



Cass R. Sunstein

The White House [announced](#) that [Cass Sunstein](#) will be leaving OMB at the end of the month to return to Harvard Law School. Sunstein was not popular with environmentalists- I have heard people say that he was worse than some of the OMB heads who served under Republican presidents. He also doesn't seem to have succeeded in persuading Republicans that Obama's new regulatory initiatives are justified on a cost-benefit basis. But there has been no doubt that he's had a substantial impact on regulatory policy.

Before going to OMB, Sunstein was an extraordinarily prolific and influential scholar, whose work spanned behavioral law and economics, environmental policy, and constitutional law. It will be interesting to see how his sojourn in Washington affects his scholarship.