

DOUG BURGUM
BILLIONAIRE
BUSINESSMAN

Doug Burgum, 68, is the governor of North Dakota. After growing his software company, Great Plains Software, Burgum sold it to Microsoft for \$1.1 billion. He also founded a software venture capital company and real estate entity. Burgum has said the United States should advance an "all-of-the-above energy policy" to ensure total energy independence.



SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

'RETURN PENTAGON TO THE WARFIGHTERS'

Hegseth said in a Dec. 9 interview that if confirmed in the role, he will focus on overhauling the U.S. military and returning the "Pentagon to the warfighters."

RAN FOR THE 2024 GOP NOMINATION

Burgum unsuccessfully ran for the GOP presidential nomination against Trump, but his run caused him to go from being relatively unknown to being in the political spotlight. He was previously in consideration to be Trump's vice-presidential nominee.

RAISED BY FARMERS

Rollins grew up in a farming family in Texas and previously participated in Future Farmers of America. She studied agricultural development at Texas A&M University.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

BUSINESS AND CRYPTO ADVOCATE

Lutnick's vast business experience also includes launching a cryptocurrency platform, World Liberty Financial. He has supported Trump's tariff proposals and criticized the Chinese regime for its role in the U.S. fentanyl crisis.



SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

UNIQUE PROSECUTORIAL EXPERIENCE

As Florida attorney general, Bondi tried to get the courts to strike down the Affordable Care Act. She also advanced litigation addressing the national opioid crisis and played a key role in the National Mortgage Settlement.

A POLITICAL OUTSIDER

Wright is a newcomer to politics but has aligned himself with Trump's policies, such as expressing skepticism over the notion of a climate crisis. He primarily hails from the energy sector.

RESPECTED COMMUNICATOR

Duffy has been a Trump ally from his time in Congress, where he advocated for fiscal responsibility, economic growth, and rural development while working across the aisle.

MULTI-FIELD EXPERIENCE

Trump said McMahon's decades of leadership experience in business and education mean she can empower the next generation. She sat on the Connecticut Board of Education and the Board of Trustees at Sacred Heart University.

CONSERVATIVE POPULISM FROM THE RUST BELT

Vance shares Trump's conservative populism, experiencing firsthand the decline of industry in Rust Belt states such as Ohio and Kentucky. He has also sponsored programs combating drug addiction and was a CNN contributor from 2017 to 2018.

WORKING IN FIRST TRUMP ADMIN

Greer is no stranger to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, as he was chief of staff to Robert Lighthizer, U.S. trade representative during the first Trump administration.

NOT HIS FIRST RODEO AT OMB

Vought was first deputy OMB director before leading the agency during Trump's first term, during which he implemented the administration's agenda, including deregulation.

UNIQUE ECONOMIC AND FISCAL EXPERIENCE

During his time at the Soros Fund, Bessent analyzed macroeconomic and geopolitical risks. While providing economic advice to the Trump campaign, Bessent has defended Trump's tariff proposals, arguing that they are not inflationary.

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DECADES OF EXPERIENCE IN GOP POLITICS

Wiles will enter the White House with decades of experience in Republican politics, including a handful of years on Capitol Hill, where she will be responsible for networking with lawmakers and administration officials.

PETE HEGSETH
SECOND-YOUNGEST PICK

At age 44, Pete Hegseth will be the second-youngest person to serve as secretary of defense if confirmed by the Senate. He is a combat veteran, Fox News host, author, and political commentator. Concerned about "wokeness" in the military, Hegseth supports firing leaders who are deemed too focused on advancing political causes. He has warned that the U.S. military's warfighting capabilities are lagging dangerously behind those of China.



JOHN RATCLIFFE
FROM DNI TO CIA

John Ratcliffe, 59, is an attorney who served as the director of national intelligence during Trump's first term. As an assistant federal prosecutor, Ratcliffe was named chief of anti-terrorism and national security for the Eastern District of Texas. While representing Texas in the U.S. Congress, Ratcliffe was among the lawmakers questioning the foundations of the FBI's counterintelligence investigation against the Trump campaign in the summer of 2016.



