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Democracy Needs a Rallying Cry

One year after the January 6 insurrection, Carnegie Council President Joel Rosenthal reflected on the health of democracy in the United States. He writes:

> As the pressure on democracy intensifies, this is the moment to summon its strengths. Whether it's the threat of internal collapse, the rise of illiberalism, the challenge of China's authoritarian model, or the steadily invasive technologies of artificial intelligence, democracy has within it the means of resistance and renewal.
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> No one wants to feel powerless. As challenges mount, democracy remains the best bet to deliver on some sense of ordered liberty, where individuals can live free and societies can organize for the common good.
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> Democracy is imperfect and unfinished. And therein lies its strength and power.

Read the full article on Carnegie Council's **website** and follow Rosenthal on LinkedIn to stay up-to-date on his latest columns on ethics and democracy.

News from Our Impact Initiatives

The **Carnegie Climate Governance Initiative (C2G)** published new resources about the impacts of emerging approaches to alter the climate. In an article for ***Foreign Policy***, C2G Executive Director Janos Pasztor wrote about the techniques being potentially considered to mitigate the rise in global temperatures that are projected to surpass the internationally agreed 1.5°C threshold. There is a critical lack of governance frameworks supporting the deployment of these techniques, and Pasztor reminds us, "Knowledge about these issues is frighteningly scant, yet decisions policymakers may one day face will have profound consequences."

The initiative also posted a new **_C2GTalk_ interview** interview with author Eliot Peper, discussing the significance of his novel _Veil_ that includes storylines about solar radiation modification. Speculative fiction, Peper argued, can spark people's curiosity and inspire them to become engaged about emerging issues society faces. Follow the work of C2G directly by visiting c2g2.net or by following @C2G2net on Twitter.

The **U.S. Global Engagement (USGE) initiative** published two new episodes of _The Doorstep_ podcast, which premieres every other Thursday. Co-hosts Nikolas Gvosdev and Tatiana Serafin assessed the Biden/Harris administration's **foreign policy approach** and looked forward to trends in U.S. global engagement with Judah Grunstein, editor-in-chief of _World Politics Review_. Additionally, Mo Elleithee, executive director of Georgetown's Institute of Politics and Public Service, discussed how the Biden/Harris team can **improve their messaging** ahead of the 2022 mid-term elections to engage a disconnected electorate. Join the conversation by following @DoorstepPodcast on Twitter.

Carnegie Council's **Artificial Intelligence & Equality Initiative (AIEI)** continues to reevaluate the ways AI-based systems can serve society in a more just manner. Although technologies can have a global impact, they often rely on ethical frameworks developed in Western Anglophone traditions. In a podcast interview with Edinburgh Futures Institute's Shannon Vallor, she and Senior Fellow Wendell Wallach discussed ways to **reimagine AI ethics** on an international scale in an age of shifting power dynamics brought on these emerging technologies. Additionally, Wallach and Senior Fellow Anja Kaspersen explored the ethical ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic and its acceleration of AI technology use in our daily lives. Read the article published by the **World Economic Forum**. For more on AIEI, visit carnegieaie.org.

Events & Multimedia

Upcoming Events:

Last year, the Working Group-I report of the IPCC Sixth Assessment provided governments of the world with the most authoritative global assessment yet on the physical science basis of climate change—something the UN secretary-general referred to as a "code red" for humanity. On **January 20** at 10:30AM ET, the Carnegie Climate Governance Initiative (C2G) will host a virtual event with experts G. Bala, Joeri Rogelj, Kirsten Zickfeld, and C2G's Nicholas Harrison to explore how the report addresses climate-altering technologies like carbon dioxide removal and solar radiation modification.

Last October, millions of leaked documents known as the Pandora Papers exposed the shadowy financial structures global power players from politicians to billionaires use to hide money, move markets, and transform countries. On **January 24** at 6:00PM ET, author Casey Michel will join Senior Fellows Nikolas Gvosdev and Tatiana Serafin to discuss his book _American Kleptocracy_, which exposes how the United States has been able to build the largest illicit offshore finance system the world has ever known.

In case you missed it:

The editors of *Ethics & International Affairs* recently published the **Winter 2021** issue of the journal. The issue featured a book symposium on Anna Stilz's *Territorial Sovereignty*, plus a feature article from an international group of scholars led by Ezekiel J. Emanuel that examined the ethics of vaccine nationalism, making a case for the fair priority for residents (FPR) framework. Also, in an online exclusive for the journal, Ben Donaldson reflected on the struggle for **gender equality** at the top of United Nations and the lack of female representation for the position of secretary-general. For more from the journal, visit ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org.