

Jonathan Rauch

Jonathan Rauch, a senior writer and columnist for *National Journal* magazine in Washington and a correspondent for *The Atlantic Monthly*, is the author of several books and many articles on public policy, culture, and economics. He is also a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution, a leading Washington think-tank. In 2005 he received the National Magazine Award for columns and commentary.

His latest book is *Gay Marriage: Why It Is Good for Gays, Good for Straights, and Good for America*, published in 2004 by Times Books (Henry Holt). He is also the author of *Demosderosis* (1994)—revised and republished in 2000 as *Government's End: Why Washington Stopped Working*; *Kindly Inquisitors: The New Attacks on Free Thought* (University of Chicago Press, 1993); and *The Outnation: A Search for the Soul of Japan* (1992). His award-winning column, "Social Studies," is published biweekly in *National Journal* (a Washington-based weekly on government, politics, and public policy) and is devoted to culture, foreign affairs, politics, and law. His articles also appear regularly in *The Atlantic*. Among the many other publications for which he has written are *The New Republic*, *The Economist*, *Reason*, *Harper's*, *Fortune*, *Reader's Digest*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *The New York Times* newspaper and magazine, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Post*, *Slate*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, and others.

In 1996, with Brookings's Robert Litan, he also co-authored a report for the U.S. Treasury Department on the future of the financial-services industry (*American Finance for the 21st Century*, currently available as a Brookings Institution book). In 1995 he spent a year as a visiting writer for *The Economist* magazine in London, and in 1997 he returned as guest editor of the Christmas special issue.

Rauch was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona, and graduated in 1982 from Yale University. He went on to become a reporter for the *Winston-Salem Journal* in North Carolina before moving to Washington in 1984. From 1984-89 he covered fiscal and economic policy for *National Journal*. In 1990 he spent six months in Japan as a fellow of the Japan Society Leadership Program, and in 1996 he was awarded the Premio Napoli alla Stampa Estera for his coverage, in *The Economist*, of the European Parliament. In addition to receiving the 2005 National Magazine Award, his *National Journal* column was awarded the second-place National Headliner Award for magazine columns in 2000 and again in 2001. His articles appear in *The Best American Magazine Writing 2005* and *The Best American Science and Nature Writing 2004*. He has appeared as a guest on many television and radio programs.