

Strengthening Democracy and the Role of Business



At today's State of American Business event Gregori Lebedev, Chairman of the [Center for International Private Enterprise \(CIPE\)](#), a Chamber affiliate organization, led a special discussion about what actions the American business community can take to strengthen our democracy in the wake of last week's violent events at the U.S. Capitol.

Key takeaways:

- “Democracy is about leadership, not just political leadership, but leadership across the board, and business is part of that leadership equation,” said CIPE Executive Director Andrew Wilson.
- “Business is a powerful platform, it can impact a wide audience, and it can provide calm and consistency during a crisis,” said Marlene M. Colucci, Executive Director of The Business Council. “It’s so important that businesses play a good role and show a purpose for good.”

Big picture: Democracy needs business, and business needs democracy. Businesses flourish in a stable environment where there is freedom to innovate and opportunity for partnership with civil society to address economic and social challenges. For people to undertake the hard work of democracy, they need to see its benefits—a better life, a job, and prosperity.

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