



# BUILDING A **WINNING**

**CONSERVATIVE** CULTURE

# MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

In 2022, the Left tried to drag America further into a dark future of totalitarianism, chaotic elections, and cultural decay. The Washington establishment, per usual, did nothing to stop them.

But neither the Left nor the establishment could stop the culture and community we're growing here at The Conservative Partnership Institute in order to fight them on every front.

Who knew that serving others without worrying about who gets the credit could make such a huge difference?

**You did. Your support built, equipped, and united the movement of principled conservative fighters here in Washington.**

In 2022, our side met the Left head-on as they tried to take over every sphere of public and private life. Together, we celebrated the reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, one of the worst Supreme Court decisions in history. CPI partners exposed the lies of Big Tech and held the Biden administration accountable while exposing the Deep State.

In this annual report, we are honored to celebrate the courageous individuals who make up the growing CPI culture. These are people who stepped forward in 2022 and put it all on the line in order to save our country: congressional staffers who were trained at CPI and went on to do what's right—not what's expedient. Members of Congress who departed from the typical Swamp orthodoxy. State governors who asserted their right to secure their borders when Washington refused to. State legislators who stood up to the woke agenda.

And you. You've put your trust and your hard earned money behind Conservative Partnership Institute. **We won't let you down, because like you, we are in this fight to win it.** For five years now, we've been forming the networks and the strategies—and building the permanent infrastructure—that the conservative movement has needed for far too long.

With our expanded presence in D.C., we're launching CPI Academy—a formal program of training for congressional staff and current and future members of the movement. With your support, our culture and community will grow and become more united and more effective. Even if we can't change Washington, we can create a permanent bulwark against its worst tendencies.





**We are so grateful for your financial support, your commitment, and your courage.** We hope that this look back at 2022 shows you just what we can accomplish when we work together.

*Sincerely,*



**JIM DEMINT**

Chairman



**MARK MEADOWS**

Senior Partner

# WHERE CONSERVATIVES CONNECT & COLLABORATE

In 2022, the D.C. establishment continued to do what they do best: isolate conservatives and lure them into the Swamp. But the Conservative Partnership Center continued to do what we do best: serve as a respite—an oasis—where **conservatives connected and collaborated under one roof.**

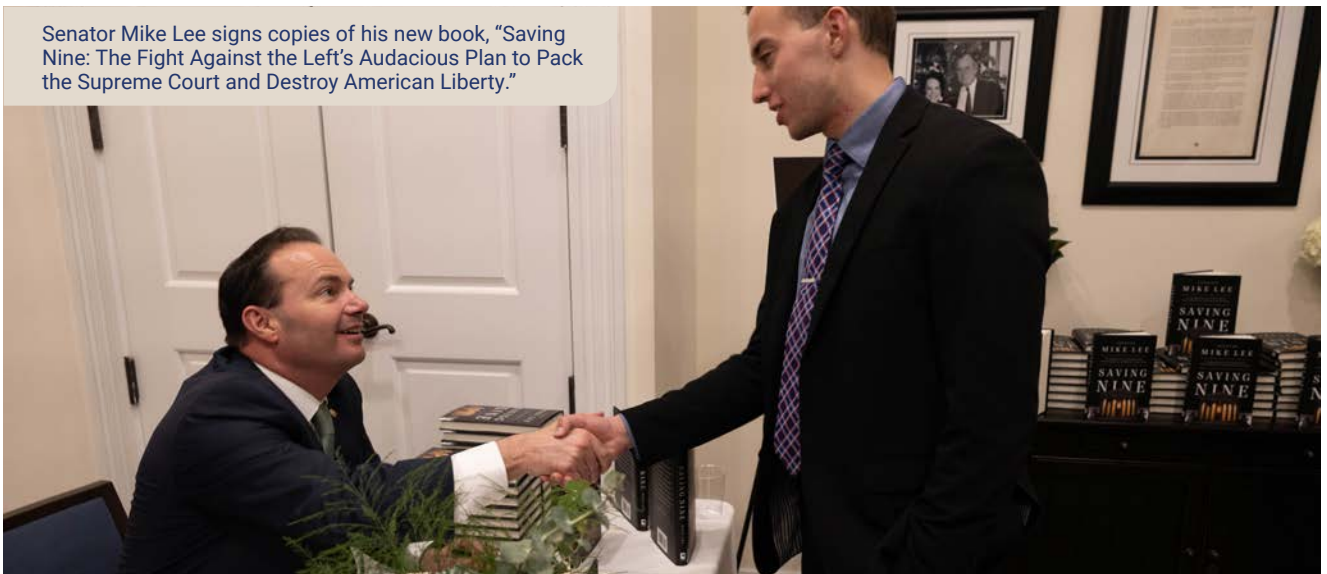
As Mark Meadows told friends at CPI's Fifth Anniversary celebration in May, **"CPI is the only place in Washington where you don't have to be invited to show up."**

And show up they did. In 2022, conservatives from across the movement came to CPI for meetings, lunches, and studio support. The CPC served as a home base and place of hospitality where important discussions took place among members of Congress, staff, and allied organizations each day.



Mark and Debbie Meadows with Dave and Brenda Frecka, for which CPI dedicated the Dave and Brenda Frecka Board Room in November.

Senator Mike Lee signs copies of his new book, "Saving Nine: The Fight Against the Left's Audacious Plan to Pack the Supreme Court and Destroy American Liberty."





CPI President Ed Corrigan greets Hungarian Minister of Justice Judit Varga, who came to CPI to discuss the future of the Hungarian conservative movement.



CPI hosts an election night watch party with friends from allied organizations and congressional offices.

CPI is the only place in Washington where **you don't have to be invited** to show up.



CPI welcomes newly elected members of Congress for a "New Member Orientation Bootcamp" two days after Election Day.



Hill staffers gather for one of CPI's "First Friday" gatherings, meant to foster strategic connections between staffers and with CPI.



Sen. Ted Cruz joins friends who attended his Christmas party at CPI.



CPI hosts a celebration in honor of Congressman Louie Gohmert for his contributions to the conservative movement representing Texas' first congressional district.



Colorado Congresswoman Lauren Boebert signs copies of her new book, "My American Life," in September.



America First Legal's Stephen Miller and Center for Renewing America's Wade Miller speak at a CPI intern-led event on immigration and border security in August.



American Moment celebrates its first year in operation with an anniversary party at the CPC in February.



Fox News Special Report host Bret Baier, shown here with the CPC's Ken Humbel, pays a surprise visit to the CPC in August.



Congressional legislative assistants join one of the many weekly luncheons hosted by CPI's Government Relations to network and discuss messaging and legislative strategies.



Two of the youngest attendees at CPI's "Post-Roe Celebration" following the Supreme Court's historic *Dobbs* decision in June.



Kyle Rittenhouse, who was found not-guilty of murder for defending himself during the riots in Kenosha, Wisconsin in 2020, meets with pro-2nd Amendment lawmakers at the CPC.



CPI Senior Partner Mark Meadows hosts a lunch with congressional chiefs of staff to discuss how to navigate ethics and effectively run a congressional office.



CPI celebrates its fifth anniversary in May with friends and leaders from across the conservative movement.

2022

## YEAR IN REVIEW



### ***CPI BRINGS TOGETHER LEADERS OF THE MOVEMENT***

On February 10-14, 2022 CPI brought together some of the biggest names in the conservative movement at its annual Winter Leadership Conference and its 2022 Conservative Members Conference.

At these back-to-back events, conservatives from around the country **discussed how best to save our country for the next generation.**

Speakers included Governor Ron DeSantis; commentator, author, Blaze Media Co-Founder Glenn Beck (pictured); Babylon Bee CEO Seth Dillon; and numerous members of Congress. Guests included federal and state officials, conservative movement leaders, senior staff, and conservative philanthropists.



### ***LEFTIST GROUPS AND LIBERAL MEDIA TARGET CPI***

In 2021, CPI operated under the Left's radar. In 2022, CPI became a prime target. First came articles about our partner groups, especially the American Accountability Foundation, whose research on Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson and Federal Reserve Board nominee Sarah Bloom Raskin drew fire from leftists like MSNBC's Rachel Maddow.

Then came a Grid article labeling CPI an "insurrectionists' clubhouse," which then turned into a 45-minute segment on National Public Radio and a 20-minute Joy Reid rant on MSNBC. Meanwhile, partner group Election Integrity Network was targeted by leftist media from the New York Times to CNN to The Guardian. By the end of the year, even leftist politicians like



Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse were taking shots (though ineffectively) at CPI.





### ***CPI EXPERTS TESTIFY ON HOW TO FIX CONGRESS***

The U.S. Congress is dominated by establishment leaders, leaving rank-and-file members without meaningful input. Committees are ignored, deals and loopholes for interests abound, and there is virtually no amendment process for any bills, large or small.

The Monday after Election Day, CPI's Senior Partner Mark Meadows, President Ed Corrigan, and former Senior Director of Policy Rachel Bovard testified at a public forum held by Rep. Andy Biggs on rules and procedural changes that would change the dynamic and **empower conservative members in the new Congress**.

These changes include banning the use of campaign funds to "buy" plum committee appointments; requiring GOP consensus on major bills before calling them up on the House floor; and guaranteeing conservatives a real chance to debate and amend legislation before final votes. Many of these reforms ended up in a House Freedom Caucus rules agreement with House leadership in early 2023.





