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2025 Center for Renewing America

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# Our Mission

The Center for Renewing America's mission is to renew a consensus of America as a nation under God with unique interests worthy of defending that flow from its people, institutions, and history, where individuals' enjoyment of freedom is predicated on just laws and healthy communities.



# Introduction

This year marked a defining new chapter for the Center for Renewing America—a moment we have been preparing for since our founding.

With the return of conservative leadership to Washington and Russ Vought’s appointment to lead the Office of Management and Budget, CRA seized the initiative. Drawing on years of policy development and a strong bench of alumni now serving in the administration, we helped advance President Trump’s America First agenda.

The resolve of both the administration and organizations like CRA was tested almost immediately. Under the Biden Administration, federal agencies had transformed into woke and weaponized instruments of ideological enforcement. These entrenched bureaucracies were prepared to resist President Trump’s agenda by any means necessary in order to preserve their power.

Thankfully, the president’s willingness to confront these rogue elements head-on—combined with his appointment of America First patriots to key positions—created the conditions for policy victories once thought unimaginable. The alignment between the president’s America First agenda and organizations like CRA offering concrete policy solutions proved decisive in battles against the entrenched bureaucracy.

From rolling back DEI initiatives to advancing rescission cuts that placed agencies on the chopping block, the Center’s policy work helped the Trump Administration advance its America First agenda at home and abroad. As a result, CRA has emerged as one of the most effective policy organizations in the country.

We also took steps to secure the intellectual foundation of the America First movement through the acquisition of *Chronicles Magazine*. Since its founding in 1977, *Chronicles* has been a leading voice of America First conservatism, unafraid to challenge prevailing orthodoxies. In partnership with Editor-in-Chief Dr. Paul Gottfried and his team, the Center is expanding the reach of *Chronicles* and focusing its editorial direction as “A Magazine for American Culture.”

Still, these gains are not secure. Entrenched bureaucracies, activist judges, and a hostile media environment continue to wage a well-funded resistance movement to the president’s agenda. America’s renewal is underway, but lasting change will require sustained effort—and a continued willingness to fight for these victories for years to come.

The following annual report documents the battles we have fought, the progress we made in 2025, and the work that lies ahead in 2026 and beyond.





# Citizens for Renewing America

Leveraging strategic advocacy to impact public policy.

Citizens for Renewing America is a national 501c4, and sister organization to the Center for Renewing America. While the Center for Renewing America develops the intellectual and legal foundations for reform, Citizens for Renewing America focuses on informing citizens, mobilizing supporters, and sustaining public pressure around key policy debates.

Citizens for Renewing America's Weekly Intelligence Briefing, led every Thursday by Executive Director Wade Miller, routinely draws thousands of supporters, policy professionals, and committed activists. Each session offers a clear-eyed assessment of the most pressing political developments in Washington—who is driving them, what is at stake, and what may come next—through an unapologetically America First lens. The briefing concludes with an interactive Q&A segment and has quickly become a trusted forum for those seeking informed,

insider-level analysis without the filter of the political establishment.

In 2025, Citizens for Renewing America helped reinforce public support for several consequential policy outcomes. Through sustained engagement and message discipline, Citizens amplified arguments for restoring executive authority through impoundment and pocket rescissions, reasserting lawful deportation powers, reducing the footprint of USAID, and shutting down unaccountable bureaucracies such as the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. By connecting citizens to the stakes of these debates, Citizens for Renewing America played a meaningful role in building the public momentum necessary to turn reform ideas into governing realities.



# Strategic Initiatives in 2025

From defense to offense in our fight for American renewal.

For the Center for Renewing America, 2025 was the moment when years of preparing policy, building coalitions, and mainstreaming our ideas paid off in large dividends.

What began as a defensive struggle to expose corruption and lawlessness within the federal bureaucracy has become an offensive campaign to reassert a constitutional presidency, regain national sovereignty, and renew the moral and cultural foundations of our republic.

Each initiative in this report reflects that transition. CRA’s detailed primers, outreach efforts, and policy frameworks empowered the Trump Administration, lawmakers, and citizens to dismantle rogue elements in the federal bureaucracy and confront the Left’s entrenched institutions of power. CRA’s initiatives seek to reassert executive authority, gut spending on woke programs, protect American in-

terests at home and abroad, and more.



