

American in One Room: Expert Panelists

ECONOMY/TAXES

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ENVIRONMENT

PETER GOLDMARK is an environmental activist. He is the former Director of the Environmental Defense Fund's climate and air program. Goldmark has served in New York state government, been a newspaper publisher, as well as the president of the Rockefeller Foundation. Throughout his long and varied career, environmental advocacy has been a constant thread.

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FOREIGN POLICY

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HEALTH CARE

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IMMIGRATION

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