**CPI PARTNER GROUPS PUSH FOR ACCOUNTABILITY & OVERSIGHT**

In May, CPI co-hosted a retreat with American Accountability Foundation and The Heritage Foundation to strategize and train staff for investigating the Biden administration in 2023.

When the FBI raided former President Trump’s home at Mar-a-Lago, **CPI partner groups sprang into action.** America First Legal filed FOIA requests and lawsuits. Center for Renewing America circulated a draft congressional resolution to form a committee to investigate federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies’ election meddling, targeting of private citizens, and suppression of information and speech.

In October, AAF’s Tom Jones, pictured, led dozens of conservative allies on an open letter asking Republican congressional leaders to make investigations the priority for the 118th Congress.

**THE LEFT TRIES TO CANCEL CPI**

In 2022, cancel culture came for CPI. The clothing company L.L. Bean, known for making branded products featuring company logos, notified CPI it would no longer be able to do business with us. Over the summer, American Accountability Foundation President Tom Jones saw his Twitter account frozen. YouTube pulled down a video of CPI’s Rachel Bovard talking about the threat of Big Tech’s market control at CPAC 2022 (they’d already pulled down an episode of “Who’s Counting? With Clea Mitchell” a few months before). In October, the online invitation service Eventbrite tried to shut down CPI’s special screening of the powerful documentary film, *What is a Woman?* (the event ended up drawing an even *bigger* crowd!)

Cancel culture is coming for all of us, and one way **CPI fought back** was by helping launch groups who deliver vital administrative and legal services to conservatives. Personnel Policy Operations and Compass Legal Group help conservatives in Washington survive the Leftist purge and “cancel-proof” conservative organizations.





### ***CPI PARTNERS REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT COVID-19***

In 2022, America First Legal took up the fight against public health corruption. In January, they sued the state of New York for rationing Covid medicine according to patients' race. In May, they sued Joe Biden's Small Business Administration for a similar attempt to restrict Covid aid to minority-owned restaurants. In April, AFL sued the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to access documents related to Washington's censorship collusion with Big Tech firms. To no surprise, the documents unearthed have exposed political

motivations for CDC policy decisions all along. And as more truth emerged about the link between "the jab" and deadly heart problems, CPI offered unconditional support to those trying to get to the truth about who knew what and when.

### ***LIFE WINS***

After 50 years and millions of lives lost, 2022 finally saw the end of *Roe v. Wade*. The originalist court forged by President Trump and the conservative movement reversed *Roe* in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson's Women's Health*.

It was an incredible moment—celebrated on the steps of the Supreme Court, at CPI, and across the country. Since its founding, CPI has worked with every major pro-life organization in the country, not only during the annual March for Life, but also every month, every year, to push policymakers and opinion-shapers to **raise their voices in defense of the unborn**.

Three of the five judges—Kavanaugh, Barret, and Gorsuch, were appointed by President Donald Trump with the input of Jim DeMint, who helped build then-candidate Trump's 2016 list of possible future judges. CPI worked tirelessly to coordinate conservative organizations in the four-year fight to confirm Trump's judicial nominees.

CPI celebrated this victory for life with a special celebration at the Conservative Partnership Center a few days after the historic decision.



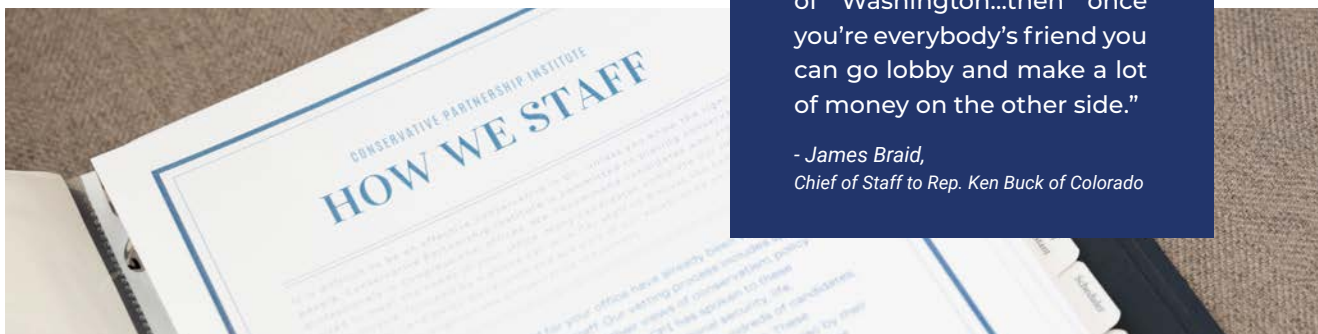
# IDEOLOGICAL VETTING

## ***CPI FINDS STAFFERS WHO WILL STAND UP FOR THE CONSERVATIVE AGENDA***

In 2022, conservative lawmakers faced unparalleled pressure to move to the left on immigration, gun rights, protecting the unborn, religious freedom, and free speech. The pressure comes not just from the left, but also from the GOP establishment.

On all of these issues, it's easy for a young staffer, eager to advance his career, to take the path of least resistance and compromise on even the most morally unambiguous issues.

It's much harder to stand for something, but it can be done if you have the secret weapon that CPI provides to any member who needs it: tough, competent, right-minded staff.



**“The Hill is a high turnover place with a lot of young, impressionable staffers.**

Many of them lean to the left of their bosses and try to pull their bosses to the left. There are also a lot of clearer and very lucrative career paths on the establishment side. It's easier to go along with the prevailing winds of Washington...then once you're everybody's friend you can go lobby and make a lot of money on the other side.”

- James Braid,  
Chief of Staff to Rep. Ken Buck of Colorado

A good staffer keeps members informed and prepared to fight for good policy. And they do much more—running an efficient office, improving communication with constituents, and even advising on strategy.

Recommending solid conservative candidates for staff positions has been one of CPI's core programs since our founding. However, in 2022, CPI's staffing was more in-demand than ever before.

CPI was the go-to organization for staffing congressional offices, both incoming and existing. As part of CPI's "Operation Midterm Draft," CPI's Government Relations team worked for months to interview, categorize, and match the types of staffers who will advance a conservative agenda—not abandon it once the pressures of Washington set it.

CPI's list contained hundreds of qualified candidates. These ranged from college graduates who wanted to jump into the conservative movement, to senior level staffers already employed on Capitol Hill and throughout Washington, D.C.

## ***FINDING CLEAR THINKING CONSERVATIVES***

“What are your views on border security and immigration? Where do you disagree with the conservative movement? What are your views on life?” These are just a few of the questions the CPI team asked congressional staff candidates in 2022. This is a degree of vetting that few organizations do.

James Braid, chief of staff to Rep. Ken Buck of Colorado, is one of those who relies on CPI's staffing services. He refers to what CPI does as “ideological vetting.” CPI finds what Braid calls “ideological diamonds in the rough” who will be the right fit for specific congressional offices.

## QUALITY OVER QUANTITY

Although CPI has a massive database of candidates and staff contacts, only the highest-ranked of these staff will ever be recommended to an office.

Former CPI Government Affairs Director Phil Reboli explains why: "We've taken a radically different approach to staffing offices...one that focuses on the quality of candidates over the quantity of candidates. A resume from CPI is worth 10 resumes that haven't been vetted by CPI."

## CPI STAFF IN THE 118TH CONGRESS

Before they stepped foot in Washington, new members of Congress received a call from CPI to establish an early connection and to offer to be a future resource for their staffing and other needs.

During the summer and fall of 2022, CPI sent more than 150 resumes of carefully curated staff recommendations to candidates (now members of Congress) including Ana Paulina Luna of Florida, Josh Brecheen of Oklahoma, and Eric Burlinson of Missouri.

Each new conservative member received a personalized binder with information about CPI and what we offer, along with hand-picked staff recommendations.



CPI's weekly legislative assistant luncheons help staffers learn from one another and give CPI insight into the needs of staffers and member offices.

## A TRACK RECORD OF HIGH QUALITY STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

In 2022, staff recommended by CPI could be found in some 50+ congressional offices, including those of Congressmen Dan Bishop, Bob Good, Mary Miller, Andy Biggs, Ken Buck, Louie Gohmert, Byron Donalds, and Michael Cloud; Senator Mike Lee, and many more.

## WE KNOW GOOD STAFF

CPI is not only led by two former members of Congress (Sen. Jim DeMint and Rep. Mark Meadows)—the CPI team is made up of the most exceptional former staffers in the conservative movement.

In 2022, former staffers at CPI included President and CEO Ed Corrigan, former Senior Policy Director Rachel Bovard, COO Wesley Denton, Government Affairs Director Phil Reboli, and numerous CPI support staff.

150

### RESUMES

150 high quality resumes shared with midterm candidates and newly elected members

339

### STAFF CANDIDATES

339 staff candidates worked with under Operation Midterm Draft

20

### DAILY INTERVIEWS

20 interviews conducted by the Government Relations team each day

# CPI TRAINING

## GIVING CONSERVATIVES A STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE

When conservatives gain power, they oftentimes don't use it to block bad policies and move good ones forward. Why not? To win policy battles requires a cogent knowledge of the technical rules, procedures, and traditions of the U.S. Congress. However, most of the training new members receive occurs "on the job," which means it's done in the most high stakes of circumstances. Not ideal.

This is why CPI conducts in-depth training seminars to get members and staff up to speed. In 2022, CPI

continued to give our side the same level of intricate, practical knowledge that the establishment and other long-time politicians have mastered. Staff learned how to write clearly and effectively, how to leverage rules and procedures, how to conduct background investigations, and much more.