Our mission is to renew a consensus of a nation under God and restore the American people to their rightful place at the center of their own government. In 2025, that mission took a major step forward through the following CRA initiatives, which are reorienting the foundations of our republic back to those envisioned by our Founding Fathers.



# Our Fight for a Constitutional Presidency

Reasserting presidential authority in line with the vision of the Founders.

Since its founding, the Center for Renewing America has worked to restore constitutional powers of the presidency—**powers that Congress and the bureaucracy have spent decades eroding.**

Between 2021 and 2024, CRA scholars revived long-dormant constitutional arguments, laying the intellectual foundation for a strong executive grounded in Arti-



cle II of the Constitution. CRA's groundbreaking September 2024 primer, *The President's Constitutional Power of Impoundment*, reframed how Washington thinks about spending, showing that the president has

not only the authority but also the duty to refuse funding for wasteful or unlawful programs that often serve the Left's political machinery instead of the taxpayer.

By the time the 2024 presidential transition began, CRA's years of preparation had paid off. From early budget directives to the planning and development of rescission strategies, CRA's scholarship helped guide real reform. President Trump's early actions to withhold funding from politicized agencies, reorganize federal departments, and reassert control over the administrative state reflected principles that CRA spent years developing and defending.

In 2025, CRA built upon that foundation with primers on rescissions, which provided policymakers with concrete strategies to curb spending and reclaim

executive control over the budget where appropriate. Thanks to the Center’s work, these seldom-used constitutional tools have since become essential weapons in the fight to defund the Left’s entrenched bureaucracies.

During last fall’s government shutdown, CRA helped helped make the case for the President’s use of “pocket” rescissions to curb spending. Under the 1974 Impoundment Control Act (ICA), the president can employ rescissions to cancel



spending he determines unnecessary to achieve a program’s objectives. A “pocket” rescission occurs when the president sends his rescission message to Congress with fewer than forty-five days left in the fiscal year.

As the administration wrestled with spending priorities, CRA’s pocket-rescission strategy armed the Office of Management and Budget with the tools to identify billions in potential savings while crippling wasteful programs across the bureaucracy. The government shutdown illustrated CRA’s indispensable role in empowering the administration to dismantle the administrative state—lawfully and strategically.

In the weeks following the government shutdown, CRA’s research informed dis-

cussions in Congress about budget reform and fiscal transparency and prompted important conversations over the president’s authority to transmit and effectuate rescission proposals under the ICA.



Throughout that period, CRA continued advancing the constitutional case for restoring presidential oversight of agency rulemaking, reinforcing ongoing efforts to reestablish accountability and executive control across the federal bureaucracy. These efforts unequivocally demonstrated that the restoration of constitutional authority is not a distant aspiration but an achievable goal now producing measurable results.

The fight for a constitutional presidency is not about any one commander-in-chief or any one moment in time. CRA has moved from formulating theory to helping shape history in its efforts to provide the Trump Administration with a framework for a proper balance of power envisioned by the Framers.



## America First Immigration Policy

Taking control of the border and ending the invasion.

A non-negotiable condition of any sovereign nation is the ability to control its borders. **From day one, CRA has worked to restore lawful immigration enforcement and push back against the Left's open-border agenda that undermines American workers and families.** This unchecked flow of illegal aliens across our southern border not only places immense strain on local infrastructure and social services but also creates a significant national security vacuum.

Over the years, CRA exposed the unconstitutional overreach of federal agencies that sought to rewrite immigration law by executive fiat. Through our landmark primers, *U.S. Deportations—A Longstanding & Normal Process* and *U.S. Deportations—Executive Power*, CRA clarified what should have been obvious: Deportation is not cruel; it is a normal, lawful exercise of national sovereignty.

These resources provided the Trump Administration with the legal foundation to defend enforcement actions under long-standing statutes, including the Immigration and Nationality Act and Homeland Security Act. CRA also detailed how decades of bureaucratic mission creep and judicial activism had weakened those powers, and CRA offered a clear path for restoration.

By the close of 2024, when the incoming Trump Administration announced plans to restore immigration enforcement priorities and end “catch and release,” CRA’s research helped frame the national discussion about presidential enforcement authority, offering constitutional clarity that contributed to public and policy-level dialogue. This crucial preparation helped ensure the incoming administration could act decisively and immediately, equipped with sound legal arguments ready to withstand anticipated legal challenges.

