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Tony Blankley

A former deputy attorney general of California, Mr. Blankley came to Washington in 1980 to join the staff of President Ronald Reagan, serving as speechwriter, senior policy

analyst and deputy director of planning and evaluation for six of the eight years of the Reagan administration. From 1990 to 1997, he was press secretary and general adviser to Newt Gingrich. He is currently the editor of the editorial page of The Washington Times.

Mr. Blankley is known inside the Beltway and beyond for his commentary, bolstered with fierce academic arguments. He holds an undergraduate degree in political science from UCLA, a law degree from Loyola University and a certificate in international law from the University of London.

Deft at quick takes, predictions and big-picture overviews, Mr. Blankley has always maintained an

even-tempered perspective. In the past five years, Mr. Blankley has been both analyst and newsmaker in newspapers and in broadcast media. He is a weekly commentator on "The McLaughlin Group" and a regular contributor to news analysis on CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, CBS and ABC.

Mr. Blankley has been a weekly columnist for The Washington Times for three years, was an editor at large and columnist for George magazine and a syndicated columnist for the Creators Syndicate.

Born in London and a naturalized American citizen, Mr. Blankley and his family moved to Los Angeles after World War II. Young Tony found work as a child actor in television and films, first encountering Mr. Reagan when both appeared at a 1950s-era USO performance. In years that followed, he volunteered to work on all of Mr. Reagan's campaigns for governor and president.

Mr. Blankley and his wife, Lynda Davis, are parents of three children and live in Great Falls, Va., where they share an 11-acre farm with a congenial menagerie of horses, sheep, rabbits, peacocks, dogs, cats and llamas.



Niger Innis,

Niger Innis currently serves as the National Spokesman for the Congress of Racial Equality. He works closely

with the National Chairman and represents CORE across the country. He is a MSNBC contributor on the 24-hour news network providing insight and analysis on the day's news events.

In addition to his role with CORE, Innis is on the Advisory Committee member of the National Center for Public Policy Research Project 21. He is a Founding Member of 3rd. Millennium, an organization to promote young leaders that will focus on the problems facing the next generation.

In August 1997, Innis served as a delegate for the 19th American-German Young Leaders Conference, sponsored by the American Council on Germany and Atlantik Brucke. He was selected along with 23 other Americans to travel to Hamburg, Germany to meet their German counterparts to discuss America's relationship with the European Union.

In 1993, Niger served as campaign manager for the Roy Innis for Mayor campaign in New York City's Democratic Party primary. Although the candidate was outspent \$3.5 million to \$100,000 by the incumbent Mayor David Dinkins, the Innis campaign was able to garner more than 25% of the vote in the primary.

Prior to his role as National Spokesman, Nigler served in a variety of roles at CORE. In 1991, he was Special Assistant to the National Chairman and Director of Fundraising while acting as CORE's liaison to the Washington, D.C. chapter. In 1990, Innis was the Coordinator of Political Affairs while also serving as the Director of CORE's Washington, D.C. chapter. Innis' involvement with CORE began in 1990 when he was appointed Deputy Director of the Washington, D.C. chapter.

Nigers' experience has lead to several appearances as a civil rights activist on CNN, Fox News, CNBC's

"Equal Time", and Bill Maher's "Politically Incorrect." His radio appearances include "The Jim Bohannon Show" and "The Gil Gross Show." He has guest-hosted on "The Bob Grant Show" & "Barry Farber Show".

In 1990, Innis graduated from Georgetown University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science. While attending the University, he became the Chief Executive Officer of the Association for the Preservation and Development of the Negro Spiritual. Innis, born and raised in Harlem, New York, currently live in Westchester, New York.



Grover Norquist

Grover G . Norquist, a native of Massachusetts, has been one of most effective issues management strategists in Washington for three decades.

Mr. Norquist is president of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), a taxpayer advocacy group he founded in 1985 at President Reagan's request. ATR is a coalition of taxpayer groups, individuals and businesses opposed to higher taxes at the federal, state and local levels. ATR organizes the TAXPAYER PROTECTION PLEDGE, which asks all candidates for federal and state office to commit themselves in writing to oppose all tax increases. In the 112th Congress, 238 House members and 41 Senators have taken the pledge. On the state level, 13 governors and 1249 state legislators have taken the pledge.

Norquist chairs the Washington, DC - based "Wednesday Meeting," a weekly gathering of more than 150 elected officials, political activists, and movement leaders. The meeting started in 1993 and takes place in ATR's conference room. There are now 61 similar "center-right" meetings in 47 states.

