

2013 REPORT



The American Security Project

2013 Annual Report

The American Security Project is dedicated to examining issues from a strategic perspective, clarifying the challenges, understanding the threats, and crafting sustainable military and non-military responses. In doing so, we are guided by an appreciation of the value of internationalism to America's security; a common understanding of the challenges we face as a country; a healthy respect for the potential and limits of all the tools of American power; and a desire for the United States to reestablish its moral leadership within the global commons.

Hon. Gary Hart, Chairman



November 1, 2013

Introduction

We here at the American Security Project know that our national security rests on series of threats and opportunities that America faces at home and abroad. The 21st Century has shown that to meet these challenges we need a complex set of responses - including not only a strong military, but also a competitive economy where living standards rise for all; a reduction in 20th century nuclear forces; an investment in new energy sources; an acceptance of climate change and the ability to respond; an understanding of asymmetric operations and terrorism; talking and listening to foreign publics; and more importantly, bringing all these together in a forward-leading national security strategy.

2013 has seen the American Security Project expand its horizons worldwide in an effort to get our message to all corners of the globe. Our membership in the Global Military Advisory Council on Climate Change has enabled us to distribute our publications throughout Europe and Asia, with the aim of expanding to all continents. Our Global Security Index on Climate Change has been used many countries as a reference for those concerned about the security implications of climate change, and we have hosted several events at ASP's offices and around the country to educate Americans on the issue.

Our expanded efforts on American Competitiveness and Economic Security include strengthening the domestic economy over the long run and examining trade deals with the European Union. This culminated in a round of meetings on Capitol Hill and an event with Dr. Michael Porter of the Harvard Business School in July.

Our Nuclear Security work has involved examining the responses the nuclear threats we face today, right-sizing our arsenal and detailing how we rise to the challenges of proliferation.

We have worked on energy issues such as the geopolitical effects of LNG exports, the true nature of the global oil market and its impact on US gas prices, as well as producing a plan to commercialize fusion energy within a 10-year period.

Looking at asymmetric threats, we have held discussions on Bangladesh, Yemen, shipping container security and the strategic and tactical effects of drone strikes.

And we are carving a niche in the Public Diplomacy realm as well, which has included reports on academic exchanges, American Spaces, the challenges of social media public diplomacy and how we communicate with the Iranian people.

Our small but competent staff far outpaces any rivals and we are frequently sought out as a partner for many. The board of directors of ASP continues to grow, and we are exceptionally proud to have two of our founding members now as cabinet members – Secretary of State John Kerry and Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel. We encourage you to read the enclosed, visit our website, and support issues as you can – our aim is to make our nation more secure by providing the facts on all our issues, and we ARE making a difference.

BGen Stephen A. Cheney USMC (Ret.)

CEO, American Security Project

ASP Policy Issues

Energy Security

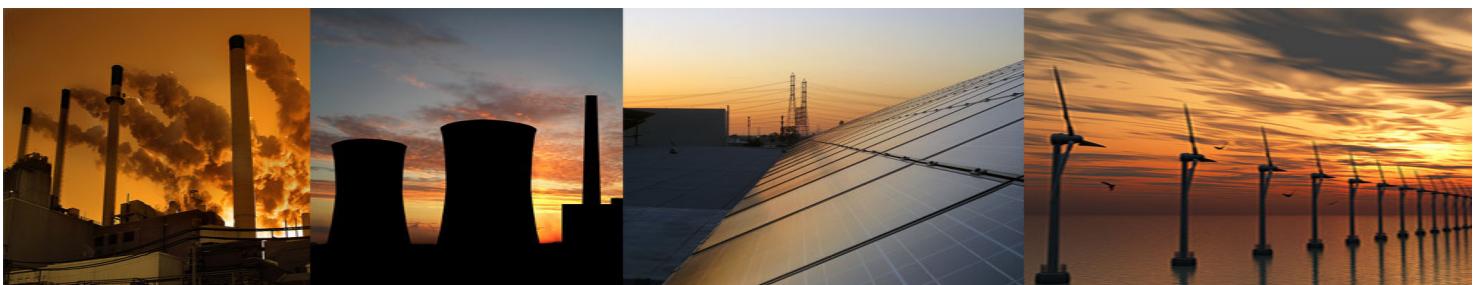
How the U.S. uses energy, what the mix of energy will be in the future, and how that affects national security is central to the work that we do at ASP. We had three goals for the year on energy: first, show the military as an example of successful clean energy policies; second, to reassess the geopolitics of energy in light of the ongoing “Energy Revolution” in both clean energy and shale; and third, to elevate fusion energy to become a viable option in debates about future energy production.

