



U.S SECRETARY OF STATE

NOMINEE: Susan Rice

Born: Washington, D.C. November 17, 1964

Family: Husband, Ian O. Cameron, and two children.

Occupation: U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

Education: D.Phil. (1990), M.Phil. (1988), Oxford University; B.A., Stanford University, 1986

Clinton White House: Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs (1997-2001); Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs, the National Security Council, the White House (1995-1997); Director for International Organizations and Peacekeeping, National Security Council (1993-1995)

Think Tank: Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Global Economy and Development at the Brookings Institute (2002-2009)

Abortion

“Various interest groups and lawmakers issued statements today reacting to Barack Obama's six-person national security team. Three advocacy groups for women weighed in positively on the three female nominees: Sen. Hillary Clinton, Dr. Susan Rice and AZ Gov. Janet Napolitano: Planned Parenthood's Cecile Richards, National Organization for Women president Kim Gandy and Emily's List's Ellen Malcolm.”

*“Throughout her extensive career in international affairs, Susan Rice has consistently affirmed the responsibility to address the burdens of poverty around the globe and their impact on global health. In addition, she understands the important role the United Nations plays in promoting and protecting women’s health around the world, especially in developing countries. Susan Rice is a passionate and committed advocate for poor women and families around the world. We expect that she will work effectively with other countries to fulfill the UN’s development agenda, including the **Millennium Development Goals (MDG)** on maternal health, gender equality and AIDS reduction.”* - Planned Parenthood's Cecile Richards.

“Reproductive health (abortion) is clearly and openly mentioned (<http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/maternal.shtml>) in the MDGs as a critical component of improving maternal health globally. The fifth of eight Millennium Development Goals is to improve maternal health. Two targets make up that goal: reduce by 3/4 the maternal mortality rate; and, according to the United Nations site about the MDG campaign, ‘achieve universal access to reproductive health care.’ This target clearly states (http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2008/MDG_Report_2008_En.pdf#page=29), ‘an unmet need for family planning undermines achievement of several other goals.’” <http://www.rhrealitycheck.org/blog/2008/12/01/antichoice-anger-over-clinton-rice-expands-to-world-goals>

Reproductive rights are human rights. They are essential, which is why the U.S. works tirelessly to protect them. [#WorldPopDay](https://twitter.com/AmbassadorRice/status/223238007623389187)
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UNFPA.

“During her remarkable tenure at the helm of UNFPA, contributions to the organization nearly doubled from \$396.4 million in 2001 to \$783.1 million in 2009 and there has been an impressive increase in the total number of countries providing contributions. The United States’ decision last year to reengage with UNFPA -- both as an Executive Board Member and major donor -- reflects our support for this organization and our grateful appreciation for Dr. Obaid’s leadership.

Dr. Obaid has established a solid strategic framework for UNFPA’s activities, which will continue to guide this organization’s contributions to the international community for years to come. We welcome, in particular, UNFPA’s work under her direction to improve the reproductive health and family planning services available in countries around the world. We applaud UNFPA for tackling many critical issues in the field, including preventing teenage pregnancy, campaigning to end obstetric fistula, strengthening efforts to prevent HIV/AIDS, and building support for women’s rights. UNFPA’s activities directly impact the lives of women in all corners of the globe.

The United States strongly supports UNFPA’s efforts to improve access to reproductive health services in crisis settings. We want to work together with UNFPA and other stakeholders to strengthen this initiative and to make certain that UNFPA has the appropriate resources and capacity to move forward. In recognition of UNFPA’s important work in this area, the United States recently provided UNFPA with additional resources specifically for this purpose in Haiti and Kyrgyzstan, where the needs for reproductive health services are critical.”

<http://usun.state.gov/briefing/statements/2010/146446.htm>

UN Human Rights Council.

"[T]he United States is clearly of the view that the Human Rights Council has its flaws, and I just enumerated a couple of them, including its excessive focus on Israel," said Rice. "But it is also a body that is increasingly proving its value, and we’ve been proud to contribute to some of what we think are the finer moments of the Human Rights Council: its approach to Syria, its approach to Sudan, its approach to the situation in Libya with the Commission of Inquiry. I could name many other instances—it’s standing up now strongly in support of the protection of the rights of those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender. It’s staked out important and, we think, comparatively progressive positions on the difficult issue of defamation of religion. So, across the board, there’s been real important progress, and we’ve been proud to be part of that. And that’s why we wanted to run for a second term, so that we could build on that progress in partnership with others and prove that even those elements of the system which have their flaws can benefit from strong American leadership joined with the principled leadership of others around the world."

http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/us-now-serving-same-un-human-rights-council-chavez-venezuela_662387.html

Benghazi

"What sparked the violence was a very hateful video on the Internet," Rice said on "Fox News Sunday." "It was a reaction to a video that had nothing to do with the United States."

