

DONNA BRAZILE

Donna Brazile is one of the best known, most influential African American women in modern American political life. She is Chair of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute (VRI), an organization established in 2001 to help protect and promote the rights of all Americans to participate in the political process.

Brazile, a well-versed Democratic political strategist, made history as the first African American woman to lead a major presidential campaign when she served as Campaign Manager for Gore-Lieberman 2000.

Prior to joining the Gore campaign, Brazile was Chief of Staff and Press Secretary to Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton of the District of Columbia where she helped guide the District's budget and local legislation on Capitol Hill. A veteran of numerous national and statewide campaigns, Brazile worked on several presidential campaigns for Democratic candidates.

In addition to working at VRI, Brazile serves as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University. She has served as a senior lecturer at the University of Maryland, resident fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics and as the Senator Wyona Lipman Chair at Rutgers University Center for American Women in Politics. Brazile is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including Washingtonian Magazine's 100 Most Powerful Women in Washington, DC, Essence Magazine's 50 Most Powerful Women in America and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Award for Political Achievement.



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Suggested Topics:

- **The War on Abortion:** *Current Battles of the Reproductive Rights Movement*
- **Cultural Wars:** *Who's Winning the Public Policy Debate*
- **The Politics of Climate Change**
- **Presidential Politics:** *What's Happened to "We the People?"*
- **Katrina Three Years Later, Has America Forgotten?**
- **The Shifting American Political Landscape**

PAST COLLEGE DATES:

Louisiana State University - Farmingdale State College
McDaniel College - Fayetteville State University
Appalachian State University - University of Akron
University of Maryland - Georgetown University
St. John's University - University of Buffalo -
University of Richmond Ohio Dominican University -
Rider University - Kansas State University
Delaware State University - Fort Valley State University
DePaul University - Bentley University - Wright State University

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- First African American woman to lead a major presidential campaign
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- Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Award for Political Achievement
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