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Results for America, American Enterprise Institute and *Washington Monthly* to Host Roundtable Discussion Examining How Bloomberg Administration Used Data and Evidence to Reduce Poverty in NYC

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On **Thursday, July 14**, Results for America (RFA) and the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), in conjunction with the *Washington Monthly*, will host a roundtable discussion examining the innovative anti-poverty strategies of the New York City’s Center for Economic Opportunity during the Bloomberg Administration and the potential of these strategies to inform federal anti-poverty efforts.

The discussion will feature RFA Senior Fellows **Robert Doar** and **Linda Gibbs**, who will provide their on-the-ground perspective as former members of the Bloomberg Administration on the evidence-based and data-driven decision-making that was so successful in New York City. Doar and Gibbs will be joined by federal policy experts **Melody Barnes** and **Gordon Berlin** to discuss their work and lessons for federal policymakers to apply to national efforts to reduce poverty. The discussion will be moderated by *Washington Monthly* Editor-in-Chief Paul Glastris.

WHAT: **RFA – AEI – Washington Monthly Roundtable Discussion**, “What Works to Combat Poverty: Lessons from New York City’s Center for Economic Opportunity”

WHO: **Melody Barnes**, Co-Founder and Principal of MB2 Solutions LLC; Vice Provost for Global Student Leadership Initiatives at New York University; Former Assistant to the President and Director, Domestic Policy Council (Obama); Results for America Senior Fellow
Gordon Berlin, President, MDRC
Robert Doar, Morgridge Fellow in Poverty Studies at AEI; Former Commissioner of New York City’s Human Resources Administration (Bloomberg)
Linda Gibbs, Principal with Bloomberg Associates; Former New York City Deputy Mayor of Health and Human Services (Bloomberg)
Paul Glastris, Editor-in-Chief, the *Washington Monthly* (Moderator)

WHERE: Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

Washington Center, Johns Hopkins University
Kenny-Herter Auditorium
1740 Massachusetts Ave, NW Washington, DC 20036

WHEN: July 14, 2016: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. EDT

HOW: Media interested in attending should contact Tiffany Edwards at Tiffany@blueenginemediacom. A livestream of the event will be available at: <http://results4america.org/press-room/works-combat-poverty-lessons-new-york-citys-center-economic-opportunity/>.

About Results for America

Results for America is improving outcomes for young people, their families and communities by shifting public resources toward practices, policies, and programs that use evidence and data to improve quality and get better results. In a climate of constrained resources and mounting demands, we know that public funds must increasingly be invested in “what works.”

In November, 2014, Results for America published [*Moneyball for Government*](#), the national bestselling book that brings together a group of bipartisan leaders and makes the case for government at all levels to inform public policy and funding decisions by using the best possible data, evidence and evaluation about what works. In January, 2016, RFA published the second edition of *Moneyball for Government* featuring a new bipartisan chapter about the importance of using data and evidence to drive U.S. foreign assistance. For more information about Results for America, [click here](#).

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