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**Senior Fellow, Heritage
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Michael Pillsbury

Friday, December 6, 2024

Hilton Naples

Michael Pillsbury holds a B.A. in History from Stanford and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia, where he studied under influential mentors

like Zbigniew Brzezinski. Early in his career, he served as Assistant Political Affairs Officer at the United Nations and a doctoral fellow in Taiwan. He became an analyst at RAND (1973-1977) and a research fellow at Harvard's Center for Science and International Affairs.

During the Reagan administration, Pillsbury, as Assistant Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Planning, helped implement the Reagan Doctrine, advocating for U.S.-China military ties—an approach praised by Reagan, Kissinger, and Schlesinger and later adopted by both the Carter and Reagan administrations. He also supported legislative work for the U.S. Institute of Peace and the National Endowment for Democracy.

Pillsbury held various roles from 1978-1991 in the U.S. Senate, contributing to policy shaping on Asian affairs and Afghan resistance. He served as Special Assistant for Asian Affairs under President George H. W. Bush, reporting to Andrew Marshall. Harvard's JFK School documented Pillsbury's covert action planning for arming Afghan forces with Stinger missiles, revealing his role in the secret Planning and Coordination Group.

From 1997-2007, Pillsbury published influential works on China's military strategies, some of which informed Department of Defense reports to Congress. He has held multiple advisory and consulting roles with the Department of Defense, including:

- Consultant, Department of Defense (2004-present)

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- Senior Research Advisor, US-China Economic and Security Review Commission (2003-2004)
- Special Assistant to Director of Net Assessment, Department of Defense (1992-1993)
- Assistant Under Secretary for Policy Planning, Department of Defense (1984-1986)
- Acting Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Department of State (1981)

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for December 6, 2024

Senior Fellow Michael Pillsbury

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November 29, 2024

They will be mailed by that date, and you will be billed for \$75, or notified if there is no space.

Tickets are non-exchangeable and non-refundable.

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for December 6, 2024

Senior Fellow, Michael Pillsbury

If you cannot attend and no one will use your ticket, please email your regret to

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You may regret until 5:00 p.m., Friday, November 29, 2024, to receive a \$40 refund at the end of the season. Your regret will help us to have an accurate count for attendance.

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November 15, 2024

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MICHAEL PILLSBURY

December 6, 2024

Senior Fellow, Heritage Foundation, China

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January 17, 2025

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March 18, 2025

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March 28, 2025

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April 10, 2025

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- *Promote the highest civic, moral and ethical standards*
- *Share the "Forum Club Experience" with outstanding high school students in Collier County.*
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