



## **BRAD MIELKE**

*Host and Managing Editor, "Start Here" podcast*

Brad Mielke is the host of the ABC News daily news podcast "Start Here," which takes a straightforward look at the day's top news in 20 minutes.

Mielke has interviewed some of the biggest newsmakers, including President Donald Trump, former Vice President Kamala Harris, Pete Buttigieg, Sen. Bernie Sanders, Steve Mnuchin, Sec. Marco Rubio, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, James Comey, Bill Gates, Dr. Anthony Fauci and more.

Since its launch in March 2018, "Start Here" has covered the world's biggest events and taken in-depth looks at how they shape American lives, earning Edward R. Murrow Awards for Innovation, Excellence in Sound, Hard News and Continuing Coverage. The show has won a Webby Award for Best News & Politics Podcast, as well as the first National Press Club Award at the New York Festivals Radio Awards for its coverage of the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision.

During the 2016 election, Mielke served as a campaign digital journalist, traveling across the country to interview candidates and voters. Since then, he has remained on the front lines of ABC News' political coverage, hosting several politics shows on ABC Radio while covering breaking news and political stories across the country. He's also a contributor to ABC News Live.

In 2015, Mielke won an Edward R. Murrow Award for his inventive, sound-rich documentary on extreme obstacle course racing, suffering many aches and pains in the process.

Prior to his time at ABC News, Mielke worked at New York Public Radio, where he helped produce "The Takeaway." A native of San Juan Capistrano, California, he graduated with a journalism degree from New York University. He lives with his wife and dog in Brooklyn.