

## Biography: Max Primorac



Max Primorac is a senior research fellow at The Heritage Foundation's Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom covering Europe, Middle East, Africa, Latin America, foreign aid, and China's Belt & Road Initiative.

In 2021 he was Acting Chief Operating Officer at the U.S. Agency for International Development, managing a \$20 billion portfolio and served on President Trump's Management Council. He signed agreements with Kuwait and Qatar and chaired the agency's Executive Council to Counter China. He led the Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance and was the federal government's lead coordinator for global disaster response from African Ebola outbreaks to relief operations in Yemen, Syria, and Afghanistan. From 2018-19 Max was the U.S. Vice-President's Envoy to Iraq overseeing a \$400 million genocide recovery initiative to facilitate returns of Christians and other persecuted religious minorities.

Prior to USAID, Max was a business consultant in the energy, telecom, construction, security, and infrastructure sectors. At Deloitte Consulting LLP, he advised the Afghan government on how to build efficient subnational government from 2009-2011.

From 2012-2017 he was President of the Institute for Stabilization & Transition and spoke at panels at the Atlantic Council, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, International Republican Institute, and Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies. He has lectured in Belgium, France, Italy, Ukraine, France, Hungary, Malta, Croatia, Afghanistan, Niger, Kenya and the United States, including at the National Defense University, U.S. Southern Command, and Council on Foreign Relations, promoting conservative ideas at each venue.

From 2003-2008 he held senior executive roles at the U.S. Department of State as Senior Advisor in the Office of the Secretary of State and was Deputy Director of the U.S. government's reconstruction efforts in Iraq. He began his career as President of the Center for Civil Society in Southeastern Europe in response to the violent collapse of communist Yugoslavia.

Max obtained his master's degree from the University of Chicago and bachelor's degree from Franklin & Marshall College. He resides in Washington, DC.