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An Associate Vice President at The George Washington University, Frank J. Cilluffo leads GW's homeland security efforts on policy, research, education, and training. He directs the multi-disciplinary Homeland Security Policy Institute, a nonpartisan “think and do tank” that builds bridges between theory and practice to advance homeland security through a multi and interdisciplinary approach.

The Institute's recent policy and research agenda covers a wide range of national and homeland security matters, including [counterterrorism](#), [counter-radicalization & counter-narrative efforts](#), [cyber threats & deterrence](#), [transportation security](#), [CBRN terrorism](#), [intelligence](#), [national resilience](#), [emergency management](#), and the nexus of crime and terrorism. Cilluffo chairs HSPI's [Ambassadors Roundtable Series on International Collaboration to Combat Terrorism and Insurgencies](#), moderates the Institute's [Policy & Research Forums](#)--which spotlight cutting-edge policy solutions and innovative research--and facilitates a variety of [other programmatic events](#). Through the Ambassadors Roundtable Series, HSPI has engaged over thirty ambassadors and cabinet level officials in an ongoing dialogue on the counterterrorism efforts of multiple nations.

Cilluffo joined GW in April 2003 from the White House where he served as Special Assistant to the President for Homeland Security. Shortly following the September 11,

2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, Cilluffo was appointed by the President to the newly created Office of Homeland Security, and served as a principal advisor to Governor Tom Ridge.

Prior to his White House appointment, Cilluffo spent eight years in senior policy positions with the Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS), a Washington-based think tank. At CSIS he chaired or directed numerous committees and task forces on homeland defense, counterterrorism, transnational crime, and information warfare and information assurance.

In addition to publishing extensively in academic, law, business, and policy journals, and magazines and newspapers worldwide, Cilluffo is co-author and editor of the following selected publications:

- [Beyond Benghazi: A Powerful New Counterterrorism Strategy? \(2012\)](#)
- [An Assessment of the Department and a Roadmap for its Future \(2012\)](#)
- [Preparing for a More Aggressive Iran \(2012\)](#)
- [The U.S. Response to Cyber Threats \(2012\)](#)
- [While Congress Dithers, Cyber Threats Grow Greater \(2012\)](#)
- [The Iranian Cyber Threat to the United States \(2012\)](#)
- [Is America's View of Iran and Hezbollah Dangerously Out of Date? \(2012\)](#)
- [Open Relationship \(2012\)](#)
- [The Hybrid Threat: Crime, Terrorism and Insurgency in Mexico \(2011\)](#)
- [Mexico and the Triple Threat \(2011\)](#)
- [AQAP Loses its Chief of External Operations: Counterterrorism Implications \(2011\)](#)
- [Counterterrorism Intelligence: Law Enforcement Perspectives \(2011\)](#)
- [Defense Cyber Strategy Avoids Tackling the Most Critical Issues \(2011\)](#)
- [Countering the Threat Posed by AQAP: Embrace, Don't Chase Yemen's Chaos \(2011\)](#)
- [Yemen & Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula: Exploiting a Window of Counterterrorism Opportunity \(2011\)](#)
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- [Storm Surge \(2009\)](#)
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- [Reckless Neglect: A Disaster Waiting to Happen...Again? \(2009\)](#)
- [To Beat Terrorists, Use Judo, Not Boxing \(2009\)](#)
- [The H1N1 Influenza A Virus: A Test Case for a Global Response \(2009\)](#)
- [How To Beat al Qaeda at Its Own Game \(2009\)](#)
- [Canada and the United States: Time for a Joint Threat Assessment \(2009\)](#)
- [The Homeland Security Council: Considerations for the Future \(2009\)](#)
- [Micro-Diplomacy in Afghanistan: Disaggregating and Engaging the Taliban \(2009\)](#)
- [Serving America's Disaster Victims: FEMA, Where Does it Fit? \(2009\)](#)
- [How Can the U.S. Improve Human intelligence? \(2008\)](#)
- [Radicalization: Behind Bars and Beyond Borders \(2007\)](#)
- [NETworked Radicalization: A Counter-Strategy \(2007\)](#)
- [Stopping Surprise Attacks: Thinking Smarter About Homeland Security \(2007\)](#)
- [Report of the Future of Terrorism Task Force \(2007\)](#)
- [Out of the Shadows: Getting Ahead of Prisoner Radicalization \(2006\)](#)
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- [Consolidating the House's Homeland Security Efforts: The Time to Act is Now \(2004\)](#)
- [The Use and Limits of U.S. Intelligence \(2002\)](#)
- [Combating Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Terrorism: A Comprehensive Strategy \(2001\)](#)
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- [Russian Organized Crime \(1997\)](#)
- [Global Organized Crime: The New Empire of Evil \(1994\)](#)

He has [testified before the United States Congress](#) on a number of occasions, has been a [regular guest on major television and radio networks worldwide](#), and lectures extensively to governmental and academic audiences domestically and internationally. Cilluffo presently serves and has served on various national security-related committees sponsored by the U.S. government and non-profit organizations, including the Homeland Security Advisory Council, where he served as the Vice Chairman of the Future of Terrorism Task Force, chaired by Congressman Lee Hamilton. Cilluffo also served as a member of the Secure Borders and Open Doors Advisory Committee, and most recently chaired the Quadrennial Homeland Security Review Advisory Council.

Cilluffo served as a Fellow at the World Economic Forum, and was a term member at the Council on Foreign Relations. He continues to remain active in the non-profit and think tank communities, currently serving as a member of the Center for the Study of the Presidency's National Council of Advisors, a member of the University of Virginia's Critical Incident Analysis Group Steering Committee, a Research Fellow at the Institute for Infrastructure and Information Assurance at James Madison University, a "coach" with the Partnership for Public Service's Annenberg Leadership Institute, and co-chairs the CSIS Lessons Learned from Abroad study.

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