

Reform Initiatives Around The World

Name	Country	Entity	Goals	contacts
Australian Law Reform Commission	Australia	Governmental initiative	<p>Established in 1975, the Australian Law Reform Commission is a permanent, independent federal statutory corporation, operating under the Australian Law Reform Commission Act 1996 (Cth).</p> <p>ALRC recommendations provide advice to government but do not automatically become law. However, the ALRC has a strong record of having its advice taken up. Nearly 80 per cent of the ALRC's reports have been either substantially or partially implemented - making it one of the most effective and influential agents for legal reform in Australia.</p> <p>The ALRC's focus is on federal laws and legal processes. When conducting an inquiry, the ALRC aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - simplify and modernise the law; - improve access to justice; - remove obsolete or unnecessary laws, and eliminate defects in the law; - suggest new or more effective methods 	<p>Postal address GPO Box 3708 Sydney NSW 2001 Tel: (02) 8238 6333 Fax:(02) 8238 6363 email: info@alrc.gov.au web: www.alrc.gov.au</p>

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			<p>for administering the law and dispensing justice;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ensure harmonisation of Commonwealth, state and territory laws where possible; - monitor overseas legal systems to ensure Australia compares favourably with international best practice. 	
Doctors Reform Society Of Australia	Australia	Civil Health Initiative	<p>The DRS is an organization of doctors and medical students supporting health care reforms to ensure justice, equity and quality care for all regardless of social or economic status.</p> <p>(DRS) was formed in 1973 to support a proposal for a publicly-funded universal health insurance system. Medibank (now Medicare) was successfully created despite opposition from the Australian Medical Association. Now all Australians have health insurance and access to a free public hospital system, and the DRS continues to lobby for further improvements.</p>	<p>Doctors Reform Society of Australia, PO Box 992, Gosford, NSW 2250.</p> <p>Phone 02 9264-9084</p> <p>Fax 02 9267-4393</p> <p>web: www.drs.org.au</p>
Tasmania Law Reform Institute	Australia	think tank	<p>The establishment of the Institute follows an extensive history of law reform in this state. Tasmania established</p>	<p>Tasmania Law Reform Institute</p> <p>Faculty of Law, University</p>

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		<p>its Law Reform Commission in 1974. The Commission received references from the Attorney-General and its reports were presented to the Parliament. The Commission was ably chaired for the majority of its existence by Mr Bruce Piggott until its demise in 1989. Mr Piggott was a nationally and internationally renowned figure and made an impressive contribution to law reform in this state. The Commission also comprised representatives of the government, Law Society, Bar Association and the Faculty of Law. In addition there were two community members. The Commission was able to afford a full time Executive Director and three staff. The Commission was very productive and produced approximately 50 major reports on a wide range of topics such as workers compensation, de facto relationships, motor vehicle accident compensation and rape law reform. Most of the Commission's reports resulted in the introduction of legislation</p>	<p>of Tasmania Private Bag 89 Hobart, Tasmania AUSTRALIA 7001 Telephone: (03) 62262069 Facsimile: (03) 62267623 email: law.reform@utas.edu.au web: http://www.law.utas.edu.au/reform</p>
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International Crisis Group	Belgium	Think Tank	The International Crisis Group is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organisation, with nearly 120 staff members on five continents, working through field-based analysis and high-level advocacy to prevent and resolve deadly conflict.	149 Avenue Louise Level 24 B-1050 Brussels Belgium [map] Tel: +32-2-502 90 38 Fax: +32-2-502 50 38 web: www.crisisgroup.org
Alberta Law Reform Institute	Canada	think tank	The Institute delivers law reform proposals through specific projects. Project Selection Criteria -The rationale for the program content includes a number of component principles: -each project must meet a perceived community need by providing a remedy for a deficiency in the law or in the administration of justice. -a project must be one that neither the political process or the administrative process is likely to deal with effectively. -each project must be one that falls within the capability of the Institute, as a group of lawyers acting with the best available advice from segments of the public and from law and other	402 Law Centre, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2H5 Phone: 780-492-5291 Fax: 780-492-1790 web: http://www.law.ualberta.ca/alri

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			disciplines. -the total program must make contributions both to technical areas of law and to areas of law involving social policy.	
Ciizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform	Canada	Parliamentary Initiative	<p>The Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform says the new proportional electoral system it proposes for B.C. will improve the practice of democracy in the province.</p> <p>"Election results will be fairer, reflecting a balance between votes and seats, voters will have more choice and candidates will work harder to earn their support," says the final report of the Assembly, Making Every Vote Count: The Case for Electoral Reform in British Columbia.</p> <p>"Political parties will remain at the centre of the electoral process, but they will give up some of the excesses of party discipline and the adversarial style that alienates many voters. The Legislative Assembly will be strengthened in its ability to hold governments accountable."</p>	<p>post: PO Box 9232 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9J1 tel: 604-775-2800 fax: 250 387-1444 email: agrefinfo@gems1.gov.bc.ca web: www.gov.bc.ca/referendum_info</p>
Copy Right	Canada		With the release of A Framework for	Tel: (613) 954-5031

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Reform Process			<p>Copyright Reform, the Government of Canada launched the process for reforming Canadian copyright legislation over the years to come.</p> <p>As a first step, the Government of Canada released two consultation papers on Internet issues: Consultation Paper on Digital Copyright Issues and Consultation Paper on the Application of the Copyright Act's Compulsory Retransmission Licence to the Internet, to which it invited interested parties to provide their written comments on the issues raised.</p> <p>The response from Canadians was significant, with over 700 documents submitted to the consultation process. All documents, including more than 50 reply comments, have now been posted online. The reply comments received have been posted in the language in which they were submitted. Minor reformatting may have been occurred during HTML conversion.</p>	<p>web: http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/incrp-prda.nsf/en/Home </p>
DrugSense	Canada	Civil	DrugSense and its largest project MAP	DrugSense

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		Initiative	<p>combine to form a 501 c3 non-profit corporation. We exist to provide accurate information relevant to drug policy in order to heighten awareness of the extreme damage being caused to our nation and the world by our current flawed and failed "War on Drugs." We aim to inform the public of the existence of rational alternatives to the drug war, and to help organize citizens to bring about needed reforms.</p> <p>To further those objectives, and in recognition of the critical role played by the media and the public, we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call attention to factual errors and excesses of policy as reported by the working press and broadcast news organizations. - Promote debate and discussion by encouraging citizens to communicate their views directly to the media and the public. - Provide on-line and technical support for a wide range of reform organizations, large and small, including but not limited to providing free email chat lists, news 	<p>14252 Culver Drive #328 Irvine, CA, 92604-0326 tel: (800) 266-5759 email: info@drugsense.org web: www.drugsense.org</p>
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			<p>information feeds, and web site creation and support. See our site map for a list of the organizations we support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create and maintain a growing, easily searched, library of news and opinion as a research and educational tool. <p>We believe that public policy has nothing to fear from the truth. Effective policies require a clear understanding of their results.</p> <p>We believe that prohibition is a system which unleashes powerful forces, most notably the illegal drug markets, that inevitably make the underlying drug problem worse while adding a series of costly unintended side effects, including damage to the very values upon which free nations have been founded.</p> <p>We believe that a public well informed about the death, disease and social blight produced by current US drug policy must inevitably seek to reform it.</p>	
National Development and Reform	China	Governmental Initiative	The National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) is a macroeconomic management agency	38.S.Yuetan Street,Beijing China Postcode:100824

Commission			<p>under the State Council, which studies and formulates policies for economic and social development, maintains a balance of economic aggregates and guides the overall economic system restructuring. The principal functions of the NDRC include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.To formulate and implement strategies for national economic and social development, long-term plans, annual plans, industrial policies and price policies; 2.To monitor and adjust the performance of the national economy, maintain the balance of economic aggregates and optimize major economic structures; 3.To examine and approve major construction projects; 4.To guide and promote economic system restructuring; 5.To carry out strategic readjustment and upgrading of industrial structure, coordinate the development of agriculture and rural economy and guide the development of industry; 6.To formulate plans for the 	web: www.sdpc.gov.cn
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			<p>development of the energy sector and manage national oil reserve;</p> <p>7.To promote the sustainable development strategy,social development and coordinated development of regional economy and implement the Western Region Development Program;</p> <p>8.To submit the plan for national economic and social development to the National People`s Congress on behalf of the State Council in accordance with the Constitution</p>	
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM INITIATIVE	Hungaria	Civil Initiative	<p>THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM INITIATIVE was launched in January 1997 by the Board of the Open Society Institute-Budapest. The Initiative replaces the Institute for Local Government and Public Service and builds on its achievements.</p> <p>The development of democratic and effective government at sub-national levels remains one of the central tasks of the transition. The sharing of expertise between countries can contribute significantly to the reform process in the</p>	<p>email: lgprog@osi.hu</p> <p>web: www.osi.hu</p>

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			region. The primary mission of LGI is to foster such cross-border cooperation and to support and disseminate throughout the region potentially important policy studies which should have a significant impact on public policy reform.	
Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform	Ireland	Legal Governmental Initiative	<p>The Department's main areas of responsibility include -</p> <p>Implementing Government policy on crime and protecting the security of the State.</p> <p>Providing policy advice in relation to the criminal justice system (An Garda Síochána, the Courts, Prisons and Probation and Welfare Services) and supporting the operation of this system.</p> <p>Continuing reform of the criminal law and updating areas of the civil law.</p> <p>Playing a central part in the implementation of core elements in the Good Friday Agreement.</p> <p>Co-operating in the EU and international fields and promoting Ireland's interests within our areas of responsibility.</p> <p>Implementing the Government's asylum strategy and further developing national</p>	<p>Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform 94 St. Stephens Green Dublin 2 Telephone: + 353 1 6028202 Fax: + 353 1 6615461 Email: minister@justice.ie web: http://www.justice.ie/80256DFD00637EE0/vWeb/pcSS TY5UBER3-en</p>

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			<p>immigration policy.</p> <p>Developing and implementing policy in relation to equal treatment generally, anti-racism, disability equality, human rights and childcare.</p> <p>The Department's mission is to maintain and enhance community security and equality through the development of a range of policies and high quality services which underpin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the protection and assertion of human rights and fundamental freedoms consistent with the common good; the security of the State; an effective and balanced approach to tackling crime; and progress towards the elimination of discrimination and the promotion of equal opportunities and the accommodation of diversity. 	
The Law Reform Commission	Ireland	Legal Governmental initiative	<p>The Commission is an independent body corporate established under the Law Reform Commission Act 1975. Its overall function is to keep the law under review and make recommendations for its reform. The establishment of the</p>	<p>The Secretary/Head of Administration</p> <p>The Law Reform Commission</p> <p>35-39 Shelbourne Road</p> <p>Ballsbridge</p>

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			<p>Commission was recognition of the need for a new approach to law reform, enabling the law to respond to a rapidly-changing society.</p> <p>Against this background of change, the Commission approaches its work in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - supplying an expanded base of knowledge and ideas, some of them drawn from elsewhere, but adapted for Irish conditions and character. - offering fresh ways of looking at familiar issues. - evaluating matters of public interest in an impartial manner. - contributing models or legislative responses to developments in Irish society. 	<p>Dublin 4</p> <p>Tel: +353 1 637 7600</p> <p>Fax: +353 1 637 7601</p> <p>E-mail: info@lawreform.ie</p> <p>web: www.lawreform.ie</p>
maldivian Democratic Party	Maldivian Islands	political party	aiming at political reform in the Maldives.	<p>tel: +960 777 8285</p> <p>secretariat@mdp.org.mv</p> <p>web: www.mdp.org.mv</p>
Reform - resource centre for men	Norway	social Civil Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is a non-profit NGO - is a national centre for knowledge on men - promotes male perspectives in the media and the general public 	<p>Dronningens gt. 34 (inng. Karl Johans Gate), Pb 28 Sentrum, 0101 Oslo</p> <p>telefon 22 34 09 50</p> <p>telefax 22 34 09 61 –</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - initiates and participates in projects focused on men - participates in international projects - helps men on the local level - receives funding from the Norwegian Ministry of Children and Gender Equality <p>Our vision is: a society based on diversity and equality where power and care are shared independently of gender</p>	<p>email: post@reform.no</p>
CAP	Pan Europe	Agrarian Governmental initiative	<p>On 26 June 2003, EU farm ministers adopted a fundamental reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). The reform will completely change the way the EU supports its farm sector. The new CAP will be geared towards consumers and taxpayers, while giving EU farmers the freedom to produce what the market wants. In future, the vast majority of subsidies will be paid independently from the volume of production. To avoid abandonment of production, Member States may choose to maintain a limited link between subsidy and production under well defined conditions and within</p>	<p>European Commission DG Agriculture and Rural Development 130, Rue de la Loi B – 1049 Brussels Belgium Fax: +32 (0) 2-295.01.30. web: http://ec.europa.eu/comm/agriculture/capreform/index_en.htm</p>

			<p>clear limits. These new "single farm payments" will be linked to the respect of environmental, food safety and animal welfare standards. Severing the link between subsidies and production will make EU farmers more competitive and market orientated, while providing the necessary income stability. More money will be available to farmers for environmental, quality or animal welfare programmes by reducing direct payments for bigger farms. The Council further decided to revise the milk, rice, cereals, durum wheat, dried fodder and nut sectors. In order to respect the tight budgetary ceiling for the EU-25 until 2013, ministers agreed to introduce a financial discipline mechanism. This reform will also strengthen the EU's negotiating hand in the ongoing WTO trade talks. The different elements of the reform will enter into force in 2004 and 2005. The single farm payment will enter into force in 2005. If a Member State needs a transitional period due to its specific agricultural conditions, it may</p>	
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			apply the single farm payment from 2007 at the latest	
14-19 Gateway	UK	Governmental Educational Initiative	We are committed to developing a system of 14-19 education matching the best anywhere; a system where all young people have opportunities to learn in ways which motivate and engage them and through hard work to qualify themselves for success in life.	E-mail: info@dfes.gsi.gov.uk web: http://www.dfes.gov.uk/14-19/
centre for European Reform	UK	think tank	<p>The Centre for European Reform is a think-tank devoted to reforming the European Union. It is a forum for people with ideas to discuss the many social, political and economic challenges facing Europe. It seeks to work with similar bodies in other European countries, in North America and elsewhere in the world.</p> <p>The Centre for European Reform makes a point of bringing together people from the worlds of politics and business. Most of our meetings and seminars are by invitation only, to ensure a high level of debate.</p> <p>The conclusions of our research and seminars are reflected in our</p>	<p>Centre for European Reform, 29 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3QL tel +44 (0)20 7233 1199 fax +44 (0)20 7233 1117 email: info@cer.org.uk web: www.cer.org.uk</p>

