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Sebastian Gorka is Deputy Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Counterterrorism in the US National Security Council.

A naturalized American citizen, Dr. Gorka was born in the UK, and originally acted as National Security debate advisor to Candidate Trump, 2015-2016. Then he served in the first Trump Administration as Strategist to the President.

Previously he held the Major General Horner Chair of Military Theory, Marine Corps University, and was Associate Dean for Congressional Affairs and Relations to the Special Operations Community at National Defense University, Fort McNair.

In 2020 he was appointed by President Trump to the Pentagon's National Security Education Board. He is the author of the NY Times bestseller *Defeating Jihad*, as well as *Why We Fight*, and most recently, *The War for America's Soul*. Dr. Gorka is a recipient of the DoD Joint Civilian Service Commendation awarded by US Special Operations Command for his work in Counterterrorism.

Sebastian is married to Katie Gorka, also a Presidential Appointee in the first Trump Administration in the Department of Homeland Security where she eventually served as Press Secretary for US Customs and Border Protection.