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Norman J. Ornstein is a resident scholar at AEI. He also serves as an election analyst for *BBC News* and is a columnist and contributing editor for *The Atlantic*. He has written for the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Foreign Affairs*, and other major publications. He regularly appears on television programs such as MSNBC's *Up With Chris Hayes*, PBS's *Charlie Rose* and *The PBS NewsHour* where he was recently recognized as the most frequent guest over the program's thirty years. He was the first "pollster" for the Comedy Central network working with Al Franken in 1992, and was the first guest to appear twice on *The Colbert Report*.

He served as senior counselor to the Continuity of Government Commission, working to ensure that the institutions of government can be maintained in the event of a terrorist attack on Washington. He also co-directed of the AEI-Brookings Election Reform Project. His leadership in reforming the campaign financing system with a working group of scholars and practitioners helped shape the McCain-Feingold Act, leading the *Legal Times* to refer to him as "a principal drafter of the law." He served for six years as a member of the Board of Directors of PBS and is currently on the boards of the Campaign Legal Center, the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition and UCB, a Belgium-based biopharmaceutical company. He was elected as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2004; was the recipient of the American Political Science Association's Goodnow Award for distinguished service to the profession in 2006; and received an honorary doctor of law from his alma mater, the University of Minnesota, in 2007.

His many books include The New York Times bestseller *IT'S EVEN WORSE THAN IT LOOKS: How the American Constitutional System Collided With the New Politics of Extremism*, out in a new edition in 2016; *The Permanent Campaign and Its Future* and *Intensive Care: How Congress Shapes Health Policy*, all with Thomas E. Mann; and *Debt and Taxes: How America Got Into Its Budget Mess and What to Do About It*, with John H. Makin. *The Broken Branch: How Congress Is Failing America and How to Get It Back on Track*, also coauthored with Thomas E. Mann, was published in August 2006 by Oxford University Press. It was picked both by the *Washington Post* and the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* as one of the best books of 2006. A May 2016 feature about him on Vox.com called Ornstein "The political scientist who saw Trump's rise coming."