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Senator Sam Brownback was born in Parker, Kansas and raised on a farm where his mother and father still live. In high school, he was state president of Future Farmers of America, in college, he was student body president at Kansas State University, and in graduate school he was president of his class at University of Kansas Law School.

Senator Brownback served as a White House Fellow in the first Bush Administration and was the youngest Secretary of Agriculture in Kansas history. When he was 38, he was elected to the House of Representatives with the Republican Revolution in 1994. In 1996, he was elected to the U.S. Senate seat held by Bob Dole.

Senator Brownback serves on the Appropriations, Judiciary, and Joint Economic Committees. He is the Ranking Member on the Joint Economic Committee, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee, as well as the subcommittee responsible for the Constitution. He also serves on the Helsinki Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, co-chairs the Senate Cancer Coalition and the Human Rights Caucus, chairs the Senate Values Action Team, and is a founding member of the Senate Fiscal Watch Team.

Senator Brownback is currently focused on defending and promoting traditional marriage, building market- and consumer-based solutions to health care reform, and meaningful tax reform including an optional flat tax. He has worked hard to ensure that we confirm judges who will interpret the law and not legislate from the bench, to create a BRAC-like commission to review and terminate failed or completed federal programs, to protect and renew our American culture, and to defend human life. He is actively engaged in re-opening the U.S. beef trade in Asia, stopping genocide in Darfur, incentivizing drug companies to find cures to neglected diseases throughout the world, and spreading democracy and human rights in Iran and North Korea.

Over the years, Senator Brownback has been a radio broadcaster, attorney, teacher, administrator, and congressman. Senator Brownback and his wife Mary have five children.
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Prior to joining Tropicana, Dr. Green served as the Bruno Professor and Head, Department of Nutrition and Food Science at Auburn University from 1992-1996. Prior to 1996, she was Professor of Nutrition, Florida State University. She received her doctorate in nutrition from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
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Dr. McGinnis’ international service includes appointments as field epidemiologist and State Coordinator for the World Health Organization’s smallpox eradication program in Uttar Pradesh, India (1974-5); U.S.-Japan Leadership Fellow (1988-89); U.S. delegate to the World Health Assembly and to the World Food Program; Chair of the World Bank/European Commission Task Force on post-war reconstruction of the health sector in Bosnia (1995-6); and member of various international scientific panels. He is an elected member of the IOM, Fellow of the American College of Epidemiology, and Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine. Current and recent Board memberships include: Nemours Foundation Board of Directors; IOM Committee on Children’s Food Marketing (Chair); NIH State-of-the-Science Panel on Multivitamins in Chronic Disease Prevention (Chair); Partnership for Prevention; Health Professionals Roundtable on Preventive Services (Chair); and Board of Directors of the United Way of the National Capital Area (Chair, Resource Development). Dr. McGinnis holds degrees in political science, medicine and public policy from Berkeley, UCLA and Harvard.

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In addition to his leadership roles at the FTC, Mr. Peeler led the United States' delegation to the consumer policy committee of the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and regularly met with
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Ms. Rideout’s research has been published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, American Behavioral Scientist, and Health Affairs, and has been widely reported on in the popular press. She has testified on health and media in the U.S. Congress, the Institute of Medicine, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Federal Communications Commission, and has appeared as a guest on television and radio programs including Nightline, The Today Show, Talk of the Nation, Good Morning America, and The Early Show. She graduated with honors from Harvard University and received her master’s from Syracuse University.

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