The addition of CPI's new training facility in Maryland, Camp Rydin, made 2022 an even more effective year for **training and empowering congressional staff**.

## TRAINING THE NEW CONGRESS

When control of the House changed hands at the end of 2022, CPI was once again ready to help existing and new members make the most of the time they have and the power they have.

We showed newly-elected members what to expect—and let them know how CPI's training can give them and their staff ideas and skills it would otherwise take years on the Hill to learn.

Just two days after Election Day, we welcomed new members and staff in a two-day orientation with

sessions on navigating legislative procedure, making staffing decisions, conducting oversight, and planning for the policy fights ahead.

Member-elects were greeted by the most conservative members of Congress, many of whom had taken part in CPI's annual Conservative Members Conference earlier in the year. This event, held in February, included discussions of how to restore the proper function of the U.S. Congress and the deliberative process.



## THE REVERE PROJECT

In 2022, CPI's Revere Project continued to help congressional staff **create compelling, cancel-proof digital content** for a variety of platforms. Each of the following seminars was taught over the course of 6-7 weeks and included hands-on work and on-camera practice in CPI Studios.

### Digital Tactics Seminar:

*Gave Capitol Hill offices the in-house skills to communicate effectively with online audiences.*

### Digital Strategy Seminar:

*Equipped staff who oversee digital work to leverage online tools.*

### Media Affairs Seminar:

*Taught congressional staffers how to deliver stories to national and local media.*

The Revere Project also provided podcast training from CPI Studios and strategic and tactical training to meet the specific needs of congressional offices. In 2022, the Revere Project invited young conservative professionals to participate in their new "Digital Professional Network." The Network keeps Revere Project graduates talking with one another about the tactics they've used and what's been most successful. The Network included a series of gatherings and dinners at the Conservative Partnership Center.

## MEET LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR TAYLOR LAJOIE

Taylor Lajoie is the legislative director for Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene. Around Capitol Hill, Taylor is known as a "policy guru," an achievement he attributes to CPI's training courses. He says these courses provided him with clear direction on navigating the complexities of House procedure. "I feel like there is no real manual on how to learn House procedure...Rachel [Bovard] was really good about dissecting the dynamics of the House versus the Senate."

Taylor said CPI's Ed Corrigan and Rachel Bovard provided him with the technical training he needed to do his job right. "For me, I didn't really know how to help Marjorie in the minority...so getting Rachel's framing of the situation was really helpful."



## MEDIA TRAININGS WITH FORMER WHITE HOUSE OMB COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR RACHEL SEMMEL

Few understand the hostile nature of the D.C. and national media like Rachel Semmel, who left the White House in January 2021 and began teaching one-on-one and small group media trainings here at the CPC. Rachel was a member of the team that launched Conservative Review, CRTV, and the Mark Levin TV show (now the Blaze) one of the fastest growing conservative news alternatives. Through on-camera training and mock interviews, she shows CPI partners, members of Congress, others how to look and sound better on camera—and **how to handle the media's typical "gotcha" questions with grace and grit**. In 2022, Rachel also began training members of state freedom caucuses, who are targeted just as aggressively by the establishment and the media in their states.



# TAKING TRAINING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

In 2023, CPI will be formalizing and adding to the seminar offerings below to create the **CPI Academy**, hosted from **a new training center on Pennsylvania Avenue**.

## 2022 CPI TRAINING SEMINARS

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Congressional Communicators Symposium	House Strategy and Procedure
Effective Oversight Training	Federal Budget Policy and Process
Free Market Economics (New for 2023)	Energy Policy and Practice
Foreign Policy (New for 2023)	Health Care Policy Primer
Revere Project	The Art and Practice of Speechwriting



Effective Oversight Training Retreat with American Accountability Foundation  
Revere Project Congressional Communicators Symposium  
Staff Assistant Retreat  
Senate Procedure & Strategy Symposium  
Legislative Director Retreat  
Communications Director Training Retreat





# TEAMING UP WITH CONSERVATIVE GROUPS TO TRAIN THE MOVEMENT

The Conservative Partnership Center hosted training sessions by CPI partner groups and allies. Throughout the year, CPI's team of Capitol Hill veterans, outside experts, and partner groups **trained upwards of 500 congressional staffers and other professionals.**



## STAFF THE HILL WITH TPUSA

### *PARTNERING WITH TPUSA TO STAFF THE HILL*

In June, CPI held a two-day event with Turning Point USA to kick off a new partnership to vet and certify incoming job seekers on Capitol Hill. The Staff the Hill event included **the best and brightest of TPUSA trainees.** They visited the U.S. Capitol, met CPI staff, and became part of our growing network of motivated young conservatives.

Graduates of the program were able to add CPI's "Seal of Approval" to their resume to instantly signal to House and Senate offices that they have what it takes to fight, lead, and win. Not only that—in 2022, Turning Point USA began requiring that anyone seeking a Capitol Hill staff position through them be "certified" by CPI.

## THE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

### *CPI AND THE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE HOST CAPITOL HILL STAFF TRAINING*

The Leadership Institute partnered with CPI to host Capitol Hill Staff Training, which consisted of a two-day course designed to **train and place proven conservatives into jobs on the Hill.**

Staffers learned the legislative process, how to speak the language of the hill, what hill offices look for when hiring, how to conduct research, the legislative process and more. The training was led by some of Washington's most seasoned leaders in the movement including CPI's Rachel Bovard and Phil Reboli.

The partner groups CPI helped launch in 2021 went on to have incredible second years of operation. Now on sound financial footing, **they're fulfilling their mission—and your mission—to save America.**



**AMERICAN  
CORNERSTONE  
INSTITUTE**

## GIVING CONSERVATIVES A PRO-AMERICA CURRICULUM

In 2022, the left continued to saturate America's schools and the media with their own twisted lessons about America, faith, gender, and sexuality. But our side is supplying its own curriculum—one that's pro-America, pro-faith, pro-life, and pro-family. Thanks to the American Cornerstone Institute, it's also more influential than ever before.

American Cornerstone Institute's "Little Patriots" program gave children across America the true history of our great nation, and did so free of charge thanks to American Cornerstone's generous donors.

The organization also launched a cartoon series, "Star Spangled Adventures," to help parents, grandparents, and educators counter the indoctrination of our youth. As of the end of 2022, there were more than 30,000 Little Patriots signed up to receive regular lesson plans and content.

But American Cornerstone isn't just educating kids. In 2022, their "More Perfect Union" project educated Americans of all ages on our nation's founding and the ideals that have led to our success. Their "Read the Declaration" and "Read the Constitution" series challenged people to read, study, and understand the

importance and significance of America's founding documents.

At the same time, their "My American Story" project used interviews with those who have experienced success, freedom, tragedy and triumph to remind viewers of how special it is to be an American.

And in the wake of the Supreme Court's reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, American Cornerstone worked with partners across the conservative movement to form the Pro-Life Coalition. As abortion policy returned to the states, the Coalition worked to educate the public about the aftermath of *Roe v. Wade* and promote pro-life policies to the states through media appearances, educational videos, ad campaigns, and opinion columns.

In May, American Cornerstone Institute launched the podcast "Common Sense" hosted by founder and chairman Dr. Ben Carson. Guests in 2022 included Senator Jim DeMint, South Dakota Governor Kristy Noem, and President Donald Trump.

*For more information on American Cornerstone Institute, visit [americancornerstone.org](http://americancornerstone.org).*

# A NEW GENERATION OF CONSERVATIVES

American Moment was founded in 2021 to bring about a paradigm shift in politics and public policy by building a new pipeline of competent young conservatives who will support a cutting-edge, America First agenda.

In its second year, American Moment identified, educated, and credentialed hundreds of young staff across the country, growing its network of conservative personnel to nearly 1,000 people.

To amplify the influence of this network, in 2022 American Moment nearly tripled its program offerings.

They expanded their Fellowship for American Statecraft, which funds entry-level jobs in Washington for young people who would never be able to break into politics otherwise.

They also launched AMFridays, an America-First seminar program, delivered to hundreds of interns on Capitol Hill.

To take personnel development to the next level, American Moment launched Foundations of American Statecraft—a credentialing program for congressional staff, policy researchers and journalists that is

delivered by some of the most esteemed experts on the right.

American Moment's Moment of Truth podcast launched its second season, airing more than 85 episodes with millions of impressions across the web. The podcast features top conservative minds, who dig deep into issues like trade and globalism, Big Tech, religion and faith, and defending the family in our modern economy.

In 2022, American Moment even hosted its first conference, Up From Chaos, and became one of the first organizations in Washington to promote a sensible, restrained approach to the invasion of Ukraine.

In 2023, American Moment hopes to dramatically expand all of its programming by hosting these programs year-round. They're looking to add another 1,000 people to their personnel database by the end of 2023, and they'll continue to develop innovative new initiatives that credential a powerful new generation of America First conservatives.

***For more information on American Moment, visit [americanmoment.org](https://americanmoment.org).***



## WEAPONIZING THE ART OF INVESTIGATIONS

The American Accountability Foundation may be the one new conservative organization the Left fears the most. Because AAF trades in the most valuable commodity and powerful weapon in politics: facts.

In August, AAF published the report “None of It is Our Money: An Introduction to the Leftist Activists and Liberal DC Insiders at BlackRock, Vanguard, and State Street Using Your Money to Advance Their Political Agenda.”

AAF researchers found that there is a significant liberal tilt to “stewardship” staffers employed at BlackRock, Vanguard, and State Street. Additionally, many come from a background in government (as political appointees) or in leftist activism.

