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Reagan Institute Announces Recommendations to Modernize Efforts to Advance Freedom in the World

Releases New Report, "A Campaign for Freedom: Cultivating Democracy in the 21st Century"

WASHINGTON, DC – The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute's Center for Freedom and Democracy today released the findings and recommendations of its bipartisan [Westminster 2.0 Working Group](#). Titled, "**A Campaign for Freedom: Cultivating Democracy in the 21st Century**," the report makes five key recommendations on modernizing efforts to promote freedom in the context of 21st-century challenges and opportunities, from rising authoritarianism to emerging technologies.

The Working Group is named in honor of [President Reagan's landmark 1982](#) speech before the British Parliament, which laid the foundation for the democracy promotion architecture that America has relied on for nearly four decades. Co-chaired by Ambassador Mark Green, President and CEO of the Wilson Center, and Kenneth Wollack, Chairman of the National Endowment for Democracy, the Working Group is made up of [current and former public officials, technology experts, freedom and democracy advocates, and business leaders](#).

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The report makes five recommendations to modernize America's democracy promotion infrastructure:

Develop targeted technology tools: Congress should fund development of the kinds of technological tools that democracy activists around the world need, while the private sector should bring together technological specialists and democracy activists.

Launch an International Platform for Freedom: The United States and its democratic partners should work together to develop a disruptive web-based platform to match those seeking democracy assistance with those seeking to provide support, including concerned individuals and institutional donors.

Underscore connection between anti-corruption and democratization efforts: Organizations implementing democracy projects and the donors supporting these initiatives should incorporate combatting corruption as part of their programs.

Inject additional resources and create a new grant-making entity to support independent media and journalism: Congress should devote greater resources to the U.S.-funded international broadcast networks and create a new, independent grant-making entity to support independent media.

Build flexible coalitions around specific pillars of free societies: To broaden the range of partners, the United States should encourage small states and those that are not traditionally involved in these efforts to take a leading role by bring them together in groups focused on specific issue areas.

[Text of President Reagan's 1982 address to the British Parliament can be found here.](#)

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