

## **133 Former National Security Officials Endorse Joe Biden in an Unprecedented Show of Support**

A group of 133 former national security, foreign service, and military officials who have served in nearly every major national security institution across seven administrations are endorsing Joe Biden for President today.

The size and breadth of today's cohort of endorsers highlight both the extreme threat that Donald Trump poses to our nation and our world, and the widespread belief among those who've devoted their lives to keeping America safe that Biden is the candidate best prepared to step in as commander in chief, restore our global standing, and once again put Americans' security ahead of politics.

Today's endorsers include dozens of former deputy, under, and assistant secretaries of Defense, State, and Homeland Security; and scores of former ambassadors, career foreign service officers, and other top national security and intelligence officials.

Among them are former National Security Advisor Tom Donilon, former Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Advisor Lisa Monaco, former Deputy CIA Director and Deputy National Security Advisor Avril Haines, former Under Secretary of State Nick Burns, and former Assistant Secretary of State Linda Thomas-Greenfield.

"Joe Biden knows that U.S. security depends on strong U.S. leadership. He has the knowledge, experience, and credibility necessary to protect our national security and advance our democratic values in an increasingly chaotic and complex world," said **Lisa Monaco, former Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Advisor to President Obama.**

"When he was Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he gave me unstinting support in the final stages of my negotiation of the U.S.-India Civil Nuclear Agreement which required two votes in the Congress," said **Ambassador Nicholas Burns, former Under Secretary of State and Ambassador to NATO and to Greece.** "And when I was Ambassador to NATO, he was equally supportive in helping us to rally Europe to our side after 9/11, on Russia and the expansion of NATO itself. No member of Congress was more helpful and more knowledgeable about foreign and defense policy than Joe Biden. Joe Biden has the experience in the White House and Senate to keep us safe and to lead us towards a more positive and peaceful future. That's why I am proud to support Joe Biden for President and to be part of his historic campaign."

"America's standing in the world and our ability to advance the interests and values of the American people have taken a big hit these past three years. We need a new president in 2020, and Vice President Biden is the best candidate to

bring us back to stable ground, repair the damage done, and restore our place in the world from his first day in office,” said **Antony Blinken, former Deputy Secretary of State and Deputy National Security Advisor, now a senior advisor to Biden’s campaign.** “Vice President Biden knows the leaders and knows the issues, and he can immediately pick up the phone to start fixing the damage that President Trump has done. I’ve seen him over decades around the world, in eye-to-eye meetings with our nation’s toughest rivals and closest allies, and working hand-in-hand with our diplomats and our military. He has put country before personal or partisan interests throughout his career. The public servants who join me in supporting him today know that the Vice President has the experience to keep this nation’s more than 320 million people safe from day one. And they know that he’s devoted to rebuilding American leadership – not as a slogan, but as a beacon of democracy, human rights, and hope for people around the world.”

Earlier today, *Biden for President* released [“Moment,”](#) a new ad that will air across broadcast and digital in Iowa that highlights how our nation is in crisis with Trump in the White House and that the country needs Joe Biden to restore respected leadership on the world stage and dignified leadership at home. The ad will air in top Iowa television markets and statewide on digital platforms like Hulu, YouTube, and more.

### **Biden’s Foreign Policy Background**

Joe Biden has devoted much of his life to the purposeful practice of national security and foreign policy, including 34 years on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where he spent 12 years as chair or ranking member. Biden played a key role in shaping a stable, post-Cold War order – pushing transformational arms control agreements through the U.S. Senate, including the 1997 Chemical Weapons Convention, a global treaty banning all chemical weapons; and the 2010 New START Treaty with Russia, significantly reducing the number of strategic nuclear warheads deployed. He worked for years to strengthen and expand NATO, a foundation of global security and American strength; was a leading voice driving U.S. efforts to stop ethnic cleansing in Bosnia; and supported the promotion of democracy and human rights around the world from the Baltics to the Balkans.

