The All Life Institute is a global think tank based in Washington D.C. that is uniquely dedicated to protecting and enhancing all life on this planet including humans, nonhumans and the Earth.
Our perspective

An All Life perspective recognizes and invokes the profound interconnectedness of all life forms on our planet as it applies to the broad gamut of issues and associated policies and actions that affect the Earth and its inhabitants. Such an approach is urgently needed within our collective global mindset, moving us away from a purely human-centric paradigm to a more Earth-centric paradigm.

We call upon our colleagues and friends in the arenas of human, animal and environmental protection to move beyond working in separate silos, to join forces in true interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary ways, and to help forge an All Life Protection movement, involving a more advanced and inclusive concept that better unites us and the life forms that we protect in the spirit of compassion for all life.
Our work

The Institute acts as a bridge between the academic and policymaking communities, both governmental and corporate, on a broad range of domestic and international issues, serving as a reliable and trusted source of information that is accessible to policy makers and the public.

In addition to supporting targeted ecosystems, animals and people in need, the Institute puts the best scientific and academic minds to work to probe, develop, and articulate big ideas, investing in research and policy, with a special focus on influencing corporate and governmental behavior.

Priority is given to issues of overarching importance that are in urgent need of a change in direction for the benefit of the Earth and all of its inhabitants. Three examples of such issues which exemplify the work of the All Life Institute are climate change, factory farming and pandemic prevention.

The argument on issues like factory farming, for example, in the context of climate change and pandemic prevention, become much more powerful and compelling when the impact on all life forms becomes clear and solutions are based upon what is in the best interests of all life forms.

“Compassion for all life is not a luxury for humanity but a necessity.”
Our people

The All Life Institute seeks out the best minds in science and academia and manages a volunteer global network of leading researchers from a wide range of human, animal and environmental areas to research, develop and bring forward key issues to the public.

The Institute is led by David O. Wiebers, M.D., who has a long and distinguished history at the forefront of human and animal protection as well as science and academia, and Wayne Pacelle, the animal-protection movement’s leading strategist and practitioner of high-impact reform.

Our approach

Our approach to policy recommendations and other frameworks is not driven by partisan or economic interests, nor by exclusively human priorities, but rather by the long and short-term interests of the Earth and all its inhabitants.
How we create change

The All Life Institute seeks to influence society on a wide range of all life protection issues at four main levels: governmental, corporate, science/academia and the general population. In addition to providing scientific publications, blueprints and policy briefs that supply the road maps for change, the Institute helps to organize and catalyze activist entities, industries, governments and the general public to collectively implement such change in society. Policy reports and recommendations are designed to buttress current and future lobbying efforts by giving advocates and lawmakers detailed analyses and research that are relevant to deliberations over substantive legislation.

A commitment to outcomes that improve societal rules and values married to a determined lobbying force are often not sufficient to achieve lasting policy outcomes. The work of the think tank is designed to provide an additional lift to public policy initiatives in the United States and worldwide by framing issues, adding multidisciplinary analyses to the debates, and delivering texture, depth, and substance to sound ideas that deserve active consideration. Every other major cause that’s made progress in recent decades has had an organizational incubator of ideas, research, and writing to ground the seriousness of reform.
Affiliated Organizations

The work of the Institute will play a special role in complementing the aligned activities of affiliated organizations such as the One Earth Leadership Consortium, a global community of practice focused on developing corporate leaders with an All Life holistic mindset, the 1 HOPE (One Health for One Planet Education) Initiative, a large global collaborative effort to expand One Health education and an All Life orientation to the world at all levels of education (particularly higher education) and the general public, Animal Wellness Action, a 501(c)(4) lobbying and electioneering organization focusing on legal and governmental reforms to prevent cruelty and alleviate suffering in animals, and the Center for a Humane Economy, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization focused on driving corporate reforms to forge a humane economic order.

“All Life Institute brings coherence to the debate about the health and functioning of a civil society.”