



## **MEDIA BACKGROUNDER - BRETTE STEELE**

Brette Steele is one of the nation's leading experts in the fight to reduce hate-fueled violence.

As the President of the [Eradicate Hate Global Summit](#), Steele oversees the most comprehensive anti-hate conference in the world. The Global Summit convenes hundreds of experts and leaders from around the globe to develop effective approaches to create safer and more inclusive communities.

Steele also directs a suite of programs that provide essential infrastructure for preventing hate-fueled violence, such as:

- [The Prevention Practitioners Network](#), which builds the capacity of prevention professionals by hosting workshops, publishing practice guides, and facilitating case consultations for clinicians with complex cases.
- The [UP End Hate](#) campaign equips young people ages 12-22 with the resources and skills to prevent hate and violence in their communities.
- The [Screen Hate](#) campaign offers comprehensive resources for parents and concerned adults to better guide teens and young adults who encounter hateful and violent ideologies online.

Prior to joining the Summit in 2024, she served as Senior Director of *Preventing Targeted Violence* at the McCain Institute.

Steele's career has been defined by her efforts to broaden the understanding of the threat posed by hateful extremism and to help determine how best to deal with it:

- In 2019, she testified before the U.S. House of Representative's Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, during its hearing on [The Federal Government's Response on White Supremacy](#).
- In 2021, Brette Steele co-authored the [Policy Blueprint to End White Supremacist Violence](#) with the [Center for American Progress](#).

She has advised the White House, U.S. Congress, Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, National Governors Association, and multiple states on the policy and practice of preventing hate-fueled violence. And she consults on cutting-edge prevention programs throughout the country.

Brette Steele also served as:

- The Regional Director of Strategic Engagement for the *U.S. Department of Homeland Security*, Office of Terrorism Prevention Partnerships and Deputy Director of the U.S. Countering Violent



Extremism Task Force, which coordinated all federal efforts to prevent violent extremism in the United States.

- Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General and she coordinated the U.S. Department of Justice's terrorism prevention and forensic science reform initiatives.
- Chair of the U.S. Department of Justice Arab and Muslim American Engagement Advisory Committee and vice chaired the Attorney General's Advisory Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities.

Brette Steele graduated with highest honors and a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, and a J.D. from UCLA School of Law.

**MEDIA COVERAGE/INTERVIEWS:**

- [Eradicate Hate Summit names new president](#), Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, March 11, 2024.
- [Video interview with Brette Steele after being named CEO of Eradicate Hate Global Summit](#), EHGS, March 11, 2024.
- [Hate groups are targeting our children. Here's how you can help to protect them online](#), USA Today, September 14, 2022
- [Misogynistic influencers are trending right now. Defusing their message is a complex task](#), CNN.com, September 8, 2022.
- [How to prevent another white supremacist massacre](#), VOX,
- [How some online communities are fomenting hate](#), San Diego Union Tribune, May 5, 2019.

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