As Vice President, Biden traveled to more than 50 countries, building personal relationships with our closest allies, as well as negotiating directly with adversaries and competitors. Biden served as President Obama’s trusted point-person on some of the administration’s toughest foreign policy challenges, including the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq; and he helped to deliver some of its most historic diplomatic achievements, including the Paris climate accord and Iran nuclear deal. And, Biden was a strong voice for U.S. engagement with Latin America, building partnerships with emerging powers like Brazil and Mexico, supporting peace in Colombia, promoting energy security in the Caribbean, defending democracy in Venezuela; and forging bipartisan

consensus for a strategy to address the root causes of migration from Central America – reflecting his core belief in the power of working with friends and partners to head off crises, not antagonizing our allies.

## **Biden's [Plan](#) to Lead the Democratic World to Meet the Challenges of the 21st Century**

As president, Biden will work to secure our strong democracy, our dynamic and innovative economy, and a stable global order, restoring American credibility so that we once again lead the world by the power of our example, and not just the example of our power. He'll start by renewing our democracy at home, defending voting rights, election security, the free press, and civil discourse; and reinvigorating the coalition of democracies that stand with us, united around our shared values. Biden will also work to ensure that the rules of the global economy aren't rigged against American workers – not only negotiating trade deals to benefit them, but equipping them to succeed in a global economy by investing in health care, education, infrastructure, and innovation, and protecting their rights to organize. And, Biden has vowed to renew American leadership around clear foreign policy goals and consistent strategies; and to mobilize the world to fight the defining threats of our time, from nuclear proliferation and terrorism, to climate change, mass migration, and the disruptive impact of new technologies.

Today's complete list of endorsers includes:

1. Leslie Alexander, Former Ambassador to Ecuador, to Mauritius and to Comoros, and Former Chief of Mission in Haiti
2. Matthew Axelrod, Former Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General
3. Elizabeth Bagley, Former Ambassador to Portugal and Former Special Representative, Global Partnerships, Department of State
4. Robert Barry, Former Ambassador to Bulgaria and to Indonesia, Former State Department Coordinator, Assistance to Central and Eastern Europe
5. Matthew Barzun, Former Ambassador to Sweden and to the United Kingdom
6. Michael Battle, Former Ambassador to the African Union
7. Denise Bauer, Former Ambassador to Belgium
8. Jack R. Binns, Former Ambassador to Honduras
9. Jim Blanchard, Former Ambassador to Canada
10. Donald Blinken, Former Ambassador to Hungary
11. Alan Blinken, Former Ambassador to Belgium
12. Paul Bodnar, Former Special Assistant to the President and Former Senior Director for Energy and Climate Change, National Security Council
13. Amy Bondurant, Former Ambassador to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

14. Jason Bordoff, Former Special Assistant to the President and Former Senior Director for Energy and Climate Change, National Security Council
15. Spencer Boyer, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs and Former National Intelligence Officer for Europe
16. Carol Moseley Braun, Former Ambassador to New Zealand
17. James “Wally” Brewster, Former Ambassador to Dominican Republic
18. Reuben Brigety, Former Ambassador to the African Union
19. Tim Broas, Former Ambassador to the Netherlands
20. Mark Brzezinski, Former Ambassador to Sweden
21. Nicholas Burns, Former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and Former Ambassador to NATO and to Greece
22. Dwight Bush, Former Ambassador to Morocco
23. Kurt Campbell, Former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs
24. John Carlin, Former Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division
25. Michael Carpenter, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia
26. Mark Childress, Former Ambassador to Tanzania
27. James M. Cole, Former Deputy Attorney General
28. Isobel Coleman, Former Ambassador to the United Nations for Management and Reform
29. Elinor Greer Constable, Former Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans, Environment, Science and Technology and Former Ambassador to Kenya
30. Heidi Crebo-Rediker, Former Chief Economist, Department of State
31. Madelyn Creedon, Former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs, and Former Principal Deputy Administrator National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy
32. Nelson Cunningham, Former Special Advisor to the President and Former Senior Advisor to the Special Envoy for the Americas
33. Jeff DeLaurentis, Former Ambassador to the United Nations for Special Political Affairs
34. Evan Dobbelle, Former Chief of Protocol
35. Tom Donilon, Former National Security Advisor
36. Brig. Gen. John Douglass, USAF (Ret.), Former Assistant Secretary of the Navy
37. William C. Eacho, Former Ambassador to Austria
38. Stuart Eizenstat, Former Ambassador to European Union, Former Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Former Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, and Former Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade
39. Linda Etim, Former Assistant Administrator for Africa, USAID
40. Mark Feierstein, Former Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs, National Security Council, and

