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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 where she interviews members of Congress, state and national leaders, and policy experts on a broad range of issues. 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 including employment, the economy, technology, and criminal justice reform. In 2022, she testified before the U.S. House Oversight and Reform Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties on criminal justice issues affecting BIPOC women in America. 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. In 2019, she testified before the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary about issues affecting women in the criminal justice system.

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 opinions have 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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