

**The Honorable Patricia Saiki**  
U.S. Representative of Hawaii (1987–1991)

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Representative Saiki shares her approach to making political connections with her colleagues and constituents.

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But when you present instances or examples where they are personally involved one way or another then the whole attitude changes. And so in politics, that's what it is, isn't it? It's personal. You know, you can take any issue, but it doesn't matter unless it affects you in some way or another. And I always took that as a way to reach people. I don't care whether they're Republican or Democrat or independent. It takes the issue and the persons involved, and you can make changes if you have a positive way of handling any serious question.