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			publications, as well as in the private papers and briefings that senior officials, ministers and commissioners ask us to provide. The CER's work is funded by donations from the private sector. It has never received money from governments or EU institutions.	
Electoral Reform Society	UK	think tank	<p>Founded in 1884, (as the Proportional Representation Society) the Electoral Reform Society is probably the oldest organisation in the country concerned with electoral systems and procedures. The Mission of the Electoral Reform Society is to secure at all levels of representation an electoral system which will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure all votes have equal value - Give effective representation to all significant points of view within the electorate - Allow electors to vote for their preferred candidates without fear of wasting their votes - Ensure the accountability of individual representatives to their electorates 	<p>6 Chancel Street, London SE1 0UU, United Kingdom Tel: +44 (0)20 7928 1622 Fax: +44 (0)20 7401 7789 email: ers@reform.demon.co.uk web: http://www.electoral-reform.org.uk/</p>
Prison Reform	UK	legal Civil	Our work includes research, advice and	Prison Reform Trust, 15

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Trust		Initiative	<p>information. PRT's director from 1981 to 1999 was Stephen Shaw, now Prisons and Probation Ombudsman. His successor is Juliet Lyon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PRT is the key charity if you want a more humane and more effective penal system. - PRT leads the way in advice and information, education, research and campaigns. - PRT is completely independent of Government and relies entirely on voluntary donations and subscriptions. Advice, information, research and campaigns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Prison Reform Trust offers advice and information to thousands of people every year: prisoners, their families, prison and probation staff, the legal profession, students, academics and interested members of the public. • We have produced a unique booklet providing information for disabled prisoners. • Our quarterly magazine, Prison Report, is the most challenging and influential 	<p>Northburgh Street, London EC1V 0JR</p> <p>Email: prt@prisonreformtrust.org.uk</p> <p>Telephone: 020 7251 5070.</p> <p>Fax: 020 7251 5076.</p> <p>web: www.prisonreformtrust.org.uk</p>
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			<p>voice on prison issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our annual lecture, conferences and seminars attract high profile speakers and large audiences. • The Prison Reform Trust carries out research on all aspects of prison. Recent studies include: prisoners' views on prison education, the mental health needs of women prisoners, older prisoners, prisoner councils, foreign national prisoners, prisoner votes, and a report into how sentencers make the decision to imprison offenders. • Our record of success is second to none. Many of our campaigns have achieved real change in individual prisons, and in the policies and practices of the Prison Service as a whole. 	
Reform Institute	UK	think tank	<p>-conducting high quality research and policy analysis – demonstrating the case for change and the benefits of reform.</p> <p>-marketing the case for change – not just directly to politicians, but to the wider public, through opinion formers and the media, with the aim of building a new consensus for reform.</p>	<p>45 Great Peter Street LONDON SW1P 3LT - Tel: 020 7799 6699 Fax: 020 7233 4446 e-mail: info@reform.co.uk</p>

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				Office Manager: anna.calvert@reform.co.uk web: www.reform.co.uk
Reform Network	UK	religion oriented	Reform is a network of churches and individuals within the Church of England, committed to the reform of ourselves, our congregation and our world by the gospel. Yet the Church of England seems to have lost confidence in the truth and the power of the gospel, and we believe that responsibility in changing this must belong to the local church.	PO Box 1183, Sheffield, S10 3YA mailing via website web: www.reform.org.uk
The Howard League for Penal Reform	UK	Legal Civil Initiative	The Howard League for Penal Reform is the oldest penal reform charity in the UK. It was established in 1866 and is named after John Howard, one of the first prison reformers. The Howard League is entirely independent of government and is wholly funded by	Email: Sophia.fenton@howardleague.org web: http://www.howardleague.org

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			<p>voluntary donations.</p> <p>The Howard League for Penal Reform works for a safe society where fewer people are victims of crime</p> <p>The Howard League for Penal Reform believes that offenders must make amends for what they have done and change their lives</p> <p>The Howard League for Penal Reform believes that community sentences make a person take responsibility and live a law-abiding life in the community</p>	
Al Hurra TV	USA	TV Channel	<p>Alhurra (Arabic for “The Free One”) is a commercial-free Arabic language satellite television network for the Middle East devoted primarily to news and information. In addition to reporting on regional and international events, the channel broadcasts discussion programs, current affairs magazines and features on a variety of subjects including health and personal fitness, entertainment, sports, fashion, and science and technology. The channel is dedicated to presenting accurate, balanced and comprehensive news. Alhurra endeavors to broaden its</p>	<p>Phone: + 1 (703) 852-9000</p> <p>Fax: + 1 (703) 852-9002</p> <p>email: comments@alhurra.com</p> <p>web: www.alhurra.com</p>

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			<p>viewers' perspectives, enabling them to make more informed decisions.</p> <p>Alhurra is operated by non-profit corporation “The Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Inc.” (MBN). MBN is financed by the American people through the U.S Congress. MBN receives this funding from the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), an independent and autonomous federal agency. The BBG serves as a firewall to protect the professional independence and integrity of the broadcasters.</p>	
Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform	USA	Civil Initiative	<p>ACCR is a public interest group dedicated to helping Alabamians draft a new state constitution.</p> <p>ACCR Foundation, Inc., grew out of a rally in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on April 7, 2000, as part of a grass-roots movement for civic renewal and constitutional revision.</p> <p>ACCR represents members across Alabama who believe in the power of citizens to create a better future for themselves and their state.</p>	<p>Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform</p> <p>P. O. Box 10746</p> <p>Birmingham, AL 35202-0746</p> <p>Phone: (205) 540-7501</p> <p>E-mail: accr@constitutionalreform.org</p> <p>web: www.constitutionalreform.org</p>

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			<p>We are devoted to the idea that people deserve the best government they can design. Our mission is civic, rather than partisan. We seek to engage Alabamians in serious discussion about the future of our state.</p> <p>We want a state constitution that unites, rather than divides our people. We want to create a civic atmosphere in which politics can function for the benefit of all citizens, rather than for a few powerful interests.</p> <p>Our movement begins with the citizen, who holds the highest office in our democracy.</p> <p>ACCR is about people's willingness to take control of their civic destiny and achieve the promise that our nation's founders held up for the world to admire and follow.</p>	
Alliance for Health Reform	USA	Health civil initiative	<p>Health insurance is one of the most important - and most misunderstood - subjects any of us faces in everyday life. This 23-page guide, written by the Alliance for Cover the Uninsured Week</p>	<p>1444 Eye Street, NW, Suite 910 Washington, DC 20005-6573 tel(202)789-2300 Fax: (202)789-2233</p>

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			2006, helps clarify who has coverage and who doesn't, and why being uninsured can cause so many problems - for uninsured individuals and for society at large. Several options for increasing coverage are discussed, along with questions to consider when evaluating proposals to help the uninsured. Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	email: info@allhealth.org web: www.allhealth.org
American Reform Party	USA	Political Party	We reaffirm that all Americans of whatever origin share equally with their fellow citizens the profound rights to life, liberty, individual pursuits, and justice granted by our Creator, ratified by the world's oldest Constitution, and preserved by the sacrifices of patriots throughout our Nation's history. We must never forget that the rights and opportunities we enjoy carry with them in equal measure responsibilities and obligations. Our purpose in joining together to form this party is to initiate a process of American renewal under the Constitution of the United States of America, and to attract to this cause others who share our concerns. We	PARTY CHAIRMAN Roy Downing 10 Aida Court Lodi, NJ 07644 Tel: (973) 777-3838 Email: downingr@optonline.net web: www.americanreform.org

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			<p>intend to engage in the public debate in a manner that emphasizes the contrast between the promise of the future and the politics of the past. We shall contribute to the intellectual foundation of a new American political force which will build community, create sustainable economic growth, preserve our natural resources, remove the barriers of discrimination, unify our society, and restore integrity and decency to public life and governance.</p> <p>To this purpose, we pledge our lives, our liberty, and our sacred honor; and we ordain and establish this constitution for the American Reform Party.</p>	
American Tort Reform Association	USA	Legal Civil initiative	<p>Since 1986, the only national organization exclusively dedicated to reforming the civil justice system. A nationwide network of state-based liability reform coalitions backed by 135,000 grassroots supporters. An unparalleled track record of legislative success.</p> <p>ATRA was co-founded in 1986 by the</p>	<p>1101 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 400 Washington, DC 20036 Phone: 202 682-1163 Fax 202 682-1022 email: gcarney@atra.org</p>

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			American Medical Association and the American Council of Engineering Companies. Since that time, ATRA has been working to bring greater fairness, predictability and efficiency to America's civil justice system. Those efforts have resulted in the enactment of state and federal laws that make the system fairer for everyone. Further, ATRA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization with affiliated coalitions in more than 40 states. We are the only national organization dedicated exclusively to tort and liability reform through public education and the enactment of legislation. ATRA's membership is diverse and includes nonprofits, small and large companies, as well as state and national trade, business, and professional associations.	web: www.atra.org
Americans For Divorce Reform	USA	Social Civil Initiative	Under so-called "no-fault" divorce laws, anybody can end any marriage simply by leaving. "No fault" doubled an already high divorce rate shortly after it was introduced. Even families with young children started divorcing. The social and	1300 N. Utah St. Arlington, Virginia 22201 tel: (703) 528-6700 email: divorcereform@usa.net

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			<p>cultural realities that used to keep most families together have disappeared ... and nobody predicted any of these catastrophic changes.</p> <p>Psychologists, economists and sociologists report that divorce is far more harmful than we used to think. It makes everyone poorer, especially women and children. Children of divorce are twice as likely to be abused and to become criminals and teen moms -- even if they have stepparents. And divorce doesn't end fighting in front of the children -- in most cases, it escalates it! Divorce victims and divorce lawyers have seen that "no-fault" has led to an explosion of bitter child custody fights. Nobody wins. Divorce cases involve more "fault" than ever before! The cost of divorce litigation has spun out of control. Ordinary people often cannot afford lawyers for their divorces once all the family's assets are used up.</p>	<p>web: www.divorcereform.org</p>
Americans For Divorce Reform	USA	Social Civil Initiative	<p>thinks it should take two people to end a marriage.</p> <p>Under so-called "no-fault" divorce laws,</p>	<p>John Crouch, Executive Director</p> <p>tel: (703) 528-6700</p>

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			<p>anybody can end any marriage simply by leaving. "No fault" doubled an already high divorce rate shortly after it was introduced. Even families with young children started divorcing. The social and cultural realities that used to keep most families together have disappeared ... and nobody predicted any of these catastrophic changes.</p> <p>Psychologists, economists and sociologists report that divorce is far more harmful than we used to think. It makes everyone poorer, especially women and children. Children of divorce are twice as likely to be abused and to become criminals and teen moms -- even if they have stepparents. And divorce doesn't end fighting in front of the children -- in most cases, it escalates it!</p>	<p>email divorcereform@usa.net web: http://www.divorcereform.org</p>
Americans for Insurance Reform	USA	Civil Initiative	<p>Big insurance companies want to make their problem your problem. Their problem: Poor business practices, shady accounting, money lost in the stock market, not enough profits. They've even scared some people into fighting their battle for them,</p>	<p>Americans for Insurance Reform, 90 Broad St., Suite 401, New York, NY 10004; Phone: 212/267-2801; Fax: 212/459-0919 email: infor@insurance-reform.org</p>

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			<p>like doctors, patients, homeowners and small businesses.</p> <p>Why do they want to shift their responsibility for mismanagement to us?</p> <p>What else are they up to?</p> <p>Insurance company proposals to weaken our civil justice system</p> <p>only make rich insurance companies richer.</p>	
Americans For Tax Reform	USA	legal civil initiative	<p>In the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, candidates and incumbents solemnly bind themselves to oppose any and all tax increases. While ATR has the role of promoting and monitoring the Pledge, the Taxpayer Protection Pledge is actually made to a candidate's constituents, who are entitled to know where candidates stand before sending them to the capitol. Since the Pledge is a prerequisite for many voters, it is considered binding as long as an individual holds the office for which he or she signed the Pledge</p>	<p>1920 L Street NW Suite200, Washington DC tel 2027850266 fax 2027850261 email: friends@atr.org web: www.atr.org</p>
Arab Reform Bulletin	USA	Publication	<p>The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing</p>	<p>1779 Massachusetts Ave. NW - Washington D.C. 20036-2103</p>

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			<p>cooperation between nations and promoting active international engagement by the United States. Founded in 1910, its work is nonpartisan and dedicated to achieving practical results.</p> <p>Through research, publishing, convening, and on occasion, creating new institutions and international networks, Endowment associates shape fresh policy approaches. Their interests span geographic regions and the relations among governments, business, international organizations and civil society, focusing on the economic, political, and technological forces driving global change.</p> <p>Arab Reform Bulletin is Published by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Translated by Dar Al-Watan for Journalism, Printing and Publishing.</p>	<p>Phone: 202.483.7600 Fax: 202.483.1840 Contact: arb@CarnegieEndowment.org web: www.carnegieendowment.org/publications</p>
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			We recommend that you read the article linked below, from the first issue of Business Reform magazine, for a more complete description of our vision and intent	Fax: 419.289.8768 Email: email@businessreform.com web: www.businessreform.com
California For Pesticide Reform	USA	Agrarian and Health Civil Initiative	<p>Mission Statement: To improve and protect public health, sustainable agriculture, and environmental quality by building a movement across California that changes statewide pesticide policies and practices.</p> <p>Our Platform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Eliminate use of the worst pesticides--including those that cause cancer, reproductive harm or acute poisoning. Reduce overall use of the remaining pesticides. -Promote the use of sustainable pest control solutions in our farms, communities, forests, homes and yards. -Protect people's right-to-know about pesticide use in our neighborhoods, counties and state. 	<p>Californians for Pesticide Reform 49 Powell St., Suite 530 San Francisco, CA 94102 USA Phone: (415) 981-3939 or toll-free 1-888-CPR-4880 (in California only) Fax: (415) 981-2727 web: http://www.pesticidereform.org</p>

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			<p>CPR works to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Build a strong and diverse coalition of organizations and individuals speaking out about the dangers that pesticides pose to public health and the viability of alternatives. -Increase public understanding of pesticide use and health risks associated with pesticides, and the failure of the state's regulatory system to protect us from these hazards. -Expand and support a network of grassroots community activists pursuing local pesticide reform in their own regions and mobilizing their communities to push for statewide policy reform. -Promote the viability of alternatives to pesticides in agricultural, forest and urban settings and oppose genetically engineered pest control applications where they pose unknown effects on health and the environment. 	
Committee on Government Reform	USA	parliamentary Initiative	The Committee on Government Reform is unlike most other committees in that its jurisdiction has grown. While	Committee on Government Reform U.S. House of

