

The Arizona Initiative



Arizona State University

Past, present and future.

Senior Research Fellow David Berman takes a look at the overall operation of the initiative process, the likely consequences of and the challenges to the measures adopted, as well as what further changes are likely or might be on the horizon.



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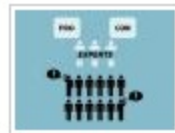
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Featured Projects

Kyl Center for Water Policy

The Kyl Center for Water Policy at Morrison Institute seeks to generate policy proposals for public evaluation and subsequent consideration for possible action or adoption. An Arizona State University resource, the Kyl Center promotes research, analysis, collaboration and open dialogue to identify opportunities for consensus to ensure sound water stewardship for Arizona and the Western region for generations to come.

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Arizona Citizens' Initiative Review offers key findings on pension ballot issue

Morrison Institute for Public Policy conducted Arizona's first Citizens' Initiative Review – a direct-democracy, citizen-participant project to help voters better understand complex ballot issues – Sept. 18-21 at the Phoenix Convention Center. Participants offered their key findings and pros and con related to the Phoenix initiative on pension reform (Proposition 487).

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Economic Development in Arizona

Morrison Institute is providing research and analysis support to Arizona Commerce Authority over the next two years to develop a process to continually evaluate and refine the state's economic development opportunities. Posted are 31 overview and executive summaries from recent years of various economic development reports for Arizona.

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Career and Technical Education

Challenges facing CTE are likely to be overcome only if policymakers, parents, school officials and the business community work together.

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Morrison Institute Welcomes You

Welcome to the Morrison Institute for Public Policy in the College of Public Service & Community Solutions at ASU. Currently, our group of researchers is engaged in several projects studying and advising the state of Arizona with regard to past and future policy. To see more information about the mission and staff, please see the [About](#) section.

While other institutions may single out for study a particular side of an argument, Morrison Institute has developed a uniquely non-partisan model recognizing that Arizona's past and future always favors independence. Our research must cut across all boundaries of age, ethnicity, gender, economic status, and locale. That's why research undertaken by Morrison Institute addresses all sides of an issue and all those impacted by the policy enacted.

Our Seven Areas of Focus [DOWNLOAD PDF](#)

- **WATER:** Arizona and the West's water futures
- **EDUCATION:** The evolving role of education in a new economy
- **GOVERNANCE:** Governance, elections and voter engagement
- **CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS:** The growing Latino and aging populations
- **ECONOMIC GROWTH:** Expand, diversify and enhance trade with regional partners
- **CRIMINAL JUSTICE:** Courts, domestic violence and criminal justice policy
- **HUMAN SERVICES & HEALTH:** Health care and social service program evaluation

Latino Public Policy Center



The **Latino Center** was launched in 2012 to help clarify the impact of Latino-related issues, public policy and trends on Arizona's collective future. The Latino Center provides nonpartisan and credible data, analysis, expertise and content to policy makers, educators, news media, business and community leaders for better-informed decisions regarding Arizona's changing demographics.



ARIZONA CAPITOL TIMES

The *Arizona Capitol Times* has named Morrison Institute for Public Policy as one of its **2016 Leaders of the Year in Public Policy**, with the Arizona State University center being recognized for its contributions to education.

Morrison Institute, which will celebrate its 35th year in 2017, has a longstanding reputation for bringing education issues to the forefront in terms of economic and workforce development and its intrinsic link to a prosperous future for the state and its residents.



News | Blogs | Events

5/16: Tribune: Columnist gives teacher her due

In a column in the *East Valley Tribune*, David Leibowitz wrote an ode to a teacher from his past, stating "I was a hyperactive hippie kid with hair to his shoulders and frayed Sears bell-bottoms covered in iron-on patches. Mrs. Schoenbach..."

5/12: Money Radio: Financial Review for 05-11-2017

Dan Hunting, senior policy analyst with Morrison Institute at ASU was a guest on *Money Radio*, speaking on the new report "*Findings & Keeping Teachers for Arizona's Classrooms*..."

5/12: Independent: Repealing school voucher expansion

The *Arizona City Independent* reported that there is a referendum drive to void SB 1431, signed by Gov. Doug Ducky last month, that calls for a four-year, phased-in expansion of the state's Education Savings Account program. ...

5/12: Review-Journal: Public employees receiving generous payouts

The *Las Vegas Review-Journal* published an editorial in response to a *Wall Street Journal* story detailing six-figure sick-day payouts to government workers and noted that about one-fifth of all Clark County Nevada workers pulled...

5/11: Horizon: Arizona teacher crisis

Arizona is facing a teacher shortage, with recruitment of new teachers, retention of old ones and teacher pay at crisis levels. Arizona State University's Morrison Institute for Public Policy has a new report out on the issue....

5/11: Daily Star: Ruling party gets its way

An editorial in the *Arizona Daily Star* noted that the legislative session began with signs of a more collaborative way of doing business at the Capitol, but when it came down to the rough dealing in the last weeks of the session on the...

Reilly: Arizona's independents can bridge political divide

Voters today are not so much shaped by news as the news is shaped for them. In cafeteria-style format, we consume news from a personalized menu that, in addition to informing us, satisfies our appetite for reinforcing our individual beliefs....

5/10: Governor discusses low teacher pay noted in Morrison Institute report

Channel 8 *Arizona Horizon* host Ted Simons interviewed Arizona Governor Doug Ducey on Tuesday about legislative issues, including the budget and education funding. The Governor called the legislative session "a win for education with an..."

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