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World Affairs Councils of America (WACA)

Description:
The World Affairs Councils of America is an independent, nonpartisan organization dedicated to engaging the public and leading global voices to better understand the world, America’s international role, and the policy choices that impact our daily lives and our future... The World Affairs Councils of America takes no institutional positions on matters of policy.

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Our national network is comprised of more than 90 local Councils, located in more than 40 states. Our 2018 Council of the Year Award was presented to the Foreign Policy Association and accepted by Noel Lateef, FPA President, at the WACA 2018 National Conference.

Alabama
Alabama World Affairs Council

Alaska
Alaska World Affairs Council
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World Affairs Council of Sonoma County
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World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Southern Indiana
Louisiana
World Affairs Council of New Orleans
Maine
World Affairs Council of Maine
Maryland
Baltimore Council on Foreign Affairs
Massachusetts
Worcester World Affairs Council

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Stakeholders (continued)

World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts
WorldBoston
Michigan
International Affairs Forum (Traverse City)
World Affairs Council of Detroit
World Affairs Council of Western Michigan
Minnesota
Global Minnesota
Missouri
International Relations Council
World Affairs Council of St. Louis
Montana
Montana World Affairs Council
Nevada
Northern Nevada International Center
World Affairs Council of Las Vegas
North Carolina
World Affairs Council of Charlotte
World Affairs Council of Western North Carolina
New Hampshire
World Affairs Council of New Hampshire
New Mexico
Santa Fe Council on International Relations
World Affairs Council of Albuquerque
New Jersey
World Affairs Council of New Jersey
New York
Foreign Policy Association
International Center of the Capital Region
International Institute of Buffalo
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Ohio
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Columbus Council on World Affairs
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World Affairs Council of Northwest Ohio
Oregon
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Pennsylvania
World Affairs Council of Greater Reading
World Affairs Council of Harrisburg
World Affairs Council of Philadelphia
World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh
Puerto Rico:
World Affairs Council of Puerto Rico
Rhode Island:
World Affairs Council of Rhode Island
South Carolina
Columbia World Affairs Council
World Affairs Council of Charleston
World Affairs Council of Hilton Head
World Affairs Council Upstate
South Dakota
South Dakota World Affairs Council
Tennessee
Tennessee World Affairs Council
Texas
World Affairs Council of Austin
World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth
World Affairs Council of Greater Houston
World Affairs Council of San Antonio
World Affairs Council of South Texas
Utah

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Mission
To better understand the world, America’s international role, and the policy choices that impact our daily lives and our future.

Values
- Independence
- Nonpartisanship
- Engagement
- Respect
- Digital Accessibility
- Understanding
1. Councils

*Support World Affairs Councils across the United States.*

Supporting more than 90 World Affairs Councils across the United States and promoting their programs and educational initiatives for diverse, multi-generational audiences. We bring the world to classrooms and C-suites, and to conferences in the nation’s capital and town hall-style forums in your community.

1.1. Classrooms & C-Suites

*Bring the world to classrooms and C-suites.*

1.2. Conferences

*Host conferences in the nation’s capital.*

1.3. Community Forums

*Support town hall-style forums in communities.*
2. Convenings

*Develop our councils’ convening power.*

Developing Councils’ convening power nationwide by providing face-to-face connections and dialogue with global leaders, business executives, policy experts, social innovators, and distinguished opinion makers.

2.1. Connections & Dialogue

*Provide face-to-face connections and dialogue with global leaders, business executives, policy experts, social innovators, and distinguished opinion makers.*

**Stakeholder(s):**
- Global Leaders
- Business Executives
- Policy Experts
- Social Innovators
- Opinion Makers
3. Ideas

*Explore new ideas.*

Exploring new ideas in dozens of dynamic Council events each week that shape public discourse on a range of critical issues, including: national security; the economy and international trade; global health; energy and the environment; immigration; human rights; education; and culture.

3.1. Public Discourse

*Shape public discourse.*
4. Skills & Acumen

*Challenge the next generation to develop leadership skills and global acumen.*

Challenging the next generation to develop leadership skills and global acumen so that our communities can better compete, collaborate, and make informed decisions.
5. Partnerships

Partner with other organizations.

Partnering with organizations that seek to reach out to “grassroots” and “grasstops” citizens, disseminate research, mutually expand networks and transform how people, enterprises, and governments think about the world.

5.1. Outreach

Reach out to “grassroots” and “grasstops” citizens.

5.2. Research

Disseminate research.

5.3. Networks

Expand networks.

5.4. Worldview

Transform how people, enterprises, and governments think about the world.

Stakeholder(s):
People
Enterprises
Governments
6. Public Discourse

*Expand public discourse about international relations and current events.*

Expanding informed, respectful public discourse about international relations and current events through WACA conference calls, podcasts, information services, and social media. We are digitally accessible from anywhere in the world.

**6.1. Conference Calls**

*Conduct conference calls.*

**6.2. Podcasts**

*Conduct podcasts.*

**6.3. Information**

*Provide information services.*

**6.4. Social Media**

*Use social media.*

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**Administrative Information**

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