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When he was elected Lt. Governor of Maryland in 2003, Michael Steele made history as the first African American elected to statewide office, and again with his subsequent chairmanship of the Republican National Committee (RNC) in 2009. As chairman of the RNC, Michael Steele was charged with revitalizing the Republican Party. A self-described “Lincoln Republican,” under Steele’s leadership, the RNC broke fundraising records (over \$198 million raised during the 2010 Congressional cycle), and Republicans won 63 House seats, the biggest pickup since 1938. His commitment to grassroots organization and party building at the state and local levels produced 12 governorships and the greatest share of state legislative seats since 1928 (over 760 seats). Mr. Steele’s ability as a communicator and commentator has been showcased through his current role as a political analyst for MSNBC. He has appeared on *Meet the Press*, *Face the Nation*, HBO’s *RealTime with Bill Maher*, and Comedy Central’s *The Daily Show*. In addition to his work in television, Mr. Steele co-hosted the daily radio program *Steele & Ungar* on the POTUS Channel on SiriusXM and is the host of the podcast *The Michael Steele Podcast*. Mr. Steele’s writings on law, business and politics have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Hill.com*, *The Grio.com*, *Politico.com*, *The Root.com*, *BET.com*, *Townhall.com*, *The Journal of International Security Affairs*, and *Catholic University Law Review*, among others. He is the author of *Right Now: A 12-Step Program for Defeating the Obama Agenda*, which is a call to arms for grassroots America, and co-author of *The Recovering Politician’s Twelve Step Program to Survive Crisis*. Born at Andrews Air Force Base in Prince George’s County, Maryland, Mr. Steele was raised in Washington, D.C. Upon graduating from Johns Hopkins University (’81), he entered the Order of St. Augustine, where he studied for the priesthood. He is a graduate of Georgetown Law Center (’91), an Aspen Institute Rodel Fellow in Public Leadership, a University of Chicago Institute of Politics Fellow, and currently a Senior Fellow at Brown University’s Institute for International and Public Affairs.