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Partnership for Public Service statement on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee vote to advance Secretary-designate Antony Blinken's nomination to the full Senate

WASHINGTON – The nonpartisan, nonprofit [Partnership for Public Service](https://www.ourpublicservice.org) released the following statement from President and CEO Max Stier after the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted 15-3 to advance the nomination of Antony Blinken for secretary of state to the full Senate for consideration.

“Antony Blinken’s deep foreign policy expertise, extensive career in government and commitment to public service make him a well-qualified secretary of state nominee,” Stier said. “The scope of rebuilding required at the Department of State demands someone like Blinken who knows the value of career foreign service officers and civil servants and who understands the essential role of the State Department in promoting and protecting democratic institutions at home and abroad. The Partnership looks forward to continuing our work with the State Department under Blinken’s leadership.”

Earlier this month, the Partnership published [a report](#) offering a detailed examination of the State Department’s internal management challenges and strategies for overcoming them.

In addition, the Partnership’s [State Department oversight snapshot](#) provides a wide array of data and insights regarding the department. Some key data points include:

- Number of employees: 9,575
- 2019 Best Places to Work in the Federal Government score and rank: 61.7 out of 100, ranking 13th out of 17 large agencies
- Employee confidence in whistleblower protections: 63.6 percent, which is 0.9 percent lower than the government-wide score of 64.5 percent
- Number of positions requiring Senate confirmation: [225](#)

In addition to the oversight snapshots, the Partnership produces and maintains several other resources to assess and analyze the health of the federal government. These include a [political appointments tracker](#) with The Washington Post to follow the progress of more than 750 of President Biden’s Senate-confirmed political appointments, and the annual [Best Places to Work in the Federal Government](#)[®] rankings, produced by the Partnership and [Boston Consulting Group](#), which measure employee engagement government-wide as well as at individual departments, agencies and subcomponents.

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