

Grover Norquist Bio



Grover Norquist is president of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), a taxpayer advocacy group he founded in 1985 at President Reagan's request. ATR works to limit the size and cost of government and opposes higher taxes at the federal, state, and local levels and supports tax reform that moves towards taxing consumed income one time at one rate. ATR organizes the [Taxpayer Protection Pledge](#), which asks all candidates for federal and state office to commit themselves in writing to the American people to oppose all net tax increases. In the 119th Congress, 192 House members and 44 Senators have taken the pledge.

Norquist chairs the Washington, DC-based Wednesday Meeting, a weekly gathering of more than 150 elected officials, political activists, and movement leaders. The meeting started in 1993 and takes place in ATR's conference room. There are now 51 similar center-right meetings in 45 states. Mr. Norquist has also served on the boards of the National Rifle Association, the Parental Rights Organization, and the Center for the National Interest and has authored four books. He is President of the American Society of Competitiveness and a Contributing Editor to the American Spectator Magazine. Prior to founding ATR, he served as executive director of the College Republicans and the National Taxpayer Union, as well as an economist and chief speech-writer at the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Norquist holds an MBA and a BA in Economics, both from Harvard University. He resides in Washington, DC with his family.