

America at Its Best. That's Progressive.

Reclaiming the National Agenda

2008 HERALDS THE WELCOMED END of a presidential administration and a change in leadership for our country. 2008 may very well also mark the year that our nation begins a 21st century era of progress based on the progressive traditions of America at its best. Americans appear to be ready, after eight long years of destructive, small-minded, and ineffectual conservative policies, to embrace a new direction and a progressive agenda.

By reclaiming a national mandate for change, progressives now have a manifest opportunity to:

- End the war in Iraq and restore America's global leadership
- Accelerate America's transformation from an economy based on high-carbon sources that put our national security and health of our planet at risk to a low-carbon economy built on sustainable sources of energy
- Reinvigorate our economy and ensure that workers at all skill levels have prospects for good jobs, rising incomes, and a functioning safety net
- Provide affordable health care to every American
- Expand access to effective education for all our children and give them the skills they need to succeed

Putting progressives in a position to assume the leadership of our country has been a long and arduous journey. It meant rebuilding a progressive movement from the ground up that could go "toe to toe" with established and well-funded conservative rivals. It required establishing new and lasting institutions that would provide new solutions to the challenges facing the country and a sharp and reasoned critique of conservative policy. It demanded

a modernization of our communications capabilities so that progressives could then demand a new balance in the multimedia environment in which officials and elites debate.

The Center for American Progress and our sister organization, the Center for American Progress Action Fund, provide a foundation for today's progressive activism and voice. We have led the effort to push back against failed conservative policies and constructed a framework for what today's progressive policies could look like and how they could be realized. Our powerful blend of policy analysis and media sophistication helps create an environment in which public officials and media elites now debate the critical policies and issues more and more on our terms. And our partnerships and convening bring activists and voters together to demand the seismic changes the country requires.

Getting there, however, may only prove to be half the battle.

We changed the way progressives fight. Now we need the progressive policies to be put in place.

If 2008 is the year progressive ideas win the day, then 2009 will surely begin the hard labor of seeing our ideas and ideals enacted into a new progressive governing agenda for our nation. CAP and CAPAF stand ready to help propel our policies over the true finish line—creating anew a nation steeped in the practice, policy, and ideals of the American progressive movement.



John Podesta, President and CEO

About Us

Who We Are

The Center for American Progress is a think tank dedicated to improving the lives of Americans through ideas and action. We combine bold policy ideas with a modern communications platform to help shape the national debate, expose the hollowness of conservative governing philosophy, and challenge the media to cover the issues that truly matter.

The Center for American Progress Action Fund transforms progressive ideas into policy through rapid response communications, legislative action, grassroots organizing, and advocacy, and partnerships with other progressive leaders throughout the country and the world.

Our work builds upon progressive ideals put forth by such leaders as Teddy Roosevelt, FDR, JFK, and Martin Luther King. We draw from the great social movements of the 20th century—from labor rights and worker safety, to civil rights and women's suffrage. We translate those values into new ideas and action firmly rooted in the economic and political realities of the 21st century.

Founded in 2003, CAP is headed by John D. Podesta, former chief of staff to President Bill Clinton and Visiting Professor at the Georgetown University Center of Law. CAP and CAPAF are designed to provide long-term leadership and support to the progressive movement. Our ability to develop thoughtful policy proposals *and* engage in the war of ideas with conservatives is unique and effective.

How We Work

Through dialogue with leaders, thinkers, and citizens, we explore the vital issues facing America and the world. We develop a point of view and take a stand. We then build on that and develop bold new ideas.

We shape the national debate. We share our point of view with everyone who can put our ideas into practice and effect positive change. That means online, on campus, in the media, on the shop floor, in faith communities, and in the boardroom. Our progressive partners take our ideas to Congress and statehouses.



What We Believe

As progressives, we believe America is a land of boundless opportunity, where people can better themselves, their children, their families, and their communities through education, hard work, and the freedom to climb the ladder of economic mobility. We believe an open and effective government can champion the common good over narrow self-interest, harness the strength of our diversity, and secure the rights and safety of its people. And we believe our nation must always be a beacon of hope and strength to the rest of the world.

