



## The Gang of 500 snapshot

(Defined as the 500 individuals whose decisions most shape media narrative in politics – and this only. Whose decisions end up shaping the hot topics, interview questions, campaign messages, column inches, tv airtime..etc.) (some included not for their current influence but for their potential influence if they wished to wield it)

(NOT defined as: the 500 “most powerful” or even “most influential”)

(THE LIST IS NOT IN ORDER OF RANK)

1. Barack Obama, President of the United States
2. Denis McDonough, WH Chief of Staff
3. Valerie Jarrett, WH Advisor
4. Jen Psaki, WH Director of Communications
5. Ben Rhodes, lots of hats
6. Josh Earnest, WH Press Secretary
7. Cody Keenan, WH Director of Speechwriting
8. Jennifer Palmieri, Clinton 2016 Director of Communications
9. Robby Mook, Clinton 2016 Campaign Manager
10. John Podesta, Clinton 2016 Campaign Chairman
11. Karen Finney, Clinton 2016 Strategic Communications
12. Guy Cecil, Priorities USA
13. Jim Messina, Priorities USA
14. Buffy Wicks, unspecified role
15. Neera Tanden, Center for American Progress
16. Bill Clinton, unspecified role
17. Jake Sullivan, unspecified role in Hillary Land
18. Huma Abedin, anywhere her husband isnt
19. David Brock, American Bridge
20. Dan Pfeiffer, unspecified role
21. Hillary Clinton, Presidential Candidate
22. Bernie Sanders, Presidential Candidate
23. Jeff Weaver, Sanders 2016 Campaign Manager
24. Tad Devine, Sanders campaign strategist
25. Lis Smith, O'Malley Deputy Campaign Manager
26. David Hamrick, O'Malley Campaign Manager
27. Danny Diaz, Bush 2016 Campaign Manager

28. David Kochel, Bush 2016 senior strategist
29. Jon Downs, unspecified role in Bushland
30. Matt Gorman, Bush 2016 Rapid Response
31. Tim Miller, Bush 2016 Director of Communications
32. Mike Murphy, Right to Rise USA (pro bush)
33. Paul Lindsay, American Crossroads, Right to Rise USA (pro bush)
34. Terry Sullivan, Rubio 2016 Campaign Manager
35. Joe Pounder, oppo mastermind for Rubio
36. Rich Beeson, Rubio 2016 Deputy Campaign Manager
37. Todd Harris, Rubio 2016 media strategist
38. Heath Thompson, Rubio 2016 media strategist
39. Alex Conant, Rubio 2016 Director of Communications
40. Marco Rubio, Presidential Candidate
41. Ted Cruz, Presidential Candidate
42. Chad Sweet, Cruz 2016 Chairman
43. Jeff Roe, Cruz 2016 Campaign Manager
44. Jason Johnson, Cruz 2016 strategist
45. Jason Miller, Cruz 2016 strategist
46. Brian Phillips, Cruz 2016 rapid response
47. Rick Tyler, Cruz 2016, always on television dude
48. Donald Trump, Presidential Candidate
49. Unspecified intern (?), Trump twitter retweeter
50. Corey Lewendowski, Trump 2016 campaign manager
51. Katrina Pierson, Trump 2016 spokesperson
52. Megan Powers, Trump 2016 branding expert
53. Ben Carson, Presidential Candidate
54. Chris Christie, Presidential Candidate
55. Ken McKay, Christie 2016 Campaign Manager
56. Phil Cox, America Leads SuperPac (pro Christie)
57. Carly Fiorina, Presidential Candidate
58. Lindsey Graham, Presidential Candidate
59. Mike Huckabee, Presidential Candidate
60. Rand Paul, Presidential Candidate
61. Debbie Wasserman Shultz, DNC Chairwoman
62. Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair and always on tv
63. Luiz Miranda, DNC Director of Communications
64. Reince Priebus, RNC Chairman
65. Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader
66. Brian McGuire, McConnell Chief of Staff

67. Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House
68. Kevin McCarthy, U.S. House
69. David Hoppe, Ryan Chief of Staff
70. Michael Ricci, Ryan communications director
71. Veronica Swinehart, Ryan media point person
72. Brendan Buck, Ryan communications aide
73. Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader
74. Daniel Bernal, Pelosi Chief of Staff
75. Harry Reid, U.S. Senate Minority Leader
76. Drew Willison, Reid chief of staff
77. David Krone, Reid former chief of staff, still in inner circle
78. John McCain, former Presidential Candidate
79. Mitt Romney, Former presidential candidate
80. Charles Schumer, U.S. Senate
81. Mike Lynch, Schumer Chief of Staff
82. Joseph Biden, Vice President of the United States
83. David Plouffe, UBER (yes he still makes the list)
84. Pete Rouse, Perkins Coie firm
85. Tom Donohue, Chamber of Commerce
86. Tim Geithner, Warburg Pincus firm
87. John Boehner, retired
88. Karl Rove, American Crossroads
89. Steven Law, American Crossroads
90. Ed Gillespie, unspecified role, many hats that man
91. Grover Norquist, something to do with bathtubs I think
92. Tony Podesta, Lobbyist
93. Chris Van Hollen, future senator
94. Jim DeMint, Heritage
95. Kathryn Ruemmler, Latham and Watkins
96. Patty Murray, could be minority leader if she wanted it hard enough
97. Dick Cheney, still says things
98. Chris Dodd, Lobbyist
99. Anthony Kennedy, Associate Supreme Court Justice
100. John Roberts, Supreme Court Chief Justice
101. Mike Barnicle, Boston Herald
102. David Brooks, NYT
103. J. Dionne, WAPO
104. Maureen Dowd lol just kidding okay we will go with Thomas Friedman
105. Charles Sourkrout, WAPO

106. Nicholas Kristof, NYT
107. Kathleen Parker, WAPO
108. George Will, WAPO
109. Christiane Amanpour, CNN
110. Brooke Baldwin, CNN
111. John Berman, CNN
112. Wolf Blitzer, CNN
113. Erin Burnett, CNN
114. Jeff Zucker, CNN
115. Michael Bass, CNN
116. Richard Davis, CNN
117. David Chalian, CNN
118. Anderson Cooper, CNN
119. Chris Cuomo, CNN
120. Jake Tapper, CNN
121. Dana Bash, CNN
122. Candy Crowley, formerly CNN
123. Fareed Zakaria, CNN
124. Jim Acosta, CNN
125. Gloria Borger, CNN
126. Drew Griffin, CNN
127. John King, CNN
128. Brianna Keilar, CNN
129. Chris Moody, CNN
130. Jim Sciutto, CNN
131. Jeff Zeleny, CNN and formerly NYT
132. Paul Begala, CNN
133. David Gergen, CNN
134. E. Cupp, CNN
135. Van Jones, CNN
136. Jeffrey Toobin, CNN
137. Adam Levy, CNN
138. Rachel Streitfeld, CNN
139. Mark Preston, CNN
140. Paul Steinhauser, CNN
141. Gretchen Carlson, Fox News
142. Steve Doocy, Fox News
143. Sean Hannity, Fox News
144. Bret Baier, Fox News

145. Ed Henry, Fox News
146. Shepard Smith, Fox News
147. Carl Cameron, Fox News
148. Brit Hume, Fox News
149. Megyn Kelly, Trump target
150. Bill O'Reilly, king of this whole list
151. Greta van Susteren, Fox News
152. Chris Wallace, Fox News
153. Tucker Carlson, some website
154. Neil Cavuto, Fox News
155. Laura Ingraham, the radio
156. Rush Limbaugh, even more the radio
157. Jonathan Karl, ABC
158. Martha Raddatz, ABC
159. George Stephanopolous, ABC
160. Karen Travers, ABC
161. Mika Brzesinski, MSNBC
162. Willie Geist, NBC
163. Lester Holt, NBC
164. Rachel Maddow, MSNBC
165. Chris Matthews, MSNBC
166. Andrea Mitchell, NBC
167. Kelly O'Donnell, NBC
168. Thomas Roberts, NBC
169. Luke Russert, the kid
170. Joe Scarborough, former congressman
171. Chuck Todd, way better than that other guy
172. Ben Smith, grand supreme wizard of BuzzFeed and the planet
173. Katherine Miller, BuzzFeed
174. John Stanton, total bama
175. CJ Ciaramella, BuzzFeed
176. McKay Coppins, some random Mormon I guess
177. Ruby Cramer, BuzzFeed
178. Rosie Gray, BuzzFeed
179. Chris Geidner, BuzzFeed
180. Andrew Kaczynski, emperor of political journalist twitter
181. Evan McSan, I just assume that's his name
182. Benny Johnson, not as disgraced as one might think
183. Ross Doubt That, NYT