CIA DIRECTOR

HIGHLIGHTED CCP INFLUENCE IN ELECTIONS

During Trump's first term, Ratcliffe was a staunch Trump ally and has remained a consistent defender of the president-elect. He has suggested that the 2020 elections were marred by foreign influence from China.

STRONG STANCE ON CHINA

In addition to being tough on China, Waltz is also staunchly pro-Israel. He expressed support for assistance to Ukraine after the 2022 Russian invasion, but he has since called for an end to the war.



NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER

DIVERSE POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

Before Zeldin was elected to Congress, he became a New York state senator in 2010. His efforts in that office included successfully repealing a payroll tax that was hurting the state's small businesses, as well as creating a counseling program for veterans.



EPA ADMINISTRATOR

EXPOSING ANTI-SEMITISM ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

As a member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, Stefaniak grilled several university presidents, including from Columbia, Harvard, UPenn, and MIT, resulting in at least three resignations.



AMBASSADOR TO THE UN

SUPPORTED BY LABOR UNIONS

In Congress, Chávez-DeRemer was one of just three Republicans to co-sponsor the PRO Act, which would expand protections for workers who want to organize. Sean O'Brien, general president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, praised her nomination for secretary.



SECRETARY OF LABOR

A WEALTH OF FOREIGN POLICY KNOWLEDGE

In the Senate, Rubio's committee assignments have given him significant experience in foreign policy. He is known for speaking out against authoritarian regimes, including those in China, Venezuela, and Cuba. He is a staunch supporter of Israel.



SECRETARY OF STATE

EXTENSIVE GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Noem served as a representative in the South Dakota House before being elected as her state's at-large representative in Congress—a position she held until January 2019, when she became governor.



SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY

DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

HEALTH VIEWS BEYOND THE MAINSTREAM

RFK Jr. has said vaccines should be subjected to the same scrutiny as other medicines. He has recently advocated removing fluoride from drinking water and has promoted natural alternatives to chemical food dyes.



SECRETARY OF HHS

EXPERIENCED MILITARY CHAPLAIN

Before entering the political arena, Collins served in the Air Force as a Reserve chaplain and fought in the Iraq War. He was a U.S. Navy chaplain in the late 1980s.



VA SECRETARY

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SECRETARY OF HUD



CHIEF OF STAFF

SCOTT TURNER
FORMER NFL PLAYER

Scott Turner, 52, is a former NFL player and founder and CEO of the Community Engagement and Opportunity Council, a family foundation dedicated to revitalizing communities. Dr. Ben Carson, housing and urban development secretary during the first Trump administration, reportedly advocated for Turner's nomination.

SUSIE WILES
FIRST FEMALE CHIEF OF STAFF

Susie Wiles, 67, the daughter of late iconic sports broadcaster Pat Summerall, ran Trump's 2016 and 2020 campaigns for president in Florida. Having worked in Washington in the 1980s, she managed Sen. Rick Scott's (R-Fla.) first gubernatorial campaign in 2010 and also helped Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis get elected in 2018. Wiles was the co-chair of the Trump 2024 campaign and has been credited for running a disciplined operation that propelled the Republican candidate to victory.

SCOTT BESSENT
INTERNATIONAL INVESTOR

Scott Bessent, 62, was a partner at Soros Fund Management, which was founded by George Soros, a billionaire known for donating to left-wing causes. Bessent's mentor, billionaire investor Stanley Druckenmiller, is politically conservative. Bessent is the founder of the global macro investment firm Key Square Group. He was an adjunct professor of economic history at Yale University from 2006 to 2011. Bessent is also a cryptocurrency advocate.

RUSS VOUGHT
CO-AUTHOR OF PROJECT 2025

Russ Vought, 48, led the Office of Management and Budget during Trump's first term. He also co-authored The Heritage Foundation's Project 2025, a plan for the next GOP administration to reform government around conservative policies. In 2021, Vought founded the Center for Renewing America. He advocated for the Schedule F plan at the end of the first Trump administration, a key move as Trump sought to make it easier to fire or replace federal workers in executive branch agencies.

