

# John Kenneth Galbraith

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[OC](#)

### 7th [United States Ambassador to India](#)

#### In office

April 18, 1961 – July 12, 1963

**President** [John F. Kennedy](#)

**Preceded by** [Ellsworth Bunker](#)

**Succeeded by** [Chester Bowles](#)

#### Personal details

**Born** October 15, 1908  
[Iona Station, Ontario](#), Canada

**Died** April 29, 2006 (aged 97)  
[Cambridge, Massachusetts](#), U.S.

**Spouse(s)** [Catherine Merriam Atwater](#)  
(m. 1937)

**Children** 4 including [Peter](#) & [James](#)

#### Academic career

**Institution** [Harvard University](#)  
[Princeton University](#)  
[University of California, Berkeley](#)

**Alma mater** [Ontario Agricultural College](#)  
[University of California, Berkeley](#)

**Influences** [Thorstein Veblen](#), [Adam Smith](#), [Karl Marx](#), [John Maynard Keynes](#), [Michał Kalecki](#), [Gardiner Means](#), [Adolf A. Berle](#)

**Contributions** [Countervailing power](#), [Technostructure](#), [Conventional wisdom](#)

**Awards** [Lomonosov Gold Medal](#) (1993)  
Officer of the [Order of Canada](#) (1997)  
[Presidential Medal of Freedom](#) (2000)

**John Kenneth Galbraith**<sup>[a]</sup> [OC](#) (October 15, 1908 – April 29, 2006), also known as **Ken Galbraith**, was a Canadian-American economist, diplomat, public official and [intellectual](#). He supported liberalism and [post-Keynesian economics](#).<sup>[2][3]</sup>

Galbraith was a long-time [Harvard](#) faculty member.<sup>[4]</sup>

A [Democrat](#), he worked under the administrations of [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#), [Harry S. Truman](#), [John F. Kennedy](#), and [Lyndon B. Johnson](#). He was [United States Ambassador to India](#) under the Kennedy administration.<sup>[5][6]</sup>

Galbraith died of [natural causes](#) at a hospital in [Cambridge, Massachusetts](#) on April 29, 2006 at the age of 97.<sup>[6]</sup>

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