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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE NCPA

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NCPA Hosts Capitol Hill Briefing on Entitlement and Budget Reform

Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI), the ranking Republican on the House Budget Committee, sponsored an NCPA Capitol Hill briefing to address entitlement and budget reform. The briefing focused on real entitlement reforms that would benefit the economy, as opposed to the recent "stimulus" legislation passed by Congress and signed into law.



Speakers at the NCPA briefing included, from left to right: NCPA President John Goodman, Rep. Howard Coble (R-NC) and NCPA Board Member Mike Whalen.

Rep. Howard Coble (R-NC), along with NCPA President John Goodman and NCPA Policy Chairman Mike Whalen, explained why the stimulus package is no more than a band-aid for the nation's current economic woes. Stephen Entin, president of IRET, also spoke at the briefing.

New NCPA Distinguished Fellow Terry Neese Headlines D.C. Briefing

Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) sponsored an NCPA Capitol Hill briefing to discuss economic issues vital to families and women. Rep. McMorris Rodgers is co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues.

The briefing prominently featured new NCPA Distinguished Fellow Terry Neese as well as Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute and Rachel Marsden, CEO and Editor-in-Chief of GrandCentralPolitical.com.

Neese, co-founder and past president of Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP), will spearhead the



NCPA Distinguished Fellow Terry Neese (above) and Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) (left).

NCPA's effort to explain how public policies impact working families and small businesses.

Sumners Distinguished Lecture Series Features Tony Snow

The first NCPA-Hatton W. Sumners Distinguished Lecture Series luncheon of 2008 featured Tony Snow, Former White House Press Secretary and former host of *FOX News Sunday*. Snow spoke at length about the upcoming presidential election, noting that since the campaigns have begun, everyone has been wrong in predicting who the nominees will be.



Former White House Press Secretary and former host of *FOX News Sunday* Tony Snow (above).

As for the candidates, Snow said Sen. Hillary Clinton must be fuming, waiting as long as she has to become president, but possibly losing to a young upstart politician. Ultimately, Snow sees a race between Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain, but noted that Obama must back up

his message of change with ideas, or people will begin to see through him. Snow also discussed a range of other issues, including Iraq, the economy and immigration.

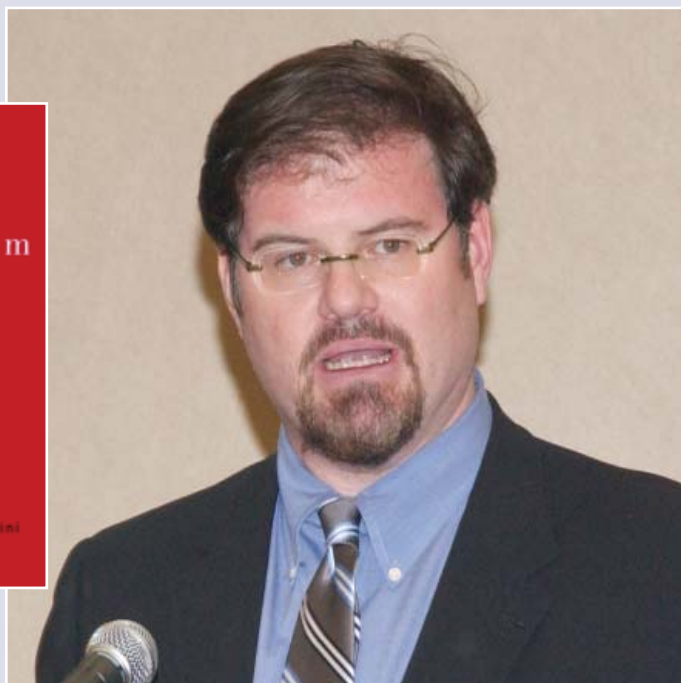
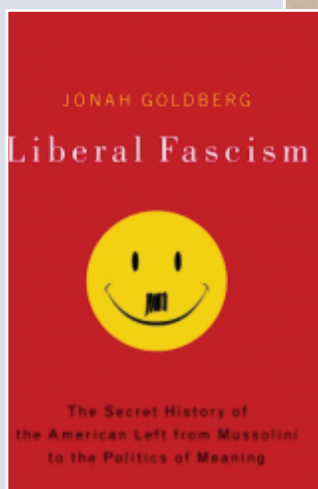


Tony Snow with Ginny and NCPA Advisory Board Member Sandy MacNeil (left).

Jonah Goldberg Speaks at NCPA Policy Forum

The first NCPA Economic Policy Forum and Author Luncheon series of 2008 featured Jonah Goldberg, editor-at-large of *National Review Online*, and author of "LIBERAL FASCISM: *The Secret History of the American Left, From Mussolini to the Politics of Meaning*."

