

Closing the Digital Divide

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AT&T CEO John Stankey will join Steve Clemons, Editor at Large of The Hill, to discuss how Congress and the private sector can work together to end the broadband gap.

Event Participants



John Stankey

Chief Executive Officer, AT&T Inc.

About Stankey

John Stankey assumed the role of CEO in July 2020 after previously serving as president and chief operating officer.

With more than \$180 billion in 2019 revenues, AT&T is one of the world's largest companies in technology, media and telecom. It has delivered 36 consecutive years of quarterly dividend growth. And between 2015 and 2019, AT&T invested more than \$135 billion in its network, including capital investments and acquisitions of spectrum and operations. Over that same period, the company invested more in the U.S. than any other public company.

John's leadership drives AT&T to deliver on its purpose to create connections with each other, with what people need to thrive in their everyday lives, and with the stories and experiences that matter. AT&T's market focus is as a broadband provider, a software-based entertainment provider, and a creator of content that drives engagement. The company is undergoing a significant transformation initiative to ensure all the company's business units are well-positioned for continued success into the next decade and beyond.

AT&T Communications is a global leader in communications with more than 130 million U.S. mobile, broadband and pay-TV customers, as of Q3 2020, and nearly 3 million business customers, from the smallest companies to nearly all the Fortune 1000.

WarnerMedia is a leading media and entertainment company that creates and distributes popular content from a diverse array of storytellers and journalists through its industry-leading consumer brands including HBO, HBO Max, Warner Bros., TNT, TBS, truTV, CNN, DC Entertainment, New Line, Cartoon Network, Adult Swim, Turner Classic Movies and others. WarnerMedia also includes Xandr, which is focused on creating a better solution for advertisers and publishers to reach specific audiences at scale in trusted, premium content environments.

AT&T Latin America provides pay-TV services across 10 countries and territories in Latin America and the Caribbean and wireless services to consumers and businesses in Mexico.

John joined AT&T in 1985 and has 35 years of accomplished leadership spanning nearly every area of AT&T's business. He has served in a variety of roles including CEO of WarnerMedia; CEO of AT&T Entertainment Group; Chief Strategy Officer; Chief Technology Officer; CEO of AT&T Operations; and CEO of AT&T Business Solutions. He currently serves on AT&T's board of directors.

John holds a B.B.A. in Finance from Loyola Marymount University and an M.B.A. from UCLA.



Steve Clemons

Editor at Large, The Hill

About Clemons

Steve Clemons is Editor at Large of The Hill, America's most read political media platform. For the previous nine years, Clemons served as Editor at Large of The Atlantic and has been a long-time politics and economic issues contributor on all of America's leading cable news networks. He is proprietor of the popular political blog,

The Washington Note. He also founded and served as Senior Fellow of the American Strategy Program at the New America Foundation where he previously served as Executive Vice President. Prior to this, Clemons served as Executive Vice President of the Economic Strategy Institute, was Senior Economic & International Affairs Advisor to Senator Jeff Bingaman, and was the founding Executive Director of the Nixon Center, now re-named the Center for National Interest.

Clemons serves on the advisory boards of the C.V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience at Washington College, and of GLOBSEC, a European think tank focused on global economic and security affairs.