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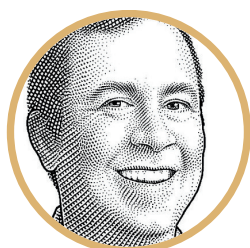
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Gerald F. Seib has spent 45 years as a journalist for *The Wall Street Journal*. He served as executive Washington editor of *The Wall Street Journal*, and wrote the weekly “Capital Journal” column. Previously the Washington bureau chief of the Journal, he reported on the Middle East for the Journal in the mid-1980s, and covered the White House from 1987 through 1992. He has moderated three presidential debates, and interviewed every president since Ronald Reagan. He has won the Merriman Smith award for coverage of the presidency, the Aldo Beckman Award for coverage of the White House and the Gerald R. Ford Foundation Prize. He was part of a team of reporters and editors that won the Pulitzer Prize in the breaking news category for coverage of 9/11. In 2005, he won the William Allen White Foundation national citation, and in 2009 the National Press Club’s award for political analysis. He has been a commentator on CNBC, Fox News, PBS’s Washington Week, CBS’s Face the Nation, Fox News Sunday and NBC’s Meet the Press. Seib is author of “We Should Have Seen It Coming: From Reagan to Trump, a Front-Row Seat to a Political Revolution” and, with John Harwood, of “Pennsylvania Avenue: Profiles in Backroom Power.” He has served as a resident fellow at the Harvard Institute of Politics and currently is a visiting fellow at the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics and a senior mentor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.



Damian Paletta is the Washington bureau chief at the *Wall Street Journal*, a position he started in February. He leads the Journal’s politics, national security, and legal affairs coverage. Damian joined the Journal after seven years at the *Washington Post*, where he had most recently been deputy business editor. Before becoming an editor, he reported in Washington for 16 years, covering the White House, Congress, Treasury Department, and intelligence agencies. His 2011 series on disability fraud led to the arrest of dozens of people, including two judges, two doctors and a lawyer. He is a graduate of Boston College and has a masters degree in journalism from the University of Missouri. Damian lives in Alexandria, Virginia with his family.