

Form **990**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
 The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-0047
2012
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2012, 2012, and ending 12-31-2012

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization: CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS ACTION FUND
 Doing Business As:
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: 1333 H STREET NW 10TH FLOOR
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: WASHINGTON, DC 20005

D Employer identification number: 30-0192708
E Telephone number: (202) 682-1611
G Gross receipts \$ 6,534,354

F Name and address of principal officer: TOM PERRIELLO, 1333 H STREET NW 10TH FLOOR, WASHINGTON, DC 20005

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No. If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c)(4) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: WWW.AMERICANPROGRESSACTION.ORG

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other
L Year of formation: 2002 **M** State of legal domicile: DC

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities TO SHAPE THE NATIONAL POLICY DEBATE AND TRANSFORM PROGRESSIVE CONCEPTS INTO POLICY		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	8
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	7
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	8
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	201,211
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	-1,500	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	6,795,019	6,176,307
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0	123,050
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	317	260
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	77,619	169,164
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	6,872,955	6,468,781
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	40,000	240,070
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	0	0
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	4,588,120	4,514,050
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <u>139,238</u>	39,250	0
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	1,811,554	2,009,368
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	6,478,924	6,763,488
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	394,031	-294,707	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	6,052,655	6,518,990
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	164,842	925,884
		5,887,813	5,593,106

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here
 Signature of officer: _____
 JOSEPH W SMOLSKIS CFO & TREASURER
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only
 Preparer's name: FRANK H SMITH
 Preparer's signature: _____
 Firm's name: RAFFA PC
 Firm's address: 1899 L STREET NW SUITE 900, WASHINGTON, DC 20036

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III Yes No

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission
 CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS ACTION FUND'S (THE ACTION FUND) MISSION IS TO IMPACT THE NATIONAL DEBATE AND TRANSFORM PROGRESSIVE IDEAS INTO POLICY THROUGH RAPID RESPONSE COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC EDUCATION, GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION AND ADVOCACY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AMERICAN CITIZENS, EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH POLICYMAKERS AND PROGRESSIVE LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
 If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
 If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 3,253,717 including grants of \$ 97,820) (Revenue \$)
 COMMUNICATIONS ADVANCED PROGRESSIVE IDEAS AND MESSAGE THROUGH ONLINE REPORTING INCLUDING THE THINK PROGRESS WEB SITE AND EXPANDED USE OF ONLINE SOCIAL MEDIA AS WELL AS TRADITIONAL NEWS MEDIA ADDRESSED TIMELY PUBLIC POLICY AND POLITICAL ISSUES THROUGH RAPID RESPONSE AND ANALYSIS MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDED PROJECTS ON VOTER SUPPRESSION, THE FISCAL CLIFF, WOMEN'S RIGHTS, AND IMMIGRATION REFORM

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 861,580 including grants of \$ 142,250) (Revenue \$)
 EXTERNAL RELATIONS PROJECTS WERE UNDERTAKEN TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC, ANTICIPATE AND SHAPE THE NATIONAL DEBATE, AND CHALLENGE THE MEDIA TO COVER THE ISSUES THAT TRULY MATTER, THROUGH A WIDE ARRAY OF DISSEMINATION CHANNELS, INCLUDING FAITH COMMUNITIES, CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS, PRINT, BROADCAST, AND ONLINE MEDIA EXTERNAL RELATIONS' WORK ON POVERTY ISSUES THROUGH THE HALF-IN-TEN PROJECT WERE A FOCUS OF THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 423,995 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 ENERGY PROJECT THE ENERGY TEAM'S WORK CENTERED ON THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, EXTREME WEATHER, AND GREEN JOBS ON THE NATIONAL DEBATE

(Code) (Expenses \$ 400,887 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 123,050)
 POLICY - ECONOMIC

(Code) (Expenses \$ 217,956 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 POLICY - INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL SECURITY

(Code) (Expenses \$ 201,321 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 EXECUTIVE OFFICE

(Code) (Expenses \$ 170,473 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 POLICY - DOMESTIC

(Code) (Expenses \$ 130,712 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 ART AND EDITORIAL

(Code) (Expenses \$ 54,409 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 CAMPUS PROGRESS

(Code) (Expenses \$ 15,532 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 CALIFORNIA OFFICE

(Code) (Expenses \$ 1,431 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 ENOUGH PROJECT




4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
 (Expenses \$ 1,192,721 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 123,050)