184. Nicholas Confessore, NYT
185. Michael Barbaro, NYT
186. Maggie Haberman, NYT
187. Carl Hulse, NYT
188. Carolyn Ryan, NYT
189. Josh Barro, NYT
190. John Harwood, NYT
191. David Leonhardt, NYT
192. Dean Baquet, NYT
193. James Goldston, ABC
194. Deborah Turness, NBC
195. Roger Ailes, Fox News
196. Ezra Klein, vox
197. Matt Yglesias, Ezra's friend
198. Lauren Williams, vox
199. Dylan Matthews, vox
200. Brian Stelter, CNN
201. Nate Silver, 538
202. Arianna Huffington, her website
203. Sam Stein, HuffPo
204. Amanda Terkel, HuffPo
205. Paige Lavender, HuffPo
206. Arthur Delaney, HuffPo
207. Chris Hayes, MSNBC
208. Ann Curry, many hats
209. Paul Krugman, NYT
210. Chris Cillizza, WAPO
211. Eugene Robinson, WAPO
212. Jonathan Capehart, eloquent
213. Robert Costa, supreme information getter from the legislative righties
214. Karen Tumulty, old school queen bee
215. Dan Balz, WAPO
216. Radley Balko, WAPO
217. Jennifer Rubin, WAPO
218. Dana Milbank, WAPO
219. Daniel Drezner, knows things about zombies
220. Aaron Blake, WAPO
221. Ed O'keefe, WAPO
222. Phillip Bump, WAPO

223. David Nakamura, WAPO
224. Zach Goldfarb, WAPO
225. Glenn Greenwald, The Intercept
226. Jeremy Scahill, The Intercept
227. Mark Halperin, he invented the term gang of 500 so...
228. John Heilimann, Bloomberg and writes books
229. Sahil Kapur, Bloomberg
230. Dave Weigel, journo-list
231. Sasha Issenberg, Bloomberg
232. Mark Knoller, CBS radio
233. John Dickerson, masterful moderator
234. Major Garrett, CBS
235. David Rhodes, CBS
236. Glenn Beck, blaze
237. David Corn, Mother Jones
238. Kevin Drum, Mother Jones
239. Max Rosenthal, Mother Jones
240. Matt Taibbi, many hats
241. John Harris, Politico
242. Jim vanDehei, Politico
243. Mike Allen, Politico
244. Carol Lee, WSJ
245. John Bresnahan, Politico
246. Michael Crowley, Politico
247. Edward-isaac Doveve, Politico
248. Michael Grunwald
249. Blake Hounshell, Politico
250. Michael Kruse
251. David Rogers, Politico
252. Roger Simon, Politico
253. Ken Vogel, Politico
254. Heather Haddon, WSJ
255. Peter Nicholas, WSJ
256. Peggy Noonan, WSJ
257. Byron Tau, WSJ
258. Beth Reinhard, WSJ
259. Diane Dewhirst, aide to Pelosi
260. Michael Bloomberg
261. John Boehner, former Speaker

262. Charles Koch, businessman
263. Davic Koch, businessman
264. Ben Bernanke, former fed chair
265. Janet Yellen, Current fed chair
266. Sheldon Adelson, influencer
267. Stephen Colbert, influencer
268. Elizabeth Warren, Senator
269. Bill Burton, Priorities USA (pro Hillary)
270. Cecile Richards, PP
271. Bill Kristol, yeah I know
272. Robert Kagan, Brookings
273. Buck McKeon, U.S. House
274. Robert Zoellick, many hats
275. Jim Talent, AEI
276. Richard Haas, CFR
277. Dan Senor, Many hats
278. Paul Gigot, WSJ
279. Matt Drudge, I guess
280. Mike Rogers, U.S. House
281. Steven Hadley, think tanker
282. David Frum, Daily Beast
283. Michael Tomasky, The Daily Beast
284. Betsy Woodruff, The Daily Beast
285. Elanor Clift, The Daily Beast
286. Olivia Nuzzi, The Daily Beast
287. Sakky Kohn, The Daily Beast
288. Noah Shachtman, Daily Beast
289. John Avlon, Daily Beast
290. Jessica Valenti, feministing
291. Eric Alterman, The Nation
292. Katrina Vanden Heuvel, The Nation
293. Franklin Foer
294. Steve Coll, The New Yorker
295. Jonathan Chait, TNR
296. Frank Rich, NYT
297. Markos Moulitsas
298. Fred Hiatt, WAPO
299. David Shipley
300. Cailin Flanagan, Atlantic