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			<p>retaining the agenda of the former Committee on Government Operations, the Committee also has the responsibilities of the former Committee on Post Office and Civil Service and the Committee on the District of Columbia. The Committee now has seven subcommittees responsible for the same jurisdiction previously covered by 3 full committees and 14 subcommittees. This consolidation has resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in budget savings and a nearly 50 percent cut in staff. The Committee's government-wide oversight jurisdiction and expanded legislative authority make it one of the most influential and powerful committees in the House. The Committee serves as Congress' chief investigative and oversight committee, and is granted broad jurisdiction because of the importance of effective, centralized oversight. Because it authorizes on a few agencies and programs, it is able to review government agencies and programs with</p>	<p>Representatives 2157 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 Phone: (202) 225-5074 Fax: (202) 225-3974 web: http://reform.house.gov/GovReform/Contact/</p>
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			an unbiased eye.	
Farm Animal Reform Movement	USA	Agrarian Civil Initiative	FARM (Farm Animal Reform Movement) is a 501(c)(3) national, tax-exempt, educational organization advocating a plant-based diet and humane treatment of farmed animals through a variety of grassroots programs. We operate from the nation's capital through a network of volunteer activists in all 50 states and two dozen other countries	Web: www.farmusa.org
Federal Election Commission	USA	Parliamentary initiative	In 1975, Congress created the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to administer and enforce the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) - the statute that governs the financing of federal elections. The duties of the FEC, which is an independent regulatory agency, are to disclose campaign finance information, to enforce the provisions of the law such as the limits and prohibitions on contributions, and to oversee the public funding of Presidential elections.	Sylvia Butler, Administrative Officer Telephone: 800-424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1240) 202-694-1240 E-Mail: secretary@fec.gov web: www.fec.gov
Federation Of American	USA	legal and social civil	The Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) is a	1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 400

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Immigration Reform		initiative	national, nonprofit, public-interest, membership organization of concerned citizens who share a common belief that our nation's immigration policies must be reformed to serve the national interest. FAIR seeks to improve border security, to stop illegal immigration, and to promote immigration levels consistent with the national interest—more traditional rates of about 300,000 a year. With more than 198,000 members and supporters nationwide, FAIR is a non-partisan group whose membership runs the gamut from liberal to conservative. Our grassroots networks help concerned citizens use their voices to speak up for effective, sensible immigration policies that work for America's best interests.	Washington, DC 20009 Tel: (202) 328-7004 Fax: (202) 387-3447 email via website web: www.fairus.org
Free Press	USA	media civil initiative	Free Press is a national, nonpartisan organization working to reform the media and involve the public in media policymaking. Through education, organizing and advocacy, we promote diverse and independent media	Main Office: 100 Main St, P.O. Box 28, Northampton, MA 01061 – Ph 877.888.1533 Fax 413.585.8904 Washington Office: 501

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			ownership, strong public media, and universal, affordable access to communications	Third Street NW, Suite 875, Washington, DC 20001 – Ph 202.265.1490 Fax 202.265.1489 email via website http://www.freepress.net
Illinois Campaign for Political Reform	USA	civil initiative	The Illinois Campaign for Political Reform is a non-partisan public interest group that conducts research and advocates reforms to promote public participation in government, address the role of money in politics and encourage integrity, accountability, and transparency in government.	325 W. Huron, Suite 304, Chicago, IL 60610 tel: (312) 335-1767 fax :(312) 335-1067 web: www.ilcampaign.org/
Journal of Law Reform	USA	Publication	The Journal of Law Reform focuses on publishing law reform-oriented articles and student notes. Since its birth in the late 1960s, the Journal has followed a mandate to promote the improvement of the law in all areas in which needs are disclosed and useful proposals can be advanced. The Journal encourages articles and notes based upon empirical studies. One published note analyzed whether Detroit high school metal detector searches met	University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform University of Michigan Law School 801 Monroe Street Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1210 tel: (734) 763-6100 Fax: (734) 764-6043 Email: mjlr@umich.edu web: http://students.law.umich.edu

		<p>Constitutional standards. More recently, the Journal featured an empirical study related to the legal representation of prisoners, and an empirical study analyzing the use of blind peremptory challenges in voir dire.</p> <p>The Journal also publishes works bringing to bear the influences of other disciplines on the study of the law. Authors of articles and notes have used ideas from economics, humanities, and the social sciences to enrich their analyses of the law.</p> <p>The Journal regularly sponsors symposia, providing an opportunity to publish articles of current interest written by some of the brightest authors in their fields. Most recently, the Journal held symposia on the Americans With Disabilities Act and Title IX, the latter exploring gender equity in athletics. Previously, symposia have focused on jury reform, products liability law, school finance litigation, unemployment compensation, revitalization of American cities, market-oriented welfare reform,</p>	u/mjlr/jlrmain
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			preservation of minority cultures, pornography, immigration and naturalization policy, and corporate governance.	
Media Reform Information Center	USA	Media Civil Initiative	In 1983, 50 corporations controlled the vast majority of all news media in the U.S. At the time, Ben Bagdikian was called "alarmist" for pointing this out in his book, <i>The Media Monopoly</i> . In his 4th edition, published in 1992, he wrote "in the U.S., fewer than two dozen of these extraordinary creatures own and operate 90% of the mass media" -- controlling almost all of America's newspapers, magazines, TV and radio stations, books, records, movies, videos, wire services and photo agencies. He predicted then that eventually this number would fall to about half a dozen companies. This was greeted with skepticism at the time. When the 6th edition of <i>The Media Monopoly</i> was published in 2000, the number had fallen to six. Since then, there have been more mergers and the scope has expanded to include new media like the Internet	web: www.corporations.org/media

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			market. More than 1 in 4 Internet users in the U.S. now log in with AOL Time-Warner, the world's largest media corporation.	
NESARC	USA	Environmental Civil Initiative	The National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition is a broad based coalition of roughly 150 member organizations, representing millions of individuals across the United States, that is dedicated to improving and updating the Endangered Species Act. Our membership includes rural irrigators, municipalities, farmers, electric utilities and many other individuals and organizations that are directly affected by the ESA.	NESARC 1050 Thomas Jefferson Street 7th Floor Washington, DC 20007 Phone: (202) 333-7481 Fax: (202) 338-2416 E-mail: nesarc@vnf.com web: www.nesarc.org
President's Advisory on Federal Tax Reform	USA	Legal Governmental Initiative	On January 7, 2005, President Bush announced the establishment of a bipartisan panel to advise on options to reform the tax code to make it simpler, fairer, and more pro-growth to benefit all Americans. -The Advisory Panel will submit to the Secretary of the Treasury a report containing revenue neutral policy options	web: www.taxreformpanel.gov

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			<p>for reforming the Federal Internal Revenue Code as soon as practicable, but not later than November 1, 2005. These options should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -simplify Federal tax laws to reduce the costs and administrative burdens of compliance with such laws; -share the burdens and benefits of the Federal tax structure in an appropriately progressive manner while recognizing the importance of homeownership and charity in American society; and -promote long-run economic growth and job creation, and better encourage work effort, saving, and investment, so as to strengthen the competitiveness of the United States in the global marketplace. 	
Refinery Reform Campaign	USA	environmental civil initiative	<p>The Refinery Reform Campaign is a national campaign seeking to clean up America's oil refineries and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.</p>	<p>Denny Larson, Refinery Reform Campaign (A project of GCM/Tides) phone (415) 643-1870 email: dennylarson@earthlink.net web: www.refineryreform.org</p>
Reform	USA	website	ReformElections.org is The Century	email: info@tcf.org

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Elections			Foundation's informational web site on election reform policy. In addition to the Foundation's ongoing research on election reform issues, Reformelections.org features resource guides, policy developments, and the latest research from the election reform community.	web: www.reformelections.org
Reform Judaism	USA	religion oriented	Reform Judaism took root in North America more than 130 years ago under the leadership of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, one of several European rabbis who brought the changes in Judaism occurring in Europe to these shores. Reform Judaism is now the largest Jewish movement in North America, with more than 900 congregations and 1.5 million people. The word "Reform" in the name of our Movement is a recognition that reform is part of our way of life, as it has been for Jews throughout the centuries	web: http://rj.org/
Reform Party	USA	political Party	We, the members of the Reform Party, commit ourselves to reform our political system. Together we will work to re-establish trust in our government by	P.O. Box 126437 · Ft. Worth, TX 76126 Phone: (817) 249-2751 · Fax: (817) 249-5201 · E-

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			<p>electing ethical officials, dedicated to fiscal responsibility and political accountability.</p> <p>--Adopted November 2, 1997 at the Reform Party Founding Convention, Kansas City, Missouri</p>	<p>mail: info@reformparty.org</p> <p>web: www.reformparty.org</p>
Section 115 Reform Act of Copy Rights	USA	Legal Governmen-tal Initiative	<p>The Copyright Office appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments to the Subcommittee regarding the progress that appears to have been made towards reforming section 115 of the Copyright Act, which governs the licensing of the reproduction and distribution rights for nondramatic musical works. As the Subcommittee has heard at a number of hearings, the existing section 115 does not comport with the realities of the digital environment in which music creators, distributors and users now operate. The draft Section 115 Reform Act of 2006 ("SIRA") represents a significant advancement towards modernizing the Copyright Act to facilitate digital audio transmissions of music while balancing the interests of songwriters, music publishers, and online</p>	<p>U.S. Copyright Office 101 Independence Ave. S.E. Washington, D.C. 20559-6000 tel:(202) 707-3000 web: www.copyright.gov</p>

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			music services, as well as the consuming public.	
Stop The Drug War	USA	legal civil initiative	<p>The Drug Reform Coordination Network was founded in 1993 and has quickly grown into a major national and global network including parents, educators, students, lawyers, health care professionals, academics, and others working for drug policy reform from a variety of perspectives, including harm reduction, reform of sentencing and forfeiture laws, medicalization of currently schedule I drugs, and promotion of an open debate on drug prohibition.</p> <p>DRCNet opposes the prison-building frenzy and supports rational policies consistent with the principles of peace, justice, freedom, compassion and truth. Each of these has been compromised in the name of the Drug War.</p>	<p>1623 Connecticut Ave., NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20009</p> <p>Phone (202) 293-8340</p> <p>Fax (202) 293-8344</p> <p>email: drcnet@drcnet.org</p> <p>web: http://stopthedrugwar.org/index.shtml</p>
The Annenberg Institute for School Reform	USA	think tank	The Annenberg Institute works in collaboration with education reform organizations, school districts, school improvement networks, and education funds to develop the capacity of urban	<p>Annenberg Institute for School Reform</p> <p>Brown University</p> <p>Box 1985</p> <p>Providence, RI 02912</p> <p>Tel (401) 863-7990</p>

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			communities to build and sustain programs and policies that improve teaching and learning.	Fax (401) 863-1290 E-mail AISR_Info@brown.edu
The National Organization for Marijuana Law Reform	USA	legal civil initiative	NORML's mission is to move public opinion sufficiently to achieve the repeal of marijuana prohibition so that the responsible use of cannabis by adults is no longer subject to penalty. Adopted by the NORML Board of Directors, February 27, 1999	NORML and the NORML Foundation 1600 K Street, NW Suite 501 Washington, DC 20006-2832 Phone: (202) 483-5500 Fax: (202) 483-0057 Email: norml@norml.org Web: http://www.norml.org
The Princeton Environmental Reform Committee (PERC)	USA	environmen tal civil initiative	The Princeton Environmental Reform Committee (PERC) is a group of students, graduate students, faculty, and staff that work with University Offices and departments to encourage responsible environmental management in the Princeton University community.	E-mail: perc@princeton.edu web: www.princeton.edu/~perc/
The Reform Institute	USA	think tank	The Reform Institute is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) educational organization, representing an unique, independent voice working to strengthen the	The Reform Institute 300 N. Washington Street, Ste. 600 Alexandria, VA 22314

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			foundations of our democracy. The Institute champions the national interest by formulating and advocating meaningful reform in vital areas of public policy, including campaign finance and election reform, climate stewardship, homeland security and immigration reform.	Voice 703-535-6897 Fax 866-863-5510 Email: info@reforminstitute.org
TURN	USA	Legal civil initiative	<p>The Utility Reform Network (TURN) is a statewide, nonprofit consumer organization that has represented the residential and small business customers of California's large, investor-owned utilities since 1973. TURN participates in nearly all major rate and policy proceedings before the California Public Utilities Commission, seeking fair rates for utility services.</p> <p>As California's only independent, statewide utility watchdog organization, TURN also represents small consumers before federal regulatory agencies, in the state legislature, and in the courts. TURN provides consumer information, education and referrals; maintains public and media outreach programs; and</p>	<p>Our Mailing Address: THE UTILITY REFORM NETWORK 711 Van Ness Ave, Suite 350 San Francisco 94102 Tel: 415-929-8876 fax: 415-929-1132 email: turn@turn.org web: www.turn.org</p>

			conducts research on energy and telecommunications policy issues.	
USAID Health Reform Project	USA	Health Government al Initiative	<p>The Partners for Health Reformplus (PHRplus) project is the U.S. Agency for International Development's flagship project in health policy and systems strengthening. USAID looks to PHRplus to provide technical assistance in, and to help maintain, USAID's worldwide leadership role in health care reform, health policy, management, health financing, and systems strengthening. This project will continue its close working relationships with NGOs and USAID cooperating agencies, international and developing country partner organizations, including the World Bank, WHO, UNICEF, bilateral donors, PVOs, foundations, universities, and host country government agencies. PHRplus builds on the predecessor Partnerships for Health Reform (PHR) project, with a new, major emphasis on health information and disease surveillance. PHRplus contributes to USAID's objective to improve health</p>	<p>Abt Associates Inc. 4800 Montgomery Lane, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 USA Tel: +1 (301) 913-0500 Fax: +1 (301) 652-3916 Email: PHR-InfoCenter@abtassoc.com web: www.phrplus.org</p>

			<p>systems performance in delivering population, health, and nutrition priority services through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - effective policy implementation - improved health financing - appropriate availability and use of health information - strengthened health delivery systems <p>In addition to providing technical assistance and supporting USAID's leadership role, PHRplus conducts health systems research; implements performance monitoring and results tracking; provides training and capacity development; and is responsible for strategic documentation and transfer of experiences in health policy and systems strengthening.</p> <p>PHRplus works in over twenty countries spanning four regions of the world and employs 120 professional staff including home and field offices. PHRplus has long-term advisors and country offices in Albania, Benin, Egypt, El Salvador, Ghana, Honduras, Jordan, Mali, Peru, Senegal, and Yemen.</p>	
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Welfare Reform Academy	USA	Think Tank	<p>The School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland has created an academy to help state and local officials, private social service providers, and other interested parties take full advantage of the 1996 welfare reform law. While the law puts pressure on public officials and service providers to make their programs more efficient and better targeted, it also presents an unprecedented opportunity for states to reshape their programs.</p> <p>Since early 1997, the Welfare Reform Academy has provided training in program design, implementation, and evaluation for the new Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamp, Medicaid, job training, child care, child welfare, and child support programs. Instruction has covered the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Understanding the new welfare reform/block grant environment, -Estimating the costs and behavioral consequences of policy decisions, -Implementing programs, 	<p>American Enterprise Institute Welfare Reform Academy 1150 17th Street, N.W. Suite 1000 Washington, D.C. 20036 Phone: (202) 862-5941 email via website web: www.welfareacademy.org</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Monitoring programs and evaluating program effects, and -Performance contracting for services. <p>The academy maintains a small staff of professionals skilled in program management and program development. Directing the academy is Douglas J. Besharov, a member of the faculty who teaches courses on family policy, welfare reform, and the implementation of social policy.</p>	
ACRON	World Wide	social Civil Initiative	<p>ACORN, the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, is the nation's largest community organization of low- and moderate-income families, working together for social justice and stronger communities. Since 1970, ACORN has grown to more than 175,000 member families, organized in 850 neighborhood chapters in 75 cities across the U.S. and in cities in Canada, the Dominican Republic and Peru.</p> <p>ACORN's accomplishments include successful campaigns for better housing, schools, neighborhood safety, health</p>	<p>Sara Albee 1016 Elysian Fields Ave New Orleans, LA 70117 tel) 713-875-6235 email: chieforgasst2@acorn.org web: http://www.acorn.org</p>

