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Top Skills

Public Policy

National Security

U.S. Department of Defense

Languages

English

French

Christine Wormuth

25th Secretary of the Army

Arlington, Virginia, United States

Summary

Christine E. Wormuth is currently the Director of the International Security and Defense Policy Center at RAND Corporation where she works on a wide range of national security and foreign policy issues and oversees 50-70 major research projects annually. Ms. Wormuth has over 25 years of experience in national security issues and has worked in the Department of Defense, the White House, on Capitol Hill, in multiple top-ranked think tanks in the United States and in the private sector.

Prior to leaving the Obama Administration in 2016, Ms. Wormuth served as the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, and was the senior adviser to both Secretary Ash Carter and Secretary Chuck Hagel on all regional and functional national security issues, including the campaign against ISIL, defense relationships with countries in Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and Africa, implementation of the rebalance to Asia, counterterrorism policy, U.S. forces in Afghanistan, the use of special operations forces, nuclear weapons, cyber policy issues and many others. AS USDP, Ms. Wormuth led an organization of more than 500 people and oversaw three defense agencies.

Ms. Wormuth was the Deputy Under Secretary for Strategy, Plans and Forces from 2012 to 2014 and was responsible for advising the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense on the policy aspects of defense strategy, budget and forces. She was also responsible for providing civilian oversight of the war plans process.

From 2010 to 2012 Ms Wormuth was Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Defense at the NSC, where she worked closely with the National Security Adviser and Deputy National Security Advisers on a range of defense policy issues and regional challenges. Ms. Wormuth began in the Obama Administration as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense.

Ms. Wormuth began her career in defense issues as a civil servant in DoD, but also worked on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, in a small defense consulting firm, at CSIS as a Senior Fellow and at the Atlantic Council as the founding director of the Adrienne Arsht Center for Resilience.

Experience

US Army

25th Secretary of the Army

May 2021 - Present (2 years 4 months)

RAND Corporation

Director, International Security and Defense Policy Center

June 2018 - May 2021 (3 years)

Arlington, VA

The Atlantic Council

Founding Director, Adrienne Arsht Center for Resilienc

May 2017 - June 2018 (1 year 2 months)

Washington, DC

Center for Strategic and International Studies

Senior Advisor

January 2017 - June 2018 (1 year 6 months)

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United States Department of Defense

3 years 11 months

Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

June 2014 - June 2016 (2 years 1 month)

The Pentagon

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans and Forces

August 2012 - June 2014 (1 year 11 months)

The Pentagon

National Security Staff

Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Defense
December 2010 - August 2012 (1 year 9 months)
Executive Office of the President

United States Department of Defense
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense
March 2009 - December 2010 (1 year 10 months)
The Pentagon

Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)
Senior Fellow
December 2004 - March 2009 (4 years 4 months)
Washington, D.C.

DFI Government Services
Principal
April 2002 - December 2004 (2 years 9 months)
Washington, D.C.

United States Department of Defense
Career civilian, OSD Policy
December 1995 - March 2002 (6 years 4 months)
The Pentagon

Education

University of Maryland College Park
Masters of Public Policy, National Security Policy Studies · (1995)

Williams College
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Political Science and Government, Fine Arts · (1991)