AAF research uncovered the corruption at the Biden Justice Department, where a high-ranking civil rights prosecutor—Pamela Karlan—resigned shortly after AAF reported she was still making almost \$1 million a year as a law professor at Harvard.

It was AAF research, cited by U.S. senators during questioning, that revealed that Biden’s nominee for Archivist of the United States, Colleen Shogan, was a left-wing ideologue unsuited to the job.

In 2022, AAF launched a website repository ([kalpanakotagal.com](https://www.kalpanakotagal.com))

of unearthed research on the president’s nominee to chair the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Kalpana Kotagal, is a woke, socialist, anti-police extremist bent on crippling the American energy industry.

The list goes on. AAF exposed a senior White House climate “scientist” of violating academic ethics rules, earning her a five-year ban from the National Academy of Sciences. They proved that a Justice Department election lawyer voted illegally in 2022. They cataloged all the Biden administration staffers who stood to gain, personally, from the president’s illegal student loan bailout. And they exposed the woke cancer creeping into America’s top medical schools and hospitals, where science and parental rights are taking a backseat to politics when it comes to treating children with gender dysphoria. The list goes on and on.

Not surprisingly, in 2022, American Accountability Foundation’s work was featured (and attacked) by major news organizations across the country. But the group isn’t deterred, and in fact, they are continuing another effort launched in 2022: training a new generation of young, ruthless, and fact-driven researchers to carry the torch on Capitol Hill.

*For more information on American Accountability Foundation, visit [americanaccountabilityfoundation.com](https://americanaccountabilityfoundation.com).*



American Accountability Foundation Founder Tom Jones (center) joins Rep. Dan Bishop (left) and America First Legals’ Gene Hamilton at CPI’s 2022 Annual Partners Conference.



Stephen Miller, President of America First Legal, speaks at an event at the Conservative Partnership Center with AFL Vice President Gene Hamilton.

## ENGAGING IN LAWFARE

During the Trump Administration, the left thwarted the America First agenda with an endless stream of litigation. But when the radical left controls the government, the legal response to unconstitutional policies has always been incredibly weak—until now.

Founded in 2021 by Trump Administration officials Stephen Miller, Gene Hamilton, and Mark Meadows, America First Legal (AFL) engages in “lawfare” designed to defeat the ever-pervasive woke agenda infiltrating Big Business, Big Education, and Big Government.

In 2022, the AFL legal team worked round-the-clock to challenge, stall, expose and block the left’s efforts in virtually every area of American life—from Covid-19 restrictions and forced vaccines to woke curriculum in schools and racist hiring policies.

In January, AFL kicked off the year by suing the Biden administration on behalf of a coalition of states (Texas, Florida, Indiana, Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Alaska) over the administration’s implementation of an unlawful program to bring the relatives of illegal aliens into the U.S.

In the spring, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas ruled that AFL could proceed with their lawsuit challenging the Biden Administration’s attempt to

force doctors to engage in the sterilization and genital mutilation of children.

Throughout the year, AFL continued to defend the Texas Heartbeat Act, which the Biden administration tried to challenge—unsuccessfully—with a lawsuit and federal injunction.

In June (AFL) filed suit on behalf of 11 parents against the Loudoun County, Virginia, school system for exposing children to pornographic books in the school library, forcing them to use bathrooms with students of the opposite sex, and keeping parents in the dark about these and other displays of “woke” power.

As American approached the 2022 midterms, and the left geared up to spend billions of taxpayer dollars on “voter registration” (translation: partisan turnout activities) AFL worked with other CPI partners to expose and stop the left’s plans.

Ahead of the election, AFL reached a victorious resolution in a lawsuit against the Chester County Pennsylvania Board of Elections that resulted in Chester County, PA, agreeing to implement the most stringent ballot dropbox security measures in Pennsylvania.

*For more information on America First Legal, visit [aflegal.org](https://aflegal.org).*



**CENTER FOR  
RENEWING  
AMERICA**



## GAINING MOMENTUM AND INFLUENCING CHANGE

Center for Renewing America has a unique model for influence: They bring cultural fights into the national spotlight, win the debate, and then use the resulting momentum to create policy change nationwide.

At the same time, CRA connects these cultural fights and complex issues to the concerns of everyday Americans. When the FBI raided President Trump's home at Mar-a-Lago, for example, CRA was already well into an effort to expose and take on the Deep State.

Following the Mar-a-Lago raid, CRA was one of the first organizations to enter the national conversation and frame the event in terms of a secretive and powerful government that has been weaponized against American citizens. Two words—"woke and weaponized"—quickly became the standard for describing a federal government that up until now has just been "big" and "overreaching."

Center for Renewing America was the first to publicly call on House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy to set up a modern-day Church Committee to investigate systemic corruption at the FBI and ultimately break it up. The original Church Committee was created in the 1970s to investigate abuses by American intelligence agencies like the CIA and FBI.

However, CRA's top priority in 2022 was convincing border governors to unilaterally secure the southern

border by declaring an invasion under Article IV, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution, where it states that the federal government is required—not just permitted—to protect states from foreign invasion. If the federal government fails, Article I, Section 10, Clause 3 empowers state governors to invoke inherent state war powers.

By the end of the year, this debate and this plan were front-and-center in the national debate, and many Texas border counties had declared the invasion themselves, putting pressure on statewide officials like Gov. Greg Abbott to take action. This pressure will continue in 2023.

Leading up to the November midterms, Center for Renewing America led a national effort to sound the alarm and stop the Biden administration's secretive plan to rig future elections. What was this plan? By both outsourcing local elections to partisan operatives, and by spending billions of taxpayer dollars meant for public housing, job training, and community health centers, on "voter registration."

*For more information on Center for Renewing America, visit [americanrenewing.org](https://americanrenewing.org).*

# LONG-TERM SUPPORT FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

Personnel Policy Operations was launched in 2022 to provide a long-term support system for conservative, America-First civil servants and their advisors.

Through training, educational programs, legal defense, and publications, PPO helps those serving or thinking about serving as government officials become more effective.

PPO also is deeply involved behind-the-scenes in various staffing and vetting programs related to future conservative presidential administrations, serving as movement-wide “connective tissue.”

In 2022, PPO published several op-eds under its byline by known America First former officials. These include a joint piece by Senior Fellow Col. Douglas MacGregor and PPO staffer Josh Whitehouse in *The American Conservative* about strategically downsizing the upper echelons of the Pentagon.

PPO also hosted public programming, with its General Counsel speaking at several law schools, including the Yale Law School, giving practical advice for the America First legal farm team. PPO also held an event with Dr. John Eastman and Mollie Hemingway on “Surviving Cancellation by the Left,” which provided practical advice for those who have been targeted and strategic advice for the 118th Congress related to oversight goals. PPO staff have appeared in numerous media outlets, including Sebastian Gorka’s radio program, “Tim Pool Live,” One America News Network, and others.

In 2023, PPO will continue to provide services including education and mentorship, professional vetting, government oversight, strategy sessions with senior officials, and legal defense.

***For more information on Personnel Policy Operations, visit [personnelpolicyops.org](https://personnelpolicyops.org).***



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# THE ELECTION INTEGRITY NETWORK

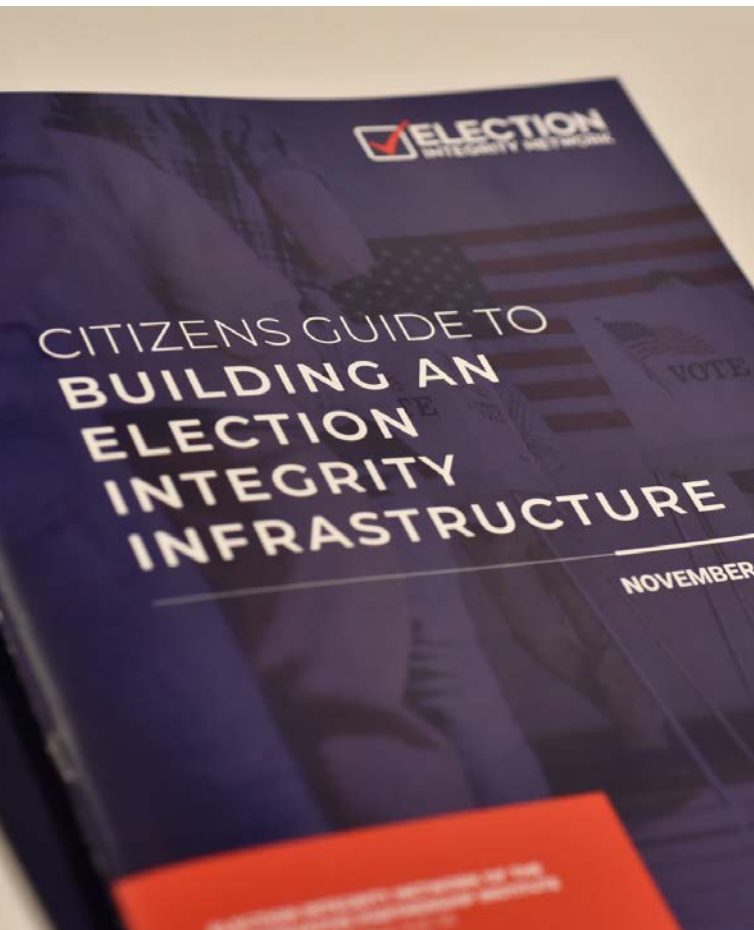
**FOR YEARS, CONSERVATIVES HAVE BEEN LAX WHEN IT COMES TO ENGAGING IN ELECTIONS.**

Leftist progressives filled that void and spent decades getting their people and their policies in place. They developed systems by which laws could be ignored and voter protections weakened—all under the false pretense of helping minority and low-income voters. (In reality, helping the their own political party.)

