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## **Progressive Groups Offer Insight and Analysis into White House Plan for Afghanistan: Foreign Policy Experts Weigh In**

(Washington, DC) Representatives of six major progressive organizations – the Truman National Security Project, the Center for American Progress, the Progressive Policy Institute, the National Security Network, Third Way, and the New Strategic Security Initiative – will be available for comment and analysis on Wednesday morning after the President speaks to the nation on the Administration's plans to boost troop levels and revitalize our strategic commitment to Afghanistan.

"The narrative so far is that the left is against sending more troops and the right is for it," said Jim Arkedis, Director of the National Security Project at the Progressive Policy Institute. "But that's not the reality of the situation. There are reasons for progressives to take heart from much of the President's new strategy, as well as reasons to tread carefully. We want to make sure all those voices are heard."

**WHO:**

**Gen. Paul Eaton (Ret.)**, Senior Adviser, National Security Network

**Rachel Kleinfeld**, CEO, Truman National Security Project

**Brian Katulis**, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress

**Jim Arkedis**, Director of the National Security Project, Progressive Policy Institute

**Andy Johnson**, Director, Third Way National Security Program

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**Frankie Sturm**, Communications Director, Truman National Security Project (Moderator)

**WHAT:**

Conference call to discuss President Obama's Afghanistan speech and the future of US involvement in Afghanistan.

**WHEN:**

Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at 10:00AM

**CALL INFO:**

Dial In: 712-775-7000

Access Code: 254870#