Former Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean,  
USAID

41. Jose W. Fernandez, Former Assistant Secretary of State for Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs
42. Michael Froman, Former U.S. Trade Representative
43. Tony Gardner, Former Ambassador to the European Union
44. Robert Gelbard, Former Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Former Ambassador to Indonesia and to Bolivia, and Former Presidential Special Representative to the Balkans
45. Marc Ginsburg, Former Ambassador to Morocco and Former Senior Advisor to the President for Middle East Policy
46. Mark Gitenstein, Former Ambassador to Romania
47. Christopher E. Goldthwait, Former Ambassador to Chad
48. Juan Gonzalez, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs
49. Gary A. Grappo, Former Ambassador to Oman
50. James B. Greene, Former Deputy Vice President for Policy and International Relations, Millennium Challenge Corporation
51. Avril Haines, Former Deputy National Security Adviser and Former Deputy Director of CIA
52. Jonathan Hale, Former Deputy Assistant Administrator for Europe and Eurasia, USAID
53. Daniel S. Hamilton, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs; Former Associate Director of the Secretary's Policy Planning Staff
54. Dave Harden, Former Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, USAID
55. Irvin Hicks, Former Ambassador to Ethiopia and to Seychelles
56. Christopher R. Hill, Former Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Poland, Iraq, and Macedonia and Former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs
57. Karl Hoffman, Former Ambassador to Togo
58. Brett Holmgren, Former Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Intelligence Programs, National Security Council
59. Thomas C. Hubbard , Former Ambassador to the Republic of Korea and to the Philippines
60. Vicki Huddleston, Former Ambassador to Madagascar and to Mali, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Africa, and former Chief of the U.S. Interests Section in Cuba
61. Dana J. Hyde , Former Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation
62. Roberta Jacobson, Former Ambassador to Mexico and Former Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs
63. Colin Kahl, Former National Security Adviser to Vice President Biden and Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East

64. Frank Kendall III, Former Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics
65. Kay King, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs
66. Charlie Kupchan, Former Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for European Affairs, National Security Council
67. Mark Lagon, Former Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons
68. David Lambertson, Former Ambassador to Thailand
69. Barbara Larkin, Former Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs
70. Doug Lute, Former Ambassador to NATO
71. Niels Marquardt, Former Ambassador to Cameroon, Madagascar, Equatorial Guinea, and to Comoros
72. Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Former Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security
73. Matthew McGuire, Former U.S. Executive Director, World Bank
74. Elizabeth McKune, Former Ambassador to Qatar
75. Christopher J. McMullen, Former Ambassador to Angola
76. Thomas O. Melia, Former Assistant Administrator for Europe and Eurasia, USAID
77. James N. Miller, Former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
78. Tom Miller, Former Ambassador to Greece and to Bosnia-Herzegovina
79. Lisa Monaco, Former Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser to President Obama and Former Deputy National Security Adviser
80. Richard Morningstar, Former Ambassador to Azerbaijan
81. Victoria Nuland, Former Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs and Former Ambassador to NATO
82. Kevin F. O'Malley, Former Ambassador to Ireland
83. Lyndon L. Olson, Jr., Former Ambassador to Sweden
84. Robert M. Orr, Former U.S. Ambassador to the Asian Development Bank
85. June Carter Perry, Former Ambassador to Sierra Leone and to Lesotho
86. Joan Plaisted, Former Chargé D'Affaires, Morocco, and Former Ambassador to the Marshall Islands and to Kiribati
87. Michael Polt, Former Ambassador to Estonia and to Serbia and Montenegro, Former Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, and Former Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs
88. Amy Pope, Former Deputy Homeland Security Adviser
89. Azita Raji, Former Ambassador to Sweden
90. Ely Ratner, Former Deputy National Security Adviser to Vice President Biden
91. Charles A. Ray, Former Ambassador to Zimbabwe and to Cambodia
92. Julissa Reynoso, Former Ambassador to Uruguay
93. Tim Roemer, Former Ambassador to India
94. Jim Rosapepe, Former Ambassador to Romania
95. Paul Rosen, Former Chief of Staff at Department of Homeland Security

