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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Jason Grumet
BPC President
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Building on What's Right About America

Science tells us that the physical world is inherently unpredictable and gradually declines into disorder. For nearly 250 years, American democracy has defied this law of physics. While we seem to regularly verge on chaos, something innate in our constitutional design or national sensibility time and again pulls us back from the brink.

In the 1830s, Alexis de Tocqueville recognized this unique strength, noting, “the greatness of America lies not in being more enlightened than any other nation, but rather in her ability to repair her faults.” President Clinton reprised this idea 150 years later, asserting that “there is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what’s right with America.” When launching BPC 15 years ago, we embraced this premise with confidence. Today, we are admittedly less sure. The tension between abiding confidence in American resilience and growing fear of a democracy in decline inspires the urgency and purpose that drives us forward.

Each day we focus our substantive expertise and political insight on the most pressing issues facing American families and communities. **While many decision-makers no longer know or trust each other, most know and trust BPC.** In American politics today, trust is a rare and formidable commodity. BPC staff nurture and deploy this power to develop the detailed policy agreements that drive legislative progress. Whether the goal is accelerating zero carbon energy technology, improving rural health care, expanding affordable housing, making child care more accessible, improving disaster relief, strengthening the U.S. workforce, or helping families save for emergencies, BPC sees clear lanes for legislative progress even in a closely divided government.

BPC is also expanding our longstanding programs to support our core institutions. There is no more important or vulnerable institution than our elections. As we head toward the congressional midterm elections,

BPC is prioritizing its work with a bipartisan task force of state election officials and leading a diverse coalition committed to the basic principle that every vote counts and should be counted.

Working in the current environment isn’t easy. The path forward is uncertain and every day brings some combination of inspiration, achievement, and distress. F. Scott Fitzgerald defined intelligence as the ability to function while holding two opposing ideas. He wrote, “One should, for example, be able to see that things are hopeless yet be determined to make them otherwise.”

While not a great motto, Fitzgerald captures the irony, grit, and unyielding optimism that is the steel of our democracy and the premise of BPC. **With no guarantee of success, we choose to build upon what’s right about America.**

Please join us.



YEAR IN REVIEW QUIZ

BPC celebrated its ___
anniversary in 2022.

- A. 5th
- B. 10th
- C. 15th
- D. 20th



BPC COO Kelly Darnell presents broadcaster Judy Woodruff with the inaugural Freedom Award at BPC's anniversary celebration.
Photo credit: Greg Gibson



A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

Robbie Bach
BPC Board Chair
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Reaffirming the Importance of Bipartisanship

As our country navigates a series of difficult challenges and looks to find ways to come together on divisive issues, I'm proud to report that the Bipartisan Policy Center has continued its exceptional work to support leaders from many points of view in their efforts to enact important policy initiatives.

In striving for bipartisan solutions to strengthen our democracy and improve the nation's well-being, we don't merely seek compromise between Democrats and Republicans, we pursue constructive engagement.

By bringing Democrats and Republicans around the same table to work on problems together from the start, we provide an opportunity to disagree, argue, and engage deeply on issues that ultimately produce better results.

BPC's work paid off in very important ways. Policymakers relied heavily on BPC analyses and recommendations to:

- Pass the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure law;
- Reach an agreement to extend the debt limit beyond the midterm congressional elections;
- Shape the White House pandemic preparedness plan;
- Convince the Agriculture Department to increase per-meal reimbursements for school lunches in response to higher food prices; and
- Persuade the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to strengthen requirements ensuring that behavioral health specialists included in insurance networks are available and accessible.

While seeking bipartisan solutions to looming problems, BPC nourished bipartisanship through the American Congressional Exchange program, which enables lawmakers of different parties to visit each other's district, discuss shared interests, and build the interparty relationships that are so vital for collaborative problem-solving in our divided nation. Since 2018, more than 40 lawmakers from all regions of the country have participated.

Despite the political acrimony in Washington and around the country, **BPC continues to lead the way with the expert analysis, creative policy development, and sophisticated political strategies** required to create sound and durable policy for all Americans.



YEAR IN REVIEW QUIZ

In the past year, BPC Action played a significant role in the development of over ___ pieces of legislation.

- A. 20
- B. 40
- C. 60
- D. 80



The BPC Health Project and members of the Bipartisan Addiction and Mental Health Task Force discuss the opioid crisis and our report on opioid spending on the Hill.
Photo credit: Kendall Strong



A NOTE FROM



Michele Stockwell
Senior Vice President &
Executive Director of
BPC Action

Making an Impact in Congress

Now more than ever, we need practical solutions to our nation's most pressing challenges. In a divisive political atmosphere, achieving these solutions will require a new commitment to bipartisan action by Congress—and BPC Action is working on the ground to drive that collaboration for the benefit of all Americans. In the past year, BPC Action played a significant role in the development of over 80 pieces of legislation, and testified or was cited at 17 congressional hearings.

That's the power of the partnership between BPC and BPC Action: we know that good ideas alone will not drive policy change and—unlike other think tanks—we follow through with aggressive advocacy. To make headway in this deeply divisive environment, BPC Action has drastically ramped up our engagement with Capitol Hill. In the 117th Congress alone, we've:

- Held over 1,000 meetings with congressional offices;
- Responded to over 100 requests for technical assistance and political advice from members of Congress on both sides of the aisle; and
- Secured more mentions across the political spectrum by members of Congress in press releases, newsletters, floor statements, and social media communications to constituents than any other DC think tank.

