

A Conversation with ELLIOTT ABRAMS

Elliott Abrams is senior fellow for Middle Eastern Studies at the [Council on Foreign Relations](#) (CFR) in Washington, DC. He served as deputy assistant to the president and deputy national security adviser in the administration of President George W. Bush, where he supervised U.S. policy in the Middle East for the White House. Previously, he served in the Reagan administration in the State Department as an assistant secretary for human rights.

In this conversation, Abrams and Kristol discuss Abrams' extraordinary career in Washington, beginning with his early years as an assistant to the late Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson until his recent experience as deputy national security advisor under Bush 43, where he played a significant role in Israeli-Arab affairs. Abrams offers a fascinating personal and political account of American history from the late 1970s until today, including in insider's view on Ronald Reagan, George Shultz, Ariel Sharon, and George W. Bush.

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