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EDUCATION



Harvard Law School, *cum laude*, J.D., 1989

Harvard College, Government, *cum laude*,
B.A., 1985

TOPICS



National security, the media,
and the public's right-to-know

National security and strategic thinking

Counter-terrorism policy

Civil liberties vs. public welfare and security

The law and politics of whistleblowing

9/11 and its aftermath

LINKS



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www.wral.com/news/local/story/6756751

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BIOGRAPHY



How do we talk about 9/11 in a way that accurately reflects the beliefs of the perpetrators, explains why they attacked, and avoids conflating the religion of Islam with the ideology of al-Qaeda extremism? David Schanzer has answers to these questions and more. From the politics of Guantanamo and the ethics of enhanced interrogation, to the nuanced use of terms such as “jihad” and “radical Islam,” Schanzer tackles some of the most controversial and thought-provoking topics in domestic and foreign policy, national security, and strategic thinking.

David Schanzer is an Associate Professor of the Practice at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy and Director of the Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security. He teaches courses, conducts research, and engages in public dialogue on counterterrorism strategy, counterterrorism law, homeland security, and public policy. Schanzer is the lead author of a widely cited National Institute of Justice study on domestic radicalization, “Anti-Terror Lessons of Muslim Americans” (2010), and of a report on “Improving Strategic Risk Management at the Department of Homeland Security.” He is a member of the Countering Violent Extremism Leadership Forum and has been a Research Fellow for the National Intelligence Council.

Prior to his academic appointments, Schanzer worked in all three branches of the federal government. He was the Democratic staff director for the House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security; he served as the legislative director for Sen. Jean Carnahan; counsel to Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., and counsel to Sen. William S. Cohen. His positions in the Executive Branch include Special Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Department of Defense, and a trial attorney at the United States Department of Justice. Schanzer was also a clerk for U.S. District Judge Norma L. Shapiro and in the Office of the Solicitor General of the United States.

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