

Why did Obama and Clinton economic adviser, 58, "take his own life" (ie: Get murdered by Obama Black Cube operatives) despite having a new book coming out in June?

- Alan Krueger's sixth book, *Rockonomics*, will be released on June 19
- The Princeton University economist served in the Clinton and Obama administrations
- His family announced on Monday through Princeton that he had killed himself
- They have not released any other details surrounding his death
- Krueger was an avid Twitter user who tweeted daily until the end of January
- He was known as an expert on the labor market who argued that raising minimum wage did not slow hiring
- President Obama named Krueger chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers
- 'He helped us return the economy to growth and sustained job creation, to bring down the deficit in a responsible way,' Obama said in a statement

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The suicide of Alan Krueger, a former Obama and Clinton adviser who killed himself this weekend, has shocked the worlds of politics and business where he

was universally revered.

Krueger, 58, had a new book coming out in June and was still a member of faculty at Princeton University in New Jersey.

He lived at home with his wife Lisa, with whom he has two children, Benjamin, 28, and Sydney, 26. He is survived by them, his elderly parents and siblings.

The family confirmed that he killed himself in a statement that was released by Princeton on Monday but no further details surrounding his death have emerged.

Krueger, who served as a top adviser to both Obama and Clinton, recently completed his sixth book, *Rockonomics*.

The book, which will be released in June, 'uses the music industry, from superstar artists to music executives, from managers to promoters, as a way in to explain key principles of economics, and the forces shaping our economic lives.'

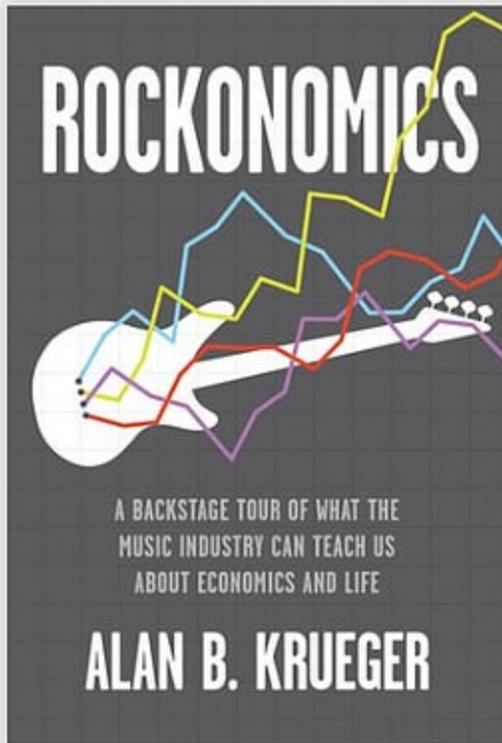
He was an avid tweeter who used social media almost daily until the end of January when he suddenly stopped. Currency, his publisher, has not commented on his death.



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Alan Krueger, a professor of economics and public affairs at Princeton University, died from suicide, his family said. He was 58 years of age



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Krueger's latest book, *Rockonomics*, will be released in June

Krueger was best known for his groundbreaking research into minimum wage and the effect it had on labor.

He determined that a higher minimum wage did not slow down hiring as conservatives have long argued.

After serving as a Labor Department economist under President Bill Clinton, Krueger worked for President Barack Obama as a top Treasury official and then as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers from 2011 to 2013.

In a statement, Obama credited Krueger with helping revive the U.S. economy after the devastating 2008 financial crisis.

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Statement from President Barack Obama on the Passing of Alan Krueger

Over the weekend, America lost a brilliant economist, and many of us lost a dear friend.

When I asked Alan Krueger to serve as my chief economist in the White House, he'd already had a stellar career inside and outside of government. He spent the first two years of my administration helping to engineer our response to the worst financial crisis in 80 years, and to successfully prevent the chaos from spiraling into a second Great Depression. During his tenure as the Chair of my Council of Economic Advisors, he helped us return the economy to growth and sustained job creation, to bring down the deficit in a responsible way, and to set the stage for wages to rise again.

But Alan was someone who was deeper than numbers on a screen and charts on a page. He saw economic policy not as a matter of abstract theories, but as a way to make people's lives better. He believed that facts, reason, and evidence could make government more responsive, and his enthusiasm and curiosity was truly infectious. It's part of what made him not only a great economist but a great teacher – someone who could make complicated subjects accessible and even fun. A landmark, real-world study on the positive impact of the minimum wage. His creation of the "Gatsby Curve" that illustrated the connection between concentrated wealth and social mobility between generations. A rollicking speech at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on how understanding the economics of rock and roll might help us solve one of his deepest concerns: rebuilding the middle class in a changing economy. Through it all, he had a perpetual smile and a gentle spirit – even when he was correcting you. That's what made him Alan – a fundamentally good and decent man.

