

MISSION

Founded in 2003, The George Washington University Homeland Security Policy Institute (HSPI) is a nonpartisan “think and do” tank whose mission is to build bridges between theory and practice to advance homeland security through an interdisciplinary approach. By convening domestic and international policymakers and practitioners at all levels of government, the private and non-profit sectors, and academia, HSPI creates innovative strategies and solutions to current and future threats to the nation.

WHO WE ARE

STAFF

Led by HSPI Director Frank Cilluffo and Deputy Director Daniel Kaniewski, the staff have significant homeland security backgrounds that includes extensive experience with U.S. and foreign governments, non-profit organizations, think tanks, first responder organizations and academia, providing a broad array of expertise to HSPI.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee is a distinguished group of leaders who provide strategic direction to HSPI. The bipartisan group includes leaders who are, or have served as, CEOs; Assistants to the President and Vice President; Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General; Inspectors General of the Departments of State and Homeland Security; Secretary of the Army; directors of the CIA, FBI, and FEMA; National Security Advisor; Members of Congress; Ambassadors; University Deans and renowned faculty members; military flag officers; leaders from state, local, and nongovernmental organizations, including fire and police chiefs.

SENIOR FELLOWS

Senior Fellows are homeland security experts drawn from government, the private and non-profit sectors, and academia, with expertise in areas ranging from bioterrorism to critical infrastructure protection to intelligence. Senior Fellows participate in roundtable sessions with policymakers, collaborate to publish policy papers and undertake homeland security research projects.


WHAT WE DO

Through our Steering Committee, corps of Senior Fellows, staff, and international network of experts, HSPI draws upon leaders from numerous disciplines and sectors relevant to national and homeland security – defense, intelligence, counterterrorism, public diplomacy, health care, behavioral sciences, religion and emergency management to name a few. HSPI has garnered a reputation as the forum where complex security issues are debated in confidential sessions that lead to practical strategies and solutions to address the causes and consequences of terrorism. The resulting solutions provide a foundation for reducing threats to the nation and contribute to preventing the expansion of extremist groups. Our core policy work includes:

POLICY & RESEARCH

Situated at the forefront of a variety of security debates, HSPI conducts and spotlights cutting-edge policy solutions and innovative research. HSPI hosts numerous events that complement our ongoing policy work by featuring leading thinkers in

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a systematic way to better highlight their work and ensure exposure in key communities. Events in our Policy & Research Forum series have included several roundtables with leading British and American experts on counter-radicalization and extremist rehabilitation at home and abroad; a discussion on pandemic influenza preparedness and response policy in light of recent experience combating the H1N1 virus; and a forum on East African Piracy. HSPI hosted John Brennan, Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, together with the co-chairs of Presidential Study Directive-1, to discuss reform of White House organization for homeland security and counterterrorism. HSPI also welcomed the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to discuss the Obama administration's recently released National Southwest Border Counternarcotics Strategy, and U.S. drug policy writ large. HSPI hosted Charlie Allen, Former Undersecretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence & Analysis and Assistant Director of Central Intelligence for Collection, for a discussion on his 50+ year career in intelligence; as well as former Senators Bob Graham and Jim Talent, chair and vice-chair of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation & Terrorism, for the release of their interim progress report. Most recently, HSPI hosted a day-long symposium on cyber deterrence.

AMBASSADORS ROUNDTABLE SERIES

This ongoing forum engages ambassadors and cabinet level officials in an ongoing dialogue on international counterterrorism efforts. The series is designed to provide ambassadors to the United States and their key diplomatic staff, as well as U.S. officials and stakeholders outside government, with a forum to discuss current and future counterterrorism efforts on a regional or country-specific basis. To date, the Series has hosted over 35 ambassadors from every continent including those from Iraq, China, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Israel, and the United Nations, Indonesia and Australia, as well as the U.S. Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, and the U.S. Coordinator for Counterterrorism. The United Kingdom's Home Secretary Dr. John Reid chose HSPI as the site to give his only major policy speech while visiting the United States. This Series has distinguished HSPI as a critical forum in which to learn from one another's experiences to advance security policies and promote common objectives and goals.

OUTREACH AND PARTNERSHIPS

HSPI's work resonates with the public and across the policy spectrum. We have hosted Secretaries of Homeland Security Tom Ridge and Michael Chertoff on multiple occasions for major policy addresses. We regularly testify before Congressional committees and government commissions on topics such as after-action reforms following Hurricane Katrina. HSPI has also presented reports on extremism and counter-radicalization efforts before the Senate and House Homeland Security Committees. These reports served as Congress' framework for multiple oversight hearings in which government policymakers and international subject matter experts were asked to respond.

HSPI staff engage the policy community and public through various publications, speeches, and conference presentations, as well as through the media. We are a leading source of insight and analysis for a variety of national and international media outlets, including major newspapers and television networks.

HSPI is a founding member of the Consortium for Homeland Defense and Security in America, together with the Heritage Foundation, the Center for Strategic and International Studies and the U.S. Army War College, and co-hosts the annual *Threats at our Threshold* symposium. HSPI is also a member of the Homeland Security and Defense Education Consortium, and co-hosted this year's *Homeland Defense and Security Education Summit* at The George Washington University.

OUR IMPACT

HSPI's impact stretches from Washington to far-flung international capitals. By reaching across disciplines and partnering with universities and institutes, and hosting leading national and international leaders and practitioners, we are a central destination for homeland security policy analysis and debate.