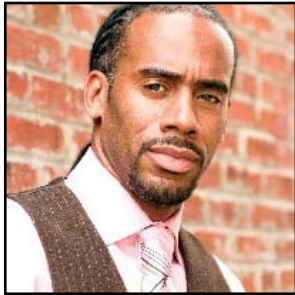


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BET's Award-Winning Investigative Journalist & Political Commentator

Jeff Johnson is a Washington, DC-based, award-winning investigative journalist, social activist, and political commentator.

From his celebrated conversations with marquee world figures in politics, business and entertainment, his grassroots work to inspire the next generation of leaders, his BET specials, and weekly commentaries on the nationally syndicated *Tom Joyner Morning Show*, to his work as CEO of Jeff's Nation, LLC, Johnson has established himself as an authentic voice for change and a trailblazing social entrepreneur.

Johnson has spent the last decade merging the worlds of politics and popular culture, including formerly serving as senior advisor for Media and Youth Outreach for People for the American Way, national director of the Youth & College division of the NAACP, and as vice president of the Russell Simmons Hip Hop Summit Action Network (HSAN).

The only US reporter to receive an exclusive post-inauguration interview with Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, Africa's first elected female head of state and Liberia's first elected female president, Johnson is also one of only two news correspondents to receive an exclusive interview with Sudanese president Omar al-Bashir, who has not granted interviews with US media outlets for thirteen years.

In 2008, Johnson received the NABJ Salute to Excellence Award for BET's *Life & Death in Darfur, Jeff Johnson Reports* series. He regularly contributes commentary and analysis about issues related to race, politics, popular culture and socio-economics for news broadcasts and publications, such as MSNBC's *Dayside* and *Hardball with Chris Matthews*, CNN's *Headline*

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News, CNN's *International*, *Larry King Live*, the FOX News Channel, *Huffington Post*, CNN.com, theRoot.com, EbonyJet.com, and *Upscale* magazine.

Johnson is the one of 30 young leaders from Europe and North America selected by the British Council to be apart of its Transatlantic 2020 team. This collective has inaugurated a new international dialogue to reinvigorate traditional alliances and mend transatlantic rifts.

On September 15, 2009, Jeff Johnson released his first book—*Everything I'm Not Made Me Everything I Am: Discovering Your Personal Best* (SmileyBooks).