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Bio

Rachel B. Vogelstein is a senior fellow and director of the Women and Foreign Policy Program at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) in Washington, DC. At CFR, Ms. Vogelstein's research focuses on the relationship between women's advancement and prosperity, stability, and security. She is also a professor of gender and U.S. foreign policy at Georgetown Law School.

From 2009 to 2012, Ms. Vogelstein was director of policy and senior advisor in the Office of Global Women's Issues within the Office of the Secretary of State at the U.S. Department of State. In this capacity, she advised then-Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton and Ambassador Melanne Verveer, the first-ever U.S. ambassador-at-large for global women's issues, on a range of foreign policy issues related to the advancement of women. She also represented the U.S. Department of State as a member of the White House Council on Women and Girls. Following her tenure at the State Department, she served as the director of Women and Girls Programs in the Office of Hillary Rodham Clinton at the Clinton Foundation, where she oversaw the development of the No Ceilings initiative and provided

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Ms. Vogelstein is an attorney by training with expertise on gender equality. Prior to joining the State Department, Ms. Vogelstein was an advisor to then-Senator and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, serving as assistant counsel to Senator Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign and as an advisor to her first U.S. Senate campaign. She also was senior counsel at the National Women's Law Center in Washington, DC, where she specialized in women's health and reproductive rights. In 2004, she was awarded an Equal Justice Works Fellowship to work on women's health policy. She has lectured widely on the rights of women and girls, including at the U.S. Congressional Women's Caucus, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Foreign Service Institute, the World Bank, the Brookings Institution, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Harvard Law School.

Ms. Vogelstein graduated magna cum laude from Barnard College, Columbia University and cum laude from Georgetown Law School, where she was executive editor of the Georgetown Law Journal. Following law school, Ms. Vogelstein clerked for the Honorable Thomas L. Ambro on the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She is a recipient of the Secretary of State's Superior Honor Award and a National Association of Women Lawyers Award.

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