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Many academics have entered the political scene in recent years, but few have actually run for Congress. One such academic is Barbara Comstock, a Republican running for the open seat in District 7 of Virginia. Comstock has a background in engineering and other technical fields, and she has raised more than $35,000 and loaned her campaign more than $10,000.

Comstock is facing a tough challenge from Democratic candidate Chris columns, who is a young engineer looking to unseat the incumbent Republican John Culberson in the purple District 7 in Texas. Molly Sheehan, a biochemist, is also running against Republican John Culberson in Pennsylvania. Sheehan is a clinical oncologist and is challenging Republican Rick Saccone in the district that is up for election.

In addition to academics, other professionals are also running for Congress. Former NASA astronaut Charles Schmidt is running as a Democrat in Missouri's 6th District. Schmidt is known for his role in the space program and has a background in engineering.

One of the reasons why academics are running for Congress is that they have a unique perspective on policy issues. They often have expertise in fields such as science, technology, and economics, which can be valuable in making informed decisions in Congress.

Another reason is that many academics are concerned about the direction of the country. They see Congress as a place where change can happen and are willing to take the step to run for office to make that change a reality.

Overall, the trend of academics running for Congress is a sign of increasing political engagement among a diverse group of professionals.