In other words, a progressive is someone who is idealistic enough to believe that things can be better and practical enough to get it done.

Our Priorities

1 **Creating progressive growth**

THAT IS ROBUST, BROAD-BASED,
AND RESTORES ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
TO ALL AMERICANS

2 **Restoring America's global leadership**

TO MAKE AMERICA
MORE SECURE AND BUILD A BETTER WORLD

3 **Delivering universal health care**

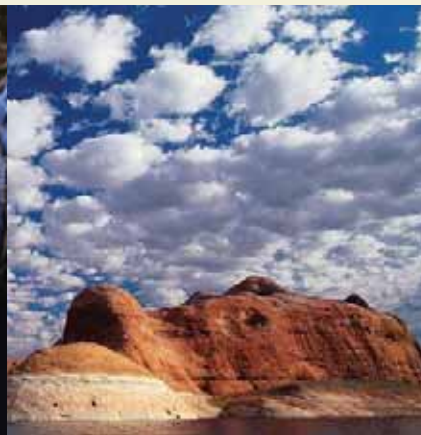
SO THAT QUALITY,
AFFORDABLE HEALTH SERVICES
ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL AMERICANS

4 **Seizing the energy opportunity**

TO CREATE A CLEAN,
INNOVATION-LED ECONOMY THAT SUPPORTS
A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

5 **Providing access to effective education**

FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN TO GIVE THEM
THE SKILLS TO SUCCEED



Our Progressive Blueprint

Our Work

AMERICAN PROGRESS IS WORKING with New Democracy Project to produce *A Progressive Blueprint: An Agency-by-Agency Transition for the 44th President*, a website and volume drafted by 50 leading scholars, authors, and former government officials. The project incorporates the expertise of those who previously spent years immersed in policy issues and studying or running the key agencies at the federal or state levels. This way, we can ensure that on January 20, 2009, the next president has specific plans to undo the damage of the past eight years and to pursue a new agenda from 2009 to 2013. *Progressive Blueprint* will be published by Basic Books at the end of 2008, just in time for a new administration.



A Strategy for Growth and Opportunity

The American economy faces challenges both immediate and fundamental. Even as CAP addresses the problems of a collapsing housing market, skyrocketing food and energy prices and stalled growth, we stay focused on the strategies needed for broadly-shared prosperity.

Our Work

IN LATE 2007, CAP PROPOSED an economic strategy for the next Administration: *Progressive Growth: Transforming America's Economy through Clean Energy, Innovation, and Opportunity*. Separate reports detail elements of the plan: the transition to a low-carbon economy, regaining our edge in innovation, restoring economic mobility, an international economic strategy, and a fiscal strategy that shows how America can responsibly afford this progressive agenda. These core strategies, in pursuit of an economy that is, inseparably, growing and providing opportunity, form the basis for all of our economic work.



Promoting Innovation and Economic Mobility

The American Progress economic team includes a dozen senior fellows including Gene Sperling, former National Economic Council Director; Dr. Laura Tyson, the former Council of Economic Advisors Chair, NEC Director, and Dean of Haas and London Business Schools; Dan Tarullo, former Assistant to the President for International Economic Policy; and Professor Christian Weller of the University of Massachusetts. Together the team brings a wide range of high-level practical experience and analytic talent to the nation's economic challenges.



Our Work

CAP RECOGNIZES THE NEED for a new strategy for American competitiveness that will spur growth, create high quality jobs, and offer good wages to American workers. Senior Fellow Rick Samans is building on his *Virtuous Circle* report to create an international economic agenda to raise living standards at home and around the globe, through action by our government, as well as the ILO, WTO, World Bank, and other international institutions. Meanwhile, Senior Fellows Laura Tyson and Tom Kalil are working with Associate Director Will Straw and his colleagues at Science Progress to expand CAP's *Innovation Agenda*. They convened a task force of scientists and economists to develop policy that spurs innovation to ensure benefits to the U.S. economy and workforce.