This robust engagement has shaped significant legislative achievements, including:

Enactment of the historic Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: Since 2016, BPC Action worked closely with BPC policy teams to develop policies and execute strategies to engage policymakers on a bipartisan infrastructure package. Following robust advocacy that included over 200 meetings and multimillion-dollar digital advertising campaigns in targeted media markets, BPC helped secure key policy goals and over \$1 trillion in much-needed investments in the nation's infrastructure—from highways to water systems to broadband and clean energy.

House and Senate passage of bipartisan legislation to increase U.S. competitiveness in the global economy: BPC Action engaged in heavy advocacy for over a year to grow awareness of the importance of a competitiveness package, build support among Republicans, and ensure final passage after a strenuous legislative process. Our activities included over 100 conversations with House and Senate offices; 10 calls to action to congressional staff highlighting important energy and competitiveness provisions and urging passage; and the launch of a digital ad campaign in the DC market aimed to build support among Republican policymakers and staff that garnered over 3 million impressions and received positive feedback from members' staff.

A NOTE FROM



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House passage of overwhelmingly bipartisan Pregnant Workers Fairness Act: BPC Action strongly promoted this bill to lawmakers. It provides greater job protection for pregnant workers. Our call to action helped ensure a strong bipartisan vote on the House floor.

Reinstatement of reformed congressionally directed spending: BPC Action led the discussion on reinstating and reforming earmarks, or congressionally directed spending. After significant advocacy for the last two years—including meetings with key offices, emails calling for Congress to act and testimony by BPC President Jason Grumet before the House Modernization Committee—BPC Action’s recommendations were incorporated into the framework of the House Modernization Committee’s call to reinstate congressionally directed spending in 2020. Then, in the 117th Congress, new measures from House Democrats included eight of BPC Action’s 10 recommendations. In fiscal year 2022 appropriations, lawmakers allocated nearly \$10 billion to congressionally directed spending.

Reignited debt limit reform conversations: In fall 2021, BPC’s analysis of when the government would be unable to meet all its obligations played a consequential role in forestalling fiscal calamity. As

congressional leaders negotiated an agreement to increase the debt limit, there were differing views on how much money was needed to maintain our nation’s fiscal integrity until December 2021. BPC’s Economic Policy Program was intimately involved in bringing together the Treasury Department and Republican congressional leaders, and our debt limit assessments helped facilitate an agreement. Congress subsequently raised the debt ceiling in line with BPC’s recommendation and avoided financial catastrophe. BPC Action is working closely with the offices of Reps. Scott Peters (D-CA) and Jodey Arrington (R-TX) on legislation—the Responsible Budgeting Act—to avoid future debt limit brinkmanship by creating a recurring, structured process focused on consideration of debt reduction packages paired with temporary suspensions of the debt limit. At a House Budget Committee hearing in early 2022, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (R-MD) cited BPC’s work on this effort as a potential solution to the recurring debt limit predicament.

Our work doesn’t stop there. With narrow margins in the House and the Senate for the near future, we stand ready to bring Democrats and Republicans together to find feasible, meaningful solutions to kitchen table issues that affect all Americans.

How BPC's Health Project is Protecting the Health of Americans

COVID-19 both highlighted and exacerbated the difficult challenge that U.S. policymakers have grappled with for over 100 years—how to ensure that all Americans, regardless of race, ethnicity, geography, or income, have access to affordable, quality health care.

Bipartisan consensus, especially in a complex sector that affects the lives of tens of millions of individuals and families, helps to restore faith in our democratic process.

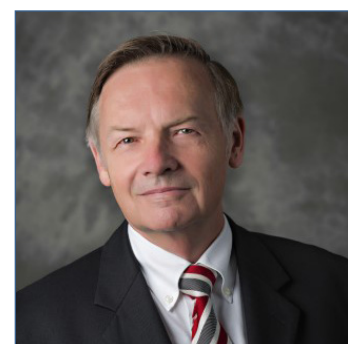
In March 2021, we convened a diverse group of health care professionals under the leadership of former Senator John E. Sununu, a New Hampshire Republican, and former Representative Patrick Kennedy, a Rhode Island Democrat, to address the nation's worsening mental health crisis. BPC's report, [Tackling America's Mental Health and Addiction Crisis Through Primary Care Integration](#), highlighted how integrating primary care and behavioral health services would provide clear benefits and successes for patients with physical and mental health issues. The recommendations, which would expand health coverage and reduce costs, have been the basis of congressional hearings and emerging legislation.

To prepare for the expected reauthorization of federal child nutrition programs and the Farm Bill, we launched a blue-ribbon [Food and Nutrition Security Task Force](#) in early 2021, co-chaired by former Agriculture Secretaries Dan R. Glickman and Ann M. Veneman, world-renowned Chef José Andres, and Food Marketing Institute President and CEO Leslie Sarasin. In its first two reports, the task force offered recommendations to strengthen food security during COVID-19 and provide universal free school lunch. The panel will issue a third report this year on how to strengthen the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Seeking ways to improve food and nutrition security, the task force recommended that the White House hold a conference on food, nutrition, hunger, and health. The omnibus legislation of early 2022 included a provision to create a conference, and the White House announced that it will take place in September 2022.

