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Bragg's campaign received \$500,000 from a progressive PAC, Color of Change, backed by George Soros. Bragg's position on law enforcement is in the mold of other radical Soros-backed DAs, including Kim Foxx in Chicago, George Gascon, who survived a recall effort in Los Angeles, and Chesa Boudin, the San Francisco DA who was successfully recalled.

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BRAGG'S DISASTROUS 'DAY ONE' MEMO

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On January 6, 2022, Bragg Announced In A Memo That He Would Be Prosecuting A Variety Of Misdemeanors. A Variety Of Offenses, Instead Giving Them A "Desk Appearance Ticket" If They Face Punishment At all. "Just days after taking office, Manhattan district attorney Alvin Bragg released a memo detailing new charging, bail, plea and sentencing policies that he said he believes will make the city safer and the criminal justice system more fair, yet the plan faces criticism from police union leaders. Among the crimes Bragg said his office would not prosecute: marijuana misdemeanors, including selling more than three ounces; not paying public transportation fare; trespassing except a fourth degree stalking charge, resisting arrest, obstructing governmental administration in certain cases, and prostitution. Misdemeanor offenses that are legally required to be given a 'desk appearance ticket' will be offered diversion or community-based programs intended to help an offender, the memo said. The office may also decline to prosecute the offense." (Sonia Moghe, "Manhattan District Attorney Announces He Won't Prosecute Certain Crimes," [CNN](#), 1/6/22)

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In This Memo, Bragg Also Increased The Amount Of Unsecured Bond At The Same Level As Cash Bail, Allowing More People Charged With A Crime To Get Back Out On The Streets. "Bragg also outlined a policy to request partially or unsecured bond in the same amount as cash bail requests. 'Safety is paramount. New Yorkers deserve to be safe from crime and safe from the dangers posed by mass incarceration. We will be tough when we need to be, but we will not be seeking to destroy lives through unnecessary incarceration,' Bragg said on Twitter." (Sonia Moghe, "Manhattan District Attorney Announces He Won't Prosecute Certain Crimes," [CNN](#), 1/6/22)

Bragg's "Day One" Memo Also Stated His Office Would Treat Armed Robbery As A Misdemeanor, Claiming His Policies "Will Make Us Safer." "Bragg's "Day One" memorandum said the district attorney's office would not prosecute fare beating, resisting arrest and other nonviolent crimes in an attempt to decriminalize poverty and mental illness and balance fairness and safety. It also said prosecutors should treat armed robbery in commercial settings as misdemeanor petit larceny if there is no genuine risk of physical harm and disallowed bail conditions for pre-trial cases except for 'very serious cases.' The policies, he wrote, 'will make us safer.'" (Aaron Katersky, "Manhattan DA Backtracks On Prosecution Memo Perceived As Soft On Crime," [ABC News](#), 2/4/22)

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These Policies Were Criticized By The Police Benevolent Association For Allowing "Criminals On The Street." And Enabling Criminals By Making It Appear They Would Face No Consequences. "The policy reform plan has drawn ire from police union Police Benevolent Association, whose president said the organization is

concerned about the messages these types of policies send to police officers and ‘criminals on the street.’ ‘Police officers don’t want to be sent out to enforce laws that the district attorneys won’t prosecute,’ PBA president Patrick Lynch said in a statement to CNN. ‘And there are already too many people who believe that they can commit crimes, resist arrest, interfere with police officers and face zero consequences.’ Lynch said in the statement that he looks forward to discussing these issues with Bragg.” (Sonia Moghe, “Manhattan District Attorney Announces He Won’t Prosecute Certain Crimes,” [CNN](#), 1/6/22)

The Police Commissioner, Keechant Sewell, Claimed Bragg’s Policies “Will Invite Violence Against Police Officers And Will Have Deleterious Effects On Our Relationship With The Communities We Protect.” “The memo prompted a scathing review from the city’s new police commissioner, Keechant Sewell, who feared Bragg’s policies “will invite violence against police officers and will have deleterious effects on our relationship with the communities we protect,” she said the day after the memo was issued.” (Aaron Katersky, “Manhattan DA Backtracks On Prosecution Memo Perceived As Soft On Crime,” [ABC News](#), 2/4/22)

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In February 2022, Bragg Rolled Back Several Of His Policies After Two Members Of The NYPD Were Shot In The Line Of Duty. “A month into his tenure, Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg on Friday sought to clarify some of his prosecutorial policies that fueled criticism he is soft on crime. Bragg’s letter to his staff, obtained by ABC News, came the same week the NYPD finished burying two police officers shot in the line of duty. The widow of officer Jason Rivera, Dominique Luzuriaga, received a standing ovation during her husband’s funeral at St. Patrick’s Cathedral when she called out Bragg and his approach to law enforcement. ‘The system continues to fail us’ she said. ‘We’re not safe anymore. I know you were tired of these laws, especially the ones from the new DA. I hope he’s watching you speak through me right now.’” (Aaron Katersky, “Manhattan DA Backtracks On Prosecution Memo Perceived As Soft On Crime,” [ABC News](#), 2/4/22)