Throughout 2025, CRA’s research, public briefings, and media appearances ensured that policymakers and citizens understood the legal basis for robust enforcement, helping shift the national conversation from whether the United States—specifically, the executive branch—*could* enforce its laws to how it *must*.

CRA also addressed a critical and often overlooked component of immigration policy: how counting non-U.S. citizens undermines the very foundation of representative government. As detailed in CRA’s primer, *Differential Privacy in the 2020 Census Explained*, the 2020 Census introduced data-alteration methods that reduced accuracy under the guise of protecting privacy. The end result obscured the true population picture in ways that carry significant political consequences. CRA’s work advanced the case for a citizenship-based census to ensure that political power reflects actual citizens, not illegal aliens.

To that end, CRA is helping shape proposals to make the next census fair, transparent, and constitutionally sound.

The Center’s scholarship also underpinned renewed discussions about ending birthright citizenship for children of illegal aliens. By tracing the issue back to original constitutional intent and judicial precedent, CRA helped reframe the debate away from emotional rhetoric and toward constitutional fidelity. Our research provided the legal clarity necessary to assert that the 14th Amendment was never intended to grant citizenship to children born to noncitizens who owe no allegiance to the United States.

Taken together, these initiatives demonstrate how CRA has moved from a defensive posture under the previous ad-



ministration—e.g., countering unlawful expansions of asylum and parole—to an offensive posture in 2025 that’s helping to restore the executive’s ability to protect national sovereignty.

CRA’s immigration policy vision is rooted in compassion and clarity: compassion for citizens whose livelihoods and communities are impacted by uncontrolled migration and clarity about the duty of government to uphold the law.

The Center’s research continues to arm the administration with the legal and constitutional tools needed to secure the border, enforce deportation laws, and restore public trust in the rule of law.

Going forward, CRA remains unwavering in its commitment to finish the job: restoring a lawful, orderly, and sovereign immigration system worthy of the American people.



# CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

## Fighting Woke and Weaponized Bureaucracy

Leading the charge and cutting woke government.

CRA's scholarship established the policy architecture for dismantling Washington's permanent bureaucracy—a machine that had strayed from its constitutional boundaries to serve the Left's political and cultural agenda. By 2025, that groundwork began producing visible results.

**One of CRA's most influential 2025 initiatives was *Digging for DEI Dollars*, a sweeping watchdog report developed with the Functional Government Initiative that uncovered 460 taxpayer-funded DEI programs across twenty-four federal agencies, costing at least \$1 trillion.** This report revealed the extent to which ideological activism has infiltrated federal bureaucracies, corrupting critical agency missions and advancing the Left's goal of institutional subversion.

CRA exposed egregious examples, including plans by the Department of Defense to “integrate environmental/economic justice tools,” a FEMA initiative to “install equity as a foundation of emergency management,” and the Department of Labor's determination that it “must embed equity in a sustainable manner that recognizes the multiple and overlapping identities held by workers.”

The report became a resource for the administration and watchdog groups, quickly renewing congressional and media focus on politicized spending.

In August, CRA exposed deep institutional failures inside the National Institutes of Health, demonstrating that its mishandling of the pandemic and lab-leak coverup reflected a broader pattern of ideological capture. CRA revealed how taxpayer dollars were diverted into fringe

projects, including studies of “gender affirming hormone therapy in mice” and “cross sex steroid therapy.”

Recognizing this ideological drift, the Trump Administration slashed the NIH budget from \$47 billion to \$27 billion in FY 2026 and terminated \$1.8 billion in grants.

President Trump took similarly decisive action by issuing Reduction in Force notices to the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI), effectively shutting down its operations. CRA’s analysis exposed CDFI as a politically driven slush fund that funneled millions into left-wing priorities like climate alarmism and radical gender ideology. The administration acted quickly to dismantle it, demonstrating that no agency is beyond accountability.

This principle also guided reforms to the media bureaucracy. The Center’s primer, *The Corporation for Public Broadcasting—Propaganda Machine*, showed how NPR and PBS had become taxpayer-funded megaphones for left-wing propaganda. CRA’s analysis provided essential context for Congress’s decision to rescind \$1.1 billion in previously allocated Consumer Financial Protection Bureau funding in 2025. The defunding of CDFI and CPB marked a tangible victory for our country.

