



**News Items Expands Its Media Offerings with the Launches of Newsletter
“Political Items” and New Podcast Hosted by
Expert Political Commentators Joe Klein and John Ellis**

SOUTHPORT, Conn., November 16, 2023—SmithEllisItems, Inc., the holding company of the *News Items* newsletter covering global politics, financial news, advanced technologies and science, announced it is expanding its offerings by officially launching its *Political Items* newsletter as well as a new podcast hosted by founder and editor John Ellis and acclaimed author and political commentator Joe Klein.

Co-edited by Ellis and *News Items* Research Director Tom Smith, *Political Items* will focus on the forces driving domestic and foreign politics. It will also feature commentary and analysis of the 2024 presidential campaign here in the United States. *Political Items* will offer a regular feature called “Polls In One Place,” which will highlight the most interesting or important surveys of public opinion in the U.S. and around the world.

“As with *News Items*, *Political Items* will address what we think is most important, interesting or both, from the world of politics,” Ellis says. “There’s never been such upheaval in post World War II politics. The point of *Political Items* is to find the reports, essays, commentaries and analyses that shine the most light on what is happening and what happens next. Like *News Items*, *Political Items* will showcase reporting, analysis and commentary. Opinion we will leave to others.”

The Klein-Ellis podcast will capitalize on the hosts’ extensive expertise in U.S. politics and their years of covering US and foreign election campaigns. On a regular basis, Klein and Ellis will discuss the political news, foreign and domestic, and interview guests with extensive knowledge and experience “covering” politics.

Joe Klein is an American political commentator and author best known for his work as a columnist at Time magazine and his novel *Primary Colors*, an anonymously written roman à clef portraying Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign. A respected journalist and political analyst, **John Ellis** worked for NBC News, The Boston Globe, CNBC, FBN and News Corp. at different points throughout his career.

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