A growing and equitable global economy will require engagement with leaders of multilateral economic organizations such as the International Labor Organization Director-General Juan Somavia.



LOUIS SOARES LEADS CAP'S Economic Mobility project, aiming to restore a ladder of upward mobility by creating opportunity and providing an economic environment where people can afford to take risks, invest in their own future, and seize opportunities. Upcoming reports will show how to better align the postsecondary education system with the future needs of students and the economy.

CONGRESS HAS SHOWN SUPPORT for two American Progress proposals on the housing crisis. Both houses have passed a proposal by CAP Senior Fellow David Abromowitz and Associate Director Andrew Jakobovics to help stabilize communities by buying foreclosed properties for reuse as affordable housing. To prevent more foreclosures and restore liquidity to capital markets, a team lead by Senior Fellow Michael Barr developed a plan for the bulk transfer auction of at-risk mortgages to new private hands. A study of this proposal is funded in pending housing legislation.

CAPAF'S AMERICAN WORKER PROJECT, directed by David Madland, develops policy to help increase the wages, benefits, and security of American workers and promote their rights at work. The project is currently focused on reinvigorating the Department of Labor including its enforcement capacity, reforming government contracting, and improving workplace retirement plans.

SENATOR JOHN EDWARDS is the National Chair of Half in Ten, CAPAF's joint, national campaign that draws from the CAP Poverty Task Force's recommendations, and the work of the CAP Poverty and Prosperity Program headed by Mark Greenberg, to promote a national goal of cutting poverty in half. CAPAF joined with ACORN, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, LCCR Education Fund, and the Coalition on Human Needs to help bring a new understanding of the nature of poverty in the 21st century economy and advance key state and federal policies that would dramatically reduce poverty, build wealth and increase economic mobility.

Restoring American Security and Leadership

With Fellows like former Deputy Secretary of Defense Rudy deLeon, former Assistant Secretary of Defense Lawrence Korb, and long-time government spokesman on homeland security PJ Crowley, along with a diverse group of emerging new voices, American Progress's National Security team offers a wide-ranging expertise on international and homeland security issues. Our progressive approach to U.S. challenges in Iraq (and elsewhere) blends a regional understanding of the Middle East with years of military experience.



Our Work

IN BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY and *Caught Off Guard*, CAP's military policy staff, led by Lawrence Korb, reviewed deployment information brigade by brigade to illustrate the strain that the Iraq war has taken on the readiness of our armed forces and National Guard troops. CAP later used its military expertise to create *How to Redeploy*, a logistically sound plan for implementing a strategic redeployment from Iraq.

AMERICAN PROGRESS MARKED the fifth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq and "Mission Accomplished" with a series of events, featuring Senators Joe Biden (D-DE), Robert Byrd (D-WV), Chuck Hagel (R-NE), and Jack Reed (D-RI); Chairman John Murtha (D-PA); CNN's Michael Ware; and Phil Donahue with his film "Body of War." CAP also released *How Does This End?* and *Changing Rationales*, which highlight both the deception and mistakes that led us into the Iraq war and the strategic problems that remain after the surge.

SENIOR FELLOW GAYLE SMITH is redefining American security with her Sustainable Security project. Working in coalition with groups like the Center for Global Development and Oxfam, Smith's team is garnering support for essential foreign aid reforms. Meanwhile, through innovative policy research and dialogues with security experts, CAP is spreading the understanding that true national security must involve human and collective security.

THE THIRD EDITION OF CAP and *Foreign Policy's* Terrorism Index—a semi-annual survey of over 100 of America's most esteemed terrorism and national security experts—helped focus policymakers on the facts about terrorism in preparation for General Petraeus' report to Congress. The fourth edition comes out in mid-2008.

