

# KEITH HENNESSEY

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A trusted advisor in the West Wing, Keith Hennessey served as director of the National Economic Council (NEC) and the assistant to the president for economic policy. Advising President Bush on everything from trade and labor strikes to energy and climate change, Hennessey was at the center of volatile times in American history. Exclusively represented by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#), his presentations are insightful and educational about the state of global economics, giving audiences an informed and rounded view of the many issues facing the economy and the country.

**Answer To Tough Economic Questions.** Keith Hennessey spent more than 15 years in economic policy roles for senior elected officials. He was the senior White House economic advisor, where he analyzed economic issues and coordinated the design of the president's economic policies, including macroeconomic issues like tax policy, health care, pensions, Social Security and Medicare reform, energy and climate change, financial markets and institutions policy, housing, transportation, technology and telecommunications, and agriculture. Hennessey also worked on budget and international trade and financial issues. Involved at every level of economic policy, he advised the president on the political, legal, and legislative questions that arose, as well. Hennessey was also involved after decisions were made, serving as part of the core White House team that wrote speeches, communicated policies to the public, and worked with Congress to enact new laws.

Hennessey knows the politics of the economy from both the legislative and the executive side. Before his time in the White House, he worked on Capitol Hill for more than seven years. He served as economics advisor to former Senate Majority leader Trent Lott and as a member of the Senate Budget Committee staff for Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM). Hennessey also worked on the Bipartisan Commission on Entitlement and Tax Reform.

**Substantive Breadth and Depth.** In addition to advising the president on his administration's response to the financial crisis of 2008, Hennessey spent more than six years helping to design, enact, and implement the President's most important economic policies. Among these successful endeavors were several laws cutting taxes; two energy bills; a new climate change negotiating structure; financial regulation reform, health, Social Security, and Medicare reforms; loans to auto manufacturers; terrorism reinsurance; and more.

**More about Keith Hennessey.** Since leaving the White House, Hennessey has been a television commentator and started a blog called *Keith Hennessey*, which was named one of the "Top 25 Economics Blogs" by *The Wall Street Journal*. From 2009–2010 Hennessey also served as a member of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission. He is a lecturer at the Stanford Graduate School of Business and the Stanford Law School. He holds a BS in mathematics and political science from Stanford University as well as a master of public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.