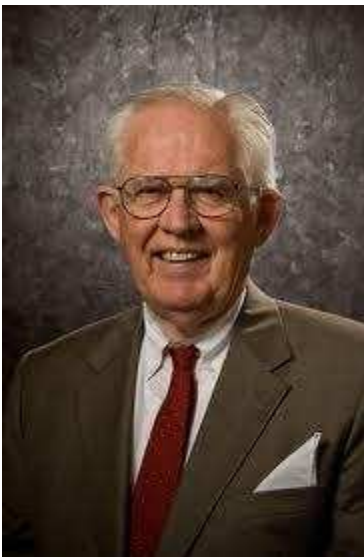




William A. Niskanen: In Memoriam



[William A. Niskanen](#), chairman emeritus and a distinguished senior economist at the Cato Institute, has died at the age of 78. Niskanen was the chairman of the Cato Institute for 23 years, following service as a member and acting chairman of President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers. Niskanen also served as director of economics at the Ford Motor Company, professor of economics at the University of California at Berkeley and Los Angeles, and assistant director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Cato founder and president Edward H. Crane reflects on a life spent in defense of liberty: "Bill Niskanen was a world-renowned economist and a passionate leader of the growing classical liberal movement around the globe. More importantly, he was a man of unshakeable integrity. His influence on and importance to the Cato Institute cannot be overstated. His passing is a terrible loss to the Institute and to the nation."

"William Niskanen, Former Reagan Economist and Cato Board Chair, Dead at 78," [Cato Press Release](#)

["William Niskanen, RIP,"](#) by Chris Edwards

["Remembering William A. Niskanen,"](#) Podcast featuring John Samples

In memory of his years of service and profound impact, CATO is providing a complimentary e-version of Niskanen's most recent book:

Reflections of a Political Economist: Selected Articles on Government Policies and Political Processes, by William A. Niskanen