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## Administrator Andrew S. Natsios



*“The success of freedom and development is absolutely vital to making this a safer and better world.”*

*Andrew S. Natsios  
Senate Testimony  
May 26, 2005*

Andrew S. Natsios was sworn in on May 1, 2001, as administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). USAID is the government agency that administers economic and humanitarian assistance worldwide.

President Bush has also appointed him Special Coordinator for International Disaster Assistance and Special Humanitarian Coordinator for the Sudan.

Natsios has served previously at USAID, first as director of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance from 1989 to 1991 and then as assistant administrator for the Bureau for Food and Humanitarian Assistance (now the Bureau for Humanitarian Response) from 1991 to January 1993.

Before assuming his new position, Natsios was chairman and chief executive officer of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority from April 2000 to March 2001, where he took over management of the Central Artery/Tunnel Project, or “Big Dig” after a period of scandal and cost overruns. Before that, he was secretary for administration and finance for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from March 1999 to April 2000. In 1998, he held the Jennings Randolph Senior Fellowship at the U.S. Institute of Peace. From 1993 to 1998, Natsios was vice president of World Vision U.S. From 1987 to 1989, he was executive director of the Northeast Public Power Association in Milford, Massachusetts.

Natsios served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1975 to 1987 and was named legislator of the year by the Massachusetts Municipal Association (1978), the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (1986), and Citizens for Limited Taxation (1986). He also was chairman of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee for seven years.

Natsios is a graduate of Georgetown University and Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government where he received a master’s degree in public administration.

Natsios is the author of numerous articles on foreign policy and humanitarian emergencies, as well as the author of two books: *U.S. Foreign Policy and the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (Center for Strategic and International Studies, 1997), and *The Great North Korean Famine* (U.S. Institute of Peace 2001).

After serving 22 years in the U.S. Army Reserves, Natsios retired in 1995 with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He is a veteran of the Gulf War.

A native of Holliston, Massachusetts, Natsios and his wife, Elizabeth, have three children, Emily, Alexander, and Philip.