COVID-19 exposed deep, longstanding holes in our public health system and highlighted pervasive disparities among our communities. BPC's report, [Public Health Forward: Modernizing the U.S. Public Health System](#), advances a vision for health in the 21st

century, providing a proposed set of bipartisan actions for policymakers and public health officials. They include investing in recruiting and retaining an expanded public health workforce, investing in data sharing systems between public health departments and health care entities, and, most importantly, ensuring that states, territories, and localities have the resources to respond quickly to unexpected health issues.

BPC's Health Project maintains core principles of managing costs, expanding access, encouraging innovation, and increasing equity in our health care system, all of which help make all Americans' futures healthier.



G. William Hoagland
Senior Vice President
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YEAR IN REVIEW QUIZ

From 2020 to 2021, there were an estimated record-setting ___ drug overdose deaths in the U.S.

- A. 56,064
- B. 78,056
- C. 93,145
- D. 100,306



A panel of experts speak at a national convening on the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health in the BPC office.

Photo credit: Holly Bensur



YEAR IN REVIEW QUIZ

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) is expected to speed up the clean energy transition and slash U.S. emissions by ___ by 2030.

- A. 10%
- B. 25%
- C. 40%
- D. 65%



How BPC’s Energy Program is Advancing Rational Energy and Climate Policy

Our nation is in desperate need of a strategic energy policy framework that balances the need for secure and affordable energy with the imperative of reducing carbon emissions. As the window to develop meaningful climate solutions closes, BPC is redoubling efforts to build an effective coalition for action. For years, division characterized the climate debate, but the growing political acceptance of the climate challenge has created space for constructive negotiation and durable policies. The political, economic, and environmental stakes are high. **BPC’s Energy Program has been working to conduct rigorous analysis, organize broad stakeholder convenings, develop policy recommendations, and build the coalitions needed to win bipartisan congressional support** for ambitious climate and clean energy policies that position the United States to achieve [net zero greenhouse gas emissions](#) by mid-century.

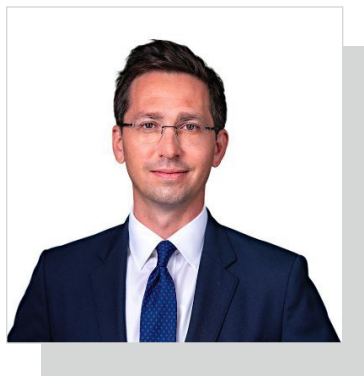
Since the passage of the transformational [Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act](#) at the end of 2021, we have increased our focus on supporting executive branch agencies as they work to deliver on vast new public investments designed to deploy low and zero carbon energy technology at scale. To ensure that this legislation maintains its bipartisan characteristics throughout its implementation, we have submitted responses to agency requests, hosted public events, and led private engagements—all of which contribute to a successful long-term technology development and deployment agenda.

We are also working to cultivate a new set of policy initiatives that can build on the

legislative momentum recently witnessed at the federal level. There are a set of mainstream ideas that will remain relevant even in a divided Congress. These include:

1. Improving our infrastructure permitting process;
2. Mapping out a future for natural gas development and utilization that is consistent with global energy and climate needs;
3. Linking climate and trade policy;
4. Launching carbon management and natural carbon solutions; and
5. Ensuring access to critical minerals.

If successfully developed as core pillars of climate action, we believe these initiatives can draw Republicans and Democrats into a meaningful dialogue on near-term pragmatic bipartisan climate policy. To support these goals and lay the groundwork for productive conversations and pragmatic legislation no matter the congressional make up come 2023, we are building a policy and advocacy agenda that informs stakeholders and motivates legislators from both parties. A new era of domestic climate policy is just beginning.



Sasha Mackler
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How BPC's Elections Project is Protecting Democracy

Former Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan famously told us all that “You are entitled to your opinion. But you are not entitled to your own facts.” It sure doesn't feel that way anymore, especially when it comes to elections.

Election reform trends were largely positive going into 2016 with both access and security improving across the country. Early and mail-in voting expanded, and states regularized how they keep voter rolls clean and accurate. The trajectory was clear: elections had become more professionalized and best practices had become more widespread.

Then the 2020 election happened. That contest was free, fair, and accurate—and, most importantly, the legitimate victors were sworn into office. At BPC, we are increasingly concerned that won't be a given going forward.

The political conditions today—and the antidemocratic incentives that have blossomed over the past five years—mean that the positive trends for improving elections are coming to a halt, if not going in reverse. Misinformation seeps from campaigns into the legislative arena. The battle lines of elections are constantly changing, and even the most mundane parts of election administration have been drawn into unfounded public speculation.

In response, state legislatures have considered and passed sweeping

election reforms at unprecedented rates. Many of these reforms are based on false assumptions about election administration, undo decades of meaningful progress, and often undermine access and security in ways not foreseen by policymakers.

How do defenders of democracy break through amid the noise?

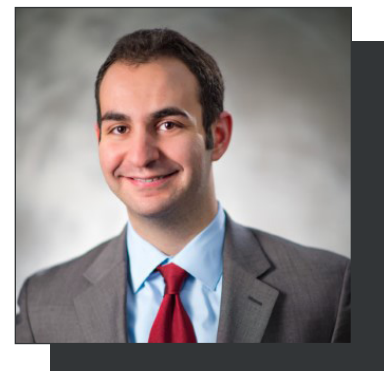
First, we defend the good policies of today from inaccurate attacks. **The Elections Project explored systemic reforms to insulate election administration from partisan incentives** in an April 2022 report. Additionally, with the advice of our [Task Force on Elections](#)—a group of 26 currently serving state and local election officials from 18 states—we continue to advocate for the adoption and expansion of electoral innovations. The task force has unanimously endorsed five sets of policy recommendations on everything from regular audits to ballot tabulators and election observers.

