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US Senator (R-TN) 1967-85

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US Senator (R-KS) 1978-97

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National Security Advisor 1997-2001

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National Security Advisor 1977-81

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Secretary of State 1993-97

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Senator (R-WA) 1981-87, 1989-2001

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US Congressman (D-IN) 1965-99

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US Senator (D-CO) 1975-87

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US Trade Representative 1989-93

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Governor, New Jersey 1982-1990

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National Security Advisor 1993-97

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Secretary of the Navy 1981-87

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National Security Advisor 1983-85

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Ambassador to UN 1979-81

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Senator (D-GA) 1972-96

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Secretary of Defense 1994-97

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US Senator (R-NH) 1980-92

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White House Special Counsel 1961-63

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Deputy Secretary of State 1985-88

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THE PARTNERSHIP FOR A SECURE AMERICA (PSA) WAS CREATED IN 2005 BY A GROUP OF SENIOR DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE, DEMONSTRATING THAT BIPARTISAN PROGRESS ON THE TOUGHEST FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IS POSSIBLE.

★ THE CHALLENGE: RESTORING THE BIPARTISAN CENTER ★

Over the past two decades destructive partisanship has invaded every level of the policymaking process in Washington, threatening our ability to respond to critical national security and foreign policy challenges. Yet both candidates for President in 2008 spoke frequently about “bringing people together” and crossing party lines to get things done in Washington, and President Obama has explicitly committed to increase “bipartisanship and openness” in the foreign policy process.

But it will not be enough for leaders merely to express a hope of increased bipartisanship on critical national security and foreign policy issues. If we are not to repeat the bitter, polarizing experience of recent years, the new Administration and Congress must be held accountable. Our leaders must adopt a genuinely bipartisan consensus building approach to the enormous challenges we face as a country.

The election revealed that Americans are still deeply divided on hot-button social issues, but in broad agreement on our foreign policy challenges and goals. Drawing on the voice and imprimatur of our distinguished Advisory Board, PSA can continue to create “safe space” for Democrats and Republicans to engage in serious, consensus building dialogue on issues like global climate change, detainee treatment, nuclear non-proliferation, and the threat of terrorism.

To change the divisive culture in Washington, we must address the underlying breakdown of our national discourse and rebuild relationships at all levels of the policymaking process. This long term effort is PSA’s most important contribution, and the ultimate expression of our mission to restore the bipartisan center defined by Harry Truman and Arthur Vandenberg over half a century ago.

POLICYMAKERS

Leveraging the influence of our distinguished bipartisan Advisory Board, PSA has found open ears at the highest levels of the US government:

- The Obama-Biden Transition Team and the White House endorsed PSA’s message, committing to “bipartisanship and openness” in the foreign policy process.
- Sen. Feinstein (D-CA), Sen. Rockefeller (D-WV), Sen. Casey (D-PA) and others have quoted PSA statements in Senate floor debate.
- Homeland Security Secretary Chertoff and Defense Secretary Gates reviewed and commented on PSA’s WMD Report Card in separate press appearances.
- PSA has briefed staff for Sen. Specter (D-PA), Sen. Feingold (D-WI), Sen. Salazar (D-CO), Rep. Thornberry (R-TX), Rep. Harman (D-CA), and Rep. Smith (D-WA), among others.
- PSA briefed staff of the Commission on Prevention of WMD Proliferation and Terrorism, and PSA was cited by Commission Chair former Sen. Graham (D-FL) during a public hearing.



CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

In 2009, PSA started a new Fellowship program to address the destructive effect of partisanship on foreign policy in the Congress. PSA's Congressional Fellowship Program brings staff together outside of their daily jobs to build relationships and skills and to discuss national security and foreign policy issues to improve bipartisanship in the long term.

- Each session of the Fellowship includes between 25 and 30 Congressional staff, split evenly between Democrats and Republicans from both the Senate and House.
- Fellows participate in a strategic negotiation training seminar and an NSC Deputies Committee meeting simulation exercise designed to build consensus and negotiation skills. They also meet in small groups with current and former officials, such as PSA Advisory Board members Gov. Thomas Kean and Anthony Lake and Obama Administration NSC staff Mark Lippert, Denis McDonough and Ben Rhodes.
- Fellows attend an overnight Retreat at Wye River where they interact with former senior officials and participate in policy discussions and outdoor activities.
- A Final Project gives the Fellows an opportunity to apply the lessons of bipartisanship learned in the Program to their daily jobs, working with a Fellow from the other party to tackle a challenge they face in Congress. Upon completion of the Final Project, Fellows join a robust alumni network that offers continued training and social opportunities.





BEYOND THE BELTWAY

PSA's impact has been felt far beyond the beltway. PSA Advisory Board members and staff have reached audiences across America in paid advertising, online discussions, small group events and large conferences:

- Working with partner organizations across the country, PSA has launched a “road show” of bipartisan national security dialogues to include stops in Indiana, California, North Carolina, North Dakota, Utah, Washington State, and others.
- On Super Bowl Sunday 2008 PSA ran a TV ad on preventing nuclear terrorism on the Fox News Election Special, CBS, and NBC networks in 5 major cities, reaching over 2 million viewers.
- PSA's *Secure America Challenge*, a wikipedia-style website featuring questions for the Presidential candidates, and PSA's *Across the Aisle* blog attracted over 400,000 unique hits during the 2008 Presidential campaign.
- PSA co-hosted a foreign policy conference for young leaders on the West Coast with Americans for Informed Democracy and World Learning.
- PSA leaders coach and lecture for high school government teachers from around US at the World Affairs Council's Summer Institute on International Relations.



PSA's success mirrors that of our diverse and influential Advisory Board. Their accomplishments and experience in national security and foreign policy confers legitimacy and credibility on PSA, while opening doors at the highest levels of the US government, attracting the attention of the media, and helping us reach the American public. But PSA's success is attributable to more than just our stellar cast of Advisors. Bipartisan cooperation on national security and foreign policy is an idea whose time has come again. It is now more important than ever to foster consensus building dialogue between leaders on both sides of the aisle so that the damage our policies and policymaking process have suffered in the past decade may be undone.

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