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# Ex-Trump aide John McEntee to lead White House office of personnel



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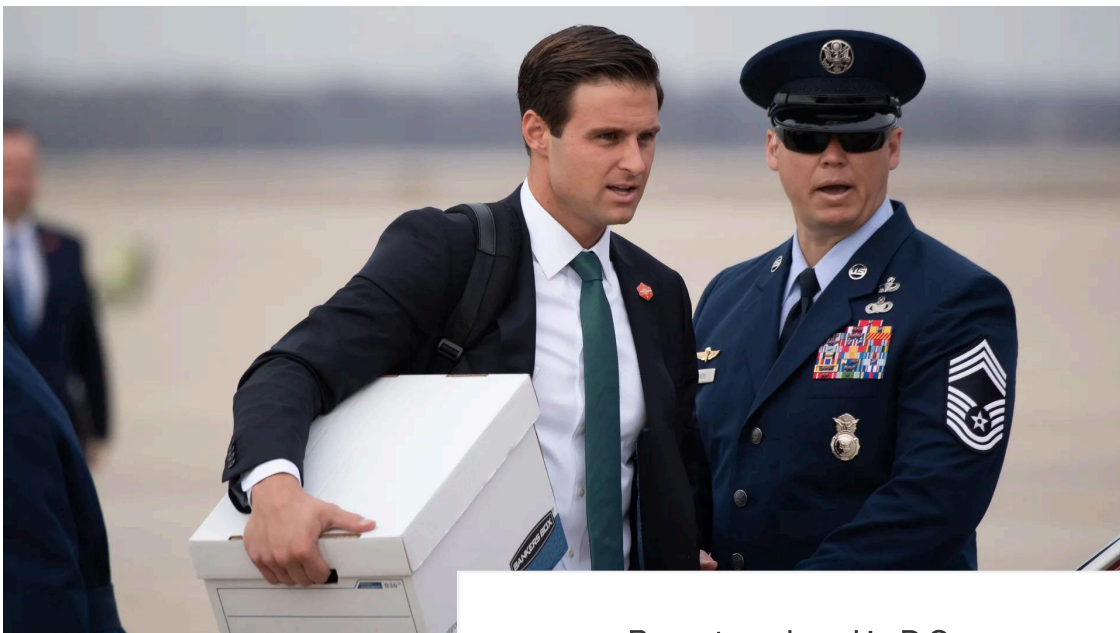


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Presidential Personnel Office, according to two sources with direct knowledge.

**Why it matters:** Trump has increasingly become furious with what he sees as a federal government full of "never-Trumpers."

Administration officials tell Axios Trump feels he's surrounded by snakes and wants to clear out all the disloyal people.

- Trump sees McEntee as the ultimate loyalist, and he has assigned him the powerful role of picking personnel across the federal government.
- The New York Times' Maggie Haberman first reported that McEntee was returning to the White House.

**What we're hearing:** Trump has been asking for names of people he should fire. Many on the outside are more than happy to oblige.

- He was furious about former D.C. Attorney Jessie Liu, who he had nominated to serve as the Treasury Department's undersecretary for terrorism and financial crimes, after hearing from a number of people, including Rep. Louie Gohmert, that Liu was someone not to be trusted.
- As Axios first reported, [Trump is now withdrawing her nomination](#).

**The backdrop:** Prior to working for Trump, McEntee, now 29, was the starting quarterback for the Connecticut Huskies football team.

- He is very close with Steve Bannon and the campaign.



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work closely with Jared Kushner.

**The bottom line:** With McEntee at the helm of PPO, Trump's hardcore allies will have a freer hand than ever with personnel across the federal government.



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