

Michael R. Pompeo Biography

Michael R. Pompeo is a distinguished fellow at Hudson Institute. At Hudson, his work focuses on promoting U.S. national security, technological leadership, and global engagement. From April 2018 through January 2021, Mr. Pompeo served as United States Secretary of State. He previously served as director of the Central Intelligence Agency from January 2017 to April 2018.

As our nation's most senior diplomat in his role as 70th United State Secretary of State, Mr. Pompeo helped to craft U.S. foreign policy based on our nation's founding ideals that put America first. America became a massive energy exporter and a force for good in the Middle East with real peace cemented in the Abraham Accords. Mr. Pompeo placed special emphasis on renewing alliances with key allies, including India, Japan, Australia, and South Korea.

Mr. Pompeo's time at the State Department marked the end of naïve engagement with the Chinese Communist Party, pulling back the curtain shielding the egregious acts of the CCP that threaten American jobs and freedoms. Mr. Pompeo focused efforts on calling out and punishing perpetrators of attacks on basic human dignity in places like Venezuela, North Korea, Iran, Nigeria, China and elsewhere. Mr. Pompeo also led a team that executed America's largest ever global repatriation effort in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Prior to joining the Trump administration, Mr. Pompeo was serving in his fourth term as congressman from Kansas' 4th District. He served on the House Intelligence Committee, as well as the Energy and Commerce Committee and House Select Benghazi Committee. Before serving in Congress, Mr. Pompeo spent a decade leading two manufacturing businesses in South Central Kansas. Mr. Pompeo founded Thayer Aerospace, where he served as CEO. He later became president of Sentry International, an oilfield equipment manufacturing, distribution, and service company.

Mr. Pompeo graduated first in his class at the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1986 and served as a cavalry officer patrolling the Iron Curtain before the fall of the Berlin Wall. He also served with the 2nd Squadron, 7th Cavalry in the US Army's Fourth Infantry Division. After leaving active duty, Mr. Pompeo graduated from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. Immediately following law school, Mr. Pompeo worked as an attorney at Williams & Connolly.

Mr. Pompeo is originally from Orange, California. He is married to Susan Pompeo and has one son, Nick.