



**Resume**  
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Leon Fuerth's career in national security includes: service as a Foreign Service Officer; senior staffer and adviser to members of Congress; including the late Congressman Les Aspin, and Al Gore as a member of House of Representatives, and later as Senator; senior staff member on the House Permanent Committee on Intelligence, staffer on the Senate Science and Technology Committee and the Senate Armed Service Committee; National Security Advisor to the Vice President of the United States; Professor of Practice at the Elliot School of International Affairs; grantee from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the MacArthur Fund for research on foresight in government, administration of national security matters, foresight as a reinforcing element for democracy; member of staff at the National Defense University and the Glenn College of Public Affairs (Ohio State), and consultant to former Vice President Al Gore on all national security matters. Details, below.

As a Foreign Service Officer, Fuerth served in a progression of related positions as: Special Assistant to the Deputy Director for Research of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR), responsible for reviewing and editing of all INR production; the State Department voting officer senior interagency intelligence panels for chemical, biological and radiological weapons; the State Department deputy representative on the interagency panel for nuclear weapons intelligence; designated State Department expert for the first round of Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II), in Geneva; Special Assistant for Policy Planning to the Director of the European Bureau (EUR); Special Assistant to the Counselor of the Department with responsibility for coordination of department positions on inter-agency panels responsible for strategic nuclear arms control and for nuclear non-proliferation; Special Assistant to the Director of the Political-Military Bureau, representing the State Department on interagency panels dealing with all aspects of the development, deployment, of NATO positions regarding, and negotiations with the Soviet Union relating to intermediate range ballistic missiles.

As a Congressional Staffer, Fuerth served as: staff director of the Subcommittee on Covert Action of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, where he organized briefings for committee members, on covert actions approved by the President, while also serving as staff resource to brief members on arms control verification issues; a member of the personal staff of Senator Al Gore Jr, with responsibility for all issues having to do with the national security and global positioning of the United States, including national security and international trade; the Senator's staff representative to the Senate Armed Services Committee, and to the Senate Science and Technology Committee, helping the Senator prepare for debates on legislation relating to arms control issues such as ballistic missile defense systems, intermediate range ballistic missile deployment, and ratification of treaties. He also: helped Senator Gore

write and pass an amendment to the Defense Authorization bill, strengthening the ability of the President to enforce sanctions against Russia; draft and secure legislation for a program of environmental research for the military, with funding for the same, at the request of the Chairman of the Armed Services committee (Sam Nunn); developed a concept of strategic stability as applied to strategic nuclear arsenals of the United States and the Soviet Union, based on de-MIRving, and deployment of single-warhead, mobile ballistic missiles in conjunction with arms control measures. Fuerth helped Mr. Gore propound this approach; worked in concert with staff of a small bipartisan group of members, advising the Speaker of the House on issues relating to the testing and deployment of the MX ballistic missile, in conjunction with modernization of the United States' nuclear forces, in relation to arms control negotiations with the Soviet Union.

In the Clinton Administration, Fuerth served for eight years as the Vice President's National Security Adviser in the course of which he was concurrently: a Presidentially designated member of the Principals and the Deputies Committees of the National Security, Council, the National Economics Council, and the Science Council. He was simultaneously: the Vice President's adviser on all matters pertaining to the security of the United States including both its national security and international economic interests; responsible for directing the OVP/NSA (Office of the Vice President/for National Security Affairs), including its interactions with NSC staff at the office director level, and its interactions with the interagency system at the deputy assistant secretary level. In conjunction with this, Fuerth was: responsible for direct coordination with the National Security Director and the Deputy National Security Director of the United States. Fuerth was responsible for organizing all aspects of VP visits to foreign capitals and for the interagency coordination of all matters relating to agenda and policy goals of such travel and for screening and contacting all requested VP contacts with foreign officials and other guests whether in Washington or during overseas travel. He was responsible for screening and responding, all correspondence with US citizens wishing to exchange views with the vice president; and the drafting of all Vice Presidential speeches having to do with international affairs. He participated regularly in the President's Daily Intelligence Briefings. By direction of the President, Fuerth acted as coordinator of US sanctions against: Serbian government for its campaign of "ethnic cleansing"; the sanctions policy against the Haitian junta, for having seized power from the lawfully elected president of that country; and Iraq.

During this time, Fuerth was an architect and the primary coordinator (on the US side) of the US-Russia Joint Committee on Cooperation; the US-Ukraine Joint committee on Cooperation; the US - South-Africa Commission on Cooperation; the US-Egypt Committee on Cooperation; the US-Kazakhstan Commission on Cooperation; and the US-China Committee on Environment and Trade. He was a key member of the White House staff supporting the US government's effort to achieve the international agreement leading to the construction of the International Space Station. He established a process for joint work across the executive branch, to deal with the international consequences of HIV as a national security concern; assisted the vice president in his efforts to establish a joint environmental effort within the executive branch, to treat climate change as a national security issue. During this time, Fuerth led a Presidential mission to London, Rome, Paris, and Bonn regarding sanctions enforcement against Serbia; led a Presidential mission to Beijing to negotiate the binational commission on trade and environment; and participated in developing US policy and diplomacy at the cabinet

level regarding Black Sea energy exports. He assisted the Vice President in efforts to resolve selected trade disputes – pharmaceuticals in South Africa; frozen food exports to Russia; US jet engines for Russian civil aviation. He was a senior participant in the NASA Director's mission to Moscow regarding the division of labor on the International Space Station.

Towards the end of the second Clinton administration, Fuerth developed: the concept of Forward Engagement, for tighter integration of foresight and policy; and the concept of Anticipatory Governance, both of which were initially announced by Mr. Gore. These concepts later became the basis for Fuerth's subsequent academic work as a teacher and as a developer of practical applications for the concepts of Forward Engagement and Anticipatory Governance. Having retired from government at the end of the second Clinton administration, Fuerth served as: a professor of practice at the Elliott School of Foreign Affairs (George Washington University) and Professor of Practice at the National Defense University. Together with Dr. Sheila R. Ronis, he developed and executed experimental programs on foresight and democracy at the John Glenn College of Public Affairs (Ohio State University).

Among other activities, Fuerth has served as: a Member of the Advisory Committee to the Director of Central Intelligence; the only non-scientist member of MEDEA (a scientific panel working on classified data regarding to climate change issues); a consultant to then director of research of the Rockefeller Foundation, the late Dr. David Jhirad; a participant in the Congressionally mandated PNSR (Project on National Security Reform), with special interest in broadening the operational concept of national security to include factors such as civilian economic strength; a consultant to three CSIS (Center for Strategic and International Studies) studies of climate change as a factor in international relations and security; and at the request of former VP Gore, as a member of the study group on preventing nuclear proliferation, for the Davos Conference. He also served as an unpaid consultant to the National Academy of Sciences for reports on climate change.

Fuerth has: a State Department citation for work on intelligence relating to chemical weapons; a NASA citation for exceptional services; commendations for service as the Vice President's National Security Assistant, from President of the United States Bill Clinton; Secretary of Defense Cohen; and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Bill Shelton; citations from the governments of the republics of Croatia and Slovenia for his work in helping them emerge as independent states after the collapse of Yugoslavia; and formal recognition by top leadership of the EU for his work on anticipatory governance. He has appeared as guest speaker at national conferences of the World Affairs Councils of America, World Futures Society, and at the University of Southern California school of international affairs.

Fuerth holds a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in history from New York University, as well as a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University. He received an honorary doctorate at Walsh College in Troy, Michigan.