In January, ASP published two documents on biofuels, first a factsheet on the DoD’s Biofuels program, and second, a white paper, “Advanced Biofuels and National Security” that gave details on ways to develop new, advanced biofuels, and how that will help America’s security. These reports were paired with an event that ASP cosponsored with the Washington Clean Technology Alliance in Seattle on “Clean Energy, the New Public Policy Reality.” Both ASP’s Andrew Holland and General Cheney spoke on panels. Also speaking at the event was former Secretary of Defense Bob Gates.

In March, ASP released its plan for how the U.S. can lead on fusion power. The White Paper, “Fusion Power – A 10 Year Plan to Energy Security” showcased detailed efforts that can move the U.S. forward on the development of fusion as an energy source. It proposes an “Apollo Program” style effort to develop fusion as an energy source. It was launched on Capitol Hill with an event headlined by Stewart Prager, Director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory. We continue efforts to ensure that fusion is given the research priority that it deserves by highlighting the importance of scientific R&D.

ASP’s efforts to assess the geopolitical implications of the energy revolution proceeded throughout the year. In April, ASP launched a paper on “The Geopolitical Implications of U.S. Natural Gas Exports” with a discussion among U.S. allies and potential exporters on how natural gas exports could help the U.S. geopolitical position. In August, we released a report, “The U.S. Tight Oil Boom: Geopolitical Winner or Long-Term Distraction?” which questioned some of the common wisdom about how the U.S. oil boom is affecting energy security. In June, ASP co-hosted an event in New York City, with General Cheney, Admiral Gunn, and General Anderson to discuss “Redefining Energy security for the 21st Century.”

ASP’s work on energy and national security in 2013 has solidified us as an open-minded think tank, driven by policy, not by ideology. We plan to expand this work throughout 2014 whenever possible.



National Security and Climate Change

In 2013, ASP grew its work on the impacts of climate change on security from the already high standard developed in 2012. There are three main pushes in our climate policy: first, show how there is a global consensus that climate change is a threat to international security and global stability; second, show that climate change directly threatens the United States; and third, examine an opening Arctic to see what the security implications of melting sea ice will be.

In December, 2012, ASP published “The Dams of the Himalayas” which showed how climate change and human action are affecting the roof of the world. In March, ASP launched the preliminary results of its “Global Security and Defense Index” – a database that shows how governments and militaries around the world are preparing for the effects of climate change – and whether they see it as a threat. The report was co-launched in both ASP’s DC office and at an international conference in Seoul, South Korea, “Climate Change and Security in the Asia Pacific.” This database has been expanded further throughout the year, and is ready to be re-launched in conjunction with the Global Military Advisory Council on Climate Change (GMACCC), a coalition of former military leaders from around the world, as an ongoing part of ASP’s work on international climate change. The Chairman of the GMACCC, Major General Muniruzzaman of Bangladesh spoke at an ASP event in April.

In order to showcase the effects of climate change on the U.S., ASP published a series of papers, including “Protecting the Homeland - The Rising Costs of Inaction on Climate Change” and “Climate Change and Water Management – Lessons from the Netherlands.” In September, ASP’s CEO, General Cheney, was featured as a speaker (talking immediately after former Prime Minister Blair) at the opening ceremony of the Climate Group’s *Climate Week NYC* in New York.

In September, ASP released a report, “5 Critical Security Challenges for the Arctic” that showed how the U.S. is failing to meet the challenges, and laying the groundwork for necessary action.

2014 is promising to be an important year in ASP’s work on climate and security, as we have been tasked to engage in a grassroots effort to communicate the threats of climate change to security around the country. We will use these events to develop our message further, and look forward to showcasing how important climate change is to security in the U.S.



