

Pete Souza

Short Bio

From eyewitness to history maker, Pete Souza provides behind-the-scenes photographs from the White House and beyond. Pete Souza was the Chief Official White House Photographer for President Obama and President Reagan. During Obama's eight years as president, Pete took close to two million photographs. To truly document both of the president's lives, Pete would take on the responsibility of attending every meeting the president was a part of, all the time. It was important for him to capture the president not just as a leader, but as a human being. In addition to the national political scene, Pete has covered stories around the world. After 9/11, he was among the first journalists to cover the fall of Kabul, Afghanistan, after crossing the Hindu Kush mountains by horseback in three feet of snow. Pete has lectured many times on his photography including at the Smithsonian Museum of American History, Harvard University, Boston University, and has appeared on ABC's 20-20, Dateline NBC, CBS Sunday Morning, NBC Nightly News, Fox News Sunday, and Fox Friends and Family.

Full Bio

Pete Souza is currently a "free agent", hoping that the Boston Red Sox need a utility player in the coming season.

Souza was the Chief Official White House Photographer for President Obama and the Director of the White House photo office. During Obama's eight years as president, Souza took close to two million photographs.

To truly document Obama's presidency for history, Souza took on the responsibility of attending every meeting the president was part of, all the time. Part of the beauty of his photos is that he captures Obama not just as the president, but as a human being.

Souza's book, "The Rise of Barack Obama," was published in July 2008 and includes exclusive photographs of the Senator Obama's rise to power. The book was on the New York Times bestseller list for five weeks.

Previously, Souza has worked as an Assistant Professor of Photojournalism at Ohio University, the national photographer for the Chicago Tribune based in their Washington bureau, a freelancer for National Geographic, and as Official White House Photographer for President Reagan. Souza was also the official photographer for the June 2004 funeral of President Reagan.

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Souza has won numerous photojournalism awards including several times in the prestigious Pictures of the Year annual competition, the NPPA's Best of Photojournalism, and the White House News Photographers Association's yearly contest.

He has lectured many times on his photography including at the Smithsonian Museum of American History, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Harvard University, Boston University, Ohio University, the University of Kansas, Western Kentucky University and Kansas State University. He has appeared on ABC's 20-20, Dateline NBC, CBS Sunday Morning, The Today Show, NBC Nightly News, Nightline, Charlie Rose, Good Morning America, CNN Special Reports, Fox News Sunday, Fox Friends and Family, and on National Public Radio.

Souza has had solo exhibits of his photographs at the Leica Gallery in NYC, Kansas State University, Fermilab, the U.S. Naval Academy, the Navy Museum, the University of North Carolina, Boston University, and the National Press Club in Washington. His photographs have also been part of group exhibits at the National Archives, Smithsonian Museum of American History, Corcoran Gallery of Art, the Newseum, and the 92nd Street Y in New York City.

He is a native of South Dartmouth, Mass. He graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in public communication from Boston University and received his master's degree in journalism and mass communication from Kansas State University.