96. Tommy Ross, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Security Cooperation
97. Cathy Russell, Former Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues
98. Lynn Rusten, Former Senior Director for Arms Control, National Security Council
99. Jim Sasser, Former Ambassador to China
100. Peter Selfridge, Former Chief of Protocol
101. Daniel Sepulveda, Former Ambassador and Coordinator for Communications and Information Policy
102. Bob Sherman, Former Ambassador to Portugal
103. Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, Former Deputy Secretary of Energy and Former Special Assistant to the President and White House Coordinator for Defense Policy, Countering WMD, and Arms Control
104. Terry Shumaker, Former Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago
105. Robert Silvers, Former Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Cyber Policy
106. Julie Smith, Former Deputy National Security Adviser to Vice President Biden
107. Jay Snyder, Former Commissioner, U.S. Advisory Commission for Public Diplomacy, Department of State, and Former Public Delegate, United States Representative to the UN General Assembly
108. Nancy Soderberg, Former Deputy National Security Advisor to President Clinton and Former Ambassador to the United Nations for Special Political Affairs
109. Daniel V. Speckhard, Former Ambassador to Greece and to Belarus and Former Deputy Assistant Secretary General of NATO
110. Charles R. Stith, Former Ambassador to Tanzania
111. Seth Stodder, Former Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Borders, Immigration & Trade, Former Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Threat Prevention and Security Policy, and Former Director of Policy for US Customs and Border Protection
112. Jennifer Park Stout, Former Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of State, and Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs
113. Jake Sullivan, Former National Security Adviser to Vice President Biden and Former Director of Policy Planning, State Department
114. Michele Sumilas, Former Chief of Staff, USAID
115. Richard N. Swett, Former Ambassador to Denmark
116. J. Thomas Schieffer, Former Ambassador to Japan and to Australia
117. Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Former Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Former Ambassador to Liberia, and Former Director General of the Foreign Service
118. Jim Townsend, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Europe and NATO
119. Charles H. Twining, Former Ambassador to Cambodia, Cameroon, and Equatorial Guinea

120. Arturo Valenzuela, Former Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Former Special Assistant to the President and Former Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs, National Security Council
121. Maj. Gen. Francis D. Vavala, US Army National Guard (Ret.), Former Adjutant General, Delaware National Guard
122. Nicholas A. Veliotos, Former Ambassador to Egypt and to Jordan and Former Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs
123. Rich Verma, Former Ambassador to India and Former Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs
124. Toni Verstandig, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs
125. Edward S. Walker, Jr., Former Ambassador to Israel, to Egypt, and to the United Arab Emirates, Former Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Former Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and Former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Arab-Israel Affairs
126. Marc M. Wall, Former Ambassador to Chad and Former Coordinator for Economic Transition in Iraq
127. Mary Warlick, Former Ambassador to Serbia
128. Tom Warrick, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Counterterrorism Policy
129. Jeremy Weinstein, Former Deputy to the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations
130. Joseph W. Westphal, Ph.D, Former Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and Former Under Secretary of the Army
131. Frank G. Wisner, Former Ambassador to India, to Egypt, to the Philippines, and to Zambia, Former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, and Former Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Affairs
132. Anne A. Witkowsky, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Stability and Humanitarian Affairs
133. Mary Carlin Yates, Former Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs, National Security Council, Former Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director Strategic Planning, National Security Council, Former Deputy Commander of US Africa Command, and Former Ambassador to Ghana and to Burundi

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