Using his trademark wit, Goldberg offered a startling new perspective on the theories and practices that define fascist politics. Replacing conveniently manufactured myths with surprising and enlightening research, he reminded the Dallas audience that the original fascists were really on the left, and that liberals from Woodrow Wilson to FDR to Hillary Clinton have advocated policies and principles similar to those of Hitler's National Socialism and Mussolini's Fascism. Goldberg also is a nationally syndicated columnist.



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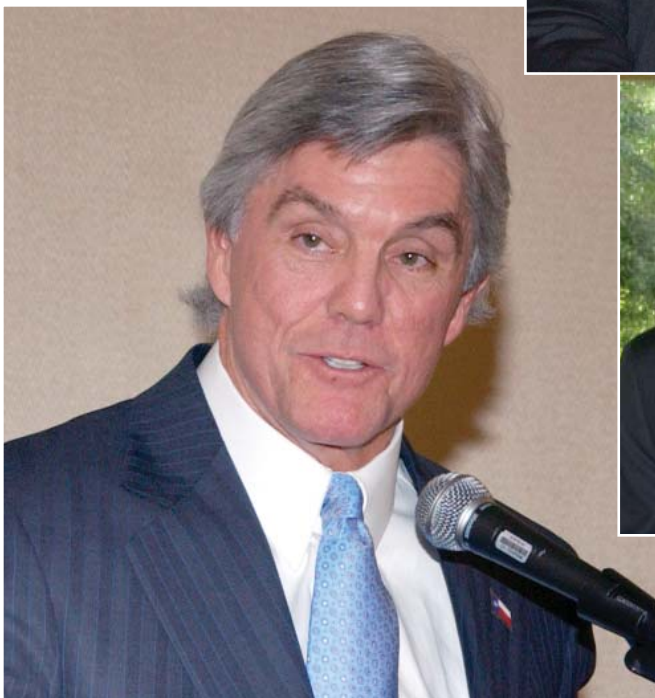
NCPA Policy Forums Focus On Climate Change, Economic Growth

Scholar, Author and Columnist Stephen Hayward (right) discussed several misconceptions about climate change as well as his new book "Leading Environmental Indicators" at an NCPA Economic Forum and Author Series luncheon. NCPA Board Member Don Buchholz at the Hayward event (below).



Hayward also focused on facts often ignored by environmentalist groups, such as the United States' tremendous track record on overall air pollution reduction, or its superior CO₂ reduction rate in comparison with European countries, despite not ratifying the Kyoto Protocol. NCPA Senior Fellow Sterling Burnett introduced Hayward (left).

In another Economic Policy Forum, former Texas Secretary of State Roger Williams (below) spoke about the state of the Texas economy, as well as the nation as a whole. Williams said that the best way to promote economic growth is to limit the burdens on business, most notably taxes. NCPA President John Goodman and NCPA Board Member Bud Smith at the Williams event (below, right).



Williams also spoke about job creation and commented on the need for a more diverse workforce, saying that there are plenty of high paying jobs in demand that do not require an advanced education. In addition, Williams touched on a number of other issues, including immigration, in which he said immigrant labor is valuable to the economy, but comprehensive reform is needed.

NCPA Senior Fellows Discuss Health Care, Environment

NCPA Senior Fellow Devon Herrick participated in a panel discussion on the future of health care delivery at the Health Care Landscape 2008 Conference, sponsored by the Healthcare Financial Management Association, American College of Healthcare Executives and the greater San Antonio Hospital Council.

In addition, Herrick participated in a roundtable discussion on medical tourism, and moderated a National Association for Business Economics teleconference: "Health Care Information Technology and Financing's Next Frontier: The Potential of Medical Banking."



NCPA Senior Fellows Devon Herrick (above) and Sterling Burnett (left).

Meanwhile, NCPA Senior Fellow Sterling Burnett visited U.S. Senate offices to discuss energy policy and climate change. Burnett made the trip at the request of Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) and met with Representative Fred Upton (R-MI), as well as staff from the offices of Senators Mary Landrieu (D-LA), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Jim DeMint (R-SC), Larry Craig (R-ID) and Jim Bunning (R-KY).

Burnett also spoke at the Texas Public Policy Foundation's 6th Annual Policy Orientation for the Texas Legislature, telling attendees that only coal can deliver the amount of reliable, inexpensive energy Texas residents and companies desire, while not being a threat to human health or the environment.

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March 26, 2008

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Founder and president of CURE, the Coalition on Urban Renewal & Education



April 17, 2008

Ambassador John Bolton

Former United States Representative to the United Nations