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			<p>care, job conditions, and more. ACORN members participate in local meetings and actively work on campaigns, elect leadership from the neighborhood level up, and pay the organization's core expenses through membership dues and grassroots fundraisers.</p> <p>ACORN has constantly challenged the traditional notions of what a community organization is, and its family of organizations includes two radio stations, a voter registration network, a housing corporation, and several publications.</p>	
Administrative and Civil Service Reform	World Wide	website (world bank Initiative)	<p>The website aims to balance cutting-edge thinking about reform with cautions about basic principles, and to substantiate claims with cross-national data whenever possible. The extensive literature and analyses of country experience selected here reflect best judgments about quality and relevance; but this site does not advocate particular administrative models or reform approaches. The aim is to expose the user to the main debates in the field and</p>	<p>The World Bank 1818 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20433 USA tel: (202) 473-1000 fax: (202) 477-6391 web: http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/EXTPUBLICSECTORANDGOVERNANCE/EXTADMINISTRATIVE</p>

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			facilitate an informed evaluation of policy options.	ANDCIVILSERVICEREF ORM/0 ,menuPK:286372~pagePK: 149018~ piPK:149093~theSitePK:28 6367,00.html
Penal Reform International	World Wide	Legal Civil Initiative	Penal Reform International (PRI) is an international non-governmental organisation. Founded in London, UK, in 1989, PRI has members in five continents and in over 80 countries. PRI develops programmes on a regional basis, assisting both non-governmental organisations and individuals to establish projects in their own countries. It promotes the exchange of information and good practice between countries with related conditions. PRI's regional programmes include sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, South Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.	Penal Reform International Unit 450 The Bon Marche Centre 241 - 251 Ferndale Road London, SW9 8BJ United Kingdom Tel. : 44 (0)20 7924 95 75 Fax: 44 (0) 20 7924 96 97 E-mail: headofsecretariat@penalreform.org web: www.penalreform.org
Penal Reform International	World Wide	Legal Civil Initiative	Penal Reform International (PRI) is an international non-governmental organisation. Founded in London, UK, in 1989, PRI has members in five	Unit 450, The Bon Marche Centre 241 - 251 Ferndale Road London, SW9 8BJ

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Regulatory Reform Programme	World Wide	Global Initiative	OECD's Regulatory Reform Programme is aimed at helping governments improve regulatory quality -- that is, reforming regulations that raise unnecessary obstacles to competition, innovation and growth, while ensuring that regulations efficiently serve important social objectives.	2, rue André Pascal F-75775 Paris Cedex 16 France Main Switchboard, tel.: +33 1.45.24.82.00 Fax: +33 1.45.24.85.00 email: webmaster@oecd.org web: www.oecd.org
Global Policy Forum (UN Reform)	worldwide	Global Initiative	Global Policy Forum's mission is to monitor policy making at the United Nations, promote accountability of	777 UN Plaza, Suite 3D New York NY 10017 USA

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			<p>global decisions, educate and mobilize for global citizen participation, and advocate on vital issues of international peace and justice.</p> <p>GPF is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, with consultative status at the UN. Founded in 1993 by an international group of concerned citizens, GPF works with partners around the world to strengthen international law and create a more equitable and sustainable global society. GPF uses a holistic approach, linking peace and security with economic justice and human development, and we place a heavy emphasis on networking to build broad coalitions for research, action and advocacy. We put our energy into well-focused and unique programs in which GPF has a special analytical and organizational edge. GPF's main office is strategically located across the street from UN headquarters in New York. GPF also has a European office, located in Bonn, Germany.</p>	<p>tel: +1 212 557 3161 fax: +1 212 557 3165 web: www.globalpolicy.org</p>
UN Reform	worldwide	global	The pace of today's globalized world	

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		initiative	means that change is a constant, and this is no different for the United Nations. The demands by Member States of the UN and its Secretariat, agencies, funds and programmes have grown enormously. The UN is expected to deliver more services in more places than ever before to the world's people who are most in need.	web: http://www.un.org/reform/
Public Service Reform Unit	UK	Governmental initiative	<p>The Public Service Reform Unit (PSRU) is part of OFMDFM's Economic Policy and Public Service Directorate. The Unit's mission is "to lever change to improve public services in Northern Ireland through reform and modernisation."</p> <p>Working with Government departments, their agencies and NDPBs, and the wider Public Service, we play a key role in developing policy on reform and helping develop the capacity for improved Public Services.</p> <p>Developing services to meet the needs and expectations of the Northern Ireland citizen is built on three pillars of – leadership/good governance, appropriate</p>	<p>4th Floor Dundonald House Stormont Estate BELFAST BT4 3SB Telephone: 028 9076 5306 email: psru.info@ofmdfmini.gov.uk web: http://www.psrni.gov.uk/</p>

			<p>improvement tools and examples of best practice.</p> <p>PSRU's key responsibilities include: developing and supporting the reform aspect of the Reinvestment and Reform Initiative; supporting departments in developing their annual business planning arrangements; supporting all Northern Ireland public service organisations in implementing the principles of good customer service and promoting the Charter Mark Standard; promoting the usage of the Excellence Model, Investors in People and Balanced Scorecard as business improvement techniques; providing examples of best practice in business improvement; providing advice and guidance on the policy relating to the management and review of Executive Agencies and Non-Departmental Public Bodies; supporting the implementation of Freedom of Information legislation; and managing the Corporate Electronic Document Record Management System (EDRMS) project.</p>	
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California Policy Reform Network	USA	Social civil initiative	<p>The California Policy Reform Network, or CPRN, is a new civic partnership advancing state policy reform in the areas of infrastructure and growth. Our mission is to inform and engage California's civic leaders on fundamental state policy reform measures. We link these leaders to state policymakers in a manner that helps to move policy reform ideas toward adoption.</p> <p>Our partners include local and statewide organizations representing different regions and many constituencies. Despite the different viewpoints of our network members – including local government, business, labor, and regional civic groups– they all agree that state-level infrastructure policy needs reform and that input from regional voices can contribute to effective solutions.</p> <p>Actively engaging citizens in the regions may be the only way to get sustainable reform. To motivate legislators in times of scarce resources and to support bold changes, constituents</p>	<p>200 Pine Street, Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94104 Phone: (415) 445-8975 Fax: (415) 445-8974 You may also email Leticia Miranda, the Program Officer, at email: lmiranda@ccrl.org Web: http://www.calpolicyreform.net</p>
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			<p>from a broad cross-section of interests and from across the regions of California must be heard.</p> <p>CPRN brings regional voices to the table in Sacramento through forums, dialogues, and media outreach. Within their own regions, our partners engage civic leaders and state policymakers in discussion about regional infrastructure issues. Together, we work to ensure that the dialogue includes a wide range of voices, including those traditionally left out of decisions that affect their quality of life.</p> <p>CPRN's efforts to engage civic leaders make possible faster movement on infrastructure policy reform and better solutions to our infrastructure challenges.</p>	
The Center for International Governance Innovation	USA	Governmental initiative	<p>The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) was founded in 2001 to provide solutions to such pressing governance challenges.</p> <p>CIGI was the vision of Jim Balsillie, and was established through his generous donation, along with Mike Lazaridis, both co-CEOs of Research in Motion</p>	<p>The Centre for International Governance Innovation</p> <p>Centre pour l'innovation dans la gouvernance internationale</p> <p>57 Erb Street West</p> <p>Waterloo, Ontario, Canada</p>

		<p>(RIM). In 2003, this initial gift was matched by the Government of Canada, allowing CIGI to make economic and financial governance a primary focus for research and policy advice. Since then, CIGI has received additional donations from private benefactors. CIGI strives to build ideas for global change through world-class research and dialogue with practitioners, which provide a basis for advising decision-makers on the character and desired reforms of multilateral governance. CIGI does this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding the research programs of recognized experts and young academics of exceptional potential; • Building collaborative links among world-class researchers located in Canada and in a variety of major international centres; • Shaping the dialogue among scholars, opinion leaders and key policy makers in Canada, other countries and international institutions. <p>In short, CIGI's purpose is to conduct</p>	<p>N2L 6C2 tel +1.519.885.2444 (directory) fax +1.519.885.5450 E-mail: cigi@cigionline.org web: http://www.cigionline.org</p>
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			research of international significance, and to strengthen the intellectual capacity to understand and propose innovative solutions to global challenges.	
Texans For Builder Reform	US	Social civil initiative	<p>Texans for Builder Reform is a volunteer organization dedicated to exposing the abuse by the Texas homebuilding industry and to help change the laws in Texas to provide homebuyers with basic consumer protection. During the 2003 Legislature Session Texans for Builder Reform will support various consumers groups concerned about consumer protection for new home construction defects and will call for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1- An end to the abuse of mandatory binding arbitration as a prerequisite to a new home purchase. 2- Common sense licensing of the home building industry including the capability to hold a builder accountable to the State for shoddy construction. 3- A lemon law for severely defective new homes. 	<p>14646 Cardinal Creek Ct Houston, TX 77062 281-486-5203 e-mail: john.cobarruvias@txbr.org web: http://www.hadd.com/texas/contact.shtml</p>
LAW	Canada	Social	to engage Canadians in the renewal of	LAW COMMISSION OF

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COMMISSION OF CANADA		initiative	the law to ensure that it is relevant, responsive, effective, equally accessible to all, and just.	CANADA 222 Queen Street, Suite 1124 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H8 Phone: (613) 946-8980 Facsimile: (613) 946-8988 E-mail: info@lcc.gc.ca Web: http://www.lcc.gc.ca/default-en.asp
Lawsuit abuse reform coalition	USA		It costs little more than a small filing fee and often takes little more time than generating a form complaint to begin a lawsuit. It costs much more for a small business to defend against it. The system is rigged to allow, in effect, legal extortion. The weaponry against frivolous lawsuits was considerably weakened when Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, which provides for sanctions on those who file claims for an improper purpose, to harass	The American Tort Reform Association serves as the Executive Secretariat for LARC. 1101 Connecticut Avenue, #400, NW Washington, DC 20036 phone: 202-682-1163 Web: http://www.lawsuitabusereform.org/

			<p>or cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation, or include claims that are not warranted by existing law or lack a factual or evidentiary basis, was changed in 1993. When the Federal Rule was modified in 1993, it triggered an automatic, similar change in state rules in a number of jurisdictions.</p> <p>The 1993 changes rendered Rule 11 toothless by:</p> <p>Allowing judges to refuse to sanction a lawyer, even after finding a claim is frivolous;</p> <p>Substantially reducing the likelihood that a court would require the plaintiff's lawyer to pay a defendant's needless legal expenses resulting from the frivolous claim; and it goes on.</p> <p>Providing a 21-day "safe harbor" that gives the plaintiff a free pass to withdraw frivolous pleadings without sanction.</p> <p>The plaintiff's lawyer can simply change the words of the pleading, file it again, and so Restoring mandatory sanctions on attorneys, law firms, or parties who file</p>	
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			<p>frivolous lawsuits; Abolishing the "safe harbor" provision that allows parties and their attorneys to avoid sanctions by withdrawing a suit within 21 days after a motion for sanctions has been filed; Permitting monetary sanctions, including reimbursement of reasonable attorney's fees and litigation costs in connection with frivolous lawsuits; and Extending Rule 11's provisions preventing frivolous lawsuits to apply to state cases in which a state judge finds the case substantially affects interstate commerce by threatening jobs and economic losses to other states. expenses resulting from the frivolous claim; and it goes on. Providing a 21-day "safe harbor" that gives the plaintiff a free pass to withdraw frivolous pleadings without sanction. The plaintiff's lawyer can simply change the words of the pleading, file it again, and so Restoring mandatory sanctions on attorneys, law firms, or parties who file frivolous lawsuits; Abolishing the "safe harbor" provision that allows parties and their attorneys to avoid sanctions by</p>	
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			withdrawing a suit within 21 days after a motion for sanctions has been filed; Permitting monetary sanctions, including reimbursement of reasonable attorney's fees and litigation costs in connection with frivolous lawsuits; and Extending Rule 11's provisions preventing frivolous lawsuits to apply to state cases in which a state judge finds the case substantially affects interstate commerce by threatening jobs and economic losses to other states.	
Fair vote The center for voting and democracy	USA	Political awareness initiative	Fair Vote seeks elections that promote voter turnout, fair representation, inclusive policy and meaningful choices by building on our nation's history of improving upon the American experiment. As a catalyst for electoral reforms such as instant runoff voting, proportional voting, direct election of the president and automatic voter registration, we conduct research, analysis, education and organizing to ensure all Americans can exercise their right to vote and elect representatives who reflect our racial and political	Address: FairVote-Center for Voting and Democracy 6930 Carroll Avenue, Suite 610 Takoma Park, Maryland 20912 Phone: (301)270-4616 Fax: (301) 270-4133 E-mail: info@fairvote.org Web: http://www.fairvote.org

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			<p>diversity.</p> <p>FairVote has six program areas: the Program for Representative Government (reforms to represent racial and political diversity, in particular proportional voting methods); IRV America (supporting majority winners, meaningful choices and better campaigns through instant runoff voting); Voting and Democracy Research Center (research and analysis of our elections through the lens of our goals for elections); Election Services Group (consulting on electoral systems, with a focus on non-governmental elections); and the Democracy USA initiative (creating a stronger, more strategic network of national and state pro-democracy advocates that can nimbly pursue a comprehensive reform agenda). We pursue special initiatives, including an effort being launched this spring in support of direct election of the president.</p>	
Common cause Holding power	USA	Political awareness	Common Cause is a nonpartisan nonprofit advocacy organization founded	Common Cause 1133 19th Street, NW

