

Exodus of key Bush aides

Fran Townsend, President Bush's top adviser on homeland security and counter-terrorism, has resigned from her White House job. Her departure continues a year-long exodus of key presidential aides and confidantes



◀ **Fran Townsend:** Appointed to coordinate homeland security policies in May 2004. An assistant U.S. attorney, Townsend came with reputation as a tough prosecutor of violent crimes, narcotics and Mafia cases. No reason cited for her departure. **Resigned Nov 2007**



▲ **Karen Hughes:** Long-term confidante and State Department public diplomacy czar. **Resigned Oct 2007**

▶ **Tony Snow:** White House Press Secretary. Treated for cancer in 2005, recurrence diagnosed early 2007. **Resigned Aug 2007**



◀ **Karl Rove:** Deputy Chief of Staff and political guru, known as *Bush's brain*. **Resigned Aug 2007**



◀ **Alberto Gonzales:** Attorney general and longstanding Bush ally. Accused in Congress of abuse of office over sacking of eight federal prosecutors. **Resigned Sep 2007**



▲ **Lewis "Scooter" Libby:** Aide to Vice President *Dick Cheney* convicted of obstruction of justice, perjury, and lying to FBI. **Resigned Mar 2007**

▶ **Paul Wolfowitz:** Investigation found he broke ethics rules as President of World Bank in awarding substantial pay raise to his girlfriend. **Resigned May 2007**



▶ **Dan Bartlett:** Counsellor to President Bush. **Resigned: Jul 2007**

▶ **Rob Portman:** White House budget director. **Resigned Jun 2007**

▶ **Sara Taylor:** White House Director of Political Affairs. **Resigned May 2007**

▶ **Harriet Miers:** Bush's top legal counsel and failed Supreme Court nominee. **Resigned Jan 2007**

▶ **J.D. Crouch:** National security aide. **Resigned May 2007**

▶ **Donald Rumsfeld:** Secretary of defence and Pentagon chief **Resigned Nov 2006**