301. TaNehisi Coates, Atlantic
302. Glenn Reynolds, instapundit
303. Michael Barone, Washington Examiner
304. Caroline Baum, Bloomberg
305. Erick Erickson, Red State
306. Gerard Baker, WSJ
307. James Taranto, ugh just ugh
308. Michelle Malkin, twitchy
309. Elliot Abrams, CFR
310. Chris Bodenner, Atlantic
311. Conor Freidersdorf, Atlantic
312. Moly Ball, Atlantic
313. Jeet Heer, TNR
314. Suzy Khimm, TNR
315. Brian Beutler, TNR
316. Rebecca Leber, TNR
317. Jack Fowler, NRO
318. Larry Kudlow
319. John Stossel
320. Rich Lowrey, NRO
321. Mark Seibel, McClatchey
322. Thomas Ricks, writer
323. Josh Marshall, TPM
324. Annie Lowrey, NY MAG
325. Alec Magillis, propublica
326. Johnathan Allen, writer
327. Ellie Hall, BuzzFeed
328. Leigh Munsil, Blaze politics
329. Clara Jeffrey, Mother Jones
330. Josh Greenman, NY DAILY NEWS
331. Phillip Rucker, Wapo
332. Lisa Tozzi, BuzzFeed
333. Eric Schultz, deputy WH press sec
334. Matt Ford, Atlantic
335. Dylan Byers, CNN
336. Doug Stamper, he gets things done eventually
337. Julie Pace, AP
338. Josh Lederman, AP
339. Sally Buzbee, AP

340. David Scott, AP
341. Steve Peoples, AP
342. Ron Forunier, Green Lantern times
343. Justin Miller, The Daily Beast
344. Julia Loffe, NY TIMES MAG
345. Tom Cole, U.S. House
346. Jennifer Epstein, Bloomberg
347. Garance Franke-ruta, Yahoo
348. Hunter Walker, famous Trump questioner
349. Adam Liptak NYT
350. Jonathan Alter
351. Micah Grimes, NBC Nightly News
352. Will Cain, Pundit
353. Duncan Atrios whatever his name is
354. Glenn Kessler, checks facts
355. Stu Rothenberg
356. Norm Ornstein
357. Charlie Cook
358. Lanny Davis, come on you cant deny
359. Sabrina Siddiqui, Guardian
360. Andy Borowitz, I know
361. Stephanie Cutter, Precision Strategies
362. Kevin Madden
363. Judd Legume, Think progress
364. Jonathan Weisman, NYT
365. Dee Dee Meyers, Glover Park Group
366. Domenico Montanaro, NPR
367. Phil Elliot, Time
368. Michael Falcone, ABC
369. Glenn Thrush, Politico
370. Tom Beaumont, AP
371. Greg Sargent
372. Mike Memoli
373. Charles Pierce, Esquire
374. Mark Preston, CNN
375. Betsy Fisher Martin
376. John Geddes
377. Rupert Murdoch
378. Roger Wicker, NRSC Chair

379. Andrea Bozek, NRSC Communications
380. Michelle McGann, NRSC PAC director
381. Rob Simms, NRCC Executive Director
382. John Rogers, NRCC
383. Jon Reedy, NRCC
384. David Watts, NRCC
385. Katie Martin Prill, NRCC Communications Director
386. Dan Sena, DCCC
387. Ty Matsdorf, DCCC
388. Hayley Dierker, DCCC
389. Brandon English, DCCC
390. Kelly Ward, DCCC
391. Tom Lopach, DSCC
392. Preston Elliott, DSCC
393. Justin Barasky, DSCC
394. Sarah Amos, ABC producer
395. Felicia Biberica, ABC producer
396. Michelle Melnick, NBC news producer
397. Janelle Richards, NBC news producer
398. Steve Capus, CBS producer
399. Scott Pelley, CBS
400. Heather Abbott, CBS
401. Maggie Dore, CBS
402. Andrew Rosenthal, NYT
403. John Reiss, MTP Producer
404. Katie Hinman, State of the Union Producer
405. Mary Hager, Face the Nation producer
406. Jonathan Greenberger, This Week producer
407. Charles Hurt, Drudge assistant
408. Aaron Pickrell, Remington Road Group
409. Bob Woodward
410. Diane Sawyer
411. Rob Hendin, CBS
412. Peter Alexander, NBC
413. Chris Jansing, NBC
414. Peter Baker, NYT
415. John Gizzi, Newsmax
416. Steve Scully, CSPAN
417. Brian Lamb, CSPAN

