

## Donna Brazile

Renowned Political Strategist and Commentator, Former Interim Chair of the Democratic National Committee

Veteran political strategist Donna Brazile has twice served as the interim Chair of the Democratic National Committee (DNC). She is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Hacks: The Inside Story of the Break-Ins and Breakdowns That Put Donald Trump in the White House* and the 2004 best-selling memoir *Cooking with Grease: Stirring the Pots in American Politics*. She is a co-author of *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Politics*, which won the 2019 NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work, Nonfiction. Brazile is also the founder and director of Brazile & Associates LLC, a general consulting, grassroots advocacy, and training firm.

Ms. Brazile has devoted her life to working for progressive change, responsible governance, and the advancement of all people in a society that is fair and equitable. Brazile first got involved in politics at the age of nine when she worked to elect a City Council candidate who had promised to build a playground in her neighborhood; the candidate won, the playground was built, and a lifelong passion for political progress was ignited. Ms. Brazile has worked on every major presidential campaign since 1976 and in 2000 she became the first Black woman to serve as the manager of a major party presidential campaign, running the campaign of former Vice President Al Gore.

Ms. Brazile and former RNC chair, Michael Steele, were recently appointed by the Bipartisan Policy Center to lead its Election Legitimacy Initiative, a collaboration with public and private sector partners to undertake a nationwide public education campaign to help voters understand their rights, identify nefarious misinformation, help them register, cast ballots, and make sure their votes are accurately counted. Outreach will take place in local and national media outlets through PSAs, podcasts, webinars, and other shareable tools and content.

She loves working with young people, encouraging them to vote, to run for office, and to work within the system to strengthen it. She has lectured at over 225 colleges and universities on such topics as: Inspiring Civility in American Politics, Why Diversity Matters, and Women in American Politics.

*O, The Oprah Magazine* chose Ms. Brazile as one of its 20 "Remarkable Visionaries" for the magazine's first-ever O Power List. In addition, she was named among the 100 Most Powerful Women by *Washingtonian* magazine, Top 50 Women in America by *Essence* magazine, and received the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's highest award for political achievement. In 2016, Ms. Brazile was awarded Work of the Year from the Kennedy Political Union at American University. In March 2018, *Black Enterprise* awarded her with the Barbara Graves Legacy Award.

Ms. Brazile is currently an ABC News Contributor and was formerly a contributor to FOX News and CNN. She was the recipient of a Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Daytime Program, *Good Morning America* (2016-2017) and has been a prolific writer with her articles being published in nearly every major newspaper. Ms. Brazile moonlights as an actress and is especially honored to have made appearances on CBS' *The Good Wife*, Netflix's *House of Cards*, and BET's *Being Mary Jane*. Ask her and she'll tell you that acting, after all, is the key to success in politics.