**DAVID CORN**

David Corn, Class of 1977, is an award-winning political journalist, author and analyst who appears regularly as a commentator on national television and radio.

Mr. Corn honed many of his talents and interests at White Plains High School. He was story editor of *t*he *Oracle*, reporter and editor of *The Orange*, on the senior class advisory board and the student rights commission, and ran cross country and track.

During his years at Brown University, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa, Mr. Corn [worked](http://www.commondreams.org/views04/1013-33.htm) as a [writer](http://www.commondreams.org/views04/1013-33.htm) for the activist [Ralph Nader](http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/individualProfile.asp?indid=2137) and his public interest groups. After a stint with [Harper's](http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/groupprofile.asp?grpid=6753) magazine, he was hired as Washington editor at [The Nation](http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/groupprofile.asp?grpid=6779) in 1987, where he would remain for twenty years. In October 2007 he became the Washington bureau chief for [Mother Jones](http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/groupProfile.asp?grpid=6959) magazine, a position he still holds today.

Mr. Corn is a prolific columnist and author on a variety of topics, with a special focus on politics and national security. His first book, the biography *Blond Ghost: Ted Shackley and the CIA's Crusades*, written in 1994, provided an inside look into the CIA. His short story "My Murder" was nominated for a 1997 Edgar Allan Poe Award by the Mystery Writers of America. His first novel, *Deep Background*, a political thriller, published in 1999, was named one of the best novels of the year by the *Los Angeles Times*.

*The Lies of George W. Bush: Mastering the Politics of Deception* was a *New York Times* bestseller in 2003. In March 2012, Mr. Corn published[Showdown: The Inside Story of How Obama Fought Back Against Boehner, Cantor, and the Tea Party](http://www.amazon.com/Showdown-Inside-Fought-Against-Boehner/dp/B00AKQJYEC/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1374099562&sr=1-1).

In September 2012, Corn triggered one of the most pivotal events of that year's presidential campaign when he [released the “47-percent” video](http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2012/09/secret-video-romney-private-fundraiser) of Republican candidate Mitt Romney. For his role in breaking the “47-percent” story, Corn received the George Polk Award for Political Reporting in 2012.

Mr. Corn is a regular panelist on *Hardball*, *The Rachel Maddow Show* and other MSNBC programs. For years he was a Fox News contributor and was a regular panelist on *Eye on Washington* on PBS. He has appeared on *Face the Nation*, *Washington Week in Review,* and many other shows. He is a regular on National Public Radio and has contributed commentary to NPR, BBC Radio, and CBC Radio.

Mr. Corn lives in Maryland with his wife and two daughters. His brother, Steven, is also a WPHS graduate.