

# Congressional Progressive Caucus of the United States Congress

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## Progressive Caucus Offers “Progressive Promise” as Alternative to President Bush’s “Ownership Society”

(Washington, DC) - The Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC) unveiled their core principles and priorities at a reception this evening on Capitol Hill. Billed as an alternative to the Bush Administration's "Ownership Society," the CPC's "Progressive Promise" outlines an action agenda under the broad principles of "fighting for economic justice and security in the US and global economies," "protecting and preserving civil rights and civil liberties," and "promoting global peace and security."

"The Progressive Promise' represents a blueprint for a Progressive governing majority and a vision for what a Progressive America can and will accomplish," said CPC Co-Chair, Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-Oakland). "It is a moral document that has its priorities straight: it puts the basic needs of people above corporate greed, it safeguards and promotes our best democratic principles, and it offers a vision of US leadership in the world."

**“We are in the midst of a Progressive awakening in this country and I have never been more confident and optimistic about the future of Progressive Politics,” said CPC Co-Chair, Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey (D-Petaluma). “Rep. Barbara Lee and I look forward to working with the Democratic Caucus in leading a forceful, impassioned and organized opposition to the Bush Administration’s agenda.”**

The 59 members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus were honored at a reception co-hosted by an array of national progressive organizations, including the Institute for Policy Studies, The Nation Magazine, Moveon.org, National Priorities Project, Jobs with Justice Campaign, Peace Action, Americans for Democratic Action, and Progressive Democrats of America. Also co-sponsoring the event were the NAACP, ACLU, Progressive Majority, League of United Latin American Citizens, Rainbow/Push Coalition, National Council of La Raza, Hip Hop Caucus, Human Rights Campaign, Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs, and the Hip Hop Political Convention.

**“Americans know that Bush’s ‘Ownership Society’ is just another way of dismantling the social safety net,” said Woolsey. “The Progressive Promise’ sets out a vision that is plain and simple: the needs of Americans come before the desires of the powerful and wealthy.**

"The Progressive movement in this country is growing and the Congressional Progressive Caucus is growing with it," said Lee. "Progressives have forged new and powerful ways to be join and influence the debate here in Washington, and the CPC will continue to engage this critical movement and to give voice to their concerns."

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