

Secretary Blinken Announces Warhawk Nuland's Resignation

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—Secretary of State Antony Blinken, [US Department of State](#), March 5, 2024

Victoria Nuland has let me know that she intends to step down in the coming weeks as Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs – a role in which she has personified President Biden’s commitment to put diplomacy back at the center of our foreign policy and revitalize America’s global leadership at a crucial time for our nation and the world.

Toria’s tenure caps three and a half decades of remarkable public service under six Presidents and ten Secretaries of State. Starting with her very first posting as a consular officer in Guangzhou, China, Toria’s had most of the jobs in this Department. Political officer and economic officer. Spokesperson and chief of staff. Deputy Assistant Secretary and Assistant Secretary. Special Envoy and Ambassador.

These experiences have armed Toria with an encyclopedic knowledge of a wide range of issues and regions, and an unmatched capacity to wield the full toolkit of American diplomacy to advance our interests and values.

What makes Toria truly exceptional is the fierce passion she brings to fighting for what she believes in most: freedom, democracy, human rights, and America’s enduring capacity to inspire and promote those values around the world. These were the principles that drove Toria when we first met more than 30 years ago. They are the same principles she has brought to her work as Under Secretary, and as Acting Deputy Secretary of State – a role she filled seamlessly for seven months.

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There is so much to admire about Toria beyond her diplomatic skill. She always speaks her mind – to my benefit and to the benefit of our foreign policy. She always stands up for and invests in America’s diplomats – mentoring them, lifting them up, and ensuring they and their families have what they deserve, and what our mission demands. She finds light in the darkest moments, makes you laugh when you need it most, and always has your back.

President Biden and I have asked our Under Secretary for Management John Bass to serve as Acting Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs until Toria’s replacement is confirmed.

We are so grateful for Toria’s service, and for the lasting mark she’s made on this institution and the world.

Blinken’s Statement on the Retirement of Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Victoria Nuland (Source: [US Department of State](#))

The announcement is a surprise for many reasons. Nuland is the primary and best-placed operative of the neoconservatives' control over US Foreign Policy. Moreover, things are going well for her war agenda. For a year or longer she has been advocating for supplying Ukraine with long range missiles, and now German generals are recorded talking about doing so. She has pushed for NATO troops for Ukraine, and Washington's French puppet has called for this step to be taken.

In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Nuland has seen the opportunity to expand the conflict to an attack on Iran, long a neoconservative agenda. The war has already expanded into Yemen, and there are reports that Israel intends to expand the war into Lebanon against Hezbollah, an Iranian ally.

Why would a neoconservative in an influential and powerful position on the verge of achieving neoconservative goals resign?

Another puzzle is Blinken's resignation announcement. *No reason is given*. The announce is full of praise for Nuland, but *there is no expression of regret of her leaving*. Instead, there is only this: "We are so grateful for Toria's service" (Toria is Victoria's nickname).

My quarter century experience in Washington tells me that Blinken has just told Nuland that she is fired.

I have seen no US news reports of Nuland's resignation/firing. This is amazing. The principle architect of Washington's aggressive foreign policy toward Russia and Iran is removing herself, or is being removed, from a powerful office without explanation, and the pressstitutes are silent?

I think it is too much to hope that the Democrats, a collection of bird brains, realized that Nuland was the face of the war party and that the Democrats could not survive that face in the upcoming elections. After the many years of demonization of Putin, Russia, and Iran, how can the effects of such demonization suddenly be called off?

Another puzzle is the absence of reporting in the pressstitute media of Blinken's announcement of Nuland's resignation. RT mentioned it and Gilbert Doctorow on his personal site. Apparently, the official narrative hasn't yet been prepared and handed to the pressstitutes.

It will be interesting to see what the official narrative is.

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