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## U.S. Ambassador Derek Shearer

### Obama's Ship of State: Smooth Sailing or Rough Waters? An Early Assessment

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After diplomatic service, Ambassador Shearer was a fellow at the Economic Strategy Institute and then at the Woodrow Wilson Scholars Center in Washington, DC, and served as a foreign policy advisor to Vice President Gore during the 2000 Presidential campaign. He has published widely in major newspapers and periodicals.



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