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John Parisella is a well known and respected figure in Québec, having occupied many functions in the public domain, notably as chief of staff of Québec Premiers Robert Bourassa and Daniel Johnson Jr., as an author, as a political analyst, and as Delegate General of Québec in New York and Washington. He is a graduate of Concordia University (political science), McGill University (political science, education and management), and the John F. Kennedy School of Government (Harvard University). John's career has spanned education, politics and public service, business management (advertising, marketing and public relations), and philanthropy (Concordia and University of Montréal). In recent years (since the Bush-Gore campaign in 2000), he has become a privileged observer of American politics. John also regularly comments on it in La Presse and on the TVA network. He is also a speaker in several forums. John is the author of four books, including two on U.S. politics and "La Politique dans la peau", which gives an account of his years in Canadian politics. He has also collaborated with Macleans (Canada), America's Quarterly (United States) and CBC/SRC. John sits on several boards of directors, such as the Port of Montréal, the Fondation pour la langue francaise, the Old Brewery Mission and the Canadian Global Affairs Institute. He was named a Member of the Order of Canada in 2017 and an Officer of the Ordre national du Québec in 2016. John is also a recipient of the Medal of the Foreign Policy Association of New York. He is currently the special advisor, strategy and outreach at NATIONAL Public Relations and Fellow at the CÉRIUM of the University of Montréal.