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William Kristol

Editor at large, The Weekly Standard

William Kristol is the editor at large of *The Weekly Standard*, is a regular on ABC's *This Week* and on ABC's special events and election coverage, and appears frequently on other leading political commentary shows. Before starting the *Weekly Standard* in 1995, Mr. Kristol led the Project for the Republican Future, where he helped shape the strategy that produced the 1994 Republican congressional victory. He served as editor for 21 years.



Michael Makovsky, PhD

JINSA President & CEO

Michael Makovsky joined JINSA in 2013 as CEO. A U.S. national security expert, he has worked extensively on Iran's nuclear program, the Middle East, and the intersection of international energy markets and politics with U.S. national security.

From 2006-2013, Makovsky was the Foreign Policy Director for the Bipartisan Policy Center where he managed projects on a new U.S. policy toward Iran's nuclear development, a new U.S. strategy toward Russia, how to augment U.S. Government capacity in stabilizing fragile states such as Yemen, devising a new bipartisan U.S. foreign policy, and how to make strategic public diplomacy an effective tool of U.S. foreign policy in Egypt and elsewhere.

Makovsky served as special assistant in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and was Director of Essential Services in the Washington office of the Coalition Provisional Authority, the postwar Allied entity that governed Iraq, advising senior Defense, National Security Council and Energy officials on Iraqi and Middle Eastern energy policy. Prior to his work in the Pentagon, Makovsky worked as a senior energy market analyst for various investment firms, and is founder and president of MSM Consulting LLC, an energy and political risk consulting firm.

Makovsky has written articles, op-eds and editorials on U.S. national security issues primarily involving the Middle East as well as energy markets, related to Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Israel and Yemen for *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Weekly Standard*, and *The New Republic*, and been interviewed on CNBC, CNN, Fox, NPR, Voice of America (Persian), and other media. He is also author of *Churchill's Promised Land* (Yale University Press), a diplomatic-intellectual history of Winston Churchill's complex relationship with Zionism.

Makovsky has a Ph.D. in diplomatic history from Harvard University, an MBA in finance from Columbia Business School, and a B.A. in history from the University of Chicago.



Ambassador Eric S. Edelman

Former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy under President George W. Bush

Ambassador Eric S. Edelman retired as a career minister from the U.S. Foreign Service on May 1, 2009. He is currently a Roger Hertog Practitioner in Residence at Johns Hopkins SAIS and Counselor at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments. Edelman has served in senior positions at the Departments of State and Defense as well as the White House where he led organizations providing analysis, strategy, policy development, security services, trade advocacy, public outreach, citizen services and congressional relations. As the undersecretary of defense for policy (August, 2005-January 2009) he oversaw strategy development as DoD's senior policy official with global responsibility for bilateral defense relations, war plans, special operations forces, homeland defense, missile defense, nuclear weapons and arms control policies, counter-proliferation, counter-narcotics, counter-terrorism, arms sales, and defense trade controls. He served as U.S. ambassador to the Republics of Finland and Turkey in the Clinton and Bush Administrations and was principal deputy assistant to the vice president for national security affairs. In other assignment, he has been chief of staff to Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, special assistant to Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs Robert Kimmitt and special assistant to Secretary of State George Shultz. His other assignments include the State Department Operations Center, Prague, Moscow, and Tel Aviv, where he was a member of the U.S. Middle East delegation to the West Bank/Gaza autonomy talks.

He has been awarded the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service, the Presidential Distinguished Service Award, and several Department of State Superior Honor Awards. In January 2011, he was awarded the Legion d'Honneur by the French Government.

He received a bachelor's degree in history and government from Cornell University and a doctorate in U.S. diplomatic history from Yale University.



General Charles F. "Chuck" Wald, USAF (ret.)

Former Deputy Commander, U.S. European Command; Distinguished Fellow, JINSA Gemunder Center for Defense and Strategy; Co-chair, JINSA Gemunder Center Iran Task Force

General Charles F. "Chuck" Wald was Deputy Commander, Headquarters United States European Command, Stuttgart, Germany. USEUCOM is responsible for all United States forces operating across 91 countries in Europe, Africa, Russia, parts of Asia and the Middle East, and most of the Atlantic Ocean. He is currently a senior fellow of the Bipartisan Policy Center.

