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Patrice Onwuka is the director of the Center for Economic Opportunity at the Independent Women's Forum, the leading national women's organization dedicated to developing and advancing policies that enhance people's freedom, opportunities, and well-being. Patrice co-hosts WMAL-FM's morning show *O'Connor & Company*, the top-rated news-talk radio station in the DC area every Friday. Patrice is also an adjunct senior fellow with The Philanthropy Roundtable and a Tony Blankley Fellow at The Steamboat Institute.

Patrice has worked in advocacy and communications for more than a decade on issues affecting women and young people including workplace regulations, technology, and criminal justice reform. In 2019, she testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary about "Women and Girls in the Criminal Justice System" highlighting women's needs for dignity even when incarcerated and solutions that prevent recidivism. In 2021, she testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Reform debunking the pay gap and claims of gender inequality.

Patrice is a regular guest on Fox News, Fox Business News, and PBS programs. She hosts a column on Newsmax.com called the "New Agenda for Black Women" and is a contributor to the *Washington Post*, *Washington Examiner*, and *The Hill*. Her writing has also appeared in CNBC, Bloomberg, the New York Post, the *Christian Science Monitor*, and other outlets.

Born in the Caribbean, Patrice immigrated with her family to Boston where she grew up and completed her education. Patrice holds a bachelor's degree in economics and political science from Tufts University and a master's degree in economics and international relations from Boston College.

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