

Joshua Hodges—Biography

Josh Hodges served as National Security Advisor to Speaker of the House Mike Johnson from October 2023 until 2025 — Congress's most senior national security staff position — and previously served as Special Assistant to President Trump and Senior Director at the National Security Council, where he led U.S. efforts to counter China's influence across the Americas. He currently is a Commissioner on the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, a visiting fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, and a member of Anthropic's National Security and Public Sector Advisory Council. He also is a Partner at Ridgeline Advocacy Group and senior advisor to the Chairman of the Board of VEON, an international telecommunications and digital services operator serving more than 200 million digital customers.

He has also held senior roles at the Department of Energy, U.S. Agency for International Development, the Inter-American Development Bank, U.S. Senate and House Judiciary Committees, and a variety of roles across Congress. He holds a master's degree from the Naval War College with a concentration in information operations. Hodges has testified before the House and Senate on a variety of issues. Raised in Mexico, he is fluent in Spanish.

Joshua Hodges Expanded Bio

Josh Hodges has spent nearly two decades at the center of American national security policy across the White House, Congress, the executive branch, and international development.

He most recently served as National Security Advisor to Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, holding Congress's most senior national security staff position, where he shaped priorities on U.S.-China competition, Russian aggression, support for Israel, and border security. Earlier, as Special Assistant to President Trump and Senior Director at the National Security Council, he led U.S. efforts to counter China's influence across the Americas and served as Deputy Senior Director for Information Statecraft. He has also served as acting Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean at USAID under President Trump and in senior roles at the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Inter-American Development Bank.

He currently serves as a Commissioner on the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, a visiting fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution Bio-Strategies and Leadership Initiative, and is a member of Anthropic's National Security and Public Sector Advisory Council. He is also a Partner at Ridgeline Advocacy Group advising clients on national security initiatives, and serves as Senior Advisor to the Chairman of the Board of VEON, an international telecommunications and digital services operator serving more than 200 million digital customers across Central and South Asia and Eastern Europe.

Before entering public service, Hodges spent more than a decade as a missionary in Mexico; he is fluent in Spanish. He holds a master's degree from the Naval War College with a concentration in information operations.