General Wald earned his commission through the Air Force ROTC program in 1971. He has combat time as an O-2A forward air controller in Vietnam and as an F-16 pilot flying over Bosnia. The general has served as a T-37 instructor pilot and F-15 flight commander. Other duties include Chief of the United States Air Force Combat Terrorism Center, support group commander, operations group commander, and special assistant to the Chief of Staff for National Defense Review. He was also the Director of Strategic Planning and Policy at Headquarters United States Air Force, and served on the Joint Staff as the Vice Director for Strategic Plans and Policy.

General Wald commanded the 31st Fighter Wing at Aviano Air Base, Italy, where on Aug. 30, 1995, he led one of the wing's initial strike packages against the ammunition depot at Pale, Bosnia-Herzegovina, in one of the first NATO combat operations. He also commanded the 9th Air Force and United States Central Command Air Forces, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., where he led the development of the Afghanistan air campaign for

Operation Enduring Freedom, including the idea of embedding tactical air control parties in ground special operations forces.

Prior to retiring as a command pilot, the general logged more than 3,600 flying hours, including more than 430 combat hours over Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Iraq and Bosnia.

Today, General Wald is a director and senior advisor to the Aerospace & Defense Industry practice for Deloitte LLP. Prior to that, he was vice president, International Programs for L-3 Communications Corporation. He also served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations at the Pentagon.



Milton Sender

Co-founder of Daymon Worldwide, Inc.

Milt Sender was born in 1943, on a dairy farm outside of Erie, Pennsylvania, the only child of German/Jewish holocaust survivors. In 1965, Milt went to work for Staff Supermarket Associates, first as a special assistant to the President, and then as Director of Private Label Perishables Procurement. Staff was a cooperative of 18 supermarket chains that bought a common private label. These companies included Hannaford, Wegmans, Schnucks, Bruno's, and companies that now make up parts of larger supermarket organizations such as Stop & Shop and Safeway. In 1968, Milt joined Kroger Company in Cincinnati, OH as an Administrative Assistant to the Executive Vice President. In that capacity, he worked on one of the first computerized sales forecasting programs utilizing demographic diversity data. Thereafter, Milt was in charge of the development of a plan and its execution to build the first "slow moving common item warehouse" in the U.S. and relieved expansionary pressure from Kroger's then 24-division warehouses. On July 5, 1970 Milt joined forces with Peter Schwartz to form Daymon Associates, Inc. in New York City. Following the death of his friend and co-founder Peter Schwartz in 1994, Milt and the associates of Daymon set up and continue to support RICBAC, a cancer research and development group directed by Dr. Kurt Isselbacher of the Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital. Today, Milt Sender serves as Chairman of Daymon Worldwide.



John Martin Antaramian

Mayor of Kenosha, Wisconsin

John Antaramian is a Wisconsin politician and mayor of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Born in Kenosha, Antaramian graduated from the University of Wisconsin–Parkside and served in the Wisconsin State Assembly for ten years. In 1992, Antaramian was elected Mayor of Kenosha and served for sixteen years. In 2008, he retired and started a consulting business. He was a visiting professor at Carthage College before returning to the mayoral office in 2016.



Jon Costas

Mayor of Valparaiso, Indiana

A 1975 graduate of Valparaiso High School, Jon received his B.A. from St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana, and his law degree with high distinction from Valparaiso University School for Law in 1989. Mr. Costas is an attorney with Burke, Costanza and Carberry, LLP, and concentrates his practice in the field of Elder Law.

Jon Costas began his political career in 1985, winning an at-large seat on the Valparaiso City Council. He has been Mayor since 2004 and has established a reputation as a collaborative leader who advocates both careful planning and bold action. Valparaiso has flourished under Mr. Costas' leadership and the city has gained national recognition for its vibrant downtown and award winning Central Park Plaza. The list of positive changes for Valparaiso is long, but it's particularly satisfying to learn that the city is also in excellent shape financially, with minimal borrowing and a rainy-day fund approaching \$4 million.



Rex Richards

Executive Director of the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce

Rex Richards has spent his nearly 40-year career guiding chambers of commerce in Indiana, Kansas and Florida. Since 2006, Richards has been an integral part of business growth and development in Porter County through his dual roles as President of the Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce and President of the Valparaiso Economic Development Corp.

