

Restoring Social Trust in Democracy

Democracy is under attack at home and abroad. We must take swift action to ensure it is accessible to all, accountable, and can serve as a force of good.



A voting rights activist dresses as "Ms. Liberty," August 2021. (Getty/Alex Wong)

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON

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- Technology Policy
- Government Reform
- Voting Rights
- Politics and Elections

WHAT WE'RE DOING

Increasing representation and access to our democracy

All Americans must have trust in elections and election results. All Americans also must have unimpeded access to the ballot box. That is why national voting standards are so important, along with laws that would protect against interference with valid election results.

Combating the spread of harmful dis- and misinformation

Disinformation, whether about COVID-19 or elections, undermines Americans' safety and threatens our democracy. We seek to define the government's role in combating it, give recommendations to online platforms to stem its spread, and support robust local media that can counter its worst effects.

Building a new framework to regulate online services

Americans' lives are increasingly reliant on online services and affected by their economic, consumer, and civic harms. A robust regulatory framework, paired with new privacy protections and reinvigorated antitrust action, is needed to address the threats these services pose.

Countering violent political extremism

Countering insurgent threats is critical to maintaining our democracy. As part of this work, we have crafted a national blueprint with the McCain Institute to end white supremacist violence. Our plan draws on expertise across CAP and from more than 150 conversations with a diverse range of stakeholders.

BY THE NUMBERS

59

Gerrymandering shifted an average of 59 seats in the U.S. House from 2012 to 2016.

Source: CAP, "Voter-Determined Districts" (2019).



Voter-Determined Districts

1 in 10

42 senators, representing only about 1/10 of the U.S. population, can filibuster popular bills.

Source: CAP, "The Impact of the Filibuster on Federal Policymaking" (2019).



The Impact of the Filibuster on Federal Policymaking

30%

The U.S. population has grown by about 30% since the federal bench's last meaningful expansion.

Source: CAP, "It Is Past Time for Congress To Expand the Lower Courts" (2021).



It Is Past Time for Congress To Expand the Lower Courts

81%

81% of voters believe tech companies have too much power and influence over politics and government.

Source: CAP Action, "Voters Support Enacting Stronger Consumer Protections Online" (2021).

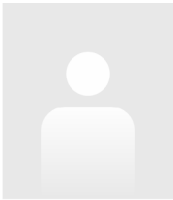
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The Jim Crow Filibuster Must Go

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Take Action: Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act

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CAP Senior Fellow Johan Hassel reflects on the Ukrainian-Russian war one year later.

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The United States must maintain its course on Ukraine because it is essential to America's national security interests and democratic values. A Ukraine defeat would create a more dangerous and unstable world.

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Hawaii Bill Would Limit Political Spending by Foreign-Influenced U.S. Corporations

Feb 22, 2023
Michael Sozan

Michael Sozan, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, filed written testimony before the Hawaii Senate in support of S.B. 1179, a bill that would limit political spending by U.S. corporations with appreciable foreign ownership.

TESTIMONY

California Bill Would Limit Political Spending by Foreign-Influenced U.S. Corporations

Feb 10, 2023
Michael Sozan

Michael Sozan, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, filed written testimony before the California State Assembly in support of A.B. 83, a bill that would limit political spending by U.S. corporations with appreciable foreign ownership.

VIDEO

‘Safer Internet Day’ Event Recap

Join leading experts for a thought-provoking discussion on how to navigate the digital world on this year’s Safer Internet Day.

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[Laetitia Avia](#), [Aya Al-Sadi](#), [Tori Pandolfo](#), [+ 2 More](#)

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Safer Internet Day

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Join CAP for a conversation about raising awareness of emerging online issues and how we can work together to reduce online harm.

FACT SHEET

Fact Sheet: Common Challenges and Recommended Solutions for Implementing Pharmacist Prescribing of Contraceptives

Jan 31, 2023
[Kierra B. Jones](#)

This fact sheet accompanies a new Center for American Progress report on best practices to expand and improve contraceptive access at the state level, covering common implementation challenges and offering recommendations for expanding pharmacists’ prescriptive authority.

REPORT

It’s Time To Talk About Electoral Reform

Jan 31, 2023
[Alex Tausanovitch](#)

To fix the dysfunction in American politics, reformers should consider fundamental changes to the electoral rules.

TESTIMONY

Minnesota Bill Would Limit Political Spending by Foreign-Influenced U.S. Corporations

Jan 30, 2023
[Michael Sozan](#)

Michael Sozan, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, filed written testimony before the Minnesota House of Representatives’ Committee on Elections Finance and Policy in support of H.F. 117, a bill to stop political spending by foreign-influenced U.S. corporations.

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The Dangers of a Twitter Bankruptcy or Acquisition

Jan 25, 2023
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Elon Musk’s purchase of Twitter is financially precarious, and his need for cash could result in bankruptcy—a sale that could reinforce existing Big Tech companies or open up access to sensitive data.

IN THE NEWS

Historic New EU Law Part of Growing Push for Sectoral Bargaining

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David Madland explains how the European Union’s new law aims to improve working conditions by increasing minimum wages and dramatically increasing collective bargaining.

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