

## Nicholas Horton

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### Why does Nic love FGA?

*Growing up poor, in a poor state like Arkansas, I've seen firsthand the long-lasting effects that dependency can have. But I've also learned how critical the safety net is for people who truly have nowhere else to turn. Those lessons and individuals are what drive me every day, across the states, to keep fighting and pushing for real answers to make our country's safety net sustainable and make sure every individual has a chance to achieve the American dream.*

Nic Horton is the research director at the Foundation for Government Accountability, where he leads the organization's research team and focuses his individual research primarily on welfare reform.

Prior to joining FGA, Nic served as editor of [TheArkansasProject.com](https://TheArkansasProject.com) and policy analyst for the Advance Arkansas Institute. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration and a Master of Business Administration from Harding University.

Nic first experienced the value of work while mowing lawns as a kid, which he grew into a larger business that supported him all the way through grad school. Growing up in Arkansas, Nic has seen the lasting effects dependency can have, which drives him daily to expand pathways to work, reduce dependency, and protect the safety net for the truly needy.

Nic has provided policy analysis, legislative testimony, and policy briefings on Medicaid expansion and welfare reform in more than 20 states and D.C. His commentary and analysis have been featured in *Forbes*, *The Hill*, *National Review Online*, *Washington Examiner*, and *Townhall*, among other national outlets. He is also a frequent guest on talk radio across the country.

When he is not volunteering at his local church or spending time with his son, Nic enjoys writing and gardening. A fan of the Kentucky Wildcats, Nic and his growing family live in central Arkansas.