4e Total program service expenses 5,732,013

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>		No
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

<p>21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> </p>	<p>21</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> </p>	<p>22</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> </p>	<p>23</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i></p>	<p>24a</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?</p>	<p>24b</p>		
<p>c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?</p>	<p>24c</p>		
<p>d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?</p>	<p>24d</p>		
<p>25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i></p>	<p>25a</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i></p>	<p>25b</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i></p>	<p>26</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i></p>	<p>27</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)</p>			
<p>a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i></p>	<p>28a</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i></p>	<p>28b</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i></p>	<p>28c</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i></p>	<p>29</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i></p>	<p>30</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i></p>	<p>31</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i></p>	<p>32</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i></p>	<p>33</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i></p>	<p>34</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?</p>	<p>35a</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i></p>	<p>35b</p>		
<p>36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i></p>	<p>36</p>		
<p>37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i></p>	<p>37</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O</p>	<p>38</p>	<p>Yes</p>	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable. 1a 43		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable. 1b 0		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return. 2a 0		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	Yes	
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	Yes	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		No
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
5c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	Yes	
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	Yes	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year. 7d		
7e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12. 10a		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities. 10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders. 11a		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them). 11b		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year. 12b		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
13a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O. 13a		
13b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans. 13b		
13c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand. 13c		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		No
14b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (8); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (7); 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? (No); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (No); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (No); 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? (No); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? (Yes); b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (Yes); 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O (No).

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (No); 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (Yes); 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (Yes); 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (Yes); 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done (Yes); 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (Yes); 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (Yes); 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?: a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (No); b Other officers or key employees of the organization (No); If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions); 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? (No); 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed: AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply: [] Own website [] Another's website [X] Upon request [] Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: JOSEPH W SMOLSKIS 1333 H STREET NW 10TH FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC (202) 741-6276

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

• List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid

• List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee "

• List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations

• List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

• List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List parts VII in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) JOHN PODESTA DIRECTOR, CHAIR, & COUNSELOR	8 00	X		X				51,468	0	5,218
(2) ANNA BURGER DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(3) PETER EDELMAN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(4) JUDITH FEDER DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(5) CHRISTIE HEFNER DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(6) BRODERICK JOHNSON DIRECTOR (THRU 03/2012)	1 00	X						0	0	0
(7) RON KLAIN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(8) HILARY ROSEN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(9) DANIEL ZINGALE DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(10) TOM PERRIELLO PRESIDENT & CEO	30 00			X				164,106	0	18,732
(11) NEERA TANDEN TREASURER & COUNSELOR	5 00			X				35,429	0	4,580
(12) JOSEPH W SMOLSKIS TREASURER & CFO	6 00			X				29,252	0	2,624
(13) DEBORAH FINE SECRETARY & GENERAL COUNSEL	10 00			X				44,266	0	4,819
(14) JOSEPH ROMM FELLOW	40 00					X		145,937	0	8,578
(15) JUDD LEGUM VP, COMM & EDITOR IN CHIEF	40 00					X		141,502	0	12,321
(16) TARA MCGUINNESS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SVP COMM	25 00					X		111,938	0	8,856

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns . . . 1a					
	b Membership dues 1b					
	c Fundraising events 1c	409,500				
	d Related organizations 1d					
	e Government grants (contributions) 1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f	5,766,807				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	6,176,307				
Program Service Revenue	2a CONTRACT REVENUE					
		Business Code				
	b	900099	123,050	123,050		
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		123,050				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		260		260	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		b Less rental expenses				
		c Rental income or (loss)				
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other				
		b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
		c Gain or (loss)				
	d Net gain or (loss)					
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 409,500 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a	33,000			
		b Less direct expenses b	65,573			
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		-32,573		-32,573
	9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a				
b Less direct expenses b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
	b Less cost of goods sold b					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a ADVERTISING REVENUE	541800	201,211		201,211		
b OTHER	900099	526			526	
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		201,737				
12 Total revenue. See Instructions		6,468,781	123,050	201,211	-31,787	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A)

