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Howard Fineman is *Newsweek's* Senior Washington correspondent and columnist. An award-winning writer and commentator, Fineman also is an NBC News Analyst, contributing reports to NBC, MSNBC and CNBC, and is a regular guest on the *Imus in the Morning* radio show. The author of scores of *Newsweek* cover stories, he has also published articles in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *New*

Republic. His "Living Politics" column appears each week on the MSNBC.com and Newsweek.com Web sites.

As *Newsweek's* lead political reporter, Fineman has interviewed and written about every major presidential candidate since 1984, focusing in recent years on the roots, rise, and presidency of George W. Bush. A cover story Fineman wrote in late November 2001 featured the president's first extensive post-9/11 interview--an interview in which Bush first hinted that he would target Saddam Hussein. Another Fineman cover story, *Bush and God*, was the top-selling issue of 2003 and part of a *Newsweek* entry that won the National Magazine Award for "general excellence" that year. His work on the 2004 presidential campaign helped the magazine win another nomination in that category.

As a reporter and writer, Fineman ranges widely. While he has written dozens of campaign cover stories, his other covers have included: the rise of the religious right; the power of talk radio; race and politics; the Pledge of Allegiance controversy; the impact of digital technology on society; and the influence of Hollywood on American politics. He has interviewed many business leaders— among them Bill Gates, Steve Case, Steve Ballmer, Robert Rubin and Ted Turner—and entertainment personalities such as Warren Beatty, Jane Fonda, Michael Douglas, Jay Leno, and Rush Limbaugh. Overseas, Fineman has reported for the magazine or MSNBC from China, Vietnam, and the U.K.

Although Fineman now reports exclusively on television for NBC, he has appeared on most major news and public affairs programs, including *Nightline*, *Face the Nation*, *Larry King Live*, *Fox News Sunday*, *Charlie Rose*, and *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*. He was a regular panelist on PBS's *Washington Week in Review* from 1983-95, and CNN's *Capital Gang Sunday* from 1995-98. He also worked with Ted Koppel on *Nightline* special reports on Ross Perot and Pat Robertson.

A native of Pittsburgh, Fineman began his journalism career in 1973 at *The Louisville Courier Journal*, covering the environment, the coal industry, and Kentucky politics before joining the newspaper's Washington bureau in 1978. He joined *Newsweek* in 1980 and was named chief political correspondent in 1984, deputy Washington Bureau chief in 1993 and senior editor in 1995.

Fineman holds an AB, Phi Beta Kappa, from Colgate, an MS in journalism from Columbia, and a JD from the University of Louisville. His legal education included a year at the Georgetown University Law Center. He received Watson and Pulitzer Traveling Fellowships for study in Europe, Russia, and the Middle East. He lives in Washington with his wife, Amy L. Nathan, an attorney, and their two children.