Second, we prepare for the new battles to come and develop policy frameworks before an issue becomes polarized. **The Elections Project recently released a set of recommendations on [electronic ballot transmission](#)** that could be crucial in ensuring that military and overseas voters as well as voters living with disabilities can still cast a ballot—a little-known issue that could hit the fan in November. We're also working with

election officials and lawmakers to prepare for the midterms amid [ballot paper shortages](#) and supply chain constraints.

Third, we are creative about new policy solutions that break decades-old policy logjams. BPC thrives in developing implementable, bipartisan policy reforms. **The Elections Project led a coalition of ideological disparate groups to consensus on federal election reform**; together, they released a report detailing what bipartisan [federal election reform and funding](#) could look like in a polarized time.

These efforts represent only a fraction of the Elections Project's work for 2022 and what needs to be done before 2024. U.S. democracy is at a turning point. Few groups can make good arguments against bad ideas without reinforcing partisan battlelines. BPC's Elections Project will continue to promote balance, exercise diplomacy, and lift up bipartisan reforms—even in the most contentious of times.



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YEAR IN REVIEW QUIZ

Mail-in voting has always been used more heavily by Democratic voters.

- A. True
- B. False



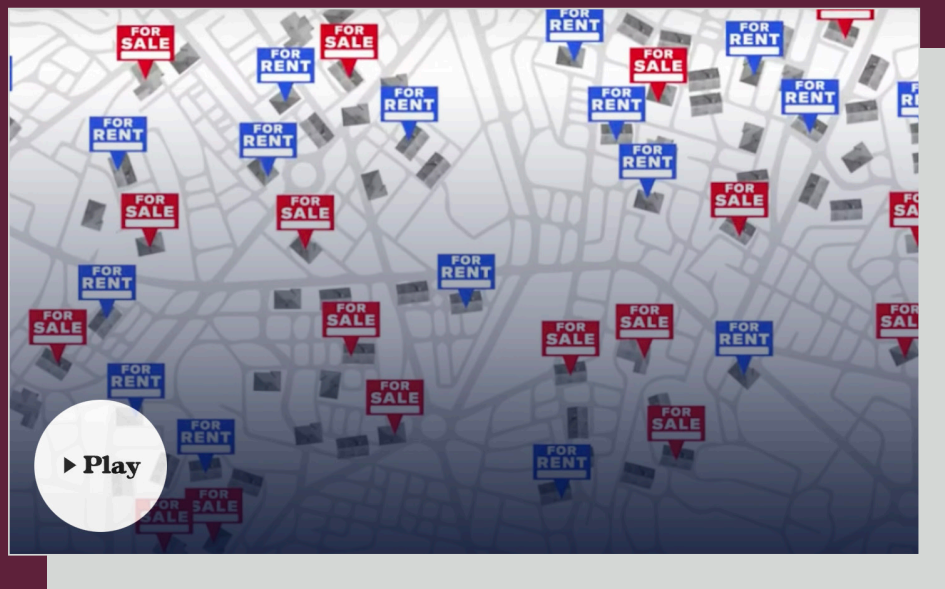
Steve Scully moderates a discussion on presidential leadership with Joshua Bolten, Kellyanne Conway, Thomas 'Mack' McLarty, and Jay Carney.
Photo credit: Imagine Photography



YEAR IN REVIEW QUIZ

Nearly half of renters pay more than ___ of their income on housing, meaning low income families are extremely burdened by rising rent prices.

- A. 10%
- B. 20%
- C. 30%
- D. 40%



How BPC's Terwilliger Center is Tackling the Issue of Housing Affordability

The United States suffers from a severe shortage of affordable homes, with housing costs skyrocketing and the number of affordable homes for both sale and rent at all-time lows. BPC continues to highlight the need to dramatically increase the supply of homes, and in turn, help address the [housing affordability crisis](#).

In September 2021, BPC launched the J. Ronald Terwilliger Center for Housing Policy, our first dedicated policy center.

The center is working to identify the most effective public policies that would help achieve the goal of a safe, decent, and affordable home for every American family, while building the broadest possible political support for these policies.

In December 2021, the center launched its “Getting Serious about Housing Supply” webinar series with an event that provided a detailed overview of the housing shortage. Subsequent events in January, February, March, and April 2022 explored how to reform land use and zoning policies that drive up production costs and limit the supply of housing; strengthen incentives for building more affordable multifamily rental housing and entry-level homes; use innovative materials and processes to construct lower-cost, high-quality homes; and support companies that are investing in new affordable housing and advocating for durable policy change.

These efforts culminated on June 23, 2022, when **the center hosted a day-long, in-person Summit on Housing Supply Solutions to find meaningful, bipartisan solutions to the acute shortage of safe, decent, and affordable homes.** Experts and thought leaders in government, business, philanthropy, and other sectors—

including four members of Congress and representatives from three federal agencies—shared their insights, experiences, and recommendations.

Building on this foundation of work, the center plans to push for comprehensive, bipartisan legislation in 2023 that would:

1. Increase the supply of affordable homes (both for rent and sale);
2. Preserve the existing affordable housing stock;
3. Provide low-income families with young children with sufficient rental assistance so they can move to communities with greater economic and educational opportunities and less poverty and crime; and
4. Reform existing federal rental assistance programs so that, for instance, more landlords are inclined to participate in them, and rental assistance programs more effectively reduce homelessness.

