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Kimberly Kagan is the founder and president of the Institute for the Study of War. She is a military historian who has taught at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Yale, Georgetown, and American University. She is the author of *The Eye of Command* (2006) and *The Surge: A Military History* (2009), as well as editor of *The Imperial Moment* (2010). Dr. Kagan has led the work of ISW's new report series titled *U.S. Grand Strategy: Destroying ISIS and Al Qaeda* and is the co-author of *Al Qaeda and ISIS: Existential Threats to the U.S. and Europe*, and *Competing Visions for Iraq and Syria: The Myth of an Anti-ISIS Grand Coalition*.

Dr. Kagan has published numerous essays in outlets such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Weekly Standard*, *Fox News*, and *Foreign Policy*. She co-produced *The Surge: The Whole Story*, an hour-long oral history and documentary film on the campaign in Iraq from 2007 to 2008.

Dr. Kagan served in Kabul for seventeen months (2010-2012) working for commanders of the International Security Assistance Force, General David H. Petraeus and subsequently General John Allen. Admiral Mike Mullen, as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, recognized Dr. Kagan for this deployment as a volunteer with the Distinguished Public Service Award, the highest honor the Chairman can present to civilians who do not work for the Department of Defense.

Dr. Kagan held an Olin Postdoctoral Fellowship in Military History at Yale International Security Studies (2004-2005) and was a National Security Fellow at Harvard's Olin Institute for Strategic Studies (2002-2003). She received a B.A. in Classical Civilization and a Ph.D. in History from Yale University.

Find all of Dr. Kagan's publications [here](#).

Selected Media

**Links Below*

Fox News (2/12/2016)
Wall Street Journal Live (1/20/2016)
New York Times (11/17/2015)
Financial Times (10/2/2015)
Politico (6/24/2015)
Bloomberg (5/28/2015)
Voice of America (5/19/2015)
Washington Post (5/18/2014)

Selected Works

**Links Below*

Competing Visions for Iraq and Syria: The Myth of the Anti-ISIS Grand Coalition (January 2016)
Al Qaeda and ISIS: Existential Threats to the U.S. and Europe (January 2016)
Op-Ed: "The Fall of Ramadi Was Avoidable" (7/17/2015, *The Washington Post*)
Op-Ed: "What to do and not to do in response to the Paris Attacks" (11/15/2015, *Fox News*)
A Strategy to Defeat the Islamic State (September 2014)
The Surge: The Whole Story (2009)