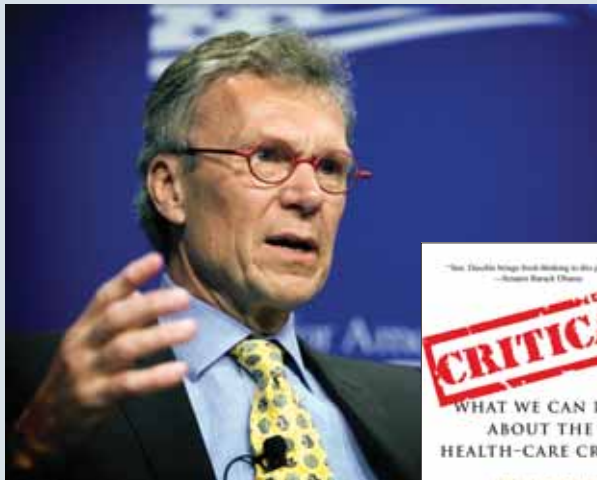
SENIOR NATIONAL SECURITY ANALYST Caroline Wadhams and Lawrence Korb are developing strategies to ensure success for the mission in Afghanistan through improved reconstruction and increased international engagement. One strategy is the creation of the post of Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, which has been included in both the House and Senate versions of the Defense Authorization Act.



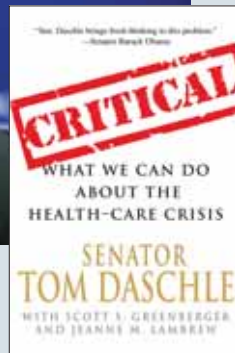
With the United States five years into a war in Iraq, CAPAF brought together media, academic, and policy leaders, including Senator Chuck Hagel (R-NE) and Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Joe Biden, to discuss why we must end the war and how to accomplish it.

Delivering Universal Health Care

The American Progress Health Policy team, led by Director of Health Policy Karen Davenport and Senior Fellow Jeanne Lambrew, develops new policy solutions and analysis that will advance the cause of affordable health care for all. The team plays an active role in shaping the key health care debates in Congress and on the campaign trail. Building on the 2005 release of CAP's Plan for a Healthy America, CAP's experts are promoting prevention-based health care measures, investigating the best use of information technology and data analysis in health care provision, and examining the influence of the genetic and environmental aspects of race in America on health outcomes.



Touring the country with *Critical* and a new slideshow presentation, Senator Daschle has leveraged his considerable experience to draw more attention to the urgent need for health care reform in this country.



Our Work

AS THE HEALTH CARE DEBATE rages in 2008, American Progress is playing an active role. CAPAF experts, including Lambrew and Senior Fellow Peter Swire, testify regularly before Congress on health coverage, health privacy, and other major issues in health reform. CAP has also debuted Health Bulletins, a regular publication which tracks the ongoing conversation on health care. Health Bulletins combines feature stories, background basics, graphs, interactives, and more to illuminate key concepts of health policy, including tax policy, prevention, and access, and to promote progressive solutions.

FOLLOWING THE FALL 2006 RELEASE of the Wellness Trust by CAP President and CEO John D. Podesta and Jeanne Lambrew, CAP has continued to promote increased awareness of the significance of prevention in health reform. The Wellness



Trust would prioritize prevention in the U.S. health system by consolidating existing spending on clinical preventive services and health promotion activities.

CAP IS PLACING SPECIAL EMPHASIS on the effect business leaders can have on the health reform debate. We have been building relationships and exploring health care concerns with major corporate leaders, including The Boeing Company and Choicepoint. Also, as a founding member of the Better Health Care Together coalition, CAP has brought together a network of business, labor, and public policy thinkers who share the conviction that broad-based health care reform is among the most pressing economic and moral imperatives facing our nation. Formed in early 2007, other founding members include corporate leaders such as AT&T, Kelly Services, Intel, and Wal-Mart, and labor leaders such as SEIU and Communications Workers of America.

IN MARCH 2008, SENATOR TOM DASCHLE released his book *Critical: What We Can Do About the Health Care Crisis*, which lays out his innovative idea of a Federal Health Board, modeled after the Federal Reserve, which would be one component of a plan for health care reform.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Columbia University's Center for Medicine as a Profession, CAP is developing a series of landmark papers on restructuring the nation's health care delivery system. With a set of distinguished authors, including Don Berwick, MD, Paul Ginsburg, and Steve Schroeder, MD, this project examines how we can improve health care quality, payment incentives, and population health, among other topics.

