

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



Mr. David J. Trachtenberg

- Areas of Expertise:**
- National security policy and strategy
 - Missile defense
 - Nuclear weapons and arms control
 - Proliferation and counterproliferation
 - Defense budget issues
 - Counter-terrorism
 - Russian military policy
 - Export control and technology transfer
 - Non-lethal weapons



Mr. David J. Trachtenberg was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on October 17, 2017 as Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and served in this capacity until his retirement from government service in July 2019. From October 2017 until January 2018, he also served as the Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, the principal civilian advisor to the Secretary of Defense on defense policy matters. His duties spanned a range of regional and functional portfolios, including homeland defense, space, cyber, nuclear and missile defense policy, technology security policy, and strengthening security cooperation activities with allies, friends and partners abroad. He was also the senior Department of Defense civilian official responsible for developing, coordinating, and overseeing compliance with DoD policy regarding civilian casualties resulting from military operations. Formerly the President and Chief Executive Officer of Shortwaver Consulting, LLC, he has more than 40 years of public policy experience in the private sector and the Executive and Legislative branches of government. From 2005-2007 he was Vice President of CACI International and Division Manager of the Strategic Analysis Division at CACI-NSR, Inc. From 2003-2005 he was Senior Vice President for Homeland Security and Senior Vice President for Corporate Support at National Security Research, Inc. From 2001-2003, Mr. Trachtenberg was Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Forces Policy, overseeing the office that provided policy rationale leading to the withdrawal from the ABM Treaty and deployment of an initial national missile defense capability. He headed multiple interagency delegations abroad to encourage international missile defense cooperation, including with the Russian Federation. He was twice awarded the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service, the highest honorary award presented by DOD to private citizens. From 1995-2001, Mr. Trachtenberg was a senior professional staff member on the House Armed Services Committee (HASC), working on export control and technology transfer issues, peacekeeping, terrorism, nuclear weapons and arms control, missile defense, non-proliferation, and cooperative threat reduction with the former Soviet Union. Earlier, he was a member of the technical staff of The Analytical Sciences Corporation, a consultant to the President's General Advisory Committee on Arms Control and Disarmament, Senior Defense Analyst for the Committee on the Present Danger, and a research associate with the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis, Inc. He received an A.B. degree in International Relations from the University of Southern California and a Master of Science degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. An adjunct professor, he teaches graduate seminars on nuclear deterrence and the role of Congress in national security policy at Missouri State University's Defense and Strategic Studies Program in Fairfax, VA. He is widely published and has served on various boards, task forces, and commissions.