CRA also advanced defunding efforts beyond DEI through targeted analyses of major federal entities. Our primer on the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) detailed how NED-funded NGOs promote far-left agendas abroad using taxpayer dollars. Likewise, our primer on the Consumer Financial Protection Bu-

## Primer: The National Endowment for Democracy and an NGO Ecosystem Actively Undermining America

by CRA Staff  
February 7, 2025



reau (CFPB) argued for its closure, citing its duplicative functions, limited accountability, and propensity for weaponization.

Finally, CRA confronted Medicaid, exposing systemic corruption and ideological expansion within the program. The Center detailed how Medicaid has drifted far beyond its original safety-net mission to fund able-bodied adults, gender-transition services, and abortion in some states. CRA’s analysis showed how this ideological rot, paired with rampant improper payments, transformed the program into a vehicle for woke policy priorities rather than a safeguard for the vulnerable. The Center urged reforms to restore fiscal integrity.

Taken together, these efforts reflect CRA’s broader mission to dismantle the ideological machinery embedded across federal agencies and restore a government that serves the American people.

As the Center looks ahead, its goal remains clear: to end the weaponized bureaucracy once and for all and rebuild a federal government that serves the American people. Thanks to the support of our donors and years of principled scholarship, CRA is closer than ever to achieving that goal.



## Putting America First on the Global Stage

Crafting a foreign policy that prioritizes our interests.

For four years, CRA worked to dismantle the foreign-policy establishment's most destructive assumptions: from endless wars to international institutions that drain U.S. resources without providing adequate return. By 2025, as the Trump Administration reasserted American sovereignty, CRA's research offered a framework for an America First realignment rooted in national interest rather than globalist orthodoxy. The Center's work helped steer debates on NATO reform, the Russia-Ukraine war, shipbuilding, and strategic opportunities in the Arctic and North Atlantic, advancing the core principle that America should not subsidize foreign governments, multilateral bureaucracies, or ideological projects at the expense of sovereignty and security.

CRA's primer, *Out of Shape and Out of Control: Understanding and Reforming a "Woke" NATO*, documented how the alliance has strayed

far from its core mission of collective defense to fixating on climate initiatives, DEI, and other ideological campaigns that have no connection to warfighting. Our report reinforced the Center's longheld support for a "Dormant NATO" model, one that sharply narrows the alliance's activities to essential military functions while shifting greater responsibility to European nations.

These themes came to the forefront last June when NATO allies agreed to increase defense spending to 5% of GDP by 2035—a major development that echoed CRA's push for strategic clarity.

This same principle guided CRA's assessment of the escalating Russia-Ukraine war. CRA was one of the first policy organizations to question Washington's open-ended approach to Ukraine. In 2023, the Center warned that

U.S. policy was sliding toward escalation without clear objectives or adequate oversight. CRA expanded this argument in its 2025 primer, *The Road Back from War in Ukraine*, which outlined a practical framework for reducing the risk of U.S.–Russia confrontation. As the Trump Administration reassessed America’s global posture, CRA’s research provided needed clarity, emphasizing restraint, diplomacy, and renewed congressional oversight.

CRA’s commitment to a foreign policy grounded in national interest extended beyond NATO and Ukraine with proposals to strengthen America’s Arctic posture, revive the nation’s shipbuilding base, and reduce dependence on vulnerable global chokepoints.

CRA highlighted Greenland’s rising importance amid intensifying global competition in the Arctic. The analysis called for deeper diplomatic ties, economic integration, and infrastructure investment to strengthen U.S.–Greenland cooperation, emphasizing that growing Chinese and Russian activity makes a more proactive American presence essential to long-term strategic and commercial interests.

CRA also tackled another serious weakness in U.S. national security: the decline of America’s shipbuilding industrial base. The Center documented how chronic cost overruns, production delays, supply-chain vulnerabilities, and poor oversight have undermined naval readiness, warning that without major reforms, the United States will struggle to sustain a global naval presence.

Mirroring the vulnerabilities identified in the shipbuilding base, CRA published research showing that America’s reliance on foreign-controlled canals poses serious strategic risks. The Center examined



the strategic value of a U.S.-controlled canal and the dangers of continued dependence on the existing global canal system. By highlighting the benefits of secure, American-controlled routes, CRA helped elevate a national conversation about reducing exposure to foreign chokepoints and strengthening the resilience of the U.S. economy and military.