American Competitiveness and Economic Security

The last 12 months saw the publication of key reports in to our nation's competitiveness. In November we launched a major white paper detailing the issues that encompass competitiveness and highlight key steps that the United States needs to make. The report - American Competitiveness: An Issues of National Security, was launched with ASP board members Gov. Christine Todd Whitman, Mr. Raj Fernando and LtGen John Castellaw. The launch was also tied in with a series of op-eds, blog posts and appearances on cable news channels such as CNN.

During the year we have been working with the Harvard Business School and its alumni to promote these key competitiveness issues. This included a number of factsheets and briefings to Hill staffers & members of congress which culminated in a American Competitiveness Day on the Hill.

Key to our competitiveness has been the engagement in social media, which included a number of podcast interviews with key officials, Facebook engagement as well as numerous blog posts.

We have also been working on the close links between US trade agreements and national security. This has included a number of events and papers on the U.S.-E.U. trade talks – the Transatlantic Trade Investment and Partnership.

2013 also saw the launch of our Business Council for American Security that will examine all these issues from a business perspective and help ASP promote our work further.



Nuclear Security

ASP's nuclear team continues to expand its nuclear program and continues to be an active part of nuclear security Washington D.C. think tank scene.

The nuclear team has contributed the discussion on Iran and the nuclear budgets by placing op-eds by ASP staff, Consensus members and by educating members of Congress and staff. ASP hosted many well-attended events, and produced important fact sheets and articles on nuclear security issues.

The nuclear security team has been very busy following the Iran talks, and nuclear policy and budget issues. The nuclear team placed over six op-eds on nuclear issues and held eight well attended events on Iran and nuclear issues. The nuclear team's weekly blog on the Iran diplomacy is widely read. ASP's occasional con-

gressional briefings on nuclear issues are an ongoing and very active part of the nuclear security program. ASP produced a popular paper on container security and nuclear terrorism as well as groundbreaking treatment of Iran and public diplomacy issues.

ASP produced several op-eds by ASP Consensus members, including former flag officers Kerrick, Adams, and Cheney. These publications have been very well received in Washington.

ASP's nuclear team continues to amplify our work through extensive social media engagement. The Nuclear Security Twitter feed now has over 2000 followers.

Through these products, events, and convening sessions, ASP has strengthened the narrative for smart, bipartisan solutions for today's national security issues.



Public Diplomacy and Strategic Communications

This year has seen great recognition of ASP's role in the discussion about America's public diplomacy and strategic communications. ASP is now established as a respected, valued, and strategically minded public diplomacy institution.

The way America communicates its message overseas has both immediate and long-term national security implications, and ASP has been working to orient the public diplomacy discussion around how to accomplish national security objectives. As part of this, ASP has been raising questions about metrics and how to effectively measure the success of public diplomacy programs, and challenging common assumptions about strategic communications techniques.

ASP's work continues to be noticed by important people in the "PD" community, and is receiving a great deal of attention from interested and relevant parties. As evidence of this, ASP staff has been called to meet with State Department officials on several occasions, including a roundtable discussion at the Bureau of International Information Programs in the wake of a recent controversial OIG report on its activities.

In February, ASP published a paper on the difficulties in using social media and the internet to influence audiences overseas. Taking a unique approach to public diplomacy and online tools, this has been one of ASP's most successful publications to date, attracting the attention of leadership at the State Department, as well as academia and practitioners. Other ASP papers included a look at how the U.S conducts public diplomacy towards Iran; plus fact sheets on American Spaces, academic exchanges, and the relationship between public diplomacy and "propaganda."

ASP has also held a number of events on public diplomacy, including a high profile event on nation branding and global politics featuring Sir Martin Sorrell, CEO of WPP. Audience attendance was impressive, and included a number of influential people. Another event included a science diplomacy discussion revolving around NASA's soft power and diplomatic efforts. Adding to the uniqueness that ASP offers, an event was also held discussing U.S. cultural diplomacy in Central Asia, during which the all-women bluegrass band *Della Mae* spoke about their travels and performed live for the audience.

ASP staff has also been called upon this year to help educate current, new, and future practitioners in the public diplomacy field. This includes lectures at American University and the Foreign Service Institute, which trains current and outgoing Foreign Service officers in the practice. ASP's publications on public diplomacy are also required reading in multiple classes, at several universities. This all serves as a testament to the impact that ASP is having in this field.



