

DAVID BROOKS

Journalist



David Brooks is a Canadian born American journalist, social analyst and leading political commentator. He is a profound observer of the American way of life and a knowledgeable analyst of current political scenario and foreign affairs. As an undergraduate, he frequently contributed reviews and satirical pieces to campus publications. After completing his graduation, he began his career as a police reporter which had a clear influence on his perception of the society. Initially he was a liberal philosopher but later emerged as a light conservative. Later, he worked with many newspapers and magazines as a correspondent, film critic, and as an editor. He has also appeared as a radio commentator and expressed his opinions on a number of social and political issues. In addition to being an analyst, he is also a prolific author who has written masterpieces, such as 'Bobos in Paradise' and 'On Paradise Drive', emphasizing

on the cultural and social influences prevailing in America. Both the works are in a style he termed as 'comic sociology' which questions our living methods in an amusing, entertaining and thought provoking manner. He possesses the gift of bringing the audiences face to face with the essence of our times in a comical and insightful way. He has emerged as an astonishing writer, an unmatched journalist, and a savvy analyst of present times.

He is best known for writing an op-ed column for 'The New York Times' and for being a political analyst for 'The News Hour with Jim Lehrer', a television news program.

In 2004, he established an award to honor the best political and cultural journalism of the year. Named after the great philosopher Sidney Hook, 'The Sidney Awards' are presented every year.

He has received several honorary degrees from prestigious institutions such as the Williams College, New York University, Brandeis University, and Occidental College among others.

In 2010, he was honored with the membership of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

He met his wife, Jane, while studying at the University of Chicago. The two got married in 1986. Later, she got converted to Judaism and changed her name to Sarah. The couple is blessed with three children.