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# A1P: MISSION Q&A

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## What is the Article I Project?

The Article I Project (A1P) is a new network of House and Senate conservatives working together on broad agenda of reform to strengthen Congress by reclaiming its constitutional legislative powers that are now being improperly exercised by the Executive Branch.

## Why is A1P needed?

The authors of the Constitution created Congress as the most powerful and most politically accountable branch of the federal government. This is convenient for the American people, but less so for politicians. And so, in recent decades, Congress has shied away from this daunting responsibility, instead delegating its constitutional responsibilities to the Executive Branch. Executive overreach – the president and his bureaucrats unilaterally imposing or rewriting laws never passed by the people’s representatives in Congress – is now one of the root causes of Washington’s broken status quo. It has led not only to bad policy, but broad public frustration and distrust of our governing institutions. The good news is that what a weakened Congress has broken, a strong Congress can fix.

## What will A1P do?

A1P members will develop and advocate reforms in four principal areas:

- Reclaiming Congress’s power of the purse
- Reforming executive-empowering legislative “cliffs”
- Restoring congressional authority over regulations and regulators
- Reining in executive discretion

## What is A1P’s goal?

A1P’s goal is to re-constitutionalize the federal government. Putting Congress back in charge of federal policy puts the American people back in charge of their government. Just as congressional weakness has led to policy failures and public outrage, an empowered, responsible Congress can lead to a healthier, happier republic.

*“All that stands between Americans and a renewed government of, by, and for the people is the will of Congress to step up and do its job.”*