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21	240,070	240,070		
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	360,494	205,221	126,218	29,055
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	3,484,553	3,041,374	422,914	20,265
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	167,273	156,905	10,244	124
9	Other employee benefits	217,053	162,920	51,972	2,161
10	Payroll taxes	284,677	252,309	28,781	3,587
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	32,434	6,766	25,668	
c	Accounting	25,161	22,433	2,431	297
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees	54,000			54,000
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	271,279	247,371	21,904	2,004
12	Advertising and promotion	127,209	127,203	5	1
13	Office expenses	217,533	133,179	79,445	4,909
14	Information technology	56,497	45,047	10,876	574
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	785,617	700,448	75,898	9,271
17	Travel	139,595	133,133	1,166	5,296
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	2,179	1,773	406	
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	35,866	31,974	3,469	423
23	Insurance	25,566	22,794	2,470	302
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	142,148	107,258	27,970	6,920
b	PUBLIC OPINION ANALYSIS	79,745	79,745		
c	COMMISSIONED PAPERS	10,400	10,400		
d	UBI TAX	4,139	3,690	400	49
e	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	6,763,488	5,732,013	892,237	139,238
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	3,613,633	1	5,374,773
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	346,331	2	357,066
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,581,402	3	695,771
	4 Accounts receivable, net	68,777	4	44,383
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 231,425		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 200,395	66,896	10c 31,030
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets	15,967	14	15,967
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	359,649	15	0
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	6,052,655	16	6,518,990	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	164,842	17	105,335
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D	0	25	820,549
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	164,842	26	925,884
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	3,152,209	27	3,431,741
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	2,735,604	28	2,161,365
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	5,887,813	33	5,593,106	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	6,052,655	34	6,518,990	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	6,468,781
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	6,763,488
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-294,707
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	5,887,813
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	5,593,106

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
2c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
3b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No 1545-0047

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
See separate instructions.

If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Table with 2 columns: Name of the organization (CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS ACTION FUND) and Employer identification number (30-0192708)

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV
2 Political expenditures \$ 1,739,357
3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 \$
2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 \$
3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? [] Yes [] No
4a Was a correction made? [] Yes [] No
b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities \$ 1,739,357
2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities \$
3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b \$ 1,739,357
4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? [x] Yes [] No
5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)
- B** Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns														
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 35%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width: 65%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:													
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e													
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000													
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000													
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000													
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-														
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-														
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<i>For each "Yes" response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.</i>			
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, line 2, and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
ORGANIZATIONS DIRECT AND INDIRECT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES	PART I-A, LINE 1	THE ACTION FUND DOES NOT ENDORSE CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE, NOR DOES IT EXPLICITLY ADVOCATE FOR THE ELECTION OR DEFEAT OF PARTICULAR CANDIDATES. HOWEVER, AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE TAX YEAR, THE ACTION FUND MADE COMMUNICATIONS TO THE PUBLIC COMMENDING OR CRITICIZING PARTICULAR PUBLIC POLICY POSITIONS TAKEN BY VARIOUS CANDIDATES. THESE POLICY ASSESSMENTS TOOK THE FORM OF POSITION PAPERS, BLOG POSTS, PRESS RELEASES, AND OTHER SIMILAR PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS ACTION FUND

Employer identification number 30-0192708

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include Total number at end of year, Aggregate contributions to (during year), Aggregate grants from (during year), Aggregate value at end of year, and questions about donor informed consent.

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Year. Rows include Purpose(s) of conservation easements, Total number of conservation easements, Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure, and questions about monitoring and expenses.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include questions about reporting works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets *(continued)*

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- a** Public exhibition
- b** Scholarly research
- c** Preservation for future generations
- d** Loan or exchange programs
- e** Other

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

	Amount
1c Beginning balance	
1d Additions during the year	
1e Distributions during the year	
1f Ending balance	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment
- b** Permanent endowment
- c** Temporarily restricted endowment

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

- (i)** unrelated organizations
- (ii)** related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		8,785	8,086	699
e Other		222,640	192,309	30,331
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				31,030

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1 (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
Federal income taxes	
DUE TO THE CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS	820,549
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	820,549

2. Fin 48 (ASC 740) Footnote In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740) Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	6,534,354
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	65,573
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	65,573
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	6,468,781
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	6,468,781

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	6,829,061
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	65,573
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	65,573
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	6,763,488
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	6,763,488

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
DESCRIPTION OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS UNDER FIN 48	PART X, LINE 2	IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (FASB) ACCOUNTING STANDARDS CODIFICATION (ASC) TOPIC 740, INCOME TAXES, THE ACTION FUND HAS EVALUATED ITS INCOME TAX POSITIONS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011, AND DETERMINED THAT THERE WERE NO MATERIAL UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS AND, ACCORDINGLY, THE ACTION FUND HAS NOT RECOGNIZED ANY LIABILITY FOR UNRECOGNIZED INCOME TAX
PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSES 65,573
PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS		SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSES 65,573

SCHEDULE G (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS ACTION FUND

Employer identification number 30-0192708

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a Mail solicitations
b Internet and email solicitations
c Phone solicitations
d In-person solicitations
e Solicitation of non-government grants
f Solicitation of government grants
g Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual... or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

Table with 6 columns: (i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser), (ii) Activity, (iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?, (iv) Gross receipts from activity, (v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i), (vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization. Includes entry for THE BONNER GROUP.

