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Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's SOTU guest: Soros-funded activist who confronted Jeff Flake in an elevator

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The State of the Union guest of Democrat Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, N.Y., is the George Soros-funded activist who made headlines by confronting Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., in an elevator to protest Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination.

Ocasio-Cortez said on Twitter Monday she is "proud" to have invited Ana Maria Archila, the executive director of the Center for Popular Democracy, which the New York Times [reported](#) is a New York-based progressive organizing group, to Tuesday night's address.

Archila thanked Ocasio-Cortez for the invite.

Archila was one of several protesters who confronted Flake as he was getting into an elevator in the Senate building last September. The day before, he had announced his intention to vote to confirm Justice Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, after also saying he found Kavanaugh sexual misconduct accuser Christine Blasey Ford's testimony to be credible. Archila and fellow activist Maria Gallagher blocked the doors of the elevator from closing as they cornered Flake.

Last October, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa., came under fire after he suggested that Archila's activism was funded by George Soros. After the mainstream media attacked Grassley and accused him of advancing this claim without evidence, Rob Eno, editor of Blaze Media's WTF MSM!?! newsletter, [showed](#) how Archila's organization regularly receives grants from George Soros' Open Society Foundations. Soros may not have paid her directly to protest in that elevator, but she is the paid executive director of a group that takes Soros' cash.

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