WHO STUDIES PHILOSOPHY?


Activism
Grace Lee Boggs, social activist and philosopher
Stokely Carmichael / Kwame Ture, civil rights leader
Angela Davis, social activist
Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., civil rights leader
Robert Parris Moses, educator and civil rights activist
Doria Shafik, Egyptian feminist activist

Arts and Entertainment
West Anderson, filmmaker
Ethan Coen, filmmaker (of the Coen Brothers)
Stephen Colbert, comedian and TV host
West Craven, filmmaker
Arthur Danto, art critic and philosopher
Lana Del Rey, singer-songwriter
Dessa, rapper, singer, and poet
Harrison Ford, actor
Richard Gere, actor
Ricky Gervais, comedian and creator of The Office
Philip Glass, composer
Matt Groening, creator of The Simpsons and Futurama
Chris Hardwick, comedian, TV host, and founder of nerdist.com
Theo James, actor
Zola Jesus, musician
Duncan Jones, director, producer, screenwriter
Rashida Jones, actor
Kennedy, TV personality and former MTV VJ
Stacy London, stylist and television host
Terrence Malick, film director and screenwriter
Steve Martin, comedian, actor, and musician
Deepa Mehta, director and screenwriter
Robert Motherwell, painter and printmaker
Steve Reich, composer
Buff Sainte-Marie, singer-songwriter
Susan Sarandon, actor
Willard Scott, actor
Wallace Shawn, actor and playwright
Gene Siskel, film critic
Elliott Smith, singer-songwriter
Kim Thayil, musician (Soundgarden)
Alex Trebek, host of Jeopardy!
Christy Turlington, model

Academia
Rabbi Ari Berman, president of Yeshiva University
Noam Chomsky, professor, activist, author, and public intellectual
John J. DeGioia, president of Georgetown University
Marjorie Hass, president of Rhodes College
Rev. John I. Jenkins, President, University of Notre Dame

Business
Herbert Allison Jr., former Fannie Mae CEO
Sheila Bair, Washington College president and former FDIC chair
Stewart Butterfield, co-founder of Flickr
Patrick Byrne, CEO of Overstock.com
Paul Draper, winemaker
Carly Fiorina, former CEO of HP and presidential candidate
Robert Greenhill, investment banker
Reid Hoffman, co-founder of LinkedIn
Damon Horowitz, entrepreneur and former director at Google
Carl Icahn, investor and former CEO of TWA Airlines
Gerald Levin, former CEO of Time Warner, Inc.
John Mackey, co-founder and co-CEO of Whole Foods Market
Lachlan Murdoch, media magnate and son of Rupert Murdoch
Max Paley, co-founder of Intel and venture capitalist
Larry Sanger, co-founder of Wikipedia
George Soros, investor and philanthropist
Peter Thiel, founder of PayPal

Government and Politics
William "Bro" Adams, NIE Chair and former university president
William Bennett, former Secretary of Education
Stephen Breyer, Supreme Court Justice
Patrick Buchanan, politician
Bill Clinton, U.S. President
Rudof Giuliani, former New York City mayor
Raisa Gorbachev, former first lady of the Soviet Union
Swannee H sui, former US Ambassador to Austria
Thomas Jefferson, U.S. President
Robert Kachiambara, former Secretary of Defense
Paul Martin, former prime minister of Canada
Beverley McLachlin, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada
Elizabeth Anne Reid, former UN program director
David Souter, Supreme Court Justice
Fred Thompson, former senator

Religion
Rabbi Michael Lerner, political activist and editor of Tikkun
Pope John Paul II

News and Journalism
Barbara Amiel, Lady Black of Crossharbour, journalist and writer
Chris Hayes, journalist, political commentator, and MSNBC host
Tamara Keith, journalist and NPR White House correspondent
Kathryn Jean Lopez, journalist and political commentator
Stone Phillips, broadcaster
George F. Will, journalist, author, and political commentator
Juan Williams, journalist

Sports
Arian Foster, American football player (Houston Texans)
Phil Jackson, NBA coach
Bruce Lee, martial artist
Michael McCaskey, president/chairman of the Chicago Bears

Writing
Simone de Beauvoir, writer, philosopher, and political Activist
Pearl Buck, writer and Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winner
Mary Higgins Clark, novelist
Susanna Clarke, Hugo Award-winning author
Alain de Botton, writer, philosopher, and television presenter
E.L. Doctorow, novelist (Ragtime)
Alice Dreger, author (Galileo’s Middle Finger) and academic
Umberto Eco, author (The Name of the Rose)
T.S. Eliot, Nobel Prize-winning essayist, playwright, and poet
Michael Frayn, playwright (Copenhagen) and novelist
Rebecca Newberger Goldstein, novelist and MacArthur Fellow
Sam Harris, author (The End of Faith) and public intellectual
Christopher Hitchens, essayist and public intellectual
Charles R. Johnson, author (Middle Passage)
Hanif Kureishi, playwright, screenwriter, and novelist
Yann Martel, author (Life of Pi)
Iris Murdoch, author (Under the Net)
Ayn Rand, author (The Fountainhead, Atlas Shrugged)
Susan Sontag, writer and MacArthur Fellow
Shus Terkel, oral historian and writer
Miguel de Unamuno, author (Abel Sánchez)
David Foster Wallace, author (Infinite Jest)
Ellie Wiesel, author (Night)

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