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Position (Tier 1)	Occupant	Relationship to Koch Brothers	Source	Link
Chief of Staff	Reince Priebus	Reinhold Richard (Reince) Priebus is closely tied with Wisconsin Congressman and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, who was championed by the Kochs as an alternative to Trump. Priebus and Ryan are friends and virtual neighbors who have worked together for decades in Wisconsin and in Washington. Priebus also helped elect Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker to the governorship in 2010. Both Walker and Ryan have been strongly supported in their careers by the billionaire Koch brothers. His elevation to chief of staff is considered a win for the Koch wing of the Republican Party that opposed Trump.	SourceWatch: Priebus Named Chief of Staff by Trump, Win for the "Koch Wing" of the Party	http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php/Reince_Priebus
Senior Advisor	Kellyanne Conway	Kellyanne Conway was a board member of the Independent Women's Forum that received \$5,264,104 (2002-2013) from Koch-affiliated Donors Trust/Donors Capital Fund. While individual and corporate contributions to Donors Trust are concealed by the lack of reporting requirements, non-profit contributors to the fund are required to disclose their donations. Of the reported financial activity involving DT/DCF, Koch organizations emerge as both a leading contributor to, and recipient of, Donors Trust funding. Independent Women's Forum also shared leadership with other Koch organizations. For example, Nancy Pfotenhauer, a former head of the Washington, D.C., lobbying operation for Koch Industries, served as both President and Director of the Forum and as President of Americans for Prosperity Foundation. Conway was a Republican pollster whose company has worked for Pence and for Americans for Prosperity.	Salon: The Koch Brothers' most loyal servants are serving in Donald Trump's White House	http://www.salon.com/2017/01/11/koch-allies-in-the-white-house_partner/
Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy	Rick Dearborn	Dearborn was Chief of Staff for Senator Jeff Sessions from December 2004 until 2016. From 2011-2016, Koch Industries was one of four top donors to Session's Campaign Cmte and Leadership PAC.	Open Secrets: Campaign Cmte & Leadership PAC Combined	https://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/contrib.php?type=C&cid=N00003062&newMem=N&cycle=2016

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Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy and Director, Domestic Policy Council	Andrew Bremberg	<p>Bremberg served as Policy Advisor and Counsel on Nominations for U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell and he had also served Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker as Policy Director during his very brief bid for the US Presidency.</p> <p>McConnell: "Is this working? I know it's been a long, but very inspiring day. And I want to start by thanking you, Charles and David for the important work you're doing. I don't know where we'd be without you, and um, and I want (inaudible) for rallying, uh, to the cause."</p>	PoliticsUSA: In Leaked Tape Mitch McConnell Admits The Koch Brothers Are Running The Republican Party	http://www.politicususa.com/2014/08/27/leaked-audio-tape-mitch-mcconnell-admits-koch-brothers-running-republican-party.html
Director, Office of Management and Budget	Mick Mulvaney	<p>Mulvaney had help from thousands of dollars from the Koch Industries political action committee, and hundreds of thousands in secret Koch money run through the 60 Plus Association and American Future Fund, two undisclosed attack ad groups.</p> <p>Now, it appears, Mulvaney is returning the favor.</p>	Republic Report: Freshman Rep. Mulvaney (R-SC) Won His Seat With Koch Industries Support, Now Offers Earmarks To His Benefactor	https://www.republicreport.org/2012/mulvaney-koch-earmark/
Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs	Marc Short	<p>Short is best known for his tenure as president of the Koch Brother's Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce, the political fund organized by the Koch Brothers to advance their far-right, pro-corporate, anti-environmental agenda. He was also Koch Industries VP of Special Projects.</p> <p>While Freedom Partners describes itself as a "business league," its fundraising cycles much more closely resemble those of a political party, complete with high-tech voter lists and opposition research.</p>	Center for Media and Democracy: Marc Short: Koch Dark-Money Operative Is Trump's Liaison To Congress	https://goo.gl/YbBYOm
Staff Secretary	Rob Porter	<p>Porter served as the chief of staff for Senator Hatch from March 2014.</p> <p>Five senators and 39 representatives received a perfect 100 percent score from the Koch brothers' Astroturf group Americans For Prosperity for the first half of the 112th Congress. One was Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT).</p>	ThinkProgress: Five U.S. Senators Are Perfect Koch Servants, Americans For Prosperity Reports	https://thinkprogress.org/five-u-s-senators-are-perfect-koch-servants-americans-for-prosperity-reports-5ddb83188da2#.r8s6usu45