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		<u>ANNUAL DINNER</u> (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	442,500		442,500
	2	Less Contributions	409,500		409,500
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	33,000		33,000
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Noncash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs	7,400		7,400
	7	Food and beverages	14,874		14,874
	8	Entertainment			
	9	Other direct expenses	43,299		43,299
	10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶			
11	Net income summary Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10 ▶				-32,573

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
		1	Gross revenue		
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes			
	3	Non-cash prizes			
	4	Rent/facility costs			
	5	Other direct expenses			
6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				
8	Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d) ▶				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities _____

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," explain _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain _____

Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in

a The organization's facility	13a	
b An outside facility	13b	

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶

Address ▶

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶

Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

Description of services provided ▶

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

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Schedule I (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22. Attach to Form 990

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Name of the organization CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS ACTION FUND

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?
2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

Table with 8 columns: (a) Name and address of organization or government, (b) EIN, (c) IRC Code section if applicable, (d) Amount of cash grant, (e) Amount of non-cash assistance, (f) Method of valuation, (g) Description of non-cash assistance, (h) Purpose of grant or assistance. Includes rows for CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS, VA INTERFAITH, COLORADO PROGRESSIVE ACTION, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN ACTION, NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN, and USACTION.

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table
3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance

Part IV Supplemental Information.

Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
PROCEDURE FOR MONITORING GRANTS IN THE U S	PART I, LINE 2	SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2 THE ACTION FUND REQUIRES ANY GRANTEE ORGANIZATION TO REPRESENT, WARRANT AND AGREE THAT IT WILL USE GRANT FUNDS SOLELY FOR PURPOSES CONSISTENT WITH THE ACTION FUND'S TAX-EXEMPT STATUS UNDER SECTION 501(C)(4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, THAT NO PORTION OF GRANT FUNDS WILL BE USED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO EXPRESSLY OR IMPLICITLY SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ANY CANDIDATE SEEKING ELECTION TO PUBLIC OFFICE OR PROVIDE A BENEFIT TO ANY POLITICAL PARTY OR CANDIDATE, THAT IT WILL ALLOW THE ACTION FUND STAFF OR REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT EVALUATIONS AND AUDITS OF THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS, WHICH MAY INVOLVE VISITS TO OBSERVE, REVIEW AND DISCUSS ITS OPERATIONS, FINANCIAL RECORDS, AND OTHER MATERIALS CONNECTED WITH THE GRANTEE, AND THAT IT WILL SEND THE ACTION FUND FINAL FINANCIAL AND NARRATIVE REPORTS BY A DATE SPECIFIED IN THE ORIGINAL AWARD LETTER THE ACTION FUND REQUIRES DONEE ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE NARRATIVE AND FINANCIAL REPORTS THAT ARE SIGNED BY AN OFFICER OF THE ORGANIZATION, DESCRIBE HOW THE FUNDS WERE SPENT AND WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED, AND PROVIDE A REASONABLY DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE GRANTEE IN PERFORMANCE OF THE AGREED UPON WORK

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

- 1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.
- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?

If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1b		
2		
4a		No
4b		No
4c		No
5a		No
5b		No
6a		No
6b		No
7		No
8		No
9		

