

Howard Fineman

Leading Journalist, Political Commentator, and Best-Selling Author

Howard Fineman is an admired journalist and political commentator who taps into unrivaled knowledge of the political and media landscapes to present vivid insights into Washington, presidents, Congress, and national and international affairs. Known for his wit as well as his work, Fineman is a political analyst and contributing writer for NBC News and MSNBC, a regular on *Meet the Press*, and the former Global Editorial Director of HuffPost. He regularly covers elections and is currently covering the 2018 midterms, having traveled in and reported on 49 of the 50 states. Fineman possesses unrivaled ground-level knowledge of the country outside the Beltway and an encyclopedic knowledge of the entire country's electoral politics. He has vast experience covering Presidential, Congressional, and local elections. Fineman's decades-long journalistic experience is wide-ranging: He has covered seven presidents and reported in personal depth on the most recent five, including Donald J. Trump and Barack Obama. He has known Trump for years, interviewed him during the campaign, covered his rallies, and reported and written extensively about his White House. Having held senior roles in digital media, broadcast television, cable television, magazines, books, newspapers, podcasts, social media and political comedy, Fineman is expertly positioned to discuss the political landscape and the many personalities driving it, the rise of digital media, and the relationship between the media and the White House.

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In his former role as global editorial director, Fineman oversaw 17 global editions of *HuffPost* and an audience of over 200 million unique visitors per month. An astute observer of Washington DC and the figures leading it, Fineman speaks on presidential politics, the relationship between the White House and Capitol Hill, and the ways politics and policies shape our ties with foreign countries and governments. The author of the best-selling political history book, *The Thirteen American Arguments*, which has been used in many college courses, he is particularly skilled at dissecting power dynamics as well as the motivations behind some of DC's biggest names and policy proposals.

Prior to joining *HuffPost* in 2010, Fineman was chief political correspondent and deputy Washington Bureau Chief of *Newsweek*, where he pioneered online offerings in the early 1990s. He began his reporting career at The Courier-Journal in Louisville, Kentucky, where his coverage of the historic 111-day coal miner' strike was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. He began his TV career as a regular on PBS' Washington Week and later CNN before joining NBC/MSNBC in 1998, where he became one of the first contributors to MSNBC.com.

Fineman frequently appears on MSNBC's *Hardball with Chris Matthews*, *Rachel Maddow*, and *Morning Joe*, as well as NBC's *Today Show*, and is a regular on the *Tony Kornheiser Show*, one of the web's most popular sports and politics podcasts. He is a consultant to Comedy Central's *The President Show* and teaches a popular seminar on new media and politics each spring semester at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication.

The recipient of several honorary degrees, Fineman has won numerous journalism awards, including the National Magazine, Front Page, ABA Silver Gavel, SDX Journalism Society, and Columbia University Journalism School's for

alumni achievement. He is the recipient of Pulitzer and Watson Traveling Fellowships.

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