

Rob Portman

U.S. Senator (R-OH, 2011-2023), Former Director of the Office of Management and Budget & United States Trade Representative

In a public service career that spans more than three decades and includes service in two presidential administrations, as well as two terms in the United States Senate (R-Ohio, 2011-2023) and six terms in the United States House of Representatives, Rob Portman has been among the most influential presences in American politics and policy. He has held various high-ranking government roles through the course of his career. In addition to the aforementioned roles, Portman was the 14th U.S. Trade Representative (2005-2006), as well as the director of the Office of Management and Budget under President George W. Bush. Portman is known for his civility, successful bipartisan policymaking, work ethic, and extensive expertise of a broad range of complex issues. With more than 220 of his bills signed into law by Presidents Biden, Trump, and Obama during his tenure in the Senate, it is impossible to overstate his impact on American politics.

Exclusively represented by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#), Portman is a sought-after voice who presents audiences with a look deep into the heart of American politics, offering insights and analysis on issues ranging from bipartisanship and civility in politics to trade and National Security — all from the perspective of someone who has worked from the inside, advised multiple presidents, and is viewed as a respected coalition builder on both sides of the aisle. He pairs compelling anecdotes from his career with down-the-middle analysis to take groups behind the scenes of the White House and Congress and break down the potential impact of multi-faceted issues in politics and policy on business and society, while proposing practical solutions for the way forward as a Nation.

First elected to the U.S. senate in 2011 and serving until 2023, Portman's impressive list of accomplishments includes his role as the lead Republican negotiator on the bipartisan legislation to improve the Nation's infrastructure, acting as a key figure in U.S. foreign policy as a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and co-chair of the Senate Ukraine Caucus, and authoring various legislation to align America's education system with the needs of the 21st century workforce. Previously, he served two cabinet-level jobs in President George W. Bush's administration, as director of the Office of Management and Budget, as well as the United States Trade Representative. In 1993, Portman was elected to Congress, where he represented the diverse, seven county Second District in Ohio. He was proud to serve the Second District for 12 years and, in seven elections, he never received less than 70 percent of the vote. His career in public service began in 1989 in President George H.W. Bush's administration, where he was appointed associate counsel to the President and director of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs.

Portman is the founder of the Portman Center for Policy Solutions at the University of Cincinnati. He is also a distinguished visiting fellow in the Practice of Public Policy at the American Enterprise Institute, where he focuses on public policy and opportunity, free trade expansion, U.S. relations with Russia and China, the conflict in Europe, U.S. budget and entitlement reform, worker training, retirement security, and many of the other challenges we face as a Nation. For the entirety of his political career and beyond, Portman has maintained his reputation as a serious leader who is focused on results.