418. Cicely Simpson, lobbyist
419. Richard Umbdenstock, lobbyist
420. David Melcher, lobbyist
421. Wayne LaPierre, Lobbyist
422. John Engler, lobbyist
423. Kenneth Bentsen Jr., lobbyist
424. Orrin Hatch, Senator
425. Matt Borges, Ohio GOP Chair
426. David Pepper, Ohio Democratic party chair
427. Jeff Kaufmann, Iowa GOP Chair
428. Andy McGuire, Iowa Democratic Party chair
429. Jennifer Horn, New Hampshire GOP Chair
430. Raymond Buckley, New Hampshire Dem party chair
431. Anita Kumar, McClatchey
432. Steven Thomma, McClatchy
433. David M. McIntosh, Club for Growth President
434. Stephanie Schriock, EMILY's list
435. Jennifer Korn, RNC
436. Tom Bonier, Clarity Labs
437. Brad Woodhouse, American Bridge
438. Patrick Ruffini, Echelon Insights
439. Casey Phillips, redprint
440. Bruce Mentzer, ad mogul
441. Patti Heck, Crossroads Media
442. Jim Margolis, Consultant
443. Raelynn Olson, Consultant
444. Erich Fehrstrom, Consultant
445. Dan Rice, Consultant
446. Dan Reber, direct mail
447. Frank Greer, Consultant
448. Spencer Zwick, Consultant
449. Charles Pruitt, AB Data
450. Tony Feather, FLS
451. Stu Stevens, rambler consulting
452. Jonathan M. Baron, Red Sea LLC
453. Mundy Katowitz, Advertising
454. Greg Stevens, SRCP
455. Erik Potholm, SRCP
456. Angela McCann, mentzer Media

457. Beth Beall, Mentzer Media
458. Gary Taylor, Infocision
459. Shane Hillmer, Consultant
460. John Brabender, Consulutant
461. Ron Rosenblath, Consultant
462. David James, Consultant
463. Joe Rospars
464. Teddy Goff, Digital media
465. Ben Burger, Consultant
466. Robert Blizzard, Pollster
467. Doug Thornell, SKDKnickerbocker
468. Brad Todd, OnMessage
469. Duane Baughman, consultant
470. Anita Dunn, Knickerbocker
471. Hilary Rosen, Knickerbocker
472. Carter Eskew, Glover Park
473. Chip Smith, Glover Park
474. Joe Lockhart, Glover Park
475. Tom Synhorst, Public relations
476. James Carville, consultant
477. David Axelrod, Consultant
478. Dana Perino, pundit
479. James Hoffa, Teamsters
480. Mary Kay Henry, SEIU
481. Lee Saunders, AFSCME
482. Richard Trumka, AFL-CIO
483. Michael Smerconish, pundit
484. Tom Daschle, Daschle Group
485. LOLGOP, a twitter on the twitters
486. Melissa Clouthier, a twitter on the twitters
487. Ben Domenech, Federalist
488. Taegan Goddard, Political Wire
489. Arthur C. Brooks, AEI
490. Steve Ricchetti, Biden Chief of Staff
491. Brian Deese, Advisor to Obama
492. Lawrence Summers, total nerd
493. Julian Castro, Secretary of HUD
494. Sheldon Adelson, moneyman
495. Tom Toles, cartoonist

496. Rob Klein, Saturday Night Live head writer
497. Christina Belantoni, LA Times
498. Penny Pritzker, Secretary of Commerce
499. Tess Kovach, K Street Hipster
500. Zoe Barnes, WMATA ghost