Asymmetric Operations

In 2013, ASP has continued to expand the dialog around the strategic considerations required to address the asymmetric threats and opportunities we face.

In January we published a significant report into the effects of U.S. drone strikes at a tactical and strategic level. This included an examination of costs, decision-making as well as results in the short, medium and long term.

During the year we published reports and held discussions on U.S. policy in Yemen and its political transformation; how the drawdown in Afghanistan will impact stability operations, and what is needed to ensure valuable lessons are identified. We examined the shipping container industry and what effects any nuclear terrorism would have, which also included potential counter measures that should be used.

Later in the year we held a detailed conference on the situation in Bangladesh, noting its present political situation, the rise in militancy and its economic challenges, and a detailed discussion on the impacts climate change would have on all these factors in that country.

The situation in Ukraine was also raised this year, when a leading civic leader led a lively discussion on the country's relationship with the EU and Russia, and how the United States could play a role.



ASP's University Partnership Program

ASP has continued to expand its University Partnership Program. Future leaders at universities all across America need to be educated about a range of national security issues. ASP aims to promote informed debate about the appropriate use of national power in order to cultivate strategic responses to 21st century challenges.

The Consensus for American Security

Founded in 2010, the Consensus is now made up of over sixty national security experts: Republicans, Democrats, retired senior officials, former cabinet members and ambassadors, as well as a cadre of retired military flag officers.

The Consensus works across all of ASP's policy issues, advising fellows as well as engaging with the wider community. ASP assists the Consensus in establishing and defining national security issues in a strategic non-partisan framework.

ASP in the Media and Social Media Engagement

This year, ASP continued to expand its social media engagement, through its website and blog, over Twitter and Facebook, the document site Scribd, YouTube and iTunes for ASP podcasts.

During the year we have produced a wide range of podcasts and video clips with our fellows and special guests, as well producing a high-rated series of PowerPoint slideshows on key topics.

2013 saw the continuation of American Security Quarterly. This quarterly magazine brought together some of the key writing of many ASP fellows, board members and Consensus members. The four issues in 2013 were widely read and distributed.

Our weekly newsletter has gained many followers this year and we also produce a daily In Case You Missed It – a collection of key national security news stories of the day, which is added to our blog and emailed out to those that sign up via our website.

In the wider media, we have appeared in many of the key world newspapers and media outlets. Our reports have been picked up widely and used by many media sources and key individuals. We are requested for comments by the media and officials on a number of key issues, and have given both on and off the record briefings to wide audiences.



ASP Reports 2013



Major Publications

[White Paper: Fusion Power—A 10 Year Plan to Energy Security](#)

Andrew Holland and Nick Cunningham

[The Global Security Defense Index on Climate Change: Preliminary Results](#)

Andrew Holland and Xander Vagg

[White Paper – American Competitiveness Report: An Issue of National Security](#)

August Cole

[Perspective: The Arctic-Five Critical Security Challenges](#)

Andrew Holland, Nick Cunningham, and Xander Vagg

[Perspective: The Geopolitical Implications of U.S. Natural Gas Exports](#)

Nick Cunningham

[Perspective: The Challenges of the Internet and Social Media in Public Diplomacy](#)

Matthew Wallin

[White Paper: Advanced Biofuels and National Security](#)

Andrew Holland

[American Security Quarterly](#)

ASP's Quarterly Magazine collecting together our key op-eds and blog posts

[Asymmetric Operations](#)

[Fact Sheet—Bangladesh](#)

Farhad Mirzadeh

[Fact Sheet—Yemen](#)

Ollie Engrebretson

[Fact Sheet—Shipping Container Security](#)

Kevin Lalama and Katharyn Nicolle

[Perspective: Understanding the Strategic and Tactical Considerations of Drone Strikes](#)

Joshua Frost

[Perspective: Neotrafficking in the Americas—An Issue of National Security](#)

William Chodkowski

Public Diplomacy and Strategic Communications

[Fact Sheet—Propaganda: A Tool of Strategic Influence](#)

Christian Mull and Matthew Wallin

[Fact Sheet: Academic Exchange: A Pillar of Public Diplomacy](#)

