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An award-winning journalist and expert in presidential politics, John Harwood is a CNN White House correspondent. Previously, he served as CNBC's chief Washington correspondent and editor-at-large for 13 years, and has offered political analysis for *The New York Times*, NBC, MSNBC, NPR, and PBS.

Exclusively represented by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#), Harwood has his finger on the pulse of the latest in the White House and on Capitol Hill, offering an insightful and nonpartisan look at today's political landscape. Having covered each of the last ten presidential elections, he breaks down the Washington political scene as a whole, drawing on decades of journalistic experience to provide hard-hitting analysis of the current state of Beltway politics and how factors such as elections, current events, and congressional culture will impact the current presidential administration as well as the American public. Through his signature direct and candid delivery, his talks are loaded with behind-the-scenes anecdotes that add humor to his presentations.

A trusted name in political news, Harwood covered Washington as editor-at-large for CNBC, sitting down with every major presidential candidate and Congressional leader in both parties as host of their digital original video series, *Speakeasy with John Harwood*. Among many journalistic accomplishments, he received an Emmy nomination for his live CNBC town hall with President Barack Obama. He also moderated the Republican presidential debates on CNBC in 2011 and 2015, as well as broke the news that Republican nominee John McCain had selected Sarah Palin as his running mate during the 2008 campaign. He is the co-author, with Gerald F. Seib, of the book, *Pennsylvania Avenue: Profiles in Backroom Power*, taking readers inside Washington to show how the government functions and the insiders who make things happen.

Prior to CNBC, he joined *The Wall Street Journal* as a White House correspondent, covering the presidency of George H. W. Bush and later reporting on Congress before becoming *The Wall Street Journal's* political editor and chief political correspondent. He contributed to *Journal* coverage of terrorist attacks against the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, for which the newspaper's staff received the Pulitzer Prize.

Before joining *The Wall Street Journal*, Harwood reported on local government and politics at *The St. Petersburg Times* and later became state capital correspondent in Tallahassee, Washington correspondent, and political editor. While covering national politics, he traveled extensively in South Africa to cover deepening unrest against the apartheid regime. In and around journalism all his life, Harwood's first trip on a presidential campaign plane came when he accompanied his father, then a political reporter for *The Washington Post*, at age 11.