

# Biden-Harris Elected

In its [Statement Congratulating President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris](#), CAPAC looks forward to working with the new administration "to combat the dual health and economic crises we are facing, tackle systemic racism and injustice, and deliver results For The People."

Kamala Harris broke one of the highest glass ceilings by becoming the first woman, first Asian American, and first African American elected to serve in the second-most-powerful position in the United States.

Science and Racial Justice were major themes of speeches by both the President-Election and Vice President-Elect on November 7, 2020. Joe Biden described his mandate as:

"Americans have called on us to marshal the forces of decency and the forces of fairness. To marshal the forces of science and the forces of hope in the great battles of our time.

The battle to control the virus. The battle to build prosperity. The battle to secure your family's health care. The battle to achieve racial justice and root out systemic racism in this country. The battle to save the climate. The battle to restore decency, defend democracy, and give everybody in this country a fair shot."

Kamala Harris cited the American people chose "hope, unity, decency, science, and yes, truth" in electing Joe Biden the 46th president of the U.S.

## Second Webinar on Policy Needs for the Future of U.S. Science and Scientist

Following the inaugural webinar on [The Human and Scientific Costs of The "China Initiative,"](#) the second of our webinar series examines the policy reforms needed to protect U.S. science and scientists. The Justice Department's profiling of scientists of Chinese and Asian heritage and criminalizing administrative issues are unjust and discriminatory. These actions also deviate from existing national policy on fundamental research that has been in effect since the 1980s and officially reaffirmed in 2001 and 2010. The China Initiative's over-zealous, xenophobic targeting drives needed scientific talents away from our nation. Our expert panel will discuss constructive policy ideas and changes to ensure U.S. research security and to protect the future of American science and innovation.

**Related Links:**

APA Justice: [National Science Foundation's Fundamental Research Security \(JASON\) Report](#)

2020/09/30 American Academy of Arts and Sciences: [Inadequate Investment: America, China, and the Future of Innovation](#)

2020/08/25 Margaret Lewis: [Criminalizing China](#), to appear in Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology, Vol. 111, No. 1, 2020

2020/03/04 Xiaoxing Xi: [Andrei Sakharov Prize Talk: Scientific Espionage, Open Exchange, and American Competitiveness](#) (expanded version)

## Upcoming Events

2020/11/10 UPenn Center for the Study of Contemporary China: [National Committee on U.S.-China Relations 2020 "China Town Hall" Webinar](#). As the United States prepare for a transition from the Trump presidency to a Biden administration, what effect will each country's handling of the ongoing challenges of COVID-19 have on bilateral relations? What are the prospects for more cooperation over COVID and, in turn, other issues?

2020/11/10 [Chinese American Museum Online Webinar](#): A discussion about more than 20,000 Chinese Americans that served in World War II and the news book "Honor and Duty" by E. Samantha Cheng

2020/11/10 Museum of Chinese in America Tea House Reading Club: [The Election and Asian American Civic Engagement](#)

2020/11/14 Pivot to Peace Online Webinar: [Chinese Americans United Against the New Cold War](#). Racial scapegoating of Chinese-Americans and Asian-Americans continue to rise and has become "normalized" as a consequence of relentless and pervasive China-bashing by the current administration and the main stream media.

2020/11/15 UCSD School of Global Policy and Strategy Press Conference and Webinar: [New American Strategy for U.S.-China Science and Technology Competition](#). The discussion, featuring key authors, will center on the report's recommendations for how the U.S. can maintain its competitive edge while enhancing innovation and protecting national security.

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