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NCPA ALERT
from America's Think Tank

November/December 2015

2015 was a great year for the NCPA and we are looking forward to 2016! As we head into a presidential election year, it has never been more critical to develop the right policies to solve problems. I'm proud to say that in spite of the holidays, NCPA made a significant impact in the media and on Capitol Hill in November and December.



As America's Think Tank, we also know it is crucial to tell Americans why these solutions are important. We want them to make informed decisions! As one of NCPA's recent followers said, "If you want honesty and integrity, look no further; you have arrived. No nonsense, straight-to-the-point, laid out on the table. I think I'll move to Texas to join this team."

We are grateful for your support! Together we can work to keep America free and the best place on earth to live!

Steadfast and Loyal!

Allen B. West
President and CEO

Big Issues, Big NCPA Impact

“Solutions for Americans from America’s Think Tank” reflects our goal to unleash the power of ideas for positive change!

Health Policy Research Center



Don’t Pass Off Losses to Taxpayers

Two years ago, Senior Fellow John R. Graham began warning that Obamacare’s “risk corridors” could expose taxpayers to billions of dollars in liability for insurers’ losses in Obamacare. Due to NCPA research and testimony, Congress prevented this exposure last December. Lobbyists were pressuring Congress to restore the bailout and we countered by joining a broad-based coalition that wrote a letter to Congress in December urging the current policy be maintained.

The result so far? To date, taxpayers are still protected.

A Tale of Two Hospitals

Research Associate Jennifer Vermeulen compared two hospital construction projects to show how government-controlled construction projects can flounder in the absence of accountability and chaotic management. The Aurora, Colorado VA hospital is a good example. Parkland, the Dallas County hospital project was accountable to taxpayers and private donors and was completed nearly on-time and on-budget. Also, the plans were altered to ensure a better work environment for staff and better care for patients. The Aurora VA hospital is years behind schedule and a billion dollars over budget.



Tax Analysis Center



Corporate Tax Reform – Why Should We?

As other countries lower their tax rates, U.S. companies are reincorporating in them to lower their tax burden, but if corporate taxes were reformed to make the U.S. a tax haven, companies would come back and there would be a huge infusion of capital into the economy. This NCPA report has garnered much media attention, and was picked up by over 260 media sites, including Bloomberg Business, Yahoo! News and Reuters.

Financial Crisis Initiative

Dodd-Frank...In the Congo?

A provision of the Dodd-Frank financial reforms was meant to stop the sale of minerals to fund conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Instead it had devastating economic effects in that country, said Senior Fellow David Grantham in a new research publication and a commentary for Townhall.com.



Exporting U.S. Inflation

In a recent research study, Research Associate Hector Colon points out that when the Fed tampers with interest rates, instead of allowing the market to raise and lower rates naturally, the effects can lead to inflationary bubbles in countries around the world. This makes both the U.S. and global economies much less stable.

Our Media Impact

We continue to reach more Americans than ever before.

Senior Fellow David Tuerck's [report](#) delineating three categories of reform to reduce corporate taxes was picked up by over 100 news outlets, including CNBC, Bloomberg Business, Townhall.com, Yahoo! News, The Street, Money Show and The State Journal.

Tax reform has been a popular topic with many of the GOP candidates. TheStreet.com's news story on different tax reform proposals cited NCPA [research](#) on the flat tax and was reposted on dozens of major news sites.

Senior Fellow David Ranson's [study](#) on the impact of the Fed's indecisiveness on economic stability was picked by over 200 sites, including Yahoo! News, Bloomberg and Reuters.

Social Media



- During the fourth quarter, 749,838 were reached on social media - a 1,509% increase over last year!

News Placements



- 2,873 news placements (15% increase) with an advertising value of \$55,984,159 (32% increase).

Impact on Capitol Hill

Brief Shows Obamacare Was Unconstitutional

In an amicus brief filed on behalf of the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, co-author NCPA Executive Vice President and COO Jacki Pick told the Supreme Court that the Constitution requires all bills for raising revenue come from the House. Every word of Obamacare was composed in the Senate, not the House.

