We founded the Bipartisan Policy Center with the leadership of Tom Daschle, and Bob Dole, George Mitchell and Howard Baker. Those four names give me a deep sense of pride and confidence in the strength of our democracy. Because from the beginning, BPC has been animated by a few core ideas: That America’s inspiration flows from our nation’s unparalleled political and cultural diversity. That our nation’s political stability and resilience depend on engaging and dignifying our differences. And finally, that politics, like all productive human interaction, is about the integrity of ideas, personal connection, and trust.

On March 1, 2017 the Bipartisan Policy Center celebrated its 10th anniversary at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. The room was filled with more than 1,000 partisans gathered to celebrate ten years of productive partisanship.

The following pages recap what was a special and momentous night. Thank you for your support over the last ten years. I want to thank our founders, our board of directors, our project leaders, our truly fabulous staff, loyal funders, and everyone else in the BPC family. I want to ask you to join us in redoubling our commitment to the hard, uncertain, and uncomfortable work of American democracy. BPC is committed to helping this Congress, this administration, and this country succeed, and we surely need your help.

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THE EVENING’S PROGRAM

Welcome:
BPC Vice President of Communications Robert Traynham

Remarks:
BPC President Jason Grumet

Legislative Action Award Presentations
BPC Co-Founder Tom Daschle and BPC Senior Fellow Trent Lott present the Legislative Achievement Awards to:
Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA), Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE),

Remarks:
BPC President Jason Grumet

Congressional Patriot Award Presentation
BPC Co-Founders George Mitchell and Bob Dole present the Congressional Patriot Award to:
Former Vice President Joe Biden
BPC is needed now more than ever. Our country is deeply polarized. We need an organization that can bring people together, Republicans and Democrats, conservatives and liberals. We don’t want to have them give up their identity. What we simply want is an avenue for communication and dialogue, and BPC does it.
For a decade,

BPC has worked to find actionable solutions to America’s major policy challenges. Since its formation in 2007 and under the guidance of its founders—Senate Majority Leaders Howard Baker, Tom Daschle, Bob Dole, and George Mitchell—BPC has debated differences, forged hard-fought compromises, and found consensus on issues critical to all Americans.
BPC Presented the Inaugural LEGISLATIVE ACTION AWARDS

The Legislative Action Award recognizes lawmakers helping breathe new life into a partisan legislative process. The 2017 honorees were Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA), Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE), Rep. Will Hurd (R-TX), and Rep. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ).

To assist in determining the awardees, BPC assembled a diverse Selection Committee composed of senior BPC staffers, board members, BPC’s Commission on Political Reform co-chairs (former Sens. Tom Daschle, Trent Lott, Olympia Snowe, and former Secretary Dan Glickman), and representatives from businesses and non-profits.
“My view is the way we can try to bridge the polarized partisan divide that we all see around us is with small victories, small success, modest progress. **Success has a way of breeding success.**”

*Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA)*

“We are here tonight to honor four courageous and effective legislators who through their skill and determination have had real achievements, even in these challenging times; by their example, they have **strengthened the institution of Congress.**”

*BPC President Jason Grumet*
It’s great to be able to accept this award, [and] I want to say thank you for this honor but also thank you for ten years of really exceptional work.

Rep. Will Hurd (R-TX)
"We can articulate our own opinions and beliefs without believing or saying that someone else’s beliefs are wrong. We can embrace difference while seeking common ground."

Rep. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)
"[I] challenge the audience... to be hopeful and optimistic about the opportunities we have for defending democracy, for showing our values, and for finding ways to work together."

Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE)
BPC Presented the 2017 CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD

The Congressional Patriot Award was awarded to former Vice President Joe Biden. The award recognizes leaders who demonstrate political courage and exceptional leadership throughout their careers, even in the most partisan of times.
“BPC established the Congressional Patriot Award to recognize leaders who while they are partisans as Democrats or Republicans, [they] are wise enough to always put Americans first.”

*BPC Co-Founder George Mitchell*

“We can be Democrats and Republicans and Independents…but most Americans are patriots, and we’ve had a patriot serving as vice president for eight years.”

*BPC Co-Founder Bob Dole*
We all have bipartisan responsibilities to this nation to defend principles that have long made America the beacon of hope.

Former Vice President Joe Biden
I learn a lot from talking with my Republican friends. They can give me ideas, they can give me perspectives that I couldn’t get in just talking to Democrats. That’s, in part, what the BPC is all about.

BPC Co-Founder Tom Daschle
BPC Co-Founders Bob Dole, George Mitchell, and Tom Daschle speak with former Vice President Joe Biden before he receives the 2017 Congressional Patriot Award.
The BPC 10th Anniversary celebration DJ sets up and prepares to play music to get the party started for the attendees.

The 2017 Congressional Patriot Award presented by the Bipartisan Policy Center.

Rep. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) and BPC Fellow Tammy Patrick celebrating BPC’s 10th Anniversary.
These are the people who proudly embrace their parties’ principles and approach to governing, but who are ready and willing to transcend political differences when they judge it to be in the best interest of the nation.

BPC Co-Founder George Mitchell
BPC’s 10th Anniversary Celebration

The event attendees and BPC staff came together to celebrate ten years of successful bipartisanship. The following pages share highlights from the evening.
The evening drew significant media attention from traditional outlets and on social media.

**BY THE Numbers**

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**Let’s Party**

1,286 ATTENDEES

(We’re sorry about the line!)

689 glasses of whiskey poured

$1,877,631 Equivalent dollar value in earned media attention
77 songs played by the band and DJ

59,080,472 = total media impressions across print, broadcast, and online

630 miniature sliders eaten

Twitter was the most used social platform

418 posts including #BPC10 and @BPC_Bipartisan

533 photo booth photos
TOP EVENT HASHTAGS

#BPC10
#joebiden
#newseum
#washingtondc

432
Number of
ATTENDEE SELFIES

Top Media Hits

TELEVISION NEWS SEGMENTS including NBC’s Today Show, MSNBC, and live broadcast on C-SPAN2

41
PRINT & ONLINE ARTICLES

including The Washington Post, Associated Press, and Reuters

7 RADIO SEGMENTS

including a 3-HOUR LIVE broadcast of the Steele&Ungar Show on SiriusXM’s POTUS
This event would not have been possible without the dedication and passion of BPC’s staff. Special thanks to those who contributed to making the night a success.

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