

Paul Ryan

Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives (2015-2019)

Paul Ryan was the 54th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. In office from October 2015 to January 2019, he was the youngest speaker in nearly 150 years. During his tenure, Ryan spearheaded efforts to reform our nation's tax code for the first time in a generation, rebuild our national defense, expand domestic energy production, combat the opioid epidemic, reform our criminal justice system, and promote economic opportunity.

First elected to Congress in 1998 at age 28, Ryan spent two decades representing the people of Wisconsin's First Congressional District. A fifth-generation Janesville native, Ryan continued Wisconsin's proud tradition of reform-minded leadership in the House of Representatives.

Before becoming Speaker, he was chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. As chairman Ryan worked to simplify the tax code, protect health care choices, advance free trade, and strengthen the economy. Before that, he served as chairman of the House Budget Committee, where he outlined revolutionary blueprints to balance the federal budget and pay off the national debt. In 2012, Ryan was selected to serve as Governor Mitt Romney's Vice Presidential nominee.

Ryan is the author of the book *The Way Forward: Renewing the American Idea* and serves as a distinguished visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute in the practice of public policy. He is a board member of the Fox Corporation and resides in Washington, DC. Ryan is a member of St. John Vianney's Parish and a graduate of Joseph A. Craig High School. He holds a degree in economics and political science from Miami University in Ohio. Paul and his wife Janna are the proud parents of three children: Liza, Charlie, and Sam.