The center will unveil the key elements of this bipartisan legislation in autumn 2022 and seek its congressional introduction in early 2023.



Dennis C. Shea
Executive Director of the
J. Ronald Terwilliger
Center for Housing Policy
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How BPC's Economic Policy Program is Promoting America's Economic Success

BPC's Economic Policy Program works to develop commonsense solutions that create opportunities for American workers and their families to get ahead—all while promoting America's economic success.

Last fall, **we returned to our longstanding role of informing lawmakers and the public on the federal [debt limit](#)** by providing analysis around when the government would no longer be able to pay its bills in full and on time—which could have triggered a potentially catastrophic global economic event. We also helped bipartisan lawmakers introduce the [Responsible Budgeting Act](#), which would permanently reform the debt limit, eliminate brinkmanship, and force debate over the federal government's unsustainable fiscal trajectory.

We continued our work to develop federal [paid leave](#) policies to encourage workers who have left the workforce since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic to reenter and increase their work hours. As part of that effort, we helped convince policymakers who were crafting the National Defense Authorization Act to provide 12 weeks of paid parental leave for all service members. In a similar space, we heavily promoted the

[Pregnant Workers Fairness Act](#), which passed the House on an overwhelmingly bipartisan basis in May 2021, and which would require companies with at least 15 employees to provide reasonable accommodations to those affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.

We developed a [package of reforms](#) to the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) that would help families meet the high cost of raising children and better target support to those who need the most assistance. Temporary CTC and EITC expansions under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 expired at the end of 2021, and additional temporary CTC expansions under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 will expire at the end of 2025, making this a timely issue for Congress to tackle. BPC's proposal would build on the existing bipartisan support for these two programs by permanently strengthening the safety net, rewarding work, ensuring fiscal sustainability, and reducing payments made in error.

Working alongside BPC's [Funding our Future](#) coalition partners, we continued to push for solutions to help more Americans save for retirement, as well as reforms that could enhance their financial

security. Creating and expanding access to workplace [emergency savings](#) accounts, for example, could help households weather their next financial emergency while safeguarding against early withdrawals from hard-earned retirement savings.

Earlier this spring, **BPC released a report and model presenting a new, comprehensive metric of [college return on investment](#)** that goes further than others by including an adjustment for labor market discrimination and more precisely estimating the true costs of attendance. The model is publicly accessible on BPC's website to help future students and their families discern which U.S. institutions provide long-term value and help policymakers develop reforms that would better hold schools accountable for their outcomes.



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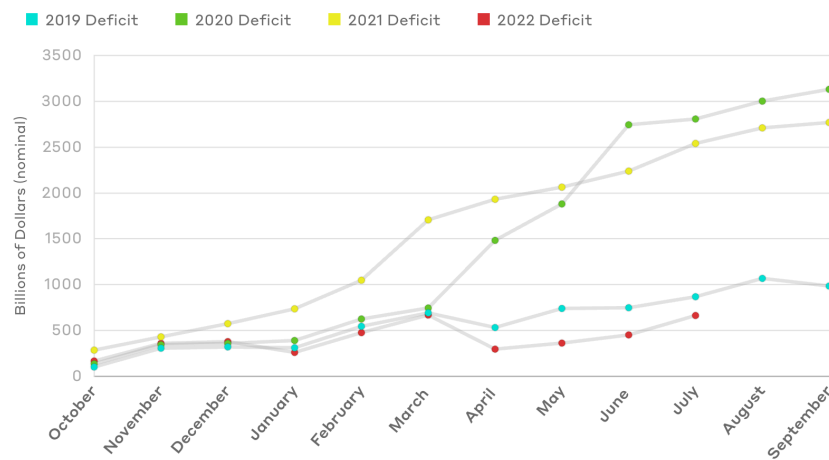


YEAR IN REVIEW QUIZ

By raising the debt limit to \$31.4 trillion, the federal government will likely be able to meet its financial obligations through at least Q2 of ____.

- A. 2023
- B. 2024
- C. 2025
- D. 2026

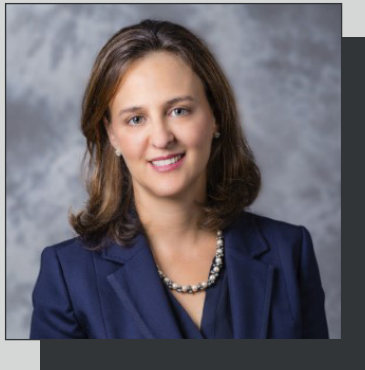
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LOOKING AHEAD

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The Bipartisan Policy Center is focused on the issues that matter most to the nation, starting with strengthening our democracy. Our Democracy Program works to safeguard free and fair elections, the foundation for all other policy work. We are also collaborating to drive solutions that improve Americans' lives including increasing access to behavioral health care, enhancing food security, improving the supply of affordable housing, and expanding economic opportunity. Our programs prioritize crafting workable solutions while deepening commitments to bipartisan cooperation and rewarding collaborative governance.”



Lisel Loy
Senior Vice President
of Programs

DEMOCRACY GOAL

Ensure consistent election funding and expand state-based voting reforms.

POLICY ROADMAP

Advocate for the resources that election officials need to serve their voters, including reforms to early voting and voting by mail, ballot tracking, remote voter verification, and preprocessing.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GOAL

Increase access to care while lowering costs for individuals and the government.

