

BRIAN KLAAS

“I see you on my Twitter feed every fifteen minutes; I retweet you every day or so.”
— *Joe Scarborough, Host of Morning Joe on MSNBC*

Brian Klaas is an expert on democracy, authoritarianism, US Politics, Western foreign policy, political violence, and elections. In the past, he has advised governments, US political campaigns, international politicians, the European Union, NATO, and more.

Brian is the author of *The Despot's Accomplice*, an account drawing on years of extensive interviews and fieldwork on why the West is losing the global battle for democracy and how to start winning again. *The National* praises *The Despot's Accomplice* saying, “At a time when democracy is in retreat and the world seems headed for turbulence, this book can be the shot that revives this ailing patient.” He is also the author of *The Despot's Apprentice: Donald Trump's Attack on Democracy*, which has been called “a sharp-sighted and urgently needed book” by the *Washington Post*, as well as *How to Rig an Election* forthcoming in 2018.

Brian holds a doctorate in politics from the University of Oxford and is a Fellow in Comparative Politics at the London School of Economics. Recently, he has worked with individuals at the highest levels of government and public affairs in Thailand, Tunisia, Madagascar, Zambia, Belarus, Nigeria, and Côte d'Ivoire. Brian is a regular commentator on an extensive lineup of international media outlets, including MSNBC, CNN, BBC News, NPR News, CNBC, and Radio France Internationale. Previously in his career, Brian worked in many US political campaigns – including operating as the Policy Director/Deputy Campaign Manager for Mark Dayton's successful bid for Governor of Minnesota.

Brian was previously the drummer for the Minnesota-based rock band “Contention One,” though given the sales of their albums, he's decided not to quit his day job.