Bragg Conceded That His Memo “Has Been A Source Of Confusion, Rather Than Clarity” And Walked Back A Variety Of His Policies. “Bragg conceded the ‘Day One’ memo that outlined his approach ‘has been a source of confusion, rather than clarity,’ according to the letter to his staff sent Friday. ‘Violence against police officers will not be tolerated. We will prosecute any person who harms or attempts to harm a police officer,’ Bragg’s letter said. Bragg backtracked on how the office will prosecute commercial robbery. ‘A commercial robbery with a gun will be charged as a felony, whether or not the gun is operable, loaded, or a realistic imitation. A commercial robbery at knifepoint, or by other weapon that creates a risk of physical harm, will be charged as a felony,’ the letter said. ‘In retail thefts that do not involve a risk of physical harm, the Office will continue to assess the charges based on all of the aggravating and mitigating circumstances presented.’ Bragg also sought to reassure assistant district attorneys they retained discretion in the way they handle cases after his initial memo required them to “obtain the approval” of a supervisor to deviate from his policies. ‘You were hired for your keen judgment, and I want you to use that judgment – and experience – in every case,’ Bragg said.” (Aaron Katersky, “Manhattan DA Backtracks On Prosecution Memo Perceived As Soft On Crime,” [ABC News](#), 2/4/22)

FAILING TO PROSECUTE CRIME

Under Bragg, Crime In New York Has Increased While Prosecution Of Crime Has Dropped Across Several Categories

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The Crime Prevention Research Center President Said “Bragg Has Been In Office Just A Year, But Manhattan Seems To Be Getting Progressively Worse In Crime.” “Bragg’s position, and that of his supporters, is that he is waging a battle against a lack of equity in the criminal justice system, given that there is an outsized proportion

of minorities being sent to prison. Trump is on record calling Bragg a 'racist,' and his allies say the DA's tactics have led to a surge in crimes committed in Manhattan as prosecutions have fallen. 'Bragg has been in office just a year, but Manhattan seems to be getting progressively worse in crime,' said John Lott, president of the Crime Prevention Research Center, which describes itself as a non-partisan research organization with academics affiliated from Harvard University, The Wharton School, University of Chicago, University of Michigan and Emory University. Lott is also author of the book 'More Guns, Less Crime.'" (Paul Bond, "Alvin Bragg's 'Soft On Crime' Policies Face Scrutiny As Manhattan DA Goes After Trump," [Newsweek](#), 3/21/23)

According To The Crime Prevention Research Center, Major Felony Offenses Including Rape And Murder Have Risen By 26 Percent. "According to his group's research, culled from the Manhattan D.A. Office's Data Dashboard, from 2021 to 2022, Manhattan's seven major felony offenses (murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, grand larceny and grand larceny auto) rose by 26 percent to the highest since 2006." (Paul Bond, "Alvin Bragg's 'Soft On Crime' Policies Face Scrutiny As Manhattan DA Goes After Trump," [Newsweek](#), 3/21/23)

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According To The Crime Prevention Research Center, The Number Of Felony Crimes Bragg Declined To Prosecute Rose 35 Percent In 2022 Versus 2019. "According to Lott's group, the number of felony cases Bragg declined to prosecute rose 35 percent in 2022 compared to 2019, while the drop in misdemeanor prosecutions resulting in jail sentences fell by 78 percent. 'What makes this all the more remarkable is that this huge drop occurred while the number of offenses was increasing,' said Lott. The New York Post has been among Bragg's most prominent critics. Sample headline: 'Armed robbers, drug dealers and burglars, rejoice! You have a friend in new Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg.'" (Paul Bond, "Alvin Bragg's 'Soft On Crime' Policies Face Scrutiny As Manhattan DA Goes After Trump," [Newsweek](#), 3/21/23)

The Crime Prevention Research Center Claimed Bragg Is Reducing Penalties Specifically On Black Criminals, Who Overwhelmingly Commit Crimes Against Other Black New Yorkers "Alvin Bragg explicitly motivated his reforms to equalize the incarceration rate across racial groups,' said Lott. 'But while Bragg is reducing the penalties on Black criminals, he is ignoring that the victims of these Black criminals are overwhelmingly Black. For example, Blacks murdered about 90 percent of Black murder victims. But whatever Bragg's motivation, the bottom line is simple: if you make it less risky for criminals to commit crime, you will get more crime.'" (Paul Bond, "Alvin Bragg's 'Soft On Crime' Policies Face Scrutiny As Manhattan DA Goes After Trump," [Newsweek](#), 3/21/23)