POLICY ROADMAP

Bring more providers into the behavioral health care network, including increasing access to culturally competent care and extending care to people in rural and other underserved areas.

FARM BILL GOAL

Enhance food and nutrition security and achieve meaningful and lasting natural climate solutions.

POLICY ROADMAP

Support and modernize programs such as SNAP while implementing strategic changes at USDA that offer pathways to new market opportunities for farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners.

HOUSING GOAL

Increase home construction and rehabilitation while enhancing racial equity and opportunity.

POLICY ROADMAP

Increase the number of housing vouchers and rental units that will accept them as well as provide federal assistance with down payments, preventing evictions, and strengthening fair housing.

ECONOMY GOAL

Expand economic opportunity, prosperity, and security.

POLICY ROADMAP

Create a comprehensive federal paid leave program, expand the CTC, boost child care funding, require employers to offer reasonable accommodations to pregnant employees, and better enable people to save for retirement and emergencies.

Events

IN 2021, BPC HOSTED 91 EVENTS WITH A TOTAL OF 33,684 ATTENDEES.

15th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Top: Olympia Snowe
Middle: BPC Staff
Photo credit: Greg Gibson
Video credit: Henninger Media Services

DAC DAY



Top: Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)
Middle: Shuchi Talati, Marcius Extavour and Kelly Cummins
Bottom: Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)
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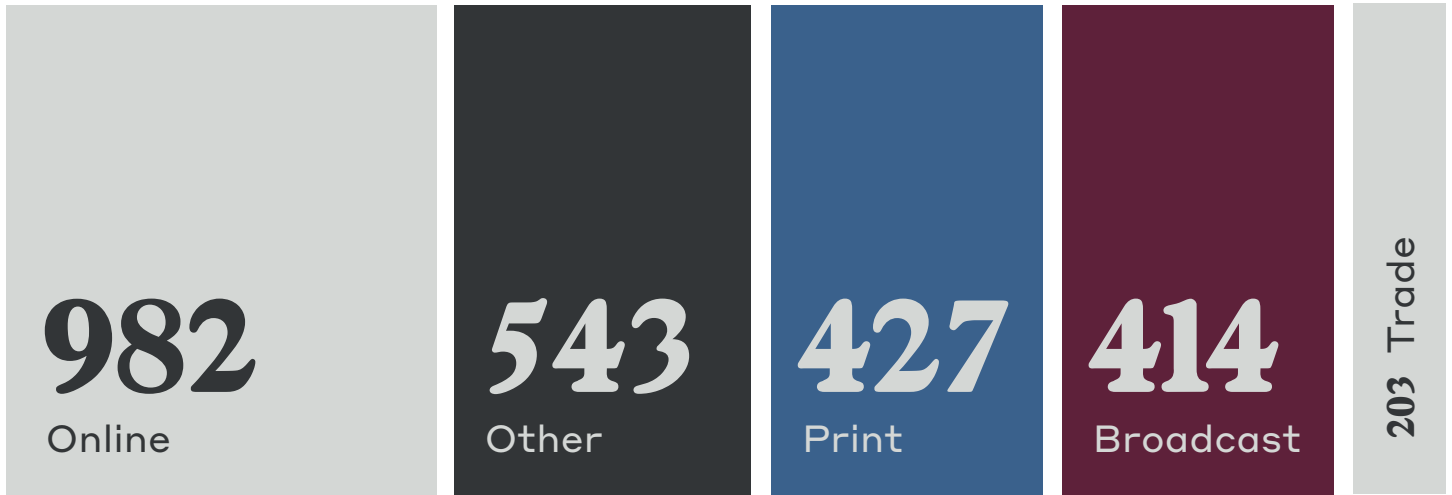
SUMMIT ON HOUSING SUPPLY SOLUTIONS



Top: J. Ron Terwilliger, Adrienne Todman, and Henry Cisneros
Middle: Michael Bennet (D-CO), Tina Smith (D-MN), Todd Young (R-IN), and Nick Timiraos
Bottom: Beth Van Duyne (R-TX)
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Media Relations

TOTAL PRESS HITS IN 2021: 2,569



FEATURED CLIPS

Anthony Fauci, MD
Chief Medical Advisor, The White House

Bipartisan Policy Center

Fauci discusses state of COVID-19 and how to handle the holidays
Fully vaccinated families should 'not go' about gathering for the holidays, Dr. Anthony Fauci said during a Bipartisan Policy Center event Monday.

PASSES HOUSE 228-206
BIDEN GETS HIS \$1.2T BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

Partisan politics interfering with the Build Back Better bill

There's bipartisan support for many elements of the Build Back Better plan, says Jason Grumet of the Bipartisan Policy Center, but "That's all been lost because the process itself is inherently partisan." Source: CNN

These technologies could bring America to net zero emissions by 2050

Andrew Freedman, author of *Logic Bombers*

Illustration: Sarah Orloff/Axios

The New York Times

After a Nightmare Year, Election Officials Are Quitting

The draining work of 2020 has spurred resignations and retirements. In a recent survey, one in three officials said they felt unsafe in the jobs.

Roxanna Moritz won her fourth term as the chief election officer in Scott County, Iowa, last November by the largest margin in county election history. Five months later, she quit. Rachel Mumme for The New York Times

By Michael Wines

The Washington Post

'Kids in cages' is a distraction. The real problem is a lack of migrant housing.