Richards, a Valparaiso resident, is also a member of The Times Board of Economists.

A native of Anderson, Indiana, Richards received his bachelor's degree with a triple major in political science, economics and public speaking in 1972.



Lester Crown

Chairman of Henry Crown and Company

Lester Crown is Chairman of Henry Crown and Company. He holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Northwestern University and an MBA from Harvard University Graduate School of Business. He is past chairman of The Chicago Council on Global Affairs, past chairman of the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago, a Director of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Director of the Jerusalem Foundation, Director of the Weizmann Institute of Science, Director and Chairman of the Executive Committee of Lyric Opera of Chicago, and a member of the

International Councilors of the Center for Strategic and International Studies and a member of the Board of Advisors – Brandeis University's Crown Center for Middle East Studies. In addition, he is a Life Trustee of Northwestern University and The Aspen Institute, a member of the Board of Overseers of the Henry Crown Fellowship Program of the Aspen Institute and a member of the Academy of Arts and Sciences.

He has served on the boards of General Dynamics, Maytag Corporation, TWA, Continental Bank of Chicago and Alltel Corporation. He is former Chairman of Material Service Corporation, subsidiary of General Dynamics Corporation.



David Axelrod

Director of the Institute of Politics

David Axelrod is a veteran of American politics and journalism and the former chief strategist and senior advisor to President Barack Obama. He currently serves as director of the University of Chicago's non-partisan Institute of Politics; senior political commentator for CNN; and host of The Axe Files, a top-rated podcast jointly produced by CNN and his institute. Axelrod, a former political writer for the *Chicago Tribune* and, later, media strategist for 150 state, local and national political campaigns, is also the author of the *New York Times* best-selling memoir, *Believer: My Forty Years in Politics*.



Newt Minnow

Senior counsel in Sidley's Chicago office

Newt Minnow is senior counsel in Sidley's Chicago office. He was a partner with the firm from 1965–1991. He served as a U.S. Army Sergeant in the China-Burma India Theater in World War II. He served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Fred M. Vinson, Chief Justice of the United States and as Assistant Counsel to Governor Adlai E. Stevenson. In 1961, President John F. Kennedy appointed him Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. A graduate of Northwestern University, he is the Walter Annenberg Professor Emeritus there, as well as the author of four books and numerous professional journal and magazine articles. He is the recipient of 14 honorary

degrees. Mr. Minnow is also the recipient of the following awards: American Bar Association Silver Gavel Award, Chicago Bar Association John Paul Stevens Award, Federal Communications Bar Association Lifetime Achievement Award and the American Lawyer Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2016, he received the Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama.



Leo Melamed

Chairman & CEO, Melamed's Associates, Inc.

Leo Melamed is globally recognized as the founder of financial futures. In 1972, as chairman of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME Group), he launched currency futures with the creation of the International Monetary Market (IMM)—the first futures market for financial instruments. In the years that followed, Melamed led the CME in the introduction of a diverse number of financial instruments, including Treasury Bills in 1976, Eurodollars in 1981, and stock index futures in 1982. In 1987, Melamed spearheaded the introduction of Globex®, the world's first futures electronic trading system. In 1992, he became its founding chairman.

Mr. Melamed, a Holocaust survivor, found safety in the U.S. during WWII. The story of his escape as a child from Bialystock, Poland, as he and his parents miraculously outwitted the Nazis, was an odyssey that took two years. The escape spanned three continents, six languages, the Trans-Siberian railroad, and Japan – courtesy of a life-saving transit visa from Japanese Counsel General to Lithuania, Chiune Sugihara – happily ending in the U.S. in 1941.

