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## A Foreign Policy Series Event

### Advancing Democracy Across the Globe

Lorne W. Craner  
President, International Republican Institute

Kenneth Wollack  
President, National Democratic Institute

Moderated by:  
Thomas Carothers  
Vice-President for Studies  
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Lack of experience and unstable democratic structures often hinder countries that seek to create democratic governing systems. As part of the National Endowment for Democracy, the International Republican Institute and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs work to assist those advocating for democratic reform. Through volunteers and policy encouragement, these organizations support national legislatures, local governments, and the future of global democratic citizenship.

Lorne W. Craner and Kenneth Wollack will explain how their organizations successfully promote democracy worldwide, and why these efforts matter. They will explore the challenges of the democracy backlash, weak institutions, and building a constituency for reform. This foreign policy event is a unique opportunity to learn from two individuals at the very forefront of democracy building.

Lorne W. Craner is president of the International Republican Institute (IRI). He has strengthened IRI initiatives in China, Columbia, Pakistan, Russia, and Turkey. Before serving as IRI president, Mr. Craner was the Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. He serves on the boards of the Millenium Challenge Corporation, the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, and the Internews Network. Mr. Craner holds a master's degree from Georgetown University in National Security.

Kenneth Wollack is president of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI). Before joining NDI in 1986, he co-edited the *Middle East Policy Survey*, a Washington-based newsletter, and wrote regularly on foreign affairs for the *Los Angeles Times*. From 1973 to 1980, he served as legislative director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Mr. Wollack is a member of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid and is the chairman of the board of directors for the U.S. Committee for the United Nations Development Programme.

Thomas Carothers is the Vice President for Studies – International Politics and Governance at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. In this capacity, he oversees the Democracy and Rule of Law Project, which he founded, and the Middle East Program. He is the author or editor of eight books on democracy promotion, including *Confronting the Weakest Link: Aiding Political Parties in New Democracies*. He is an adjunct professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and serves on board of various organizations devoted to democracy promotion. Prior to joining the Carnegie Endowment, Carothers practiced international and financial law at Arnold & Porter and served as an attorney-adviser in the Office of the Legal Adviser of the U.S. Department of State.

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