

## Nancy-Ann DeParle

Former White House Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Leading Expert on Healthcare and Regulatory Issues

**The Affordable Care Act and the Transformation of American Healthcare.** As the woman whose influence helped write and pass the legislation, DeParle discusses the long-term effects of the Affordable Care Act with an insider's view of how it came to be and where the 'bodies are buried.' DeParle knows the ins and outs of this 900-page bill like no other speaker on the lecture circuit and tailors her talks to cover the issues important to her audience. She addresses why President Obama took on healthcare during his first term, what the system looked like before the ACA, the logic (and compromise) behind the current legislation, the changes and ramifications of the Act, and what problems the bill solves in American healthcare. She also discusses issues like current healthcare trends. In her talk, DeParle covers healthcare from several points of view – from working with Congress and the president, to healthcare administrators and current patients.

**Domestic Policy During the Obama Administration.** Nancy-Ann DeParle is a leading expert on policy issues and a unique perspective on the political environment. As the Obama's former deputy chief of staff, she oversaw all policy and regulatory matters for the White House, including energy, environment, education, national security, manufacturing, economy, and more. The most senior female member of the Obama administration, DeParle has great insights into the political landscape and the role of the White House in the current legislative climate. She tackles the audience's selected topic areas and outlines Obama's approach to major agenda issues in his second term, speaking to issues like the esoterica of budget negotiations, the politics of a divided Congress, the ramifications of policy decisions, and the behind-the-scenes happenings at the White House.

**Regulatory Policy and Obama's Approach to Regulation.** Part of DeParle's job as the White House deputy chief of staff was determining – on behalf of the president – which regulations passed and which ones did not. The general criterion for those that did was that it created jobs, but oftentimes, their necessity was more nuanced. DeParle outlines the Obama administration's approach to regulatory policy and how she viewed the pros and cons of specific regulations. A former Harvard Law professor on the subject, she addresses how regulatory policy affects businesses and the economy.

**The Future of Entitlements.** Nancy-Ann DeParle has experience both managing entitlements (both the programs and their budgets) and affecting reform policy under Presidents Clinton and Obama. In this presentation, she outlines how the ACA affects entitlements for both current and future program participants, discusses the costs of the programs, how they could be improved, and the ramifications of any changes, in terms of cost controls or eligibility requirements. DeParle also looks at the politics behind healthcare and current industry trends to address where the future of entitlements in America is headed, for better or worse.