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accountable		initiative	<p>in 1970 by John Gardner as a vehicle for citizens to make their voices heard in the political process and to hold their elected leaders accountable to the public interest. Now with nearly 300,000 members and supporters and 38 state organizations, Common Cause remains committed to honest, open and accountable government, as well as encouraging citizen participation in democracy. To strengthen public participation and faith in our institutions of self-government; to ensure that government and political processes serve the general interest, rather than special interests; to curb the excessive influence of money on government decisions and elections; to promote fair elections and high ethical standards for government officials; and to protect the civil rights and civil liberties of all Americans</p>	<p>9th floor, Washington, DC 20036 202-833-1200 e-mail: grassroots@commoncause.org web: www.commoncause.org</p>
Center for Education in Law and Democracy	USA	Think Tank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enhance civic literacy and competence of Colorado students by providing opportunities for students to study, practice, and engage in active democratic citizenship; 	<p>P.O. Box 18490 Denver, Colorado 80218-0490 Phone: 303.778.0756 Fax:303.733.4791</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide and promote opportunities for the professional development of teachers who are directly linked to what young people need to learn to be successful, active citizens;• To develop, research, and disseminate resources for instruction and assessment of learning;• To collaborate with other institutions, organizations and agencies to promote public awareness of and advocate for education in democracy as an important component of the school curriculum; and• To grow partnerships between educators and lawyers, judges, law enforcement officers, legislators and other public officials.	Web: www.lawanddemocracy.org
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Democracy International	Pan Europe	Civil Initiative	Democracy International is a network promoting direct democracy. Our basic goal is the establishment of direct democracy (initiative and referendum) as a complement to representative democracy within the European Union and in the nation states. In addition, we work on questions of world-wide democracy.	Office: Brussels Democracy International 1, Square Wiser, Box: 27 1040 Brussels Belgien tel: ++ 32-26446148 fax: ++ 32-26440022 Office: Berlin Democracy International House of Democracy and Human Rights Greifswalder Str. 4 10405 Berlin Germany tel: ++ 49 30 42082370 fax: ++ 49 30 42082380 Web: www.democracy-international.org
Americans for Informed Democracy (AID)	USA	NGO	Americans for Informed Democracy (AID) is a non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization working to raise global awareness on more than 500 U.S. university campuses and in more than 10 countries. AID fulfills its mission by coordinating town hall meetings on	Americans for Informed Democracy 45 Court Street New Haven, CT 06511 Phone: 203 773 1202 E-mail: sarah@aidemocracy.org

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			America's role in the world, hosting leadership retreats, and publishing opinion pieces and reports on issues of global importance. Through these efforts, AID seeks to build a new generation of globally conscious leaders who can shape an American foreign policy appropriate for our increasingly interdependent world. AID is supported by the the CarEth Foundation, Connect US Fund, DarMac Foundation, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Ford Foundation, Hewlett Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Open Society Institute, Planethood Foundation, Ploughshares Fund, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Stanley Foundation, United Nations Foundation and its many participating universities.	Web: www.aidemocracy.org/
Animating Democracy	USA	Civil Initiative	Americans for the Arts works to strengthen the role of artists and cultural organizations in civic life. Animating Democracy supports this intent through these goals: Advance aesthetic and programmatic experimentation and innovation in	Barbara Schaffer Bacon Animating Democracy Co-Director 413.253.1711 bsbacon@artsusa.org Pam Korza Animating Democracy Co-

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			<p>civically engaged arts and humanities. Strengthen the role and organizational capacity of arts and cultural institutions engaged in this work.</p> <p>Build the body of knowledge about this work and increase access to information and resources for arts and civic dialogue/engagement fields.</p> <p>Increase understanding and exchange across artistic disciplines and with civic dialogue leaders about the philosophical, aesthetic, and practical aspects of arts-based civic dialogue/engagement.</p> <p>Increase public understanding of the role of artists and arts and cultural institutions in civic life.</p>	<p>Director 413.256.1260 pkorza@artsusa.org Michael del Vecchio Animating Democracy Project Coordinator 202.371.2830 mdelvecchio@artsusa.org Web: http://www.artsusa.org</p>
International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance	World wide	Think Tank	<p>Assist countries build capacity to develop and strengthen democratic institutions. Provide a forum for dialogue between academics, policy-makers and practitioners around the world.</p> <p>Synthesize research and field experience, and develop practical tools to help improve democratic processes.</p> <p>Promote transparency, accountability</p>	<p>International IDEA Tel: +46 8 698 37 00, Fax: +46 8 20 24 22 E-mail: info@idea.int International IDEA, Strömsborg, SE-103 34 Stockholm, Sweden Web: http://www.idea.int/about</p>

			<p>and efficiency in election management. Facilitate in-country democracy assessment, monitoring and promotion by local citizens.</p> <p>IDEA's current areas of activity include: Democracy building and conflict management – developing the process for building consensus, setting priorities, designing political institutions and constitutions, □rganizing dialogue and decision making, promoting reconciliation and inclusive democracy. Strengthening electoral processes – adapting electoral systems, improving access and turnout, ensuring professional management and independence, building public confidence. Developing political parties as actors in democracy – reviewing external regulation and enforcement, public funding, internal management and democracy, relations with civil society and the public. Political equality and participation, especially of underrepresented groups, including women in politics – identifying ways to build commitment and</p>	
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			<p>experience with special measures such as quotas.</p> <p>IDEA uses comparative experience, analysis and extensive dialogue with practitioners to identify examples of good practice and produce tools and guidelines on democracy support. It has regular publications, an expanding web site making IDEA materials freely available, together with a range of data bases. It builds networks of experts, develops training materials and provides strategic advice on issues related to its work programme. IDEA has worked with the international democracy assistance community as well as in-country with local stakeholders in Africa, Asia, and Latin America and more recently in the Arab world and the South Caucasus.</p>	
Charter88	UK	NGO	<p>Charter88 supports no political party. It is an independent organisation that has over 80,000 supporters that believe there is a better way to run this country. Charter88 believes that people should have as much say as possible about how</p>	<p>6 Cynthia Street London N1 9JF +44 (0)845 450 7210 Email: info@charter88.org.uk</p>

			they are governed and the choices made for them.	http://www.charter88.org.uk
The Deliberative Democracy Consortium (DDC)	USA	Network of NGOs	<p>Composed of more than 20 organizations working to renew democracy through citizen participation and deliberation, the Consortium is committed to the following goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Demonstrate national public deliberations on critical policy issues using multiple methods to support participation -Integrate online and face-to-face approaches -Identify and begin to develop the elements of a national infrastructure for democratic deliberation that is connected to local capacity -Integrate research and practice in the field -Reduce barriers to inclusion for any reason 	<p>Deliberative Democracy Consortium 1050 17th Street NW, Suite 701 Washington, DC 20036 Web: www.deliberative-democracy.net</p>
Democracy 2000	USA	NGO	Democracy 2000 is a non-profit organization, founded in 1995 to research and disseminate ways to produce better public policy and engage citizens more productively in political life. We are headquartered in New York	<p>Democracy 2000 200 East End Avenue, Suite 11-D New York, NY 10128 Call us at 212. 423. 1171 Fax us at 212. 831. 0385</p>

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			City.	Email us at dem2000@igc.org Web: http://www.democracy2000.org
Democracy for Oregon	USA	Civil Initiative	Democracy for Oregon is a coalition of concern citizen activists inspired by the Dean for America campaign to take our country back from the radical right. Our mission is to help end corporate dominance of government and to restore and foster citizen ownership of and involvement in our democracy. We seek to inspire, inform and connect progressive Oregonians to further these goals.	Mailing address: 8830 SW Woodside Dr. Portland, OR 97225 Phone: 503-292-7674 info@democracyfororegon.org web: http://www.democracyfororegon.org
Democracy For Vermont	USA	Civil Initiative	Democracy For Vermont is our state group that works with Democracy For America, Meetup groups, and individual members at the state level.	802-222-3369 email: impeach@dfvt.com
Democracy project	USA	Civil Initiative	Democracy Project's mission is to strengthen the institutions and conventions that support liberty and democratic rule at home and abroad. We believe that people worldwide possess the dignity and desire to live in freedom;	P.O. Box 9316 Wilmington, DE 19809 e-mail: info@democracy-project.com

			<p>we affirm the worth of each individual regardless of race, creed, ethnicity, or nationality. Because history teaches that liberty is best attained and preserved when government respects the right of citizens to live under the rule of law, elect their leaders, speak their minds, worship as they please, and own private property, we support efforts to strengthen and establish market-based democracies around the globe.</p> <p>We are a grassroots institution that reaches out to interested parties around the world to organize networks to support pro-democracy efforts. To accomplish this task, we seek volunteers to carry the torch for freedom in their communities and among their peers. Sympathetic individuals, community leaders, government officials, educators, clergy, and others who share our commitment to freedom are invited to contact us about organizing at the local level.</p>	<p>web: http://www.democracy-project.com </p>
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Democracy Unlimited of Humboldt Country	USA	Think Tank	Democracy Unlimited of Humboldt County (DUHC) educates citizens about the illegitimate seizure of our authority to govern ourselves. We design and implement grassroots strategies that exercise democratic power over corporations and governments. We seek to create a truly democratic society by provoking a non-violent popular uprising against corporate rule in Humboldt County that can serve as a model for other communities across the United States.	P.O.Box 610eureka, California, 95502 Phone: (707)269-0984 e-mail: info@DUHC.org web: http://www.duhc.org
Demos	USA	NGO	Demos: A Network for Ideas & Action is a non-partisan public policy research and advocacy organization committed to building an America that achieves its highest democratic ideals. We believe this requires a democracy that is robust and inclusive, with high levels of electoral participation and civic engagement; an economy where prosperity and opportunity are broadly shared and disparity is reduced; and a	Demos: 220 Fifth Ave, 5th Floor, New York, NY, 10001 phone: 212.633.1405 fax: 212.633.2015 Web: http://www.demos.org Email: info@demos.org

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			strong and effective public sector with the capacity to plan for the future and provide for the common good. Founded in 2000, Demos work combines research with advocacy-melding the commitment to ideas of a think tank with the organizing strategies of an advocacy group.	
Downtown for Democracy	USA	Civil Artistic Initiative	Downtown for Democracy is a political action committee founded by professionals in the arts, music, fashion, film, publishing, advertising, design and other creative media. Our goal is a progressive resurgence in America. To that end, we mobilize America's creative community to engage new voters and elect progressive candidates.	Downtown for Democracy 181 North 11th Street, Suite #205 Brooklyn, NY 11211 Email: info@downtownfordemocracy.org web: http://www.downtownfordemocracy.org
Fair Vote	USA	Civil Observatory Initiative	FairVote seeks elections that promote voter turnout, fair representation, inclusive policy and meaningful choices by building on our nation's history of improving upon the American experiment. As a catalyst for electoral reforms such as instant runoff voting,	FairVote-Center for Voting and Democracy 6930 Carroll Avenue, Suite 610 Takoma Park, Maryland 20912 (301) 270-4616

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			proportional voting, direct election of the president and automatic voter registration, we conduct research, analysis, education and organizing to ensure all Americans can exercise their right to vote and elect representatives who reflect our racial and political diversity.	(301) 270-4133 (fax) Email: info@fairvote.org web: http://www.fairvote.org
Center for the Study of Democracy	Bulgaria	Think Tank	Founded in late 1989, the Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD) is an interdisciplinary public policy institute dedicated to the values of democracy and market economy. CSD is a non-partisan, independent organization fostering the reform process in Bulgaria through impact on policy and civil society. CSD objectives are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to provide an enhanced institutional and policy capacity for a successful European integration process; • to promote institutional reform and the practical implementation of democratic values in legal and economic practice; • to monitor public attitudes and serve as a watchdog of the institutional reform process in the country; 	5 Alexander Zhendov str. 1113 Sofia, Bulgaria Tel: (+359 2) 971 3000 Fax: (+359 2) 971 2233 e-mail: csd@online.org Web: http://www.csd.bg

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to strengthen the institutional and management capacity of NGOs in Bulgaria. 	
Georgia for Democracy	USA	Civil Initiative	Georgia for Democracy helps ordinary citizens regain their voice in local government, and promotes progressive issues and values at the local level. We empower Georgia's citizens to engage the democratic process through: Voter Education and Registration Progressive Issue Advocacy Community Development	e-mail: tim@georgiafordemocracy.org web: http://www.georgiafordemocracy.org
Zimbabwe Democracy Trust (ZDT)	Zimbabwe	NGO	The Zimbabwe Democracy Trust (ZDT) was set up in the United Kingdom in April 2000 as a non-partisan pro-democracy group to campaign for the rights of Zimbabweans to live in civic peace and freedom. It was incorporated in the United States in July 2002 as a non-profit organization after its headquarters moved from London to Washington, D.C. in September 2002. In March 2003 the District of Columbia granted the ZDT charitable 501-C3 tax-exempt status.	Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20004 USA Tel: +1 202 204 3081 Fax: +1 202 789 7349 Email: info@zimbabwedemocracytrust.org

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				web: http://www.zimbabwede-mocracytrust.org
Center for Democracy and Citizenship	USA	Think Tank	<p>The work of the Center for Democracy and Citizenship began in 1989 and draws on a rich heritage of people and institutions doing public work to achieve things of lasting importance. As a part of the University of Minnesota, the Center for Democracy and Citizenship draws on the very best principles of academic excellence and scholarship. We are honored to be a part of the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. We stand in the tradition of Vice President Humphrey, a populist and an educator who believed in the capacities of people to develop the talents of public work. Finally, we come from an activist heritage. Our philosophy was forged in the crucible of the American civic rights movement which etched the disarmingly simple fundamentals of democracy and public work:</p> <p>-Each of us is democracy</p>	<p>Center for Democracy and Citizenship Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs 301 19th Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55455 Telephone: 612-625-0142 Fax: 612-625-3513 email: jadi0001@umn.edu Web: http://www.publicwork.org</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Democracy comes to life when we do its work -Democracy wanes when we set its burdens aside -When people do the work of democracy, the future can be better than the past. 	
Institute for Democracy in South Africa	South Africa	Think Tank	<p>Idasa is an independent public interest organisation committed to promoting sustainable democracy based on active citizenship, democratic institutions, and social justice.</p> <p>It is a registered Section 21 company in South Africa, has a functioning Board of Directors, and employs Deloitte & Touche as its company auditors. IDASA is a nationally recognised public interest organisation in South Africa. It maintains international links with many similar organisations through the world movement for democracy.</p>	<p>Kutlwanong Democracy Centre 357 Visagie Street (corner Prinsloo) Pretoria Phone: (012) 392 0500 Fax: (012) 320 2414/5 Postal address: PO Box 56950, Arcadia, 0007</p> <p>Cape Town Democracy Centre 6 Spin Street Cape Town Phone: (021) 467 5600 Fax: (021) 461 2589 Postal address: PO Box 1739, Cape Town, 8000</p>
Global	World	Academic	In the twenty-first century, democracy	Scott Cole, Ph.D.

