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Middle Eastern Expert Flynt Leverett Joins New America Foundation

Leverett to lead Global Energy Initiative of the American Strategy Program

WASHINGTON, DC (June 20, 2006) — The New America Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of Flynt Leverett as a Senior Fellow and Director of the Geopolitics and Geoeconomics of Energy Security Project in New America's American Strategy Program. Dr. Leverett will continue his renowned research and writing on Middle Eastern affairs and will develop a comprehensive, solutions-based strategy to address the rapidly changing nature of the international energy industry.

"As America and the world grapple with an unprecedented level of turmoil in the Middle East where further missteps could unhinge the entire geopolitical order, Flynt Leverett provides clear-headed, innovative analysis and pragmatic policy solutions," said Steve Clemons, Director of the American Strategy Program.

Before joining New America, Dr. Leverett was a senior fellow at The Brookings Institution's Saban Center for Middle East Policy. Prior to that, he had a distinguished career in government, serving as Senior Director for Middle East affairs at the National Security Council, Middle East expert on the Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff, and Senior Analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency.

Dr. Leverett is the author of *Inheriting Syria: Bashar's Trial By Fire* and has published articles on the strategic implications of energy market trends, China's energy-driven engagement in the Middle East, Middle Eastern regional security, intelligence reform, and other issues in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Financial Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and numerous other publications. He is also a frequent guest on television shows, including, CNN's *Capitol Gang* and *Lou Dobbs Tonight*, BBC's *The Doha Debates* and *Hard Talk*, C-SPAN's *Washington Journal*, NPR's *Fresh Air*, PBS's *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, and *The Daily Show With Jon Stewart*. He holds a Ph.D. in politics from Princeton University and is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

About the American Strategy Program at New America

The purpose of the American Strategy Project is to promote a new American internationalism by updating what is best in America's foreign policy tradition for the 21st century. A foreign policy strategy guided by American internationalism would combine a tough-minded realism about America's interests in the world with a pragmatic idealism about the kind of world order that is best suited to America's democratic way of life. Please visit our web site for more information on New America's [American Strategy Program](#).