About the Social Capital Project

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JEC Republicans (JECP)

Stakeholder(s):
- Senator Mike Lee:
  *Chairman — An Agenda for Our Time*
- Joint Economic Committee (JEC)
- United States Congress
- Families
- Communities
- Workplaces
- Religious Congregations
- Social Capital Authors
  - Alexis de Tocqueville: *Democracy in America*
  - Robert Putnam: *Bowling Alone & Our Kids*
  - Charles Murray: *Coming Apart*
  - Yuval Levin: *The Fractured Republic*
  - Timothy Carney: *Alienated America*
  - Francis Fukuyama: *The Great Disruption & Trust*
  - William Julius Wilson: *The Truly Disadvantaged*
  - Elinor Ostrom: * Governing the Commons*
  - Raghuram Rajan: *The Third Pillar*
  - Michael Novak: *The Spirit of Democratic Capitalism*
  - Marvin Olasky: *The Tragedy of American Compassion*
Vision
We find meaning and purpose in addressing the challenges we face.

Mission
To investigate the evolving nature, quality, and importance of our associational life.

Values

**Social Relationships:** “Associational life” is our shorthand for the web of social relationships through which we pursue joint endeavors—namely, our families, our communities, our workplaces, and our religious congregations. These institutions are critical to forming our character and capacities, providing us with meaning and purpose, and for addressing the many challenges we face.
1. Families

Make raising families more affordable

Stakeholder(s)
Families

Jonathan Last:
"America's One-Child Policy" & What to Expect When No One's Expecting
2. Children

*Increase the number of children raised by happily married parents*

**Stakeholder(s)**

*Children*

*Parents*

**Kathryn Edin**: *Promises I Can Keep*

**Maria Kefalas**: *Promises I Can Keep*


**Robert Rector**: "Marriage: America's Greatest Weapon Against Child Poverty"

**National Marriage Project**: "Why Marriage Matters: Thirty Conclusions from the Social Sciences" 3rd Edition & "When Marriage Disappears: The New Middle America"

**Andrew J. Cherlin**: "The Deinstitutionalization of American Marriage"

**Linda J. Waite**: *The Case for Marriage*

**Maggie Gallagher**: *The Case for Marriage*

**Andrew J. Cherlin**: *The Marriage-Go-Round: The State of Marriage and the Family in America Today*

**Kay Hymowitz**: "Knot Yet: The Benefits and Costs of Delayed Marriage in America"

**Jason S. Carroll**: "Knot Yet: The Benefits and Costs of Delayed Marriage in America"

**W. Bradford Wilcox**: "Knot Yet: The Benefits and Costs of Delayed Marriage in America"

**Kelleen Kaye**: "Knot Yet: The Benefits and Costs of Delayed Marriage in America"

**Robert I. Lerman**: "For Richer, For Poorer: How Family Structures Economic Success in America"

**Mark Regnerus**: *Premarital Sex in America: How Young Americans Meet, Mate, and Think about Marrying*

**Jeremy Uecker**: *Premarital Sex in America: How Young Americans Meet, Mate, and Think about Marrying*

**Scott Stanley**: "Cohabitation Is Pervasive"

**Galena Rhoades**: "Cohabitation Is Pervasive"
3. Work

*Connect more people to work*

**Stakeholder(s)**

**Workers**

- **Oren Cass**: 
The Once and Future Worker
- **Enrico Moretti**: 
The New Geography of Jobs
- **Robert Gordon**: 
The Rise And Fall of American Growth
- **Nicholas Eberstadt**: 
Men Without Work
- **Jason DeParle**: 
American Dream: Three Women, Ten Kids, and a Nation's Drive to End Welfare
- **Ron Haskins**: 
Work over Welfare
- **Robert Rector**: 
"Understanding the Hidden $1.1 Trillion Welfare System and How to Reform It"
- **Vijay Menon**: 
"Understanding the Hidden $1.1 Trillion Welfare System and How to Reform It"
4. Youth & Young Adults

*Improve the effectiveness of investments in youth and young adults*

**Stakeholder(s)**

**Youth**

**Young Adults**

**Jamie Hall**: “Time to Reform Higher Education Financing and Accreditation”

**Mary Clare Amselem**: “Time to Reform Higher Education Financing and Accreditation”

**Laura and John Arnold Foundation**: “Evidence Summary for Nurse Family Partnership”

**EdChoice**: “Fast Facts on School Choice”


**Oren Cass**: “How the Other Half Learns”
5. Civil Society

Rebuild civil society

Stakeholder(s)

Robert Nisbet:
*The Quest for Community*

Peter Berger:
*To Empower People*

Richard John Neuhaus:
*To Empower People*

Robert Putnam:
*American Grace*

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