

Statement

The Council of American Ambassadors is a nonpartisan, professional organization established in 1983 that endeavors to educate the public about policy issues affecting the national interest. It also supports the role of the ambassador and the embassy team in carrying out US foreign policy in countries around the world.

The Council is open to any individual, who was not a career Foreign Service Officer at the time of an ambassadorial appointment and who has been appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate as an Ambassador of the United States of America.

Council members bring to their diplomatic service unique knowledge and experience gained through distinguished careers in academia, the law, business, the military and public service. The Council supports the right of the President of the United States to nominate with the advice and consent of the Senate the best individuals that America has to offer for ambassadorial leadership.

There are over 200 former and sitting ambassadors who are members of the Council. Their service collectively extends over five decades and ten US Presidents. The Council thus represents an important and current resource whose members bridge both political parties and many administrations and link the private and public sectors.