

John Prendergast Bio

John Prendergast is a human rights activist and best-selling author who has focused on peace in Africa for over thirty years. He is the Founding Director of the [Enough Project](#), an initiative to end genocide and crimes against humanity. With George Clooney, he also co-founded [The Sentry](#), a new investigative initiative focused on dismantling the networks financing conflict and atrocities. John has worked for the Clinton White House, the State Department, two members of Congress, the National Intelligence Council, UNICEF, Human Rights Watch, the International Crisis Group, and the U.S. Institute of Peace. He has been a Big Brother for three decades, as well as a youth counselor and a basketball coach. John is the author or co-author of ten books.

John also co-founded the [Satellite Sentinel Project](#), which uses satellite imagery to spotlight mass atrocities. With NBA stars, John launched the [Darfur Dream Team Sister Schools Program](#) to fund schools in Darfuri refugee camps. He also created Enough's [Raise Hope for Congo Campaign](#), highlighting the issue of conflict minerals, and its student arm the Conflict-Free Campus Initiative. John also runs Not On Our Watch, the organization founded by Matt Damon, Don Cheadle, Brad Pitt and George Clooney.

John has been awarded six honorary doctorates. He has been a visiting professor at Yale Law School, Stanford University, Columbia University, Dartmouth College, Duke University, and others.

John has appeared in four episodes of *60 Minutes*, for which the team won an Emmy Award, and helped create African stories for two episodes of *Law and Order: Special Victims Unit*. John has also traveled to Africa with NBC's *Dateline*, ABC's *Nightline*, PBS' *NewsHour*, CNN's *Inside Africa*, and *Newsweek* and *The Daily Beast*. He also appears in the motion picture "[The Good Lie](#)," starring Reese Witherspoon and Emmanuel Jal, as well as documentaries including *Merci, Congo*, *When Elephants Fight*, *Blood in the Mobile*, *Sand and Sorrow*, *Darfur Now*, *3 Points*, and *War Child*.