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White House Counsel	Donald McGahn	While at a partner at Jones Day, McGahn was “a lead lawyer for Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce – before joining the Trump campaign.” Founded in 2011 as a 501(c)(6) trade association, the seven-member board of Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce exemplifies the intertwined relationship between the Koch corporate and nonprofit political networks. Its board is entirely composed of current and former Koch Industries executives and trusted Koch allies.	MSNBC: Why Trump’s choice for White House counsel matters	http://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show/why-trumps-choice-white-house-counsel-matters
Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers	Kevin Hassett	<p>The selection of Hassett, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and strong advocate for a corporate tax cut, would come after a long wait for the president to pick someone to lead an office that will play a key role in crafting economic projections for the administration’s tax and budget plans.</p> <p>The American Enterprise Institute received \$1,627,289 (2011-2013) from the Charles G. Koch Foundation. The American Enterprise Institute received \$19,840,954 from DonorsTrust between 2002 and 2011. The Heritage Foundation advocates against clean energy solutions through the publication of studies and testimony before lawmakers on topics such as the EPA’s Clean Power Plan, against pro-clean energy policies, and impacts of carbon taxes on the economy. Since 2009, individuals associated with the Heritage Foundation have testified at least 90 times before the U.S. Congress, according to hearing transcript records.</p>	SourceWatch: American Enterprise Institute	http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php/American_Enterprise_Institute
Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Energy and Environmental Policy	Mike Catanzaro	Catanzaro came to the White House from the Washington, D.C.-based lobbying firm CGCN Group, where he represented a long list of fossil fuel interests, including Koch Industries.	Open Secrets: Lobbyists representing Koch Industries, 2015/16	https://www.opensecrets.org/lobby/clientlbs.php?id=D000000186&year=2016

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Special Assistant to the President for Infrastructure Policy	DJ Gribbin	National Economic Council member, formerly Koch Industries director of Public Sector Business Development, now oversees Trump's infrastructure policy	D. J. Gribbin Division Director, Macquarie Holdings, Inc.	http://www.indianalogistics.com/summit/2006/bios/dgribbin.htm
Special Assistant to the President for Healthcare Policy	Brian Blasé	National Economic Council member, oversees health policy after working at the Mercatus Center, which has Charles Koch on its board.	Newsweek: Trump Economic Team Filled with Corporate, Koch Brothers Allies	https://goo.gl/fs7h1T
Vice President	Mike Pence	Pence is adored by the Kochs and their vast political donor network. He received nearly \$10,000 in political contributions from Koch Industries for his gubernatorial runs and \$300,000 in personal contributions from David Koch in 2012 and 2015.	The Nation: Vice President Mike Pence Would Be a Dream for the Koch Brothers	https://www.thenation.com/article/vice-president-mike-pence-would-be-a-dream-for-the-koch-brothers/
Special Assistant to the President and Director of Speechwriting for the Vice President	Stephen Ford	Charles Koch's writer, Stephen Ford, is now Vice President Mike Pence's speechwriter.	Time: A Billionaire Resistance Targets President Trump from the Right	http://time.com/4657648/charles-koch-donald-trump/
Chief of Staff to the Vice President	Josh Pitcock	<p>Pitcock served as an aide to Mike Pence during his time in the House and eventually became his chief of staff there. After Pence was elected governor of Indiana in 2012, Pitcock stayed in Washington, D.C., during Pence's governorship, serving as the state's lobbyist.</p> <p>Pitcock served as a senior policy adviser to Mike Pence throughout the campaign and the transition.</p> <p>Having navigated the Hill with Pence before, he was seen as the natural choice to help Pence in his expected role as liaison between Congressional Republicans and the president.</p>	Policy Soapbox: The man behind the man behind the man: Pence chief Josh Pitcock	https://goo.gl/hvCeje

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Special Assistant to the President and Director of Special Projects and Research	Mike Roman	Mike Roman, a longtime Republican opposition researcher who worked for billionaire brothers Charles and David Koch before joining the Trump campaign, is now the White House's director of special projects and research. On his LinkedIn profile, he lists himself as Special Assistant to the President and Director of Special Projects and Research https://www.linkedin.com/in/mikeroman/	<i>Pro Publica: You Helped Us Find Hires the White House Never Announced, Including a Koch Brothers Alum</i>	https://www.propublica.org/article/you-helped-us-find-hires-the-white-house-never-announced
National Security Advisor	Lt. Gen. H. R. McMaster	N/A		
United States Trade Representative	Robert Lighthizer	N/A		
Assistant to the President, Senior Counselor and Chief Strategist	Steve Bannon	N/A		
Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor	Jared Kushner	N/A		
Assistant to the President and Press Secretary	Sean Spicer	N/A		
Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Director, National Economic Council	Gary D. Cohen	N/A		
Assistant to the President and Director of Political Affairs	Bill Stepien	N/A		
Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality	Unfilled			
Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy	Unfilled			

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