The Election Integrity Network (EIN) gave citizens an answer to the Left’s attacks on fair elections: Create permanent, in-state networks of Americans who want honest, fair election systems *without* glaring vulnerabilities—and who are willing to serve as poll workers, poll watchers, or researchers.

**“It is time to fix the problems in our election system that thousands and thousands of citizen volunteers have now witnessed and documented.”**

*- Clela Mitchell, CPI Senior Legal Fellow  
In an article for “The Federalist”*





Thanks to the EIN, in 2022, hundreds of thousands of everyday citizens became election experts, but more importantly, they became a network.

No longer were citizens' efforts to stop fraud and error in their counties and precincts scattered or lacking the expertise, information, and resources to be effective.

By the end of 2022, the EIN had formed 11 in-state networks of citizens who meet regularly to learn, strategize, and fix the problems in their counties and states. The EIN project began with training summits throughout the spring and summer of 2022 in key states. These summits were the first step in creating in-state coalitions.

With in-state coalitions up and running—and connected with one another—the EIN kept them up-to-date and focused, with educational materials and expertise covering all topics related to the election process, from chain of custody concerns to absentee ballots to cleaning up voter rolls.

Citizens got incredible resources they never had before:

online master classes in specific election integrity topics; a weekly podcast, "Who's Counting? With Clela Mitchell," and the "Citizens' Guide to Building an Election Integrity Infrastructure" available online at [whoscounting.us](https://whoscounting.us).

The EIN also launched the Citizen's Research Initiative to empower coalition members to collect and compile data on how the Biden administration and leftist groups are working together to ignore election laws and create chaos at election offices and ballot boxes nationwide. This isn't a one-off project or a flash in the pan. The Election Integrity Network is a permanent infrastructure meant to safeguard the election process for decades to come. As Clela wrote in a Federalist article immediately following the November elections, "It is time to fix the problems in our election system that thousands and thousands of citizen volunteers have now witnessed and documented."

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The attendees of the Arizona election integrity summit, pictured here, have provided vital, firsthand accounts of the chaos at the polls in Maricopa County on Nov. 8.



# “THIS HAS NEVER EXISTED ON OUR SIDE”

## STATE FREEDOM CAUCUS NETWORK HELPS STOP THE LEFTIST AGENDA AT THE STATE LEVEL

Here’s the truth: The Swamp doesn’t just exist in Washington, D.C. Each state has its own establishment, made up of state legislative leadership and staff, corporate lobbyists, and woke bureaucrats.

This “iron triangle” is well-funded and operates year-round, 365 days out of the year. By contrast, most conservative state lawmakers are part-time. They are “in session” for just a few months out of the year. Lobbyists even joke, “We can’t wait for you to gavel out of session so we can do things without you watching us.”

“We’re helping state legislators organize from within.

They’re running these Freedom Caucuses and building out a strategy for themselves...but with our support, expertise, and a network of resources.”



- Andy Roth  
President, State Freedom Caucus Network



Mark Meadows joins members of the Mississippi Freedom Caucus for training and orientation at CPI.

Conservative lawmakers also don’t typically have staff, let alone experienced staff. This means they are vastly outmatched against the establishment cartel both in-session and out-of-session.

The State Freedom Caucus Network (SFCN), a CPI Partner group, spent 2022 building up the power to confront this unholy paradigm by leveling the playing field. The Network provides resources—both human and financial—so that state freedom caucuses of conservative lawmakers operate full-time, year-round.

Over the course of the year, the State Freedom Caucus Network helped launch nine state caucuses—in Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Nevada, Illinois, South Dakota, Arizona, Wyoming, and Pennsylvania. Ten to fifteen more caucuses are planned for 2023.

SFCN provided expert guidance, educational resources, legislative staff support, and year-round training.

During the summer and fall of 2022, caucuses received intensive training at CPI headquarters.

SFCN leaders Andy Roth and Justin Ouimette led caucus members in an analysis of their states’ last legislative sessions, followed by planning for the next sessions. The SFCN then provided the resources to make these plans happen. SFCN helped build state coalitions, provided experienced staffers on the ground to help the state caucuses, and helped with communications.



Two members of the Wyoming Freedom Caucus conduct a podcast from CPI studios during their visit.

## COURAGE IN THE STATES: PROTECTING KIDS, EXPOSING WASTE, FIGHTING BIG GOVERNMENT

With training and support from CPI, state freedom caucuses made gains on important issues.



The **Georgia Freedom Caucus** led the fight against a *Republican*-led bill that would have mandated insurance coverage for transgender surgeries, counseling for pedophiles, and a greater ability for the state to seize guns from law-abiding citizens. In the end, because of the GAFC's pressure campaign, Republican leaders were forced to remove all of these bad provisions.

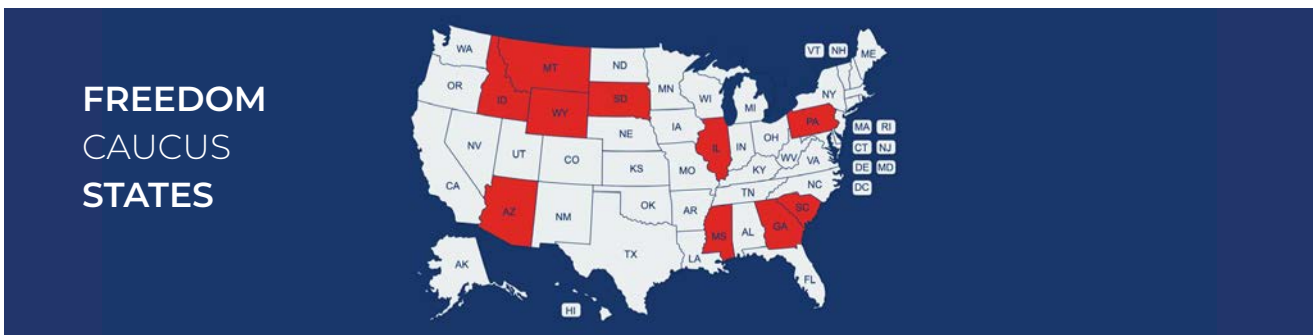
The **South Carolina Freedom Caucus** released an undercover video showing a state contractor admitting they were pushing Critical Race Theory in South Carolina public schools. After the SC Freedom Caucus exposed this scheme, they filed a lawsuit against a school district for violating state law. This effort signaled to angry parents across the state that the South Carolina Freedom Caucus is an ally in their fight against woke government educators. In December, the South Carolina Caucus used FOIA requests and a proposed bill banning sex-reassignment to succeed in getting a South Carolina hospital to shut down its "pediatric transgender unit."

The **Mississippi Freedom Caucus** led the fight against a crony capitalism bill that would have created an unelected bureaucracy with the power to levy taxes, issue taxpayer-backed bonds, and seize property through eminent domain. All without any accountability to the voters. Remarkably, the Mississippi State Senate passed this horrible bill *unanimously*. But the Mississippi Freedom Caucus created such a firestorm against the bill when it came to the State House that its supporters were forced to withdraw the bill, killing it instantly.

**Collectively, state freedom caucuses have teamed up** to go after woke associations that are working in concert with the Establishment cartel to take away our freedoms. In one instance, state freedom caucuses issued a letter condemning the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics for supporting transgender surgeries on minors.

In another, state freedom caucuses in Mississippi, South Carolina, and South Dakota called on their respective state Attorneys General to withdraw their membership in the "bipartisan" National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) that has been pushing radical leftist policies.

**None of these pro-freedom actions would have happened without state freedom caucuses calling out bad actors and forcing them to defend bad policies in front of a skeptical public.**



