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John Harris is the founding editor of *POLITICO*, the must-read newspaper and website for DC power-players. *POLITICO* is one of the country's most-visited news sites and has drawn widespread attention nationally and internationally for its efforts to create a new editorial and business model to sustain robust journalism in an era of radical change for the media industry. Harris brought two decades of experience from *The Washington Post* to *POLITICO* to create a focused editorial vision of politics and policy.

Harris ensures that *POLITICO* maintains journalistic integrity and the traditions of an old-guard newspaper while taking advantage of new media and technology streams. Well briefed in today's biggest issues, he was listed in the *Telegraph's* list of most influential Washington journalists and *GQ's* list of the most influential people in Washington. He is a frequent guest on such shows as CBS's *Face the Nation*, PBS's *Washington Week* and *Charlie Rose Show*, and MSNBC's *Morning Joe*. An inside source for political context, behind-the-scenes play by play, and the human drama that animates politics, Harris is steadfast in his goal of getting to the root of how Washington really works. Exclusively represented by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#), he offers a unique view of the rhythms of DC politics and policy, and provides context and "predictive *POLITICO* intelligence" to audiences looking for a deeper understanding of the issues and a grasp of how current and future policies will affect their industries.

Politics and Prose. Harris spent 21 years at *The Washington Post*, covering local politics, Virginia state politics, and national issues. During the Clinton years, he covered the White House and eventually used that experience to write a history of the Bill Clinton presidency called *The Survivor: Bill Clinton in the White House*. *The Atlantic Monthly* called the book "a responsible, honest, tough, and – best of all – considered assessment of Clinton's presidency." The book was a *New York Times* best-seller and a *Times* notable book of the year. Harris also co-authored a book on presidential politics titled, *The Way to Win: Taking the White House in 2008*, a book *Publisher's Weekly* called "an in-depth, indefatigable examination of American media and politics at the turn of the millennium."

Forward Momentum. Harris keeps a keen eye on the way technology is accelerating the spread of information, political cycles, and the public's expectations for change. He is passionate about journalism and news media but realizes *POLITICO* cannot stay complacent as a physical paper or even a website. There is always the question of "what's next." In addition to being editor-in-chief, Harris is influential on the business side of *POLITICO*, and, under his leadership, *POLITICO* turned a profit after only 3 years of existence. The publication has been named by *Fast Company* magazine to its annual list of America's most innovative companies. Harris is also a board member of the German Marshall Fund of the United States and the American Society of News Editors.