



THE SEDONA FORUM

The Sedona Forum is the McCain Institute’s annual, high-level, private gathering of national and international leaders held each spring at the Enchantment Resort in the red rock country of Sedona, Arizona.

Inspired by the McCain family, the event provides a unique opportunity for world leaders to have open and constructive discussions about real solutions to the world’s most complex challenges in an intimate atmosphere. It is acknowledged as one of the world’s handful of prestigious summits of national security, diplomatic, and human rights leaders. Past media partners have included CBS News, POLITICO, and The Washington Post.

The Sedona Forum was special to Senator John McCain, more so than any other event. The Sedona Forum stands for the power and potential of coming together despite differences and striving for a world that is safer, more prosperous, and where freedom and rights are enjoyed by all. As we face today’s urgent and complex challenges head on, we honor the Senator’s legacy by continuing to champion the ideas and causes to which he dedicated his life to serving.

PAST PARTICIPANTS HAVE INCLUDED

- President Joe Biden
- Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton
- Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley
- Former Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell
- Former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi
- Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair
- Global humanitarians such as Ben Affleck, José Andrés, Angelina Jolie, and Denis Mukwege
- CEOs from Chevron, FedEx, Freeport-McMoRan, GE, Google, Hewlett-Packard, Palantir, SpaceX, Verizon, and Walmart-USA
- Media correspondents from the Associated Press, CBS News, Fox News, NBC News, NPR, POLITICO, and The Washington Post
- U.S. Senators, including Bill Cassidy, John Cornyn, Joni Ernst, Mark Kelly, Amy Klobuchar, Mitt Romney, Kyrsten Sinema, Todd Young, and more

WIELDING AMERICA’S PREEMINENT POWER

The theme of the 2025 Sedona Forum is Wielding America’s Preeminent Power, focusing on America’s power – our economic leadership, technological innovation, military strength, and cultural diplomacy. We will explore how America can effectively wield its power to address global challenges, uphold democratic values, and secure its leadership in an evolving world. Heads of state, policymakers, academics, and practitioners will share insights and offer bold ideas on how to harness American exceptionalism in an era of great power competition.



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CBS News’ Face the Nation Moderator and Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent Margaret Brennan and U.S. Senator Kyrsten Sinema (I-Ariz.)



President Joe Biden and Senator John McCain



CEO of the Global Fund to End Modern Slavery Sophie Otiende and U.S. Trade Representative Ambassador Katherine Tai



Sen. Mitt Romney, Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, and journalist Yvonne Wingett-Sanchez

