



# Congressional Testimonies from Wilson Center Experts in 2021

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## Cynthia Arnson, Director of the Latin American Program

Testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the Way Forward for Venezuela, March 3, 2021

**"The United States can and must play a leading role in mobilizing sufficient resources for Colombia as well as other front-line nations directly impacted by Venezuela's ongoing meltdown."**

## Sherri Goodman, Senior Fellow with the Polar Institute & Environmental Change and Security Program

Testified before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense on Climate Change, National Security, and the Arctic, March 17, 2021

**"Climate change presents a direct threat to U.S. national security and must be integrated into defense strategy, planning, and programs at all levels."**



## Aynne Kokas, Wilson Center China Fellow

Testified before the Senate Committee on Finance on U.S.-China Relations: Improving U.S. Competitiveness Through Trade, April 28, 2021

**"While such censorship or narrative decisions that favor the Chinese market were concerning when the US was the largest market in the world, they become even more central with China as the world's largest film market."**



## Nina Jankowicz, Disinformation Fellow in the Science and Technology Innovation Program

Testified before the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems on "Tech & Information Warfare: The Competition for Influence and the DOD, April 30th, 2021

**"Disinformation is not a partisan issue. As we witnessed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and on January 6th [2021], it affects public health, safety, and our democratic process. It is crucial that Congress understand this. Otherwise, we remain vulnerable."**

## Aaron Jones, Director of Congressional Relations

Testified before the U.S. House Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress on Staff Capacity: Improving Professional Development, Increasing Retention & Competing for Top Talent, May 6th, 2021



**"Our job, as people who care about our country and this institution, is to continue to provide these opportunities and to make sure we do not create a self-fulfilling prophecy where we say there is no bipartisanship, therefore, we must make it so."**



## Yuval Weber, Global Fellow with the Kennan Institute

Testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Understanding Authoritarianism and Kleptocracy in Russia, May 27th, 2021

**"Authoritarianism and kleptocracy are important tools for Putin because limiting the ability of regular Russians to participate in their country's political and economic life is the very mechanism by which Putin has held on to power for all this time."**

## Abraham Denmark, Director of the Asia Program

Testified before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission on China's Nuclear Forces, June 10, 2021



**"The credibility of U.S. extended deterrence commitments is under pressure in the Indo-Pacific. This is a challenge Washington should take seriously. Yet, while the challenges are significant, they are not insurmountable."**



## Hallam Ferguson, Public Policy Fellow of the Wilson Center

Testified before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism on COVID-19 in the MENA Region, June 23, 2021

**"People in the Middle East need to know that the United States is standing with them during this time, and they need to see our flag. Too many of them only see China's."**