

Daniel Schuman Biography

Daniel Schuman is policy director at Demand Progress. He leads organizational efforts to strengthen our democracy, which include: reforming Congress; providing appropriate checks on the Executive branch; strengthening mechanisms for federal governmental accountability, transparency, and reform; modernizing government technology for improved responsiveness, accountability, and efficiency; empowering civil society and the press as accountability mechanisms; professionalizing federal employees; improving government ethics processes; and ensuring that the people's voices can be heard. Daniel also is an instructor at the Goldman School of Public Policy at Berkeley, teaching a class as part of the Data Skills for Congress certificate program.

Daniel is a nationally recognized expert on the federal government. He has testified before Congress on government accountability, transparency, and operations, and his work has been covered by the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *NPR*, *Roll Call*, *Politico*, *FedScoop*, *Wired*, *The Hill*, *C-SPAN*, and other news outlets. He was named by the *Washingtonian Magazine* in 2022 as one of Washington DC's 500 most influential people. In 2013, he was named by *FedScoop* as one of the top 25 most influential people under 40 in gov and tech.

Daniel is the organization's lead policy advocate. He is the editor of the *First Branch Forecast*, a weekly newsletter that covers government accountability and transparency, with a focus on Congress and its interactions with the Executive branch. He co-directs the Advisory Committee on Transparency, which focuses on federal transparency and accountability issues, and coordinates the OpenGov Roundtable, a bipartisan coalition of organizations. Daniel is responsible for the creation or improvement of many federal government transparency and accountability websites, and publishes EveryCRSReport.com, containing nearly 20,000 Congressional Research Service Reports, which has more than 400,000 unique visitors each month. He is a co-founder of the Congressional Data Coalition.

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Daniel previously worked as policy director at Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington; policy counsel at the Sunlight Foundation; and as a legislative attorney with the Congressional Research Service. He graduated *cum laude* from Emory University School of Law where he was a Ruth and Paul McLarty scholar. He also worked at the Constitution Project, the American Constitution Society, the House of Representatives, and the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association.