In 2022, Bragg Downgraded 52% Of Felony Cases To Misdemeanors, While Only Winning A Conviction On Felony Charges He Prosecuted 51% Of The Time. "Soft-on-crime Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg has downgraded more than half his felony cases to misdemeanors — while also managing to lose half of the felony cases that do reach court. Since taking office on Jan. 1, Bragg has downgraded 52% of felony cases to misdemeanors — compared to 39% in all of 2019. Between 2013 and 2020, under District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr., the percentage of cases the office downgraded had never exceeded 40%, according to data made public by the DA's office. When serious felony charges are brought, Bragg's office wins a conviction just 51% of the time — down from 68% in 2019, the last year before the pandemic disrupted the court system." (Melissa Klein, "NYC Convictions Plummet, Downgraded Charges Surge Under Manhattan DA Bragg," [New York Post](#), 11/26/22)

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criminal justice reform, proudly displays the numbers on his web site, the only one of the city's five district attorneys to do so. 'The people in charge right now want to talk about gun violence and getting these shootings down,' said Jennifer Harrison, the founder of Victims Rights NY. 'But I wonder how many of the incidents [where] the charges were downgraded or dismissed or dropped involved guns or weapons, and how are we going to eradicate this kind of violence when people like Alvin Bragg are in charge?'" (Melissa Klein, "NYC Convictions Plummet, Downgraded Charges Surge Under Manhattan DA Bragg," [New York Post](#), 11/26/22)

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Despite The NYPD Charging Far More Felonies In 2022 Compared To 2018, Since Bragg Took Assumed Office Prosecutions Have Dropped By More Than 18%

The New York Police Department Has Charged 31,175 More Felonies In 2022 Than Were Charged In 2018. (Crimes Stats, [New York City Police Department](#), Accessed 4/7/23)

OFFENSE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
MURDER & NON-NEGL. MANSLAUGHTER	295	319	468	488	438
RAPE	1794	1755	1427	1491	1617
ROBBERY	12913	13371	13106	13831	17411
FELONY ASSAULT	20208	20698	20572	22835	26063
BURGLARY	11687	10783	15478	12811	15746
GRAND LARCENY	43558	43250	35505	40870	51565
GRAND LARCENY OF MOTOR VEHICLE	5428	5430	9037	10415	13749
FELONY POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY	951	733	699	712	967
FORGERY/THEFT_FRAUD/IDENTITY THEFT	9413	8684	4746	8389	9052
ARSON	741	711	832	632	655
FELONY SEX CRIMES (3)	1615	1562	1143	1503	1478
FELONY DANGEROUS DRUGS (1)	11236	9587	5372	5485	5742
FELONY DANGEROUS WEAPONS (2)	4639	4219	3677	3990	4807
FEL. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF & RELATED OFFENSES	10427	11302	11569	12179	14032
OTHER FELONIES (4)	13645	14686	12977	14745	16403
TOTAL MAJOR FELONY OFFENSES	148,550	147,090	136,808	150,376	179,725

The New York Police Department Has Charged 17,561 More Misdemeanors In 2022 Than Were Charged In 2019. (Crimes Stats, [New York City Police Department](#), Accessed 4/7/23)

MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
MISDEMEANOR POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY	835	679	466	514	685
MISDEMEANOR SEX CRIMES (4)	5827	5805	4221	5573	6550
MISDEMEANOR DANGEROUS DRUGS (1)	19943	10854	5468	4603	4683
MISDEMEANOR DANGEROUS WEAPONS (5)	3259	2078	1215	1444	2009
PETIT LARCENY	86489	89314	82101	87105	115658
ASSAULT 3 & RELATED OFFENSES	43126	42529	33400	36553	41161
INTOXICATED & IMPAIRED DRIVING	4987	4369	2380	2577	2870
VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAWS	6722	6777	6314	8381	13322
MISD. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF & RELATED OFFENSES	36835	35876	35694	32643	30817
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	6445	5405	3194	2771	3322
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE	1640	1604	1488	1294	1427
OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON (7)	1150	1266	872	1048	1167
OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (2)	7554	7640	5491	5741	6527
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (6)	961	1045	876	725	768
FRAUDS (3)	3775	3180	2373	5197	5083
AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT 2	19375	18120	14441	15929	17152
OTHER MISDEMEANORS (8)	22707	19497	14269	16534	20398
TOTAL MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES	271630	256038	214263	228632	273599

Under Bragg's Failed Leadership, The Manhattan District Attorney's Office Has Prosecuted 17,320 Fewer Cases In 2022 Than Were Prosecuted In 2018. (Arrests, [Manhattan District Attorney Data Dashboard](#), Accessed 4/7/23)

