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Elaine Chao

U.S. Secretary of Labor

Elaine Chao (b.1953) became the first Asian American woman to be appointed to a president's cabinet when she served as the country's 24th US Secretary of Labor from 2001-09. She immigrated at age 8 from Taiwan and spoke no English. When she attended Mount Holyoke College, she played field hockey and was a member of the horseback riding club. Her many accomplishments include being the Director of the Peace Corps and the President and CEO of United Way of America.