Together, CRA’s work in 2025 advanced a coherent strategy for restoring American leadership, one based not on endless commitments or ideological projects, but on sovereignty, national interest, and strategic clarity. From NATO reform to Arctic engagement, from avoiding escalation in Ukraine to strengthening shipbuilding and securing global trade routes, CRA influenced the conversation toward policies that put America first. Moving forward, the Center will continue to equip policymakers with the frameworks necessary to rein in globalist excess, restrain international bureaucracies, and restore American influence where it matters most.



## Building an America First Economy

Strengthening our sovereignty in the age of globalization.

From the beginning, the Center for Renewing America has argued that economic policy is not neutral—it either strengthens the nation or undermines it. For decades, Washington’s bipartisan establishment pursued a model of globalization that hollowed out American industry, rewarded foreign adversaries, and left working families behind. CRA’s goal has been to reverse that trend by restoring an economy rooted in domestic production and sovereignty.

**CRA’s research advanced a new vision for economic nationalism.** Its primers on tariffs, trade, and industrial policy reframed the conversation in Washington by demonstrating that free markets cannot exist without fair rules and that the federal government has both the authority and the obligation to defend American workers from predatory foreign practices.

By 2025, that groundwork was bearing fruit. The Trump Administration’s early economic actions reflected many of the principles CRA had championed: strengthening domestic manufacturing, securing supply chains, and using tariff policy as a legitimate tool of national defense rather than as an instrument of global appeasement.

CRA’s primers, *The Threat of Tariff Evasion within U.S. Trade Policy* and *Non-Tariff Barriers Imposed on the United States by Foreign Nations*, laid bare how loopholes and lax enforcement had allowed adversarial and friendly nations alike to evade American duties for years. Furthermore, the reports detailed the asymmetric trade disadvantage faced by the U.S., documenting the high tariffs and complex nontariff barriers such as VATs and subsidies that foreign nations impose on American goods,

ultimately weakening U.S. industries and economic sovereignty.

Those insights helped shape public debate over tightening customs enforcement and expanding tariffs on sectors critical to national security. Lawmakers began citing the need for reciprocity as justification for recalibrating trade relationships with China and other nations that exploit open markets while protecting their own.

Many of the Center's trade proposals, including a universal 10% tariff, were adopted by the Trump Administration in 2025. Despite dire predictions from the antitariff establishment, these policies have begun reinvigorating long-neglected American industries and spurring renewed foreign and domestic investment in U.S. production.

CRA also continued its advocacy for an industrial strategy that prioritizes American labor and capital. The Center's research showed how decades of offshoring and financialization had drained the country's production base. In 2025, as new manufacturing and energy initiatives gained momentum, CRA underscored the constitutional and moral case for federal policies that rebuild domestic capacity without succumbing to corporate welfare. CRA's policy team also warned against unchecked deficit spending and excessive federal borrowing, calling for fiscal discipline and greater accountability in how the government raises and spends money—consistent with its broader framework for restoring economic sovereignty and limiting bureaucratic overreach.

After years spent countering harmful trade deals and regulatory overreach, in

2025 CRA moved beyond diagnosing economic decline to helping design solutions. The Center worked to ensure that tariff and procurement policies favored domestic producers, that economic data reflected real conditions for working fam-

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## Primer: The Threat of Tariff Evasion within U.S. Trade Policy



by Samara Brown  
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ilies, and that fiscal reform became a central part of the national agenda.

CRA also underscored that economic strength and national security are inseparable. From energy policy and critical-minerals development to defense manufacturing, the Center advanced the principle that sovereignty and productive capacity—not globalist orthodoxy—should guide U.S. strategy. As the administration launched new trade negotiations and pursued fair-trade agreements, CRA's research provided a constitutional and strategic framework for rebuilding domestic capacity, supporting American labor, and strengthening the economic sovereignty on which national security and self-government depend.



## Policy Summit Recap

An intimate gathering for those invested in renewing America.

In May of 2025, the Center convened its Annual Spring Policy Summit in Washington, D.C.

CRA summits are an off-the-record gathering of several hundred of its strongest supporters who have pledged substantial resources or devoted significant time commitments to the cause of saving our country.

