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For the new issue of @TheProspect, I sat with @RepMarieNewman, @RepCori, @RepBowman, and @RepMondaire to talk strategies/priorities for the next two years, how and where they plan to wield power. If you're into these left strategy debates, this is for you.

No two members of The Squad are the same—@AOC's approach is different than @IlhanMN's is different than @AyannaPressley's. The new squad, or the reinforcements, or whatever, will all bring their own quirks to governing different from how they campaigned. https://t.co/lOlQR5jFbg

The Democratic majority in the House is so small that these four alone could effectively decide whether things live or die. But with Pelosi's grip on the chamber they will have few opportunities to legislate. But they're also part of a newly empowered CPC. https://t.co/lOlQR5jFbg

Here's Marie Newman on the #ForcetheVote strategy, and what she makes of claims that progressives have abandoned their commitment to get Medicare for All done. There's a plan, she says, that doesn't suck.

Here's Cori Bush on her theory of the bully pulpit, and how she plans to use outside channels to get stuff done.

Here's Jamaal Bowman on legislative priorities, and how a good stimulus package should be the way into getting reparations done.

And here's Mondaire Jones, perhaps the party's most vocal member on the need for process reforms, weighing in on the filibuster, striking a polar opposite stance to Kyrsten Sinema and Joe Manchin.

The common thread here is a real belief in the power of the reformed Congressional Progressive Caucus, now the largest voting bloc in the Democratic party. All four think that is a major shift that is going to yield major results. https://t.co/lOlQR5jFbg

bonus: Jamaal Bowman wants to start a hip-hop caucus.

Anyways, I think these are illuminating and worth a read. If you think these reps are misguided or compromised or not committed to progressive causes, mine these transcripts for evidence. If you're curious what the session will yield, look here for clues. https://t.co/lOlQR5jFbg