

A New Direction for Young Americans

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A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE 110th
CONGRESS

Young
Americans have spoken out loudly and clearly about the need for
a new direction in America. Whether you are headed to college,
into the workforce, or becoming parents, young Americans are
focused on the future.

Your
voices are being heard.

After
years of neglect and inaction, much needs to be done. In the
first year of this Congress, under new Democratic leadership, we
are making progress.

Passed
By Congress

Signed
Into Law

MAKING
COLLEGE MORE AFFORDABLE

Largest
college aid expansion in six decades-since GI Bill helped
soldiers returning from WWII

Student
loan interest rates cut in half

Pell
Grants increased by \$500

Loan
forgiveness for public service

Paid
for without passing cost on to future generations

Cleaning
up scandals in student loan industry

ENSURING
BETTER PAY, BETTER JOBS

Keeping
America competitive in a global economy

First
increase in the federal Minimum Wage in a decade

Innovation
Agenda: Math/Science scholarships for students and teachers

Doubling
research funding to create new American jobs

REDUCING GLOBAL WARMING

A
dramatic shift to clean energy-boosting the economy, taking the
equivalent of all cars in America today off the road by 2030

Requiring
U.S. leadership in global effort

Requiring
15% of electricity from renewable sources (House only)

Requiring
more efficient buildings, appliances

Create
Green Jobs Corps, training workers for 'green' revolution

TAKING A NATION AT WAR IN A NEW DIRECTION

The
new Congress has changed the debate to reflect the reality in
Iraq—and the opposition of the American people. The White
House has ignored both.

Rebuilding
our Military Readiness by reducing strain on troops with
requirements to rotate home and train (House only)

More
Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicles and body armor

No
permanent bases in Iraq

Responsibly
redeploy US troops out of Iraq

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Refocusing
the fight against terrorism to Al Qaeda & Afghanistan

PROTECTING AMERICA FROM TERRORISM

It
took a new Congress to finally make recommendations of the
bipartisan, independent 9/11 Commission became law

Requiring
100% Air Cargo Screening

Requiring
100% Container Cargo Screening

Providing
Better Communications for First Responders

Funding
based on Risk, not Politics

HEALTH CARE

Working
for affordable, accessible, quality care for Americans

Protecting
State Children's Health Insurance (SCHIP) for millions of
children and enrolling millions more

Largest
veterans' health care funding increase in history - 70 % of
those serving in Iraq are under the age of 30

Expanding
medical research to unlock promise of stem cell therapies

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