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Editorial Review

Review

" *Show Me the Evidence* is a work of great insight and integrity by a respected Republican scholar, about Obama Administration initiatives to use scientific evidence on "what works" to guide government social spending. In a thorough and balanced account, the book depicts the vision and commitment of government officials willing to depart from the usual recipe of more spending as the answer to social problems, and to focus instead on whether money is being spent in ways that truly improve people's lives. These pages illuminate a path to effective government that transcends endless partisan debate about more spending versus less."?Jon Baron, President, Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy

"The quest to insert evidence into policy making is a long, hard slog. But Haskins and Margolis tell the tale of the fight for rigor and results like investigative reporters revealing Washington's innermost secrets. In this case, the players are working to find what works and convince elected leaders to fund and expand those programs. The stories Haskins and Margolis tell in *Show Me the Evidence* show that it's possible to convince policymakers to make decisions based on scientific fact. The more we do that, the more American citizens will see the benefits of programs that work. This insightful and engaging account of the effort to insert rigorous evidence into the policy debate shows that progress has been made. Whether the effort can be sustained across congresses and administrations remains to be seen."?Robert Shea, Grant Thornton LLC

"A hallmark of the Obama Administration is its evidence-based policy initiatives. *Show Me the Evidence* is a masterful examination of the challenges and benefits of using an evidence-based strategy to allocate scarce public funds for addressing the myriad social welfare concerns of the nation. The authors conducted case studies of the six evidence-based initiatives of the Obama Administration, which ranged from programs to improve prenatal and early childhood outcomes to programs aimed at improving college and career training outcomes. The authors make a compelling case that by creating a space at the table for evidence, the Obama administration has changed the public funding dynamic in important ways?it has raised the bar on "evidence of promise," created greater attention to and accountability for evidence of effectiveness, and stimulated more routine use of evidence to guide program improvement. The authors also demonstrate the feasibility and power of prioritizing randomized controlled trials for generating evidence to make decisions about efficient allocations of public funds to promote social welfare."?Rebecca A. Maynard, University Trustee Chair Professor of Education and Social Policy, University of Pennsylvania

"Throughout our history, social policy has been made largely by anecdote, self-interest, and ideology. In *Show Me the Evidence*, Ron Haskins and Greg Margolis tell the little-known story of the Obama administration's systematic attempt, in the midst of a deeply partisan political culture, to use evidence to drive government policy and budgets. Using the tools of investigative reporting to peer into the inner

workings of government and with a historian's eye for turning points, they reveal the strategies and tactics key actors used to turn the quest for evidence-based policymaking. Will the revolution they describe leave a legacy? The authors identify the challenges ahead, and drawing on personal experience in Congress, they offer a blueprint to each of the key players?government, philanthropy, and nonprofit organizations?for navigating the evidence-based movement's uncertain future. The stakes are high and the failure to do what works has produced cynicism among taxpayers about the ability of government to make a difference, but Haskins and Margolis show us the evidence that it doesn't have to be that way."?Gordon Berlin, President, MDRC

"Scholars of public policy often complain that government decides what to do on political grounds rather than "on the merits." In *Show Me the Evidence*, however, Haskins and Margolis describe the Obama administration's remarkable initiatives in "evidence-based policymaking." In these cases, programs have been funded based on hard evidence about "what works." The authors tell the story masterfully, based on exhaustive research. Their conclusions are cautious but hopeful: making policy on the merits has not yet triumphed, but it is advancing."?Larry Mead, Professor of Politics and Public Policy, New York University

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