

# Trump taps Dan Coats, two-time senator and previous ambassador to Germany, to lead national intelligence

## Trump’s pick for director of national intelligence

### Director of National Intelligence



**Dan Coats**  
Republican Senator from Indiana

Previous positions	Bio
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- US ambassador to Germany
- Two-time senator from Indiana
- Special counsel member, Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson & Hand
- Co-chairman of the Washington government relations office, King & Spalding

Dan Coats is the senior senator for Indiana and an alumnus of Wheaton College. He first served in the Senate from 1988 to 1998 after filling the seat vacated by Dan Quayle following Quayle’s election as vice president. After serving a full six-year term following his reelection in 1992, he left the Senate and work with various lobbying firms. Coats was chosen to be the United States ambassador to Germany in 2001, roughly one month before the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. He served in this position until February 2005. Five years later, Coats ran again for Indiana’s Senate seat against incumbent Evan Bayh and won.



Source: Jennifer Steinhauer and Michael D. Shear, “Dan Coats, the ‘Meister Rogers’ senator poised to be intelligence chief,” National Journal Almanac, 2016.