Katrina Trost and Matthew Wallin

[Perspective—U.S. Public Diplomacy Towards Iran](#)

Lívia Pontes Fialho and Matthew Wallin

[Fact Sheet: The US State Department’s American Spaces Program](#)

Lívia Pontes Fialho

[Fact Sheet: Climate Change’s Threat to the United States—Lessons from the Netherlands](#)

Kareem Chin

[Protecting the Homeland—The Rising Costs of Inaction on Climate Change](#)

Nick Cunningham and Danielle Parillo

Energy and Climate Security

[Perspective: The U.S. Tight Oil Boom: Geopolitical Winner or Long-Term Distraction](#)

Nick Cunningham and Warren Dym

[Fact Sheet: DoD Installation Energy](#)

Andrew Holland, Nick Cunningham, Kaitlyn Huppmann, and William Joyce

[Perspective: Cause and Effect—U.S. Gasoline Prices](#)

Andrew Holland and Nick Cunningham

[Fact Sheet: Dod’s Biofuels Program](#)

Andrew Holland and Nick Cunningham

[Fact Sheet: What is Energy Independence?](#)

Justin Yarros

[International Progress on Fusion—How American Leadership is Slipping](#)

Theodore J. MacDonald

[Fusion Power: A 10 Year Plan to Energy Security—Executive Summary](#)

Andrew Holland and Nick Cunningham

Nuclear Security

[Fact Sheet: Iranian Ballistic Missiles](#)

Chris Smith and Matthew Wallin

[Fact Sheet: American Security Enhanced—The Benefits of the New START Treaty](#)

Mary Kaszynski and Katharyn Nicolle

American Competitiveness & Economic Security

[Fact Sheet—America’s Infrastructure: Challenges and Opportunities](#)

Ben Sechrist

[Fact Sheet—American Competitiveness & National Security](#)

Wes Reichart

[Fact Sheet—U.S.-EU Trade & the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership](#)

Justin Winikoff

[Perspective—The Defense Industrial Base](#)

August Cole

ASP in the Media



ASP Events



Title	Date	Policy Issue	Description
Launch of the ASP Climate Security Report	November 1, 2012	Climate and Energy Security	ASP board member, Gen. Christman and ASP CEO, Gen Cheney presented the findings of ASP's Climate Security Report.
Challenges of Drones and Pakistani Politics	November 4, 2012	Asymmetric Operations	ASP Fellow Joshua Foust hosted a discussion with CFR members on drones at their headquarters in New York City
Launch of ASP's American Competitiveness Report	November 28, 2012	American Competitiveness	ASP Board Members, Gov Whitman, Mr Fernando and LTGen Castellaw, were joined by August Cole, for a breakfast lunch of the report and Q&A
Panel discussion on the future of U.S. military involvement in Afghanistan	December 5, 2012	Asymmetric Operations	ASP Fellow Joshua Foust participated on a panel at the GW Elliott School on the future of the US military in Afghanistan.
National Security in an Era of Global Upheaval	December 6, 2012	National Security Strategy	James Kitfield from the National Journal discussed national strategy and its implications for the defense forces
Ellen Tauscher on Missile Defense and Strategic Stability	December 18, 2012	Nuclear Security	Ellen Tauscher, former Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and Strategic Stability, discussed missile defense issues and steps forward for US-Russia relations
Adm. Fallon and LTG Kearney on the Iran Military Option	January 16, 2013	Nuclear Security	A panel discussion with retired military leaders on the tactical and strategic considerations of military action against Iran's nuclear program
Understanding Drones	January 24, 2013	Asymmetric Operations	A panel discussion launching the new drones report, with Benjamin Wittes from Brookings and Daphne Eviatar from Human Rights First
Clean Energy: The New Public Policy Reality	January 28, 2013	Climate and Energy Security	A day-long conference in Seattle, cohosted with Washington Clean Technology Alliance, featuring SecDef Bob Gates, Sharon Burke, Rep. Adam Smith, and also Steve Cheney and Andrew Holland

