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Fortier also serves as the project manager for the Transition to Governing Project, an AEI project in conjunction with the Brookings Institution and the Hoover Institution, funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts. The project aims to smooth the transition to campaigning to governing. It also focused attention on the governing qualities of the presidential candidates and on a president's transition into office. The project has published two books: *Preparing to be President: The Memos of Richard E. Neustadt* and *The Permanent Campaign and Its Future*.

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