

Joel Pollak, Senior Editor-at-Large for Breitbart News



Born April 25, 1977, in Johannesburg, South Africa, Joel Pollak immigrated as a young boy to the United States with his family. He grew up in Chicago, Illinois, becoming a US citizen in 1987. After graduating from Harvard University, Pollak returned to South Africa to earn a master's degree in Jewish Studies at the University of Cape Town, and he later worked as a speechwriter for South African politician Tony Leon.

Before joining Breitbart News, Pollak was a Tea Party Republican candidate for Congress, running to represent Illinois' 9th congressional district. He ran against incumbent Democrat Jan Schakowsky, who promoted the corrupt ShoreBank bailout while ignoring community banks in her own district.

Joel Pollak actually used to be what he described [in an interview with Chicago Mag](#) as a “raving Democrat,” but started moving to the right while at Harvard Law School, feeling that Democrats in Congress had no agenda other than bashing President Bush. He earned his law degree in 2008.

One of Joel's many books is, *How Trump Won: The Inside Story of a Revolution*, in which he discusses the reasons for Trump's 2016 win, especially pointing to the fact that Trump defied the media. In 2020 Joel published *Red November*, in which he argued – presciently – that Joe Biden, despite posing as a moderate, was the most extreme leftwing presidential candidate in history.

In addition to serving as senior editor-at-large for Breitbart News, Pollak hosts the Breitbart News Sunday radio show on SiriusXM Patriot Channel 125, 7 – 10 p.m. Eastern.

Joel's wife, Julia Pollak, was born in Cape Town, South Africa. Joel and Julia met while she was working as an intern in the South African Parliament and Joel was working as a speechwriter for South African politician Tony Leon. Julia eventually graduated from Harvard with a degree in economics. She is also a 10-year veteran of the U.S. Navy Reserve.