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"The best information and the best assessment we have today is that this was not a pre-planned, pre-meditated attack," Rice also told Fox News. "What happened initially was that it was a spontaneous reaction to what had just transpired in Cairo as a consequence of the video. People gathered outside the embassy and then it grew very violent. And those with extremist ties joined the fray and came with heavy weapons, which unfortunately are quite common in post-revolutionary Libya, and that then spun out of control."

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2012/09/16/us-ambassador-rice-backs-administration-violence-sparked-by-anti-muslim-video/#ixzz2C8B3tprJ>

"Our current best assessment, based on the information that we have at present, is that, in fact, what this began as, it was a spontaneous – not a premeditated – response to what had transpired in Cairo," Rice told me this morning on "This Week."

"In Cairo, as you know, a few hours earlier, there was a violent protest that was undertaken in reaction to this very offensive video that was disseminated," Rice said, referring to protests in Egypt Tuesday [over a film](#) that depicts the Prophet Muhammad as a fraud. Protesters in Cairo breached the walls of the U.S. Embassy, tearing apart an American flag.

"We believe that folks in Benghazi, a small number of people came to the embassy to – or to the consulate, rather, to replicate the sort of challenge that was posed in Cairo," Rice said. "And then as that unfolded, it seems to have been hijacked, let us say, by some individual clusters of extremists who came with heavier weapons... And it then evolved from there."

<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics/2012/09/ambassador-susan-rice-libya-attack-not-premeditated/>

Genocide

"At an interagency teleconference in late April, Susan Rice, a rising star on the NSC who worked under Richard Clarke, stunned a few of the officials present when she asked, 'If we use the word 'genocide' and are seen as doing nothing, what will be the effect on the November [congressional] election?' Lieutenant Colonel Tony Marley remembers the incredulity of his colleagues at the State Department. 'We could believe that people would wonder that,' he says, 'but not that they would actually voice it.' Rice does not recall the incident but concedes, 'If I said it, it was completely inappropriate, as well as irrelevant.'" Power, Samantha. "Bystanders to Genocide." *The Atlantic* September 2001. <http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/print/200109/power-genocide>

"History demonstrates that there is one language Khartoum understands: the credible threat or use of force. After Sept. 11, 2001, when President Bush issued a warning to states that harbor terrorists, Sudan -- recalling the 1998 U.S. airstrike on Khartoum -- suddenly began cooperating on counterterrorism. It's time to get tough with Sudan again . . . After swift diplomatic consultations, the United States should press for a U.N. resolution that issues Sudan an

ultimatum: accept unconditional deployment of the U.N. force within one week or face military consequences. The resolution would authorize enforcement by U.N. member states, collectively or individually. International military pressure would continue until Sudan relented. . . If the United States fails to gain U.N. support, we should act without it. Impossible? No, the United States acted without U.N. blessing in 1999 in Kosovo to confront a lesser humanitarian crisis (perhaps 10,000 killed) and a more formidable adversary.” Rice, Susan, Lake, Anthony and Payne, Donald. “We Saved Europeans. Why Not Africans?” Washington Post, October 2, 2006. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/10/01/AR2006100100871.html>

On Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY), nominee for Secretary of State, her potential counterpart at the State Department

“On MSNBC's "Tucker" yesterday, one of Sen. Barack Obama's top foreign policy aides, former assistant secretary of state for African Affairs Susan Rice, said of Clinton's 3 am phone call TV ad, ‘Clinton hasn't had to answer the phone at three o'clock in the morning and yet she attacked Barack Obama for not being ready. They're both not ready to have that 3 am phone call.’” <http://blogs.abcnews.com/politicalpunch/2008/03/mccain-camp-i-a.html>

Miscellaneous

“During Bill Clinton's second term, Rice played a major role in the decision to refuse Sudan's offer to hand over Bin Laden. According to Richard Minter, author of *Losing bin Laden*, Rice persuaded Sandy Berger to turn Sudan down <http://archive.newsmax.com/archives/ic/2004/7/29/132456.shtml> because she doubted its credibility and was offended by its human rights violations. But our ambassador to Sudan argued far more sensibly for calling Khartoum's ‘bluff.’ Mansoor Ijaz, who was involved in the negotiations with Sudan provides the same account. No doubt, Rice will urge Obama (in the unlikely event he needs urging) to rush into talks with Iran and Syria notwithstanding any reservations about their credibility and human rights records, on the theory of ‘why not; how can it hurt?’ But when offered the opportunity to take out the world's leading terrorist -- as opposed to appeasing rogue terrorist supporting states -- Rice drew the line.” <http://www.powerlineblog.com/archives/2008/02/019837.php>