My thoughts today are with his wife, Lisa, their kids, Ben and Sydney, his many students and colleagues, and everyone who loved and will miss Alan Krueger.

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Krueger (left) is seen with his wife, Lisa, at a conference in Wyoming in 2012

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increased it.

'My thoughts are with his family. We lost him too soon.'

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Jordan Weissmann tweeted: 'Alan Krueger helped pioneer the early research showing that minimum wage increases don't necessarily kill jobs. A giant in labor economics. Will be missed.'

Paul Krugman, columnist for The New York Times, tweeted: 'The tragedy of Alan Krueger, even worse than we realized.'

'What a terrible thing to happen to an intellectual giant who made America a better place for millions of people.'

Jacob Bernstein, an economic adviser to former Vice President Joe Biden, tweeted: 'Like anyone who knew him, I'm in shock and despair over the death of Alan Krueger.'

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Robert Reich, who was labor secretary in the Clinton administration, tweeted: 'Our hearts go out to the family of Alan Krueger, friend and colleague, who served this country nobly as economic adviser to Bill Clinton and Barack Obama, and who saw economics as inextricably related to ethics.'

'He passed far too early. We grieve the tragic loss.'

Cecilia Rouse, dean of Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School for Public Policy and International Affairs, said she first met Krueger during the 1980s when she was a student at Harvard University and he was a graduate student there.

'He was incredibly creative, dedicated and prolific,' Rouse said.

'He couldn't have been a better friend or mentor. It's a loss for economics and public policy.'

Krueger had been teaching at Princeton since 1987.

His research extended to such issues as economic inequality and the

consequences of opioid addiction for the job market.

He also applied his economic work to some unconventional areas, from terrorism to the music industry.

Krueger found, for example, a surging wealth gap within pop music.

In a 2005 paper, he illustrated how a rising share of concert revenue was flowing to a narrow top sliver of recording artists.



Jared Bernstein ✓

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I've scratched out a few inadequate thoughts/memories about this remarkable colleague:

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Gutting to hear that Alan Krueger has passed away. Not just one of the greatest labor economists of his generation, but someone who worked tirelessly to translate economic research into policy that would help people. And beyond all that, a gentle, generous guy.

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Cass Sunstein ✓

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Completely devastated by the death of Alan Krueger. He was an amazing colleague and friend, kind and generous, and full of a kind of joyful energy at figuring out what is true. A terrible loss, and someone whose work, life, and integrity deserve celebration.

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Krueger went on to write a book about economics and the music industry, *Rockonomics*, that is set to be published in June.

While serving under Obama, Krueger developed and popularized the concept of the 'Great Gatsby Curve.'

It showed that high economic inequality corresponds with low economic mobility on a generation-to-generation basis.

In short, it meant that when economic disparities between the rich and everyone else are wide, people's ability to improve their financial health depends even more heavily on their parents' economic status.

The curve was named after F. Scott Fitzgerald's iconic literary character Jay Gatsby, who rose from being a poor Midwestern boy to a wealthy bootlegger.

But Krueger was perhaps best-known for his research on the minimum wage with David Card.

Their 1993 paper found that a rise in New Jersey's minimum wage had had no effect on employment in the state's fast food sector compared with the same sector just across the state line in Pennsylvania.

Widely admired in both economic and political circles, Krueger was known as an avid tennis player and for frequently taking time to discuss the nuances of public policy with reporters.

Gene Sperling, who worked with Krueger in the Obama administration as the director of the National Economic Council, tweeted Monday that he was, 'Just shocked, just stunned, so, so saddened.'

'Alan has been my friend and colleague for over 20 years - and one of the very most consequential economists of our generation,' Sperling said.

'His path-breaking work on minimum wage was only one of many ways he used his genius for the good of all.'

In his statement, Obama said of Krueger: 'He had a perpetual smile and a gentle spirit - even when he was correcting you. That's what made him Alan a fundamentally good and decent man.'

Krueger is survived by his wife, Lisa, and their two children - Ben and Sydney.

If you or someone you know is struggling with depression or suicidal thoughts, speak to a professional confidentially:

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For confidential support in the US, call the National Suicide Prevention Line on 1-800-273-8255

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