

Biography of Llewellyn King

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Llewellyn King is the creator, executive producer and host of “White House Chronicle,” a weekly news and public affairs program, airing nationwide on select PBS and public, educational and government (PEG) cable access stations and worldwide on Voice of America Television and Radio in English and Chinese. An audio version airs on SiriusXM Radio’s POTUS (Politics of the United States), Channel 124.

King also writes a weekly column which is distributed by the InsideSources Syndicate to 500 newspapers. Previously, his column was distributed by the Hearst-New York Times Syndicate and Knight-Ridder Newspapers.

In 2006, University Press of America published a collection of King's columns entitled “Washington and The World 2001-2005.” The columns appeared mainly in Knight-Ridder newspapers, including The Miami Herald, The Sacramento Bee, The St. Paul Pioneer Press, The Kansas City Star, The Charlotte Observer, and The Columbus Dispatch.

King was the founder, publisher and editor in chief of The Energy Daily. The newsletter was the flagship of his award-winning King Publishing Group which he sold in 2006. Among the group's other titles were Defense Week, New Technology Week, and Navy News & Undersea Technology.

King's own insightful reporting and analysis of the energy industry led to his being an author for a plan on which President Richard Nixon based his national energy policy in 1974. It also led to his frequent guest spots on major networks' news programs, including NBC's “Meet the Press,” PBS's “The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer,” CNN and C-SPAN.

Over the years, King has given hundreds of keynote addresses on energy and innovation to corporations (including Westinghouse, General Electric and Deutsche Bank) and U.S. and international organizations (including the Edison Electric Institute, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the World Energy Forum and the International Atomic Energy Agency). In November 2018, he was the keynote speaker at NASA’s annual Cross-Industry Innovation

Summit, an annual, invitation-only event held at Space Center Houston. He is one of the few journalists who has been invited to address an elite group of scientists, known as “The Mod Squad,” at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

King has lectured at universities throughout the nation, including Harvard, Yale and MIT, and most recently at Brown University and Penn State University’s Dickinson Law School.

King's remarkable career in journalism began in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) where he was hired, at age 16, as a foreign correspondent for Time magazine. He also reported from Africa for London's Daily Express, News Chronicle and United Press.

Moving to London in 1959, King worked as an executive for The Daily Mirror Group, a reporter for Associated Newspapers, and a news writer for BBC and ITN.

After moving to the United States in the 1960s, King worked as an editor and reporter for The New York Herald Tribune, The Baltimore News-American, The Washington Daily News and The Washington Post.

A stint at McGraw-Hill's Nucleonics Week led to his founding The Energy Daily in 1973, before the energy crisis broke out. The Energy Daily wasn't his first trailblazing publication: In the 1960s he founded Women Now, a monthly magazine targeted to emerging professional women. King quips, “Women Now didn't liberate any women, but it liberated all my money.”

Before creating “White House Chronicle” in 1997, King hosted “The Bull and The Bear,” a daily stock market program which aired on the GoodLife and Jones Intercable cable television systems in the mid-1990s.

In 2011 King created a YouTube channel, ME/CFS Alert, which has provided a lifeline to victims of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME), also known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS). He intended his video interviews of patients, physicians, and activists “to comfort the sick, to inform medical professionals, and to stimulate research” on this life-robbing disease. The videos have attracted thousands of views. In 2013, he started a GoFundMe campaign for ME/CFS Alert on YouTube.

King is an erudite commentator on a wide range of topics, including aviation and transportation; energy and engineering; innovation in science and technology; small business and the future of work; Congress, the White

House, federal departments and agencies; the media, publishing and journalism. He has organized more than 1,000 conferences on issues, ranging from Iraq reconstruction and nuclear energy to Social Security and campaign finance reform.

For his longtime contribution to the understanding of science and technology, King was awarded an honorary doctorate in engineering by The Stevens Institute of Technology in 1995.