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Abuzaid (03-07), Anthony Zinni (97-00), Joseph Hoar (91-94), George Crist (85-88) (est. 1983)</p> <p>James Stavridis (2009-13), Bantz Craddock (06-09), Wesley Clark (97-00), George Joulfaian (93-97), John Galvin (87-92), Bernard Rogers (79-87), Alexander Haig (74-79), Andrew Goodpaster (69-74), Lyman Lemnitzer (63-69), Lauris Norstad (56-63), Dwight D. Eisenhower (51-52)</p> <p>H.R. McMaster (2017-), Susan Rice (13-17), Thomas Donilon (10-13), Stephen Hadley (05-09), Condoleezza Rice (01-05), Samuel Berger (07-01), Anthony Lake (93-97), Brent Scowcroft (89-93), Colin Powell (87-89), Frank Carlucci (86-87), Robert McFarlane (83-85), Zbigniew Brzezinski (77-81), Brent Scowcroft (75-77), Henry Kissinger (69-75), Walt Rostow (66-69), McGeorge Bundy (61-66), Gordon Gray (58-61), William H. Jackson (56-57), Dillon Anderson (55-56)</p> <p>Senate Committee on Armed Services: John McCain (R, Chairman), Jack Reed (D, ranking member); Senate Select Committee on Intelligence: Christine Feinstein (D, former chairwoman), Mark Warner (D, Vice Chairman), Bob Graham (D, former Chairman), Senate Committee on Foreign Relations: John Kerry (D, former Chairman), House Committee on Armed Services: William Thornberry (R, Chairman), Adam Smith (D, ranking member), House Committee on Foreign Affairs: Eliot Engel (D, ranking member), ...</p>	<p>Jacob Lew (2013-17), Timothy Geithner (09-13), Henry Paulson (06-09), Lawrence Summers (99-01), Robert Rubin (95-99), Lloyds Bentsen (93-94), Nicholas Brady (88-93), James Baker (85-88), Donald Regan (81-85), G. William Miller (79-81), W. Michael Blumenthal (77-79), William Simon (74-77), George Shultz (72-74), David Kennedy (69-71), Henry Fowler (65-68), C. Douglas Dillon (61-65), Robert Anderson (57-61), Henry Morgenthau (34-45), William Woodin (1933), Ogden Mills (32-33), Andrew Mellon (21-32)</p> <p>Janet Yellen (2014), Alan Greenspan (87-06), Paul Volcker (79-87), G. William Miller (78-79), Arthur Burns (70-78), William Martin (65-70), Eugene Meyer (30-33), Paul Warburg (co-founder of the Federal Reserve System)</p> <p>David Petraeus (2011-12), Michael Hayden (06-09), George Tenet (96-04), John Deutch (95-96), R. James Woolsey (93-95), Robert Gates (91-93), William Webster (87-91), William Casey (81-87), Stanley Turner (77-81), George H. W. Bush (76-77), William Colby (73-76), James Schlesinger (1973), Richard Helms (66-73), John McConne (61-65), Allen Dulles (53-61), Walter Smith (50-53), William Donovan (42-45, 055)</p> <p>Studies: Executives and board members of all major Hollywood studios (see separate chart), including: Disney, Universal, 20th Century Fox, Paramount, Sony Picture Entertainment (Columbia), TriStar (Warner Bros. Inc.)</p> <p>Actors: Angelina Jolie, George Clooney, Warren Beatty, Ron Silver, Michael Douglas, Shirley Temple Black, Stephen Gaghan, ...</p> <p>Executives and top journalists of all major U.S. news outlets (see separate chart), including: The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, The New Yorker, Time Magazine, CNN, ABC, NBC, FOX News, PBS, NPR, LA Times, Newsweek, Atlantic, Slate, The Nation, NY Daily News, Forbes, The Associated Press, ...</p> <p>Lee Bollinger (President, Columbia University), Vahl Harz (Dean, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies), Cecilia Rouse (Dean, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs), Graham Allison (Director, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs), Howard, Christina Paxson (President, Brown University), Sylvia Burwell (President, American University), L. 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Aff.), Nozomu Roskin (Economics), Evan Thomas (Journalism), Daniel Pipes (Islamic Studies), ...</p>	<p>Susan Rice (09-13), Zalmay Khalilzad (07-09), John Bolton (05-06), John Negroponte (01-04), Richard Holbrooke (99-01), William Richardson (97-98), Madeleine Albright (93-97), Edward Peleus (92-93), Thomas Pickering (89-92), Vernon Walters (85-89), Jeane Kirkpatrick (81-85), Donald McHenry (79-81), Andrew Young (77-79), William Scranton (76-77), Daniel Moynihan (75-76), John Scali (73-75), George H.W. Bush (71-73), George Ball (1968), Arthur Goldberg (65-68), Adlai Stevenson (61-65), Henry Lodge (53-60), Edward Stettin (1944)</p> <p>Robert Zoellick (2007-12), Paul Wolfowitz (05-07), James Wolfensohn (95-99), Lewis T. Preston (91-95), Barber Conable (86-91), Robert S. McManam (80-81), Eugene Black (49-63), John J. McCloy (47-49), Eugene Meyer (1944)</p> <p>Gene Sperling (11-14), Lawrence Summers (09-10), Allan Hubbard (05-07), Stephen Friedman (02-05), Gene Sperling (96-01), Laura Tyson (95-96), Robert Rubin (95-96) (est. 93)</p> <p>Individual members: David Rockefeller (CFR chairman 1970-83), Peter G. Peterson (CFR chairman 1985-2007), George Soros, David Rubenstein (CEO, Carlyle Group), Laurence Fink (CEO, Blackrock), James Gorman (CEO, Morgan Stanley), Stephen Schwarzman (CEO, Blackstone), Richard D. Parsons (former Chairman, Citigroup), Lloyd C. 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Notes: M: married to CFR member; S: son of CFR member. Chart includes term members, former members, and subsequent members (after serving in office).