

A NEW DIRECTION FOR YOUNG AMERICANS

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.



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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



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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
- Refocusing the fight against terrorism to Al Qaeda & Afghanistan



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PROTECTING AMERICA FROM TERRORISM

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

- Requiring 100% Air Cargo Screening
- Requiring 100% Container Cargo Screening
- Providing Better Communications for First Responders
- Funding based on Risk, not Politics



IMPROVING 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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