**BROOKINGS**

**Nonpartisanship Policy (OGC-002)**

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**Policy**

Brookings employees, affiliates, trustees, and independent contractors (“Brookings Personnel”) may use their Brookings affiliations when they provide non-partisan and non-exclusive analysis, commentary, and recommendations to public officials and candidates for public office at the local, state, or federal level as part of their Brookings responsibilities.

As a general rule, Brookings Personnel may **not**:

- Participate in partisan political activity\(^1\) on behalf of Brookings; or  
- Engage in outside political activities\(^2\) using their Brookings affiliation, resources, or property.

**Internal Approval and Public Disclosure**

As outlined in the supporting documents for this policy, certain activities are prohibited, while others require internal approval or public disclosure at events, media appearances, or in written publications.

Prior to engaging in any activities that require internal approval under this policy (or when uncertain about what requires external disclosure), please email a full description of the requested activities to your program or business unit Vice President as well as the General Counsel.

**Violations**

Violations of this policy may lead to discipline, up to and including termination of employment and/or affiliation with Brookings.

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\(^1\) Partisan political activity means supporting or participating in the political campaign of any candidate for elective public office. Partisan political activity can also include providing support to public official(s) because of their political affiliation(s).

\(^2\) Outside political activities means activities performed in your personal capacity and outside of your Brookings responsibilities.
Supporting Guidance

For more information about this policy, please contact Brookings’s Office of General Counsel.