INSTITUTE ON RELIGION AND PUBLIC POLICY

About the Institute on Religion and Public Policy

The Institute on Religion and Public Policy is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-religiously affiliated organization that seeks to encourage open dialogue and shape public participation in policy of the global community of faith. The Institute works globally with government policymakers, religious leaders, community leaders, academics and NGOs in order to protect and promote fundamental rights, especially the right of religious freedom.

With offices in Washington, DC and partnerships across the globe, the Institute promotes cooperation and communication between policymakers and religious institutions, and strives to build and strengthen relationships among them at all public policy levels. The staff and fellows of the Institute on Religion and Public Policy include experts in a variety of areas of nationally and internationally relevant policy related to national security, legislative analysis, and conflict resolution.

Religion and religious communities are essential features of the political terrain in every corner of the globe. The Institute on Religion and Public Policy works with governments and religious communities to address issues of concern and to facilitate the positive contributions of religious communities to local and global problems.

In order to advance international human rights, religious freedom, and democratization, the Institute on Religion and Public Policy builds well-grounded, trusted relationships with policy makers and religious leaders around the world and works to facilitate the expression of faith in the public interest.

By focusing its efforts on issues such as international religious freedom, national security and culture, global business, inter-religious dialogue, and conflict resolution, the Institute strives to strengthen the bridge between religion and policy. The Institute's unique fusion of policy expertise with sensitivity to religious concerns of all traditions provides it with the capability to identify religiously motivated conflict and opportunities for solutions in any national security challenge.

The Institute on Religion and Public Policy has long cooperated closely with key leaders in the United States, world capitals, and civil society about the policy implications of religious belief and the needs of communities of faith. This network of relationships stretches amongst parties that have no alternative channel for contact amongst themselves and have developed the credibility of the Institute as the trusted resource in the effective and cooperative advancement of democracy and freedom throughout the world.

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