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Tracking Biden's picks for Cabinet-level and high ranking posts

President-elect Joe Biden is rolling out his picks for Cabinet heads and other top-ranking administration officials. Some of these appointments — namely, secretaries of various departments — must be confirmed by the Senate. Others, like the national security adviser, do not need to be confirmed. Here are Biden's nominees and appointees thus far. *This post was last updated on Dec. 4, 2020.*

Cabinet nominees

✓ = NOMINATED, MUST BE CONFIRMED BY SENATE



Antony Blinken
 SECRETARY OF STATE

✓ NOMINATED

Blinken was a deputy national security adviser and deputy secretary of State during President Barack Obama's administration.



Janet Yellen
 TREASURY SECRETARY

✓ NOMINATED

If confirmed, Yellen would be the first female Treasury secretary. Yellen, a widely respected labor economist, was the first woman to serve as Chair of the Federal Reserve, from 2014 to 2018.



Alejandro Mayorkas
 DHS SECRETARY

✓ NOMINATED

If confirmed, Mayorkas will be the first Latino Homeland Security secretary. Mayorkas served as deputy DHS secretary in the Obama administration from 2013 to 2016.

Nominations yet to come

As of Dec. 4, Biden's team has yet to announce nominations for several Cabinet positions:

- Secretary of Defense
- Attorney General
- Secretary of the Interior
- Secretary of Agriculture
- Secretary of Commerce
- Secretary of Labor
- Secretary of HHS
- Secretary of HUD
- Secretary of Energy
- Secretary of Education
- Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Cabinet-level officials



Ronald Klain
 CHIEF OF STAFF

NOT A SENATE-CONFIRMED ROLE

Klain was a senior adviser to the Biden campaign, vice presidential chief of staff from 2009 to 2011 and was appointed by the Obama administration to coordinate its response to the Ebola pandemic.



Jake Sullivan
 NAT'L. SECURITY ADVISER

NOT A SENATE-CONFIRMED ROLE

Sullivan was Biden's national security adviser during the Obama administration.



Avril Haines
 DIRECTOR OF NAT'L. INTELLIGENCE

✓ NOMINATED

Haines is the first woman to be appointed Director of National Intelligence. During the Obama administration, Haines served as deputy national security adviser and was the first female deputy CIA director.



Linda Thomas-Greenfield
 U.N. AMBASSADOR

✓ NOMINATED

Thomas-Greenfield is a veteran diplomat who was an assistant secretary of State during the Obama administration.



John Kerry
 SPECIAL ENVOY FOR CLIMATE

NOT A SENATE-CONFIRMED ROLE

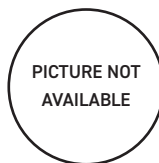
Kerry was secretary of State during Obama's second term. He also helped negotiate and signed the Paris climate agreement to lower greenhouse gas emissions. He was the Democratic presidential nominee in 2004.



Neera Tanden
 OMB DIRECTOR

✓ NOMINATED

Tanden is president of the Center for American Progress, a think tank in Washington, D.C. She was an adviser to Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign and has advised other Democratic presidential campaigns.



Dana Remus
 WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL

NOT A SENATE-CONFIRMED ROLE

Remus was general counsel to Biden's presidential campaign and was deputy assistant to the president and deputy counsel for ethics during the Obama administration.

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