Democracy Conference	wide	Civil Initiative	<p>confronts numerous challenges that scholars and public officials need to comprehend. Some of the newer democracies, such as those in Africa and Latin America, appear to be unstable, even though several of them are moving toward consolidation. Furthermore, established democracies in the post-industrial world are confronting economic, social, and cultural challenges: aging populations, unstable welfare systems, and new immigrant groups. In addition to these problems, international terrorism threatens peace and freedom around the world, leading many to question whether democracy can survive in such a hostile environment.</p> <p>Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College are hosting a conference on January 25 - 27, 2007 that seeks to understand the current state and future of democracy during this age of uncertainty. Numerous issues concerning democratization are to be addressed at our event, including the</p>	<p>Assistant professor of political science Longwood University Farmville, VA 23909 434.395.2526 Email: colens@longwood.edu Web: http://www.longwood.edu/democracy</p>
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			sustainability of democracy in the developing world, challenges facing post-industrial democracies, the impact of terrorism on freedom, and how globalization affects democracy.	
San Francisco for Democracy	USA		Inspired by the leadership of Howard Dean, San Francisco for Democracy is an inclusive community committed to the values underlying our democracy – equal opportunity, civil rights, a healthy environment, fiscal responsibility, affordable health care, quality education, and social justice for all Americans – and peace and security achieved through international cooperation.	San Francisco for Democracy P.O. Box 194064 San Francisco, CA 94119-4064 415-789-8008 Email: www.sf4democracy.com
Common dreams	USA	NGO	It's been said that dreams are our roadmaps to the future. If so, where are we headed? Common Dreams is a national non-profit citizens' organization working to bring progressive Americans together to promote progressive visions for America's future. Founded in 1997, we are committed to being on the cutting-edge of using the internet as a political organizing tool - and creating new models for internet activism.	Common Dreams PO Box 443 Portland, ME 04112-0443 Email: editor@commondreams.org Fax:(207) 775-0488 voice (207) 775-0489 fax

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			We are funded exclusively by our members and supporters – no corporate money, no advertising, no hidden agendas. With a small staff and a network of volunteers, we are proud of what we've accomplished on a shoestring budget.	
New Society Publishers	Canada	Publishi-ng House	New Society Publishers' mission is to publish books that contribute in fundamental ways to building an ecologically sustainable and just society, and to do so with the least possible impact on the environment, in a manner that models this vision.	New Society Publishers P.O. Box 189 Gabriola Island, BC Canada, V0R 1X0 Tel: 250-247-9737 Fax: 250-247-7471 E-mail: info@newsociety.com Web: webmaster@newsociety.com
Students for Global Democracy	Worldwid e	NGO	SGD is a nonpartisan organization that works to support those, especially students, who are fighting dictatorship worldwide. We started two years ago by working to educate the world about the deplorable human rights conditions in Burma, organized solidarity	Suite 371, 900 E. 7th Street, Bloomington, IN 47405, USA Email: president@sfgd.org Web: http://www.sfgd.org

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			demonstrations during Ukraine's Orange Revolution, began a worldwide solidarity campaign to support democratic activists in Belarus, and most recently worked to support democrats in Iran, Uganda, Azerbaijan, among many other activities..	
Citizens Development Crops	USA	Civil Initiative	Our mission is to be the leading provider of products, programs, and services that foster economic growth, stimulate economic opportunity, and spread the benefits of prosperity. A world in which individuals, businesses and communities share the benefits of social and economic opportunity.	1726 M Street, NW Suite 1100 Washington, DC 20036 C.D. Glin, Jr. Director Email: cdglin@mbaec-cdc.org (202) 530-7673 Web: http://www.mbaec-cdc.org
Gill Foundation	USA		Since 2002 the Democracy Project has been providing valuable list enhancement services to national, state, and local organizations. With more than 400 organizations in the project, our members have the power to reach over 10 million supporters of progressive ideas. The goals of the project are to help	Gill Foundation 2215 Market Street Denver, CO 80205 phone :303-292-4455 fax :303-292-2155 Sam Cole Democracy Project Manager samc@gillfoundation.org

		<p>organizations serving lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender people and their allies strengthen their alliances with each other, become more strategic in their outreach, and target their efforts more efficiently.</p> <p>This is accomplished using 'list enhancement', which is the process of enriching an organizations database of members, supporters and/or donors. Data from the existing list is compared to data available from other public sources, appropriate updates are made, and the 'enhanced list' returned to the organization. The Gill Foundation believes that technology can be used to spur more meaningful participation in democracy and provide a louder voice from all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender expression. Data is provided to organizations for informational purposes only. The Gill Foundation is prohibited from providing resources to Democracy Project participants specifically to support an organization's particular lobbying</p>	<p>Amy Runyon-Harms Democracy Project Associate amyr@gillfoundation.org Web: http://www.gillfoundation.org/democracyproject</p>
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			<p>efforts. Enhanced lists are provided to participants without any restrictions on their use, as long as that use is consistent with the organizations' 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.</p> <p>Lists are not rented, sold or traded nor are they shared with other organizations in the project unless the organization makes such a request in writing.</p>	
Institute for Economic Democracy	South Africa	Think Tank	<p>Starting with Economic Democracy: The Political Struggle of the Twenty-First Century, WHY? The Deeper History Behind the September 11th Terrorist Attack on America, and Cooperative Capitalism: A Blueprint for Global Peace and Prosperity, to which the Institute for Economic Democracy (IED) has legal publishing rights, IED is organized to publish, publicize, and distribute high quality books on elimination of war, Third World development, and alleviation of world poverty.</p> <p>Powerful nations should do as they say they do and be who they say they are.</p> <p>The Democratic Cooperative Capitalism we propose is supercharged capitalism</p>	<p>9936 W. Camden Ave Sun City, AZ 85351 USA Tel: 1-888-533-1020 email: ied@ied.info Web: http://www.ied.info</p>

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			that wil Eliminate the need for war; Do away with poverty in a few short years; and Develop the world to a sustainable level in only 50 years	
Just Democracy	USA	NGO	Support fair and honest voting through non-partisan action. Engage law students and law schools as resources in their communities. Strengthen democracy in this and future elections.	Katharine Fullenkamp National Director 1101 30th St, NW Washington, DC 20007 phone: 202.338.8720 fax: 202.338.1720 national@justdemocracy.org Web: http://www.justdemocracy.org
The Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (TCHRD)	India	Think Tank	TCHRD is the first Tibetan non- governmental human rights organization to be established in exile in India. Founded in 1996, TCHRD is registered as an NGO under Section 2 of the Indian Societies Registration Act, 1860 and is based in Dharamsala, North India.	Top Floor, Narthang Building, Gangchen Kyishong Dharamsala 176 215 (HP) India Phone: +91 1892 223363 / 229225 Fax: +91 1892 225874 Email: dsala@tchrd.org Web: http://www.tchrd.org
Aarhus	Worldwid	UN	The Aarhus Clearinghouse for	Aarhus Convention

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clearing-house	e	Environmental Initiative	<p>Environmental Democracy supports the effective implementation of the Aarhus Convention through the collection, dissemination and exchange of information on the laws and good practices relevant to the rights of public access to information, public participation in environmental decision-making, and public access to justice on environmental issues. The Aarhus Clearinghouse also contains information relevant to the implementation of principle 10 of the Rio Declaration at the global, regional and national levels around the world. The clearinghouse supports the functioning of the Convention's compliance mechanism and assists the compliance committee of the Convention with access to national implementing legislation and practices. Information gathered through the reporting requirements under the Aarhus Convention are fed into the Aarhus Clearinghouse by national focal points of the Parties to the Convention.</p>	<p>Secretariat Environment and Human Settlements Division United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Bureau 411, Palais des Nations 1211 Geneva 10 SWITZERLAND Email: aarhus.clearinghouse@unece.org Web: http://aarhusclearinghouse.unece.org</p>
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			<p>Nongovernmental organisations may also submit information to the clearinghouse through their national focal points or through the Aarhus Secretariat. The clearinghouse provides information for a wide range of users, including Parties, Signatories and other states; IGOs; NGOs; students and researchers; and the general public. Easy access to information on how countries have implemented the Aarhus Convention can provide an invaluable source of inspiration for other countries that work on developing their own procedures, mechanisms and legislation. The Aarhus Clearinghouse website was developed for UNECE by UNEP/GRID-Arendal, in Arendal, Norway, with the support of the Government of Norway.</p>	
American Democracy Project	USA	Civil Initiative	<p>The American Democracy Project is a multi-campus initiative that seeks to create an intellectual and experiential understanding of civic engagement for undergraduates enrolled at institutions that are members of the American Association of State Colleges and</p>	<p>e-mail: mehaffyg@aascu.org web: www.aascu.org/programs/adp/default.htm</p>

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			Universities (AASCU). The goal of the project is to produce graduates who understand and are committed to engaging in meaningful actions as citizens in a democracy.	
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The Association for Union Democracy (AUD)	USA		<p>The Association for Union Democracy (AUD) is the only national, pro-labor, non-profit organization dedicated solely to advancing the principles and practices of democratic trade unionism in the North American labor movement. It is the premise of AUD that internal democracy makes unions stronger and better able to fight for the rights and interests of working people. We provide organizing, educational, and legal assistance to those fighting for greater membership control of their unions. As a non-partisan organization, AUD does not support or endorse candidates for union office or particular policies within unions. Rather, AUD supports actions which strengthen the democratic process, promoting membership participation, free speech and fair elections, so that union members can shape the direction and actions of their union.</p>	<p>104 Montgomery Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11225; USA (718) 564-1114; Email: info@uniondemocracy.org web: http://www.uniondemocracy.com</p>
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Brennan Center for Justice	USA		The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law unites thinkers and advocates in pursuit of a vision of inclusive and effective democracy. Our mission is to develop	161 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 12TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10013 212 998 6730

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			and implement an innovative, nonpartisan agenda of scholarship, public education, and legal action that promotes equality and human dignity, while safeguarding fundamental freedoms.	FAX 212 995 4550 Web: http://www.brennancenter.org email: brennan.center@nyu.edu
The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace	USA		The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing cooperation between nations and promoting active international engagement by the United States. Founded in 1910, its work is nonpartisan and dedicated to achieving practical results.	1779 Massachusetts Ave. NW - Washington D.C. 20036-2103 Phone: 202.483.7600 Fax: 202.483.1840 Contact: info@CarnegieEndowment.org Web: http://www.carnegieendowment.org
The Carter Center	USA		The Carter Center, in partnership with Emory University, is committed to advancing human rights and alleviating unnecessary human suffering. Founded in 1982 by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, the Atlanta-based Center has helped to improve the quality of life for people in more than 65 countries.	One Copenhill 453 Freedom Parkway Atlanta, Ga. 30307 Phone: 404-420-5100 E-mail address: carterweb@emory.edu Web: http://www.cartercenter.org

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Center for democracy and election management	USA		<p>The Center for Democracy and Election Management (CDEM) at American University was established in September 2002 to educate and train undergraduate and graduate students and mid-career professionals in the management of elections and best democratic practices. Our teaching and research programs are organized around three subjects: (1) the management and conduct of elections throughout the world; (2) cross-regional comparison of democratic institutions; and (3) election-mediation as an instrument for resolving civil conflict. Since its establishment, CDEM has pursued the goal of becoming a nexus for education, training, policy development, and scholarly research on topics relating to democracy and elections. The Center is integrated with the research and training facilities of American University's School of International Service and School of Public Affairs, both of which enjoy a long tradition of public service education. CDEM's priority focus is to prepare students who</p>	<p>Center for Democracy and Election Management 3201 New Mexico Avenue, NW Suite 265 Washington, DC 20016-8026 Telephone Number: (202) 885-1524 Fax Number: (202) 885-1366 Email: cdem@american.edu</p>
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			<p>are interested in democracy-related careers, and professionals who are engaged in democracy work, by providing a focused, sophisticated educational background not available elsewhere.</p> <p>The Center also benefits from its associations with the policy, governmental, and diplomatic institutions of our nation's capital. In addition to being an educational and research center, we also seek to bring our academic expertise to contemporary policy discussions and influence the practice of promoting and protecting democracy.</p> <p>The mission of American University's Center for Democracy and Election Management (CDEM) is education, training, research, and support for individuals and institutions engaged in the democratic process. CDEM will provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an education and training program for students and professionals to learn about democracy's fragility, democratic 	
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			<p>transitions, and the administrative requirements of a free and fair election at all levels of political development;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a research center where US and international scholars will conduct projects connecting the world of theory with that of the practitioner; • a venue for policy discussion in Washington that brings scholars with specialized knowledge together in productive sessions with practitioners working in the field; and • an institutional base for international scholars and practitioners to study and teach courses for undergraduate and graduate students on democracy, leading to a Certificate in Democratic Studies. 	
Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe	Greece		<p>The Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe (CDRSEE) aims to foster democratic, pluralist, and peaceful societies in Southeast Europe by advocating principles of social responsibility and</p>	<p>9 Krispou St. 54634 Thessaloniki Greece Phone: + 30 2310 960-820/1 Fax: + 30 2310 960-822</p>

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			reconciliation among the peoples in the region. Promoting leadership and initiatives from within the region is an effective way to build and sustain genuine change. Our priority is to support civil society activities and to develop appropriate tools and mechanisms, programmes and strategies that would change a pattern of hostility and conflicts into cooperation and mutual respect for common values and principles	Web: http://www.cdsee.org/
Center for Global Security & Democracy	Worldwide		The Center for Global Security and Democracy, comprised of faculty, students, independent scholars, activists, information technologists and members of the community, exists to produce and propagate the knowledge and skills necessary to build a more secure and democratic world. In collaboration with universities, NGOs, citizens' groups, local and national governments, and corporate partners, CGSD harnesses the resources of Rutgers and the community to promote informed action and to create the open, democratic Internet	Center for Global Security and Democracy Department of Political Science, Hickman Hall 89 George Street Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1411 Email: info@cgsd.rutgers.edu Web: http://www.cgsd.rutgers.edu

			<p>information and networking infrastructure required for global collaboration. We engage the two-way linkage between the construction of security and the construction of democracy, both broadly understood. While we recognize the terrible cost of international war, we define security to include the security of the person in the terms defined by the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights. While we recognize the near hegemonic power of the American and more generally Western models of democracy, we define democracy not as culturally or historically specific, but as dynamic, flexible and open. And while we recognize commercial control of much of the Web and its unequal penetration globally, we embrace its democratic possibilities and so devote ourselves to the development of public access Internet tools and resources.</p> <p>We believe that knowledge for the sake of knowledge and action in the absence of knowledge are of doubtful utility and</p>	
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			often downright dangerous. We therefore combine scholarly research and research into the techniques of advocacy with active civic engagement. CGSD supports theoretical and policy-oriented research to better understand how secure, democratic societies and international systems are created, and to develop practical initiatives for constructing and deepening democratic and security-producing arrangements at the local, national, regional, and global levels. The Center brings scholars, students, policymakers, civic leaders, and ordinary citizens together in practical efforts to analyze, design, and build functioning political institutions. CGSD also involves students in all aspects of Center activity to prepare them to manage their own research initiatives and NGOs when they graduate.	
Center for Media and Democracy	USA		The Center for Media and Democracy is a non-profit, public interest organization that strengthens participatory democracy by investigating and exposing public relations spin and propaganda, and by	Center for Media and Democracy 520 University Avenue, Suite 227 Madison, Wisconsin 53703

