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Wildavsky graduated from Yale University (Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude) with a bachelor's degree in comparative literature in 1986 and was a Media Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution in 2004, 2005, and 2006.