Seizing the Energy Opportunity

CAP's Energy Opportunity team combines its expertise on local, national and international policy to create and promote a low-carbon energy agenda for the 21st century. Kit Batten, Managing Director for Energy and Environmental Policy, collaborates with Bracken Hendricks, Daniel J. Weiss, Joe Romm, Robert M. Sussman, Gayle Smith, Jake Caldwell, Todd Stern, and Van Jones, as well as Distinguished Senior Fellow Senator Tom Daschle to develop energy and global warming policies that offer growth and opportunity as part of the transition to a low-carbon economy.



Our Work

ENERGY POLICY IS ECONOMIC POLICY, which is why CAP's economic strategy advocates for the federal government to establish an economy-wide greenhouse gas cap-and-trade program, with all of the emissions permits auctioned. The auction revenue can then spur widespread adoption of low-carbon energy and efficiency technologies and help offset energy costs for low- and middle-income Americans. CAP is working with the Political Economy Research Institute on an analysis of how our suite of low-carbon energy policy recommendations will strengthen domestic job creation and spur economic growth.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE of restoring U.S. global leadership on climate change and energy, Batten and Sussman, with counterparts around the world, are exploring America's role in ongoing post-Kyoto international negotiations. Our experts also work on alleviation of international energy poverty using clean development strategies and technologies, along with targeted adaptation aid for countries disproportionately affected by global warming. John Podesta and Peter Ogden are shaping dialogues concerning how we maintain security alongside global warming and energy scarcity. Jake Caldwell is working on synergies between international trade and climate change policies and to ensure sustainable production of the next generation of low-carbon biofuels.

CAPAF WORKS AROUND THE COUNTRY to promote Green Cities and Green Jobs initiatives, which drive state and local economic development through training for "green-collar" jobs in green construction, renewable energy technology installation, and energy efficiency retrofits. Hendricks is working closely with Washington D.C.'s Kwame Brown and Adrian Fenty, as well as Newark, NJ's Cory Booker to bring these projects to their cities.

THE PROJECT PHIN: CLEAN MY RIDE, FLEX MY FUEL campaign won the Pollie award in political communications for raising awareness about reducing greenhouse gas emissions and our nation's dependence on oil. Created and managed by CAPAF Senior Fellow Laura Nichols, it employed extensive social networking and a series of star-studded videos, starring celebrities including Matt Damon, Ben Affleck, and Sarah Silverman, to educate Americans about the need to increase vehicle fuel efficiency and the availability of alternative low carbon fuels.



From Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming Chairman Edward Markey, leaders on energy issues frequently choose CAPAF to discuss the pressing questions facing our country's use of energy.

Providing Access to Effective Education

Our Work

IN 2005, THE RENEWING OUR SCHOOLS, Securing Our Future National Task Force on Public Education released *Getting Smarter, Becoming Fairer*, offering four main priorities to address the challenges of a global economy, rapidly changing demographics, and a lingering and dangerous achievement gap for minority and low-income students. Director of Education Policy Cynthia G. Brown has led the development of innovative programs that make these priorities a reality, by expanding

learning time, finding and preparing highly effective teachers and principals, and promoting national standards, accountability, and fiscal equity. With the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act, CAPAF has been promoting legislative policy on these initiatives, in the form of the TEACH Act, the Graduation Promise Fund, and the Expanded Learning Time and School Redesign Demonstration Program.





AS POLITICAL AND POLICY BATTLES are waged that will determine the future direction of the country, the Center for American Progress Action Fund has assembled a new policy blog to make the progressive case in this ideological debate. The Wonk Room (www.thinkprogress.org/wonkroom) is the first-ever public policy rapid-response blog of its kind.