On the first day of the event, attendees heard from government officials about their efforts to eliminate woke and weaponized spending programs during the early months of the new administration. Later that evening, the summit moved to the Waldorf Astoria in Washington, D.C., where Secretary of State Marco Rubio delivered a powerful address at the reception dinner, focusing on putting America First on the global stage.

The second day began with several panels that focused on some of the most important policy issues facing our nation. Panel topics included border security, executive power and the federal budget, the reform of weaponized government, cultural renewal, and deregulation. Panels featured CRA staff, outside policy experts, and Trump Administration officials.



This year's summit included the Center's 5th Anniversary Gala, a black tie event featuring addresses from Secretary of State Marco Rubio, OMB Director Russ Vought, and Congressman Chip Roy of Texas.



On the final day, attendees enjoyed a breakfast and speech from former Trump advisor Steve Bannon.

CRA Spring Policy Summit has become one of the most consequential policy events of the year in the America First movement.



# Timeline of CRA

Looking back and looking ahead.

## 2020:

### An Entrenched Bureaucracy



Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Russ Vought witnesses firsthand an entrenched federal bureaucracy resisting the president's agenda and a Washington establishment more interested in maintaining the destructive status quo than putting Americans' interests first. Although the president is successful on many fronts, Washington successfully stymies critical elements of the president's agenda to drain the D.C. swamp.

## 2021:

### Launching of CRA to Confront the Status Quo

On Inauguration Day 2021, Vought launches the Center to reorient a conservative movement undercut by the Washington establishment. Designed to be nimble, swift, and potent, the Center takes on fights deemed too politically sensitive—but necessary to put

God, Community, and Country back at the center of the political debate in Washington.

In the summer, the Center launches a full-scale assault against Critical Race Theory (CRT) policies, with congressional legislation and state-level toolkits exposing CRT in schools distributed in school board meetings across the country. Shortly thereafter, the Center releases a landmark study calling for an Article I "invasion declaration" to staunch the chaos at the border, which quickly finds support from elected officials across the country and changes the immigration policy paradigm in Washington.



## 2022:

### Shifting Policy Paradigms

Building off momentum from early victories, the Center expands its paradigm-shifting policy work, releasing primers exposing LGBTQ grooming of children and calling for age verification



laws for online pornography. A body of work coalescing around combating broader "woke and weaponized" ideologies takes shape.

After significant staff growth and buy-in from around the conservative movement, the ultimate paradigm shift occurs at the end of 2022 with the release of the Center's FY 2023 budget proposal, "A Commitment to End Woke and Weaponized Government." For the first time, policymakers have a road map for getting the federal budget under control by gutting woke and weaponized programs.

## 2023:

### Winning Political Battles and Leading on Foreign Policy

Following the release of the Center's budget, House Freedom Caucus members begin to publicly demand spending cuts to kneecap weaponized agencies and secure power-sharing concessions from House leadership. After a series of battles, they emerge victorious. The success of the 2023 Speaker fight prepares conservatives to embrace a sustained war against woke federal bureaucrats.

As the year progresses, CRA once again delivers game-changing proposals—rejecting decades of neoconservative orthodoxy with studies calling for a negotiated settlement in Ukraine and a U.S. pivot away from the defense of Europe to a “Dormant NATO”. Both doctrines, along with CRA’s research exposing woke military brass, heavily influence the focus of a future Trump Administration.



## 2024:

### Laying a Policy Groundwork

In 2024, CRA focuses its efforts on laying the groundwork for a series of battles to reassert the president’s constitutional authority and transform the country. CRA also promotes policies that would secure our border, decouple America from China, and gut weaponized federal agencies like the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

In December, then-CRA President Russ Vought is once again selected by President Trump to be director of the

Office of Management and Budget. In preparation for Vought’s departure, the Center names a new leadership team for this transitional period.



## 2025:

### Helping Land Key Victories

In 2025, CRA shifts strategy following President Trump’s election to a second term by working to ensure its innovative policy ideas are heard by those in power. Its hard work preparing throughout 2024 pays with several key policy victories in 2025.

CRA’s work on the presidential power to make rescissions cuts has a massive influence in the lead up to and during the government shutdown. President Trump uses rescissions and pocket rescissions to cut woke and weaponized government throughout 2025.

CRA’s policy primer informs a \$1.1 billion funding cut at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, effectively shutting down leftist propaganda outlets like the Public Broadcasting Service and National Public Radio. After years of research, CRA sees another victory as the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is defunded and shut down.