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported as deferred in prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) TOM PERRIELLO PRESIDENT & CEO	(i)	164,106	0	0	14,770	3,962	182,838	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(2) JOSEPH ROMM FELLOW	(i)	145,937	0	0	7,297	1,281	154,515	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(3) JUDD LEGUM VP, COMM & EDITOR IN CHIEF	(i)	141,502	0	0	7,065	5,256	153,823	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT WORKS DIRECTLY WITH AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTING FIRM TO PREPARE THE FEDERAL FORM 990 ON BEHALF OF THE ACTION FUND THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT MANAGED THE PROCESS, WITH CLOSE COORDINATION WITH THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT THE ACCOUNTING FIRM PROVIDED A DRAFT FORM 990, WHICH IS REVIEWED AND COMMENTED ON BY FINANCE, LEGAL AND THE CORPORATE OFFICERS THE COMPLETE DRAFT FORM 990 AND SUMMARY MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION ON BEHALF OF THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTOR THE AUDIT COMMITTEE IS OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE MATERIALS WITH THE ACTION FUND STAFF AND THE ACCOUNTING FIRM THAT PREPARED THE FEDERAL FORM 990 THE AUDIT COMMITTEE APPROVED THE DRAFT FORM 990 AND THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECEIVED THE APPROVED VERSION BEFORE FILING WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	THE ACTION FUND IS COMMITTED TO PREVENTING OUTSIDE FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF ITS BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES FROM INFLUENCING ITS ACTIVITIES TO THAT END, IT HAS ADOPTED AND ENFORCES POLICIES TO PREVENT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND THE APPEARANCE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, INCLUDING SEPARATE POLICIES GOVERNING (1) OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND KEY EMPLOYEES, AND (2) ALL EMPLOYEES COMPLIANCE WITH POLICIES GOVERNING OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND KEY EMPLOYEES OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND KEY EMPLOYEES RECEIVE A COPY OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ANNUALLY, AND ARE ASKED TO REVIEW THE POLICY AND SIGN AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AFFIRMING RECEIPT, REVIEW AND AGREEMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE POLICY, AS WELL AS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ACTION FUND IS A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION IN ADDITION, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND KEY EMPLOYEES ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE QUESTIONNAIRE, WHICH SEEKS DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS, ARRANGEMENTS AND TRANSACTIONS IN ORDER TO DETERMINE INDEPENDENCE AND THE EXISTENCE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST THESE POLICIES DESCRIBE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS, PROVIDE MEANS FOR DISCLOSURE, AND PROVIDES PROCESSES FOR INVESTIGATING AND RESOLVING POTENTIAL CONFLICTS

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
		THE ACTION FUND OPERATES UNDER A COST SHARING AGREEMENT WITH CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS (CAP), APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EACH ORGANIZATION, UNDER WHICH CAP EMPLOYS BOTH ORGANIZATIONS' STAFFS AND PAYS FOR GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, AND THE ACTION FUND REIMBURSES CAP FOR ITS SHARE OF THESE EXPENSES. COMPENSATION FOR STAFF AND FELLOWS IS SET BY THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF CAP'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE ACTION FUND RELIES ON THE PRACTICES PUT IN PLACE BY CAP'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ENSURE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION IS NOT EXCESSIVE.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ACTION FUND MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. THE ACTION FUND'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE INCLUDED IN ITS FORM 1024, APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 501(C)(4). CHANGES TO ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE FILED WITH ITS FEDERAL FORM 990. BOTH FORMS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUESTS RECEIVED AT ITS WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE. THE ACTION FUND'S FEDERAL FORM 990 IS ALSO MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BY WAY OF THE ONLINE INFORMATION SERVICE, GUIDESTAR.ORG. THE ACTION FUND'S AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST AT ITS WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE. THE ACTION FUND'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AUDITED BY AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. THE ACTION FUND'S AUDIT COMMITTEE, ACTING WITH DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON BEHALF OF THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OVERSEES ALL ASPECTS OF THE ORGANIZATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT. EACH YEAR, THE AUDIT COMMITTEE APPROVES THE ORGANIZATION'S AUDITOR. AT ANY STAGE OF THE AUDIT, THE AUDIT COMMITTEE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE AUDITOR WITH OR WITHOUT THE ACTION FUND MANAGEMENT OR STAFF PRESENT. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUDIT, THE AUDIT COMMITTEE REVIEWS THE AUDIT REPORT, WHICH INCLUDES COMMUNICATIONS TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE REQUIRED UNDER STATEMENT OF AUDITING STANDARDS #114. AFTER ITS REVIEW AND DISCUSSION WITH THE AUDITOR, THE AUDIT COMMITTEE VOTES TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE AUDIT.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	FORM 990, PART V, LINE 2A	IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY THE IRS, THE ACTION FUND HAS REPORTED ZERO EMPLOYEES ON PART V, LINE 2A AND PART I, LINE 5 HOWEVER THE CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS, AN AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION, SHARES 263 EMPLOYEES WITH THE ACTION FUND INCLUDING PERSONS LISTED ON PART VII OF THE FORM 990