

# AMBASSADOR ALAN J. BLINKEN

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- Born and raised in New York
- Harvard University

### Private business; Wall Street, New York City

- Dreyfus and Company
- Wertheim and Company

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### Personal History

- Marriage
- Study expedition to Mozambique
- Political interest and activity
- Candidacy for State Assembly (1988)
- Relations with Al Gore
- Work with Democratic National Committee
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