



Sagamore Institute

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About Us

Sagamore Institute is a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank headquartered in Indianapolis. Sagamore borrows its name from an Algonquin word used to describe someone who grapples with serious questions, builds consensus, and offers wisdom and advice. It is thus our intention to wrestle with hard issues, to be a meeting place for disparate groups, and to offer wise counsel for a world in progress.

Mission The mission of the Sagamore Institute is to provide high-quality, independent research and analysis, developing innovative and collaborative approaches to issues of public significance.

Vision The Sagamore Institute will be nationally recognized for having made substantive contributions to the quality of life of residents of the City of Indianapolis and the State of Indiana, affecting as well the broader American and global communities.

Core Beliefs The work of Sagamore Institute is guided by a belief in:

- ❖ The dignity of all individuals,
- ❖ Individual liberty based on personal responsibility,
- ❖ Encouraging ingenuity and entrepreneurship,
- ❖ The power of volunteerism in American society,
- ❖ The valuable role of faith and faith-based organizations in public life,
- ❖ The importance of collaboration and synergy in achieving results,
- ❖ A pragmatic approach to government,
- ❖ The efficiency and fairness of a market economy, and
- ❖ Positive outcomes as better achieved through incentives rather than mandates.

Experienced and Innovative Sagamore boasts a research team with a diverse array of backgrounds, including federal policymaking, state government, education, nonprofit management, academia, journalism, and policy research.

Learners and Leaders Sagamore's researchers have helped refine what is known as "applied research," research that actually puts theories and ideas to the test in the real world by working alongside practitioners, learning from them, and measuring the results of theories put into practice—rather than simply hypothesizing from an ivory tower.

Independent and Connected Sagamore is not captive to any political party. In fact, Sagamore scholars have won praise from conservatives and liberals for research on welfare reform, immigration, education, faith-based initiatives and foreign policy, to name just a few examples.

Policy Domains

Sagamore's policy domains serve as an umbrella for a range of more specific research and convening activity.

Civil Society Strengthening civil society—that amorphous zone of space which buffers the individual from the state—is a primary mission of Sagamore. While our commitment to growing civil society is evident in virtually every research project at Sagamore, it is showcased best in our research on community- and faith-based organizations (FBOs). Collaborating with agencies and officials from Capitol Hill to City Hall, Sagamore's Center on Faith in Communities educates policymakers and practitioners alike on how to reintegrate FBOs into the panoply of programs designed to help those in need; serves as the foundation for a broad array of research and grassroots training; maintains an information clearinghouse of best practices; and provides the very best in web-based learning for faith-based leaders.

Domestic Policy Sagamore is proud to be based in America's Heartland. We believe public policy should serve the entire public—not just the policymakers in Washington, DC. Yet we remain connected to key policymaking nodes across the country. From education reform to welfare reform, workforce development to crime control, Sagamore researchers rely on these connections to carry out a range of innovative programming and projects, drawing from frontline expertise in cities, nonprofit organizations and federal agencies to identify the best solutions. Much of our Domestic Policy programming falls under the Center for Public Strategies, which is committed to partnering with policymakers, service providers, and associations to craft better public policy, improve the delivery of services, develop a 21st century workforce and strengthen ties between government, communities and the private sector.

Global Trade and America's Heartland Indianapolis is a global crossroads, and Sagamore sits at the very center of this crossroads, providing our researchers with the opportunity to study the phenomenon of globalization—and to position Indiana communities, businesses and citizens to benefit from it. Toward that end, Sagamore is identifying the opportunities and challenges of immigration, and partnering with academics, government officials and business organizations in Asia to promote trade, investment opportunities and jobs for Hoosiers and America's Heartland.

Become a partner We invite you to consider how your organization or community might benefit from collaborating with Sagamore Institute. To learn more about us, visit www.sipr.org; email us at info@sipr.org; or call us at 317.472.2050. Sagamore Institute is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.