US film and stage actor. An award-winning character actor and prolific stage performer, he shot to fame in the 1990s in two chilling roles: a con man in *The Usual Suspects* (1995), for which he won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor, and as a serial killer in *Seven* (1995). In 2000 he won an Academy Award and a BAFTA for his leading role in the Sam Mendes drama *American Beauty* (1999). From 2013 to 2017 he starred in the acclaimed US political drama television series *House of Cards* (Golden Globe, 2015), but was cut from the sixth and final season following allegations of sexual misconduct that came to light in 2017.


He was born in South Orange, New Jersey, and studied drama at the Juilliard School in New York. Spacey first appeared on the New York stage in 1981, making his Broadway debut the following year opposite the Norwegian actor Liv Ullmann in a production of Ibsen’s *Ghosts*. He broke into films in the mid-1980s in a series of supporting roles.

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