

Dropbox Sees Backlash to Condoleeza Rice Appointment

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Dropbox today announced a rather notable addition to its leadership team with the appointment of former Secretary of State Dr. Condoleeza Rice to its board of directors.

According to a [blog post](#) [1] on the company's website, Finally, Rice's experience in international affairs was favored for helping Dropbox expand its global footprint.

"Dr. Rice has had an illustrious career as Provost of Stanford University, board member of companies like Hewlett Packard and Charles Schwab, and former United States Secretary of State," wrote CeO Drew Houston in the post. "We're honored to be adding someone as brilliant and accomplished as Dr. Rice to our team."

An Internet backlash has since risen up in response to Rice's appointment.

The website [Drop Dropbox](#) [2] is asking users to boycott the site for Rice's part in the the Bush Administration's policies, as well as her part in driving the case for war in Iraq.

"Choosing Condoleezza Rice for Dropbox's Board is problematic on a number of deeper levels, and invites serious concerns about Drew Houston and the senior leadership at Dropbox's commitment to freedom, openness, and ethics," read a posting on the site, which refuted the idea that the call for boycott was partisan in nature. "When a company quite literally has access to all of your data, ethics become more than a fun thought experiment."

The news comes just days after Dropbox [announced a series of new products](#) [3], including Android and Web-based versions of its Mailbox organization app.

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