The Trump Administration echoes CRA’s policy recommendations on immigration by imposing sweeping exec-

utive actions that overturn the Biden Administration’s open border policy and begins the process of mass deportations. CRA also leads the way, exposing the intentional data manipulations used to skew the 2020 U.S. Census.

CRA becomes the premier think tank of the America First movement, and its influence is noted by the left-wing *Politico* magazine and many other media outlets.

## 2026:

### and Beyond



CRA will continue to advocate for the release of a republished 2020 U.S. Census so that the intentional data manipulations are removed and it is no longer skewed to give an electoral advantage to the left.

Building on the previous year, CRA will expand its research on artificial intelligence, with a focus on ensuring that technical, economic, and ethical considerations are all taken into account in future regulatory policies. CRA will also focus its attention on combatting the spread of radical Islam in America.

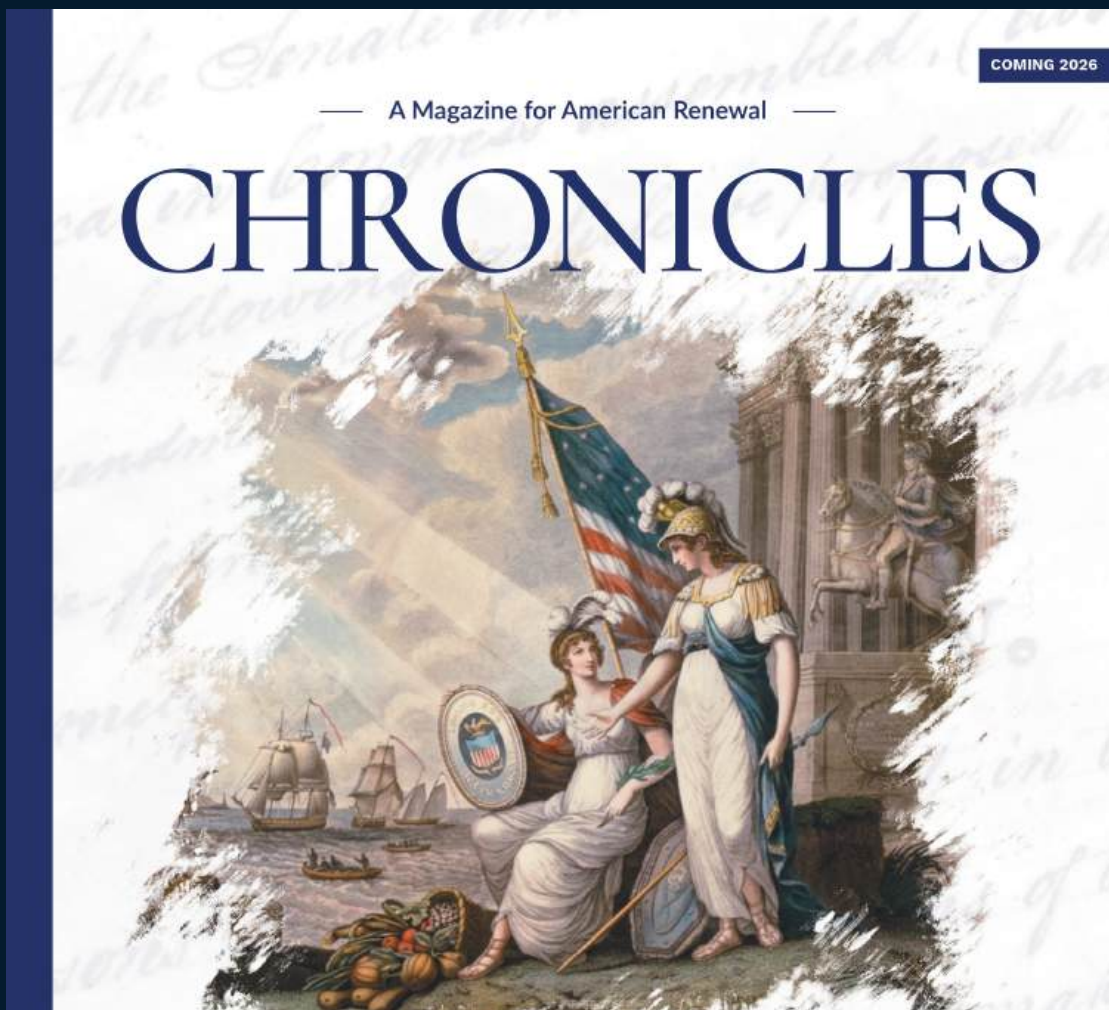
During his second inaugural address, President Trump spoke of a new American Golden Age. CRA will leverage its expertise and paradigm-shifting policy work to ensure this becomes a reality in 2026 and beyond.