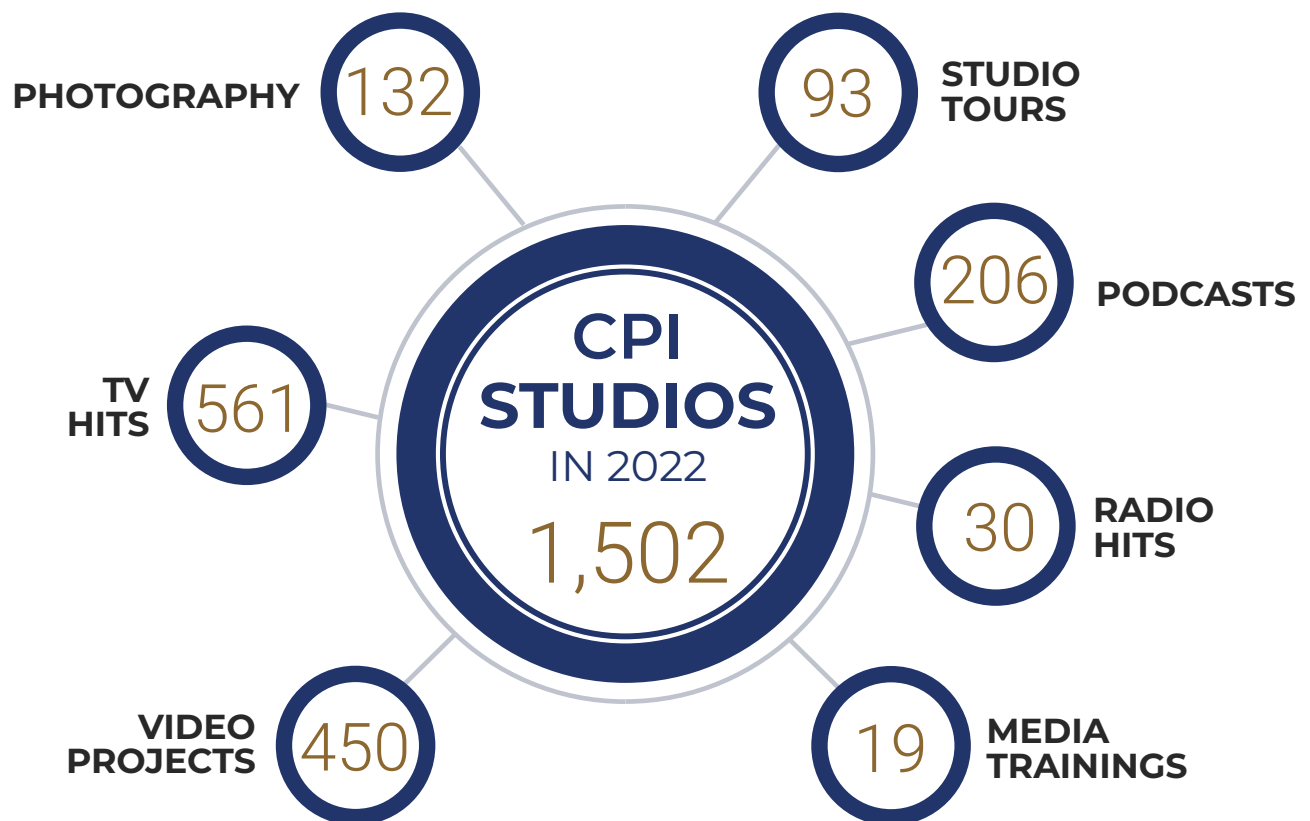
The Montana Freedom Caucus, one of nine caucuses launched in 2022, visits the CPC in December for training and strategizing.

## THE MEGAPHONE FOR THE MOVEMENT

**CPI Studios, launched in 2021, continued to be a game changer for conservatives in 2022.** It's not only the closest studio to the U.S. Capitol, but also the only studio that anyone can come use. To date, the studio has hosted an impressive **2,750 booking sessions**. That means at least one person has used CPI Studios virtually *every hour on the hour* for the past two years.

Thanks to CPI's Studios' strategic location, high-tech equipment, and support from tech-savvy staff, conservatives came to CPC in droves in 2022—to conduct interviews, get help with video projects, record podcasts, and much more. CPI Studios has become such an indispensable resource for conservative members and allies, that CPI will be expanding the studio as part of its Patriots' Row project in 2023.

In 2022, the studios were used 1,502 times for TV and radio hits, podcast recordings, on-camera media trainings, video projects, and documentaries. The week after Election Day was CPI Studio's busiest week of the year, with over 60 bookings! That's over 10 hits every single day from 6am to 11pm.





Delano Squires appears on The Blaze and calls out the hypocrisy of the sports industry.

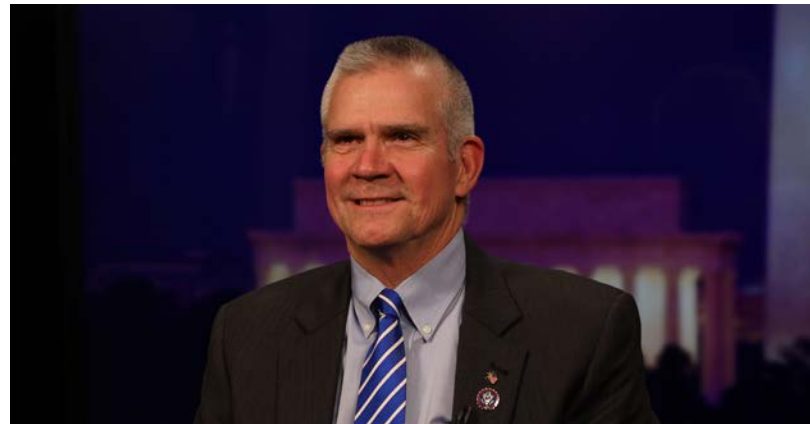


Ohio Congressman Jim Jordan reacts live to President Trump announcing his run for re-election.

From dawn to dusk, movement leaders used the media suite for studio support. CPI Studios staff ensure conservatives get their message out **when it matters most.**



Dave Rubin records an episode for The Rubin Report with Kentucky Senator Rand Paul.



Montana Congressman Matt Rosendale goes live on Mornings with Maria on Fox Business.



Congresswoman Lauren Boebert records a live television hit at CPI Studios.

# FILMED FROM CPI STUDIOS

IN 2022



Rep. Byron Donalds records frequently from CPI studios.

## NEWS STATIONS MEMBERS APPEARED ON FROM CPI STUDIOS

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Fox News  
Fox Business  
New Tang Dynasty (NTD)  
OANN  
Real America's Voice  
Trinity Broadcasting Network  
TheFirstTV  
Blaze Media  
NBC  
PBS  
Newsmax  
FRC Washington Watch  
ABC  
CBS  
Bloomberg  
Salem Media Network  
KULR - Wake Up Montana  
CBN  
CPAC Live  
Washington Examiner  
WTTW Illinois  
Victory Channel  
WRIC-TV/ABC 8 Richmond

## TRAININGS + WEBINARS

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**Victims of Communism Foundation**  
Lecture Series

**Family Policy Foundation**  
School Board Training with Amanda Banks

**Club For Growth**  
Fellows Zoom Event

**Hillsdale College**  
Training Session for the Heritage Foundation

## DOCUMENTARIES

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**The Movement Communications**  
**Initiative American Woman**  
by Manifest Vision Films with Mary Vought



## PODCASTS

**Gun Owners of America**

Minute Man Moment with Phil Reboli

**Sen. Marsha Blackburn**

Freedom Rings Podcast

**American Moment**

Moment of Truth with Saurabh Sharma & Nick Solheim

**Rep. Matt Gaetz**

Firebrand Podcast

**Cleta Mitchell - Election Integrity Network**

Who's Counting

**Standing for Freedom Center with Liberty University**

Standing for Freedom Podcast with John Wesley Reid

**Rep. Paul Gosar**

Gosar Minute

**American Compass**

American Compass Podcast  
with Oren Crass & Chris Griswold & Wells King

**America First Policy Institute**

America First Agenda

**Public Interest Legal Foundation**

Protect Your Vote Podcast

**Media Research Center**

Dan Gainor Show

**Proverbs Media Group**

It's Not About Us with Elaine Beck

**Federal Newswire**

The Lunch Hour with Andrew Langer

**Sen. Ted Cruz**

The Verdict with Ted Cruz

**Wyoming State Freedom Caucus**

The Chip and Bear Show

**American Cornerstone Institute**

Cornerstone Conversations  
with Ben Carson

**Rep. Andy Biggs**

What's the Biggs Idea

**American Firearms Association**

Gun Politics Podcast



# THE HEROES OF 2022

***ALTHOUGH EVERYONE'S FOCUS WAS ON THE NOVEMBER MIDTERMS, IT WAS THE WAY CONSERVATIVES UNITED, WORKED, AND SUCCEEDED THE OTHER 11 MONTHS OF THE YEAR THAT DEFINED 2022.***

Conservatives will remember 2022 as the year America fought back more effectively than ever before. They resisted the left and the D.C. establishment in the day-to-day battles inside the Beltway. And they carried that fight to every state, every level, and every branch of government in America.

Here, we highlight some of the heroes of the movement in 2022: grassroots members of CPI and other principled leaders across the country who answered the call to serve in the battle for America's future.



The Amos Family at CPI's Annual Partner's conference.

The late Dr. William Amos Jr. was an early supporter of CPI and a friend to all of us on the CPI team. His presence brought joy to CPI gatherings, where he and his wife Brenda, son Tripp, and granddaughter Sarah Beth (pictured above) and others in the Amos family gave insight and encouragement to CPI's most important efforts. For his contributions to CPI's growth and mission, Dr. Amos received CPI's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2021. In the final year of his life, we were blessed to share special moments, whether it was riding passenger alongside Bill in one of his Porsches, or hearing him tell stories about travel, sports, rock and roll, or his beloved grandchildren.

Jim DeMint recalls of Bill, "He loved America and revered our Constitution. He was passionate about students learning the Constitution and how it made the U.S. the greatest nation in history. I was honored to speak at Bill's Constitution Series for high school students and see firsthand his passion come to life."

Bill Amos passed in September of this year, surrounded by a large and loving family. At CPI, we will always remember Bill's humility and kindness—and his determination to leave a better America for future generations.



**DR. WILLIAM AMOS, JR.**





ELAINE BECK

If you ask philanthropist Elaine Beck what our work as conservatives is all about, she'll be the first to tell you: "It's not about us." It's about Jesus Christ, and about spreading the good word about conservative, Christian values.

That's Elaine's mission, as a supporter of CPI, a public speaker, an entrepreneur, a radio host, and media innovator. She is the Owner and CEO of Proverbs Media Group. She also owns the Christian News Journal, the digital media platform, and PMG Studios, where she records her podcasts and interviews, and most recently has begun a radio program called "It's Not About Us" with Elaine Beck.

When she's not sharing her views and values, she enjoys doing God's work, cooking, entertaining, shopping, decorating, and spending time with family. We were thrilled to host Ms. Beck in the summer of 2022 at CPI Studios, where she recorded several episodes of her podcast and interviewed conservative leaders and members of the CPI team.

