

# Trump taps son-in-law and key advisor Jared Kushner to lead the White House’s new office

## Overview of the White House’s Office of American Innovation

### Office details

- The Office of American Innovation’s objective is to reform and reshape government bureaucracy and gridlock through private sector solutions, building off of Trump’s promises to apply a business mentality to the federal government
- The office will be led by Trump’s senior adviser and son-in-law Jared Kushner and consists of White House officials and key business leaders from companies such as Apple, BlackRock and Salesforce
- Kushner framed the organization as an “offensive team” and has vowed to focus on developing technological and data innovations within the government
- Specifically, the office has prioritized three issues:



*All Americans, regardless of their political views, can recognize that government stagnation has hindered our ability to properly function, often creating widespread congestion and leading to cost overruns and delays.”*

–President Trump on the creation of the office



### Modernize government tech

One of the first priorities of the office will be to modernize how government structures store and manage information. For years, both Democrats and Republicans have argued that lack of government modernization has hindered efficiency and proven costly for taxpayers



### Improve the VA

During the campaign, President Trump made improving the bureaucracy within the Department of Veteran Affairs one of his main priorities. Kushner said that the taskforce will find ways to streamline many of the bureaucratic processes that burden veterans



### Enhance tech infrastructure

The office will also play a large role in developing the \$1 trillion infrastructure package, and one of the key components of the plan will be to provide broadband internet access to both rural and urban America

Sources: The Washington Post, “Trump taps Kushner to lead a SWAT team to fix government with business ideas,” March 26, 2017; CNN Politics, “Kushner to lead ‘American Innovation’ office at White House,” March 27, 2017; USA Today, “Trump taps Kushner to lead new White House Office of American Innovation,” March 27, 2017.

# Former Bush White House staffers will serve in the Office of American Innovation

## Key White House staffers in the Office of American Innovation

Staffer	White House role
Gary Cohn	Director of the National Economic Council
Chris Liddell	Assistant to the president for strategic initiatives
Reed Cordish	Assistant to the president for intergovernmental and technology initiatives
Dina Powell	Senior counselor to the president for economic initiatives and deputy national security adviser
Andrew Bremberg	Director of the Domestic Policy Council

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