



Leon Panetta

■ **Jun 28, 1938:** Born in Monterey, California, to Italian immigrant parents

■ **Education:** Degrees in political science and law, both from Santa Clara University

■ **Political career, 1969-70:** Serves in Nixon administration, but quits Republican party over civil rights policies, joining Democrats in 1971

■ **1977-93:** Congressman for California, rising to chairman of House Budget Committee

■ **1993:** Serves as director of Office of Management and Budget under President **Bill Clinton**

■ **1994-97:** Clinton's Chief of Staff

■ **2006:** Member of Iraq Study Group – bipartisan commission that recommended faster drawdown from Iraq than contemplated at time

■ **Feb 2009:** Becomes CIA director, presiding over operations leading to death of **Osama bin Laden**

■ **Jul 1, 2011:** Expected to succeed **Robert Gates** as Defence Secretary