Natural Gas, Fracking, LNG, and National Security	February 11, 2013	Climate and Energy Security	Andrew Holland participates in a briefing with VIPs from the Dutch gas industry.
American Competitiveness - World Boston	February 21, 2013	American Competitiveness	BGen Stephen A. Cheney USMC (Ret.) spoke on a panel in Boston Thursday evening (21 Feb) on “American Competitiveness and National Security” with Dr. Jan Rivkin of the Harvard Business School and August Cole, Adjunct Fellow and author from the American Security Project.
National Security Challenges	February 22, 2013	National Security Strategy	BGen Stephen A. Cheney USMC (Ret.) was the guest speaker at a luncheon on Friday, 22 Feb in Boston at their World Affairs Council.
NASA'S Public Diplomacy: Improving Relations on Earth by Exploring Space	March 5, 2013	National Security Strategy	A Panel discussion exploring the role NASA plays in public and traditional diplomacy and how science diplomacy helps improve national security
8th Annual Military Energy Alternatives Conference	March 5, 2013	Climate and Energy Security	Andrew Holland gave a presentation on the importance of advanced biofuel for national security.
Advanced Biofuel Association Board Meeting	March 7, 2013	Climate and Energy Security	Andrew Holland and BGen Stephen A Cheney give a presentation on ASP and the importance of Advanced Biofuels for national security to the board of the ABFA
Fusion Power - A 10 Year Plan to Energy Security	March 13, 2013	Climate and Energy Security	A panel discussion featuring Steve Cheney, Admiral Lee Gunn, Stewart Prager and Andrew Holland. Launch of ASP's Fusion Power White Paper
Preliminary Results of the Climate Global Security Defense Index on Climate Change	March 21, 2013	Climate and Energy Security	A networking event to launch our new GSDI paper and Index.

International Conference on Climate Security in the Asia-Pacific Region	March 22, 2013	Climate and Energy Security	Andrew Holland participated in a 2 day conference in Seoul, SK on the importance of climate change for national security in the Asia Pacific. About 100-150 participants from NGOs, governments, and other.
Practical Challenges for the Future of Public Diplomacy	March 25, 2013	National Security Strategy	Matthew Wallin participated as a panelist in a Google Hangout discussing challenges in public diplomacy. Hosted by the Pickering Fellowship.
A Conversation with Anita Friedt: Nuclear Priorities 2013	March 27, 2013	Nuclear Security	Anita Friedt, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Arms Control, Verification and Compliance, discussed the State Department's nuclear priorities in 2013
Nation Branding and Global Politics - A Conversation with Sir Martin Sorrell	April 3, 2013	National Security Strategy	An insightful conversation on nation branding with Sir Martin Sorrell, founder and CEO of the world's largest advertising group
Energy Security and the Oil Boom - are we there yet?	April 4, 2013	Climate and Energy Security	Andrew Holland participated in conference at Washington & Jefferson College
The UK in the EU and the future of Transatlantic Cooperation	April 10, 2013	American Competitiveness	A briefing and discussion on the present role of the UK within the EU, and the next steps for the EU and US trade talks by UK Member of Parliament Tobias Ellwood
The Geopolitical Implications of U.S. Natural Gas Exports	April 17, 2013	Climate and Energy Security	A panel event discussing the role that increased U.S. LNG exports would play in terms of geopolitics
Public Diplomacy - Anderson University	April 17, 2013	National Security Strategy	Matthew Wallin gave an hour-long lecture on public diplomacy and took questions via skype to an undergraduate class at Anderson University.
A Conversation on Climate Adaptation at the local and national level	April 22, 2013	Climate and Energy Security	A cohosted discussion with Ecologic and the National Farmers Union on climate adaptation