Year	Prosecute	Decline To Prosecute
2018	50,865	4,240
2019	41,914	4,209
2020	24,272	3,061
2021	30,397	2,498
2022	33,545	1,396
Decline In Prosecution From 2018 To 2022	17,320	2,844

VICTIMS OF BRAGG'S POLICIES

Under Bragg, Criminals Are Receiving Sweetheart Plea Deals And Committing More Crimes Against New Yorkers

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After Getting A Deal With Bragg's Office To Drop Four Charges Of Larceny, An Alleged Gang Member Was Arrested After Punching A 14-Year-Old Boy And Stealing From Him. "Four months ago, the New York Post reported that four charges of larceny would be dropped against an alleged gang member with a long history of crime who was accused of stealing \$25,000 in merchandise in four heists. The deal from Bragg's office required him to attend five sessions with Manhattan Justice Opportunities, which provides social workers to council criminals convicted of both misdemeanors and felonies. Last month, he was arrested again after he and three others allegedly punched a 14-year-old boy and stole his cash and phone, according to the complaint." (Paul Bond, "Alvin Bragg's 'Soft On Crime' Policies Face Scrutiny As Manhattan DA Goes After Trump," [Newsweek](#), 3/21/23)

Wilfred Ocasio, Who Had Been Previously Incarcerated For Rape And Robbery, After Being Arrested 33 Times In Three Months For Minor Theft

The Police Commissioner, Keechant Sewell, Highlighted The Example Of Wilfred Ocasio, Who Had Been Incarcerated For Rape And Robbery, After Being Arrested 33 Times In Three Months For Larceny. "A month earlier, Police Commissioner Keechant Sewell complained on television that the NYPD is 'arresting the same people over and over' due to bail reform that allows accused criminals to remain free while awaiting trial. She used as an example Wilfredo Ocasio, who, after serving time for rape and robbery, was arrested for petit larceny 33 times in three months." (Paul Bond, "Alvin Bragg's 'Soft On Crime' Policies Face Scrutiny As Manhattan DA Goes After Trump," [Newsweek](#), 3/21/23)

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In January 2023, Bragg Offered A Six Month Plea Deal To A Gang Member Involved In An Antisemitic Attack, Including Striking The Victim With A Crutch On Four Occasions Recorded On Video. "And in January, Bragg courted controversy again by offering a six-month plea deal to Waseem Awadeh, one of four alleged gang members arrested for an antisemitic attack on Joseph Borgen, who was wearing a Yarmulke while walking to a pro-Israel event in Manhattan. The accused men pepper-sprayed him, and punched and kicked him, all captured on video, with Awadeh allegedly striking him with a crutch on four occasions." (Paul Bond, "Alvin Bragg's 'Soft On Crime' Policies Face Scrutiny As Manhattan DA Goes After Trump," [Newsweek](#), 3/21/23)

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Four Defendants Involved With The Murder Of Army Vet Hason Correa Received Reduced Sentences, With Two Taking Plea Deals From Bragg. "So far this year, 1,210 felony cases have resulted in a prison sentence, a 29% drop from 1,699 in 2019. As for misdemeanor cases, the drop was even steeper — 78% — with just 522 resulting in jail compared to 2,413 in 2019. Anguished Manhattan mom Madeline Brame says she was 'traumatized' by the outcome of the case against the four defendants in the 2018 murder of her Army vet son, Hason Correa, 35. Two got plea deals from Bragg's office, one pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and the fourth was convicted of gang assault at trial earlier this month." (Melissa Klein, "NYC Convictions Plummet, Downgraded Charges Surge Under Manhattan DA Bragg," [New York Post](#), 11/26/22)



Conversely, Bragg Chose To Prosecute Murder Charges Against A Bodega Worker Who Killed A Crazy Customer That Attacked Him In His Harlem Store

Bragg Chose To Prosecute Murder Charges Against Jose Alba, A Bodega Worker Who Killed A Crazy Customer Who Attacked Him In His Harlem Store, Before Public Outcry Caused Him To Drop The Charges.

“Bragg did come down hard on bodega worker Jose Alba, who killed a crazy customer attacking him in his Harlem store. After a public outcry, Bragg dropped the murder charge against him. Meanwhile, major crimes are up throughout Manhattan, with a 38% increase through Nov. 20 in Manhattan South and a 17% rise in Manhattan North compared to the same period last year. ‘The real question at this point is why do you have a DA’s office? What is the DA’s office there for? The guy is avowedly anti-punishment. He’s avowedly anti-responsibility. These numbers reflect that,’ said Eugene O’Donnell, a John Jay College of Criminal Justice professor and a former NYPD officer and prosecutor in Queens and Brooklyn.” (Melissa Klein, “NYC Convictions Plummet, Downgraded Charges Surge Under Manhattan DA Bragg,” [New York Post](#), 11/26/22)