			<p>promoting media literacy and citizen journalism.</p> <p>The Center for Media and Democracy is run by a Board of Directors whose current members are Ellen Braune, Joseph Mendelson, David Merritt, Jan Miyasaki, Inger Stole, and executive director John Stauber (in a non-voting capacity). The Center serves journalists, researchers, policymakers and citizens at large in the following ways:</p> <p>Countering propaganda by investigating and reporting on behind-the-scenes public relations campaigns by corporations, industries, governments and other powerful institutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informing and assisting grassroots citizen activism that promotes public health, economic justice, ecological sustainability and human rights. • Promoting media literacy to help the public recognize the forces shaping the information they receive about issues that affect their lives. • Sponsoring "open content" media that enable citizens from all walks of life 	<p>Phone: 608-260-9713</p> <p>Email: editor@prwatch.org</p> <p>web: http://www.prwatch.org</p>
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			to "be the media" and to participate in creating media content.	
Center for the Study of Democracy	USA		The Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD) is one of the 15 Organized Research Units (ORU) established and funded by the University of California, Irvine. The Center fosters academic research and education to provide a better understanding of the democratic process, and the steps that may strengthen democracy at home and abroad. The faculty and students of the Center study both democratizing nations and the expansion of the democratic process in the United States and other Western democracies. The Center hosts research conferences, sponsors faculty research, publishes a research paper series, and facilitates research and teaching on democratic themes.	UC Irvine 3151 Social Science Plaza Irvine, CA 92697-5100 Tel (949) 824-2904 Fax (949) 824-8762 Email: csd@uci.edu web: http://www.democr.uci.edu
The Centre for Democracy and Development	UK		The Centre for Democracy and Development is a non-governmental organization which aims to promote the values of democracy, peace & human rights in Africa and especially in the	Charity Reg. No.: 1066897; Company Reg. No.: 3351881 Unit 3B Leroy House, 436 Essex Road, London N1

			West African sub-region.	3QP Tel: +44 (0) 207 359 7775, Fax: +44 (0) 207 359 2221, E-mail: cdd@cdd.org.uk Web: http://www.cdd.org.uk
Council of Europe			<p>The Council was set up to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • defend human rights, parliamentary democracy and the rule of law, • develop continent-wide agreements to standardise member countries' social and legal practices, • promote awareness of a European identity based on shared values and cutting across different cultures. <p>Since 1989, its main job has become:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acting as a political anchor and human rights watchdog for Europe's post-communist democracies, • assisting the countries of central and eastern Europe in carrying out and consolidating political, legal and constitutional reform in parallel with economic reform, • providing know-how in areas such as 	<p>Avenue de l'Europe 67075 Strasbourg Cedex Tel. +33 (0)3 88 41 20 00 Web: http://www.coe.int/DefaultEN.asp</p>

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			human rights, local democracy, education, culture and the environment.	
Democracy cell project	USA		The DCP provides leadership in developing messages and organizing from the ground up. Through its website, the DCP hosts a learning community, giving activists access to the tools and the training they need to mobilize and activate their own democracy cells. At the Democracy Cell Project, we value your advice and your ideas. You are our partners in making this site as useful as it can possibly be. With your participation, we will build a site that will help people everywhere be more effective fighters for a more democratic country.	Email: info@democracycellproject.net Web: http://www.democracycellproject.net
The Democracy Center	USA		The Democracy Center works globally to advance human rights through a unique combination of investigation and reporting, training citizens in the art of public advocacy, and organizing international citizen campaigns. Through all of these efforts the Center is working to help build a global citizenry that understands the public issues before	USA: PO Box 22157 San Francisco CA 94122 Tel: (415) 564-4767 Fax: (978) 383-1269 Bolivia: Casilla 5283 Cochabamba, Bolivia Internet:

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			it and is able to take effective public action. A special emphasis of our work is economic globalization and the movement for global democracy and justice.	Web: www.democracyctr.org E-Mail: info@democracyctr.org
The Democracy Coalition Project	Worldwide		The Democracy Coalition Project is a nongovernmental organization that conducts research and advocacy relating to democracy promotion policies at the national, regional and global levels. Begun in June 2001 as an initiative of the Open Society Institute, the Democracy Coalition Project relies on an international network of civil society organizations, scholars, foreign policy experts and politicians committed to democracy promotion as an essential element of international peace and human development.	Washington, DC Office 1120 19th Street, NW 8th Floor Washington, DC 20036 United States 1.202.721.5630 Telephone 1.202.721.5658 Fax E-mail: info@demcoalition.org Brussels Office Democracy Coalition Project c/o Club of Madrid Residence Palace – International Press Centre, Bloc C, Rue de la Loi, 155 B-1040 Brussels Telephone +32.2.2303337/8 Fax +32.2.2303337 E-mail:

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				europa@demcoalition.org web: http://www.demcoalition.org
E- democracy center	World wide		<p>The development and use of new information and communication technologies (ICTs) has profoundly affected not only the economy (e-commerce, e-business etc.) but also governments (e-government, e-administration) and even society in its broader sense (information society). Myriad reports, benchmarking studies and scientific contributions have been produced and are increasingly carried out world wide in order to assess such impacts and developments.</p> <p>In parallel, several academic institutions have been created in order to better document and channel existing scientific knowledge as well as to promote research in these areas. However, up until recently there did not exist within the social sciences an academic research centre exclusively focusing on e-</p>	Universite de Geneve Faculte de Droit 40, bd du Pont-D'Arve CH-1211 Geneve 4 Switzerland email: edc@droit.unige.ch Telephone: + 41 (0) 22379 8536 Fax: +41 (0) 22379 8056 Web: http://edc.unige.ch/index.php

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			<p>democracy.</p> <p>The e-DC now works to fill this gap by furthering our understanding of the interaction between new information and communication technologies and our democratic institutions of governance through the pursuit of interdisciplinary research of the highest intellectual quality and by contributing and helping to shape the debate among the academic and policy communities.</p>	
Direct Democracy Center	USA		<p>The Direct Democracy Center consists of an unfunded, unaffiliated non-profit group of independent nonpartisan citizens promoting direct democracy in America.</p>	<p>E-mail: contact@realdemocracy.com</p> <p>Mailing Address: WHITE HORSE PUBLISHING P.O. BOX 3826 APPLE VALLEY, CA 92307</p> <p>Web: http://www.realdemocracy.com</p>
Direct	Australia		The Direct Democracy Forum claims for	Web: http://ao.com.au/ddf/

Democracy Forum			<p>you, your right to equal input into the activities and policies of local, national and international government.</p> <p>DDF, the Direct Democracy Forum, is a forum for the development of a direct democracy political model and when large enough, for direct democratic participation in law-making by all citizens.</p> <p>Information and communications technology enables us to solve the obstacles to the workings of a true democracy. It is cheaper to have all citizens directly taking part in democratic debate and law making than it costs for elected representatives' salaries, allowances, lifetime fringe benefits and superannuation in the three levels of government we have in Australia and the United States of America.</p>	<p>E-mail: add@andao.com.au</p> <p>address:</p> <p>Ian Green Coordinator Direct Democracy Forum 18 Central Road Clifton Springs, Vic. 3222 AUSTRALIA</p> <p>Telephone: Australia (Orange mobile phone): 61(438)325 524</p>
The German Marshall Fund of The United States	World wide		The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) is a nonpartisan American public policy and grantmaking institution dedicated to	The German Marshall Fund of the United States Mail: 1744 R Street NW Visiting: 1700 18th Street

			<p>promoting greater cooperation and understanding between the United States and Europe.</p> <p>GMF does this by supporting individuals and institutions working on transatlantic issues, by convening leaders to discuss the most pressing transatlantic themes, and by examining ways in which transatlantic cooperation can address a variety of global policy challenges. In addition, GMF supports a number of initiatives to strengthen democracies. Founded in 1972 through a gift from Germany as a permanent memorial to Marshall Plan assistance, GMF maintains a strong presence on both sides of the Atlantic. In addition to its headquarters in Washington, DC, GMF has six offices in Europe: Berlin, Bratislava, Paris, Brussels, Belgrade, and Ankara.</p>	<p>NW Washington, DC 20009 United States Map It! Tel: 202-745-3950 Fax: 202-265-1662 Email: info@gmfus.org Web: http://www.gmfus.org/balkantrust/</p>
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Haiti Democracy Project	USA		The Haiti Democracy Project is an independent research group promoting the cause of settled, responsive government in Haiti and U.S. policies conducive to this end. We do this by issuing research papers, holding conferences and workshops, hosting delegations, and sponsoring fact-finding missions. Founded in 2002 as an independent organization, but operating under a another format for ten years previously, the project has a board of former U.S. ambassadors, members of the Haitian-American community, and policy analysts.	2303 17th St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009 phone: (202) 588-8700 fax (202) 588-8711 haiti@haitipolicy.org web: http://www.haitipolicy.org
Hansard Society	England		The Hansard Society is an independent, non-partisan educational charity, which exists to promote effective parliamentary democracy. Our work is based on the core belief that an effective parliamentary system is central to a	20 Forth Street Edinburgh EH1 3LH Tel: 0131 550 3797 Fax: 0131 477 8562 Email:

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			<p>successful democracy. At the heart of our work is the principle that civic society is most effective when its citizens are connected with the institutions and individuals who represent them in the democratic process. Democracy is only as strong as its citizens and good citizenship requires both knowledge and participation. Our work is underpinned by our vision of a world in which informed people actively participate in effective parliamentary democracy through:</p>	<p>hansard.scotland@hansard.lse.ac.uk Web: http://www.hansardsociety.org</p>
Discovering Democracy	USA		<p>The implementation of the Discovering Democracy school materials across Year 4-10 is supported by the NSW Discovering Democracy Professional Development Program. This three year program (1998-2000) is funded by the Commonwealth government and managed in NSW by the collaborative efforts of the NSW Department of Education and Training, Association of Independent Schools, Catholic Education</p>	<p>Lianne Singleton Senior Curriculum Adviser Civics and Citizenship NSW Department of Education and Training Phone: (02) 9886 7646 Fax: (02) 9886 7571 E-mail: lianne.singleton@det.nsw.edu.au Amanda Whitfield</p>

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			<p>Commission, universities and professional teacher associations.</p> <p>Civics and citizenship education has been incorporated into Board of Studies syllabuses for implementation in NSW schools.</p> <p>It is an integral part of the Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE) K-6 primary school syllabus and the secondary history and geography Years 7-10 syllabuses. The links between these NSW syllabuses and the Discovering Democracy materials provide concrete starting points for teachers to deliver syllabus relevant curriculum materials.</p>	<p>Discovering Democracy Project Officer Catholic Education Commission , NSW Phone: (02) 9847 2612 Fax: (02) 9489 0043 E-mail: amanda.whitfield@cso.brokenbay.catholic.edu.au Tiffany Roos Consultant Association of Independent Schools of NSW Phone: (02) 9248 3649 E-mail: troos@aisnsw.edu.au web: http://www.abc.net.au/civics/democracy/default.htm</p>
The Institute for Politics Democracy & the Internet	USA		<p>The Institute for Politics, Democracy & the Internet (IPDI) is part of the Graduate School of Political Management of The George Washington University. Its mission is to promote the use of the Internet and new</p>	<p>805 21st St., NW, Suite 401 Washington, DC 20052 1.800.367.4776 (toll free) 1.202.994.3346 (fax) E-mail: ipdi@ipdi.org</p>

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			communication technologies in politics to enhance democratic values, encourage citizen participation and improve governance, at home and abroad; in short, to “democratize democracy.” IPDI conducts research that anticipates and interprets trends; publishes studies and guidelines that show candidates, public officials and activists how to make the best use of the new communication tools; and holds seminars and conferences that advocate best practices, teach new skills and allow for the national and international exchange of ideas on the democratizing uses of the Internet and other new technologies.	Web: http://www.ipdi.org
Institute on Religion and Democracy	USA		The Institute on Religion and Democracy is an ecumenical alliance of U.S. Christians working to reform their churches’ social witness, in accord with biblical and historic Christian teachings, thereby contributing to the renewal of democratic society at home and abroad.	1023 15th Street NW, Ste. 601 Washington, DC 20005-2601 Phone: (202) 682-4131 Fax: (202) 682-4136 Web: http://www.ird-renew.org
The	USA		The International Women's Democracy	International Women's

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International Women's Democracy Center			Center was established to strengthen women's global leadership through training, education, networking and research in all facets of democracy with a particular focus on increasing the participation of women in policy, politics and decision-making within their own governments.	Democracy Center 1730 Rhode Island Ave., NW Suite 715 Washington, DC 20036 Phone: 202-530-0563 Fax: 202-530-0564 Email: info@iwdc.org web: http://www.iwdc.org
Israel Democracy Institute	Israel		The main goals of the Institute are: -To promote structural, political and economic reforms -To be a source of information and comparative research for the Knesset and government authorities -To serve as an advisory body for decision-makers and the general public -To promote public discourse about issues on the national agenda.	The Israel Democracy Institute is located in the neighborhood of Talbieh, at 4 Pinsker Street, Jerusalem 92228. Mailing address: POB 4702, Jerusalem, 91046 Telephone: 02-530-0888 Fax: 02-530-0837 web: http://www.idi.org.il/
Midwest Democracy	USA		The Midwest Democracy Center is a non-partisan membership group	Midwest Democracy Center

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Center			aggressively lobbying to improve our democracy. Our main goal is to revive cumulative voting in three-seat districts for the Illinois House, as used from 1870-1980. We work to minimize barriers to voting by shrinking the month-long lockout period before elections where registration is illegal. We work to eliminate spoiler campaigns and wasted votes by allowing voters to rank candidates with instant runoff voting.	325 W. Huron Ave #304 Chicago, IL 60610 Phone (312) 587-7060 Fax (312) 335-1067 e-mail: midwestdemocracy@yahoo.com web: http://www.midwestdemocracy.org
Democracy Rising	USA		The mission is to establish in Pennsylvania a system of representative democracy that makes it easy for people to participate in public life, that creates a competition of ideas for solving public problems, that gives people maximum accountability for their taxes, and that works with the highest standards of public integrity in the nation.	P.O. BOX 618 Carlisle, P.A. 17013 717-243-8570 e-mail: info@democracyrisingPA.com web: http://www.democracyrisingpa.com/
National Democratic Institute for International	USA		The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) is a nonprofit organization working to strengthen and expand democracy worldwide. Calling	National Democratic Institute 2030 M Street, NW, Fifth Floor