Twenty years after their inception, Nobel Laureate in Economics, Merton Miller, named financial futures as “*the most significant innovation in the past two decades.*” In 2010, *Chicago Magazine* selected Melamed fourth place among a list of “40 Visionaries” during the past 40 years. In 2003, *Pensions & Investments* included

Mr. Melamed in the list of 30 individuals whose contribution “*made the most dramatic difference*” in the management of money during the last 100 years. At the close of 1999, Melamed was named by the former editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, among the ten most important Chicagoans in business of the 20th Century.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange, today the CME Group, is the world’s largest futures market where Melamed serves as Chairman Emeritus. He is a member of its Board and is chairman of its Strategic Steering Committee. Melamed has been an adviser to the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and has served as special adviser on futures markets to governments worldwide. Mr. Melamed serves on the Board of the Scholar Rescue Fund and the Chicago Renaissance School Fund. Mr. Melamed’s prize winning memoirs “*Escape to the Futures*” (Wiley, 1996) have been published in Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Russian. He is also the author of *Leo Melamed on the Markets* (Wiley, 1993), *The Tenth Planet* (a science fiction novel, 1984), and “*For Crying Out Loud.*” (a memoirs continuation, Wiley, 2009). He was editor of an anthology entitled *The Merits of Flexible Exchange Rates* (George Mason University Press, 1988).

Mr. Melamed is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2005 CME Fred Arditti Innovation Award. He holds Doctor of Letters from the University of Illinois, Loyola University, Waseda University, Sacred Heart University, and DePaul University. In 2007 he was appointed Honorary Dean of Beijing University. In 2008, he became the recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the William F. Sharpe Lifetime Achievement Award. Leo Melamed is an attorney by profession and an active futures trader. He is chairman and CEO of Melamed & Associates, Inc., a global consulting enterprise he founded in 1993.



Ambassador Ivo Daalder

President of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs

Ivo H. Daalder has been president of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs since July 2013. Prior to joining the Council, Daalder served as the Ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for more than four years. Daalder also served on the National Security Council staff as director for European Affairs from 1995-97.

Ambassador Daalder is a widely-published author. His most recent books include *In the Shadow of the Oval Office: Profiles of the National Security Advisers and the Presidents they Served—From JFK to George W. Bush* (with I. M. Destler) and the award-winning *America Unbound: The Bush Revolution in Foreign Policy* (with James M. Lindsay). Other books include *Beyond Preemption: Force and Legitimacy in a Changing World* (2007); *Crescent of Crisis: US-European Strategy for the Greater Middle East* (2006); and *Winning Ugly: NATO’s War to Save Kosovo* (2000). Daalder is a frequent contributor to the opinion pages of the world’s leading newspapers, and a regular commentator on international affairs on television and radio.

Before his appointment as ambassador to NATO by President Obama in 2009, Daalder was a senior fellow in foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution, specializing in American foreign policy, European security and transatlantic relations, and national security affairs. Prior to joining Brookings in 1998, he was an associate professor at the University of Maryland’s School of Public Policy and director of research at its Center for International and Security Studies.

Ambassador Daalder serves on the board of UI LABS, on the leadership board of the chancellor of the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Ambassador Daalder was educated at Oxford and Georgetown Universities, and received his PhD in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is married to Elisa D. Harris, and they have two sons.



Rahm Emanuel

Mayor of the City of Chicago

Rahm Emanuel was elected the 55th mayor of the City of Chicago on February 22nd, 2011 and was sworn in on May 16th, 2011. He was elected to a second term in 2015 and sworn in on May 18, 2015.

In his first year in office, Mayor Emanuel announced the redeployment of over 1,000 officers to Chicago's neighborhoods and secured more than 20,000 private-sector jobs for residents across the city. Facing a \$635 million fiscal shortfall, Mayor Emanuel led the passage of a unanimous budget containing reforms and investments to ensure Chicago's financial future.

He then pushed for education reforms allowing for elementary students to gain an extra hour and 15 minutes every day and two additional weeks every year, and all-day pre-kindergarten for students in every part of the city. Additionally, Mayor Emanuel launched Building a New Chicago, a \$7 billion coordinated infrastructure plan that will revitalize the city's roads, rails and runways.

At the onset of his second term, Mayor Emanuel laid out more comprehensive initiatives for the betterment of Chicago through investment and innovation in its neighborhoods from city services to economic development. Over the last year and a half, more than forty corporations have moved or announced their intent to move to Chicago bringing thousands of jobs. Through the Building on Burnham Plan the City has built or refurbished more than 300 playgrounds across communities and added more park and green space to underserved areas. Mayor Emanuel has also taken important steps to connect all communities and law enforcement through increased transparency and accountability, and improved communication. The Healthy Chicago 2.0 plan addresses city-wide disparities and connects residents to vital services and information across city departments and agencies and Mayor Emanuel has marked record progress in reducing the structural deficit to \$137.6 million for 2017 – the lowest it has been since 2007.

