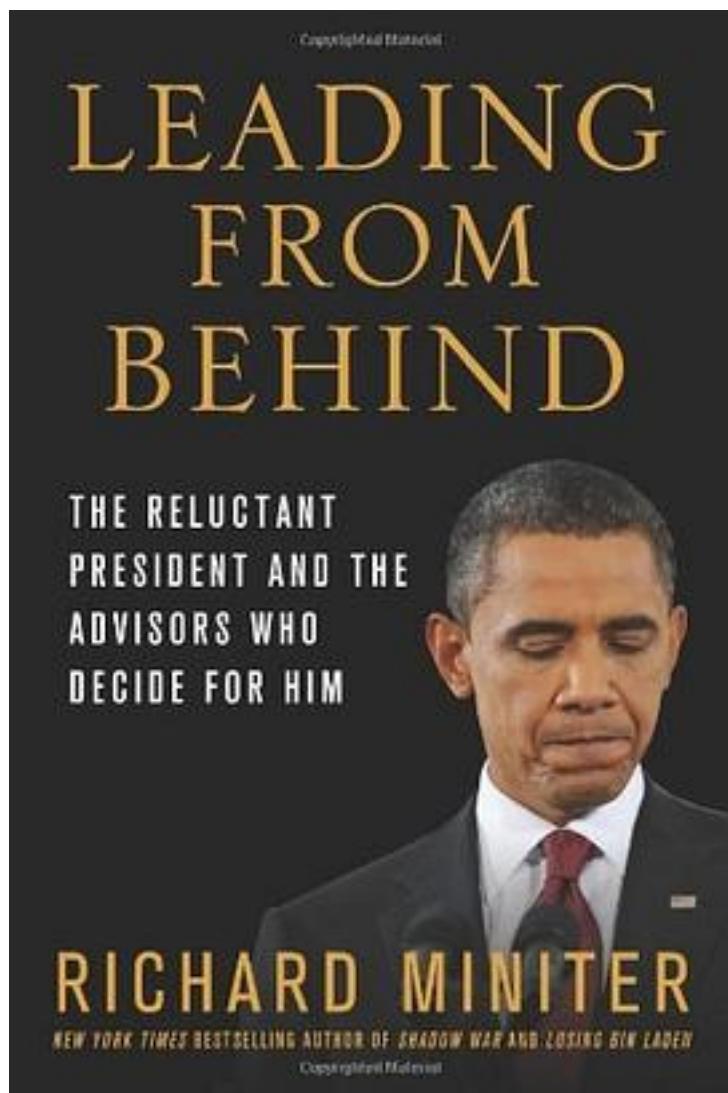


Leading from Behind



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Barack Obama has never been fully vetted—until now.

In *Leading from Behind*, New York Times bestselling investigative journalist Richard Miniter presents the first book to explore President Obama’s abilities as a leader, by unearthing new details of his biggest successes and failures. Based on exclusive interviews and never-before-published material, *Leading from Behind* investigates the secret world of the West Wing and the combative personalities that shape historic events.

Contrary to the White House narrative, which aims to define Obama as a visionary leader, *Leading from Behind* reveals a president who is indecisive, moody, and often paralyzed by competing political considerations. Many victories—as well as several significant failures—during the Obama presidency are revealed to be the work of strong women, who led when the president did not: then-Speaker Nancy Pelosi; Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; and Valerie Jarrett, his closest adviser and an Obama family confidante, whose unusual degree of influence has been a source of conflict with veteran political insiders.

In *Leading from Behind*, you will learn:

- Why Obama’s relationship with Israel was poisoned years before he met Israel’s prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu
- The real reason for Valerie Jarrett’s strong hold over both Barack and Michelle Obama
- ObamaCare wasn’t Obama’s idea. It was House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s. And the real reason he danced to her tune.
- Obama delayed and canceled the mission to kill Osama bin Laden three times and then committed an intelligence blunder that allowed dozens of high-level members of al Qaeda to escape.
- Why Obama destroyed a secret budget deal with House Speaker John Boehner that would have reformed entitlements, slashed spending, and reduced the national debt—without raising taxes
- Why Obama is determined to save Attorney General Eric Holder, even though he has lied and stonewalled Congress about “Operation: Fast and Furious”
- Why Obama removed an elected Christian president of Ivory Coast and replaced him with a Muslim leader who had lost the election
- Why Obama let a U.S. citizen rot in a Cuban prison when Cuban dictator Raul Castro wanted to release him
- Why Obama decided to defy the Tea Party and ditch his plans to end earmarks

In *Leading from Behind*, Richard Miniter’s provocative research offers a dramatic, thoroughly sourced account of President Obama’s White House during a time of intense domestic controversy and international turmoil.

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评论

本书写于2012奥巴马第二个任期选举，作者政治立场未可知，但对于奥巴马的领导能力提出了大大的批评。indecisive and dilatory. *Leading from behind is no leading at all.* 通过几个案例，分别是奥巴马引以为豪的成功政绩—医改和猎杀本拉登，以及失败政绩—和以色列的糟糕关系，包庇时任总检察长Eric Holder，没能与共和党人在债务上限上达成协议，作者成功地塑造了一个失败的总统和一个完美的演讲者。奥巴马更像一个追随者，追随者强势人物的话，夺取功劳，躲避责任和职责。换句话说，一个经济危机下的政治偶像而非合适的国家领导人。

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