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Jared Cohen is an expert on international security, global political dynamics, and the impact of technology. He is politically transcendent and has served as a close advisor to both Secretaries of State Condoleezza Rice and Hillary Clinton. In these roles, he helped architect the vision of "21st century statecraft" and key foreign policy initiatives and strategies related to counter-terrorism, the Middle East, and how to address a growing youth bulge around the world.

In addition to being the youngest member of the Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff ever appointed, Cohen is also a two-time recipient of the Secretary of State's Meritorious Honor Award, earning this distinguished honor in both the Bush and Obama administrations. He was selected by the Huffington Post as one of its "Top 100 Game Changers," and by social enterprise Devex as one of its "40 Under 40." Recently, he was named by *Vanity Fair* as part of their 2011 The Next Establishment, which recognizes rising talent in technology, media, policy, and business. He has traveled extensively to more than 70 countries around the world and has conducted in-depth research in some of the world's most volatile regions: Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, South Asia, and Africa to name a few. Cohen has the rare experience of having actually interviewed militants ranging from Hezbollah to Al-Qaeda.

He received his BA from Stanford University and his M.Phil in International Relations where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar. Cohen is author of two highly acclaimed books, *Children of Jihad: A Young American's Travels Among the Youth of the Middle East* and *One Hundred Days of Silence: America and the Rwanda Genocide*. He is currently the Director of Google Ideas at Google and an Adjunct Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. In his spare time, Cohen has served twice as a juror at the Tribeca Film Festival and is currently working on a new book related to how technology transforms the distribution of power around the world. He is fluent in Swahili.

TOPICS:

- 21st-Century Statecraft: A New Way of Thinking
- Understanding the Technological Revolution
- Harnessing the Power of Youth
- Power Dynamics in the 21st Century
- Modern Economic Statesmanship