



Here are More than 400 Officials Trump has Quietly Deployed Across the Government

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While President Trump has not moved to fill [many jobs](#) that require Senate confirmation, he has quietly installed hundreds of officials to serve as his eyes and ears at every major federal agency.

ProPublica has obtained a list of many of them. They include dozens of former lobbyists, Trump campaign staffers and some affiliated with the online far-right. | [Related story »](#)

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Noteworthy 'Beachhead' Team Hires



Curtis Ellis

Special Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Labor



Jon Perdue

Special Assistant, Department of the Treasury



Timothy Clark

Senior Adviser, Health and Human Services

Curtis Ellis was a [columnist](#) for WorldNetDaily, a website best known for its [years-long embrace](#) of the false notion that President Obama was born outside of the United States. A column on the “The Radical Left’s Ethnic Cleansing of America” earned him a [radio interview](#) with top Trump aide Stephen Bannon last year.

Jon Perdue, a fellow at a little-known security [think tank](#), wrote a [book](#) called “The War of All the People: The Nexus of Latin American Radicalism and Middle Eastern Terrorism.” He was inspired by his study of societal collapse to create a [bow-and-arrow-cum-survivalist multi-tool](#) called the Packbow, which he touted on a reality show for inventors.

Timothy Clark, ran a political consulting firm in California. His [past clients](#) included PhRMA, the powerful trade group that represents the pharmaceutical industry.



Chad Wolf

Adviser, Department of Homeland Security

A Bush-era Transportation Security Administration official turned [lobbyist](#), Chad Wolf’s clients have included defense and homeland security contractors. He is currently serving as an advisor to the TSA.



Byron Anderson

Special Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Labor

Byron Anderson was a lobbyist for financial services firm Transamerica for [over a decade](#). He fought regulations, such as a rule from the agency he now works at that would require financial advisers to act in the best interests of their clients.



Justin Mikolay

Special Assistant, Office of the Secretary of Defense

Justin Mikolay was previously a lobbyist for Palantir. His title at the tech firm, which has ties to intelligence agencies, was “[evangelist](#).” Before that he was a speechwriter at the Pentagon.

Trump ‘Beachhead’ Team Hires

Find a staffer or agency:

Agency	Name	Position Title	Grade Level	Start Date
Health and Human Services	Matthew Bowman	Special Assistant	GS-15	1/25/17

This list represents Trump administration hires primarily made between Jan. 20 and Jan. 30, according to the Office of Personnel Management. At least a few of the officials have since moved to other agencies or left the government.

Grade level refers to the [pay scale](#) for federal employees. SES stands for [Senior Executive Service](#), who serve in top government positions.

+ Officials who have left the administration, according to our reporting

++ Obama-era officials temporarily hired to stay on during the Trump administration

* These names were obtained via Freedom of Information Act requests to other federal agencies. Some of these hires were made after Jan. 30 and others were not included in the list provided by the Office of Personnel Management. Two employees, Derrick Bolen and Brenton McNeely, appear twice on the list because they appear to have switched departments. ProPublica sent FOIA requests to 24 federal agencies seeking the names of beachhead team members. As of April 28, 2017, 20 agencies have provided employee names while two other agencies had no temporary employees to report.

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