

The Honorable Donald J. Devine Biography

Donald Devine is Senior Scholar at The Fund for American Studies in Washington, D.C. He served as President Ronald Reagan's civil service director during the president's first term in office, 1981-1985. During that time, the *Washington Post* labeled him "Reagan's Terrible Swift Sword of the Civil Service" for managing the reduction of 100,000 non-defense bureaucratic positions and reducing billions of dollars in personnel spending. While saying his decisions were controversial, even former Democratic Senator William Proxmire conceded "There is no question Dr. Devine has done a good job holding down the cost of his agency's operations."

Before and after his government service, Devine was an academic, teaching 14 years as associate professor of government and politics at the University of Maryland and for a decade as a professor of Western civilization at Bellevue University. He is a columnist and author of eight books, including his most recent *America's Way Back: Reclaiming Freedom, Tradition and Constitution*. Devine served as a top advisor to Governor Reagan from 1976 to 1985, to former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole from 1988-1996 and to Steve Forbes between 1998 and 2000. He holds a Ph.D. in political science from Syracuse University, an MA from the City University of New York at Brooklyn College and a BBA from St. John's University, NY.

Today, Devine travels the country teaching young people and speaking to groups about reviving the Constitution and the freedoms and traditions upon which it is based.