



WHO'S WHO IN THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

CABINET REFERENCE GUIDE

The President's Cabinet includes the Vice President and the heads of 15 executive departments tasked with advising the President on any subject relating to the duties of each member's respective office.

CABINET POSITION	NOMINEE / APPOINTEE	BACKGROUND	POLICY INTERESTS / NOTABLE ISSUE STANCES	GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE
Attorney General	Sen. Jeff Sessions	Senator from Alabama; former State AG and nominee for a federal judgeship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Leading congressional opponent of illegal immigration and proponent of reducing legal immigration ▶ Advocate of expanding construction of a Southern border fence 	Served in the U.S. Senate since 1997; held public office in Alabama since 1981
Secretary of Agriculture	Sonny Perdue	Former Governor of Georgia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ An immigration hawk 	Two terms as Georgia governor and a decade in the state legislature
Secretary of Commerce	Wilbur Ross	Billionaire Investor and founder of the investment firm W.L. Ross and Co	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Known as the "King of Bankruptcy" for restructuring steel, textile and mining companies, among others ▶ Takes a critical view of U.S. trade policy of the last two decades 	None
Secretary of Defense	Gen. James Mattis (Ret)	44-year career in the Marine Corps, served as head of U.S. Central Command	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Known for his candor, blunt talk and great attention to military tactics and strategy ▶ Opposed the Iranian Nuclear Deal 	44 years in the military, no experience in civilian posts
Secretary of Education	Betsy DeVos	Michigan Education Activist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Advocate for expanding charter schools and private-school vouchers 	None
Secretary of Energy	Rick Perry	Former Texas Governor and former Presidential candidate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ An advocate of fiscal conservatism ▶ Opposes federal health care reform and the Affordable Care Act 	Three-and-a-half terms as the Governor of Texas, eight years as Texas agriculture commissioner, and a short stint as lieutenant governor
Secretary of Health and Human Services	Rep. Tom Price	Georgia Representative and House Budget Committee Chairman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Longtime critic of the Affordable Care Act; leading architect of "repeal and replacement" ideas ▶ Supports entitlement reforms to address federal budget challenges including premium support model for Medicare 	Eight years in the Georgia state Senate and then 12 years in Congress
Secretary of Homeland Security	Gen. John Kelly	Retired 4-star General and former Commander of U.S. Southern Command	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Supports stronger U.S. border enforcement along with increasing efforts to reduce the number of people entering the U.S. without documentation ▶ Opposed to shutting down Guantanamo Bay 	40 years in the military including assignments as a liaison to Congress

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Secretary of Housing and Urban Development	Dr. Ben Carson	Retired neurosurgeon and former Presidential Candidate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Dedicated to strengthening communities that are most in need ▶ Brings a personal experience of having grown up poor in Detroit 	None
Secretary of the Interior	Rep. Ryan Zinke	Member of Congress from Montana and retired Navy SEAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Strong advocate for American energy independence ▶ Supports an all-encompassing energy policy ▶ Supports mining and drilling 	Two years in the Montana Senate and two years as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Montana's at-large district
Secretary of Labor	Alexander Acosta	Dean of Florida International College of Law; former Assistant Attorney General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Tough on health care fraud and white collar crime during tenure as Assistant Attorney General 	Assistant Attorney General under the George W. Bush administration; member of the National Labor Relations Board
Secretary of State	Rex Tillerson	CEO ExxonMobil Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Business relationship ties with Russia ▶ Recognizes climate change as a problem 	None
Secretary of Transportation	Elaine Chao	Former Labor Secretary, former chairman of the United Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Supported regulatory and legislative reforms in protecting the health, safety, wages and retirement security of U.S. workers 	Labor Secretary for both terms of the George W. Bush administration and served as deputy secretary in the Department of Transportation
Secretary of Treasury	Steven Mnuchin	Former Chief Information Officer for Goldman Sachs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Supports re-examining the Dodd-Frank regulations 	None
Secretary of Veterans Affairs	Dr. David Shulkin	Secretary of health for Veteran Affairs under the Obama Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Views suicide prevention as a top priority for the VA ▶ Opposed to moving veterans' care to the private sector 	Under Secretary of Health for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



CABINET APPOINTMENT PROCESS

1. Nominated by the President/President-elect
2. Senate hearings before relevant Senate committee
3. Voted out of committee before going to full Senate
4. Confirmed by full Senate in floor vote

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