

Volunteer Opportunity: Strategic Communications Advisor

Help shape the voice of a rising national security nonprofit

About the Forum

[The Security and Democracy Forum](https://www.securityanddemocracy.org) is an independent, nonpartisan nonprofit dedicated to advancing peace, principled security, and democratic resilience. We publish original research and commentary, cultivate emerging leaders, and convene honest dialogue on the role of security in a free society.

What We're Looking For

We're seeking a talented and mission-aligned volunteer to help lead and refine our communications strategy. This role is ideal for someone with a background in public affairs, media relations, strategic comms, or digital engagement who is excited to help shape the public face of a growing organization from the ground up.

Key Responsibilities

- Develop and implement a high-level communications strategy
- Refine messaging across platforms (web, newsletter, Substack, LinkedIn, X/Twitter)
- Help pitch op-eds and amplify thought leadership content
- Craft press releases and outreach to targeted media and congressional comms staff
- Guide brand identity and support visual content development

What You'll Gain

- A front-row seat in the launch and growth of a values-driven policy nonprofit
- Portfolio-worthy leadership in comms strategy, content, and outreach
- A flexible, collaborative working relationship with the Executive Director
- Visibility for your work in DC policy circles and online platforms

Time Commitment

Flexible—estimated 3–5 hours per week, depending on availability and goals. This is a volunteer role, though there may be future potential for stipends or paid engagement as the Forum grows.

Who You Are

- Strong writer and editor with a good eye for tone and audience
Knowledgeable about national security, democracy, or adjacent fields
- Comfortable with light graphic design, social media, and newsletter platforms (or willing to learn)
- Passionate about restoring trust in democratic institutions and public service

To Apply

Email graham@securityanddemocracy.org with a brief note about your interest, a resume or LinkedIn profile, and (if possible) one or two writing or communications samples.