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Hugh B. Price is a nonresident senior fellow in the Economic Studies program at Brookings and the John L. Weinberg/Goldman Sachs visiting professor of public and international affairs in the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University.

After graduating from Yale Law School in 1966, Mr. Price began his professional career as a legal services lawyer representing low-income clients in New Haven, CT. During the turbulent late 1960s, he served as the first executive director of the Black Coalition of New Haven.

In 1978, Mr. Price became a member of the editorial board of *The New York Times*, where he served until 1982. He wrote editorials on an array of public policy issues, including public education, welfare, criminal justice, and telecommunications. He then served for six years as senior vice president of WNET/Thirteen in New York, the nation's largest public television station. In 1984, Mr. Price became director of all national production. Notable series developed or produced for PBS under Mr. Price include *Nature, Great Performances, The Mind, American Masters, Dancing*, *Art of the Western World*, *Childhood,* and *Global Rivals*.

Mr. Price was appointed vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation in 1988. He oversaw its domestic investments to improve education for at-risk youth and increase opportunities for people of color. He was instrumental in conceiving and launching such innovative initiatives as the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Corps, the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future,and the Coalition of Community Foundations for Youth.

Taking the helm of the National Urban League in July 1994, Mr. Price led the way in tripling the League's endowment; restructuring and strengthening its board of directors and staff; defining a new mission and strategic vision for the 21st century; conceiving and launching the League's historic Campaign for African-American Achievement; establishing the League's new research and policy center, known as the National Urban League Institute for Opportunity and Equality; reviving *Opportunity*, the League's landmark magazine; and establishing its new headquarters on Wall Street in New York City. Following the National Urban League, Mr. Price served for two years as senior advisor and co-chair of the Non-Profit and Philanthropy Practice Group at the global law firm of DLA Piper.

Mr. Price currently serves on the boards of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Verizon, Mayo Clinic Foundation and the Jacob Burns Film Center. He was formerly on the boards of Sears Roebuck, the Committee for Economic Development, the Educational Testing Service and the Urban Institute. He belongs to the Westchester Clubmen, Boulé, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He has received honorary degrees from Yale University, Amherst College, and Indiana University, as well as the Medal of Honor from Yale Law School and the President's Medal from Hunter College, and honorary degrees from numerous other colleges and universities.

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