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## **Grey House Publishing Announces the Third Edition of *Encyclopedia of the United States Cabinet: 1789-2019***

*“To find the material needed for such a book must have been a monumental task; to make it readable and, yes, even fascinating is Herculean!... Most academic libraries will find it indispensable for history and political science students and faculty. Large public libraries will also want a copy. High-school libraries might consider purchase, especially if they have a strong advanced placement curriculum.” — Booklist*

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Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the third edition of the *Encyclopedia of the United States Cabinet: 1789-2019*. In the almost 10 years since the last edition of this book, not only have there been two new presidential administrations, but the political climate in the country has been unlike any previous decade. From the fallout of the economic crisis that began in 2008, to the rise of the Tea Party movement on the Right and movements like Occupy Wall Street and Black Lives Matter and the surge in Democratic Socialism on the Left—to say nothing of the remarkable election in 2016 that witnessed the rise of Donald Trump to presidency—the issues and events of the last ten years have unfolded with an urgency not seen since the 1960s and with a divisiveness unique to our own time.

This edition is divided into 6 sections to make research for the user easier and more accessible.

**Section I: Front Matter** begins with an author’s preface that details the developments of the U.S. Cabinet, quoting from the Constitution itself. This section also features an Introduction that chronicles the layout of the book, as well as two essays about the first mention of a ‘cabinet council’ and the development of each presidential cabinet: *The History of the Cabinet System*, and *Origins of the Cabinet Departments*.

**Section II: Cabinet Chapters** provides a detailed account of each administration. Each chapter begins with a *Table of Contents* followed *Historical Snapshots* that offer interesting facts and figures that add historical context to each chapter. Following this are the essays on the cabinet, each 1-2 pages offering insight into the formation of the president’s cabinet as well as a brief survey of the challenges they faced. *Cabinet Member Biographies* are arranged first by department, then chronologically. Each biography follows a predictable format: Early Years, with some family history; how he or she came to be Named to the Cabinet, with a record of successes and failures; and After Leaving Office, including post-cabinet positions and accomplishments. Also included are dozens of photographs, not only of the presidents, but of many of the cabinet members. Every biography ends with a detailed bibliography for further research. The Confederate Cabinet of Jefferson Davis appears as the last chapter.

**Section III: Primary Documents** includes thirteen Primary Documents written by newspaper correspondents, presidents, or cabinet members themselves. These documents span hundreds of years, from the letter written by Thomas Jefferson to his cabinet to the resignation letter of James Mattis addressed to Donald Trump. New primary documents to this edition are the Mattis letter, widely studied for its rebuke to the president; a selection from the National Strategy for Homeland Security (2002), in which the need for a Department of Homeland Security is outlined; and two documents of historical importance that pertain to the president's authority to select his cabinet. One is an excerpt from the Tenure of Office Act of 1867, which attempted to transfer power over cabinet appointments to Congress. The second is the Supreme Court case, *Myers v. United States* (1925), that overturned the Tenure of Office Act and established that only the executive—and not Congress—has the power to remove cabinet officials, just as only the executive has the authority to choose cabinet officials, albeit pursuant to the approval of Congress.

**Section IV: Appendixes** highlights fifteen appendixes which show, at a glance, facts such as which cabinet members held more than one position, who crossed party lines, and who won a Nobel Prize. The fifteen appendixes are as follows:

Appendix A: Those Who Held More Than One Post in the Cabinet

Appendix B: Cross-Party Nominations for Cabinet Positions

Appendix C: Cabinet Secretaries Who Have Been Awarded the Nobel Prize

Appendix D: Members of Congress Selected by Recent Presidents

Appendix E: Female Cabinet Secretaries

Appendix F: African-American Cabinet Secretaries

Appendix G: Latino Cabinet Secretaries

Appendix H: Asian-American Cabinet Secretaries

Appendix I: Notable Facts on the Cabinet

Appendix J: Cabinet Post Timeline

Appendix K: Failed Nominations

Appendix L: Withdrawn Nominations

Appendix M: Members Who Died in Office

Appendix N: Alphabetical List of Members

Appendix O: Chronological List of Members, sorted by department

**Section V: Bibliography** and **Section VI: Subject Index** close out this two-volume reference work.

As we forge ahead into the third decade of the 21st century, questions about the executive branch and the role of presidential advisors are tremendously important. How was the cabinet conceived? What are the job descriptions of these top-level individuals? Are some cabinets more effective than others? These questions, along with an incredible amount of detailed information on all 617 cabinet members (plus 16 Confederate cabinet members) from George Washington to Donald Trump make this third edition a must for all researchers and students of United States history, political science, and the government.

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