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House Republican Whip Eric Cantor (R-VA)



Eric Cantor is a fifth-term congressman representing the Seventh District of Virginia. He recently won re-election to Congress in November 2008.

In December 2008, Eric was elected to serve as the Republican Whip. Eric also holds a seat on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, which has direct jurisdiction over taxes, trade, Social Security, Medicare, prescription drugs for seniors, health care and welfare reform.

He serves as Chairman of the Congressional Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare. The task force is composed of Members of Congress who study the threat of international terrorism on the United States and develop policy proposals and legislative recommendations regarding the fight against terrorism.

Eric Cantor is a lifelong resident of the Richmond area. He got his start in politics as a student at George Washington University by interning for Congressman Tom Bliley in Bliley's Washington office and serving as a driver on Bliley's first re-election campaign. Eric received his law degree from The College of William and Mary and his Master's degree from Columbia University in New York.

While in New York, Eric met his wife Diana and brought her back to Virginia. The Cantors have three children, Evan, who is in his first year at the University of Virginia, and Jenna and Michael, both of whom attend Henrico County Public Schools.