

# Scott Winship

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## Education

**Harvard University**, Ph.D. awarded June 2009, Social Policy.  
M.A. awarded June 2005, Sociology.  
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship awarded March 2001.  
Doctoral Fellow, Multidisciplinary Program on Inequality and Social Policy, Harvard University awarded May 2001.

**Northwestern University**, B.A. awarded 1995, Sociology and Urban Studies, with Departmental Honors.

## Relevant Experience

*April 2008 to present*

**Research Manager**, Economic Mobility Project, Pew Charitable Trusts. Responsible for developing and managing the research agenda for the Project, which is focused on understanding the role and extent of mobility in the United States. Select subjects of reports to commission, plan out research strategies, and evaluate proposals. Work with contractors to assure the validity of the analyses and the quality of the writing. Conduct my own original research for the project. Assess the opportunities for the Project's future policy agenda.

*May 2007 to February 2008*

**Senior Policy Advisor**, Third Way, Middle Class Program. Primary responsibility for development of Third Way's 2008 federal economic and social policy agenda. Researched policy problems and assessed potential solutions. Produced cost estimates for policy proposals. Analyzed political, polling, and demographic data to inform progressive strategy development and messaging as they related to middle class voters.

*October 2006 to April 2007*

**Consultant** for Third Way. Two projects. Authored an assessment of the politics of trade and globalization and how they affect Democratic policymakers' positions. I also authored an analysis of state ballot initiatives in the 2006 midterm elections related to same-sex marriage.

*March 2006 to March 2007*

**Managing Editor**, [www.TheDemocraticStrategist.org](http://www.TheDemocraticStrategist.org). Sole staff person, in charge of launching and running this online magazine edited by Stan Greenberg, Bill Galston, and Ruy Teixeira. Wrote my own blog column focused on analysis of political and polling data. Planned the editorial calendar, recruited writers, and copy-edited the pieces.

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## **Relevant Experience (continued)**

*Fall 2004 to Summer 2005*

**Research Assistant** for William Galston and Elaine C. Kamarck. In support of the influential “Politics of Polarization” paper, I processed and analyzed presidential election exit poll data and data from the National Election Study. Performed statistical work and presented and interpreted results.

*Spring 2003 to present*

**Co-Founder and Associate**, New Vision. Founded a student-run policy research organization dedicated to promoting opportunity. Recruited participants and an advisory board and drafted a mission statement. Created budgets and began fundraising. Lead author of its first policy brief, published by the Center for American Progress and converted into legislation by the Office of the Honorable Senator Barack Obama. The substance of the proposal was signed into law as a demonstration project as part of the America COMPETES Act of 2007.

*June 2000 to November 2005*

**Research Assistant** for Christopher Jencks, John F. Kennedy School of Government. Analyzed Current Population Survey data to examine trends in food problems among single mothers and their children. The goal was to determine how their well-being changed in the wake of welfare reform.

*October 1998 to May 2000*

**Policy Analyst**, Ascension Health, St. Louis, Missouri. Coordinated advocacy projects for the largest Catholic healthcare system in the U.S. Developed and maintained a system to inform executives of legislative developments. Surveyed and assessed affiliate efforts to expand healthcare coverage among children. Drafted letters to U.S. Senate staff and hospital trade organizations summarizing system positions on public policy issues.

## **Publications** *Empirical Blogging*

TPMCafe.com Special Features guest blogging, week of January 19, 2009; TPMCafe.com Table for One guest blogging, week of May 28, 2007; TPMCafe.com Book Club guest blogging, week of October 15, 2007. Posts may be found at <http://bit.ly/IIXvT>.

The Daily Strategist blog column, August 2006 through April 2007. Posts may be found at <http://bit.ly/16h3eS>.

*Other Articles and Publications*

“America the Polarized” *The New Republic*, (online edition), November, 2008. <http://www.tnr.com/politics/story.html?id=68e1a802-539d-4443-9a73-4901ce151188>.

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## Publications (continued) 2006

"Don't Ignore the Moderates!" *The Democratic Strategist*, October, 2006.

<http://www.thedemocraticstrategist.org/archives/06preelection/winshipRT.php>.

"No End of Ideology." *The American Prospect* (online edition), August 2, 2006. <http://www.prospect.org/cs/articles?articleId=11798>.

"No End of Ideology – Round 2." *The American Prospect* (online edition), August 8, 2006.

[http://www.prospect.org/cs/articles?article=no\\_end\\_of\\_ideology\\_round\\_2](http://www.prospect.org/cs/articles?article=no_end_of_ideology_round_2).

"Welfare Redux," with Christopher Jencks and Joseph Swingle. *The American Prospect*, March 10, 2006.

[http://www.prospect.org/cs/articles?article=welfare\\_redux\\_022006](http://www.prospect.org/cs/articles?article=welfare_redux_022006).

2005

"Promoting Educational Achievement and Opportunity Through Summer Scholarships," with Matissa Hollister, Joel Horwich, Pat Sharkey, and Christopher Wimer. Policy brief published by New Vision and the Center for American Progress.

[http://www.americanprogress.org/atf/cf/{E9245FE4-9A2B-43C7-A521-5D6FF2E06E03}/SUMMER\\_SCHOLARSHIP.PDF](http://www.americanprogress.org/atf/cf/{E9245FE4-9A2B-43C7-A521-5D6FF2E06E03}/SUMMER_SCHOLARSHIP.PDF).

2004

"Understanding welfare reform: The critics of welfare reform were wrong. That doesn't mean we should get even tougher on poor families," with Christopher Jencks. *Harvard Magazine* 107(2). November-December 2004.

<http://www.harvardmag.com/lib/04nd/pdf/1104-34.pdf>.

"Welfare reform worked – don't fix it," with Christopher Jencks. *Christian Science Monitor*. Wednesday, July 21, 2004.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2004/0721/p09s02-coop.html>.

"How Did the Social Policy Changes of the 1990s Affect Material Hardship among Single Mothers? Evidence from the CPS Food Security Supplement," with Christopher Jencks (Harvard University). KSG Faculty Research Working Paper RWP04-027.

[http://ksgnotes1.harvard.edu/Research/wpaper.nsf/rwp/RWP04-027/\\$File/rwp04\\_027\\_Winship\\_Jencks.pdf](http://ksgnotes1.harvard.edu/Research/wpaper.nsf/rwp/RWP04-027/$File/rwp04_027_Winship_Jencks.pdf).

## Other Citations

Political analysis provided in articles for *Salon*, *MTVNews.com*, and *The Huffington Post*. Research featured in Chapter 12 of Todd Gitlin's *The Bulldozer and the Big Tent* (Wiley, John, and Sons, 2007) and cited in articles for *The New Republic*, *In These Times*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *The New York Review of Books* and on numerous popular blogs.