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Prior offices

Director of National Intelligence

Richard Grenell is the former acting director of national intelligence (DNI). He served from February 20, 2020, to May 26, 2020. President [Donald Trump](#) (R) appointed Grenell on February 19, 2020, to replace former acting DNI [Joseph Maguire](#).

Biography

At the time of his appointment as acting DNI, Grenell was serving concurrently as the U.S. Ambassador to Germany and Special Presidential Envoy for Serbia and Kosovo Peace Negotiations. President Trump first appointed Grenell to the ambassadorship to Germany on May 8, 2018. Grenell resigned from his ambassadorship to Germany and the State Department on June 1, 2020.

Grenell was previously a spokesman for four ambassadors at the United Nations from 2001-2008, including former ambassador [John Bolton](#). Grenell has worked as a policy and political communications adviser and founded the consulting company Capitol Media Partners in 2010.

Grenell received a bachelor's degree in Government and Public Administration from Evangel College and a master's degree in Public Administration (MPA) from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Career

Below is an abbreviated outline of Grenell's professional career:

- **February 20, 2020–May 26, 2020:** Acting Director of National Intelligence
- **May 8, 2018–June 1, 2020:** U.S. Ambassador to Germany
- **2010–Present:** Founding Partner, Capitol Media Partners
- **2001–2008:** Spokesman, U.S. Mission to the United Nations