



THE AMERICAN DREAM POLICY FRAMEWORK

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous *I Have a Dream* speech more than 60 years ago, outlining the core values that allow a free Nation to exist. The America First Policy Institute's Center for the American Dream carries this vision forward and pursues policies that protect this dream for every American.

PUTTING FAMILIES FIRST

Fatherhood

Fatherhood is foundational to strong families, and strong families are essential to a strong Nation. American Dream policies work to restore two-parent households in every community.

Parental Rights

Parental rights have been trampled in recent years at the federal, state, and local levels. Achieving the American Dream means recognizing that parents—not the government—have the right and responsibility to raise their children how they think is best.

PROTECTING HEALTH AND SAFETY

Hospital Price Transparency

Unexpected medical expenses can be financially destructive to families. American Dream policies include putting patients in control of their healthcare and removing uncertainty around costs.

Retail Theft

Retailers are facing an onslaught of theft that threatens their personal safety and economic viability. Protecting the American Dream starts with protecting the safety of every business owner and community by holding thieves accountable.

PROMOTING ECONOMIC SUCCESS

Educational Freedom

School choice empowers parents and students to attend the school that is right for them. The American Dream starts with a quality education that provides the knowledge and skills necessary for a successful career and a fulfilling life.

Occupational Licensing Reform

Nearly 25% of workers must obtain an occupational license to do their job. Creating new paths to obtaining a license, including for military spouses, ex-offenders, and those who move to a new state, expands access to the American Dream.

Small Business Success

More than 99% of businesses in the U.S. are small businesses, and small businesses are the very definition of the American Dream. By expanding access to capital, cutting taxes and regulations, and building strong and safe communities, we can preserve this dream for millions of Americans.

“I will continue to fight for equal access and opportunity for ALL Americans to achieve the American Dream! The Dream lives on!”

-Dr. Alveda King

