

Michael Smerconish

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

It's Time to Change the Channel Michael Smerconish has been a fixture in broadcasting and politics for three decades. One constant on both his SiriusXM and CNN programs has been discussion of America's political divide. Never have his views been more timely. Through autobiographical vignettes, insight and humor, the politically registered Independent and centrist thinker explains what drove the nation into a partisan ditch and how the situation can improve.

The Mingle Project Sirius XM radio and CNN television host Michael Smerconish is on a mission to restore civility and compromise to our public discourse. For three decades he's had a front row seat to the increase in polarization that has gripped the nation. He sees the current climate as part of a much larger disconnect in society fueled by technology and self-sorting, having a serious impact on the mental health of our youth. The Mingle Project is both his diagnosis and prescription for the problem, presented through anecdote, social scienceand a few laughs!

Things I Wish I Knew Before I Started Talking Michael Smerconish's speeches mirror the subject matter of his recently released full-length film: "Things I Wish I Knew Before I Started Talking". His latest book (released in 2018) is titled *Clowns to the Left of Me, Jokers to the Right: American Life in Columns*. "Clowns" is a compilation of a selection of the newspaper columns he published in the first 15 years following 9/11. The book gave rise to a successful speaking tour dubbed "American Life in Columns," featuring Smerconish sharing stories from the book with live audiences in small theatres all across America. In March of 2020, Smerconish was about to embark on a new tour called "Things I Wish I Knew Before I Started Talking," a one-man show commemorating his 30th anniversary in talk radio. Reflecting on his three decades in the media, Smerconish shares funny anecdotes from his time behind a microphone and explains the connection between a partisan media and the increasing divide in Washington. When several sold-out dates had to be cancelled, Smerconish commandeered a historic playhouse and with the benefit of a television film crew, delivered his presentation "live" in front of 400 empty seats. CNN aired portions of this performance worldwide as a one-hour special on July 11, 2020. The full-length version was released on December 8, 2020 by Virgil Films on VOM and DVD.