Our Purpose
The Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy supports scholarly research, public affairs programs, and other activities at the intersection of government and business. The Center serves as a bridge between scholars, policymakers, and the public.

About the Weidenbaum Center
Founded in 1975 by economist Murray Weidenbaum as a nonprofit, non-partisan research organization at Washington University in St. Louis, the Center supports scholarly research in the areas of economics, government, and public policy. It works closely with the Departments of Economics, Political Science, and Sociology, funding important start-up research, facilitating outside grantsmanship, and conducting monthly surveys under its innovative The American Panel Survey (TAPS). In addition, the Center has a multifaceted program of research, public outreach (lectures, meetings, debates, forums, retreats), publications, and online resources. It works to educate and shed light on key public policy issues at the intersection of business and government. This is achieved through interaction with policymakers and influential individuals in business, government, academia, and the media.

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Leadership Team
The Weidenbaum Center’s leadership team cuts a wide swath through the social sciences. It is led by Director Steven Smith, a prominent political scientist, and Associate Director, Steven Fazzari, a leading economist and chair of the University’s Department of Sociology. Research Fellows from the Departments of Economics and Political Science and Distinguished Executive in Residence Richard Mahoney serve as leadership advisors.

Steven Smith
Steven Fazzari
The Center supports faculty research and grantsmanship in the Department of Economics, the Department of Political Science, the Department of Sociology, and other programs through a variety of activities. It:

- provides small and medium grants to initiate and encourage faculty research and development
- helps identify research funding opportunities and helps prepare grant requests
- supports major research programs that combine research, conferences, and public affairs
- sponsors workshops and conferences that facilitate scholarly exchange and coordinate the review of academic work in progress

Many unique research, writing, and publication opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students are provided. Its scholars program and its small grants program enable students to work on major research projects with faculty in the Departments of Economics, Political Science, and Sociology.

Research Programs
The Center supports research and grantsmanship through various programs, including:

- **The American Panel Survey (TAPS)**
  
  This Center panel survey is a monthly online survey of a national probability sample of approximately 2,000 adults in the United States. A variety of social science investigators use the panel primarily for cutting-edge research on the economic and political attitudes and behavior of the American public. It allows:
  
  - measurement of change at the individual level
  - accumulation of data about individual respondents
  - data collection from census and other sources
  
  Survey results create a steady flow of opportunities for policy experts to evaluate and address important issues of the day.

Publications
The Center produces various types of publications for its diverse audience. It releases reports, occasional papers, books, and scholarly volumes (both in economics and political science). A key publication is its annual regulatory report which tracks the expenditures of federal regulatory agencies and their staff. This report is extensively referenced in textbooks, government papers, and newspapers.

Student Programs
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