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Klon Kitchen is a resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where he focuses on the intersection of national security and defense technologies and innovation. Through his research, he works to understand and explain how emerging technologies are shaping modern statecraft, intelligence, and warfighting, while focusing on cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, robotics, and quantum sciences.

Before joining AEI, Mr. Kitchen was director of the Heritage Foundation's Center for Technology Policy, where he led an enterprise-wide, interdisciplinary effort to understand and shape the nation's most important technology issues.

Before joining Heritage, Mr. Kitchen was national security adviser to Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE) and worked on the creation of the US Cyberspace Solarium Commission, a blue-ribbon commission tasked with developing an American grand strategy for cyber. While working for Sen. Sasse, Mr. Kitchen served as the staff director of the National Security and International Trade and Finance Subcommittee for the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. Kitchen has also worked on cyber strategy at the National Counterterrorism Center; as a senior program assessment officer at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence in the Office of the Director of Central Intelligence; and as the lead analyst on al Qaeda senior leadership at the Defense Intelligence Agency. He was also the National Counterterrorism Center chair at National Defense University.

A popular speaker, Mr. Kitchen has appeared on "60 Minutes" on CBS News and The New York Times podcast "The Argument." He has also been published in RealClearDefense, The Hill, The National Interest, The Telegraph, Washington Examiner, and National Affairs, among other outlets.

Mr. Kitchen has an MA in strategy and security studies from the College of International Security Affairs and a War College Diploma in security strategy and irregular warfare

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## **Experience**

- The Heritage Foundation: Director, Center for Technology Policy, 2020; Senior Fellow, Technology, National Security, and Science, 2018–20
- United States Senate, Office of Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE): National Security Adviser; Staff Director, National Security, International Trade, and Finance Subcommittee, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, 2015–18
- National Counterterrorism Center: Cyber Strategy and Planning, 2013–15; Chief, Extremist Messages and Influence, 2007–10
- National Defense University: Chair, National Counterterrorism Center, 2010–13
- Office of the Director of Central Intelligence: Senior Program Assessment Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 2005–07
- Defense Intelligence Agency: Lead Analyst, Al Qaeda Senior Leadership, 2002–05

## **Education**

MA, strategic security studies, College of International Security Affairs and War College  
Diploma, security strategy and irregular warfare, National War College, National Defense University  
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