The Biden administration will have to grapple with increasing numbers of minors at the border.

Perspective by Theresa Cardinal Brown
Theresa Cardinal Brown is Managing Director of Immigration and Cross-Border Policy at the Bipartisan Policy Center. She is former policy advisor at the Department of Homeland Security during the George W. Bush and Barack Obama administrations.

March 11, 2021 at 9:28 a.m. EST

A sign reads "May God bless you on your journey" in Spanish at an influx camp facility for unaccompanied children Feb. 21. Giorgio Horne for The Washington Post.

THE HILL

SENATE

Sanders, Graham set to square off in new debate series

BY ALEXANDER BOLTON - 05/25/22 12:26 PM ET

Liberal firebrand Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Trump-allied Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) are set to square off next month in a policy debate at a full-size replica of the United States Senate in Boston.

The debate series is the brainchild of former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) who is hoping to rekindle the Senate's tradition of debate and



YEAR IN REVIEW QUIZ

In 2021, BPC received a generous gift of ___ from philanthropists MacKenzie Scott and Dan Jewett, the largest single donation made by an individual in BPC's history.

- A. \$8 million
- B. \$9 million
- C. \$10 million
- D. \$11 million

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BPC believes that sound fiscal policy is integral to achieving our nation’s social and economic aspirations. We are joined in that view by the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, a long-time champion of bipartisan solutions to America’s fiscal challenges and a steadfast supporter of BPC’s Economic and Health Programs. In addition to advancing BPC’s efforts to sustain two pillars of our economy—Social Security and Medicare—the Peterson Foundation is helping BPC assess fiscal and economic policies to help our nation recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and make our nation’s debt sustainable over the longer term. Through a separate collaboration with the Peterson Center on Healthcare, BPC is analyzing current trends and opportunities in digital health care technology and its potential for improving care at a lower cost: a win-win for patients and for reducing our nation’s spiraling health care costs. BPC looks forward to continued partnership with the Peterson Foundation and the Peterson Center on Healthcare in pursuit of our shared aim of a strong, healthy economy and nation.

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Tyson Foods believes in a global food system that is resilient, sustainable, and ensures nutritious food is accessible to everyone. Addressing the impact of climate change—on our natural resources, and the people who steward them—is a core component of the better food future we are working to create.”

John R. Tyson

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The changing climate requires urgent action to safeguard our environment, protect American workers, and strengthen the economy. The Bipartisan Policy Center has created the Net Zero Business Alliance (NZBA), a coalition of businesses who have a goal of achieving net zero U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 through policy recommendations around permitting reform, innovation, and incentives for climate solutions across the entire U.S. economy.

As one of the world’s largest agricultural companies, Tyson Foods brings unique insights to the table mapping out solutions for carbon reduction across the entire agriculture sector. With Tyson’s leadership, BPC is developing a policy framework to promote investments in clean technologies, updates to regulatory systems, and incentives to purchase non-carbon energy. Tyson Foods has made a pledge to reduce their emissions across their company by 30% by 2030, and has become a leader in the agriculture sector on intelligent emissions reduction pathways for agriculture, transport, and operations, and are serving as a model for the entire sector on how to achieve long-lasting sustainability goals.

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Vito believed that mentoring and motivating young people to serve our national needs was critical to maintaining our future.

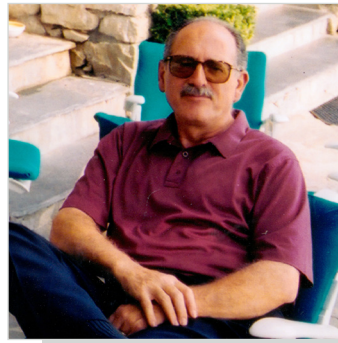
This internship offers an opportunity to young scholars to address topics related to accelerating dramatic climate shifts with new thinking and alternative solutions. I am happy to play a small role in advancing this goal.”

Julie Stagliano

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Vito Stagliano was a dear friend with whom my husband and I shared concerns about the energy problems facing our world. It’s heartening to know his work will be carried on, turning the tide of energy usage by empowering and engaging the next generation in this work. I am honored to be part of this program.”

Mimi Frankel



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To honor the life and career of her late husband Vito Stagliano (1942-2008), Julie Stagliano, along with her dear friend Mimi Frankel, have relaunched the Vito Stagliano Energy Policy Internship at the Bipartisan Policy Center. Vito had an extensive career as a public servant, first for the Peace Corps in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Ghana, Senegal, Burkina Faso, and Washington, DC, then in the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). As deputy assistant secretary for policy analysis, he helped design the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Critically, Stagliano oversaw the analysis conducted by DOE national laboratories that led to the declaration of the first federal climate change policy. He also joined the National Commission on Energy Policy, a precursor to the Bipartisan Policy Center, in March 2006 and served as research director until August 2007.

The Vito Stagliano Energy Policy Internship provides students with the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of energy policy issues and the political process, play a role in BPC’s progress with lawmakers, and build their resumes as the next generation of leaders committed to pursuing clean energy solutions.

BPC’s 2021 Stagliano intern, Giovanni “Gio” Liguori, is a Master of Public Policy graduate student from George Washington University. The highlights of Gio’s internship included researching hydrogen fuel’s potential in commercial and household applications. He also analyzed federal legislation and created a comprehensive energy provision tracker to examine details and appropriations for energy innovation and development.

