

David Cameron

David Cameron is a transformative figure in global politics—a visionary leader who has shaped international affairs, confronted the forces of populism, and promoted compassionate conservatism during times of unprecedented change.

As prime minister of the United Kingdom from 2010 to 2016, Cameron led Britain's first coalition government since World War II, steering the nation from the brink of economic disaster to becoming the fastest-growing major advanced economy in the world. Under his leadership, millions of jobs were created, education was transformed, and renewable energy became mainstream. He championed social progress by legalizing same-sex marriage and met the target of allocating 0.7 percent of national income on overseas aid, positioning Britain as a global leader in equality, international development, and environmental stewardship.

In an extraordinary return to frontline politics in 2023, Cameron was called back to serve as the UK's foreign secretary amid significant global upheaval, including the October 7 massacre in Israel and the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine. He continued in post until the general election of July 2024.

Beyond politics, Cameron is deeply invested in advancing scientific and medical innovation. He serves as president of Alzheimer's Research UK and chairs the Oxford-Harrington Rare Disease Centre's advisory council, a transatlantic collaboration building on his initiation of the groundbreaking 100,000 Genomes Project while prime minister. In addition to advising international businesses, Cameron also contributes to global thought leadership as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations' Global Board of Advisors, and as a visiting professor at New York University's Abu Dhabi campus, where he teaches a course titled "Practising Politics in the Age of Disruption."