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Juan Williams, one of America's leading journalists, is a senior correspondent. From 2000-2001, Williams hosted NPR's national call-in show *Talk of the Nation*. In that role, he brought the program to cities and towns across America for monthly radio "town hall" meetings before live audiences. The town hall meetings were a part of "The Changing Face of America," a year-long NPR series focused on how Americans are dealing with rapid changes in society and culture as the United States enters the 21st century.

Williams is the author of the critically acclaimed biography *Thurgood Marshall: American Revolutionary*. He is also the author of the nonfiction bestseller *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965*. In 2004, he led a veteran team of reporters and editors in the production of *My Soul Looks Back in Wonder: Voices of the Civil Rights Experience*. The book presents the harrowing and haunting eyewitness accounts of some 50 activists who served as foot soldiers and field generals in the Civil Rights Movement. In his 2006 book, *Enough*, Williams makes the case that while there is still racism, it is way past time for black Americans to open their eyes to the "culture of failure" that exists within their community.

During his 21-year career at *The Washington Post*, Williams served as an editorial writer, op-ed columnist, and White House reporter. He has won an Emmy award for TV documentary writing and won widespread critical acclaim for a series of documentaries including "Politics - The New Black Power."

A graduate of Haverford College, Williams received a B.A. in philosophy in 1976. Currently, he sits on a number of boards, including the Haverford College Board of Trustees, the Aspen Institute of Communications and Society Program, Washington Journalism Center, and the New York Civil Rights Coalition.

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