

Ted Singer

Longtime CIA Senior Executive, Expert National Security Problem-Solver

In a career spanning more than 35 years, longtime Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) senior executive Ted Singer has been regarded as a national intelligence and security chessmaster whose insights and acumen have guided strategic decision-making by U.S. and foreign governments on global issues of the highest complexity. From 2006 onwards, Singer served as a CIA Senior Intelligence Service officer — succeeding in positions of increasing responsibility and U.S. national security scope, and becoming a five-time Chief of Station — serving in major Middle Eastern and European capitals. Singer’s knowledge of regional dynamics in the Middle East and Europe is near-encyclopedic and his list of achievements is as extensive as it is impressive. His expertise extends across strategic planning, stewardship of significant staff and resources, financial management, and operational control of groundbreaking intelligence programs.

Exclusively represented by Leading Authorities speakers bureau, Singer draws from his real-world experiences identifying and countering threats, and successfully navigating geopolitically sensitive and unstable environments on behalf of U.S. interests, to offer audiences a highly informative, plain-speak assessment of the national intelligence and security trends and issues that are keeping world leaders up at night. In addition to his insights on global issues and why they are of importance to organizations and their industries, Singer also shares grounded strategies for leading through crises, building and collaborating across multi-disciplinary teams, and how to foster cultures that consistently tap into collective creative energy to develop solutions to business challenges.

As the responsibilities of Singer’s roles at the CIA increased, so too did his influence in the Intelligence Community and in national security matters around the globe. In his final role with the CIA, he was the chief of an enterprise-level office, during which time, he established a new executive suite office overseeing governance and innovation of essential CIA-wide functions, and served as the senior officer responsible for a multi-directorate team reporting to CIA leadership on a highly sensitive issue. He also held leadership positions in the Near East Division and Mission Center at CIA Headquarters. Throughout his tenure at the CIA, Singer led innovative and dynamic intelligence programs that engaged the highest levels of policy, military, and U.S. and international business leaders — often under presidential oversight. His unique career included 25 years overseas, taking him from the streets of Damascus to executive suites in major world capitals.

Singer’s outstanding contributions to the Intelligence Community have been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including the Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal in 2023, the Director of Central Intelligence Agency’s Award in 2020, and the Director of National Intelligence’s Award for Leadership 2016.