Prior to becoming Mayor, Emanuel served as the White House Chief of Staff in President Barack Obama's administration. Before accepting the position as Chief of Staff to the President, Emanuel served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives representing Chicago's 5th District. Prior to being elected to Congress, Emanuel served as a key member of the Clinton White House from 1993 to 1998, rising to serve as Senior Advisor to the President for Policy and Strategy.

Mayor Emanuel graduated from Sarah Lawrence College in 1981 and received a Master's Degree in Speech and Communication from Northwestern University in 1985. He is married to Amy Rule, and they have three children, Zach, Ilana, and Leah.



Pastor Chris Harris

Pastor, Bright Star Church

Pastor Christopher T. Harris, Sr. was born on April 1, 1974 in Chicago, Illinois to Ezekiel Simpson and Patricia Ann Harris. A member of the Bright Star Church of God In Christ since birth, he received his foundation in holiness under the leadership and mentoring of the late founder, Dr. James B. Stovall, Sr. In 1992, after graduating from Tabernacle Christian Academy, he attended Olive-Harvey College.

Pastor Harris has lived his life as more than a conqueror. Born blind and growing up struggling with asthma, Pastor Harris overcame these conditions when God healed him miraculously. He has also overcome a low socio-economic environment, and poverty did not preclude his pursuit of excellence and his destiny.

He received his Divine Call to preach on June 29, 1997. Four months later, on October 19th, the late Dr. James B. Stovall made Pastor Harris his 1st Assistant. After Dr. Stovall's death in 1998, Pastor Harris was appointed Senior Pastor of Bright Star C.O.G.I.C. on November 18, 1999. A shepherd of a rapidly growing congregation, Bright Star has experienced exponential growth under his leadership. Now pastoring more than 12 years, his church has increased to more than 1200 parishioners. Pastor Harris currently serves as the Asst. District Superintendent of the W.H.B. North Shore District with Superintendent Clarence Cranford under Bishop W. H. Bonner, Prelate of the Sixth Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Illinois: one of the youngest pastors to hold this prestigious position in the C.O.G.I.C. organization in Illinois.

A man of great passion and vision, Pastor Harris has developed a notable international reputation and established several organizations. In April 1998, he founded GOD IS Productions, Inc., a gospel music production company. He has been the guest lead vocalist on more than 15 recording projects. A noted singer in the Gospel Music Industry, Pastor Harris has ministered in song in over 20 countries, on 21 various world tours, and countless cities throughout the United States. In 2006, he produced his own album entitled So Amazing. This album has been successfully received both in Europe and the United States. For over 16 years, Pastor Harris served as Minister of Music for various churches in various denominations including Bright Star.

Recognizing the need for more "community-minded clergy," and due to increasing violence in Chicago, in 2007, the Progress Around the Schools (P.A.T.S. Program) was born. Every first Saturday of the month, Pastor Harris, clergy, congregants and community members throughout the city, join together in prayer around Chicago Public Schools in order to combat the violence in the city and among youth. The success of the P.A.T.S. program led to the establishment of the Bright Star Community Outreach (a 501c3 non-profit organization) in October 2007 (www.BrightStarCommunityOutreach.com). This organization is committed to creating collaborative partnership program models designed to provide educational enrichment programs, anti-violence prevention and intervention activities along with good student incentives. He is also the founder of the Bronzeville Family Festival where over 9000 community residents attend annually to receive free laptops, book bags, school supplies, health immunizations, food and so much more. As a result of his vast community work, he was voted Chairman of the CPS Bronzeville Community Action Council whose sole focus is to make schools better in Chicago. He also serves as President of the 4th Ward Ministerial Alliance and is the Cook County Clergy Coalition President.

Of all of his accomplishments, Pastor Harris' greatest joy comes from his family. On September 18, 2010, he married the love of his life, Johanna "JoJo" Harris. He is a loving and devoted husband and father of four beautiful children: Chrystal, Chris, Jr., Christian, and Christiana.