**Intro for Pete Souza**

**Pete Souza**is a best-selling author, speaker, and freelance photographer based in Madison, Wisconsin. He is also Professor Emeritus of Visual Communication at Ohio University. For all eight years of the Obama administration, Souza was the Chief Official White House Photographer and the Director of the White House photo office.

His book, *Obama: An Intimate Portrait*, was published in 2017, and debuted at #1 on the New York Times bestseller list. It is one of the best-selling photography books of all time. Additionally, his book, Shade: A Tale of Two Presidents, also debuted at #1 on the New York Times bestseller list in October 2018.

Based on his best-selling books, Souza became the subject of documentary film in November 2020, *The Way I See It*. The film takes an unprecedented look behind the scenes of two of the most iconic Presidents in history, Barack Obama and Ronald Reagan, as seen through Souza's eyes and camera. As Official White House Photographer for both these Presidents, Souza was an eyewitness to the unique and tremendous responsibilities of being the most powerful man in the world.

Pete’s next book, *The West Wing and Beyond: What I Saw Inside the Presidency*,will be released in late September 2022 and is filled with stunning photographs and powerful storytelling of the Presidency from his time inside the White House.

In addition to his work in the White House, Souza has covered stories around the world. After 9/11, he was among the first journalists to cover the fall of Kabul, Afghanistan, after crossing the Hindu Kush mountains by horseback in three feet of snow.

Souza is a native of South Dartmouth, Massachusetts. He graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in public communication from Boston University and received his master's degree in journalism and mass communication from Kansas State University.

Please join me in giving a warm welcome to Pete Souza.