



**Name:** John Owen Brennan

**Born:** September 22, 1955 in North Bergen, NJ

**Profession:** Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, March 2013-2017

**Under Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George H. Bush, and Ronald Reagan Presidencies:**

- Deputy National Security Advisor for Homeland Security & Counterterrorism and Assistant to the President (2009 – 2013)
- President and CEO of The Analysis Corporation (TAC) (2005 – 2009)
- Interim Director of the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) (2004 – 2005)
- Founding Director of NCTC's predecessor organization, the Terrorist Threat Integration Center (TTIC) (2003 – 2004)
- Deputy Executive Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (2001 – 2003)
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Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) Tenet's Chief of Staff (1999 – 2001)

- Chief of CIA Station in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (1996 - 1999)
- Executive Assistant to then-Deputy Director of Central Intelligence (DDCI) George Tenet (1995 - 1996)
- CIA's daily intelligence briefer at the White House (1994 - 1995)
- Management position in the Office of Near Eastern and South Asian Analysis (1993 – 1994)

- In charge of terrorism analysis in the DCI's Counterterrorism Center between (1990 - 1992)
- Analytic assignments in the Office of Near Eastern and South Asian Analysis in the Directorate of Intelligence (1984 – 1989)
- U.S. Embassy in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia (1982 -1984)
- Directorate of Intelligence, political officer (1981 – 1982)
- Intelligence officer trainee with the Central Intelligence Agency's Directorate of Operations (1980 – 1981)

#### **War crime charge (s):**

- In April 2012, Brennan was the first Obama administration official to publicly acknowledge CIA drone attacks using unmanned aerial vehicles in Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia, Libya, Afghanistan, and elsewhere. He argued for the legality, morality and effectiveness of the program. In 2011/2012 he also helped reorganize the process, under the support of the Disposition Matrix database, by which people outside of war zones were put on the list of drone targets, including U.S. citizens who received no due process of the law. The process determining criteria for who gets killed is not public, but John Brennan has been considered the "assassination czar" for his central role in planning and approving of drone strikes and who gets targeted.

- A large number of civilians have been killed by these drone strikes, but Brennan has claimed that such killing is "exceedingly rare." Yet copious evidence on the ground proves otherwise.

- Under George W. Bush's term, Brennan gave full support to CIA Director George Tenet in providing fraudulent intelligence in an attempt to "justify" a war of aggression against Iraq. The war in Iraq was launched "under false pretenses" as corroborated by a bipartisan five year investigation. Former CIA colleagues serving with Brennan before and during the war have said that since he worked so closely with then-CIA Director George Tenet, there is absolutely no possibility that Brennan could have been unaware of the deliberate corruption of the intelligence analysis.

- Ardent public supporter of the kidnapping/rendering of suspected terrorists to “friendly” Arab intelligence services for “enhanced interrogation techniques” (also known as torture). Defended the use of U.S. secret prisons abroad.

### **Primary Association:**

- Intelligence positions in successive presidential administrations.
- On Sept. 4, 2017, he was appointed distinguished fellow for global security at the [Center on National Security](#) at Fordham University School of Law.
- Became senior national security and intelligence analyst for NBC News and MSNBC, Feb. 1, 2018.

### **Secondary Associations:**

- Chairman of the Board of Directors of Global Strategies Group (North America) Inc, the parent company of TAC
- Board of The Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA), a not-for-profit professional association of public and private sector leaders of the intelligence and national security communities

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