U.S. National Security and the New Somalia: Reflections from the Former Prime Minister	May 7, 2013	Asymmetric Operations	Former Prime Minister discussed the key issues in the U.S. -Somalia relationship; the progress already made in his country; as well as the political, economic and military challenges still ahead.
Science and National Security	May 13, 2013	Climate and Energy Security	A small group of mid to upper level congressional staffers discussing science and national security policy.
US Cultural Diplomacy in Central Asia: Bluegrass with Della Mae	May 13, 2013	National Security Strategy	ASP Hosted Della Mae, an all-women bluegrass band which recently returned from a State Department Sponsored American Music Abroad tour of 6 countries in central Asia.
Nuclear Terrorism - what's at stake	May 29, 2013	Asymmetric Operations	A briefing and discussion on the issues surrounding nuclear terrorism and the world shipping industry - as well as looking at some technological solutions.
Future of Stability Operations	June 17, 2013	Asymmetric Operations	A discussion on the future of stability operations, the lessons learnt from Afghanistan, and what the US national security apparatus needs to do.
Public Diplomacy - Center on Global Interests	June 17, 2013	National Security Strategy	Matthew Wallin participated in a closed roundtable session discussing Russian hard and Soft power strategy.
"Redefining Energy Security for the 21st Century	June 25, 2013	Climate and Energy Security	ASP traveled to NYC for an event cohosted with Climate Group during NY climate week
CFR Foreign Policy Breakfast: The Iranian Challenge	July 9, 2013	Nuclear Security	BGen Stephen A. Cheney was part of a 16 person panel briefing Congressman Steve Daines (R-Mt)
American Competitiveness Day - Panel discussion	July 10, 2013	American Competitiveness	ASP hosted a major panel discussion with Profs Mike Porter and Jan Riken, ASP Board members and HBS Club on the Hill regarding key issue son American Competitiveness

HBS Reception for HBS's Porter and Rivkin	July 10, 2013	American Competitiveness	BGen Stephen Cheney and LTGen Castellaw spoke on the national security implications on weak American Competitiveness
Roundtable with EU Parliamentarians - national security and TTIP	July 15, 2013	National Security Strategy	ASP hosted an off the record discussion with leading EU parliamentarians on national security and TTIP
Roundtable with EU Parliamentarians	July 16, 2013	Climate and Energy Security	ASP hosted a group of EU parliamentarians for a VIP Lunch
Political Transition and National Dialogue: Progress and Challenges	July 30, 2013	Asymmetric Operations	ASP hosted a wide ranging discussion with leading experts on the political changes in Yemen
TTIP - Western relations with China	July 31, 2013	American Competitiveness	ASP hosted a discussion on the TTIP and what it will mean for Western relations with China
Public Diplomacy-State Department International Information Programs (IIP)	August 8, 2013	National Security Strategy	Matthew Wallin participated in a closed roundtable session involving key members from the PD community with senior leadership of IIP to address issues identified in a recent IG report.
The US/Russia Public Diplomacy Battle for Syria	September 20, 2013	Public Diplomacy	Matthew Wallin participated in a Google hangout hosted by The Public Diplomat discussing the aftermath of Russian President Putin's op-ed in the New York Times.'
Opening of Climate Week	September 23, 2013	Climate and Energy Security	BGen Cheney followed PM Tony Blair speaking at the opening ceremony of New York City's Climate Week hosted by the Climate Group
Bangladesh Conf - Session One	October 1, 2013	National Security Strategy	ASP hosted in conjunction with BIPSS discussion on the political situation in Bangladesh
Bangladesh Conf - Session Two	October 1, 2013	National Security Strategy	ASP hosted in conjunction with BIPSS discussion on the raising militancy and terrorism threat in Bangladesh

Bangladesh Conf - Session Three	October 1, 2013	National Security Strategy	ASP hosted in conjunction with BIPSS discussion on economic prospects and challenges in Bangladesh
Bangladesh Conf - Session Four	October 1, 2013	National Security Strategy	ASP hosted in conjunction with BIPSS discussion on Bangladesh and its relationship with the neighborhood
Beyond MAD - Nuclear Roundtable	October 3, 2013	Nuclear Security	ASP Adjunct Sr. Fellow Seyom Brown helped organize a roundtable of experts in the nuclear field to discuss the future of MAD policy, and options for future forms of the deterrent.
“Engagement” in public diplomacy	October 3, 2013	Public Diplomacy	Matthew Wallin lectured an undergrad public diplomacy class at American University on the use of engagement in public diplomacy
Atlantic Council: Transatlantic Cooperation on Energy Security and Climate Change Conference	October 3, 2013	Climate and Energy Security	Andrew Holland moderated a panel of European and Americans on how we're moving towards goals of energy and climate change.
Briefing of Lockheed Martin Offsite Event	October 18, 2013	Climate and Energy Security	Andrew Holland briefed LMCo's senior officials on the US Government's climate policy.
A Conversation with Sergii Bondarchuk – Ukraine and its future in the world	October 22, 2013	National Security Strategy	Sergii Bondarchuk discussed key Ukrainian issues, giving a unique insight into what is happening on the ground in Ukraine, and what the future will hold for US-Ukrainian relations.

