

# **Campaign for America's Future**

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The Campaign for America's Future is a center for issue advocacy, communications, and coalition-building to forge a new American majority for progressive reform. The Campaign for America's Future is shaping forward-looking alliances around strategic policy initiatives to produce expanded economic opportunity, social justice, a healthy environment, and a more democratic society.

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The Institute for America's Future is an "action institute" which conducts educational and research activities designed to empower citizens to shape the debate about our country's economic future. In an era when conservative policies have produced growing insecurity and glaring inequality, our strategic focus is on kitchen-table issues of concern to all Americans: jobs, education, health care, energy independence and retirement security.

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John J. Sweeney

A life-long commitment to the American labor movement began in his childhood when his father, a New York City bus driver, took him to numerous union meetings sowing the seeds for a career that culminated in his election as President of the AFL-CIO—and his 14 years of leadership and service in that important position.

John Sweeney's steady march to the head of the Federation is filled with years of successes, from his first job with the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union to his rise through the ranks of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). In 1980, Brother Sweeney was elected president of SEIU, which grew from 625,000 to 1.1 million members during his 15 years of leadership, a result of his pushing for rapid expansion into new sectors, organizing nursing home workers, office workers and maintenance workers in the health care field and business offices.

Currently in his fourth term at the AFL-CIO, he was elected to the post in 1995 on a platform of revitalizing the federation. The election was the first contested election in AFL-CIO history. Today, the federation has 56 affiliated unions and 11 million members, including 2.5 million members in Working America, its community affiliate.

The author of *America Needs A Raise, Fighting for Economic Security and Social Justice*, published in 1996, John Sweeney has a degree in economics from Iona College in New Rochelle, New York and a number of honorary degrees from universities around the country. He and his wife, Maureen, a former New York City school teacher, have two grown children, John and Patricia.

For his lifelong commitment to workers and his leadership in the fight for social and economic justice, we are proud to present the America's Future Lifetime Leadership Award to John Sweeney.

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