Other Highlights

- Legislative Director Brian Williams met with **Rep. Bill Flores** who liked the NCPA idea of zero-based budgeting and said he would add that in his budget/appropriations plan to present to House leadership.
- President and CEO Allen B. West met with **Senators John McCain, Ted Cruz, Joni Ernest, Ben Sasse and Mike Lee**. West discussed military retirement and streamlining the Defense acquisition process and force structure with **Senator McCain** and **Bob Simmons**, House Armed Forces Staff Director. West also provided pertinent research NCPA has done in healthcare and tax reform to **Senators Ted Cruz, Joni Ernest and Ben Sasse**.
- In addition, West had meetings with Representatives **Matt Salmon, Jeff Miller, Mo Brooks, Jim Bridenstine, David Brat and Trey Gowdy**. This was a great opportunity to provide policy research solutions that are so critical during this election cycle.
- Senior Fellow David Grantham and Legislative Director Brian Williams met with **Senate Homeland Security Committee staff** to talk about power grid security and **House Financial Services Committee staff** to talk about recommendations to change Dodd Frank regulations that are inhibiting financial markets, especially small independent banks.



Can We Prevent the Next Credit Crisis?



About the Conference:

The National Center for Policy Analysis Financial Crisis Conference to be held at the Dallas Marriott Las Colinas, April 27, 2016 will explore the causes, current status of financial markets, and solutions to prevent future financial crises. Speakers and panelists will discuss regulations, Dodd-Frank, ethics and transparency among other topics.

Conference Speakers:

- Peter Wallison
American Enterprise Institute
- George Selgin
CATO Institute
- Richard Bowen
University of Texas at Dallas
- C.K. Lee
Commerce Street Capital, LLC
- Gary Aguirre
Attorney
- Jim Purcell
State National Bank
of Big Spring
- Marianne Jennings
Arizona State University
- Richard Ebeling
The Citadel



Panels:

- What Caused the Financial Crisis?
- Regulations, Dodd-Frank, CFPB and the SEC
- Ethics and Transparency
- Preventing the Next Crisis

Wednesday, April 27
Dallas Marriott Las Colinas
223 West Las Colinas Boulevard , Irving, TX 75039

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- [Is the Dodd-Frank Act Responsible for the Economy's Slow Recovery from the Financial Crisis and the Ensuing Recession?](#)

Tax Analysis Center

- [Ideas on U.S. Tax Reform](#)
- [The Economic Burden of Corporate Taxation](#)
- [An Analysis of Ohio's Income Tax Changes from 2013 to 2014](#)

Health Policy Research Center

- [Don't Fall for This Pain Reliever Insurance Scam](#)
- [Denver VA versus Dallas Parkland](#)

The Economy

- [Redefining Jobs Down: Managers, Salaried Workers and Overtime Pay](#)
- [Technology and Economic Growth in the Information Age: A Follow-Up](#)
- [Can Christmas Gift Giving Be the "Waste" Economists Claim?](#)

Education

- [Pell Grants and Prisoners](#)

Go to www.ncpa.org to read these research studies!

Save the Date!

February 16 Nick Adams will talk about his new book "Retaking America – Crushing Political Correctness." He will share how political correctness goes against the American character of exceptionalism as a uniquely free nation based on democratic ideals and personal liberty.

March 31 NCPA will host **General Michael T. Flynn** as part of the Hatton W. Sumners Distinguished Lecture Series. General Flynn will discuss "A World Without Order" and the future of national intelligence and security.

April 27 NCPA's **Can We Prevent the Next Credit Crisis?** Conference will explore the causes, current status of financial markets and solutions to prevent future financial crises. Top expert speakers and panelists will discuss regulations, the Dodd-Frank Act, ethics and transparency among other topics.

Go to www.ncpa.org/events or call 972-386-6272 to register.

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