## THOMAS WYLIE

Tom Wylie doesn't need his name in lights or his face on the front page. In fact, he asked that we not include his photo. But the retired engineer allowed us to share the creative way in which he gave to CPI in 2022 because he realized it "could trigger somebody else to do the same thing for the same reason." He and his late wife spent decades living frugally and saving carefully, putting money away in an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). According to the laws governing IRAs, at age 72 Tom had to start taking out minimum annual withdrawals. Every year, this required minimum distribution increased.

This year, at age 94, Tom's required distribution was considerable. But like many conservatives who have managed their assets smartly, he did not need the Required Minimum Distribution. Instead, he chose to make a direct distribution from his IRA to CPI and three other charities—which you can do beginning at age 70 1/2. This Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is limited to \$100,000 annually for individuals and \$200,000 for married couples. "I figured I'd find a way I could put the money to some good use without my being taxed for it," he says. By giving a gift to CPI, Tom not only avoided taxes, he also helped ensure that newly elected members have a support system as they take on the Swamp.



MARK MEADOWS

Mark Meadows's resume says that he has had three jobs in Washington: congressman from North Carolina, White House Chief of Staff, and, since 2021, Senior Partner at CPI. But the way he sees it, he only ever had one job: saving America. Since joining CPI, that has meant leading a two-front war. He is, first, one of the conservative movement's chief strategists on Capitol Hill. Every week, he coordinates with members of Congress, staff, and conservative organizations in Washington and grassroots activists around the country to stop the Left's assault on America's freedoms. At the same time, he is one of the chief architects of the new conservative movement America needs to defeat the woke, socialist, weaponized Left today.

Since Meadows joined CPI, he has helped incubate and launch groundbreaking new projects and organizations, including the Election Integrity Initiative, the Center for Renewing America, America First Legal Foundation, and the State Freedom Caucus Network. He brings elite experience to a populist movement—making him the most dangerous man in The Swamp. And we wouldn't want him any other way.

You know the House Freedom Caucus as the most conservative members of the House Republican Conference. They go against the prevailing establishment narrative. They stand up to the far-left agenda in Washington and woke priorities tucked into “must-pass” legislation. They say what needs to be said. In 2022, they continued to take the hard stances and ask the hard questions—most notably, they took a step back and asked why Congress can’t once again be the “people’s branch of government,” with rank-and-file members having a say in the legislative process instead of being cut out of the process by House leadership. For their courage and conviction on many issues—from launching investigations into the Biden administration to pushing for greater security at our southern border—we celebrate the entire House Freedom Caucus as among the heroes of 2022.



HOUSE FREEDOM CAUCUS

Senator Rick Scott led what may have been the two most important fights in the Senate in 2022. He fought in the battle of ideas and in the battle against entrenched Establishment power. In April, Scott released a detailed, 11-point plan to Rescue America. It called for energy independence, border security, election integrity, safe streets, and greater freedom in our schools and in our economy. The Left hated it, of course. But the bigger story was, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell hated it, too! The GOP Establishment prefers to hide from conservative ideas rather than fight for them. But Scott kept fighting. After the November elections, he ran against McConnell for Republican Leader in the new Congress. Scott lost—but won more votes than insiders expected, even though McConnell ignored calls to delay the vote until after the Georgia runoff. Twice in 2022, Rick Scott showed why the Washington Establishment is broken, and pointed conservatives toward a better path in the future.



SENATOR RICK SCOTT

The story of 2022 cannot be told without a chapter about Florida Governor Ron DeSantis. More than any of his 49 counterparts, DeSantis has led his state through this tumultuous era. When teachers and school boards tried to smuggle Critical Race Theory and gender extremism into Florida’s classrooms, DeSantis fought back and guaranteed parents and students an education, not indoctrination. When the Walt Disney Company tried to bully DeSantis into backing down, he led an effort to strip the House of Mouse of special tax breaks in Orlando. And when Joe Biden’s open borders fiasco left Florida beset by illegal immigrants, DeSantis put them on planes to Martha’s Vineyard. In November, the people of Florida re-elected their governor in the most stunning landslide of the 2022 election cycle. As CPI Chairman Jim DeMint said of DeSantis in a 2021 Newsweek article, “Courage is Contagious.” It is also extremely effective.



GOV. RON DESANTIS



CLETA MITCHELL

Cleta Mitchell terrifies the Left. She is one of the toughest and most experienced election lawyers in the country and has been involved in every step of the election process in a hands-on capacity. That means there is no scam or no fraudulent scheme against election integrity she hasn't seen a hundred times. She also knows that you don't have to commit fraud, per se, to render an election unfair and its results unreliable. You simply have to disregard the laws. This, says Cleta Mitchell, is the scope of what we are dealing with, especially in light of President Biden's executive order putting leftist groups in charge of local election offices. As the leader of the Election Integrity Network, in 2022 Cleta galvanized a movement of Americans who will put eyes on every ballot and make sure the laws are followed. She gave voice to election integrity movement leaders as the host of the podcast "Who's Counting? With Cleta Mitchell," and even when she became a media target, she did it all with an unwavering spirit and a smile.



SENATOR RAND PAUL

When the world finally learns the truth about the Covid-19 pandemic, it will have U.S. Senator Rand Paul to thank. From the earliest days of the "Wuhan Flu," Paul saw through the lies, smokescreens, and obfuscations of public health bureaucracies and asked the questions the corporate media refused to. It was Paul who first challenged Dr. Anthony Fauci on his inconsistent guidance about masks and social distancing. It was Paul who dug into the evidence that Covid-19 was a man-made virus that escaped from a lab, and then investigated Washington's shady connections to China's Wuhan Institute of Virology. Thanks to Rand Paul, we now know that almost everything the public health "experts" told us about Covid-19 before the 2020 election was not only false, but intentionally misleading. Paul gained new prominence for this heroic work, but in truth it was just a continuation of his leadership these last 12 years in the Senate. Paul is a regular at CPI—so is his son, a staffer at FreedomWorks—and one of our strongest allies on Capitol Hill. Just re-elected in November, Paul will continue fighting for individual freedom, fiscal sanity, and government accountability for another six years.



SENATOR MIKE LEE

On Nov. 8 Sen. Mike Lee was reelected to the Utah Senate seat he has held since 2011. Lee's track record for standing up to the left and giving voice to conservatives is as long and as clear as Utah's scenic byways. This year, he put forth an amendment to the deceptively named "Respect for Marriage Act," after 12 of his GOP colleagues voted for the legislation. Lee argued correctly that the bill, which codifies same-sex marriage into federal law, does virtually nothing to protect the religious liberty of Americans who cannot and will not affirm same-sex unions. The senator is known for his straight talk on the most contentious issues America is facing and despises Washington politicians' fondness for "word salad," to conceal their halfhearted efforts to defend policies. Lee is also straightforward about who he serves—God, not government. "Government cannot be our God," Lee told attendees at CPI's 2022 Partner's Conference in September. "The Constitution allows us deliverance from that idol." We were thrilled to see two CPI stars—Rachel Bovard and Phil Reboli—accept high-level staff positions with Sen. Lee at the end of 2022.



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# CONSERVING WHAT WE CARE ABOUT

*IN HER FINAL YEAR AS CPI'S SENIOR POLICY DIRECTOR, RACHEL BOVARD ESTABLISHED HERSELF AS ONE OF THE CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT'S MOST DARING AND INFLUENTIAL LEADERS.*

2022 was the year when conservatives began to realize that sticking to our principles doesn't have to mean going down with a sinking ship. Who opened their eyes? For many, it was Rachel Bovard, one of the founding members of CPI and its senior director of policy since 2017. In one of her most memorable media appearances of the year—a discussion with Glenn Beck on The Blaze TV—she called out a defeatist, spineless ruling class in Washington, who refuse to apply timeless principles to modern-day battles:



“What I've looked at in Washington is a conservative movement that's become fat and lazy and attached to dogma, and they've disrespected conservatism by pushing it into sets of policy prescriptions that have become rigid and ossified...”

Conservatives, she said, need to become “radical constitutionalists,” and think creatively and fight ruthlessly to save our country. After all, said Bovard, “We are battling for the soul of America.”

In a city full of establishment mouthpieces and Twitter trolls, Bovard has won converts to a more thoughtful, more aggressive, more populist conservatism—and she's done

it the old fashioned way: with the best arguments in every debate. For years, Bovard was the only prominent conservative sounding the alarm on Big Tech: their perversion of what used to be a free market, their censorship, their Chinese sympathies, their woke extremism, and their election meddling. As the leader of CPI's Digital Defense Initiative, she convinced many on the right (and even some on the left) that we can't be afraid to bring antitrust law to bear against tech companies, and in fact, their lawlessness is what antitrust was designed for.

As she told attendees at CPAC 2022 in February, “There is no free market in tech,” given that big tech companies now control market access. To restore market freedom, we have to reform and enforce outdated antitrust laws.

In 2022, Bovard aimed her sharp insight not just at Big Tech, but also on the future of conservatism itself. Conservatives, she argued, have been caught flat footed by the Left's “Great Awakening.” “We need to get these foundational cultural fights right, or the rest of it doesn't matter,” she said at CPI's Annual Partners' Conference in September. That means putting forth an agenda that protects civil society's mediating institutions—churches, public schools, libraries, museums, and social clubs—all of which the left has infiltrated and shut conservatives out of.

