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Joe Nye is University Distinguished Service Professor and former dean of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He received his bachelor's degree summa cum laude from Princeton University in 1958. He did postgraduate work at Oxford University on a Rhodes Scholarship and earned a Ph.D. in political science from Harvard. He joined the Harvard Faculty in 1964, and taught one of the largest core curriculum courses in the college. A poll of international relations scholars listed him as the most influential scholar on American foreign policy, and in 2011 *Foreign Policy* name him one of the top 100 global thinkers.

He has also worked in three government agencies. From 1977 to 1979, Nye served as Deputy to the Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology and chaired the National Security Council Group on Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons. In recognition of his service, he received the highest Department of State commendation, the Distinguished Honor Award. In 1993 and 1994, he was chair of the National Intelligence Council, which coordinates intelligence estimates for the President. He was awarded the Intelligence Community's Distinguished Service Medal. In 1994 and 1995, he served as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, where he also won the Distinguished Service Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster.

Nye is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, of the Academy of Diplomacy, and of the British Academy. He serves on several non-profit boards: as co-chair (with Brent Scowcroft) of the Aspen Strategy Group, chair of the North American Group of the Trilateral Commission, Co- Chair of the Pacific Forum, a trustee of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and a director of The Atlantic Council. He is also on advisory boards for TOTAL, Mitsubishi, and the Defense and State Departments. He has served as a director of the Council on Foreign Relations, a director of the Institute for East-West Security Studies, a director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, a member of the advisory committee of the Institute of International Economics, and the American representative on the United Nations Advisory Committee on Disarmament Affairs. He has been a trustee of Wells College and of Radcliffe College. He is the recipient of the Woodrow Wilson Award from Princeton University, the Charles Merriam Award from the American Political Science Association, the Theodore Roosevelt Fellowship of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, and the Palmes Academiques from the French government. He has also received ten honorary doctorates.

He is the author of fourteen books and more than two hundred articles and chapters in professional and policy journals and books. His most recent publications are *Presidential Leadership and the Creation of the American Era* (2013), *The Future of Power* (2011), *The Powers to Lead* (2008), *Soft Power: The Means to Success in World Politics* (2004), an anthology, *Power in the Global Information Age* (2004), a textbook *Understanding International Conflict*, and *The Power Game: A Washington Novel* (2004). In addition, he has published policy articles in various newspapers and magazines, and his internationally syndicated column appears in papers in more than 70 countries. In addition to teaching at Harvard, Mr. Nye also has taught for

brief periods in Geneva, Ottawa, and Oxford where he is a Visiting Professor and an honorary fellow. He has lived and done research in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Central America, Britain, France, Canada, and traveled to more than 100 countries.

His hobbies include fly fishing, hiking, skiing, gardening, hunting and working on his tree farm in New Hampshire. He is married to Molly Harding Nye, an art consultant and potter. They have three grown sons and nine grandchildren.