

Ken Adelman

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Leadership Lessons from the Master: Ronald Reagan. Ken Adelman, an advisor to the president during the historic Iceland superpower summits with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, offers a dramatic, first-hand look into the character and leadership of Ronald Reagan based on his book *Reagan at Reykjavik: Forty-Eight Hours that Ended the Cold War*. Told through photos, video, and personal stories, he shares what happened during the weekend that became the key turning point in the Cold War and led to the most sweeping nuclear arms accord in history. With its cliffhanger plot, powerful personalities, and sweeping significance, this summit was like nothing before or after, and Adelman is a superb storyteller as he provides an honest and up-close portrait of Reagan, showing executives what they can learn from the president during his finest moments.

National Security: Balancing Interests and Ideals. Having served as assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Defense, a member of the Defense Policy Board for the U.S. Secretary of Defense and other advisory and authoritative roles in defense, Ken Adelman is widely regarded as one of the most credible experts on national security. In this talk, Adelman focuses on Ukraine and the dangers of Putin resorting to nuclear weapons as conflict continues to escalate. As he shares need-to-know insights on the threat of terrorism, the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and the rise of nation-state actors in the cybersphere, Adelman urges maintaining military might, while relating this to the impact on business and American society.

Community at a Crossroads: A Conversation on Jewish Issues. Born to a Jewish family and becoming a leading voice on issues affecting Jewish life in America, Ken Adelman gives insight into what matters most to Jewish people. He draws from his connections and conversations with high-ranking Jewish leaders, as well as his own expertise to engage audiences on topics ranging from the U.S.-Israel dynamic, the future of Israel, the resurgence of antisemitism, and what it means to be Jewish in America today.

Fascinating (and Funny) Stories from Inside the White House. In this talk, Ken Adelman takes the audience on a journey through modern presidential history, beginning with Nixon and moving to the current administration — while paying special attention to the president he served for seven years, Ronald Reagan. Throughout the session, he shares gripping stories and anecdotes from inside the White House that are complete with historical lessons on leadership, moments for reflection, and, most of all, many hilarious tales. Audience members will feel as though they are front-and-center at some of modern history's most pivotal moments, while getting a rare opportunity to understand who our leaders are up close and personal behind the scenes.