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Avik S. A. Roy co-founded The Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity (FREOPP) in July of 2016. The non-partisan think tank researches policy that affects those below the average median income in the U.S. FREOPP has recently conducted studies on COVID-19 policy entitled “Reopening America’s Schools and Colleges During COVID-19” and “A New Strategy for Bringing People Back to Work During COVID-19.”

Avik has had a career in finance, journalism, and public policy. He worked as an analyst and portfolio manager at the investment firms Bain Capital and JPMorgan Chase before he left to found a healthcare-focused hedge fund. In early 2012, Roy founded Roy Healthcare Research, a health care policy research firm and worked as the principle.

His career in journalism began in 2009 with his blog *The Apothecary*, which focused on healthcare policy and the Affordable Care Act. In 2011 he became a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute with a focus on health care policy. In 2013 he published his book *How Medicaid Fails the Poor*. Through the Manhattan Institute he authored a proposal for health care entitled *Transcending Obamacare: A Patient-Centered Plan for Near-Universal Coverage and Permanent Fiscal Solvency* and *The Case Against Obamacare*. He worked at Forbes as a contributor in 2010, an opinion editor in 2014, and since 2018 has been a policy editor. He has made appearances as a commentator on Fox News, Fox Business, MSNBC, CNBC, Bloomberg Television, PBS’s Newshour, and HBO’s Real Time with Bill Maher.

His political and policy career includes work on Romney for President in 2012 as part of the Health Care Policy Advisory Group. Avik helped formulate Governor Romney’s national health reform plan and advised the campaign on other health care-related matters, including Medicare & Medicaid reform. Avik was a senior policy advisor for Perry for President in 2015. He led major policy initiatives on economic opportunity for all Americans, reforming Wall Street, and defeating Islamic jihad.

His current policy work, in addition to his role as president at FREOPP, includes membership of the board of advisors for both the National Institute for Health Care Management and at the Center for Advancing the American Dream. Additionally, Mr. Roy is a senior advisor for the working group on health care reform at the Bipartisan Policy Institute. Avik earned a B.S. in biology from MIT and attended the Yale University School of Medicine.