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Affairs (NDI)			on a global network of volunteer experts, NDI provides practical assistance to civic and political leaders advancing democratic values, practices and institutions. NDI works with democrats in every region of the world to build political and civic organizations, safeguard elections, and to promote citizen participation, openness and accountability in government	Washington, DC 20036-3306 Tel: 202.728.5500 fax: 202.728.5520 Web: http://www.ndi.org
National Endowment for Democracy (NED)	USA		The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) is a private, nonprofit organization created in 1983 to strengthen democratic institutions around the world through nongovernmental efforts. The Endowment is governed by an independent, nonpartisan board of directors. With its annual congressional appropriation, it makes hundreds of grants each year to support prodemocracy groups in Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Union.	1101 Fifteenth Street, NW, Suite 700 Washington DC, 20005 202/293-9072 Fax 202/223-6042 Web: http://www.ned.org/
United Nations Foundation	World wide		The UN Foundation strengthens and supports the UN and its causes through a	United Nations Foundation 1225 Connecticut Avenue,

			<p>blend of advocacy, grantmaking, and partnerships. Wherever possible, we align these core organizational assets behind the large-scale problems we address.</p> <p><i>Advocacy.</i> From the outset, we have worked to strengthen the relationship between the UN and the U.S. government—with a focus on getting Congress to clear up billions of dollars in arrears owed by the U.S. to the UN, and on continuing to pay our dues on time and in full. This effort—led by the UN Foundation’s sister organization, the Better World Fund—built the base for broader public outreach campaigns about the importance of international cooperation and a strong U.S.–UN relationship.</p> <p><i>Grantmaking.</i> Since our inception in 1998, the UN Foundation and Better World Fund have awarded grants amounting to over \$900 million—including nearly \$400 million in funds from dozens of partners and thousands of grassroots donors—in support of UN</p>	<p>NW, 4th Floor Washington, D.C. 20036, 202.887.9040 (phone) 202.887.9021 (fax) Email: inquiries@un.org Web: http://www.unfoundation.org</p>
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			<p>projects and activities in 115 countries.</p> <p><i>Partnerships.</i> The UN Foundation makes it easy to engage in the work of the UN. As a platform for partnering with the UN, we help corporations, foundations, governments, and individuals make a difference in the important work the UN does across a broad range of issues. Our role in these partnerships varies—from catalyst to convener, advocate to grantmaker, fiduciary to fundraising ally—but in each case, we are able to achieve an outcome that is greater than what any single actor would have accomplished working alone. These efforts are conducted in close coordination with the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP), our strategic counterpoint within the UN system.</p>	
World Movement for Democracy	USA		<p>The Washington, DC-based National Endowment for Democracy (NED) initiated this nongovernmental effort with a global Assembly in New Delhi, India, in February 1999 to strengthen democracy where it is weak, to reform</p>	<p>World Movement for Democracy 1101 15th Street, NW Suite 800 Washington, D.C. 20005 USA</p>

			<p>and invigorate democracy even where it is longstanding, and to bolster pro-democracy groups in countries that have not yet entered into a process of democratic transition.</p> <p>The participants in the New Delhi Assembly adopted a Founding Statement to guide the development of the World Movement, which held its Second Assembly in São Paulo, Brazil, in November 2000, and its Third Assembly in Durban, South Africa, in February 2004. The World Movement is now led by a distinguished international Steering Committee and NED serves as its Secretariat.</p> <p>Only those networks, groups, or individuals sharing the principles and values contained in the Founding Statement may be associated with the World Movement for Democracy. Political positions adopted by such networks, groups, or individuals will not bind the World Movement as a whole, which, as a matter of policy, does not advocate positions on particular political</p>	<p>Fax: +202-293-0755</p> <p>Email: World@ned.org</p> <p>Web: http://www.wmd.org</p>
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			issues.	
IP & Democracy			There seems little doubt that the proliferation of IP-based media and technologies will have a profound impact on our economy and culture in the years ahead.. Among the effects already clear today is the threat these new technologies pose to traditional regulatory and business models designed around far simpler and more controllable technologies. These threats are a source of stress and instability within established economic, political and social systems. The good news is that these same digital technologies are highly charged catalysts, sparking rapid new opportunities for businesses, content creators and technology suppliers, and for revitalization of civic culture and public institutions.	e-mail: info@ipdemocracy.com web: http://www.ipdemocracy.com
The Foundation for Democracy in Africa	USA		To implement culturally based programs designed to strengthen and enhance the fundamental principles of democracy, freedom and economic plurality throughout Africa, and; to integrate	Address: 1612 K Street NW Suite 1104 Washington DC 20006 Phone: (202) 331-1333

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			emerging African democracies into the mainstream global economy, thus cultivating the pathway for peace and prosperity in Africa	Fax: (202) 331-8547 e-mail: info@democracy-africa.org web: http://www.democracy-africa.org
Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti	USA		To work with the people of Haiti in their non-violent struggle for the return and consolidation of constitutional democracy, justice and human rights, by distributing objective and accurate information on human rights conditions in Haiti, pursuing legal cases, and cooperating with human rights and solidarity groups in Haiti and abroad. IJDH draws on its founders' internationally-acclaimed success accompanying Haiti's poor majority in the fields of law, medicine and social justice activism. We seek the restoration of the rule of law and democracy in the short term, and work for the long-term sustainable change necessary to avert Haiti's next crisis.	Telephone: 541-432-0597 Fax: 541-432-0264 Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti P.O. Box 745 • Joseph, OR 97846 Web: www.ijdh.org
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for Advanced Studies in Culture			our work, the Institute seeks to become the premier research center for understanding the cultural changes taking place today through a process of retrieval, engagement, and development. First, we seek to retrieve resources and insights from research that has already been done, from overlooked sources, and from works with which we strongly disagree but see as containing elements that should be affirmed. Second, we engage in discussion and collaboration with scholars currently doing the most significant research on culture and cultural change. Third, we seek to develop new paradigms of thought and new terms of debate, particularly in areas where scholarly conversations have reached an impasse.	Advanced Studies in Culture University of Virginia P.O. Box 400816 Charlottesville, VA 22904-4816 phone: (434) 924-7705 Fax: (434) 243-5590 e-mail: iasc@virginia.edu web: http://www.virginia.edu
Mas Democracia	Argentina	Civil Initiative	The last decades of the twentieth century have seen a spectacular advance of Direct Democracy in many countries of Latin America, not only in respect of the numbers of referendums held (which have doubled in each of the	email: contact: jcgmadronal@yahoo.com web: www.masdemocracia.org

			last three decades), but also because of the inclusion of several tools of direct democracy in the national constitutions. However, a detailed analysis shows the weaknesses in this apparent advance of democracy. As we will see in greater detail, most of the referendums held in Latin America resulted from the initiative of representative institutions (parliament or the executive). Only eight resulted from a popular initiative launched through the collection of voters' signatures, and all of them in a single country: Uruguay. In many cases the referendums were simply aimed at legitimising the power of the representative institution that called them, and in at least six cases they were used by authoritarian regimes with that objective.	
Citizen works	USA	Political initiative	Citizen Works is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization founded by Ralph Nader in April 2001 to advance justice by strengthening citizen participation in power. We give people the tools and	Citizen Works PO Box 18478 Washington, DC 20036 Phone: (202) 265-6164 Fax: (202) 265-0182 email: information (at)

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			<p>opportunities to build democracy. Our strategy is to develop systemic means to advance the progressive citizen movement. We do this in three ways: First, we enhance the work of existing organizations by helping to share information, build coalitions, and institute improved mechanisms for banding activists together; second, we bring new energy and support to the progressive movement by recruiting, training, and activating citizens; and third, we start new groups and act as a catalyst where there are too few public interest voices.</p>	<p>citizenworks.org Web: http://www.citizenworks.org</p>
Every Child Matters	UK	Social Civil initiative	<p>Every Child Matters: Change for Children is a new approach to the well-being of children and young people from birth to age 19.</p> <p>The Government's aim is for every child, whatever their background or their circumstances, to have the support they need to</p> <p>Be healthy Stay safe</p>	<p>e-mail: everychildmatters.mailbox@dfes.gsi.gov.uk web: http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk</p>

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			<p>Enjoy and achieve Make a positive contribution Achieve economic well-being This means that the organisations involved with providing services to children - from hospitals and schools, to police and voluntary groups - will be teaming up in new ways, sharing information and working together, to protect children and young people from harm and help them achieve what they want in life. Children and young people will have far more say about issues that affect them as individuals and collectively.</p>	
Citizens for Global Solutions	USA	Social Civil initiative	<p>Citizens for Global Solutions envisions a future in which nations work together to abolish war, protect our rights and freedoms, and solve the problems facing humanity that no nation can solve alone. This vision requires effective democratic global institutions that will apply the rule of law while respecting the diversity and autonomy of national and local communities. We are a membership</p>	<p>418 Seventh Street, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003-2769 E-mail: info@globalsolutions.org T (202) 546 3950 F (202) 546 3749 Web: http://www.globalsolutions.org</p>

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			organization working to build political will in the United States to achieve our vision. We do this by educating Americans about our global interdependence, communicating global concerns to public officials, and developing proposals to create, reform, and strengthen international institutions such as the United Nations.	
Center of health care reform	USA	Health care	<p>The Center seeks to change the way the public understands healthcare reform. Through “public conscience work” the Center works to Build a shared understanding that complex social infrastructures must grow from a clear vision of their purpose and the priorities needed to achieve that purpose. Create tools for engaging the American public in processes leading to a shared solution that will promise all Americans better health and some security in the face of mounting healthcare costs. Develop collaborative relationships and communities for the development, improvement, and dissemination of these</p>	<p>St. Joseph Health System 500 South Main Street Suite 1000 Orange, CA 92868-4533 phone 714-347-7741 fax 714-347-7501 E-mail: CHRinfo@stjoe.org Web: http://www.stjhs.org/chr/default.htm</p>

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			<p>tools.</p> <p>Our mission is To help move the American public to a clarity of mind that is so specific and strong,</p> <p>to a strength of will that is so resolute,that no other socio-political force or ideology, can derail the energy to put in place this vision of a just and sustainable healthcare system.</p>	
ANGOC	Philippines	Society civil initiative	<p>“Vibrant Asian Rural Communities living in harmony with nature as stewards of the Earth, whose members are able to realize their full human potentials, collectively chart their path to development, provide for their present and future needs, and equitably share the fruits of their labors in community celebrations of Life.” To create a policy and social environment that enables Asian Rural Poor Communities to exercise their rights to participatory development, gain access to and control of their natural resources, and engage in sustainable livelihoods while drawing from Asia’s rich spiritual and cultural</p>	<p>Office Address: 6-A Malumanay Street UP Village, Diliman Quezon City 1103 Philippines Postal Address: P.O. Box 3107, QCCPO 1103 Quezon City, Philippines Email Address and URL: angoc@angoc.ngo.ph web http://www.angoc.ngo.ph Telephone and Fax Numbers: Tel: (632) 4337653 /</p>

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			traditions by: Consolidating, promoting and mainstreaming alternative development experiences in Agrarian Reform, Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (ARSARD) Strengthening Asian Grassroots-Action Networks	4337654 Fax: (632) 9217498
The Voices of reform project	USA	Political awareness initiative	"Voices of Reform" is a special project of The Commonwealth Club of California, and is made possible by generous grants from the James Irvine Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and the Wallace Alexander Gerbode Foundation. The Project reflects The Commonwealth Club's longstanding interest in California governance. In 1911, Progressive reformers affiliated with The Club amended the California State Constitution to provide a way for citizens to enact legislation directly and recall elected officials. They perceived that corporate interests were inappropriately determining the outcome of both legislative and judicial decisions,	Email: vorinfo@commonwealthclub.org Website: http://www.voicesofreform.org

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			<p>and believed that the citizens' interests were not being served by the normal constitutional structure of state government.</p> <p>Voices of Reform seeks to foster probing discussions of key governance reform issues, make these discussions available to a broad range of people throughout the state, and encourage opinion leaders in this state to actively pursue promising reforms.</p> <p>VoR organizes speaker forums and panel discussions throughout California, and a selection of VoR programs are broadcast on TV and radio, statewide. Transcripts and other material generated through these discussions are published in the Club's magazine, The Commonwealth, and in newspapers around the state.</p> <p>Contribute to identification and scheduling of panelists and moderators, coordinate schedules and communication with participants, and be responsible for all program logistics</p> <p>Support VoR website management, coordinate with project director, and</p>	
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The Konrad Adenauer Fondation	Germany/ Jordan	Think Tank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Democracy and rule of law ▪ Economical and social development ▪ Euro-méditerreandialogue concerning peace in the Middle-East ▪ Cultural dialogue 	<p>Konrad Adenauer Foundation Amman Office P.O.B. 831025 11183 Amman / Jordan Tél. +962-6-59 29 777 Fax +962-6-59 33 087 info@kas.org.jo</p>

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MEMRI (The Middle-East Media Research Institute)	USA (Washington DC)	Research Center	Create a bridge between Western societies and the Middle-East	MEMRI P.O. Box 27837 Washington, DC 20038-7837 Téléphone: (202) 955-9070 Fax: (202) 955-9077 E-mail: donations@memri.org
Algeria-Watch	Algeria	Human Rights organization	Report on Human Rights violation: -Disappearances -Torture -Massacre -Asylum -Reports	Algeria-Watch Internet: www.algeria-watch.org E-Mail: algeria-watch@gmx.net Address: Algeria-Watch e.V. Postfach 360 164 10997 Berlin Germany 21 ter, rue Voltaire 75011 Paris France Telefon & Telefax: fon : (00 33) 6 98 38 81 44 AB : (00 49) 89 14 88 28

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The French Institute of International Relations	France	Think Tank	Our aim is to enrich the policy making process by providing public and private sector decision-makers with strategic insights on topical international issues and emerging trends, promoting dialog on the national and international level, and fostering interaction between researchers and practitioners.	Institut français des relations internationales 27, rue de la Procession 75740 Paris Cedex 15 - France Tél.: + 33 (0) 1 40 61 60 00 - Fax: + 33 (0) 1 40 61 60 60 Ifri@ifri.org
Alternatives	Canada	NGO	Alternatives works to promote justice and equality amongst individuals and communities located in the North and the South. Active in over 35 countries, Alternatives supports local, community-based initiatives working towards the greater economic, social, and political rights of people and communities affected by poverty, discrimination, exploitation, and violence.	National office 3720 Parc Ave., #300 Montreal (Quebec) H2X 2J1 Phone number: (514) 982-6606 Toll free: 1-800-982-6646 Fax: (514) 982-6122 e-mail: alternatives@alternatives.ca Quebec City Office 266 St-Vallier West

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Citizen works	USA	Political initiative	<p>Citizen Works is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization founded by Ralph Nader in April 2001 to advance justice by strengthening citizen participation in power. We give people the tools and opportunities to build democracy. Our strategy is to develop systemic means to advance the progressive citizen movement. We do this in three ways: First, we enhance the work of existing organizations by helping to share information, build coalitions, and institute improved mechanisms for banding activists together; second, we bring new energy and support to the progressive movement by recruiting,</p>	<p>Citizen Works PO Box 18478 Washington, DC 20036 Phone: (202) 265-6164 Fax: (202) 265-0182 email: information (at) citizenworks.org Web: http://www.citizenworks.org</p>

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