BPC is now accepting applications for the Spring 2023 Stagliano Internship. If interested in learning more, please [click here](#).

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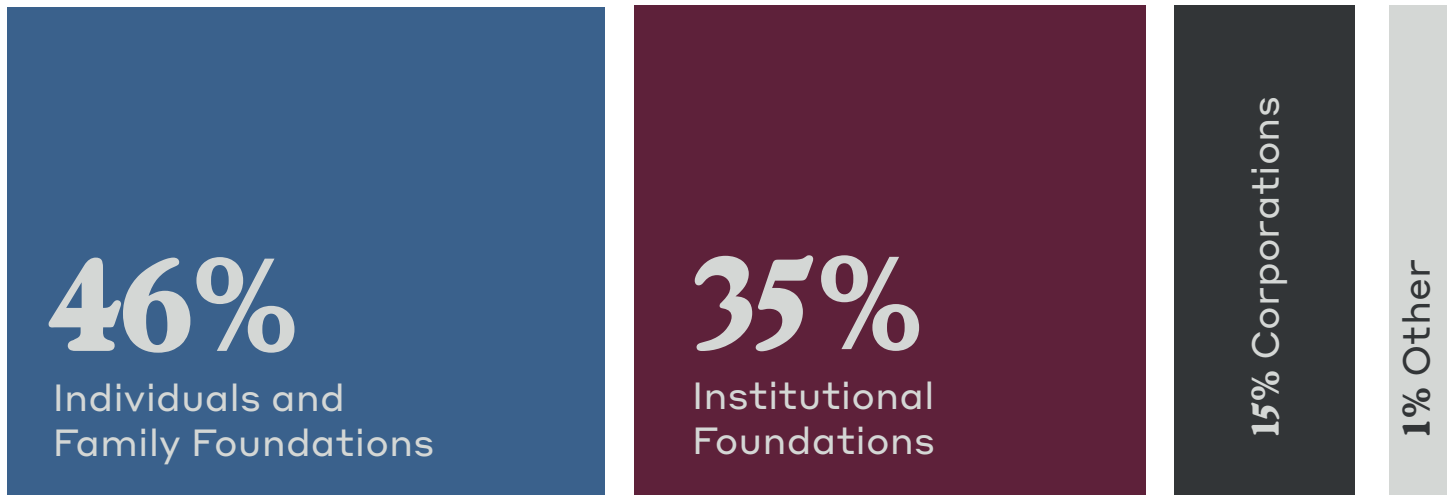
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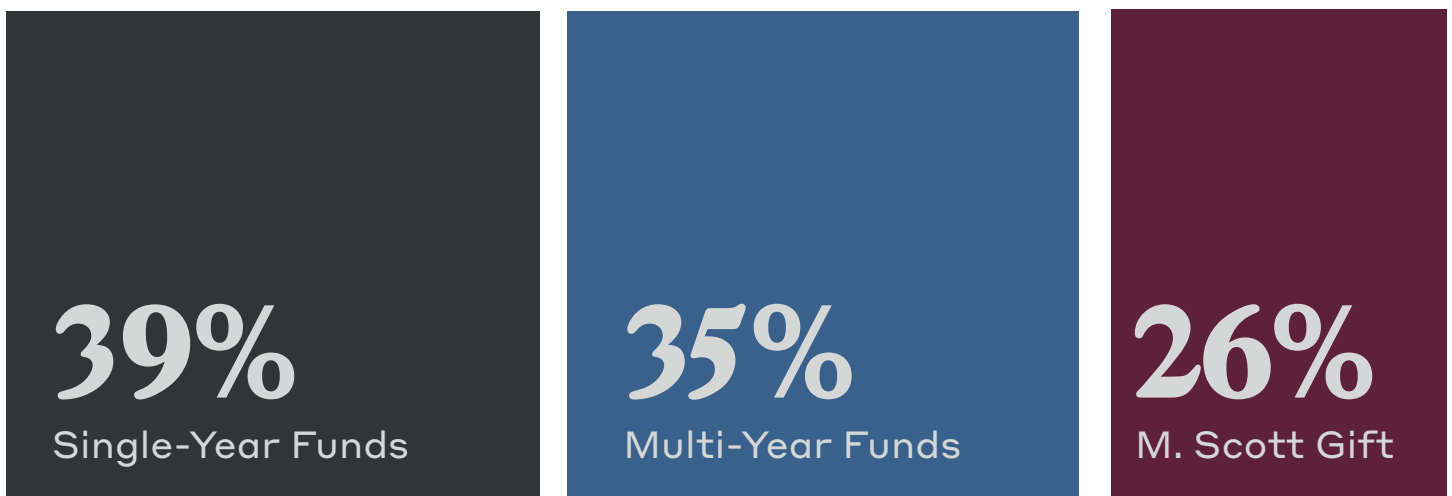
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2021/2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

BPC celebrated its

15TH

anniversary in 2022.

In the past year,
BPC Action played a
significant role in the
development of over

80

pieces of legislation.

From 2020 to 2021,
there were an estimated
record-setting

100,306

drug overdose deaths
in the U.S.

The investments from
the IRA are expected to
speed up the clean energy
transition and slash U.S.
emissions by

40%

by 2030.

2021/2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

It is

False

that mail-in voting has always been used more heavily by Democratic voters.

Nearly half of renters pay more than

30%

of their income on housing.

By raising the debt limit, the federal government will likely be able to meet its financial obligations through at least Q2 of

2023

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