

An Equity-Focused Policy Agenda for America

As described in preceding sections, a new framework is needed for guiding the development of an All-In Nation that is based on the principles of equity, human-capacity development, good jobs, and full participation in democratic society. Given the unprecedented and unstoppable demographic shift happening in communities across the nation, America needs to overcome longstanding inequities and create the conditions to allow everyone to fully participate.

The stakes are enormous; the nation's future hangs in the balance. This is why it is incumbent upon the nation's policymakers to lead the United States into a future marked by equity and inclusion, that allows everyone to participate and prosper.

The chapters that follow provide policy recommendations that can help secure the nation's future in the global economy and ensure opportunity for all in our nation. The recommendations address key issue areas: infrastructure; education and workforce; jobs, income, and assets; health care; criminal justice; immigration; and civic participation. The recommendations are collectively a road map that policymakers can use as a guide as the country travels into the future. If adopted, these policy recommendations are the foundation upon which to implement an equity agenda that grows good jobs, erases barriers to full participation in the economy and in democratic systems, and builds the capabilities of America's strongest asset—its diverse workforce. Only then can we realize a truly All-In Nation. ■