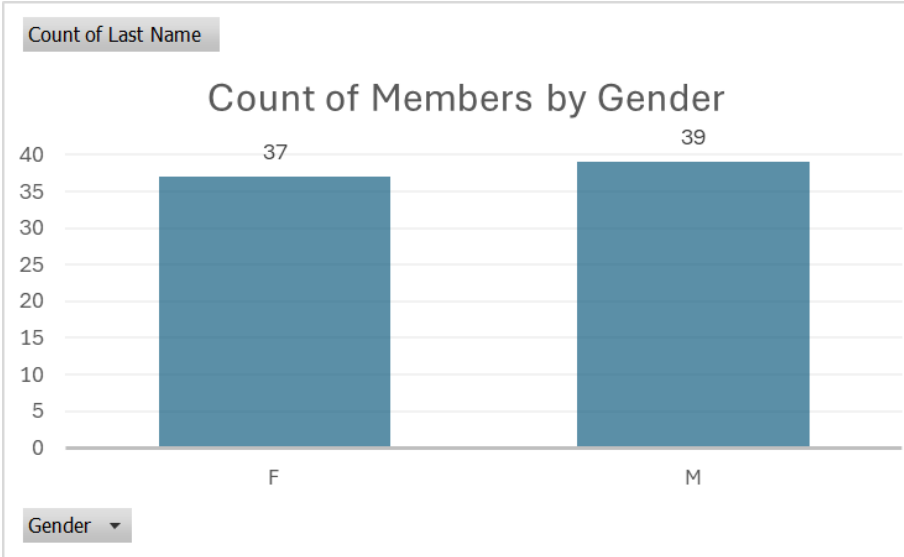


CAPAC Task Forces



- 1. Civil Rights & Voting Rights:**
Chair: Rep. Bobby Scott (VA-03)
- 1. Economic Development & Workforce:**
Chair: Rep. Ro Khanna (CA-17)
- 1. Education:**
Chair: Rep. Mark Takano (CA-39)
- 1. Healthcare:**
Co-Chairs: Rep. Ami Bera (CA-06) & Rep. Barbara Lee (CA-12)
- 1. Housing:**
Chair: Rep. Al Green (TX-09)
- 1. Immigration:**
Co-Chairs: Rep. Pramila Jayapal (WA-07) & Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (IL-08)
- 1. Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander:**
Co-Chairs: Del. Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (MP-00) and Rep. Jill Tokuda (HI-02)
- 1. Veterans and Armed Services:**
Chair: Rep. Ted Lieu (CA-36)

CAPAC Membership Demographics



Tri Caucus Influence in Exclusive Committees



- House Energy and Commerce:
 - CAPAC: Doris Matsui.
 - CBC: Yvette Clarke, Marc Veasey, Robin Kelly, Lisa Blunt Rochester.
 - CHC: Tony Cardenas, Raul Ruiz, Nanette Diaz Barragan. Darren Soto, Lori Trahan.
- House Ways and Means Committee:
 - CAPAC: Judy Chu.
 - CBC: Danny Davis, Terri Sewell, Gwen Moore, Dwight Evans.
 - CHC: Linda Sanchez, Jimmy Gomez.
- House Appropriations Committee:
 - CAPAC: Grace Meng.
 - CBC: Sanford Bishop, Barbara Lee, Bonnie Watson Coleman, Lauren Underwood.
 - CHC: Henry Cuellar, Pete Aguilar, Norma Torres, Adriano Espaillat.

Tri Caucus Influence in House Leadership



- CBC: House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries
- CHC: House Democratic Caucus Chair Pete Aguilar

Examples of Collective Action



- COVID-19
- Immigration reform
- Police brutality and systemic racism

Building Relationships with Individual Caucuses



- Research
- Attend events and forums
- Offer value: data or collaborative opportunities
- Identify leaders
- Consistent communication
- Support their priorities

Tangible Requests



- Member Briefings: standalone or during business meetings.
- Staff Briefings: standalone or during staff meetings.
- Meeting with Caucus staff.
- Distribute materials with entire staff.
- Legislation endorsements.
- Roundtables.

Engagement Strategies



Nonprofit:

- CHC: Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute.
- CBC: Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Congressional Black Caucus Institute.
- CAPAC: Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies.

Political:

- BOLD PAC
- CBC PAC
- ASPIRE



Questions?

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