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“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 *Fluke: Chance, Chaos, and Why Everything We Do Matters*, *The Despot's Accomplice*, *The Despot's Apprentice: Donald Trump's Attack on Democracy*, *How to Rig an Election*, the book Michela Wrong argues, "...should be read by every voter, civil society activist, opposition politician, election monitor, journalist, and diplomat." His latest, *Fluke: Chance, Chaos, and Why Everything We Do Matters*, dives deeply into the phenomenon of random chance and the chaos it can sow, taking aim at most people's neat and tidy storybook version of reality. He is also the creator and host of *Power Corrupts*, a podcast about the hidden – and often nefarious – forces that shape our world.

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.