The Wonk Room drives the ideological debate in four key policy areas: health care, economic mobility, national security, and climate change. Instead of buying into the media's obsession with the political horserace, we draw attention to substantive differences between conservative and progressive policy approaches and work to advance the progressive perspective. Our ultimate goal is to create a mandate for progressive action in each of the four core policy areas. These policy arguments will set the tone for action on these issues in 2009 and beyond.

The Wonk Room is fast becoming a go-to resource for influential policymakers and opinion leaders in the worlds of politics and the media. Thanks to The Wonk Room, reporters have included considered progressive solutions in their analysis of the housing crisis and shown the costs and inequities of a tax-cut-only economic plan.

ENERGY WONK ROOM Director of Climate Strategy Daniel J. Weiss has also developed the "Energy Wonk Room," a collaboration with national and state environmental organizations to educate the public, media, and public officials about progressive energy and global warming policies. The Energy Wonk Room debunks attacks on global warming science, promotes the economic opportunities and benefits of global warming solutions and a low-carbon economy, and rebuts false attacks on those who promote such policies.



ELIZABETH EDWARDS, best-selling author, attorney, and advocate, recently joined American Progress as a Senior Fellow. Mrs. Edwards works on health care issues and writes for The Wonk Room. Speaking from an understanding of policy and her personal experience, Elizabeth Edwards regularly appears on network television.



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CAMPUS PROGRESS, part of CAP, works to help young people—advocates, activists, journalists, artists—make their voices heard on issues that matter. Through an online magazine and student publications, multimedia projects, public events, and grassroots issue campaigns, Campus Progress acts to empower new progressive leaders nationwide as they develop fresh ideas, communicate in new ways, push policy outcomes in a progressive direction, and build a strong progressive movement.

FAITH AND *Progressive Policy*

FAITH AND PROGRESSIVE POLICY INITIATIVE, a project of CAP, works to articulate the values undergirding policy issues, shape a progressive stance in which these values are clear, and increase public awareness of them. The Initiative works with CAP policy teams on issues including national security, the environment, poverty, science, and more. In addition, the Initiative releases books on pressing religion-policy issues; holds events with leading thinkers, advocates, and policymakers; and sponsors meetings where people with opposing views on polarizing issues can find common ground. In all its efforts, the Initiative works for a society and government that strengthen the common good and respect the basic dignity of all people.

REEL ★ PROGRESS

REEL PROGRESS is the progressive film series sponsored by CAP. Since March 2005, CAP has hosted free screenings open to the public in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, CA, and around the country. These screenings include provocative panel discussions with leading policy experts, actors, and filmmakers. We aim to advance a progressive agenda through innovative films that connect the arts with campaigns for social change and progressive public policy.



STATE PROGRESS

STATE PROGRESS is a project of both CAP and the CAP Action Fund, working to advance the progressive movement at the state and local levels by: amplifying and supporting the work of state and local progressive policymakers, groups, and individuals; building connections and facilitating communication within the progressive movement between local, state, and federal levels; and working in partnership with state and local actors to develop and promote bold, innovative, and new progressive ideas.

THINK PROGRESS

THINKPROGRESS.ORG, a product of the CAP Action Fund, is a provocative blog and issue forum that was voted the “Best Liberal Blog” in the 2006 Weblog Awards and won the 2008 Sidney Hillman Blog Award. CAPAF’s research team follows the latest news—responding to corruption and incompetence in the establishment, calling out the mainstream media on inaccurate or biased reporting, and highlighting positive developments in the progressive movement. The audience for the blog stands at more than 3 million readers per month. Thinkprogress.org consistently ranks in the top 15 most popular blogs worldwide, according to Technorati and Blog Pulse. Along with the blog, the team creates The Progress Report, a daily email newsletter with 80,000 subscribers.

MICCHECK RADIO

MIC CHECK RADIO, a product of the CAP Action Fund, is a daily prep sheet website for progressive talk radio hosts. This free daily service collects the top political and entertainment news and arms hosts with facts and talking points. The mix of reporting allows hosts to blend their discussions of hard news with the pop culture listeners will be buzzing about. Users can track upcoming events involving public figures with calendars and schedules. They can also download sound bites from experts that are ready for use on the air.



