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## Will Obama's Strategies Pay Off?

President Obama is pursuing high risk domestic and national security policies. What are the possible consequences for American policy and politics? [Vin Weber \(/people/vweber/\)](/people/vweber/), former Member of Congress, leading national figure in the Republican Party, and Humphrey School senior fellow, will discuss the new policies of the Obama Administration with political scientist and director of the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance, [Lawrence R. Jacobs \(/people/ljacobs/\)](/people/ljacobs/).



### VIN WEBER

Vin Weber is a senior fellow at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs. He is also actively involved in the Humphrey School Policy Fellows program. He served in Congress from 1981 to 1993, representing Minnesota's Second Congressional District. He is a partner at Clark & Weinstock, a consulting firm that provides strategic advice to institutions with matters before the legislative and executive branches of the federal government.

Prior to opening Clark & Weinstock's Washington office in 1994, Weber was president — and co-director with Jack Kemp, Jeane Kirkpatrick and Bill Bennett — of Empower America, a public policy advocacy group. He is a trustee of the German Marshall Fund, co-director of the Aspen Institute's Domestic Policy Project, member of the Visiting Committee for the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, and council member of the National Council for Political Management at George Washington University. In 2001, he was elected chairman of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), a private, nonprofit organization designed to strengthen democratic institutions around the world through nongovernmental efforts. Weber is a regular commentator on National Public Radio and is often sought as a political analyst for network programs such as CNN's *Capital Gang*.

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