

## About the Center for a New American Security

**T**he Center for a New American Security (CNAS) is an independent, nonpartisan, and nonprofit organization that develops strong, pragmatic, and principled national security and defense policies. CNAS engages policymakers and the public with innovative, fact-based research and analysis to shape and elevate the national security debate—and cultivates the national security leaders of today and tomorrow.

### What We Do

CNAS develops innovative approaches to today's most pressing security challenges. The unifying theme in our wide-ranging body of work is the “new” in our name. CNAS focuses on three general research areas:

#### 1. U.S. National Security and Defense Policy.

CNAS performs groundbreaking work on the U.S. role in current and future conflicts and on the health and organization of our national security institutions.

**2. Regional Issues and U.S. Interests.** Our regional work focuses on Asia, where rising powers, existing alliances, and economic interests will demand U.S. attention for decades to come, on the greater Middle East, where the United States is engaged in two wars, and on the enduring need for trans-Atlantic cooperation.

**3. Transnational Challenges.** CNAS studies the national security implications of changes to the world economy; the future of strategic competition in the global commons; the nexus between transnational crime and national security threats; and “natural security,” the geo-strategic and security policy implications of rising global consumption of resources including energy, minerals, water, and climate change.

### How We Drive Change

CNAS shapes the national security debate by linking people and ideas. We conduct cutting-edge research and analysis, serve as a hub for dialogue, shape public opinion through outreach and commentary, and prepare the next generation of national security professionals. We measure our success by how effectively our ideas and our people influence U.S. policy and raise the quality of the national conversation.

### Our Team

CEO Nathaniel Fick and President Dr. John Nagl lead an agile team of some forty scholars, former policy-makers, active-duty military officers, and experienced writers-in-residence. CNAS, as the only national security and defense policy think tank headed by combat veterans of the current wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, connects civilians and members of the military, policymakers and academics, Republicans and Democrats, and experienced veterans with the next generation of national security leaders.

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### Our History

CNAS was founded in 2007 to reclaim the pragmatic center in the national security debate. Our alumni serve in positions of responsibility throughout the U.S. government, the private sector, and the military. CNAS co-founders Michèle Flournoy and Kurt Campbell currently serve, respectively, as Undersecretary of Defense for Policy and Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia.

### Support CNAS

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**James Steinberg, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State**

*"CNAS has, in a few short years, established itself as a true force... in policymaking circles... So well done to all those on the team that is CNAS."*

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*"Seriously bi-partisan."*

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*"CNAS is a brilliant example of institutional innovation. It descends from the gene code of think tanks but seeks to move ideas into action. Led by veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Center will help lead the United States into a new dimension of actionable theory relating to national defense."*

**Carl Schramm, President and CEO, The Kauffman Foundation**