“In one of her regular articles in *The Federalist*, she called on conservatives to move on from outdated, Regan-era policy prescriptions that fought old battles and **focus on the issues Washington has ignored for a generation:** Family breakdown. The border invasion. The China shock. Corporate consolidation. Outsourcing and deindustrialization. The retreat from religion and rise of pornography and opioids.”

If those sound like the priorities of new conservative leaders like Tucker Carlson, Ron DeSantis, and J.D. Vance, it's no coincidence. Bovard has become one of the most influential thought leaders on the American right today.

In 2022, she was a featured speaker at numerous forums—including the 2022 National Conservatism Conference in Miami, the Restoring a Nation Conference in Ohio, and James Jimirro's prestigious Media Impact seminar on the 2022 midterms.

In December, Bovard announced that she will be battling for the soul of America from the vantage point of Capitol Hill as executive director of the Senate Steering Committee for her old boss, Sen. Mike Lee. While this is bittersweet news, Bovard's ties to CPI and her influence on the movement will be stronger than before.



**MICHELE DEGROOTE**  
SPRING

Liberty University  
Los Angeles, CA

"[I learned] the value of teamwork and seeing firsthand how we can make a difference in the conservative movement when we are united towards a common goal."



**CALEB RATCLIFFE**  
SUMMER

Baylor University  
Fairfax, VA

"My time at CPI afforded me the opportunity to explore the different roles and responsibilities of Hill staffers, as well as explore possible careers in the political realm. CPI also allowed me to intern in a place with the same foundational beliefs that I have."



**BRAYDEN COOK**  
SUMMER

Brigham Young University  
Woodland Hills, UT

"I loved my time at CPI because it allowed me to interact with and learn from some of the brightest minds in the conservative movement."



**AARON C. JENKS**  
SUMMER

Grove City College  
Rochester, NY

"CPI provided me with unique access to the conservative movement in Washington, D.C."



**CALEB BURDETT**  
FALL

University of Akron  
Akron, OH

"Interning at CPI was a great experience because it gave me a chance to interact and work with conservative leaders who want to get America back on track."



**ERIN LEONE**  
FALL

George Washington University  
Hanover, MA

"From assisting the Government Relations team to helping organize events and retreats, I've learned a lot about the legislative process and made connections with Hill staffers. My experience at CPI has taught me to put myself out there, and to see each moment as an opportunity."

# PASSING THE TORCH TO THE NEXT GENERATION

Amid unrelenting leftist attacks, CPI has never surrendered to the D.C. Swamp—and we never will. We are not accountable to the woke mob and we will never be bound to special interests or media praise. CPI is committed to the cause of freedom and will always uphold the right values. We need more principled fighters to join our movement—America needs them. The good news: the current and future power-players of the movement are already among us and they're getting trained by some of the brightest minds in the movement at CPI. The future of our country will soon rest in their hands which is why we're already preparing these young conservatives for what's ahead. We're connecting them with the right people and setting them on the right track.

CPI interns play a role in some of the conservative movement's most important work. CPI's competitive internship slots are offered to promising college students and recent graduates who are passionate about serving the conservative movement in Washington. Interns are afforded a behind-the-scenes look at training sessions, conservative events, and staffing efforts. Throughout the 3-month paid internship program, young conservatives assist with writing, editing, and event planning while regularly interacting with members of Congress.

A CPI team member mentors each intern to establish a relationship and help them develop the skills they need to take what they learn at CPI and apply it to a permanent role in the conservative movement. Mentors help interns meet and work effectively with Hill staffers and allies, providing a unique opportunity for networking and learning from the most influential figures in the conservative movement.



**NICK CLAVI**  
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George Mason University  
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"CPI gave me the skills that are both practical and necessary for working in the conservative movement."



# 2017 - 2022: FIVE YEARS OF INNOVATION AND INFLUENCE

In May, CPI celebrated five years of empowering and uniting conservatives to take on the Swamp.

## 2017



### Humble Beginnings

CPI's four-person staff begins offering staffing and training support to members of Congress from a three-room office above a gas station near the U.S. Capitol.

## 2018



### Building an American Embassy

CPI moves into a historic building at 300 Independence Ave. that will become the Conservative Partnership Center, and uses the building to train 177 congressional staff, a dozen partner groups, and 32 member offices.



### Staffing Recommendations

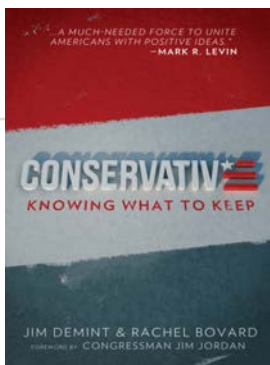
In advance of the 2018 midterms, CPI sends 906 staffing recommendations to the 16 victorious House and six victorious Senate campaigns.

## 2019



### Defending the President

Senator Ted Cruz operates an impeachment war room at CPI, which becomes the command center for President Trump's defense in the Senate.



### DeMint and Bovard Author Book

Sen. Jim DeMint and CPI Senior Policy Analyst Rachel Bovard co-author "Conservative: Knowing What to Keep," the defining book on the nature of conservatism.



### Training Expanded

CPI trains 224 staff, 32 conservative groups, and 47 congressional offices in rules, procedure, and other practical skills.



### Project Ready 2020

CPI launches "Project Ready 2020"—staffing a wave of new member offices and providing critical support throughout the year.



2020



## Revere Project Launched

CPI launches the Revere Project, an intensive course that trains congressional staff to make expert use of digital and social media.

## Supreme Court War Room

CPI becomes the site of a Supreme Court War Room to unite conservatives in support of Amy Coney Barrett and push back on attacks against her faith and pro-life positions.

## Staffing Recommendations

CPI provides staffing recommendations to over 40 new House and Senate members and hosts a conservative member orientation for new members and their staff.

## Compass Legal Launched

CPI launches Compass Legal Group and Compass Professional Services to enable new conservative groups to focus on their core missions.

2021

## Mark Meadows Joins CPI

Mark Meadows joins CPI as Senior Partner. The former chief of staff to President Trump becomes a key leader of CPI—and a target of the left.

## Election Integrity Network Launched

CPI launches the Election Integrity Network with top election lawyer Cleta Mitchell leading it. The EIN deploys what the media will later describe as “an army of conservative poll workers and poll watchers” to the Virginia polls in fall 2021.



## CPI Studios Opens Doors

CPI opens a state-of-the-art podcast and TV studio for members, staff, and allies. CPI Studios becomes essential—particularly after Jan. 6 witch hunt—for conservatives looking to get their message to the nation.

2021



## Digital Defense Initiative Launched

The Digital Defense Initiative is formally launched, and with Rachel Bovard at the helm, helps conservatives see that maintaining a free-market in the face of Big Tech tyranny requires robust antitrust enforcement.

## CPI Partner Groups Form

CPI helps launch partner groups American Moment, American Accountability Foundation, Center for Renewing America, America First Legal, and American Cornerstone Institute.

## State Freedom Caucus Network Launches

CPI begins supporting the new State Freedom Caucus Network to advance an America First agenda in state legislatures across America. Nine state caucuses are launched by the end of 2022.

2022



## Operation Midterm Draft

CPI prepares for the new Congress in 2023, making tailored recommendations to newly elected members.

## The Year of Election Integrity

Throughout the spring, CPI partner group Election Integrity Network hosts state election integrity training summits to jumpstart the formation of trained, alert in-state coalitions.

## Getting Noticed by the MSM

The media takes notice of CPI and its allies, with hit pieces by Grid News, MSNBC, NPR, the U.K.'s "The Guardian," the New York Times, and the New Yorker.

## Growing Our Footprint

CPI enhances its ability to serve the movement by beginning renovations to Patriots' Row on Pennsylvania Ave., and by acquiring a new property in Maryland, Camp Rydin, for training and strategizing.

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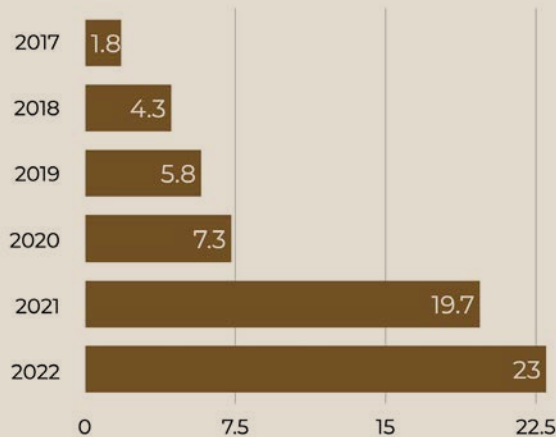
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# REVENUE GROWTH

## YOUR GENEROSITY & PARTNERSHIP



CPI supporters gave  
**\$23 million**  
in 2022



### SUPPORT

In 2022, our growing base of supporters gave generously to build a permanent support system for conservatives in Washington. They gave toward CPI's core mission of staffing and training, and toward the physical infrastructure to make this **mission possible**.



### PARTNERS

CPI supporters also gave generously through CPI to other conservative groups who rely on and collaborate with us, in this way ensuring that every gift to CPI makes the biggest and most timely impact possible.

CPI also continued to support Compass Professional and Compass Legal Group, who in turn helped conservative start-up organizations to run effectively and stay focused on their missions.



### 2023 + BEYOND

In 2023 and beyond, CPI will continue its core education mission of staffing and training—expanding its training to become the CPI Academy—while continuing to **grow vital infrastructure for the movement** in Washington, D.C.



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