JAMIESON GREER
PARTNER AT TOP DC LAW FIRM

Jamieson Greer is currently a partner in the international trade department at King and Spalding, a prominent law firm in the nation's capital. He represented the company U.S. Steel in its lawsuit against China and has extensive experience in trade agreement enforcement. He argued for "increased tariff usage" during a May testimony before the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. Greer celebrated President Joe Biden's tariff increases on Chinese imports, including electric vehicle batteries and semiconductors.

JD VANCE
ONE OF AMERICA'S YOUNGEST VPS

JD Vance, 40, described growing up poor in Appalachia, in his memoir "Hillbilly Elegy." He said his mother, whom he describes as tough, put him on the right path. Vance joined the Marines and, after attending Ohio State University, went on to Yale Law School before making a mint in venture capital and becoming a U.S. senator for Ohio.

LINDA MCMAHON
SUCCESSFUL IN BUSINESS

Linda McMahon, 76, and her husband, Vince, co-founded World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE), one of the most successful wrestling leagues in the world. McMahon was previously the administrator of the Small Business Administration during Trump's first term. She resigned from that role in 2019 before chairing America First Action, a pro-Trump super PAC. McMahon unsuccessfully ran for a Senate seat in Connecticut in 2010. She ran for the state's other seat in 2012 but lost to then-Democratic Rep. Chris Murphy.

SEAN DUFFY
HE WAS AN MTV STAR

Prior to his foray into politics, Sean Duffy, 53, starred on MTV's "The Real World: Boston," "Road Rules: All Stars," and "Real World/Road Rules Challenge: Battle of the Seasons." His wife, Rachel, with whom he has nine children, was also an MTV star. Duffy formerly served Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District from 2011 until 2019, where he was a member of the House Financial Services Committee. He was a Fox Business co-host until leaving the role in November.

CHRIS WRIGHT
LEADER IN FRACKING INDUSTRY

Wright, 59, is the founder and CEO of Liberty Energy. He is a Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate and a leader in the fracking industry's "Shale Revolution," in which he played a pivotal role in improving the technology behind hydraulic fracturing. In 2019, he drank fracking fluid on camera to show it is safe. Wright has advocated for ramping up U.S. energy production.

PAM BONDI
FIRST FEMALE FLORIDA AG

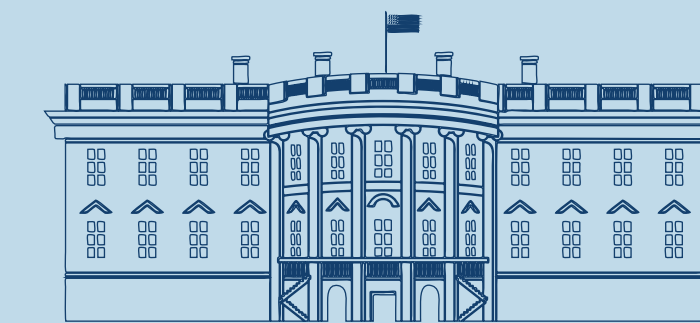
Pam Bondi, 59, was Florida's top prosecutor between 2011 and 2019, the first woman to serve in that role. She also worked at Ballard Partners—the same company that employed Susie Wiles. She has been a vocal supporter of Trump since his initial run for president. Bondi argued that special counsel Jack Smith's appointment in the Department of Justice investigations into Trump was illegal. She currently leads legal efforts at the America First Policy Institute.

BROOKE ROLLINS
POLICY INNOVATOR

Brooke Rollins, 52, was president and CEO of the America First Policy Institute, a think tank dedicated to furthering Trump's agenda. If confirmed, Rollins will be the second female agriculture secretary, following Ann Veneman during the Bush administration. Rollins worked on Trump's 2016 Economic Advisory Council.

TRUMP'S CABINET PICKS

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VICE PRESIDENT



US TRADE REPRESENTATIVE



OMB DIRECTOR



SECRETARY OF TREASURY



DOUG COLLINS
A VETERAN AND FORMER REPRESENTATIVE

Doug Collins, 58, is a lawyer, a Baptist minister, and a veteran. He represented Georgia's 9th Congressional District from 2013 to 2021, one of the most Republican districts in the country. He sat on the House Judiciary Committee as its ranking member during Trump's first impeachment, where he defended the president.