Find out more on ASP past events click below:



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**The Honorable Gary Hart, Chairman**

Senator Hart served the State of Colorado in the U.S. Senate and was a member of the Committee on Armed Services during his tenure.

**Raj Fernando**

Raj Fernando is CEO and founder of Chopper Trading, a technology based trading firm headquartered in Chicago.

**Norman R. Augustine**

Mr. Augustine was Chairman and Principal Officer of the American Red Cross for nine years and Chairman of the Council of the National Academy of Engineering.

**Vice Admiral Lee Gunn, USN (Ret.)**

Vice Admiral Gunn is the President of the Institute of Public Research at the CNA Corporation, a non-profit corporation in Virginia.

**Lieutenant General John Castellaw, USMC (Ret.)**

John Castellaw is President of the Crockett Policy Institute (CPI), a non-partisan policy and research organization headquartered in Tennessee.

**Lieutenant General Claudia Kennedy, USA (Ret.)**

Lieutenant General Kennedy was the first woman to achieve the rank of three-star general in the United States Army.

**Brigadier General Stephen A. Cheney, USMC (Ret.)**

Brigadier General Cheney is the Chief Executive Officer of ASP.

**General Lester L. Lyles, USAF (Ret.)**

General Lyles retired from the United States Air Force after a distinguished 35 year career. He is presently Chairman of USAA, a member of the Defense Science Board, and a member of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board.

**Lieutenant General Daniel Christman, USA (Ret.)**

Lieutenant General Christman is Senior Vice President for International Affairs at the United States Chamber of Commerce.

**Dennis Mehiel**

Dennis Mehiel is the Principal Shareholder and Chairman of U.S. Corrugated, Inc.

**Robert B. Crowe**

Robert B. Crowe is a Partner of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough in its Boston and Washington, DC offices. He is co-chair of the firm's Government Relations practice.

**Stuart Piltch**

Stuart Piltch is the Co-Founder and Managing Director of Cambridge Advisory Group, an actuarial and benefits consulting firm based in Philadelphia.

**Lee Cullum**

Lee Cullum, at one time a commentator on the PBS NewsHour and "All Things Considered" on NPR, currently contributes to the Dallas Morning News and hosts "CEO."

**Ed Reilly**

Edward Reilly is CEO of Americas of FD International Limited, a leading global communications consultancy that is part of FTI Consulting, Inc.

**Nelson W. Cunningham**

Nelson Cunningham is President of McLarty Associates.

**Governor Christine Todd Whitman**

Christine Todd Whitman is the President of the Whitman Strategy Group, a consulting firm that specializes in energy and environmental issues.

**Admiral William Fallon, USN (Ret.)**

Admiral Fallon has led U.S. and Allied forces and played a leadership role in military and diplomatic matters at the highest levels of the U.S. government.

Building a New American Arsenal

The American Security Project (ASP) is a nonpartisan organization created to educate the American public and the world about the changing nature of national security in the 21st Century.

Gone are the days when a nation's security could be measured by bombers and battleships. Security in this new era requires harnessing all of America's strengths: the force of our diplomacy; the might of our military; the vigor and competitiveness of our economy; and the power of our ideals.

We believe that America must lead in the pursuit of our common goals and shared security. We must confront international challenges with our partners and with all the tools at our disposal and address emerging problems before they become security crises. And to do this we must forge a bipartisan consensus here at home.

ASP brings together prominent American business leaders, former members of Congress, retired military flag officers, and prominent former government officials. ASP conducts research on a broad range of issues and engages and empowers the American public by taking its findings directly to them via events, traditional & new media, meetings, and publications.

We live in a time when the threats to our security are as complex and diverse as terrorism, nuclear proliferation, climate change, energy challenges, and our economic wellbeing. Partisan bickering and age old solutions simply won't solve our problems. America – and the world - needs an honest dialogue about security that is as robust as it is realistic.

ASP exists to promote that dialogue, to forge that consensus, and to spur constructive action so that America meets the challenges to its security while seizing the opportunities that abound.



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