

UNITED STATES: SECRETARY OF STATE ANTONY BLINKEN

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- Blinken's come from hosting a UN meeting on **global food insecurity**, s 33(a)(iii)
- Blinken is in Tokyo to **support President Biden's** first visit to the Indo-Pacific (Quad leaders and launching the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework, IPEF). s 33(a)(iii)

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Key Messages

- Our **Alliance with the United States** will be at the cornerstone of our foreign policy
 - we are committed to AUKUS, force posture cooperation and defence spending.

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- We will be a **partner in fighting climate change**, s 33(a)(iii)

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Biography

Antony BLINKEN

Secretary of State

United States of America



Form of Address: Secretary Blinken

Year of Birth: 1962

Education: Harvard College *Magna cum Laude*;
Juris Doctor, Columbia Law School

Twitter handle: @SecBlinken

Career:

2021	Secretary of State
2020	Worked on the Biden campaign for President
2017-2020	Co-Founder WestExec Advisors (political strategy advising firm)
2015-2017	Deputy Secretary of State
2013-2015	Deputy National Security Advisor
2009-2013	Deputy Assistant to the President and National Security Advisor to the VP
2002-2008	Democratic Staff Director for the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee
2001-2002	Senior Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies
1999-2001	Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for European Affairs
1994-2001	Member of National Security Council staff at the White House
1994-1998	Special Assistant to the President, NSC Senior Director for Speechwriting
1993-1994	Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Canada Affairs

Comment:

Blinken's stepfather Samuel Pizar, a Holocaust survivor, studied at Melbourne Law School and was mentored by Sir Zelman Cowen.

Blinken is married to Evan Ryan who is currently serving as White House Cabinet Secretary and served as an Assistant Secretary at the State Department during the Obama Administration. They have two young children. Blinken plays guitar and has three original songs on Spotify.

Contact:

You met US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and White House Indo-Pacific Coordinator Kurt Campbell in Melbourne in February 2022.