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## A ‘NEED’ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### *Unfilled Niches that NEED to be Filled*

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**BIG PICTURE**: 2020 showed us that we need many changes in direction, more than ever, and while there are some great players (think tanks) on the field, we need to revise the team, some, or we’ll keep going in the direction we’re going now.

**IOPA Strategy**: Package diverse, well-researched perspectives into objective ‘assessments,’ including polite condemnation of common misleading uses of key terms.

**K-12 School System Reform**: My [School System Reform](#) describes serious knowledge gaps.

**Fiscal Sustainability**: Sleepwalking into mega-crisis; [need attention](#) to political feasibility of credible fiscal rules and austerity policies; federal and state.

**Climate Change Debate Assessment**: Because “getting this wrong will be very costly,” we must reconcile numerous highly credentialed, diverse positions.

**Income Inequality**: Little or no recognition – which is [wrecking Chile](#) - that income mobility determines whether significant income inequality is great, irrelevant, or worthy of some concern.

**Risk Comparison**: The pandemic reminded us that the political process needs to better address the risk du jour alongside risks created by responses to the risk du jour.

**Managed Trade**: There will be more government intervention into international trade, which had better get us to do it better, including much more out in the open.

**Vote Integrity/Fatigue**: Counting challenges and long ballots facilitate fraud and exacerbate low information voting, which yields low/no accountability political power; much awareness-raising occurring now; more needed.

**Health Care**: To avoid single-payer, we need to explore still-very-efficient, kinder-gentler-appearing strategies for maximizing coverage and access.

**When Political Competition is Not Helpful**: Rare, but important and rarely recognized.

**When Choice is Not Helpful**: Rare, but important and rarely recognized.

**Disaster Response**: We need a more efficient, still politically correct attitude toward price change in a disaster aftermath.

**Accountability Perspectives**: Well-aligned incentives and sunshine as ‘disinfectant.’