



NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR A
NEW AMERICA

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The National Council For A New America *Solutions For The American People*

The National Council for a New America unites leaders from across the country to begin a dialogue with the American people about how best to meet our common challenges and build a stronger country through common-sense ideas and solutions that will help every American.

However, for this effort to be successful, the real leaders will be the American people. We have invited Americans from all walks of life to join with us as we begin anew, rebuilding and reenergizing our nation. We hope to engage other national and local leaders, grassroots activists and citizens and inspire them to work with us to solve problems with workable conservative solutions. The following are not the only issue areas on which solutions will be offered, but form a starting point in our revitalization effort.

Real Solutions for the American People: Energy

American families and small businesses cannot afford an energy policy that enables foreign oil cartels and dictators to hold our country hostage. As a nation we can no longer send billions of dollars overseas each year to countries that help fund our enemies. We must implement a comprehensive energy policy that emphasizes American solutions through traditional fuels, alternative energy, and conservation. The end result will be cheap and reliable domestic energy. Our priority will stabilize costs for families and businesses while creating much-needed jobs at home.

Traditional Fuels:

America has vast resources of untapped oil, natural gas, and coal. However, government regulations and frivolous lawsuits are preventing us from utilizing these resources. We propose reforming the current system to permit environmentally responsible use of domestic resources. Conservative estimates indicate that these efforts could yield 200 plus years worth of new American resources.

Alternative Energy:

We have the power to significantly increase our clean energy resources through the development of wind, solar, biomass, nuclear power and other alternative energy sources. The government can speed up the development of these resources by leading the way in research. Once developed, regulatory and legal barriers often complicate the deployment of these resources, especially in areas under federal control. We propose, for example, streamlining the permitting and siting process for renewable energy production such as wind and tidal projects.

Conservation:

Energy efficiency must be a part of any effective energy plan. The government can play a critical role in improving energy efficiency. First, as the nation's largest consumer of energy, the federal government should lead by example and work to increase the efficiency of the government's buildings and auto fleet. Second, the government can provide meaningful incentives to help families and small businesses cover the costs of making energy efficient improvements to their homes and places of work.