

OHIO LISTENING TOUR

FUNDAMENTALS

OA-AEI-Brookings study group. A bipartisan group of scholars and policy experts spent a year working to craft policy proposals to expand opportunity for the working class.

Goal. Members of the group will spend 48 hours in northeast Ohio, discussing their recommendations with local officials, economic planners and regional media and getting feedback from people in working-class enclaves.

Where. Northeast, Ohio – Cleveland, Akron and Youngstown

When. Monday, October 1 & Tuesday, October 2

Activities. Activities will include a public convening, a meeting to jumpstart an Opportunity Zone working group, an editorial board visit and a meeting with workforce educators at a local community college.

Hosts/sponsors. [Team NEO](#) works to advance economic development in northeast Ohio, using research, marketing and workforce data to make the case to investors, attract businesses to the region and help local companies grow.

[The City Club of the Mahoning Valley](#) partners with the local NPR and PBS stations to sponsor public forums on civic issues in Cleveland and Youngstown.

The [Lorain County Growth Partnership](#) brings together educators, employers, economic planners and workforce professionals to help Lorain County compete more effectively in a regional and global marketplace.

The [Greater Akron Chamber](#) works to drive economic development in the Greater Akron Region

Media. NPR affiliate WYSU will broadcast the public event.

SCHEDULE

MONDAY, OCT 1

- Meeting with editors at *Crain's Cleveland Business*
- Meeting with editors at the *Youngstown Vindicator*
- Public [event](#) at the City Club of the Mahoning Valley

TUESDAY, OCT 2

- Roundtable with Lorain County Community College workforce educators
- Planning meeting to seed an Opportunity Zone working group, Akron Chamber

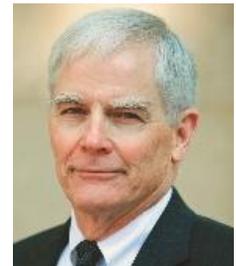


WORKING CLASS GROUP DELEGATION



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Tamar Jacoby is president of Opportunity America. A former journalist and author, she was a senior writer and justice editor at *Newsweek* and, before that, the deputy editor of the *New York Times* op-ed page. She is the author of *Someone Else's House: America's Unfinished Struggle for Integration* (1998), and editor of *Reinventing the Melting Pot: The New Immigrants and What It Means to Be American* (2004).

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