# Introducing *Chronicles* Magazine in 2025

A new era begins.

One of the most exciting developments for the Center in 2025 was the acquisition of *Chronicles Magazine*. For decades, *Chronicles* has articulated a vision for our country firmly grounded in conservative principles. Through thought-provoking commentary on issues such as immigration, trade, foreign policy, and culture, it has established itself as a leading intellectual voice on the Right.

By working in close collaboration, the Center and *Chronicles* can advance our shared ideas to a much larger, mission-aligned audience. This partnership is poised to have an outsized impact on the America First movement for years to come.



# CRA by the Numbers in 2025

A year of progress across all fronts.



**526,320**  
MINUTES WATCHED  
OF CRA VIDEOS



**35,637,466**  
TOTAL IMPRESSIONS



**10%↑**  
CALL-OUTS



**50**  
STATES RECEIVING  
CALL-OUT



**371**  
MEDIA  
APPEARANCES



**461**  
CONGRESSIONAL  
POLICY ENGAGEMENTS

# Alumni Network



**Russ Vought**

**Director, OMB**  
Former CRA Founder



**Kash Patel**

**Director, FBI**  
Former CRA Senior Fellow  
for National Security and  
Intelligence



**Mark Paoletta**

**General Counsel, OMB**  
Former CRA Senior Fellow



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**Joe Edlow**

**Director, United States Citizen-  
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Former CRA Senior  
Legal Fellow



**Brian McCormack**

**Chief of Staff, U.S. National  
Security Council  
(Served 2025)**  
Former CRA Fellow



**Adam Candeub**

**General Counsel, FCC**  
Former CRA Senior Fellow



**Kingsley Wilson**

**Press Secretary, DOW**  
Former CRA Associate Director  
of Strategic Communications and  
Digital Media



**Rachel Cauley**

**Communications  
Director, OMB**  
Former CRA Communications  
Director/Fellow



**Micah Meadowcroft**

**Policy Advisor and  
Speechwriter, Office  
of the President**  
Research Director



**Jacob Carson**

**Research Assistant  
to the Director, OMB**  
Former CRA Development  
Assistant

The Center for Renewing America is proud of our former colleagues who are honorably serving as political appointees in the second Trump Administration.

# A Message to Our Patrons

Friends,

**The year 2025 was an extraordinary year of growth for our organization and success in our mission**—and it would not have been possible without you.

Like a mighty oak, our success did not appear overnight. Over the past five years, we prepared for this moment—mainstreaming our ideas in national debates and deepening our roots within policy frameworks for an incoming America First administration.

Through that preparation, the investments of our generous supporters, and the leadership of a once-in-a-generation president, we were able to seize the initiative and act decisively—helping the Trump Administration secure America First victories in the first year of its term.

With your partnership, we helped restore the executive powers of the constitutional presidency our founder envisioned, helped drive billions in cuts to woke programs, restored our national sovereignty, and advanced a foreign policy that put America first on the global stage.

The past year has shown that when organizations like the Center equip leaders with bold, innovative policy, we can strike decisive blows against woke and weaponized government bureaucracies.

Now, we enter a defining season. The year 2026 will be critical for the America First movement. The battles ahead will be intense—and the need to keep fighting has never been greater.

At CRA, we are leading the charge on emerging issues that will shape the nation's future such as crafting ethical AI policy, pursuing the denaturalization of those who hold no allegiance to our nation, and reforming the intentionally manipulated 2020 U.S. Census.

In 2025 we are further cemented these ideas through the acquisition of the famed *Chronicles Magazine*, confident that the work we do in 2026 and beyond will set America on a path toward renewal for a generation to come.

We hope you will stay the course—or join us—in our mission in 2026. Our true north, the purpose of our fight, remains the same: to continue forward in a Golden Age of American renewal.

Together, we will restore the consensus of a nation under God and secure our Republic for generations to come.

Sincerely,  
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