

# NETWORK IN THE NEWS

## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WOMEN OF COLOR POLICY NETWORK

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Dear Network Friends and Colleagues:

This summer has been busier than ever for the Network. From the historic nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to Supreme Court to the introduction of the Measuring American Poverty Act of 2009 by Representative Jim McDermott (D-WA) to non-citizen voting rights, we have had the opportunity to weigh in and provide an important perspective on how these important issues will impact women of color, their families and communities.

Our most recent research report-- Race, Gender, and the Recession: A Four-Part Series on The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and its Impact on Women of Color, Their Families, and Communities, already the subject of several articles last month is still making its rounds. This July, I will be featured on CNN in an interview with Christine Romans about the impact of the recession on communities of color. The interview will be a part of the lead up to the Black In America Series Part II with Soledad O'Brien.

Diana Salas, Associate Director of the Network was invited by the Mayor of Toronto to discuss non-citizenship voting rights in Canada and the possibility for such rights in the United States. Her visit garnered a huge amount of media coverage both in the states and in Toronto. She was quoted in seven articles and appeared on morning radio talk shows in Toronto. [Click here to listen to the audio of the radio interview.](#)

As a follow-up to the piece written last month on the Huffington Post about Sotomayor's nomination, a second article released this month focuses on the politics of race, class, and gender in Sotomayor's bid to become the first Latino woman to hold a seat on the high court entitled *When Did Newt and the Gang Become Experts on Race? Playing the Race Card Against Sotomayor*. The article was picked up by AlterNet and RaceWire, among other electronic outlets.

Connected to our work and advocacy around poverty and economic security, I also penned an article on the federal poverty measure for the Huffington Post entitled *An Oldie, but Goodie: Updating the U.S. Poverty Measure*. The article focuses on the need to update the federal poverty measure in order to accurately measure individual and family well-being in the U.S.

Wow, needless to say, we are on the move. If you have not done so already, please visit my blog on the Huffington Post and sign up to receive regular alerts. You can also follow us on

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