

Stephen Hadley

Former National Security Advisor Stephen Hadley was at the center of national strategic planning during a time when the nation found itself facing an all new set of 21st century challenges. From the West Wing, he worked with the president's cabinet to develop a consensus among the diverse points of view and then coordinated the implementation of the president's final plan. As a trusted advisor and a key figure in driving the president's initiatives through the government, he has the insider's experience and knowledge to explain the ins and outs of the current geopolitical situation.

Hadley provides audiences with a backstage pass to the world of national decision-making. His speeches are intellectual and compelling whether he's focusing on the big political movements that affect the country as a whole or drilling down to the individual country or region where the international news of the day is happening.

A Trusted Advisor on Matters of Security. From 2005-2009, Stephen Hadley served as National Security Advisor for President George W. Bush, serving as the principal White House foreign policy advisor and directing the National Security Council staff. In that capacity, he also ran the interagency national security policy development and execution process. Previous to that post, he served as Condoleezza Rice's deputy at the National Security Council. In January of 2001, Hadley was appointed assistant to the president and deputy national security advisor. During President Bush's first presidential campaign, he served as a senior foreign and defense policy advisor, and he also worked in the Bush-Cheney Transition.

A Life in National Defense. Hadley served as the assistant secretary of defense for international security policy from 1989-1993. In that position, he had responsibility for defense policy toward NATO and Western Europe, on nuclear weapons and ballistic missile defense, and arms control. He also participated in policy issues involving export control and the use of space. Hadley previously served in a variety of other capacities in the defense and national security field, including serving from 1986-1987 as Counsel to the Special Review Board established by President Reagan to inquire into U.S. arms sales to Iran (the "Tower Commission"), as a member of the National Security Council staff under President Ford from 1974-1977, and as an analyst for the Comptroller of the Department of Defense from 1972-1974.

More About Stephen Hadley. Hadley has been a member of the Department of Defense Policy Board, the National Security Advisory Panel to the director of central intelligence, and the board of trustees of Analytical Services, Inc. From 1993-2001, he was also a partner in the Washington, D.C. law firm of Shea & Gardner and a principal in The Scowcroft Group, Inc., an international consulting firm. He received a BA degree from Cornell University and a law degree from Yale Law School.