



# 2017 World's Greatest Leaders!

## Glimpse of the Top 26 Leaders



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## **Theo Epstein** President, Baseball Operations, Chicago Cubs

A deeper understanding of important human qualities among his players—the character, discipline and chemistry that turn skilled athletes into leaders—enabled Epstein to engineer one of the most remarkable turnarounds in sports.



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## **Jack Ma** Executive Chairman, Alibaba Group

Ma is using his new platform in unexpected, invigorating ways, positioning himself as a champion of both free trade and philanthropy—and arguing that open digital marketplaces like Alibaba's can power the world's economy by enabling small businesses to reach an ever-expanding pool of customers.



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## **Pope Francis** Head of the Roman Catholic Church

The first Latin American pope continues to inspire and surprise as he reconciles the conflicting demands of traditionalism and modernity within the Catholic faith.





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### **Melinda Gates** Co-chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Melinda Gates reiterated her foundation's pledge to make birth control available to 120 million women globally by 2020, has had an enormous impact in empowering women and reducing infectious disease in the developing world.



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### **Jeff Bezos** Founder and CEO, Amazon

Bezos has revolutionized not one but two industries. Amazon.com, which accounted for 43% of online sales in the U.S. last year and Amazon Web Services, his cloud-computing arm, has upended the economics of information technology.



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### **Ava DuVernay** Film Director and Screenwriter

A former publicist, DuVernay got into Directing career became the first African-American woman to helm a film nominated for a Best Picture Academy Award. She received her first Oscar nod this year (for 13th, the stirring documentary about race in America).



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### **H.R. McMaster** U.S. National Security Adviser

H.R. McMaster fought his way through the tactical myopia of the Army hierarchy to become one of the United States most trusted defence futurists and strategists



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### **Tsai Ing-Wen** President, Taiwan

Taiwan's first female President, who's steering a cautious path between the U.S. and China.



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### **John McCain** U.S. Senator, Arizona

McCain is one of the nation's most trusted voices on defence by being both a backer of a strong military and a cautionary voice against ill-advised conflicts



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### **Angela Merkel** Chancellor, Germany

Now in her 12th year and gearing up for September elections. A committed internationalist, Merkel bristles at the idea that Germany is the liberal order's lead defender; still, since she's become the de facto leader of Europe, her dominance is clear



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### **LeBron James** Small Forward, Cleveland Cavaliers

James not only associated with basketball he has realized his ambition through the LeBron James Family Foundation, which provides mentoring and full college scholarships to 1,100 underprivileged children in his hometown of Akron.



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### **John Kasich** Governor, Ohio

As the leader of a politically consequential state, the Trump skeptic commands a key platform. Lately he has used it to rally GOP governors behind preserving the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion, which allowed him to secure coverage for nearly 700,000 Ohioans.





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### **John Delaney** U.S. Representative, Maryland

Delaney is pushing a business-friendly solution: He wants to tap proceeds from repatriated foreign profits to seed public-private partnerships that will take on new projects. That may be the best option for unleashing major spending without blowing a hole in the federal deficit.



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### **Helle Thorning-Schmidt** CEO, Save the Children International

As Denmark's first female Prime Minister, Thorning-Schmidt helped steer the nation through the financial crisis. In addition she runs a charity with a budget of over \$2 billion that reaches 55 million children in 120 countries



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### **Katharine Hayhoe** Director, Climate Science Center, TexasTech

A Canadian climate scientist Hayhoe, an active and well-published leader in her field, came out to the scientific community as religious.



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### **Bryan Stevenson** Executive Director, Equal Justice Initiative

For decades, Stevenson has been a tireless advocate for justice reform; the civil rights lawyer and his Alabama-based organization, the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), have rescued more than 125 individuals from death row and relentlessly called attention to biases in the system.



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### **Janet Yellen** Chair, Federal Reserve

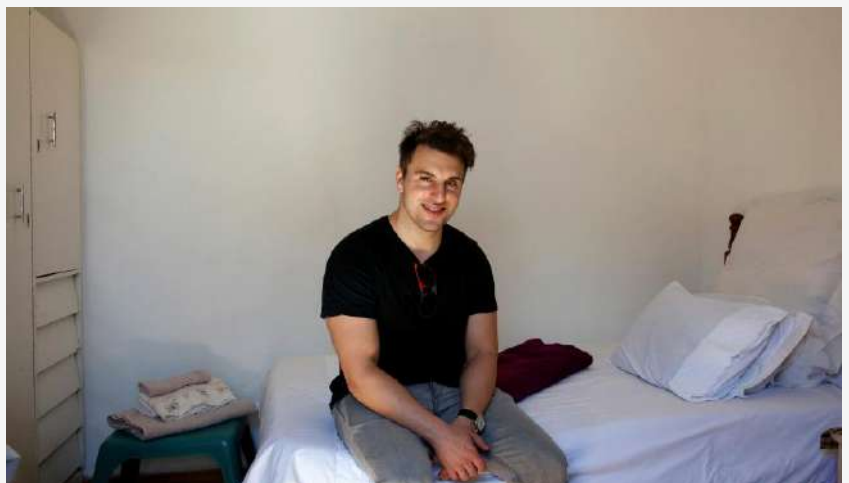
As the first female Fed chair, she holds unmatched influence over American monetary policy.



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### **Brian Chesky** CEO and Head of Community, Airbnb

In 2015, Chesky was recognized on the Forbes list of America's Richest Entrepreneurs Under 40. In May 2015, President Obama named Chesky as an Ambassador of Global Entrepreneurship.



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### **Samantha Bee** Host and Executive Producer, "Full Frontal"

Bee is best known for being a correspondent on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, where she became the longest-serving regular correspondent. In 2015, she departed the show after 12 years to start her own show, Full Frontal with Samantha Bee.



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### **Paul Polman** CEO, Unilever

Paul Polman has been awarded the UN's highest environmental accolade – Champion of the Earth Award – for leading the business world towards a new model of sustainable growth.



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### **John Roberts** Chief Justice, U.S. Supreme Court

He is the 17th and current Chief Justice of the United States. He has been described as having a conservative judicial philosophy in his jurisprudence.





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### **Janeé Harteau** Chief of Police, Minneapolis

Harteau becomes the first female police chief in Minneapolis, one of just three overseeing a major American city.



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### **Joe Biden** Former U.S. Vice President

He is an American politician who was the 47th Vice President of the United States from 2009 to 2017, having been jointly elected twice with President Barack Obama. He was first elected to the Senate in 1972, and became the sixth-youngest senator in U.S. history.



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### **Zhang Ruimin** CEO, Haier Group

He is known for his work in turning a little-known, bankrupt refrigerator manufacturer into the world's fourth-largest white appliances company



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### **Carmen Aristegui** Host and Reporter, Aristegui Noticias

She is widely regarded as one of Mexico's leading journalists and left-wing opinion leaders, and is best known for her critical investigations of the Mexican government



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### **Arundhati Bhattacharya** Chairman, State Bank of India

Arundhati Bhattacharya, the first-ever woman to helm India's largest bank, has expertly steered SBI—No. 232 on the Global 500—through rough waters and sudden storms. The complex, six-bank merger she orchestrated last year will catapult SBI into the ranks of the world's 50 largest banks

