



## Michael Steele

Michael Steele is President and CEO of The Steele Group, a company he formed in 1999. The Steele Group works with institutional and individual clients to design overall business development, investor, networking, and communications strategies.

Presently, Mr. Steele is a political analyst for MSNBC. Mr. Steele's ability as a communicator and analyst have long been showcased by his position as a contributor on the Fox News Channel and as a regular host for the Salem Radio Network's nationally syndicated *Morning in America* Show. Additionally, Mr. Steele has been an entertaining and eloquent guest on cable political talk shows such as HBO's *Real Time with Bill Maher* and Comedy Central's *Daily Show* and *The Colbert Report*.

Mr. Steele's personal and political experiences coupled with his engaging speaking style have launched him into national prominence. Mr. Steele regularly shares his personal story and political philosophy with a wide variety of audiences.

Most recently, Michael Steele served as Chairman of the Republican National Committee (2009 – 2011). As chairman of the RNC, Mr. Steele was charged with revitalizing the Republican Party. A self-described "Lincoln Republican," under Steele's leadership the RNC broke fundraising records (over \$198 million raised during the 2010 Congressional cycle) and Republicans won 63 House seats, the biggest pickup since 1938. His commitment to grassroots organization and party building at the state and local levels produced 12 governorships and the greatest share of state legislative seats since 1928 (over 600 seats).

Mr. Steele earned a place in history in 2003 when he was elected Lieutenant Governor of Maryland, becoming the first African American elected to statewide office in the state. As Lt. Governor of Maryland, Mr. Steele's priorities included reforming the state's Minority Business Enterprise program, improving the quality of Maryland's public education system (he championed the State's historic Charter School law), expanding economic development in the state and fostering cooperation between government and faith-based organizations to help those in need.

An expert on political strategy and election reform, he served as Chairman of GOPAC (2007-2009), and also held posts on the National Federal Election Reform Commission and the NAACP Blue Ribbon Commission on Election Reform.

Mr. Steele writes a regular column for The Root.com and BET.com and his writings on law, business and politics have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Times*, Politico.com, Townhall.com, *The Journal of International Security Affairs* and *Catholic University Law Review*, among others. He is the recent author of *Right Now: A 12-Step Program for Defeating the Obama Agenda*, which is a call to arms for grassroots America.



Born at Andrews Air Force Base in Prince George's County, Maryland, Mr. Steele was raised in Washington, DC. He spent three years in the Order of St. Augustine in preparation for the priesthood. He is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University ('81'), Georgetown Law Center ('91), and an Aspen Institute Rodel Fellow in Public Leadership.

Mr. Steele is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Landover Hills, MD, where he attends mass regularly with his wife Andrea.