

## Michael Smerconish

Nationally-Syndicated SiriusXM Radio Host, CNN Host & Contributor, Newspaper Columnist, & New York Times Best-Selling Author

In addition to his acclaimed work as nationally-syndicated Sirius XM Radio talk show host, newspaper columnist, and *New York Times* best-selling author, Michael Smerconish hosts CNN's *Smerconish*, which airs live on Saturday at 9:00 am ET and 6:00 pm ET. He also provides analysis and opinion on CNN programming throughout the week. Prior to joining CNN, Smerconish was an MSNBC contributor and served as frequent guest-host on MSNBC's *Hardball with Chris Matthews*.

His presentations provide audiences with a balanced, thought-provoking, and entertaining analysis of the 2016 presidential election. Smerconish details what he describes as the "rural rebellion" that led to President-Elect Donald Trump's surprise victory. In so doing, he lends insight that could only come from someone who covered the election from start to finish daily on SiriusXM radio, and participated in CNN's coverage of every primary, election night, party conventions, all four presidential and vice-presidential debates, and spent nine hours on set for the finale on election night. Smerconish has received numerous accolades for his talk show including the National Association of Broadcasters, which selected him as a 2011 Marconi Award finalist in the category of Best Network/Syndicated Host and *TALKERS* magazine, which has consistently named him one of America's most important talk show hosts.

He is the host of the *Michael Smerconish Program* heard exclusively on SiriusXM POTUS Channel 124 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm ET and re-airing again from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm ET. Satellite radio has over 25 million paid subscribers and more than twice as many listeners. He was the first radio host to interview President Barack Obama live from the White House. In addition to his seven interviews with President Obama including his most recent in October 2012, Smerconish has interviewed Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, George H. W. Bush, and Jimmy Carter as well as Vice Presidents Joe Biden, Dick Cheney, and Al Gore.

He is the author of seven books including two *New York Times*' best-sellers. His published books include, *Flying Blind: How Political Correctness Continues to Compromise Airline Safety Post 9/11*, *Muzzled: From T-Ball to Terrorism, True Stories that Should Be Fiction* (a *New York Times* best-seller), *Murdered By Mumia: A Life Sentence of Loss, Pain and Injustice* (a *New York Times* best-seller which he co-authored with Maureen Faulkner), *Morning Drive: Things I Wish I Knew Before I Started Talking*, *Instinct: The Man Who Stopped the 20th Hijacker*, and *TALK: A Novel*. Smerconish's newest book, *Clowns to the Left of Me, Jokers to the Right: American Life in Columns*, will be released in June 2018. Smerconish writes a twice-weekly column in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, which is reprinted in various newspapers both in the US and abroad and he has been a frequent guest on other major news programs such as NBC's *Today Show*, *The Colbert Report*, and *Real Time with Bill Maher*, just to name a few.

SiriusXM radio and television host, Michael Smerconish, is arguably the most eloquent and entertaining speakers on the subject of political polarization, which he abhors. With insider insight and amusing anecdotes, Smerconish explains how America was driven into a partisan ditch and what it will take to rid the nation of this scourge. Despite our divided times, Smerconish has found a way to explain a controversial subject without alienating anyone in the room.

He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School and today is of counsel to the Philadelphia law firm of Kline & Specter. When actively practicing law, Smerconish was a trial lawyer specializing in complex tort litigation. He lives in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, with his wife and their four children.

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