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Wolffe covered the entire length of Barack Obama's presidential campaign for Newsweek magazine, traveling with the candidate and his inner circle from his announcement through election day, 21 months later.

As a political analyst on <u>MSNBC</u>, he appears frequently on <u>Countdown with Keith Olbermann</u> and Hardball. On NBC, he has featured as a political commentator on Meet The Press and TODAY. He features prominently in the forthcoming <u>HBO</u> documentary on the Obama campaign, and played a leading role in the HBO documentary of the 2000 Bush campaign, <u>Journeys With George</u>. He previously appeared on CNN and Fox News, as well as international media including British, Canadian and Australian television.

He now writes regularly for The Daily Beast.

As Newsweek's senior White House correspondent, his cover stories included What He Believes (on Obama's faith) Black & White (about Obama and racial politics), Bush In The Bubble (after Hurricane Katrina) and Weight of the World (how Bush handled the Lebanon war). Wolffe joined Newsweek in November 2002 as diplomatic correspondent, covering foreign policy and international affairs. In the 2004 presidential election, he covered the Howard Dean campaign before switching to John Kerry.

Before Newsweek, Wolffe was a senior journalist at the <u>Financial Times</u>, serving as its deputy bureau chief and U.S. diplomatic correspondent in Washington. He reported on U.S. foreign policy, covered the Microsoft antitrust trial, as well as regulatory and business issues at Treasury, the Federal Trade Commission and Securities and Exchange Commission.

In April 2009, he joined Public Strategies, a business advisory firm, as Senior Strategist.

Wolffe is the co-author of The Victim's Fortune, (HarperCollins, 2002), about the deals that led to billions of dollars in compensation to the Nazis' victims in the late 1990s. He also co-authored two Spanish cookbooks, Tapas: A Taste of Spain in America (Clarkson Potter in the US and Planeta in Spain, 2005) and Made in Spain: Spanish Dishes for the American Kitchen (Clarkson Potter, 2008). He has also written for food magazines such as Food Arts and Food & Wine. He authored an upcoming book on Obama's campaign called Renegade: The Making of a President.

Born in in <u>Birmingham</u>, <u>England</u>, Wolffe is a 1992 graduate of <u>Oxford University</u>, <u>first-class honors</u>, in <u>English</u> and <u>French literature</u>.

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