

United States Department of State Professional Ethos

I am a champion of American diplomacy.

My colleagues and I proudly serve the United States and the American people at the Department of State, America's first executive department.

We support and defend the Constitution of the United States.

We protect the American people and promote their interests and values around the world by leading our nation's foreign policy.

As a member of this team, I serve with unfailing professionalism in both my demeanor and my actions, even in the face of adversity.

I act with uncompromising personal and professional integrity.

I take ownership of and responsibility for my actions and decisions.

And I show unstinting respect in word and deed for my colleagues and all who serve alongside me.

Together, we are the United States Department of State.