Mr. Norquist also:

- Serves on the board of directors of the National Rifle Association of America, the American Conservative Union, and The Nixon Center.
- Serves as a Contributing Editor to the American Spectator Magazine.
- Serves as president of the American Society of Competitiveness.
- Authored two books *Rock the House* and *Leave Us Alone – Getting the Government's Hands Off Our Money, Our Guns, Our Lives*

In the past, Mr. Norquist served as:

- A commissioner on the Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce.
- A commissioner on the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service.
- Economist and chief speech-writer, U.S. Chamber of Commerce (1983-1984.)
- Campaign staff on the 1988, 1992, 1996 Republican Platform Committees.
- Executive director of the National Taxpayers' Union.
- Executive director of the College Republicans.

In the words of *Newt Gingrich*, Grover Norquist is "the person who I regard as the most innovative, creative, courageous and entrepreneurial leader of the anti-tax efforts and of conservative grassroots activism in America . . . He has truly made a difference and truly changed American history."

P.J. O'Rourke says, "Grover Norquist is Tom Paine crossed with Lee Atwater plus just a soupcon of Madame Defarge."

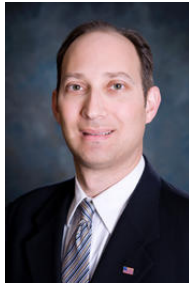
Senator Mitch McConnell says, "It's because of soldiers like Grover that the conservative movement is so vibrant today and that the liberals who thought they had taken over two years ago are on the run."

"No one in modern times has fought harder to shrink the state than the founder of the group Americans for Tax Reform." -- *John Stossel*, March 24, 2011 during Fox Business Network's *Stossel*

Arianna Huffington calls Norquist "The dark wizard of the Right's anti-tax cult"

Mr. Norquist holds a Masters of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts degree in

Economics, both from Harvard University.



Tevi Troy

Tevi Troy is a Senior Fellow at Hudson Institute, and a writer and consultant on health care and domestic policy.

On August 3, 2007, he was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As Deputy Secretary, Dr. Troy was the chief operating officer of the largest civilian department in the federal government, with a budget of \$716 billion and over 67,000 employees. In that position, he oversaw all operations, including Medicare, Medicaid, public health, medical research, food and drug safety, welfare, child and family services, disease prevention, and mental health services. He served as the regulatory Policy Officer for HHS, overseeing the development and approval of all HHS regulations and significant guidance. In addition, he led a number of initiatives at HHS, including implementing the President's Management Agenda, combating bio-terrorism, and public health emergency preparedness. He also sponsored a series of key conferences on improving HHS' role with respect to innovation in the pharmaceutical, biomedical, and medical device industries. Dr. Troy has led U.S. government delegations to Asia, the Middle East, Europe, North America, and Africa.

Dr. Troy has extensive White House experience, having served in multiple high-level positions over a five-year period, culminating in his service as Deputy Assistant and Acting Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, where he ran the Domestic Policy Council and was the White House's lead adviser on health care, labor, education, transportation, immigration, crime, veterans and welfare. At the White House, Dr. Troy specialized in crisis management, creating intra-governmental consensus, and all aspects of policy development, including strategy, outreach and coalition building. Dr. Troy spearheaded the White House's American

Competitiveness Initiative, featured in the 2007 State of the Union Address. He also served as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Cabinet Secretary.

Before coming to the White House, Dr. Troy served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy at the Department of Labor, where he was the Department's lead regulatory strategist. At Labor, Dr. Troy crafted the Department's new ergonomics policy, as well as plans for a compliance assistance strategy for the Department's regulatory and enforcement arms.

Dr. Troy has held high-level positions on Capitol Hill as well. From 1998 to 2000, Dr. Troy served as the Policy Director for Senator John Ashcroft. From 1996 to 1998, Troy was Senior Domestic Policy Adviser and later Domestic Policy Director for the House Policy Committee, chaired by Christopher Cox. Dr. Troy has also been a Research Fellow at the Hudson Institute and a Researcher at the American Enterprise Institute.

Troy has a B.S. in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University and an M.A and Ph.D. in American Civilization from the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Troy is the author of *Intellectuals and the American Presidency: Philosophers, Jesters, or Technicians* (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2002), as well as numerous newspaper and magazines articles. He is a regular contributor for *National Review Online*, and appears frequently on TV and radio.

Dr. Troy's many other affiliations include serving as a member of the publication committee of National Affairs, a member of the Board of Fellows of the Jewish Policy Center, a Visiting Scholar at the School of Policy and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University.