I AM PROGRESS

I AM PROGRESS is the activist arm of the Center for American Progress Action Fund that seeks to build progressive identity, engage the progressive activist community, and advance progressive ideas. Integrating online and offline community-building and activism campaigns, I Am Progress provides a vehicle for progressive activists to be a driving force in the next progressive movement.



THE AMERICAS PROJECT tackles the pressing issues related to the United States' relationship with and place in the Americas. From forums featuring heads of state and regional international organizations to a panel discussion carried live on CSPAN involving leading local politicians examining how the immigration debate has metastasized at the local level, the Project's work draws attention to a progressive perspective that otherwise often gets overlooked.



MIDDLE EAST PROGRESS develops and highlights practical approaches to resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict that reflect the will and aspirations of a vast majority of Israelis and Arabs living the conflict every day. Middle East Progress publishes the *Middle East Bulletin*, an influential email newsletter published twice a week; practical innovative private-public partnerships to build and strengthen actors invested in achieving a stable and sustainable political outcome in the Middle East; and public events and private discussions that effectively shape the policy dynamic on security and economic issues.



science progress

SCIENCE PROGRESS connects policy-makers across the country with the scientists and innovators who are developing new ideas and pioneering technologies that will underpin progressive policy priorities in the 21st century. With an online magazine and blog, as well as a print journal, Science Progress promotes science and technology policy innovation at all speeds.

CLIMATE PROGRESS

CLIMATE PROGRESS, one of the CAP Action Fund blogs, provides up-to-date responses to the latest news and debates on energy and global warming. Led by Senior Fellow Joe Romm, Climate Progress has quickly become one of the most-read environmental blogs on the Internet and was recently named by TIME as one of the top 15 environmental blogs.



ENOUGH, American Progress's project on human rights in Africa, provides the resources to help prevent, mitigate, and resolve crises through the synthesis of in-depth field analysis, high-level advocacy, and grassroots activism. With a view to promoting sustainable solutions to crises, ENOUGH empowers and bonds the growing anti-genocide movement in the United States by providing policy solutions to promote a concrete strategy for progress in Darfur, northern Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Contribute to American Progress

IN LESS THAN FIVE YEARS, American Progress has accomplished what it set out to do: helping to advance the vision of a more progressive America.

As a 21st-century think tank, we have created an ideas agenda that reflects the values that helped to advance women's suffrage and civil rights, create Social Security, and establish America's role as a moral leader in the world.

As an organization with a focus on the future, we have been successful in engaging progressive leaders, advocates, and activists and providing them a microphone to help strengthen a movement. Our efforts have taken progressive ideas to the American people—through television, radio, the blogosphere, online campaigns, and public events. And American Progress has felt strong support for our efforts and even greater demand for our work than we expected.

The Center for American Progress and Center for American Progress Action Fund are playing a critical role this year by keeping the debate focused on issues that progressives can win and critiquing the conservative policy choices that have failed our country for the past seven years.

And we need your help to build a lasting institution.

America is ready for change and is ready to embrace the progressive values and agenda we advocate. With your support, we will continue to promote, fight for, and build a new brand of progressive leadership—one that Americans embrace and feel proud of.

For more information about American Progress, contact Debby Goldberg, Senior Vice President for Development at donate@americanprogressaction.org.

Two non-profit organizations. One vision.

American Progress operates two separate non-profit organizations to maximize our ability to advance our progressive agenda. The Center for American Progress is a nonpartisan 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt research and educational institute. Donations will be tax-deductible and disclosed to the IRS.

Contributions to the Center for American Progress Action Fund are not tax deductible and are disclosed to the IRS. Contributions to the Action Fund support transforming progressive ideas into policy through a variety of activities. The Action Fund is a nonpartisan 501 (c)(4) tax-exempt organization dedicated to achieving progress through action.



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Through ideas, advocacy, and action, the Center for American Progress and the Center for American Progress Action Fund strive to make this vision a reality in the daily lives of the American people.

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