



Bipartisan Policy Center

BPC & My Role on the Technology Project

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What Is the Bipartisan Policy Center?

“The Bipartisan Policy Center is a Washington, DC-based think tank that actively fosters bipartisanship by combining the best ideas from both parties to promote health, security, and opportunity for all Americans. Our policy solutions are the product of informed deliberations by former elected and appointed officials, business and labor leaders, and academics and advocates who represent both sides of the political spectrum. BPC prioritizes one thing above all else: getting things done.”



Now what is the BPC Technology Project?

Policy needs to adapt, and a series of questions should be addressed: What should be done to ensure AI promotes fairness and inclusion? How can the regulatory system evolve, while not stifling responsibly innovation? What can be done to protect privacy and security? Can AI accelerate innovation and growth? What will the workforce of the future look like? How does the United States remain competitive and lead the world in AI? The future is unknowable, but it will be shaped by the decisions made today. The BPC Technology project will help inform these decisions in a thoughtful, bipartisan, and timely manner.



This Summer

My Focus Areas

Antitrust and Competition
Broadband
Legislative Research
Artificial Intelligence

Types of Work

Content creation
Federal and state legislative research
Academic research



I WAS NOT BROUGHT ON TO ACCOMPLISH STEREOTYPICAL INTERN TASKS, I WAS BROUGHT ON TO WRITE PIECES TO PUBLISH ON THE SITE. THIS INVOLVED A HUGE AMOUNT OF INITIAL RESEARCH AND CONVERSATIONS WITH THE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE PROJECT, ON TOPICS FROM UTILIZING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN WEAPONRY TO RURAL BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT.

My First Month on the Job



My First Piece

“In late June 2021, the House Committee on the Judiciary of the 117th Congress approved a package of six antitrust bills. The bills passed largely along partisan lines, with notable exceptions on both sides. There was wider bipartisan support for the Merger Filing Fee Modernization Act (H.R. 3843) and State Antitrust Enforcement Venue Act (H.R. 3460) than the other bills, but both still faced opposition. The [following](#) is a factual summary of each bill without commentary on the alleged problem they seek to remedy, or if they are the appropriate response.”

- POLICY BRIEF FOR THE HOUSE ANTITRUST PACKAGE



My Second Piece

“The broadband divide is one of the more confounding issues US policymakers have attempted to solve over the last several years. Billions of federal dollars have been used trying to connect the last 14.5 million unconnected households to the internet, with little success to show for it. While the conversation is typically focused on bringing high-speed internet to the most rural homes in America, the digital divide is just as great in our cities. According to a 2018 American Community Survey, 18.7% of households in rural America, while 13.7% of a much greater number of urban households have no fixed connection to the internet.”

- POLICY CONSIDERATIONS FOR FIXED WIRELESS BROADBAND TECH



Antitrust and Technology Policy

- Landmark court cases
- Consumer Welfare Index
- Competition index
- Legislative efforts
- Executive order



Takeaways

- The importance of building consensus
- Establishing a basis of nonpartisan policy facts
- Must have goals beyond bipartisanship
- Perfect is the enemy of good



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