

## Two reports outline the implications of demographic change, propose a more inclusive progressive agenda

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Washington, D.C.—The Center for American Progress today officially launched [Progress 2050](#), a project that seeks to explore and analyze the policy implications of demographic change and work toward a more inclusive progressive agenda. To mark the launch, CAP released two new reports that will help guide the project's work going forward.

The first report, "Progress 2050: New Ideas for a Diverse America," analyzes the policy impacts of the dramatic demographic changes the country will experience over the next four decades and argues that a progressive vision is urgently needed to ensure we take advantage of diversity as one of our greatest assets. The report also outlines the work that Progress 2050 has already undertaken—both in collaboration with CAP's policy teams and other organizations inside and outside the beltway—and draws a map of the project's future activities.

The second report, "Toward 2050 in Northern Virginia: A Roundtable Report on the Old Dominion's Increasing Diversity," is the first of a series of papers that will report on local conversations organized throughout the country by Progress 2050 and PolicyLink, an organizational partner in this effort. These roundtables bring together community leaders, advocates, activists, and academics to discuss regional and issue-oriented questions related to the ongoing demographic shifts.

The first such conversation took place in Northern Virginia, a community known for embracing its diversity as one of its greatest assets. The conversation included a discussion of Virginia's recent demographic shift, small-business development and the success of the state's communities of color in spurring economic growth, and the underlying need for greater civic engagement of diverse populations.

Future conversations will take place in North Carolina, Texas, and Minnesota.

"As our country changes demographically it is imperative that we shift the conversation about the growth of our communities of color from one of deficit—dropout rates, unemployment and poverty rates—to one of opportunity—human capital, investment, and growth. Progress 2050 will work with other organizations to bring forth that narrative and to seize the opportunity we have today to put in place policy solutions to ensure broadly shared prosperity in 2050 and beyond," said Vanessa Cárdenas, Director of Progress 2050.

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Read the [Fast Facts: Virginia's Growing Diversity](#)

Watch a video of today's event [here](#) .