



Introduction to Mark Leibovich. 1:14 min. Interview: Raymond Elman. Camera: Lee Skye. Video Editing: Wesley Verdier. Production: Zaida Duvers. Recorded: 11/17/2018, Miami Book Fair.

# Mark Leibovich

**Chief National Correspondent for the *New York Times* Magazine, Author**

By Elman + Skye + Verdier + Duvers

**M**ARK LEIBOVICH (b.1965) is the chief national correspondent for the *New York Times* Magazine, based in Washington, D.C. He is known for his profiles of political and media figures. He also writes the *Times* magazine’s “Your Fellow Americans” column about politics, media, and public life.

He came to the *Times* in 2006 after 10 years at the Washington Post and three at the San Jose Mercury News. Leibovich got his start as a journalist writing for Boston’s alternative weekly, *The Phoenix*, where he worked for four years.

In addition to his political writing, Leibovich has also written: *The New Imperialists*, a collection of profiles of technology pioneers; *Citizens of the Green Room*, an anthology of Leibovich’s profiles in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*; and *Big Game: The NFL in Dangerous Times*, a behind-the-scenes look at the owners, and commissioner, of the National Football League.

Leibovich also appears frequently as a guest on MSNBC’s Morning Joe, and Deadline: White House, NPR’s On the Media, and other public affairs programs.

Mr. Leibovich grew up in the Boston area, and attended the University of Michigan. He lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife and three daughters.

We divided our video interview with Mr. Leibovich into two sections:

**Life & Career**  
**NFL Football**

For the football discussion, we included Stephanie Anderson, who is the partner of a former NFL player suffering from CTE, the concussion-induced brain disease that has afflicted many NFL players.

**STEPHANIE ANDERSON, MSM**, is an activist who works primarily on behalf of underprivileged children. She is the first person to successfully sue the NFL on a disability claim for brain injury for an active duty player.

The videos below are organized by topic and run between 30 seconds and 5 minutes. Click on any video. You must be connected to the Internet to view the videos.

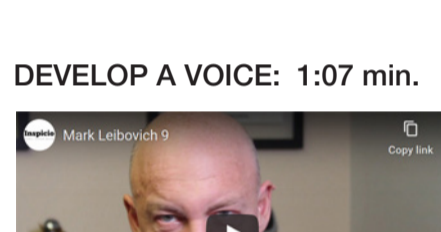
## MARK LEIBOVICH: LIFE & CAREER

**SELF-CONFIDENCE: 0:59 sec.**



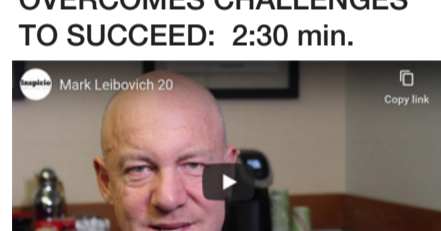
*When did you start feeling like you wanted to become a writer and develop a passion for it?*

**SERENDIPITY: 0:57 sec.**



*Were you inspired by your local newspaper?*

**DEVELOP A VOICE: 1:07 min.**



*How did your career in television evolve?*

**OVERCOMES CHALLENGES TO SUCCEED: 2:30 min.**



*Can you describe a challenging situation with a successful outcome?*

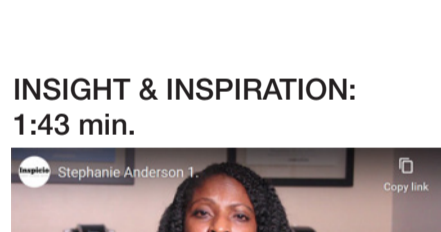
**INSIGHT AND INSPIRATION: 1:29 min.**



*I love your talent for description and metaphor. How did that evolve?*

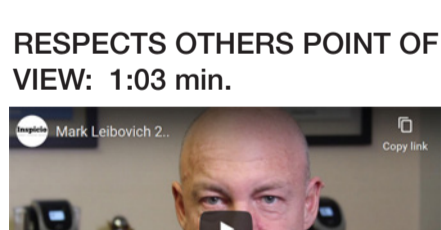
## BIG GAME: THE NFL IN DANGEROUS TIMES

**INTRODUCTION TO STEPHANIE ANDERSON, MSM. 0:34 sec.**



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**INSIGHT & INSPIRATION: 1:43 min.**



*What stories connected to CTE need more exposure?*

**RESPECTS OTHERS POINT OF VIEW: 1:03 min.**



**Stephanie Anderson:** *Would you stop watching football if it meant that the NFL would address CTE?*

**UNDERSTANDS THE BUSINESS: 1:24 min.**



**Stephanie Anderson:** *Push does the NFL continue to play players with an extensive injury history to keep playing?*

**UNDERSTANDS THE AUDIENCE'S PERSPECTIVE: 1:24 min.**



*Is the NFL no longer showing players "taking a knee in protest" on TV?*

**CRITICAL THINKING: 0:40 sec.**



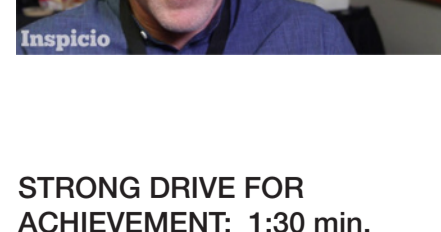
*Do you think the NFL is intentionally trying to pit military veterans against the NFL players who take a knee?*

**COLLABORATION: 1:09 min.**



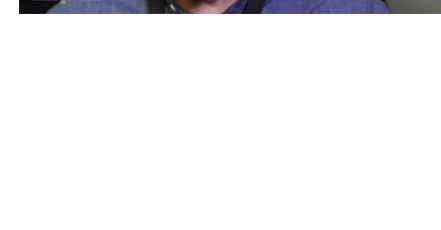
*Did you meet Donald Trump before he became President?*

**UNDERSTANDS THE AUDIENCE'S PERSPECTIVE: 1:00 min.**



*Do you feel there's a strategy behind the way President Trump behaves?*

**COLLABORATION: 1:43 min.**



*Is Tom Brady the person you hoped he would be?*

**STRONG DRIVE FOR ACHIEVEMENT: 1:30 min.**



*What is your next project, and what are your criteria for taking on a project?*